

Results: North American Sprint RTTY — October 2014

The 28th North American RTTY Sprint provided excellent conditions for the more than 100 participants in 46 multiplier locations. Twenty and 40 were well open across the 4 hours, with 80 contributing during the latter hours. While there was the usual migration of activity from 20 to 40 to 80, contacts were made on all three

bands in each hour of the contest. This was important as operators moved around looking for new stations to work.

Ken, N6RO, prevailed with the top score. Although relatively new to RTTY, he has learned quickly and now enjoys CW, SSB, and RTTY contesting. As usual, Dave, K6LL, and Dean, N0XR, were close behind, with more contacts but fewer multipliers than Ken. Jeff, WK6I, (at W7RN) pulled ahead of Ed, W0YK, with his more accurate log for fourth place.

All but one of the Top 10 were SO2R, calling CQ on one band while searching for a new contact on another band for much of the contest. Tim, N3QE, made it into the Top 10 with Low Power. Mark, K6UFO (operating as NN7SS), scored nicely with

QRP and continued to “build character” in this mode, especially on 80 meters.

The SWACC team prevailed over the NCCC team, which could have used two more stations to fill out its ranks. Thanks to all four registered teams for supporting participation in the Sprint.

We had six Golden Logs this time. Congratulations to K0VG, N7TMS, K3GP, K5ZD, K2AL, and VA3WR. Speed and accuracy are a trade-off. Two of the Top 10 finishers dropped one or two places due to logging errors this time. Sprints provide an excellent opportunity to work on both measures.

Although we all wish there was more participation in the RTTY Sprint, there is the “silver lining” of opportunity to improve

Top 10 QSOS

N0XR	151
K6LL	145
W7RN	141
N6RO	139
W0YK	128
K6MR	126
W4OC	120
W7WW	120
K5AM	116
N3QE	108

Top 10 Band Changes

N0XR	76
N6RO	66
W7RN	64
W0YK	58
WW4LL	55
W4OC	49
W1UJ	48
W7WW	48
K6MR	47
N3QE	46

Top 10 Multipliers

N6RO	36
W0YK	35
K6LL	34
K6MR	34
N3QE	33
W1UJ	33
W7RN	33
N0XR	32
W4IX	32
W7WW	32

Top 10 Low Power

W4OC	3600
N3QE	3564
W1UJ	3300
W4IX	2944
K7TQ	2912
K7SV	2700
N8EA	2436
W2GR	2436
KW7N	2158
K0YQ	2040

Top QRP

NN7SS	2349
VA3WR	16

Golden Logs

K0VG	64
N7TMS	38
K3GP	32
K5ZD	30
K2AL	24
VA3WR	4

Team Competition

1. SWACC	
K6LL	4930
N0XR	4832
W7WW	3840
W4OC	3600
K5AM	3480
K7TQ	2912
WW4LL	2772
W2GR	2436
KW7N	2158
W4GKM	1456
Total	32,416

2. NCCC

N6RO	5004
W7RN	4653
W0YK	4480
K6MR	4284
W6OAT	2550
NN7SS	2349
W6SX	1794
N6ZFO	798
Total	25,912

3. PVRC

N3QE	3564
K7SV	2700
KE3X	1534
Total	7798

4. NCC Team 1

NW2K	1534
ND8L	1508
K3GP	576
Total	3618

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
N6RO	5004	66	11	54	32	32	21
K6LL	4930	44	4	64	37	29	15
N0XR	4832	76	4	54	35	40	22
W7RN	4653	64	2	50	39	31	21
W0YK	4480	58	10	51	36	27	14
K6MR	4284	47	4	49	31	33	13
W7WW	3840	48	8	28	48	25	19
W4OC	3600	49	4	39	31	33	17
N3QE	3564	46	2	37	25	31	15
K5AM	3480	8	12	46	30	22	18

Top 10 High Power (Max 12 Band Changes)

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K5AM	3480	8	12	46	30	22	18
W19WI	2640	2	6	25	32	27	4
W6OAT	2550	2	3	48	24	13	0
VE3KI	2380	4	2	46	22	17	0
W6SX	1794	2	3	30	16	23	0
K0VG	1728	6	0	8	20	24	12
KE3X	1534	4	5	27	19	13	0
N0SMX	1482	3	3	21	22	14	0
AL9A	1449	2	4	38	9	0	16
K4RO	1375	2	1	0	22	28	5

Top 10 Low Power (Max 12 Band Changes)

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chg	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
W4IX	2,944	8	8	22	34	22	14
N8EA	2,436	10	4	37	20	28	2
W2GR	2,436	5	2	28	25	19	12
KW7N	2,158	8	3	35	17	21	10
K0YQ	2,040	12	5	23	33	20	9
N3CRT	2,016	4	3	13	21	18	20
WG0M	1,704	8	9	36	31	5	0
AA4DD	1,674	6	2	14	18	18	12
ND8L	1,508	3	6	24	19	13	2
N5XE	1,342	4	1	27	0	27	7

Scoring Summary

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Bnd Chg	Team
W1UJ	*JAY	MA	21	52	27	100	33	3300	48	
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	0	15	15	30	20	600	1	
W2GR	*MIKE	NY	19	45	20	84	29	2436	5	SWACC
N3CRT	*CHARLES	NJ	19	33	20	72	28	2,016	4	
NW2K	DEAN	NY	30	29	0	59	26	1534	31	NCC Team #1
WB2PJH	*DAVE	NJ	16	12	6	34	19	646	3	
K2AL	*AL	NJ	11	13	0	24	15	360	1	
N3QE	*TIM	MD	34	43	31	108	33	3564	46	PVRC
KE3X	KEN	MD	21	25	13	59	26	1534	4	PVRC
W4OC	*DON	SC	29	53	38	120	30	3600	49	SWACC
W4IX	*JOHN	SC	22	38	32	92	32	2944	8	
WW4LL	FRED	GA	24	42	33	99	28	2772	55	SWACC
K7SV	*LAR	VA	32	43	25	100	27	2700	34	PVRC
AA4DD	*DAVE	TN	12	28	22	62	27	1674	6	
W4GKM	NICK	TN	19	33	0	52	28	1456	26	SWACC
K4RO	KIRK	TN	5	32	18	55	25	1375	2	
N4MRM	*LARRY	KY	1	9	0	10	8	80	1	
K5AM	MARK	NM	33	57	26	116	30	3480	8	SWACC
AA5AU	*DON	LA	21	29	19	69	26	1794	29	
N5XE	*CARL	OK	16	29	16	61	22	1342	4	
N6RO	KEN	CA	51	55	33	139	36	5004	66	NCCC
WØYK	ED	CA	49	50	29	128	35	4480	58	NCCC
K6MR	KEN	CA	41	58	27	126	34	4284	47	NCCC
W6OAT	RUSTY	CA	43	35	7	85	30	2550	2	NCCC
W6SX	HANK	CA	30	27	12	69	26	1794	2	NCCC
N6ZFO	*BILL	CA	22	16	0	38	21	798	1	NCCC
N3FAW	*BOB	CA	4	4	0	8	6	48	1	
K6LL	DAVE	AZ	56	63	26	145	34	4930	44	SWACC
W7RN	TOM	NV	47	64	30	141	33	4653	64	NCCC
W7WW	RED	AZ	46	51	23	120	32	3840	48	SWACC
K7TQ	*RANDY	ID	33	50	21	104	28	2912	40	SWACC
NN7SS	**BURT	WA	39	37	11	87	27	2349	20	NCCC
KW7N	*STEVE	WA	36	33	14	83	26	2158	8	SWACC
AL9A	GARY	AK	47	14	2	63	23	1449	2	
N7TMS	*TODD	ID	0	38	0	38	23	874	0	
K7JSG	*SCOTT	WA	9	6	0	15	10	150	1	
N8EA	*JOE	MI	27	33	27	87	28	2436	10	
ND8L	*RAY	OH	26	20	12	58	26	1508	3	NCC Team 1
N8FYL	*JOHN	MI	11	24	15	50	26	1300	2	
K3GP	*GEO	OH	12	17	3	32	18	576	15	NCC Team 1
WI9WI	JIM	WI	25	40	23	88	30	2640	2	
WA5LOU	*LOU	IN	0	30	15	45	24	1080	1	
NØXR	DEAN	IA	44	65	42	151	32	4832	76	SWACC
KØYQ	*JOHN	CO	31	37	17	85	24	2040	12	
KØVG	VERN	MN	15	36	13	64	27	1728	6	
WGØM	*MIKE	MN	29	32	10	71	24	1704	8	
NØSMX	DENNIS	CO	21	24	12	57	26	1482	3	
KE4KE	*TIM	MN	8	19	7	34	19	646	3	
VE3KI	RICH	ON	23	40	22	85	28	2380	4	
VA3WR	**JIM	ON	4	0	0	4	4	16	0	

one's contesting and operating prowess. Sprints are excellent operating events to hone operator skill, in part because success depends on much more than just sitting on one frequency calling CQ. Tuning around for new stations to work and timing your calls to win the "jump ball" with a CQing station press all of us

to improve our techniques and station capabilities.

The October RTTY Sprint has historically seen lower participation than the March event. One reason for this may be the addition of another major RTTY contest several years ago on the same weekend. In 2015, however, the fall RTTY Sprint will

take place on September 20 (UTC), so we'll see if avoiding the conflict will help. This is also the week before the CQ World Wide RTTY Contest and will be a great warm-up for that event.

Mark your calendar for the next RTTY Sprint on Saturday, March 14. I look forward to seeing a big turnout!