

Results: July 2004 NCJ North American QSO Party RTTY Contest

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The July 2004 NCJ RTTY NAQP was a little different than other July NAQPs. If the "soapbox" comments are looked at, it was highly dependant on one's location as to what band was open and what the operating strategy should be. Here in the Southwest desert, 10 meters was absolutely dead all the time. I never heard a peep anytime I checked it. Fifteen meters was right behind it, too, as it would come and go and without a second radio I couldn't stay on the band waiting for it to open.

It was sure was nice seeing ET3TK, 5U7B, 5W0DL, 4X/OK1FIA/P and the other great DX that showed up. While listening to the pileups, it became clear that some of the ops had forgotten that they were in a contest; the DXer in them had taken over. Four land won the title of having the most operators by a large margin, but we had great participation from all call areas and the Canadian Provinces. Overall, it was the best July NCJ RTTY NAQP—more logs submitted, more teams participating, more DX showing up and more multi-2 teams.

The SWACC Team, comprised of AA5AU, K15XP, K5AM, AD6WL and K7WM (put together by Dave, K6LL) won the team competition with a great score (for July) of 393,498. I had my first-ever computer failure during a contest when the hard drive on my machine decided to go bonkers. I spent all my 2-hour off time plus a little more getting all the hardware out of the busted machine and into another. It took 30 minutes of operating (without making any contacts and thinking there had to be a huge solar flare) before someone told me that I was just transmitting a solid tone. A click of the mouse on the tone selection and I was back in business. The rest of the contest was spent in the "catch-up mode."

This is/was my last stint as CD for the RTTY NAQPs and Shelby, K4WW, will be taking the task on. I know he will be doing a great job and the NCJ RTTY NAQP will continue to grow and be the fun contest that it is.

Soapbox

A propagation scientist's delight! Wildly varying real-time indications, flares before and after, A rising and K declining meant QSB galore! Tough conditions for the low power urban lot operator. K6OWL...K7WM was the only other AZ call I heard. K7KAR...RTTY by WF1B software v5, PK-232 (old lightning-bit unit). Enough thunderstorms to power the spaceship *Enter-*

prise. K8DO...First ever contest log submission after 36 years of hamming. K8UT...Propagation to US was not good. Too bad, but I had fun anyway. 5U7B...Enjoyed the contest, but in July? AA0CY...One of my favorite contests. Conditions were good here when they were not so good in other parts of the US (you can say that again, Don) AA5AU...First time on RTTY, had fun. AB9EK...It was a blast! Gotta put up that 80-meter antenna. AG4ZG...Had lots of fun operating from a DX location. A lot of stations couldn't believe they were working 5W0DL and wanted to log me as W0DL, especially on 40 meters. 5W0DL...Summertime in Texas, with vertical and wire antennas, makes for challenging work. Wish the high bands still had some life, but that was not apparent this weekend. AC5AA...Nice to see 10 meters open at the start of the contest. It was also nice to work the contest without having to stop for a lightning storm. Thanks for all the QSOs and I look forward to the next one. AF4Z...My second NAQP summer RTTY. K4AQ...Enjoyed the time I was able to participate, 0100Z to 0520Z, and lightning showed up outside the house at 0520Z. Conditions on 40 meters (only band I have an antenna for) were marginal due to thunderstorms in area. They were bad enough that I tried to convince Michal, ET3TK, that he was KT3TK by repeatedly asking for his state. Finally, Michal got through to me that his call was really ET3TK! Thanks to all who put up with my multiple requests for repeats. Most signals would have been easy copy except for the thunderstorms on my end. Nice to work "J," VY1JA, on 40 meters. Tennessee was well represented in the contest, at least from my perspective. The path length by the time I started must have been ideal between this part of Virginia and Tennessee. Thanks to the folks who take the time and effort to put on this contest, it is appreciated. KG4MH...Thanks to W0ETC for assembling all the teams. K4RO...Lots of

fun in spite of the solar flare. Nice activity for the time I was on the air. I look forward to next year. K5PAX...Noisy on the low bands. K5ZD...Operated from cabin in Northern Wisconsin, conditions were good to poor at times. K9JS...My very first trip into RTTY contesting. Last time I was on RTTY, it was with a MacroTronics interface and a TRS-80. Much improved. Had a lot of fun. KE6CC...Nice 10-meter opening, but it and 15 meters died too early. Working 40 meters at 2200Z is crazy. Lots of static on 80 meters, so the mults were hard to come by. K15XP...I want to thank K7ZSD for the use of his station. KR7X...I was able to put in 6 1/2 hours. Conditions were fair in MO. Using the beam and the vertical helped a lot. Worked four DX calls: CT4DX, OK2PAY, HG4I and 9A7R. A lot of "agn" macros used. K11G was everywhere. Best exchange was NY1S with "byte me." Sorry that I had to QRT at 0930Z just as 80 meters was getting hot. I will be back next year. KS0M...Great fun. We operated from a hunting camp in Rutland County Vermont. N1MGO...Twenty meters was slow in the afternoon and then it picked up after dark. Fifteen meters was surprisingly good as was 40 meters. It was a fun contest, though. N5PA...Thunder storms!. N5PU...I worked five provinces and one other country for a total of 57 multipliers. N7UVH...Better score than last year. Enjoyed this 10-hour contest very much and enjoyed being part of a team with Club TCG 5 O'clock Somewhere this year. NA5Q...Fifteen meters is the new 10 meters. Started really slow, about half the February rate and stayed that way. Only the 0000Z hour felt airy, the rest was a slog and an exercise staying in the chair, but I'll be back in the winter. ND2T...Make the thunderstorms go away! N15F... Propagation awful. Poor turnout. Some Murphy issues. Should've gone fishing instead. NN6NN...Did not have much time, but enjoyed every minute. The A index was high, but it didn't hurt this domestic contest. Hope to have more time next time.

Top Tens

QSOs		Mults		Score	
AA5AU	685	K11G	197	AA5AU	133575
K15XP	660	AA5AU	195	K11G	121943
K11G	619	K15XP	183	K15XP	120780
N0AT	568	N0AT	177	N0AT	100536
K4WW	470	KE4KWE	162	K4WW	74260
K16DY	465	VA3DX	161	W8BAR	73440
AB5K	461	K4WW	158	K16DY	73005
W8BAR	459	K16DY	157	KE9S	72311
WX4TM	450	WX4TM	157	WX4TM	70650
KE9S	433	N8NR	150	KE4KWE	70632

NO2T...To bad conditions were very poor. ON6MX...Had a lot of fun! Great contest. PT2FM...Nice to know our friend's names. PY2NY...Started the first 2 hours on 10 and 15 meters for mults. Forty and 80 meters were the best bands. Got VY1JA, VE4YU and WY in last 15 minutes on 40 meters. Best name was "byte me" from NY1S. VA3DX...Twenty meters had very unusual propagation and 80 meters was so noisy that *MMTTY* couldn't copy. VE3ESH...Interesting propagation. VE4YU...Nice surprise to find 10 meters open. Part-time effort on this end. Hope I helped a few out with the mult. Nice to see ET3TK, SX2O04A and YW6C join in. Heard 5U7B a couple of days ago say he would be on, but never heard him. Thanks to all for the Qs. VE9DX...Operated all the time available to me. Sorry it could not be more. VY1JA...Great conditions and as usual, a lot of fun. Lots of stations, too. W1HY...Very nice contest! Started off slow, but picked up speed as it went along. Definitely plan to work this one again. Thanks. W3MEL...My first RTTY contest and I enjoyed it. Strictly S&P operation. See y'all next year. W3OFD...Conditions were awful. W6OAT...Thanks for the contest. Only short time available to operate. W7DPW...1st NAQP contest and 1st *Writelog* use. W7LD...Used station K1TTT. Thanks to Dave for use of his great station. W8BAR/W1TO...Great contest! Thanks to all for listening to my 20 W on 80 meters. W9ILY...I'm a first timer in this contest and I had fun. See you again next year. WA6NOL...I wish I had more time to participate, but the time I was able to work the contest was an absolute blast. I will be a participant in many upcoming RTTY contests. WB0DUL...Interesting contest this time. I operated a couple of hours mobiling around Marion County in a multi-op with John, WA9ALS/0. Hope John was able to recover the log I lost! WD9GMK...Current solar cycle is limiting band usage, but what a lot of fun. Got tired and went to bed before the contest ended. WN1OTV...First RTTY contest. Lots of fun. WN6K...First half was pure drudgery due to software issues. WO4O.

Team Scores

CCO Terminalators

VE3YF	20710
VE3IAY	27489
VE3XD	51375
VE3HG	14256
	113830

4 Dogs and Kuwait

K9JS	28034
K9MI	12774
K9WX	46028
K9MUG	64680
N9KO	11592
	163108

Cocosolo Sibichi Club

N2CN	1624
N2TA	48764
AK2P	
	50388

Florida Boys

WO4D	51539
K4PX	48764
WB4EQS	49560
KC4HW	61190
	276050

TCG Traveling Men

NN5A	4320
NY4N	19992
KA5DON/3	234
K0IDT	38115
K0XU	16744
	79405

TCG CanAms

VA7SW	
VE9DX	8750
VE3GSI	35625
VA7ST	17860
KE4OAR	8040
	70275

Lightning Bolts

N4GI	---
K4LQ	17460
	17460

NCCC #1

ND2T	26967
AC6JT	19580
W6OAT	48375
KJ6RA	16125
K6OWL	6206
	117253

NCCC #3

N6TQS	8636
K6RFM	6270
A6BOB	14784
	29690

SWACC

AA5AU	133575
KI5XP	120780
K7WM	50304
K5AM	45666
AD6WL	43173
	393498

CCO Rising Machinists

VA3PC	21828
W1AJT/VE3	27390
VA3XRZ	16632
VE3ESH	20776
	86626

Wireless Assn of South Hills

W4ZE	44763
N3FR	
N3RDV	
	44763

YCCC & Friends

K5ZD	7004
K11G	121943
W8BAR	73440
W1ZT	378
W8WEJ	20592
	223357

5 O'Clock Somewheres

AD0K	---
W0BR/1	44634
AF4Z	64998
NA5Q	51240
W4LC	47655
W0ETC	59353
	202882

TCG Long & Winding Road

W4BCG	34040
KM4H	3220
K4RO	13527
N1WI	15486
KR7X	32970
	99243

TCG California Dreamers

KS0M	14784
AB8NI	12665
AD4EB	65415
WO4O	44649
K1GU	18768
	156281

TCG Top Fortys

K8DO	11715
WB0DUL	2340
	14055

NCCC #2

W6ZZZ	204
K6DGW	10164
AK6DV	16530
KO6LU	2736
WB6TQG	10419
	40053

Austin Powers

KC5YKX	27000
KD5SQF	---
AB5K	66384
AC5AA	24860
K4WW	74260
	192504

Scores

Call	Name	QTH	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	QSOs	Mults	Score	Call	Name	QTH	80m	40m	20m	15m	10m	QSOs	Mults	Score	
N0AT	RON	MN	88/34	194/50	183/48	74/28	29/17	568	177	100536	WA1Z	BOB	NH	0/0	6/6	52/20	17/12	15/12	90	50	4500	
K16DY	BOB	KS	73/22	174/45	133/37	64/29	21/14	465	157	73005	KB1IKD	JOHN	NH	0/0	2/2	65/21	16/11	11/8	94	42	3948	
W0ETC	LAR	IA	42/22	106/32	178/42	77/27	24/16	427	139	59353	W1LZ	LES	NH	0/0	0/0	35/22	14/11	1/1	50	34	1700	
K0IDT	RON	NE	46/25	108/34	68/26	65/23	28/13	315	121	38115	W1ZT	GEO	MA	0/0	0/0	3/3	5/5	13/10	21	18	378	
K0FX	DON	CO	47/29	166/45	127/38	0/0	0/0	340	112	38080	WA2ETU	CARL	NY	77/30	102/41	123/40	72/28	33/15	407	154	62678	
K0XU	JIM	NE	16/12	76/31	56/30	36/18	0/0	184	91	16744	NO2T	JETRY	NJ	39/24	80/33	55/28	38/21	11/8	223	114	25422	
N0OBM	SID	KS	22/17	70/30	68/25	19/12	5/2	184	86	15824	KA2D	TOM	NY	9/7	24/16	119/36	58/22	13/8	223	89	19847	
KS0M	DICK	MO	20/15	28/15	70/30	40/20	10/8	168	88	14784	WA2LUY	FRANK	NY	0/0	44/23	91/39	25/16	8/8	168	86	14448	
K0HW	JIM	SD	40/24	79/32	33/15	0/0	0/0	152	71	10792	N12A	GENNADY	NY	12/8	90/36	54/23	2/2	0/0	158	69	10902	
K0EWS	ERIC	SD	13/11	41/23	47/24	0/0	0/0	101	58	5858	K2MK	MIKE	NJ	0/0	26/17	34/21	14/10	9/7	83	55	4565	
W0HW	CHAZ	MN	0/0	36/20	50/24	0/0	0/0	86	44	3784	W1TY	RICK	NY	0/0	100/36	0/0	0/0	0/0	100	36	3600	
WB0DUL	DICK	CO	2/2	40/19	23/15	0/0	0/0	65	36	2340	NC2N	ANDREI	NY	0/0	39/22	19/6	0/0	0/0	58	28	1624	
N0IBT	DAVE	CO	0/0	0/0	40/24	9/6	0/0	49	30	1470	K2PH	PAUL	NY	1/1	5/4	14/9	3/3	0/0	23	17	391	
K0VG	VERN	MN	0/0	21/14	0/0	0/0	0/0	21	14	294	W4ZE	TED	PA	62/26	89/36	127/39	53/20	16/8	347	129	44763	
AB0YM	GEORGE	CO	1/1	8/7	1/1	0/0	0/0	10	9	90	W3MEL	MEL	PA	72/26	87/32	80/35	17/10	0/0	256	103	26368	
K11G	RICK	RI	88/39	173/44	202/48	107/41	49/25	619	197	121943	W3KB	KEITH	PA	37/21	60/27	73/29	26/15	19/11	215	103	22145	
W8BAR	TOM	MA	77/30	128/42	122/39	92/30	40/19	459	160	73440	KA3PVA	BILL	PA	49/24	74/25	63/29	13/9	5/2	204	89	18156	
NY1S	BYTE	ME	30/18	108/40	110/39	67/28	30/16	345	141	48645	WA1LWS	HANS	MD	22/14	76/35	71/33	11/7	0/0	180	89	16020	
W0BR/1	BOB	CT	51/24	99/34	126/39	50/20	20/12	346	129	44634	N5LBJ	DOUG	MD	44/22	50/27	40/15	33/18	6/6	173	88	15224	
KB1JZU	BOB	MA	37/22	72/32	79/31	22/16	7/5	217	106	23002	W3OFJ	RICH	PA	26/17	35/23	71/35	12/11	0/0	144	86	12384	
W1HY	PAUL	RI	4/4	49/25	94/33	36/22	9/9	192	93	17856	K3UW	DOUG	PA	26/19	60/26	38/18	6/6	0/0	130	69	8970	
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	16/11	19/14	25/16	24/14	19/13	103	68	7004	W3DSX	RANDY	PA	0/0	41/20	40/23	27/14	0/0	108	57	6156	
WN1OTV	DON	ME	8/6	48/27	40/17	5/4	5/5	106	59	6254	AA0CY	JJ	PA	0/0	12/9	28/21	26/15	1/1	67	46	3082	
KB1HDO	JOHN	MA	0/0	26/18	49/25	21/15	3/2	99	60	5940												

