

Results: North American QSO Party RTTY — February 2020

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The February 2020 running of the North American QSO Party (NAQP) RTTY came during a carefree time. We had not yet been ordered to stay at home, and we could still go to ham-fests, socialize, or get together with other hams at a multiop. Experts said sunspots for the next cycle had started showing up. All the FT8 excitement had brought some new operators to try RTTY, and it was a good time to contest.

Why were so many stations on from Minnesota? Al, KØAD, reports that the Minnesota Wireless Association (www.w0aa.org) offers an award for operating all 11 contests on their target list, which includes the NAQPs. The award is called "Get a Life!"

RTTY operators noted the passing of Ron Stailey, K5DJ (ex-AB5KD), of Farmington, New Mexico. Ron was a major player in the amateur radio RTTY scene and is credited with creating (with WS7I) the CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest and the North American QSO Party RTTY. He served as the RTTY Journal's contest columnist and hosted the RTTY Contesters Banquet in Dayton for many years.

Quite a few operators mentioned following the Contest Online Score Board at contestonlinescore.com to keep up their motivation. This is allowed in all categories and does not count as "assistance."

Single Operator

In the Single Operator category, well-known RTTY operator Ken, WØLSD celebrated his 75th birthday by logging nearly 1,000 contacts with good totals of contacts and multipliers from 20 to 80 meters. (Let's not talk about the absent 10-meter band or the occasional 15-meter band.)

In the Collegiate Championship, W9JWC at Bradley University put in a good showing, and we hope more schools will join in the fun.

Single Op Top 10 Breakdowns

Call Sign	Score	QSOs	Mults	80	40	20	15	10
WØLSD	153,252	946	162	157/44	365/49	369/44	47/21	8/4
K6LL	131,505	797	165	126/37	252/49	305/51	113/27	1/1
WD6T(@W6YX)	129,396	789	164	113/35	307/52	305/51	63/25	1/1
N6WM	129,244	818	158	80/26	294/53	317/47	125/31	2/1
KK6P	108,724	706	154	98/35	239/45	250/45	119/29	0/0
N6IE	106,335	695	153	81/32	226/48	309/45	79/28	0/0
W6RW	105,616	656	161	144/38	199/47	189/43	123/32	1/1
AA3B	104,130	801	130	251/41	352/45	171/33	27/11	0/0
K9OM	103,929	707	147	130/37	267/46	265/48	45/16	0/0
N5HC	94,248	693	136	116/35	290/48	279/45	8/8	0/0

Single Op QRP Top Five Breakdowns

Call Sign	Score	QSOs	Mults	80	40	20	15	10
N2WK	22,968	261	88	120/33	91/35	43/17	7/3	0/0
K2YG	12,525	167	75	71/26	38/27	56/20	2/2	0/0
NØUR	4,992	104	48	15/11	32/16	57/21	0/0	0/0
VE6EX	3,300	100	33	6/5	16/7	78/21	0/0	0/0
K19S/8	3,080	77	40	4/3	61/27	12/10	0/0	0/0

Top Five Team Scores

Team	Operators	Score
SWACC #1	K6LL, AA3B, K9OM, N4ZZ, W4GKM	502,053
NCCC Team #1	WD6T, N6WM, N6IE, K6GHA, K6LRN	456,186
AOCC MUSTANGS	W6RW, N7GP, W7CT, K7JQ, KJ5T	272,251
SMC Team 6F	A19T, WT9U, N7US, ND9G	253,233
Deep Dixie CC Team Elvis	ABØS, KØWA, WV4P, K4AFE	246,407

Multi-Two Breakdowns

Call Sign	Score	QSOs	Mults	80	40	20	15	10
NØNI	175,644	1071	164	334/51	416/54	302/45	18/13	1/1
W9KKN (@NW6P)	141,810	815	174	96/41	271/51	335/55	113/27	0/0
NV9L	136,800	855	160	295/44	319/54	197/38	38/20	6/4

QRP

Our QRP leader Wayne, N2WK, in New York made more contacts on 80 meters than on the other bands. *Wow!* 80-meter QRP! John, N6HI, was in the QRP mix again with a half-watt to a 20-foot wire out the window.

Team Competition

SWACC recruited a group of skilled operators for its winning team. The regional and local clubs were out in force. Thanks to the Society of Midwest Contesters (SMC) for fielding nine teams.

Multi-Two

The ever-reliable team members at NØNI put more than 1,000 contacts in the log and earned the top spot in the M2 category. Tom, NW6P, often opens his station to other operators, this time to Bill, W9KKN, who operated SO2R

with spots for the full 12 hours and a big total. Bill also provided data showing the most popular names in the fray were DAVE, BOB, and JIM.

The K16DY M2 operation was interesting. Bob, K16DY, was at the station in Kansas, the second op Raj, VE6RAJ, was in Yucatan, Mexico and logged in remotely. Another interesting remote operator was Dan, WA6URY, who operated his California station from Tokyo, Japan.

The M2 gang at K3CCR, the Collington Continuing-Care Retirement Community in Maryland, more than doubled their February 2019 score.

Notable DX stations were XE2AU, C6AAN, EA8DED, and OT6M!

Several logs submitted after the 5-day deadline were moved to the Check Log category. Our 5-day deadline is the same as the CQ WW contests

and has been in place for several years now. If you need more time, contact the contest manager for an exception.

Thanks to N6TR and WA7BNM for preparing the scores, and to Icom America for sponsoring our awards. The next NAQP RTTY will be on July 18, 2020.

Soapbox
(selected from 3830scores.com, courtesy of Bruce, WA7BNM)

This RTTY stuff is FUN! — *WD0T*
A shout out to my wonderful mother-in-law for allowing me to take over a corner of her backyard for the antenna. — *KJ5T*
When 80 got hot, it was too much fun to stop. — *KG9X*
Beverages were used on 80, which meant that I could decode people who couldn't hear me. — *WD6T*
I worked several YLs. That doesn't happen very often! — *KC9YL*



AI, KØAD, shows off his latest setup — with no wires on the table top. [KØAD photo]

Team Scores

1. SWACC #1

K6LL	131,505
AA3B	104,130
K9OM	103,929
N4ZZ	85,485
W4GKM	77,004
Total	502,053

2. NCCC Team #1

WD6T	129,396
N6WM	129,244
N6IE	106,335
K6GHA	59,796
K6LRN	31,415
Total	456,186

3. AOCC MUSTANGS

W6RW	105,616
N7GP	83,080
W7CT	49,595
K7JQ	19,440
KJ5T	14,520
Total	272,251

<i>Team</i>	<i>Operators</i>	<i>Total</i>
4. SMC Team 6F	AI9T, WT9U, N7US, ND9G	253,233
5. Deep Dixie CC Team Elvis	AB0S, K0WA, WV4P, K4AFE	246,407
6. SMC Team 63	N9LQ, K9CT, WB8BZK, N9SE, WT2P	188,846
7. NCCC Team #2	K7XC, KA6BIM, WU6W, NA6O, KE6QR	178,798
8. Aardvark	AA2MF, W4CU, WA4EEZ, AA0O, W4TA	176,649
9. SCCC #1	WN6K, W6ZL, WQ6X, KI6VC, N6GP	162,838
10. The Borg	N0IRM, W7RY, KI0I, KS0AA	162,650
11. MWA Icicles	N0AT, K0AD, KI0F, K0TI, K0MKL	155,244
12. FRC - Team Alpha	W3FIZ, K2TW, K3MD, K3PP	131,635
13. KCG	ND4Y, K4WW, W4LC, AJ4A, KE4KY	131,274
14. PVRC Rappahannock Team 2	K7SV, K4GMH	123,866
15. SMC Team 52	WD9CIR, WR0H, WB9HFK, WI9WI, W9XT	118,858
16. SMC Team 6B	KG9X, KT9L, AB9YC, N5RP	104,664
17. FRC - Team Zulu	W3RGA, K2RET, KD3TB, WA3AAN, WO2X	101,430
18. YCCC Baudot Believers	N1XF, W1DYJ, W1TO	88,730
19. PVRC Rappahannock Team 1	N4CF, KS4Q, WS6X, KG3V, KA4RRU	86,547
20. Deep Dixie CC Team Magnolia	NN5O	78,840
21. NPARC RTTY Snitchers	K2AL, KC2WUF, K2YG, K2GLS, N2TO	68,029
22. PVRC Colonial Capital	K4MI, W3TB, KK4R	64,831
23. TCG Marks	AC6ZM, WK9M, AB4GG, K4DXV, K1GU	62,795
24. MWA Snow	WB0N, K0JJR, K0JP, NU0W	59,630
25. KCG-PT	KM4FO, AB4IQ, K4FN, KU4A	59,121
26. CanAm 2020	VE3MGY, W1CTN	50,730
27. SMC Team 53	K9CW, K9DUR, K9IR, K9LC, K9GY	47,717
28. YCCC Paper Perforators	K5ZD, W1TJL, W1UJ	46,871
29. Metro Runners	W9ILY, K9PY, N9TK, N9LAH	45,431
30. Shenandoah Valley Wireless	W4PJW, AD4TJ, N5SMQ, K4PZC	43,868
31. NCCC Team #5	N6ZFO, K9YC, K9JM, NF6A	36,522
32. Bristol ARC	AA4DD, K4FJW, NE2P	35,916
33. SMC Team 73	N9DR, KC9EOQ, W9RE, KC9YL, WB8RFB	34,291
34. NCCC Team #3	K6KM, K6NV, WK6I, WU6X, NN7SS	33,713
35. Milford OH ARC Sparks	K8DV, WS6K, AE8S	31,805
36. MWA Storm	K0TLG, N0BUI, KC0NFB, K0DSL	31,214
37. Team Sparky	N8TCP, NI8Z	30,773
38. I-guana go to the TTY Bar	AJ9C, K9NW, W9IZ, K9PG	27,040
39. TCG Spaces	KS4X, K3FH, W4BCG, KA4OTB	26,387
40. NCCC Team #4	W6FB, K6EU, K6ELE, K6ST, W6RKC	26,372
41. SMC Team 4D	KC9K, K9QQ, KW9U	24,921
42. Digi Owls	KS2G	22,720
43. SM Rockets	AA9L, KG7VIZ	22,484
44. SMC Team 43	N9WG, NT9E, N9VPV	21,555
45. AOCC Gamblers	KE6K, N9NA	16,454
46. Contest Group du Quebec #1	VE2EBK	14,475
47. Digi Owls 2	KA2D, W2YK, K2RB	13,494
48. Cornwall	N3RM, KI9S/8, KA3D	10,866
49. Milford OH ARC Suns	K8PK, WB8RNV, AD8DM	7,895
50. MWA Ice	AC0W, W6GMT	6,861
51. SMC Team 21	AC8ZU	2,343
52. Whackers	AC0E	1,008

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W0YJT	1,056	48	22	KS	VE3LVW	12,261	183	67	ON	VE7BGP	570	30	19	BC
AC0E	1,008	42	24	KS	VE3FH	8,008	143	56	ON	VA7ZM	532	28	19	BC
*W6GMT	713	31	23	MN	VE2BVV	6,900	138	50	QC	VE9AA	180	15	12	NB
W0BH	475	25	19	KS	VA3PC	6,048	108	56	ON	VE2YUC	72	9	8	QC
*WB9QAF	408	24	17	MO	VA3SB	5,668	109	52	ON					
KA0KVW	390	26	15	CO	VE3TM	4,653	99	47	ON	XE2AU	3,360	84	40	XE
					VE7KAJ	4,578	109	42	BC	C6AAN (DF8AN)	3,008	94	32	C6
VE4VT	65,205	567	115	MB	VE2NMB	3,810	127	30	QC	*CO6EC	56	8	7	CM
VA3DF	56,500	500	113	ON	VA7MAY	3,784	88	43	BC					
VE3TW	46,968	456	103	ON	*VE6EX	3,300	100	33	AB	PY2NY	17,253	213	81	DX
VE3KI	43,930	382	115	ON	VE3SST	2,482	73	34	ON	EA8DED (OH2BP)	9,453	137	69	DX
VE3MGY	37,344	389	96	ON	VE3HG	2,240	64	35	ON	OT6M (ON9CC)	2,484	69	36	DX
VE5KS	30,870	315	98	SK	VA3IK	1,953	63	31	ON	EB3A	740	37	20	DX
VA7ST	22,673	287	79	BC	VA3LR	1,450	50	29	ON	DL0GC (DF2SD)	40	8	5	DX
VE2EBK	14,475	193	75	QC	VE2NCG	1,248	48	26	QC					
VA7KO	13,572	174	78	BC	*VE3KJQ	1,204	43	28	ON	* = QRP				

Scores

Call Sign	Score	QSOs	Mults	QTH	Operators	Call Sign	Score	QSOs	Mults	QTH	Operators
N0NI	175,644	1071	164	IA	K0GR, N0XR, W0FLS, NU0Q, N0AC, W0YR, W0BNW, N0NI	K2MK	10,044	162	62	FL	K2MK
						K7UAZ	9,792	153	64	AZ	KJ7LJX, KM6BKU, K7CHM
W9KKN	141,810	815	174	CA	W9KKN	W4RN	9,699	159	61	VA	W4RN
NV9L	136,800	855	160	IL	NV9L, WB9Z	WC7Q	9,570	174	55	WA	WC7Q
NE1C	128,557	899	143	MA	KX1X, K1NZ	KE0YI	8,840	130	68	IL	KE0YI
KI6DY	119,138	839	142	KS	KI6DY, VE6RAJ	W6SR	8,576	128	67	CA	W6SR
N3DPB	95,900	685	140	MD	AC3BU, WA3EKL, K3MTR, KB3VQC, AD5XI, N3DPB	KD7PCE	8,174	134	61	AZ	KD7PCE
N5YA	93,600	720	130	TX	N1XS, K7RSM, N5YA, N5NU, K5QE, K5KRK	VE2PI	7,685	145	53	QC	VE2PI
K2ADA	89,750	718	125	FL	WA1PMA, K2ADA, KN4RIC	N1JM	6,720	120	56	AZ	N1JM
N3QE	86,112	624	138	MD	N3QE	N4ZR	6,480	108	60	MD	N4ZR
NW8S	71,706	646	111	OH	KB8O, AB8M, NQ8O	W9YK	6,480	120	54	IL	W9YK
K5RZA	68,123	563	121	TX	K5RZA, N5RZ	NA5WH	6,300	105	60	FL	NA5WH
WT0DX	65,895	573	115	CO	WT0DX, NO0T	W3YY	6,213	109	57	VA	W3YY
K3CCR	65,875	527	125	MD	N3UM, W3GB	AB3CV	6,039	99	61	MD	AB3CV
N1MGO	63,840	570	112	MA	KB1LRL, N1MGO, WB8PKK	WB9TFF	6,032	116	52	WI	WB9TFF
W4MLB	59,438	526	113	FL	K4ILG, KK4ZWC, AF4Z, WB5ZGA, N8KH, KE0NRY, N5GNA, W7TSO	N2YBB	5,940	110	54	NY	N2YBB
KP4/K6DTT	53,603	443	121	KP4	K6DTT	W3MAM	5,559	109	51	MD	W3MAM
W9AV	50,386	427	118	WI	W9AV	KC3WX	5,292	98	54	PA	KC3WX
W3LL	49,476	399	124	MD	W3LL	K3RA	5,049	99	51	MD	K3RA
K4XL	49,362	433	114	VA	K4XL	KC9TZO	4,687	109	43	WI	KC9TZO
N7NM	48,678	399	122	WA	N7NM	K2PAL	4,240	106	40	NY	K2PAL
K8BF	42,873	461	93	OH	K3GP, KE8JUJ, K8YLK, WA8US, AC8QG, KE8LWO, KB8TUY, K8IV, KB8AMZ, KE8LWP, N8QE, NX8G	N4UU	4,128	96	43	FL	N4UU
						K8GT	3,850	77	50	MI	K8GT
W9JWC	36,624	336	109	IL	KD9LSV	WA9IVH	2,886	78	37	IL	WA9IVH
VE2FK	36,359	353	103	QC	VE2FK	K4IU	2,340	60	39	MN	K4IU
N2QT	34,771	319	109	VA	N2QT	AE7K	2,268	63	36	NV	AE7K, AC7Y, N7ONY
N2BJ	33,532	332	101	IL	N2BJ	ND3D	2,263	73	31	MD	ND3D
AE1EZ	29,704	316	94	NH	AE1EZ	N3MM	1,938	57	34	VA	N3MM
K0YR	28,302	318	89	MN	K0YR	AB5XM	1,798	62	29	TX	AB5XM
W2CDO	25,996	268	97	MD	W2CDO	N2MUN	1,595	55	29	NY	N2MUN
W4JAM	25,575	275	93	VA	W4JAM	W4ER	1,566	54	29	AL	W4ER
K4XY	24,338	283	86	VA	AK4AO, WB0POH, W2WCM, KM4ADP, WA8AHZ, K3NHT, K3US, KA4CDN, WA1EM, N4ET, W4DDT	K0TAL	1,551	47	33	CO	K0TAL
						W3GVX	1,540	55	28	MD	W3GVX
VE2CSM	22,792	296	77	QC	VE2CSM	KE2D	1,500	50	30	NJ	KE2D
N0AJN	21,800	218	100	CO	N0AJN	KE5LQ	1,260	42	30	TX	KE5LQ
NO0L	20,080	251	80	MO	NO0L	WD0GTY	1,178	38	31	OK	WD0GTY
W1IE	19,152	252	76	VA	W1IE	K2YR	1,080	40	27	NY	K2YR
KD6TR	17,352	241	72	WA	KD6TR, KK6SUE	KB2URI	975	39	25	NY	KB2URI
W4EE	16,490	194	85	FL	W4EE	WK1J	840	40	21	NH	WK1J
WB4HRL	15,048	228	66	SC	WB4HRL	VE3JI	798	38	21	ON	VE3JI
KA8G	14,976	192	78	OH	KA8G	WB4OMM	690	30	23	FL	WB4OMM
K5ZG	14,773	187	79	CO	K5ZG	JG7PSJ	688	43	16	DX	JG7PSJ
N9IO	14,129	199	71	IL	N9IO	VE3FZ	594	33	18	ON	VE3FZ
NN3RP	13,987	197	71	DC	NN3RP	W7SLS	570	30	19	WA	W7SLS
NR4M	13,640	155	88	VA	NR4M	N4LF	570	30	19	FL	N4LF
N1UZ	12,545	193	65	MA	N1UZ	W3XOX	560	35	16	PA	W3XOX
W0MI	11,570	178	65	KS	KD0EZS, AC0E	AG6JA	285	19	15	CA	AG6JA
NJ1F	11,532	186	62	NY	NJ1F, K1RQ	KA3EHL	240	20	12	FL	KA3EHL
W4AQL	10,320	172	60	GA	KN8U	KN3A	234	18	13	PA	KN3A
AA0AW	10,269	163	63	MN	AA0AW	K7PAX	128	16	8	WA	K7PAX
KC4D	10,065	165	61	VA	KC4D	KJ7JUD	36	6	6	WA	KJ7JUD, W7SLS
						W3IDT	35	7	5	MD	W3IDT
						JA7ZP	4	2	2	DX	JA7ZP

Check Logs: AC0C, AK7O, K4KZ, K8LF, K9NR, KF5BA, KM6Z, N0LEF, N8CWU, N8OO, VA3WW, VE3WRL, W0ETT, W1BQ, W1N, W1NK, W1QK, W6SX, WA2MCR, WA6URY, WB1AEL