

Results: North American RTTY Sprint — September 2020

The 39th NA RTTY Sprint had 97 participants from 38 multipliers. The 61 logs received compares to the average of 70 logs beginning with October 2008 when “working dupes” was abandoned. The 97 participants compare to the long-term average of 137. Participation of two or three times this amount would really increase the fun.

“Newcomer” Craig, K9CT, narrowly edged out (0.5%) the prior winner Ken, K6MR, for the top spot, with three more multipliers and 12 fewer QSOs. This moved David, WD6T, down to third from his second-place finish in March. Once again, Dave, K6LL, was next. Craig will have a hard time complaining about his Midwest “black hole” location after besting the three West Coast leaders.

Tom, N7GP, led the Low-Power category, placing ninth overall. Dave, AA4DD, was second, with Ray, WQ5L, once again taking third. Bob, W7YAQ, won QRP.

SWACC topped NCCC’s Equipo Norte (Team North) for team honors. NCCC also fielded a second team, Equipo Ocho (Team Eight), contributing to the five total teams entered. Teams add another fun dimension to the Sprint.

There were 18 Golden Logs (no log check errors), breaking the all-time high record of 15 Golden Logs in March. Tim, N3QE, was at the top again with his 117 QSOs, which is quite remarkable, especially for the Sprint contest format.

Be sure to request your LCR (Log Check Report) from ed@w0yk.com for lots of detail on your log accuracy. Note that when an exchange element is missing from the QSO, data log checking uses 999 for a serial number, Tree for the name, and OR for QTH. When you see one of these in your log check report it usually

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K9CT	4,760	60	3	48	38	27	23
K6MR	4,736	55	2	55	38	33	22
WD6T	4,488	80	10	52	33	35	16
K6LL	3,900	42	7	48	41	26	15
K9OM	3,744	12	5	40	37	22	18
N4ZZ	3,597	30	0	36	32	26	15
N3QE	3,510	26	0	35	35	24	23
N4IQ	3,317	60	7	29	38	28	12
N7GP	2,912	8	5	29	38	21	16
AJ6V	2,862	4	9	23	36	27	20

Top 10 High Power — Max 12 Band Changes

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K9OM	3,744	12	5	40	37	22	18
AJ6V	2,862	4	9	23	36	27	20
W6SX	2,400	8	4	43	34	19	0
N0TA	2,380	2	9	30	16	33	6
WQ6X	2,106	3	9	15	17	27	22
N6WM	1,892	12	7	26	23	30	7
K6LRN	1,848	2	6	20	22	27	15
K5ZD	1,771	4	3	25	28	0	24
N5KO	1,281	3	6	24	19	18	0
KA6BIM	980	1	2	0	0	11	38

Top 10 Low Power

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
N7GP	2,912	8	5	29	38	21	16
AA4DD	2,314	4	0	15	26	31	17
N0AT	2,158	14	5	17	8	39	19
KG5U	2,100	6	10	25	23	27	9
WD9CIR	1,920	4	3	25	23	20	12
KØYR	1,840	30	2	30	28	19	3
W8WTS	1,775	15	2	1	17	30	23
K7HPN	1,482	4	1	15	23	27	13
KG9X	1,392	8	1	0	0	35	23
WØAAE	1,330	4	2	30	22	18	0

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KG5U	2,100	6	10	25	23	27	9
WD9CIR	1,920	4	3	25	23	20	12
K7HPN	1,482	4	1	15	23	27	13
KG9X	1,392	8	1	0	0	35	23
WØAAE	1,330	4	2	30	22	18	0
W6IA	1,218	4	5	16	23	13	6
NG7Z	1,080	2	5	14	20	1	25
KC9K	1,078	2	6	28	20	1	0

Top QRP

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
W7YAQ	1,512	14	0	23	21	15	13
WB4OMM	180	1	0	12	3	0	0

means that exchange parameter was missing in the QSO line.

The next RTTY Sprint is Saturday March 13 (2300 UTC on March 13 to 0300 UTC on March 14). Note the start time is 1 hour earlier, hopefully to get more out of 20 meters at that time of year. Think about what you and your club can do to get more stations on the air.

Team Scores

1. SWACC #1

K6LL	3,900
K9OM	3,744
N4ZZ	3,597
N3QE	3,510
N4IQ	3,317
Total	18,068

2. Equipo Norte

K6MR	4,736
WD6T	4,488
AJ6V	2,862
W6SX	2,400
WØYK	1,323
Total	15,809

3. AOCC

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N7GP	2,912
K7HPN	1,482
NG7Z	1,080
Total	5,474

4. Equipo Ocho

N6WM	1,892
K6LRN	1,848
K6KM	570
K6MI	48
Total	4,358

5. SCCC

WQ6X)	2,106
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Top 10 QSO Totals

K6MR	148
K9CT	136
WD6T	136
K6LL	130
K9OM	117
N3QE	117
N4ZZ	109
N4IQ	107
AJ6V	106
N7GP	104

Top Ten Multipliers

K9CT	35
N4ZZ	33
WD6T	33
K6MR	32
K9OM	32
N4IQ	31
K6LL	30
N3QE	30
NR4O	29
NOTA	28

Golden Logs

N3QE	117
N4ZZ	109
AA4DD	89
W7YAQ	72
VE7BC	56
AD4TJ	45
W5AJ	30
KØJP	25
VE3FH	20
KN5S	16
W4IPC	16
WB4OMM	15
KD2DVW	12
KD9MS	10
K6MI	8
K7BG	7
AF4T	3
WA3AAN	1

Top 10 Band Changes

Call Sign	Bnd	Chgs
WD6T	80	
K9CT	60	
N4IQ	60	
K6MR	55	
K6LL	42	
KØYR	30	
N4ZZ	30	
N3QE	26	
WØYK	24	
NR4O	20	

Single Operator Scoring Summary

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mult	Score	Bnd Chgs
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	5	42	30	77	23	1,771	4
KD2DVW	*FRED	NJ	0	0	12	12	10	120	0
N3QE	TIM	MD	9	60	48	117	30	3,510	26
WA3AAN	*GRANT	PA	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
N4ZZ	DON	TN	18	44	47	109	33	3,597	30
N4IQ	BILL	SC	14	51	42	107	31	3,317	60
NR4O	ERIC	NC	2	42	36	80	29	2,320	20
AA4DD	*DAVE	TN	12	38	39	89	26	2,314	4
K4HAL	HENRY	AL	0	13	30	43	22	946	2
N3CKI	*DAVE	NC	2	24	17	43	21	903	5
AD4TJ	*TJ	VA	3	33	9	45	20	900	3
WB4OMM	**STEVE	FL	3	12	0	15	12	180	1
W4IPC	*CON	VA	0	16	0	16	10	160	0
WN8Y	*KEN	TN	0	8	0	8	6	48	0
AF4T	*DOUG	TN	0	3	0	3	2	6	0
KG5U	*DALE	TX	9	44	31	84	25	2,100	6
KB5DJX	*WILLIAM	MS	4	19	18	41	20	820	2
W5AJ	*BOB	TX	0	14	16	30	14	420	2
KN5S	*ERIK	TX	16	0	0	16	9	144	0
K6MR	KEN	CA	28	68	52	148	32	4,736	55
WD6T	DAVE	CA	25	66	45	136	33	4,488	80
AJ6V	ED	CA	23	51	32	106	27	2,862	4
W6SX	HANK	CA	23	42	31	96	25	2,400	8
WQ6X	RON	CA	18	38	25	81	26	2,106	3
N6WM	CHRIS	CA	17	31	38	86	22	1,892	12
K6LRN	DICK	CA	20	25	39	84	22	1,848	2
WØYK	*ED	CA	28	20	15	63	21	1,323	24
N5KO	TREY	CA	14	31	16	61	21	1,281	3
W6IA	*MARK	CA	14	25	19	58	21	1,218	4
KH6CJJ	*KENT	HI	30	24	0	54	16	864	1
K6KM	ROB	CA	9	24	5	38	15	570	3
N2JNR	*DAVE	CA	8	17	12	37	15	555	8
W1SRD	STEVE	CA	0	21	10	31	17	527	1
K6MI	**JOHN	CA	8	0	0	8	6	48	0
K6LL	DAVE	AZ	26	63	41	130	30	3,900	42
N7GP	*TOM	AZ	13	61	30	104	28	2,912	8
W7YAQ	**BOB	OR	10	37	25	72	21	1,512	14
K7HPN	*HP	AZ	13	35	30	78	19	1,482	4
NG7Z	*PAUL	AZ	8	27	25	60	18	1,080	2
KA6BIM	DAVE	OR	0	23	26	49	20	980	1
W8WTS	*JIM	OH	0	35	36	71	25	1,775	15
K9CT	CRAIG	IL	24	53	59	136	35	4,760	60
K9OM	DICK	WI	20	48	49	117	32	3,744	12
WD9CIR	*STEVE	IL	11	28	41	80	24	1,920	4
KG9X	*FRED	IL	0	16	42	58	24	1,392	8
KC9K	*DAVE	IL	17	20	12	49	22	1,078	2
WB9TFH	*GIL	WI	0	15	28	43	19	817	3
KB9S	*MARK	WI	8	20	9	37	17	629	2
KD9MS	*CRAIG	IL	10	0	0	10	3	30	0
NØTA	JOHN	CO	3	43	39	85	28	2,380	2
NØAT	*RON	MN	15	25	43	83	26	2,158	14
KØYR	*TOM	MN	20	27	33	80	23	1,840	30
WØAAE	*BOB	MN	11	29	30	70	19	1,330	4
NØKQ	*BILL	CO	2	30	1	33	16	528	4
KØJP	*JACK	MN	14	11	0	25	9	225	1
K7BG	*MATT	SD	0	3	4	7	6	42	1
VE7BC	*KEN	BC	6	33	17	56	17	952	6
VE2OWL	*STEF	PQ	0	5	15	20	14	280	1
VE3FH	*JULIO	ON	0	20	0	20	10	200	0
F1AKK	*OLI	F	0	22	2	24	13	312	2
JO7KMB	MAC	JA	7	0	0	7	2	14	0

Soapbox

Radar from BY was terrific on 40. S-9+ \pm 30 kHz around central RTTY activity! First time for me in NA RTTY Sprint! Have to see if I can join in game next time without such QRM on 40! — *F1AKK* [Thank YOU, Oli. We really enjoyed your participation! – *W0YK*]

Just a few QSOs to support the contest. — *K5ZD*

This is my first NA Sprint of any kind. Finally got *N1MM* set up and jumped in to give it a try. Interesting contest having to QSY; it made it different. Operated on 40 and 80, missed 20 meters. Probably would have had a better score, but not

bad considering the number of stations on the air. Will look forward to next year.

Nice to see some SMCers out there. Thanks for the Qs. — *WB9TFH*

This is a fun contest. But it seems to be a well-kept secret. Tell your friends. Amp problem right before the contest. I was QRV one minute (literally!) before the contest. Twenty was a disappointment. Eighty made up for it with almost as many Qs as 40. Thanks to Ken, N6RO, for station and Chris, N6WM, for set-up help. — *WD6T*

This was one very strange NA Sprint RTTY Gig, run remotely from NX6T in Fallbrook. While working the QSO

parties throughout the afternoon, all number of hardware anomalies kept popping up. By 0000 UTC, they were largely behind me, but where were the RTTY players? I purposely ran high power — a K3 into an Expert 2-K amp dialed back to about 580 W keeping the shack cool; after all it is largely a domestic contest. Imagine my surprise when F1AKK called in louder than the NA stations. Pointing the C-31 and Shorty-40 Yagis to approximately 29° was enough to snag a little bit of everywhere. Look for a write-up at <http://wq6x.blogspot.com>. — *WQ6X*