

Results: North American Sprint SSB — March 2014

The March 2014 SSB North American Sprint saw a small uptick in participation, but overall, participation remains below what makes this contest the most fun of all — lots of operators. So, we hope more will follow suit and join in on the fun.

This running, a concerted effort to invite operators to take part in the NAQP SSB competition *did* produce some new players, and a long overdue change in frequency made working in 75 meters a bit friendlier.

We got a lot of favorable feedback. For the most part, the underlying theme was along the lines of, “It was fun” and “I had

a great time!”

Top Scorers

Sprinting is a skill that develops the more you operate. Two of the best have been battling it out the High Power category. This go around, the HP trophy goes to Bob, KW8N, for two in a row, once again edging veteran sprinter Bill, K4XS.

In the Low Power category, Paul, K9PG, had a solid lead over second-place ACØW.

QRP activity was a down to three entries this time. Veteran QRP sprinter Mark, K6UFO, operating as NN7SS, once again handily secured the top spot. Thanks to

N8XX and AC8GX for showing your “Iron Man” side and playing in this category.

Team Competition

There were fewer team participants in the March event. Out of the three, K9PG and the Low Power Lid Lizards edged out KW8N and the MRRC NCC team.

We are doing our best to get folks on the air for this fast and fun event. If you were a new participant, please pass the word along to your friends, and keep getting on the air for the fastest 4 hours in SSB contesting!

Top 10 Scores

| Call Sign | Score | Bnd Chg | Qs Lost | 00Z | 01Z | 02Z | 03Z |
|-----------|--------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| KW8N | 12,446 | 76 | 2 | 71 | 64 | 52 | 67 |
| K4XS | 12,096 | 11 | 3 | 68 | 68 | 57 | 59 |
| W9RE | 8,988 | 33 | 4 | 72 | 50 | 45 | 47 |
| WDØT | 8,856 | 45 | 4 | 72 | 55 | 44 | 45 |
| K9PG | 8,272 | 12 | 2 | 66 | 43 | 47 | 32 |
| N1LN | 7,955 | 24 | 4 | 61 | 50 | 31 | 43 |
| NW2K | 7,876 | 48 | 0 | 50 | 46 | 39 | 44 |
| ACØW | 7,476 | 7 | 1 | 55 | 52 | 30 | 41 |
| N5DO | 7,280 | 4 | 2 | 67 | 49 | 27 | 39 |
| K9YC | 6,952 | 14 | 3 | 41 | 36 | 38 | 43 |

Top 10 High Power (Max 12 Band Changes)

| Call Sign | Score | Bnd Chg | Qs Lost | 00Z | 01Z | 02Z | 03Z |
|-----------|--------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| K4XS | 12,096 | 11 | 3 | 68 | 68 | 57 | 59 |
| N3AD | 6,360 | 8 | 7 | 49 | 38 | 38 | 34 |
| K7SS | 4,524 | 2 | 3 | 76 | 2 | 0 | 38 |
| KØ7X | 4,403 | 2 | 5 | 42 | 13 | 39 | 25 |
| ND8L | 3,492 | 9 | 7 | 28 | 31 | 8 | 30 |
| NWØM | 3,400 | 3 | 0 | 43 | 37 | 20 | 0 |
| KE8FT | 2,992 | 2 | 11 | 19 | 23 | 18 | 28 |
| AA7V | 2,849 | 0 | 3 | 60 | 17 | 0 | 0 |
| K4RO | 2,656 | 4 | 3 | 53 | 6 | 11 | 13 |
| NX9T | 1,904 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 31 | 18 | 19 |

Top 10 Low Power (Max 12 Band Changes)

| Call Sign | Score | Bnd Chg | Qs Lost | 00Z | 01Z | 02Z | 03Z |
|-----------|-------|---------|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| K9PG | 8,272 | 12 | 2 | 66 | 43 | 47 | 32 |
| ACØW | 7,476 | 7 | 1 | 55 | 52 | 30 | 41 |
| N5DO | 7,280 | 4 | 2 | 67 | 49 | 27 | 39 |
| K5NZ | 5,811 | 6 | 1 | 46 | 38 | 32 | 33 |
| WA2JQK | 3,920 | 4 | 9 | 30 | 26 | 28 | 28 |
| KB1VUN | 3,740 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 34 | 27 | 23 |
| N7VS | 3,534 | 6 | 4 | 41 | 34 | 19 | 20 |
| WB7QXU | 3,515 | 2 | 0 | 26 | 25 | 24 | 20 |
| N7WY | 3,400 | 1 | 1 | 34 | 26 | 26 | 14 |
| W2EQ | 3,267 | 2 | 2 | 25 | 33 | 19 | 22 |

Top 10 QSOs

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|------|-----|
| KW8N | 254 |
| K4XS | 252 |
| WDØT | 216 |
| W9RE | 214 |
| K9PG | 188 |
| N1LN | 185 |
| N5DO | 182 |
| NW2K | 179 |
| ACØW | 178 |
| N3AD | 159 |

Golden Logs (QSOs)

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| NW2K | 179 |
| NWØM | 100 |
| VE3VSM | 98 |
| WB7QXU | 95 |
| AG2AA | 73 |
| N8FYL | 67 |
| W1SRD | 46 |
| WU9D | 33 |
| K9NW | 30 |
| VE3RCN | 26 |
| K7JSG | 23 |
| N2GZ | 19 |

Top 10 Multipliers

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|------|----|
| KW8N | 49 |
| K4XS | 48 |
| K9PG | 44 |
| K9YC | 44 |
| NW2K | 44 |
| N1LN | 43 |
| ACØW | 42 |
| W9RE | 42 |
| WDØT | 41 |
| N3AD | 40 |
| N5DO | 40 |

Top 10 Band Changes

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|------|----|
| KW8N | 76 |
| NW2K | 48 |
| WDØT | 45 |
| W9RE | 33 |
| W1UJ | 32 |
| N4OO | 26 |
| N1LN | 24 |
| K9YC | 14 |
| K9PG | 12 |
| K4XS | 11 |

Top 10 Low Power

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|--------|-------|
| K9PG | 8,272 |
| ACØW | 7,476 |
| N5DO | 7,280 |
| K5NZ | 5,811 |
| W1UJ | 5,328 |
| N4OO | 4,978 |
| WA2JQK | 3,920 |
| KB1VUN | 3,740 |
| N7VS | 3,534 |
| WB7QXU | 3,515 |

Top QRP

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|-------|-------|
| NN7SS | 2,370 |
| N8XX | 1,755 |
| AC8GX | 1,664 |

Single-Operator Summary

| Call Sign | Name | QTH | 20 | 40 | 80 | QSO | Mlt | Score | Bnd Chg | Team |
|-----------|--------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|--------|---------|----------|
| W1UJ | *JAY | MA | 40 | 75 | 29 | 144 | 37 | 5,328 | 32 | |
| KB1VUN | *ERIC | NH | 33 | 44 | 33 | 110 | 34 | 3,740 | 2 | |
| K1ZO | *DOUG | NH | 35 | 25 | 0 | 60 | 30 | 1,800 | 7 | |
| W1HFG | *JOHN | MA | 0 | 16 | 18 | 34 | 19 | 646 | 1 | |
| N2GZ | *GREG | CT | 11 | 8 | 0 | 19 | 17 | 323 | 4 | |
| NW2K | BOB | NY | 65 | 78 | 36 | 179 | 44 | 7,876 | 48 | MRRC NCC |
| WA2JQK | *BOB | NY | 45 | 41 | 26 | 112 | 35 | 3,920 | 4 | |
| W2EQ | *TOM | NJ | 28 | 40 | 31 | 99 | 33 | 3,267 | 2 | |
| AG2AA | *STEVE | NY | 19 | 28 | 26 | 73 | 28 | 2,044 | 8 | |
| KC2LSD | *CODY | NJ | 7 | 35 | 18 | 60 | 24 | 1,440 | 2 | |
| NJ1F | BRIAN | NY | 1 | 18 | 31 | 50 | 24 | 1,200 | 3 | |
| N3AD | ALAN | PA | 39 | 77 | 43 | 159 | 40 | 6,360 | 8 | |
| NO3M | TY | PA | 22 | 18 | 24 | 64 | 28 | 1,792 | 2 | MRRC NCC |
| NW3H | *BILL | PA | 16 | 21 | 11 | 48 | 26 | 1,248 | 2 | |
| W3GY | *JACK | PA | 4 | 30 | 0 | 34 | 21 | 714 | 3 | |
| WB3CII | *BILL | MD | 12 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 108 | 0 | |
| K4XS | BILL | FL | 111 | 101 | 40 | 252 | 48 | 12,096 | 11 | |
| N1LN | BRUCE | NC | 57 | 82 | 46 | 185 | 43 | 7,955 | 24 | Lizards |
| N4OO | *BRIAN | GA | 47 | 52 | 32 | 131 | 38 | 4,978 | 26 | |
| K4RO | KIRK | TN | 43 | 27 | 13 | 83 | 32 | 2,656 | 4 | |
| NX9T | JEFF | NC | 0 | 49 | 19 | 68 | 28 | 1,904 | 1 | |
| NU4N | *DAVE | KY | 18 | 40 | 0 | 58 | 30 | 1,740 | 1 | |
| N4JDB | SONNY | AL | 11 | 24 | 16 | 51 | 26 | 1,326 | 2 | |
| WB4OMM | *STEVE | FL | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 6 | 60 | 0 | |
| N5DO | *DAVE | TX | 74 | 69 | 39 | 182 | 40 | 7,280 | 4 | Lizards |
| K5NZ | *MIKE | TX | 62 | 59 | 28 | 149 | 39 | 5,811 | 6 | Lizards |
| K5MXG | *BOB | TX | 38 | 34 | 15 | 87 | 36 | 3,132 | 10 | Lizards |
| N3BB | *BOOGA | TX | 30 | 27 | 30 | 87 | 34 | 2,958 | 8 | Lizards |
| K5OMC | *MIKE | MS | 0 | 40 | 0 | 40 | 21 | 840 | 0 | |
| K5ATA | *STEVE | MS | 12 | 24 | 0 | 36 | 23 | 828 | 3 | |
| K9YC | JIM | CA | 65 | 62 | 31 | 158 | 44 | 6,952 | 14 | NCCC |
| K6GHA | *DON | CA | 41 | 47 | 10 | 98 | 30 | 2,940 | 4 | NCCC |
| WA6URY | DAN | CA | 36 | 22 | 0 | 58 | 26 | 1,508 | 1 | |
| W1SRD | STEVE | CA | 12 | 34 | 0 | 46 | 26 | 1,196 | 1 | |
| N6AJS | *RICK | CA | 26 | 28 | 0 | 54 | 22 | 1,188 | 5 | |
| W4EF | MIKE | CA | 0 | 25 | 23 | 48 | 24 | 1,152 | 1 | |
| AG6AY | RICK | CA | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | |
| K7SS | DAN | WA | 78 | 23 | 15 | 116 | 39 | 4,524 | 2 | |
| KO7X | ALAN | WY | 56 | 53 | 10 | 119 | 37 | 4,403 | 2 | |
| N7VS | *STEVE | OR | 52 | 42 | 20 | 114 | 31 | 3,534 | 6 | |
| WB7QXU | *MIKE | OR | 61 | 22 | 12 | 95 | 37 | 3,515 | 2 | |
| AA7V | JOSE | AZ | 77 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 37 | 2,849 | 0 | |
| N7MZW | *CHUCK | WY | 31 | 51 | 6 | 88 | 30 | 2,640 | 8 | |
| NN7SS | **BURT | WA | 50 | 22 | 7 | 79 | 30 | 2,370 | 6 | |
| KJ9C | MEL | MT | 31 | 37 | 4 | 72 | 25 | 1,800 | 2 | |
| K7FJM | *CHAD | UT | 32 | 21 | 9 | 62 | 24 | 1,488 | 6 | |
| KL2HD | JEFF | AK | 30 | 6 | 0 | 36 | 21 | 756 | 1 | |
| WB7BBQ | JEFF | WA | 18 | 16 | 0 | 34 | 21 | 714 | 1 | |
| WN7RRX | *JERRY | AZ | 25 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 21 | 567 | 1 | |
| K7JSG | *SCOTT | WA | 7 | 16 | 0 | 23 | 11 | 253 | 1 | |
| KL2ZZ | *JAMES | AK | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | |
| KW8N | BOB | OH | 103 | 103 | 48 | 254 | 49 | 12,446 | 76 | MRRC NCC |
| ND8L | RAY | OH | 25 | 45 | 27 | 97 | 36 | 3,492 | 9 | MRRC NCC |
| KE8FT | JOE | MI | 19 | 43 | 26 | 88 | 34 | 2,992 | 2 | |
| N8FYL | *JOHN | MI | 1 | 49 | 17 | 67 | 30 | 2,010 | 3 | |
| K8KHZ | *SEAN | MI | 19 | 34 | 8 | 61 | 32 | 1,952 | 2 | MRRC NCC |
| N8XX | **ZIG | MI | 9 | 29 | 27 | 65 | 27 | 1,755 | 6 | MRRC NCC |
| AC8GX | **BRAD | OH | 5 | 34 | 25 | 64 | 26 | 1,664 | 3 | |
| W9RE | MIKE | IN | 52 | 112 | 50 | 214 | 42 | 8,988 | 33 | |
| K9PG | *PAUL | IL | 47 | 98 | 43 | 188 | 44 | 8,272 | 12 | Lizards |
| K9NW | *MIKE | IN | 0 | 30 | 0 | 30 | 23 | 690 | 0 | MRRC NCC |
| WU9D | *MIKE | IN | 0 | 20 | 13 | 33 | 16 | 528 | 1 | Lizards |
| KA9FOX | SCOTT | WI | 0 | 0 | 27 | 27 | 17 | 459 | 0 | |

| Call Sign | Name | QTH | 20 | 40 | 80 | QSO | Mit | Score | Bnd Chg | Team |
|-----------|--------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|---------|------|
| WDØT | TODD | SD | 72 | 99 | 45 | 216 | 41 | 8,856 | 45 | |
| ACØW | *BILL | MN | 54 | 92 | 32 | 178 | 42 | 7,476 | 7 | |
| N7WY | *BOB | MO | 54 | 46 | 0 | 100 | 34 | 3,400 | 1 | |
| NWØM | MITCH | MO | 36 | 64 | 0 | 100 | 34 | 3,400 | 3 | |
| KKØSD | *JOE | SD | 0 | 38 | 36 | 74 | 31 | 2,294 | 5 | |
| WB9KPT | *BILL | CO | 42 | 26 | 0 | 68 | 26 | 1,768 | 7 | |
| K4IU | *FRED | MN | 27 | 33 | 0 | 60 | 27 | 1,620 | 4 | |
| NØTA | JOHN | CO | 38 | 22 | 0 | 60 | 26 | 1,560 | 1 | |
| WØGUY | *BILL | KS | 16 | 17 | 0 | 33 | 22 | 726 | 2 | |
| VE3VSM | *DAVE | ON | 23 | 39 | 36 | 98 | 33 | 3,234 | 4 | |
| VA3TIC | *TIM | ON | 30 | 28 | 11 | 69 | 31 | 2,139 | 4 | |
| VE3RCN | *KEVIN | ON | 7 | 19 | 0 | 26 | 18 | 468 | 3 | |
| VE5XD | *JOHN | SK | 0 | 22 | 0 | 22 | 18 | 396 | 0 | |
| VE8GER | *GERRY | NWT | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 13 | 208 | 0 | |
| KP2RUM | RUM | KP2 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 21 | 756 | 0 | |

* Low Power

** QRP

Team Scores

1. Low Power Lid Lizards

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|--------------|---------------|
| K9PG | 8,272 |
| N1LN | 7,955 |
| N5DO | 7,280 |
| K5NZ | 5,811 |
| K5MXG | 3,132 |
| N3BB | 2,958 |
| NW3H | 1,248 |
| WU9D | 528 |
| Total | 37,184 |

2. MRRRC NCC

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|--------------|---------------|
| KW8N | 12,446 |
| NW2K | 7,876 |
| ND8L | 3,492 |
| K8KHZ | 1,952 |
| NO3M | 1,792 |
| N8XX | 1,755 |
| K9NW | 690 |
| Total | 30,003 |

3. NCCC

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|--------------|--------------|
| K9YC | 6,952 |
| K6GHA | 2,940 |
| Total | 9,892 |

Guest Operators

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| KP2RUM (K9VV) |
| NN7SS (K6UFO) |
| VE5XD (VE5JJA) |

Soapbox

This is my first NA Sprint and I was somewhat initially baffled by the QSY procedure. I'll try to do a better job next time. — *KE8FT*

Got a late start, but lots of fun! — *KKØSD*

For the first time in a long time, I had the station set and ready to go hours before the Sprint. All I had to do was wait for the start. It was great to see so many new participants who got on and were having a good time. I hope they will keep coming back. — *KW8N*

Fun Fun Fun! — *N4JDB*

Part-time effort from Cheyenne, Wyoming, using a Kenwood TS-950SD at 95 W and a homebrew G5RV. — *N7MZW*

The good news is that I'm getting a little better at sprinting. — *ND8L*

The shack was torn apart trying to get some new equipment to work. No time for fine tuning. I just jumped in and adjusted on the fly. I had problems with my recorded CQ and some broadcast overload on 80. It didn't matter, since nobody answered my pipsqueak CQs, and nobody could hear my QRP signal on 80. Fun! I made more QSOs on every band than last year, so I improved! Twenty was good, 40 felt like sliding down a slippery slope, and 80 was the brick wall at the bottom. — *K6UFO (@NN7SS)*

Lots of fun as always. Great sigs and great ops. — *NU4N*

First time in for this contest; had a great time. — *VA3TIC*

Enjoyed hearing, "Thanks for the multiplier." I guess that's a benefit of living here. — *VE5XD*

First one of these I've participated in. Fun, but crazy in a good way. — *WØGUY*

A lot of newbies, but a lot of regulars missing in action! — *W9RE*

Operated remote from Tokyo, Japan. — *WA6URY*