

September 2004 Phone Sprint Results

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One hundred and twelve logs were received from last September's contest, which is slightly up from the prior September. Yet, scores were down compared to last year. The decline can be partially linked to less multipliers being available, but also it would seem a year's further decline in the sunspot cycle took its toll. Post-contest reports indicated less than optimum conditions. There were two DX logs submitted this time. Thanks to PY2OMS and JA0QWO for joining in and for sending in their logs. As a reminder, I am continuing the changes made in February 2004 to the HP and LP Top Ten listings by adding *you* and *them* error percentages, and adding QSOs Lost and hour-by-hour QSO totals for the LP Top Ten.

High Power

After several years absence from SSB Sprints, Gary, VA7RR, re-appeared in February and placed second. This time he moved up to notch the win. It was

Gary's seventh win, which now puts him in a tie with K6LL for most SSB Sprint wins. Apparently, the layoff has not produced much rust since Gary had the lowest error rate of any of the HP Top Ten. Good job, Gary!

KW8N placed second this time and was the only operator besides VA7RR to exceed 300 QSOs. Coming in third

with his first trip to the High Power Top Ten was K7RL. Rounding out the HP Top Ten was K7RI (K7SS), K6LA, W7GG, N6ED, W9RE, KE3Q and K4XS. It was also W7GG's and KE3Q's first time in the HP Top Ten.

As is usual, the middle of the Top Ten pack was very tight with only 862 points separating third from eighth, so logging

Team Scores

NCCC #1	SMC	PVRC #1	SCCC #1
VA7RR 15040	W9RE 13005	KE3Q 12374	K6LA 13536
W6YX 10780	K0OU 11051	NX9T 9560	N6ED 13112
K6IF 10212	KA9FOX 8471	K7SV 8595	W6TK 11270
NI6T 9430	N2BJ 7525	W3YY 7752	K6EY 6400
WX5S 8200	K9JS 7320	N4CW 5145	
KJ6RA 8118	WI9WI 4454	K4AF 3003	44318
K6LRN 8036		W3DOS 520	
WK6I 7348	51826		
KE6ZSN 3255		46949	
	80419		

5. TCG #1 (N4ZZ, W4NZ, NA4K, K4BP, KE4OAR, N1WI)	30101
6. NCCC #2 (W6OAT, K6XX, K6DGW, KE6QR, WA4FIB, W6EB, W6ZZZ, NU6T) ...	27071
7. MWA (KT0R, K0AD, N0AT, WGOM, N0IJ)	19859
8. FCG TEAM OJ (K4XS)	12188
9. Team CCO (VE3AGC, VA3NR, VA2UK)	11987
10. Mad River Radio Club (K9NW, K8MR)	10844
11. SECC Team #1 (NA4BW, K4BAI, AA4LR)	9572

Top 10 Golden

W6YL	134
WA4FIB	88
W8TM	81
N7ON	57
WA2RY	38
WA7BNM	29
N9OE	20
AA4LR	10
JA0QWO	5

Top 10 Mults

K7RL	49
W6OAT	48
VA7RR	47
W7GG	47
K6LA	47
KW8N	46
K7RI	46
KE3Q	46
W6TK	46
K6IF	46
K5XR	46

Top 10 QSOS

VA7RR	320
KW8N	308
N6ED	298
K7RI	295
W9RE	289
K6LA	288
W7GG	284
K7RL	283
K4XS	277
N5AN	275

Top 10 QRP

WA4PGM	3333
W3DOS	520
W8LBO	16

Top 10 Band Changes

W7GG	112
KW8N	102
W9RE	82
K6LA	46
VA7RR	41
K4XS	41
KT0R	33
WX5S	23
K6IF	22
K0OU	16
NA4BW	16

Top 10 Reverse Golden

W6TK	245
K5XR	181
K6XX	164
NA4K	160
KE4OAR	123
K0AD	110
WB6JJJ	108
N0AT	99
N8NA	98
W8TM	81

Top 10 Low Power

Call	Total	QSOS			Error Rates			
		Lost	You	Them	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
N5DO	9758	7	2.0%	1.3%	76	60	52	52
K0UK	9282	7	2.9%	1.7%	73	64	45	56
K7SV	8595	8	3.5%	1.6%	61	45	51	35
KA9FOX	8471	4	1.0%	3.5%	65	54	74	6
KE5OG	8385	9	3.9%	4.1%	56	57	52	31
K0HW	6972	2	1.2%	2.4%	42	48	33	43
K1HT	6942	1	0.6%	1.7%	37	52	53	36
K6EY	6400	5	3.0%	1.9%	47	44	42	27
K1KD	6360	9	4.8%	2.5%	45	47	40	28
NA4K	6080	5	3.0%	0.0%	47	32	36	45

Top 10 Scores

Call	Total	Band Changes	QSOS			Error Rates			
			Lost	You	Them	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
VA7RR	15040	41	2	0.3%	1.2%	93	72	79	77
KW8N	14168	102	2	0.6%	2.9%	90	67	56	95
K7RL	13867	8	11	3.7%	4.2%	74	69	70	70
K7RI	13570	5	8	2.6%	5.4%	unk	unk	unk	unk
K6LA	13536	46	8	2.0%	1.0%	94	78	56	62
W7GG	13348	112	12	4.1%	1.8%	71	71	73	69
N6ED	13112	2	10	2.9%	2.0%	83	85	68	63
W9RE	13005	82	8	2.4%	2.8%	88	73	68	61
KE3Q	12374	2	7	2.2%	5.2%	81	71	38	80
K4XS	12188	41	10	3.1%	1.1%	93	70	60	55

Note: unk signifies that the log was submitted in a format that made it impossible to determine hourly QSO totals

accuracy can make the difference of several positions on how a given station places.

Low Power

Again, Low Power provided one of the closest races with N5DO besting K0UK for the LP title. Dave and Bill had identical QSO totals of 238, but Dave was able to find two additional multipliers. With his win N5DO becomes only the second operator besides K5NZ to notch more than one LP win. K7SV finished third, and dropping down to LP for a change

was KA9FOX, who took fourth place. The remainder of the Top Ten was KE5OG, K0HW, K1HT, K6EY, K1KD and NA4K. K7SV and K1HT now have 10 LP Top Ten finishes, which is just two behind VE5SF's record of 12.

QRP

WA4PGM, Kyle, took the QRP crown with W3DOS (K9GY) and W8LBO also submitting QRP logs.

Golden Logs

The Top Ten Golden Logs were W6YL,

WA4FIB, W8TM, N7ON, WA2RY, WA7BNM, N9OE, AA4LR and JA0QWO. The Top Ten Reverse Golden Logs (meaning there were no busted exchanges in the receiving station's log) were W6TK, K5XR (W5ASP), K6XX, NA4K, KE4OAR, K0AD, WB6JJJ, N0AT, N8NA and W8TM. Congratulations on the accuracy! If you want a copy of your log checking report, please send an e-mail to ssbsprint@ncjweb.com.

Records

As further indication of poorer condi-

Scores

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mult	Score	Team	Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mult	Score	Team	
WT1L										W6YL										
(at KK1L)	CHRIS	VT	56	81	67	204	39	7956		(W6CT)	SCOTT	CA	33	61	40	134	32	4288		
K1HT	*DAVE	MA	59	62	57	178	39	6942		WB6JJJ	*BILL	CA	53	34	21	108	37	3996		
K1KD	*GRANT	VT	60	44	55	159	40	6360		K6DGV	FRED	CA	43	45	29	117	33	3861	NCCC #2	
N4CW	BERT	ME	48	59	40	147	35	5145	PVRC #1	KE6ZSN	JOHN	CA	41	42	22	105	31	3255	NCCC #1	
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	45	60	29	134	37	4958		KE6QR	*GARY	CA	43	34	22	99	31	3069	NCCC #2	
AK1Q	*KEN	MA	33	0	0	33	15	495		WA4FIB	*JACK	CA	55	5	28	88	30	2640	NCCC #2	
										W6EB	JIM	CA	13	37	0	50	22	1100	NCCC #2	
W5KI	STEVE	NJ	28	23	50	101	35	3535		K6CSL	BERT	CA	17	10	14	41	20	820		
N2QOR	*JUSTIN	NJ	7	22	29	58	28	1624		W6ZZZ	*MARK	CA	9	15	18	42	15	630	NCCC #2	
WA2RY	*RON	NJ	32	6	0	38	19	722		WA7BNM	*BRUCE	CA	0	29	0	29	21	609		
W2RDS	*RICK	NJ	16	14	0	30	15	450		K6OWL	*MARK	CA	9	4	25	38	16	608		
										W4EF	MIKE	CA	0	0	37	37	12	444		
KE3Q	RICH	MD	101	88	80	269	46	12374	PVRC #1	K6CTA	*ED	CA	14	8	0	22	15	330		
N3AD	ALAN	PA	64	77	60	201	43	8643		NU6T	*RICH	CA	18	3	0	21	15	315	NCCC #2	
W3PT	BOB	PA	50	62	25	137	37	5069												
N8NA	*KARL	DE	11	42	45	98	33	3234		K7RL	MITCH	WA	104	117	62	283	49	13867		
W3DOS										K7RI										
(K9GY)	*BUSH	MD	37	3	0	40	13	520	PVRC #1	(K7SS)	DAN	WA	137	120	38	295	46	13570		
KB3KHZ	*BRIAN	PA	0	8	18	26	19	494		W7GG	BOB	OR	125	111	48	284	47	13348		
										N7LOX	BRIAN	WA	68	83	0	151	37	5587		
K4XS	BILL	FL	99	105	73	277	44	12188	FCG TEAM OJ	K7ZS	*KEVIN	OR	45	71	26	142	39	5538		
NX9T	JEFF	NC	77	89	73	239	40	9560	PVRC #1	N15L	*WARREN	AZ	67	35	0	102	31	3162		
N4ZZ	DON	TN	69	69	76	214	41	8774	TCG #1	AL1G	ANN	AK	62	13	0	75	30	2250		
K7SV	*LARRY	VA	68	67	56	191	45	8595	PVRC #1	N7ON	*JOHN	NY	0	31	26	57	19	1083		
W3YU	BOB	VA	68	66	70	204	38	7752	PVRC #1	KC7RSO	*AARON	ID	51	0	0	51	21	1071		
W4NZ	TED	TN	54	63	57	174	38	6612	TCG #1	AE7DX	*JACK	NV	1	31	0	32	15	480		
NA4K	*STEVE	TN	50	47	63	160	38	6080	TCG #1											
NA4BW	*BRIAN	GA	42	47	49	138	36	4968	SECC Team #1	KW8N	BOB	OH	96	129	83	308	46	14168		
K4BAI	JOHN	GA	67	57	18	142	32	4544	SECC Team #1	K8MM	IAN	MI	44	54	57	155	38	5890		
K4BP	JEFF	TN	51	44	29	124	36	4464	TCG #1	K8JQ	STEVE	WV	12	30	48	90	32	2880		
KE4OAR	CHUCK	TN	53	51	19	123	33	4059	TCG #1	W8TM	*PAUL	OH	6	54	21	81	30	2430		
WA4PGM	**KYLE	VA	29	30	42	101	33	3333		K8MR	JIM	OH	0	17	34	51	28	1428	Mad River RC	
K4AF										W8LBO	**TIM	MI	0	4	0	4	4	16		
(K9QQ)	*FLYBOY	VA	30	24	37	91	33	3003	PVRC #1											
KA1ARB	*ROB	NC	22	20	22	64	29	1856		W9RE	MIKE	IN	88	120	81	289	45	13005	SMC	
NJ8J	*BEN	GA	2	28	29	59	28	1652		K9NW										
N5GDC	*GERALD	NC	7	11	3	21	12	252		(at K9UWA)	MIKE	IN	71	64	79	214	44	9416	Mad River RC	
N1WI	*TERI	TN	4	4	6	14	8	112	TCG #1	KA9FOX	*SCOTT	WI	56	65	76	197	43	8471	SMC	
AA4LR	*GEORGE	GA	1	9	0	10	6	60	SECC Team #1	N2BJ	BARRY	IL	36	73	66	175	43	7525	SMC	
										K9JS	JON	IL	43	81	59	183	40	7320	SMC	
N5AN										WI9WI	*JIM	WI	30	62	39	131	34	4454	SMC	
(W5WMU)	PAT	La	107	107	61	275	44	12100												
N5DO	*DAVE	TX	87	91	60	238	41	9758		K0OU	STEVE	MO	89	103	65	257	43	11051	SMC	
KE5OG	*BILL	TX	93	75	27	195	43	8385		KT0R	DAVE	MN	79	95	79	253	42	10626	MWA	
K5XR										K0UK	*BILL	CO	76	109	53	238	39	9282		
(W5ASP)	JOE	TX	104	77	0	181	46	8326		W0BH	BOB	KS	77	77	59	213	43	9159		
K5AM	MARK	NM	85	84	41	210	37	7770		K0HW	*JIM	SD	50	74	42	166	42	6972		
N6NF	*TOM	TX	58	56	19	133	33	4389		K0AD	AL	MN	3	62	45	110	36	3960	MWA	
N5ER	*JOHN	AR	41	13	37	91	37	3367		NT0F	*DON	IA	13	48	37	98	33	3234		
NA5VY	*CHUCK	TX	17	7	0	24	14	336		N0AT	*RON	MN	0	51	48	99	32	3168	MWA	
										K0UH	*JUDY	MN	30	19	27	76	32	2432		
K6LA	KEN	CA	132	109	47	288	47	13536	SCCC #1	WG0M	*MIKE	MN	35	24	0	59	27	1593	MWA	
N6ED	ED	CA	129	107	62	298	44	13112	SCCC #1	N0J	*JOHN	MN	0	32	0	32	16	512	MWA	
W6TK	DICK	CA	94	105	46	245	46	11270	SCCC #1	N9OE	*FRANK	IA	9	11	0	20	9	180		
W6YX																				
(N7MH)	MIKE	CA	86	102	57	245	44	10780	NCCC #1	VA7RR										
K6IF	DAN	CA	70	92	60	222	46	10212	NCCC #1	(at VE7SZ)	GARY	VE7	167	83	70	320	47	15040	NCCC #1	
W6OAT	RUSTY	CA	79	84	36	199	48	9552	NCCC #2	VE3AGC	*BOB	VE3	40	59	46	145	39	5655	Team CCO	
N16T	AL	CA	88	89	53	230	41	9430	NCCC #1	VA3NR	CHRIS	VE3	31	56	62	149	37	5513	Team CCO	
WX5S										VE7UJ	*KEN	VE7	34	56	9	99	30	2970		
(at N6RO)	MATT	CA	76	84	45	205	40	8200	NCCC #1	VA2UK	*ALAN	VE2	18	21	0	39	21	819	Team CCO	
KJ6RA	RICH	CA	73	83	42	198	41	8118	NCCC #1	VE4YU	*ED	VE4	0	24	7	31	18	558		
K6LRN	DICK	CA	79	78	39	196	41	8036	NCCC #1	VE3RCN	*KEVIN	VE3	12	4	0	16	9	144		
WK6I	JEFF	CA	89	43	35	167	44	7348	NCCC #1											
K6EY	*BECKY	CA	76	59	25	160	40	6400	SCCC #1	PY2OMS	OMS	PY	56	38	0	94	31	2914		
K6XX	BOB	CA	95	26	43	164	36	5904	NCCC #2	JA0QWO	MIE	JA	5	0	0	5	4	20		

tions, there were no new high power area records and only one low power area record broken this time. The new low power area record is K1KD in Vermont. QRP records were broken or established for the first time by: W3DOS (K9GY) in Maryland, WA4PGM in Virginia, and W8LBO in Michigan. By the way, if someone wants to try SSB Sprint with low power in February 2005, it is important to note that there are no low power marks established in Louisiana, Utah and West Virginia. You can view the SSB Sprint records at www.ncjweb.com/ssbsprintrecords.php.

Teams

Northern California Contesting Club #1 took the team competition for their second time and in the process knocked off the SMC/Dead Lizards CAN Talk and SCCC dynasty in team competitions. Rounding out the Top Five teams were:

SMC, PVRC #1, SCCC #1 and TCG #1.

Notes

The February 2005 Phone Sprint will be held at 0000Z on February 6 (February 5 local time). Get on and join us in the fun!

Soapbox

It was so hard to make QSOs that I thought the antennas had all fallen down. After an hour of struggling, I took a flashlight and went out in the back yard. Darned if they weren't all still there and pointed in the right direction, too. A plate of fresh cherry pie and ice cream helped keep the whining down until the end. It didn't hurt the rate one bit. — N8NA.....Sprint is chaos in a bottle that pops at 0000Z! It's the champagne of contesting!— N6ED.....My first contest (interesting choice for a first contest—Ed). Not a great score but, had a lot of fun.—N5GDC.....Fun contest, but difficult to get the rhythm going for a while.— WB6JJJ.....Got off to my usual slow start, but once I got a little rhythm had a lot of fun! Mainly wanted to check the station out in preparation for the fall contest season. Found

and fixed a few gremlins along the way.— W7GG.....I thought things were bad on 20. But then I went to 40 and 75.—W8TM.....It was exciting working AK with QRP.—W3DOS (K9GY).....Got home from eating out with the wife and realized that the contest was still running (35 minutes left), so I grabbed a piece of paper (no time for computer setup) and starting working people on 75 meters. Great fun!—W4EF.....My best score in Sprint yet.— KJ6RA.....This is a weird contest.— K5ZD.....No antennas up yet at my new home QTH. With 1.5 hours to go before the contest, I was still not sure if I was going to do this one from my truck, like I did for CW weekend, or try to string up some antennas at home, or try to guest op somewhere. Wound up with the latter. I contacted local ham and all-around great guy WV9S at 22:30Z and he said "Come on over!" Had high SWR on 40 meters that required use of tuner. Overall, I thought conditions were terrible—could not work any east coast stations on 20 meters. Certainly was a bad contest to go low power! But I had fun, as usual. Gotta love the SSB Sprint!—KA9FOX.....Great contest and operators.—KT0R.

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