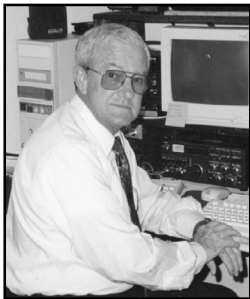


## Results: The 2002 NCJ RTTY North American QSO Party

Well, propagation didn't totally go south on the July 2002 NCJ RTTY NAQP, but it came close. For the single operators that recognized what was going on, their 2-hour break



was taken. The multi-2 guys just had to sit there and suffer through the silence. It sometimes seems that to have the propagation go bad, all you have to do is schedule a RTTY contest.

At K7WM, the NAQP started about the month of April. Ron, K5DJ, needed to get to Mexico to have some dental work done, and he wanted to attend the Ft. Tuthill/Flagstaff Hamfest, which is normally the last weekend of July. I suggested he plan on just coming out the week before Ft. Tuthill and we could take care of the dental work, do the NAQP and attend the hamfest (all in one week). Now the only thing that was needed was to convince him that he could survive the July heat in Cibola for at least one week, and then we would be up in the cool pines of Flagstaff. Little did I know that all-time heat records would be set the week he was here. Oh, well.

The night before we were to pick Ron up at Phoenix International Airport, he tried to get hold of us to inform us that he had severely strained his back and was not coming. As we had left early the day before his arrival in Phoenix to spend the evening with son and family prior to picking him up, he couldn't get hold of us. But being the trouper that he is, he came on and we picked him up the following morning and headed to Cibola. We were lucky in the sense that

it only took two trips to Mexico to take care of the dental work he wanted done, but with his back being as bad as it was, it was quite painful for him to sit for any period of time. And even the one-hour trip to Mexico was painful.

While he wasn't absolutely required to be in a sitting position, he was in a

horizontal one. This upright, horizontal requirement continued for the entire period he was out west, during the trips to Mexico, the NAQP, and the hamfest at Ft. Tuthill. Being constrained as he was, he was unable to enjoy some of the finer sights of Cibola—the Colorado River, Painted Canyon, etc, and limited himself to movement between the couch and bed. Perhaps another time.

The 2002 NCJ RTTY NAQP officially started with a bang at 1800Z on July 20 and ended at 0600Z July 21. Single operators are limited to 10 hours of operation out of the 12 hours. Multi stations can operate the entire 12 hours. As the NAQPs are low power only contests, antennas and location become extremely important. While the contest itself is not a "rate" or "mult" contest, a fine balance between rate and mults needs to be maintained to ensure maximum score.

Don, AA5AU, once again established himself as the premier SOLP operator with a winning score of 78,023. Don maintained a 45.1 QSO rate for the 10 hours operating and a 2.6 to 1 QSO versus mult ratio. This can be considered an exceptional rate/mult considering the solar storm that started about half way through the contest.

The real battle came between Shelby, K4WW, and Nick, W4GKM, for second and third place, with Shelby edging out Nick by a mere 600 points. Nick had more QSOs but Shelby had more mults. Another battle was taking place for fourth and fifth place between Mike, K4GMH, and Tom, WX4TM, with Mike taking the fourth place spot. In this case, Tom had more mults than Mike, but that wasn't enough to offset the QSO advantage that Mike had. A close examination of the top ten listings for score, QSOs, and multipliers (Table 1) shows some interesting data.

For the first time in the contest, teams were organized by EU stations and registered for competition. Unfortunately, with the propagation acting the way it did and the time of the contest, the EU teams did not fare well at all. The Porch Dogs, comprised of AA5AU, AE5P, K4WW, KC5HIG and N5ZM, got off the porch and clawed, scratched, barked, chewed, and dug their way to a combined score of 216,920, and took the team category (it has to be the dog chow).

The Flaboys, comprised of AF4Z, K4PX, KC4HW, KT4FY and WB4EQS took second place team with a combined score of 151,997.

Results, operating breakdown and top ten in score-qso-mults are listed

**Table 2**  
**July 2002 NCJ RTTY North American QSO Party**

Team Scores	
<i>The Gee Bees</i>	
G0URR	1036
G3URA	0
GU0SUP	2268
GW4KHQ	49
MU3EFB	4
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	3357
<i>Notnuffrtty</i>	
AA9RR	18939
K4GMH	53144
N8YYS	18400
WA0SXV	0
WA9ALS	31088
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	121571
<i>Flaboys</i>	
AF4Z	32860
K4PX	24531
KC4HW	34375
KT4FY	28620
WB4EQS	31611
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	151997
<i>Baud Boys</i>	
AK0A	29321
K1US	5194
KI6DY	46920
VE6RAJ	0
W1ZT	49476
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	130911
<i>Porch Dogs</i>	
AA5AU	78023
AE5P	11076
K4WW	60040
KC5HIG	23861
N5ZM	43920
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	216920
<i>Northridge Shakers</i>	
K6HGF	22995
K6RE	34727
N6EU	20491
VK4UC	42
WA6BOB	15480
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	93741
<i>The Shaeferhunds</i>	
DF4OR	0
DK3VN	0
DL4RCK	858
DL6JZ	1015
IT9BLB	14274
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	16147

**Table 1**  
**Top Ten Score, QSO and Multiplier Totals**  
**2002 July NCJ RTTY North American QSO Party**

Scores	QSOs	Multipliers
AA5AU 78,023	AA5AU 451	AA5AU 173
K4WW 60,040	W4GKM 407	K4WW 152
W4GKM 59,422	K4WW 395	WX4TM 147
K4GMH 53,144	W1ZT 372	W4GKM 146
WX4TM 52,185	K4GMH 364	K4GMH 146
VA3DX 51,976	VA3DX 356	VA3DX 146
W1ZT 49,476	WX4TM 355	KE4KWE 145
KI6DY 46,920	KI6DY 345	N5ZM 144
NN6NN 44,759	W1SRD 322	NN6NN 143
N5ZM 43,920	NN6NN 313	KI6DY 136

**Table 3****July 2002 NCJ RTTY North American QSO Party****Top 10 Single Op and Multi-Two Breakdowns***Single Op Top 10 Breakdowns*

Call	Name	QTH	80 m	40 m	20 m	15 m	10 m	QSOs	Mults	Score
AA5AU	DON	LA	16/14	87/37	149/46	130/46	69/30	451	173	78,023
K4WW	BO	KY	18/11	72/27	142/42	112/43	51/29	395	152	60,040
W4GKM	NICK	TN	1/0	76/32	145/45	140/45	45/24	407	146	59,422
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	18/12	81/29	118/37	101/41	46/27	364	146	53,144
WX4TM	TOM	AL	40/20	91/35	108/37	82/36	34/19	355	147	52,185
VA3DX	GLENN	ON	28/19	47/19	92/32	149/47	40/29	356	146	51,976
W1ZT	GEORGE	MA	16/10	59/21	140/36	122/44	35/22	372	133	49,476
KI6DY	BOB	KS	4/4	49/24	119/39	120/42	53/27	345	136	46,920
NN6NN	CHET	CA	3/2	46/32	138/47	94/42	32/20	313	143	44,759
N5ZM	EARL	AR	10/8	54/27	107/39	93/45	41/25	305	144	43,920

*Multi-Two Breakdowns*

Call	Name	QTH	80 m	40 m	20 m	15 m	10 m	QSOs	Mults	Score
N0AC	BILL	IA	15/11	112/38	160/48	136/43	69/33	492	174	85,608
W6YX	LELAND	CA	7/2	106/43	209/51	86/40	33/18	441	154	67,914
K7WM	WAYNE	AZ	5/5	57/32	102/45	115/45	52/28	331	154	50,974
W1GZ	CHAZ	VT	8/4	24/17	77/32	106/41	28/19	243	113	27,459

herein. Jay, WS7I, is to be thanked for the thankless job of log checking and log tabulating.

This is my last column as the *NCJ*

*RTTY Contesting* columnist. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dennis, K7BV, for all the helpful advise at my start several years ago and to all the

wonderful RTTY Operators around the world who have contributed to the column with articles and tips and advice. John, WA9ALS, will be taking over the column come January 1, 2003. I know there will be the same operators who will assist John with facts and features to fill the column.

Other changes in the *NCJ RTTY Contesting* world are that Jay, WS7I, will be taking over the two *NCJ RTTY Sprint* contests. All logs for the RTTY SPRINT are to be sent to [rttysprint@ncjweb.com](mailto:rttysprint@ncjweb.com). All questions are to be directed to Jay. I will be doing the *NCJ RTTY NAQP* in its entirety. Plans are being made to have two RTTY NAQPs a year, bringing the RTTY NAQP into line with the SSB/CW NAQPs. Dates will be published as soon as they are firmed up. Team registration is to be made via the *NCJ* website at [www.ncjweb.com](http://www.ncjweb.com). All log submittals for the RTTY NAQPs are to be made via [rttynaqp@ncjweb.com](mailto:rttynaqp@ncjweb.com). Logs are to be in Cabrillo format only.

Like the funny bunny said, "That's all, Folks." A very 73 to all from Lonesome Cibola, and I hope to see everyone in the contests.

**Table 4****July 2002 NCJ RTTY North American QSO Party****Individual Scores**

Call	Name	QTH	QSOs	Mults	Points	Call	Name	QTH	QSOs	Mults	Points
W1ZT	GEORGE	MA	372	133	49476	K4IQJ	DICK	AL	131	82	10742
NY1S	JOE	ME	300	118	35400	W6IHG	JERRY	VA	134	71	9514
WA1EHK	MAY	CT	242	109	26378	W4OX	DOUG	FL	132	70	9240
N1NB	MUTT	CT	240	105	25200	KB4ET	ITSABITCH	FL	123	65	7995
WB8IMY/1	STEVE	CT	194	93	18042	KC4SAW	JOHN	TN	100	67	6700
WA1Z	BOB	NH	169	75	12675	N4AN	ROY	AL	46	31	1426
N4CW/1	BERT	ME	148	82	12136	KV4CN	DAVE	NC	30	24	720
K1XX	CHARLIE	NH	159	75	11925	NI4S	ANDY	NC	27	20	540
W0BR/1	TOTO	CT	130	61	7930	W4JH	ACK	TN	21	8	168
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	115	68	7820	K0COP	DAVE	NC	8	4	32
K1US	JON	ME	98	53	5194	AA5AU	DON	LA	451	173	78023
W1VET	RON	RI	53	39	2067	N5ZM	EARL	AR	305	144	43920
N2WK	WAYNE	NY	271	115	31165	NA4M	PHIL	TX	282	123	34686
WA2LXE	PHIL	NJ	135	80	10800	KC5HIG	TOM	AR	223	107	23861
N2AUK	STUART	NY	117	40	4680	WA0SXV	MIKE	NM	230	102	23460
KF2XF	DON	NY	73	32	2336	K5NRC	CHARLES	AR	221	103	22763
K3FH	MIKE	PA	174	98	17052	K5NZ	MIKE	TX	198	105	20790
N3NZ	NOEL	PA	104	53	5512	AC5AA	DUANE	TX	154	90	13860
K3WW	CHAS	PA	97	49	4753	K5AM	MARK	NM	166	75	12450
NY3C	MAC	DE	24	18	432	AE5P	ARMY	TX	142	78	11076
K4WW	BO	KY	395	152	60040	K15XP	CHARLIE	LA	134	51	6834
W4GKM	NICK	TN	407	146	59422	K15DR	SCOTT	TX	108	55	5940
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	364	146	53144	K5PI	ROB	TX	76	50	3800
WX4TM	TOM	AL	355	147	52185	W5CTV	CHRIS	LA	58	30	1740
KE4KWE	TOM	AL	294	145	42630	WA5VBE	JIM	AR	50	31	1550
KC4HW	JIM	FL	275	125	34375	AD5EN	CHARLIE	TX	45	32	1440
AF4Z	DON	FL	265	124	32860	W5WZ	SCOTT	LA	48	26	1248
WB4EQS	RON	FL	257	123	31611	N5ZC	RICH	TX	22	15	330
W4LC	JIM	KY	255	114	29070	N5BA	BRIAN	TX	9	7	63
KT4FY	STEVE	FL	265	108	28620	NN6NN	CHET	CA	313	143	44759
W4UK	JERRY	SC	265	108	28620	W1SRD	STEVE	CA	322	127	40894
K4PX	GEORGE	FL	221	111	24531	KR6E	BEN	CA	287	121	34727
WD4DDU	ADAM	VA	229	104	23816	KH6ND	MIKE	HI	287	120	34440
W4BCG	BILL	TN	217	106	23002	N6EE	RON	CA	248	118	29264
KE4OAR	CHUCK	TN	169	110	18590	Call	Name	QTH	QSOs	Mults	Points
						K6HGF	DOUG	CA	219	105	22995

Call	Name	QTH	QSOs	Mults	Points	Call	Name	QTH	QSOs	Mults	Points
K6XT	ART	CA	211	98	20678	N0LZ	JOHN	NE	22	21	462
N6EU	RUSS	CA	199	103	20497	W0RY	BOB	CO	24	15	360
W6ZL	BIGWAVE	CA	212	96	20352	N0IBT	DAVE	CO	17	15	255
WA6BOB	BOB	CA	180	86	15480	WA0PSF	RON	KS	6	6	36
K6EP	ERIC	CA	151	86	12986	VA3DX	GLENN	ON	356	146	51976
AC6JT	BRYAN	CA	137	82	11234	VE3IAY	RICH	ON	196	100	19600
N6TQS	DOUG	CA	93	58	5394	VA3PC	PAUL	ON	187	99	18513
K6OWL	MARK	CA	46	36	1656	VE3BUC	DON	ON	173	86	14878
W6JOX	CHUCK	CA	33	28	924	VE9DX	ANDY	NB	149	87	12963
K7ZUM	ZOOMIE	OR	239	117	27963	VE4COZ	IREK	MB	148	79	11692
W7CT	JIM	UT	220	90	19800	VA3WN	TRAVIS	ON	114	59	6726
AC7VF	ERIC	ID	152	74	11248	VE5SF	SAM	SK	58	39	2262
WG7Y	BOB	WY	176	60	10560	VE7ASK	BUD	BC	104	66	6864
W7WHY	TOM	OR	95	54	5130	VE7MOB	MERV	BC	11	10	110
WS7I	JAY	WA	62	33	2046	VO1/	TOM	NF	11	8	88
W7DPW	DAVE	WA	19	14	266	OE1KTS					
K8IR	JIM	MI	193	108	20844	PJ2EL	ERNIE	DX	308	135	41580
W8UL	JOHN	OH	208	104	21632	9A5W	NIKOLA	DX	270	106	28620
N8YYS	SPIKE	WV	184	100	18400	LP7H	JAVIER	DX	193	75	14475
KD8FS	ALLAN	MI	190	96	18240	IT9BLB	JOE	DX	183	78	14274
K8SIA	JIM	MI	155	88	13640	IK0HBN	SANTE	DX	149	80	11920
NX8C	NEIL	MI	97	62	6014	YU7AM	ARPAD	DX	100	46	4600
K8HF	HARRY	OH	52	35	1820	GU0SUP	PHIL	DX	63	36	2268
W9HLY	VERN	IN	293	125	36625	HA9RU	JANOS	DX	52	33	1716
WA9ALS	JOHN	IN	268	116	31088	OK2BXW	JAROMIR	DX	40	32	1280
AI9T	STEVE	IL	249	123	30627	XE2AC	599	DX	40	27	1080
AA9RR	TIM	WI	177	107	18939	ZL2BR	FRANK	DX	37	29	1073
N2BJ	BARRY	IL	169	74	12506	G0URR	ROBERT	DX	37	28	1036
KE9S	JEFF	WI	54	38	2052	DL6JZ	WOLF	DX	35	29	1015
K9WX	TIM	IN	47	38	1786	DL4RCK	WALTER	DX	33	26	858
K9SZ	JOE	IL	48	33	1584	YL2KF	VILNIS	DX	31	21	651
K9RT	DICK	IN	36	15	540	F6FJE	PETER	DX	20	19	380
N9KO	CALVIN	IL	19	17	323	SM7BJW	KURT	DX	18	16	288
KI6DY	BOB	KS	345	136	46920	SM7BHM	EWE	DX	19	14	266
W0ETC	LAR	IA	263	127	33401	JA1BHK	MAZ	DX	13	10	130
AK0A	BILL	KS	269	109	29321	SP8FHJ	HENRY	DX	13	8	104
W0TY	TONY	MO	221	112	24752	DL3PS	FRANZ	DX	12	8	96
K0IDT	RON	NE	220	106	23320	GW4KHQ	JOHN	DX	7	7	49
W0HW	HAZ	MN	209	76	15884	VK4UC	JOHN	DX	7	6	42
KT0DX	STEVE	CO	181	84	15204	SP6IHE	JAN	DX	6	6	36
K0JPL	PAUL	MO	132	62	8184	YO2BEH	NELU	DX	6	6	36
WB0O	BILL	ND	109	70	7630	7L4IOU	HISAMI	DX	4	3	12
K0XU	JIM	NE	103	58	5974	JA1BWA	CHIRU	DX	3	3	9
KS0M	DICK	MO	85	53	4505	YO3APJ	ADRIAN	DX	3	3	9
N0AT	RON	MN	56	29	1624	JH7IMX	SHUN	DX	2	2	4
K0BX	JOEY	MO	53	23	1219	MU3EFB	MU3EFB	DX	2	2	4

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