

Results: North American Sprint SSB — September 2013

Sprints are fun, no matter the mode. The QSY rule levels the playing field and allows everyone to have fun and compete in the fastest 4 hours of SSB twice a year. Maintaining this tradition, the North American Sprint SSB September event brought together new sprinters and veterans who combined for a great shootout on all power levels.

Top Scorers

Once again the Single-Operator, High Power category brought out some of the top shooters to compete for the win. This go round, the HP trophy went to Bob, KW8N who edged out another veteran sprinter, Bill K4XS.

In the Low Power category, Bob, KU5B, inched past Jeff, KU8E, for the title.

QRP activity was a little down this time, but veteran QRP sprinter Mark, K6UFO, operating as NN7SS, handily secured the QRP title, once again showing the potential for contesting with 5 W!

Team Competition

With nine team entries this time, the main competition was between the Mad River Radio Club and SMC Team 1. Both team had expert sprinters and veteran contesters on board. Mad River Contest Club narrowly took the win. It's worth noting that the team's lead scorer, KW8N, also had the winning overall score, and the runner-up scorer and top operator, K4BAI, had the top Golden Log. This, plus a solid team showing, secured the win. A great effort as well by SMC Team 1 for second place.

As a contest manager, sometimes it becomes necessary to make some changes. One that has been a long time in coming is a QSY to new frequency ranges for the 80 meter portion of this contest. Next running, review the rules and take note of new frequency recommendations for the SSB Sprint. We hope this will make the contest more enjoyable for all

SOAPBOX

Bands were good, but not much activity. — K5ZD

Very rough event. I have an apparent new line noise problem that is wiping out all but the strongest signals. Very difficult on phone. I hope to improve for the next SSB NA Sprint. — K6CSL

I made three QSOs on 7237 beginning

Scoring Summary

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mult	Score	Bnd Chgs	Team
W1UJ	JAY	MA	65	73	23	161	36	5,796	29	YCCC
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	50	36	12	98	33	3,234	3	YCCC
K1ZO	*DOUG	NH	46	34	0	80	27	2,160	5	YCCC
K1IMI	*BERT	ME	38	31	0	69	23	1,587	1	
NW2K	BOB	NY	68	74	34	176	40	7,040	21	MRRC
KA2FHN	*BILL	NY	14	14	1	29	18	522	7	
N8NA	*KARL	DE	53	46	15	114	34	3,876	5	
NS3X	*MARK	MD	39	32	6	77	30	2,310	2	
WB3CII	*BILL	MD	27	0	0	27	16	432	0	
K8GU	ED	MD	9	12	0	21	12	252	1	WWYC
KA3UOL	**MIKE	PA	0	9	0	9	7	63	0	
N3QE	*TIM	MD	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	
K4XS	BILL	FL	150	66	33	249	48	11,952	10	
N1LN	BRUCE	NC	72	85	39	196	43	8,428	29	
K4BAI	JOHN	GA	88	60	29	177	44	7,788	7	MRRC
KU8E	*JEFF	GA	72	69	27	168	42	7,056	22	MRRC
K4TD	RICK	AL	65	75	30	170	41	6,970	11	ACG
NF4A	CHARLIE	FL	53	78	31	162	38	6,156	5	ACG
KC4HW	*JIM	AL	72	42	27	141	40	5,640	4	ACG
N4OO	*BRIAN	GA	47	61	29	137	41	5,617	38	
WB4OMM	*STEVE	FL	50	55	20	125	39	4,875	2	
NA4K	*STEVE	TN	29	4	0	33	18	594	2	
AG4CG	*AL	FL	9	2	0	11	10	110	1	
KU5B	*BOB	TX	79	82	33	194	40	7,760	17	WWYC
N5DO	*DAVE	TX	73	64	31	168	42	7,056	19	
K5NZ	MIKE	TX	92	56	1	149	40	5,960	7	
K5MXG	*CHAR	TX	36	23	1	60	28	1,680	6	
N5BLY	CHARLES	MS	36	11	0	47	26	1,222	1	
N6ED	ED	CA	100	100	41	241	49	11,809	2	
K6LA	KEN	CA	78	64	25	167	44	7,348	18	
W6SX	HANK	CA	42	41	16	99	38	3,762	2	NCCC #1
K6GHA	*DON	CA	43	56	8	107	35	3,745	3	NCCC #1
WA6URY	DAN	CA	42	44	0	86	35	3,010	1	
K6XX	BOB	CA	36	31	15	82	30	2,460	2	NCCC #1
NS6T	*TOM	CA	24	21	5	50	22	1,100	2	NCCC #1
K6CSL	*BERT	CA	13	6	3	22	15	330	2	NCCC #1
W6EB	JIM	CA	2	15	0	17	14	238	1	NCCC #1
N6EE	*RON	CA	4	0	0	4	4	16	0	NCCC #1
AA7V	*HOSE	AZ	61	70	7	138	42	5,796	9	AOCC
K7SS	DAN	WA	72	64	0	136	41	5,576	1	
N7VS	*STEVE	OR	71	48	12	131	39	5,109	2	
KJ9C	*MEL	MT	35	60	23	118	35	4,130	8	SMC Team 1
N7MZW	*CHUCK	WY	48	47	6	101	32	3,232	6	Rockies
KL2HD	JEFF	AK	51	35	0	86	34	2,924	1	
AL9A	GARY	AK	82	1	0	83	35	2,905	1	SMC Team 1
NY7N	ANDY	AZ	30	48	4	82	32	2,624	2	AOCC
NN7SS	**BURT	WA	51	20	2	73	35	2,555	7	
N7SMI	*JARED	UT	47	25	5	77	33	2,541	5	
KE7DX	*GARY	AZ	34	32	4	70	32	2,240	3	AOCC
K7ZO	SCOTT	ID	27	44	0	71	29	2,059	1	
W7WOF	KEN	MT	36	32	0	68	30	2,040	1	
W0PAN	*LARRY	AZ	29	20	0	49	23	1,127	1	AOCC
AE7DW	*DON	AZ	17	14	0	31	23	713	1	AOCC
N7LOX	*BRIAN	WA	8	24	3	35	20	700	4	
N7TEW	*GARY	AZ	10	13	5	28	20	560	9	AOCC
K3WYC	*ANDY	AZ	22	0	0	22	18	396	0	
N9NA	JOHN	AZ	7	13	0	20	13	260	1	AOCC
K7JKM	*JERRY	OR	4	8	0	12	10	120	1	
W7SLS	*SCOTT	WA	5	5	0	10	8	80	1	
KW8N	BOB	OH	130	89	45	264	48	12,672	88	MRRC
K8CMO	DAVE	OH	0	50	0	50	27	1,350	0	
K8MR	*JIM	OH	21	33	0	54	24	1,296	3	MRRC
N8XX	**IGOR	MI	11	22	17	50	20	1,000	4	MRRC
K9NW	*MIKE	OH	3	26	0	29	19	551	3	MRRC
KD8GOX	*KARL	MI	25	0	0	25	12	300	0	MRRC
W9RE	MIKE	IN	102	92	41	235	43	10,105	73	SMC Team 1
KB9UWU	MATT	IL	79	76	40	195	39	7,605	2	WWYC
N2BJ	BARRY	IL	59	73	30	162	39	6,318	4	SMC Team 1
KB9OWD	*RYAN	WI	41	80	34	155	37	5,735	16	SMC Team 1
NV9L	VAL	IL	48	58	23	129	37	4,773	4	SMC Team 1
K9PG	*PAUL	IL	39	52	10	101	41	4,141	11	

at 0245 UTC. K5ZD was calling CQ, and I called and worked him. When he turned over the frequency to me and I called CQ, NW2K came on frequency also calling CQ. He initially could not hear me but I worked him on his CQ and then he QSYed. KB9OWD immediately came back to me and I worked him for the couplet then I QSYed. I didn't see this situation covered in the rules, so I am not sure what to do and left all QSOs in the log. — *K7ZO*

Brutal! Sure a lot less satisfying than CW Sprint — *KJ9C*

Atmospheric QRN got bad on 40 and 80 during the second half. Nice to see so many newer guys operating the Sprint and doing so well. — *KW8N*

My first real Sprint attempt. What a blast! Surrounded by thunderstorms. — *N7MZW*

I thought there was a law about cruel and unusual punishment? — *N8XX*

Activity seemed to be down....maybe everyone was watching college football — *NF4A*

The first 30 minutes was great, as fun as the 30 minute NCCC Sprints on Thursday nights! I made 25 percent of my QSOs in the first 30 minutes. Then it became search and search. When 20 emptied out, it was too early for 40 QRP this far west. Then hours later, when 40 emptied out it was too early for 80 QRP this far west. I searched 80m a couple times to pick up some close-in mults, but I still heard but missed UT and BC. — *NN7SS (K6UFO op)*

Pretty rough up here in the VE8 land! Band conditions weren't that good! Maybe next year will be better! — *VE8GER*

Conditions were good on 20 and 40, but the QRN level on 75 was rough. Especially nice to QSO KP2RUM on two bands, and AL9A. — *W0ETT*

Great contest. Was a lot of fun. Thanks to all who organize this contest — *W7WOF*

QRN made 80 and 40 very difficult. — *W9RE*

Operated remote from Tokyo, Japan. — *WA6URY*

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mult	Score	Bnd Chgs	Team
W9AV	CLINT	WI	23	38	0	61	31	1,891	4	
KV9W	*DALE	IN	24	15	0	39	23	897	1	
AF9J	*ELLEN	WI	11	8	2	21	12	252	5	SMC Team 2
WU9D	*MIKE	IN	0	3	0	3	3	9	0	SMC Team 1
AB9M	*GARY	IL	1	1	0	2	2	4	1	SMC Team 1
K0EU	KEN	CO	124	107	23	254	46	11,684	44	Rockies
W0ETT	*KEN	CO	63	68	16	147	40	5,880	9	Rockies
NW0M	MITCH	MO	55	63	31	149	36	5,364	12	
WG0M	*MIKE	MN	35	54	0	89	35	3,115	5	
N0TA	JOHN	CO	36	40	13	89	30	2,670	5	Rockies
W0BH	BOB	KS	4	60	7	71	27	1,917	4	
K0OU	**STEVE	MO	29	25	12	66	28	1,848	13	
AC0W	*BILL	MN	1	29	22	52	24	1,248	3	
KE0L	JIM	MN	47	0	0	47	23	1,081	0	
N0AT	*RON	MN	6	8	0	14	13	182	1	
VE3CX	TOM	ON	63	66	24	153	36	5,508	6	
VE4VT	ED	MB	0	65	23	88	29	2,552	1	
VE3RCN	*KEVIN	ON	20	23	0	43	21	903	17	
VE9AA	MIKE	MAR	28	0	0	28	17	476	0	
VE8GER	*GERRY	NWT	10	1	0	11	10	110	1	

* Low Power
** QRP

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
KW8N	12,672	88	4	77	67	61	59
K4XS	11,952	10	11	77	63	55	54
N6ED	11,809	2	4	75	70	43	53
K0EU	11,684	44	5	78	64	56	56
W9RE	10,105	73	14	65	64	56	50
N1LN	8,428	29	3	67	56	31	42
K4BAI	7,788	7	0	69	47	29	32
KU5B	7,760	17	2	67	52	40	35
KB9UWU	7,605	2	10	61	64	36	34
K6LA	7,348	18	5	42	58	37	30

Top 10 High Power (Max 12 Band Changes)

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K4XS	11,952	10	11	77	63	55	54
N6ED	11,809	2	4	75	70	43	53
K4BAI	7,788	7	0	69	47	29	32
KB9UWU	7,605	2	10	61	64	36	34
K4TD	6,970	11	3	56	45	31	38
N2BJ	6,318	4	5	48	51	36	27
NF4A	6,156	5	1	60	40	32	30
K5NZ	5,960	7	4	65	57	27	0
K7SS	5,576	1	1	71	1	64	0
VE3CX	5,508	6	7	53	48	33	19

Top 10 QSOs

KW8N	264
K0EU	254
K4XS	249
N6ED	241
W9RE	235
N1LN	196
KB9UWU	195
KU5B	194
K4BAI	177
NW2K	176

Top 10 Multipliers

N6ED	49
K4XS	48
KW8N	48
K0EU	46
K4BAI	44
K6LA	44
N1LN	43
W9RE	43
AA7V	42
KU8E	42
N5DO	42

Top 10 Low Power

KU5B	7,760
KU8E	7,056
N5DO	7,056
W0ETT	5,880
AA7V	5,796
KB9OWD	5,735
KC4HW	5,640
N4OO	5,617
N7VS	5,109
WB4OMM	4,875

Top QRP

NN7SS	2,555
K0OU	1,848
N8XX	1,000
KA3UOL	63

Golden Logs

K4BAI	177
NW2K	176
NW0M	149
K8MR	54
VE3RCN	43
WB3CII	27
K8GU	21
N0AT	14
K7JKM	12
KA3UOL	9
N6EE	4
WU9D	3
AB9M	2
N3QE	1

Top 10 Band Changes

KW8N	88
W9RE	73
K0EU	44
N4OO	38
N1LN	29
W1UJ	29
KU8E	22
NW2K	21
N5DO	19
K6LA	18

Team Scores

1. Mad River Radio Club

KW8N	12,672
K4BAI	7,788
KU8E	7,056
NW2K	7,040
K8MR	1,296
N8XX	1,000
K9NW	551
KD8GOX	300
Total	37,703

2. SMC Team 1

W9RE	10,105
N2BJ	6,318
KB9OWD	5,735
NV9L	4,773
KJ9C	4,130
AL9A	2,905
WU9D	9
AB9M	4
Total	33,979

3. Rockies

K0EU	11,684
W0ETT	5,880
N7MZW	3,232
N0TA	2,670
Total	23,466

4. ACG — Soggy Bottom Boys

K4TD	6,970
NF4A	6,156
KC4HW	5,640
Total	18,766

5. WWYC	KU5B, KB9UWU, K8GU	15,617
6. AOCC	AA7V, NY7N, KE7DX, W0PAN, AE7DW, N7TEW, N9NA	13,320
7. NCCC #1	W6SX, K6GHA, K6XX, NS6T, K6CSL, W6EB, N6EE	11,651
8. YCCC	W1UJ, K5ZD, K1ZO	11,190
9. SMC Team 2	AF9J	252

Guest Operators

K1IMI (N4CW)
NN7SS (K6UFO @NN7SS)
