

October 2005 NA RTTY Sprint Results

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The NA RTTY Sprints for 2005 are history with the running of the October event. With the close of 2005 came a difficult decision for your editor regarding this "chaotic" but enjoyable contest. Having been assigned an increased case load at the sweat shop due to a shortage of personnel, it was felt that that this contest was not getting the attention and promotion that it deserved. So, while it had been a great several years, the time had come to turn over the reins to someone else who will infuse new energy into this contest. Your new editor will be Ed, W0YK. Welcome aboard, Ed!

This past year also saw the passing of several friends and supporters of RTTY and RTTY contesting. Among them were Jules, W2JGR, Chuck, W6JOX, Wilf, VE7QO and of course Larry (or LAR from IA), W0ETC. While the passing of each of them left a unique hole in our contesting fabric, your editor was particularly saddened by Larry's demise. Despite his continued battles with various health issues, he was always there with a kind word and encouragement. Thankfully, several of you agreed to sponsor a plaque in his name. What a great and fitting honor for him. For all of our lost RTTY members, may they RIP.

Now, on a more upbeat note - the results:

High Power

Congratulations are in order for the winning score in this category submitted by perennial leader Dave, K6LL, with a score of 6775. Not far behind, in second place, was Red, W7WW. Red edged out third place finisher and relative new Sprinter, Dennis, NB1B, by 34 points. Once again the significance of the scores of these top three finishers was that they all happened to be on the same team (SWACC). As noted later in this write-up, the combed scores of these gentlemen, along with their other team members, led to a convincing victory in the team competition.

Low Power

Again of interest, the number of low power logs that were submitted numbered almost twice as many high power logs. And once again, the top low power

Scores

High Power

K6LL	6775
W7WW	6534
NB1B	6500
AD4EB	6291
KE9S	4800

K3MM	4669
KJ6RA	4401
WK6I	4401
KE6RAD	3816
K8IR	3586

K5AM	1360
W6ZZZ	1026
N5KO	104

Low Power

K7SV	5928
K7WM	4860
KE5OG	4700
W9WI	4200
N6QQ	3045

VE3ESH	2562
K1GU	2508
NT0F	2420
K6UM	2220
WW4LL	2200

K16DY	1976
VE3IAY	1827
K6OWL	1782
KJ7NO	1540
W8WTS	1458

WA6BOB	1428
WA4OSD	1349
WB6TQG	867
N6RCE	799
W1DY	644

KA5EYH	429
N0AT	384

QRP

W6YX (at K6UFO)	2553
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TEAMS

SWACC	45,224
NCCC #1	15,102
TCG	14,348
PVRC	5928
CCO	4389

scores were quite competitive with their high power counterparts.

Larry, K7SV, took top honors in the low power category with a score of 5928. A quick check showed that he would have placed in the top five in the high power category. Nice effort, Larry! Taking second and third place, respectively, in this category were Wayne, K7WM and Bill, KE5OG.

QRP

With a fine finish in this category, one might begin to think that Mark, K6UFO, operating at W6YX, had cornered the market on this one. With a score of 2553, Mark would have placed in the top ten in low power and would have come close to having done so in the high power category. Great effort, Mark!

Team Competition

Of the five teams to participate in this category, once again SWACC claimed the trophy. A great effort by all!

Congratulations to all of the participants and thanks for getting on during this contest. Hope to see you in one of the upcoming Sprints as a "civilian." In the meantime, 73 to all. And when you have a moment, drop Ed, W0YK, an e-mail and let him know your ideas on how this contest might be tweaked to make it even more enjoyable.

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