

# Results: North American Sprint, September 2018

The 34th NA RTTY Sprint attracted 108 participants from 42 multipliers. The 60 logs received was just one fewer than in September 2017, but both numbers are higher than any fall RTTY Sprint since 2008. That's good news, but more participation would really increase the fun. Three non-US/VE operators joined in this time: Noel, CM8NMN; Rob, IK5UAN (for the second time), and Yoshi, JH7RTQ. Thanks and welcome!

Tim, N3QE, not only topped scoring, but also had a Golden Log. This is outstanding and gives us all something to aim for. This time we saw seven Golden Logs. Mark, K5AM, was close behind Tim with a number of log check reductions, so accuracy does make a difference. It's easy to err in the opposite direction, though, and achieve high accuracy by going slower and working less contacts. Also notable, Mark was *not* SO2R, making only two band changes the entire sprint.

Lar, K7SV, led the Low Power category, as he did in March, but this time Lee, KK6NON, was right on his heels. While these two were SO2R, the next eight places were all single radio.

Mark, NN7SS, won in the QRP category, as he often does, this time by being the only entrant (sorry, Mark). He is not only a QRP aficionado but a remote-operation enthusiast. His own remote station was busy, so he remoted into a Georgia station. This proved to be a "gotcha" for many participants who logged the expected "WA" instead of "GA."

Dick, K9OM, had even more busts of his QTH than Mark. Dick operates some contests from Florida, others from Wisconsin. This time it was Wisconsin, yet many logged it as Florida.

The takeaway here: Use pre-fill databases with caution, whether they are actual software files or in the brain of the operator. Make sure that what you copy matches the pre-fill. If there is a question,

ask for a repeat.

An important attribute of contesting is the measure of both speed and accuracy. Skill in both areas applies to all ham radio activities, particularly emergency operation. Be sure to request your LCR (Log Check Report) from me for lots of detail on your accuracy. Note that when an exchange element is missing from the QSO data, log checking uses "999" for the

## Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
N3QE	4,375	30	0	36	35	32	22
K5AM	4,216	2	10	31	43	19	31
WD0T	3,776	20	4	35	35	27	21
N4ZZ	3,600	55	1	38	34	25	23
K9OM	3,510	11	6	30	34	29	24
K7SV	3,366	55	8	36	30	21	15
KK6NON	3,328	54	5	36	25	24	19
KE5OG	3,150	8	9	33	31	22	19
N4IQ	3,045	56	10	35	32	22	16
WQ5L	2,697	6	0	29	28	24	12

## Top 10 High Power (Max 12 Band Changes)

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K5AM	4,216	2	10	31	43	19	31
K9OM	3,510	11	6	30	34	29	24
AA7V	2,640	4	3	19	21	28	20
W6SX	2,322	12	1	36	35	4	11
WQ6X	1,988	3	5	9	13	28	21
KH6ZM	1,944	2	4	31	14	15	12
NR4O	1,924	10	2	19	20	21	14
K0JJR	1,914	4	1	20	23	10	13
K4GMH	1,740	0	4	27	16	5	10
ND8L	1,550	3	2	25	20	17	0

## Top 10 Low Power

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K7SV	3,366	55	8	36	30	21	15
KK6NON	3,328	54	5	36	25	24	19
KE5OG	3,150	8	9	33	31	22	19
WQ5L	2,697	6	0	29	28	24	12
N0AT	2,170	7	3	0	28	30	12
AA4DD	1,776	2	4	14	19	25	16
VE2ZT	1,675	2	1	10	25	18	14
VE3KTB	1,311	2	2	13	11	15	18
KF4FC	1,296	5	9	11	19	16	2
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VE2BVV	1,272	7	5	12	6	24	11
VE3SST	1,104	10	2	8	17	17	6
KG9X	1,081	4	7	0	0	21	26

## Top 10 QRP

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
NN7SS	1,020	5	0	10	27	14	0

Top 10 QSO Totals		Golden Logs	
N3QE	125	N3QE	125
K5AM	124	WQ5L	93
N4ZZ	120	NN7SS	51
WD0T	118	WA6I	33
K9OM	117	VE7BC	23
KE5OG	105	VA3WW	12
N4IQ	105	K2AL	2
KK6NON	104		
K7SV	102	Top 10 Band Changes	
WQ5L	93	N4IQ	56
		K7SV	55
		N4ZZ	55
		KK6NON	54
		AA5AU	33
		N3QE	30
		W7WW	22
		K9SEX	20
		WD0T	20
		K3WR	16
Top 10 Multipliers			
N3QE	35		
K5AM	34		
K7SV	33		
KK6NON	32		
WD0T	32		
N0AT	31		
AA7V	30		
K4GMH	30		
K9OM	30		
KE5OG	30		

## Team Scores

<b>1. SWACC</b>		<b>2. PVRC dealers</b>		<b>3. NESoDakContesters</b>		<b>4. High Diddle Diddle</b>	
K5AM	4,216	N3QE	4,375	WDØT	3,776	K9SEX	1,890
N4ZZ	3,600	K7SV	3,366	WØDB	1,173	K5GA	1,050
K9OM	3,510	NR4O	1,924	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,949</b>	K5MXG	540
N4IQ	3,045	K4GMH	1,740			<b>Total</b>	<b>3,480</b>
W7WW	1,800	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,405</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,171</b>						
5. NCCC (W6SX, NN7SS)				3,342			
6. Arizona Sharpshooter (AA7V)				2,640			
7. SHENANDOAH VALLEY WI (KF4FC, AD4TJ)				2,242			

serial number, "Tree" for a name and "OR" for QTH. When you see one of these in your log check report, it typically means that exchange parameter was missing in the QSO line. Another common error this time was the use of "DX" when logging Max, KH6ZM. It should be "HI," a multiplier now in Sprint.

It was great to have seven team entries and, no surprise, SWACC wound up on top. It's nice to see a PVRC team participate and take 2nd place. All teams, except SWACC, would benefit most by recruiting the full roster of five members. It's harder to beat SWACC with a partial team.

The next RTTY Sprint will be on Saturday March 9, 0000 – 0400 UTC (Sunday, March 10, in North American time zones). Hope to work everyone then.

## Soapbox

First time SO2R — Need *lots* of practice — *K3WR*

Homebrew station: [www.zianet.com](http://www.zianet.com)  
**k5am** — *K5AM*

Ouch, more like a slog than a sprint! Much slower than I had expected/hoped (my first NA RTTY sprint...is this typical?) Seemed like too few participants and the propagation was lagging the band changes, i.e., everyone left 20 too soon, then they left 40 just as it was starting to get dark As for 80, for me it was a fight to be heard, even with a kW. I guess that's the west coast experience. Might have benefited from setting up *2Tone* as second decoder, as had some trouble decoding people. But halfway through the contest, I started up the IC-7610 decoder which sometimes beat *MMTTY*. Also, kept turning on and off the IC-7610 RTTY TPF; sometimes it helped and sometimes it hurt. Also kept switching between my TX and RX antennas in an attempt to improve copy. Would

have benefited from monitoring two bands at once, but I hadn't set up the second decoder and didn't want to try and do it in the middle of the contest. Need to spend more time tweaking my macro file too, as I just put this one together based on a CW Sprint file. — *K6DAJ*

So, my WA station was going to be used by someone, which is great, but I first had to solve a problem and get it back online for him. Then, my first attempt at a different remote wasn't working, so I made a second attempt, and it seemed okay, so I started just 30 minutes late. It turned out there was lots of internet delay, so tuning was almost impossible and some of you guys don't wait long enough for replies. The lag also seemed to mess up rig control, so the logged frequencies often failed to update. Twenty meters was weak, but I put in 30 minutes, then 40 had more signals but was noisy. I stayed on 40 for almost 1.5 hours, with a few brief, brief excursions to 80 for a handful of guys who could hear my QRP signal. When I hit 2 hours it stopped being fun, even at my poorly calibrated QRP fun meter, so I called it a night. Thanks for the contacts. — *NN7SS*

My first RTTY sprint! — *VE3KTB*

Great contest! Thanks! — *WA6I*

This was a [literally] last-minute remote operation from NX6T in Fallbrook. I had a late start as I was working WAQP (Salmon Run) stations and SAC Scandinavian stations on CW before/during the RTTY gig. Even though it is a Sprint, I was surprised how many callers were *way off* frequency. Because I was running remote, I had no access to a RIT control to tune them in. If they figured it out and got on frequency then we made a QSO. Look for a WQ6X contest blog about this event: <http://wq6x.blogspot.com> — *WQ6X*

## Single Operator Scores

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Bnd Chg
KA2FHN	*BILL	NY	0	9	10	19	15	285	4
K2AL	*AL	NJ	0	2	0	2	2	4	0
N3QE	TIM	MD	15	59	51	125	35	4,375	30
N4ZZ	DON	TN	18	55	47	120	30	3,600	55
K7SV	*LAR	VA	13	52	37	102	33	3,366	55
N4IQ	BILL	SC	15	49	41	105	29	3,045	56
NR4O	ERIC	NC	2	36	36	74	26	1,924	10
AA4DD	*DAVE	TN	16	28	30	74	24	1,776	2
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	0	58	0	58	30	1,740	0
K2WK	WALT	VA	2	26	25	53	26	1,378	7
KF4FC	*FRED	VA	2	24	22	48	27	1,296	5
NN7SS	**BURT	GA	12	32	7	51	20	1,020	5
AD4TJ	DAVID	VA	8	14	21	43	22	946	4
K3WR	*JIM	FL	12	22	8	42	20	840	16
KC4HW	*JIM	AL	17	20	0	37	18	666	1
K5AM	MARK	NM	31	64	29	124	34	4,216	2
KE5OG	*BILL	TX	30	49	26	105	30	3,150	8
WQ5L	*RAY	MS	5	55	33	93	29	2,697	6
K9SEX	RUFF	TX	24	36	10	70	27	1,890	20
AA5AU	DON	LA	9	33	19	61	24	1,464	33
AD5XD	MILT	TX	0	24	23	47	23	1,081	3
K5GA	BILL	TX	14	28	0	42	25	1,050	1
WA5LXS	*DENNIS	TX	0	30	8	38	22	836	1
K5MXG	*CHAR	TX	6	24	0	30	18	540	1
N5KWN	*TOM	TX	0	21	9	30	18	540	1
K5WW	*ERIK	TX	24	0	0	24	16	384	0
KK6NON	*LEE	CA	25	49	30	104	32	3,328	54
W6SX	HANK	CA	24	38	24	86	27	2,322	12
WQ6X	RON	CA	11	44	16	71	28	1,988	3
KH6ZM	MAX	HI	31	38	3	72	27	1,944	2
K6DAJ	DAVE	CA	2	37	20	59	26	1,534	9
K6LRN	*DICK	CA	0	28	19	47	22	1,034	1
W1SRD	STEVE	CA	0	22	17	39	18	702	1
WA6I	*BRIAN	CA	4	18	11	33	16	528	4
NE6I	DENNIS	CA	11	11	0	22	13	286	1
KF6RY	*DAVE	CA	19	0	0	19	13	247	0
NA6O	*GARY	CA	3	4	0	7	6	42	4
AA7V	STEVE	AZ	19	39	30	88	30	2,640	4
W7WW	DAVE	AZ	27	35	10	72	25	1,800	22
K6DTT	ALAN	WA	10	36	0	46	22	1,012	4
ND8L	RAY	OH	19	29	14	62	25	1,550	3
AA8OY	*JIM	OH	6	19	11	36	19	684	4
K9OM	DICK	WI	17	59	41	117	30	3,510	11
KG9X	*FRED	IL	0	22	25	47	23	1,081	4
WDØT	TODD	SD	7	67	44	118	32	3,776	20
NØAT	*RON	MN	2	36	32	70	31	2,170	7
KØJJR	JOE	MN	7	40	19	66	29	1,914	4
WØDB	JOE	NE	0	31	20	51	23	1,173	1
VE2ZT	*ANDRE	PQ	8	37	22	67	25	1,675	2
VE3KTB	*PIERRE	ON	13	26	18	57	23	1,311	2
VE2BVV	*LEON	PQ	0	31	22	53	24	1,272	7
VE3SST	*NEIL	ON	5	22	21	48	23	1,104	10
VE3PJ	*GREG	ON	4	28	15	47	23	1,081	6
VE3RCN	*KEVIN	ON	6	11	12	29	17	493	8
VA3TTB	CHARLES	ON	-2	16	10	24	18	432	2
VE7BC	KEN	BC	0	23	0	23	16	368	0
VA3WW	TIM	ON	0	5	7	12	11	132	2
CM8NMN	*NOEL	CM	0	40	0	40	22	880	0
IK5UAN	ROB	I	0	13	0	13	11	143	0
JH7RTQ	YOSHI	JA	6	0	0	6	4	24	0