

## FEBRUARY, 1981, NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT

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It was the spring of 1977. Tod, KØTO, Jeff, K1IU and I were sitting in the bar at San Francisco's fabled Cliff House. The sky was now dark, but one could still see the faint outline of Seal Rocks silhouetted against the blue-black night; the thundering breakers battered the seawall below. Jeff smiled diabolically as he lifted his pen from the tattered scrap of paper. It was done! The first draft of the North American Sprint rules was finished (... and so was our second carafe of California chablis). Tod took another sip, peered into his half empty glass, and mused, "You know," he said "I wonder how long it'll take before everybody figures out this contest?"

Well, everybody might not have it figured out, but judging from February's scores, a bunch of them sure do. Thirty-two stations scored over 10,000 points and fifteen made more than 300 QSOs. K3LR came out the winner again, but the spread between Tim's 13,000 point score and W2GD's tenth place spot was only 1,066 points. Take a look at the Top Ten listings to see just how close they are.

Seventeen groups pre-registered as teams, but W2GD's Independent Contesters made a joke of the competition. With an all-time record of 114,060 points, IC was almost 20K ahead of its nearest rival, N6TR's Winning Alliance of Sprint People. A stinging defeat indeed for the WASP! The real battle was for a second tier berth as less than 6K separated third place Paper Club from seventh place Motley Crew.

In 1980, I predicted it was going to be tough to break section records any more because scores already were high in most areas. Now they're even higher! Twenty-two of the old marks dropped by the wayside in February, with new records being posted by K1KI in CT, K1MEM in MA, N8NA/3 in DE, W3LPL in MD, WN4KKN in AL, W4UC in FL, WD8ALG/4 in KY, AA4NC in NC, W4NL in SC, N4ZZ in TN, K5GO in AR, K5RC in TX, K6LL/7 in AZ, K7CU in UT, N7NG in WY, N8H in WV, K9GL in IL, W9RE in IN, K9BN in WI, WØUA in CO, KØVBV in KS, and NØSS in MO.

The number of hired guns inched upward again with ten intrepid ops opting operating elsewhere (try to say that real fast!). Hosts and guests, respectively, were W2CXM (WB2SJG), N6RZ (WB6SHD), W4UC (WB4QBB), W5AC (WB5VZL), N6BV (WA6VEF), N4RV (WA3ZAS), K7MX (KB7G), K5RC (K5GN), W6AM (N6TJ) and WA7NIN (W6OAT).

Moving now to the subject of logs, I've had lots of discussion recently with numerous testers, and the overwhelming consensus is that once again it's time to tighten up our checking procedure. In the past, I've usually let an incorrectly copied log entry slip by if the error was relatively minor (e.g., the QSO number was off by one digit). No more. With scores as close together as they are now, it's simply unfair to the station who spends a couple of extra seconds to request a fill or a confirmation so his log data is right, if we do not penalize the guy who just gives it his best guess and goes on. Therefore, starting with the September Sprint, we'll begin applying the following criteria when scoring logs: for each unmarked duplicate QSO, you lose that contact plus an additional three contacts penalty; for each QSO for which you are not in the other station's

log, you lose that QSO plus an additional one contact penalty; and for each QSO for which the log data is incorrectly copied in any respect, you lose that contact. Entries with score reductions in excess of 5% will be disqualified. Admittedly this is harsh, but almost everyone said they'd rather see fewer, but more accurate, QSOs than lots of sloppy ones. I invite — nay, solicit — your comments on this subject.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who so patiently tracked my wanderings around California these past couple of years to be sure logs reached the right address before the deadline. I'm happy to report that I've finally acquired a QTH which looks permanent (well, at least for the next few Sprints anyway). We'll print the address again before the September 6th contest, but if you want to write it down now, September logs get mailed to W6OAT, 948-H Kiely Boulevard, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

GL contesting!

#### TOP TEN SCORES

K3LR	Tim	89	136	100	325	40	13,000	IC #1	PA
K1KI	Tom	99	146	66	311	42	12,936	IC #1	CT
K5RC	Dave	144	107	65	316	40	12,640	TDXS	TX
K5ZD	Randy	128	138	60	326	39	12,579	Paper Club	TX
K3UA	Phil	66	147	106	319	39	12,441	IC #1	PA
N2NT	Andy	99	146	85	330	38	12,426	IC #1	NY
K1MEM	Jim	102	135	64	301	41	12,341	Weasels	MA
K1AR	John	88	135	83	306	40	12,240	PVRC #1	MA
WØUA	Geo	112	134	65	311	39	12,129	Weasels	CO
W2GD	John	60	148	98	306	39	11,934	IC #1	NJ

#### TOP QSO LEADERS

N2NT	Andy	99	146	85	330	38	12,426	IC #1	NY
K5ZD	Randy	128	138	60	326	39	12,579	Paper Club	TX
K3LR	Tim	89	136	100	325	40	13,000	IC #1	PA
K3UA	Phil	66	147	106	319	39	12,441	IC #1	PA
K5RC	Dave	144	107	65	316	40	12,640	TDXS	TX
K1KI	Tom	99	146	66	311	42	12,936	IC #1	CT
WØUA	Geo	112	134	65	311	39	12,129	Weasels	CO
N6TR	Tree	116	127	67	310	37	11,470	WASP	CA
K1AR	John	88	135	83	306	40	12,240	PVRC #1	MA
W2GD	John	60	148	98	306	39	11,934	IC #1	NJ
K1ZZ	Dave	115	106	85	306	37	11,322	Weasels	CT

## TEAM SCORES

<u>INDEPENDENT CONTESTERS</u>		<u>WINNING ALLIANCE OF SPRINT PEOPLE</u>		<u>PAPER CLUB</u>		<u>DX WEASELS</u>	
K3LR	13,000	N6BT	11,931	K5ZD	12,579	K1MEM	12,341
K1KI	12,936	N6AA	11,778	N6IG	11,400	W0UA	12,129
K3UA	12,441	N6TR	11,470	K6LL/7	11,137	K1ZZ	11,322
N2NT	12,426	K6NA	10,440	W0ZV	10,397	W0CP	10,062
W2GD	11,934	W6AM	10,412	N6BV	10,332	W1WEF	9,500
K1BW	11,076	N6ZZ	10,140	K7NHV	9,472	K1XA	8,928
WN4KKN	10,947	K1GQ	10,000	N7NG	8,995	W0YK	8,732
K8MR	10,842	W6CF	9,800	K6XO	7,918	AA2Z/1	8,360
W2RQ	9,953	WA7NIN	8,970	N6OP	7,004	WA1CCR	4,530
W2SQ	8,505						
	<u>114,060</u>		<u>94,941</u>		<u>89,234</u>		<u>85,904</u>

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| 5.  | PVRC #1 (K1AR, W3LPL, K3SA, N8II,<br>K4PQL, K3RA, K3AO, K3KU, N3CW)                         | 84,954 |
| 6.  | Ill Wind #1 (K9GL, W9RE, K9RS, W9TG,<br>K9BG, K9KM, W9RW, K9DX, K9NO, K9ZO)                 | 84,598 |
| 7.  | The Motely Crew (K5GO, N4ZZ, WB5NBC, N4DW,<br>K8CC, N4RG, NA4K, K8SS, WA8RRR, W8UA)         | 83,239 |
| 8.  | The Midwest Poppuns (N0SS, KB0RC, K9BGL, K0VBU,<br>K0RWL, KA3BLP, W8LNO, KA0E, KB0AB, AI0O) | 69,636 |
| 9.  | PVRC #2 (N3AM, W3GG, WD4AXM, K3HPG, K3IU,<br>K3TM, N4RV, K3NA, W3GN)                        | 63,441 |
| 10. | The Force (N2IC, N1EE, K1DG, K1LL, KA1R,<br>W1GG, WD8ALG/4, K2TR)                           | 56,993 |
| 11. | Texas DX Society (K5RC, N5JJ, KN5H,<br>K5KG, WB5WHR, N5CDO)                                 | 48,843 |
| 12. | New Wave (N6RZ, W4UC, AA4NC, AA4U,<br>AA4GA, AA6DX, W5AC)                                   | 45,598 |
| 13. | Rubber Circle Contest Club (K7MX, AG7M,<br>K7WA, K7LXC, KB7B, WA7GCI)                       | 35,001 |
| 14. | Ill Wind #2 (K9VV, WA0AVL/9, K9JU, AF9C,<br>K9CW/2, K9PW, K9AR)                             | 34,591 |
| 15. | DX Ferrets (W1OD, N4KG, WA1ZDW,<br>AB1U, K1WJ)  | 28,605 |
| 16. | PVRC #3 (K3ZZ, N2FB/3, W3UJ,<br>W3FA, W3YY/4)   | 25,746 |
| 17. | North Texas Contest Club (K5NW,<br>KM5R, AF5K)  | 22,321 |

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K1KI	Tom	99	146	66	311	42	12,936	IC #1	CT
K1MEM	Jim	102	135	64	301	41	12,341	Weasels	MA
K1AR	John	88	135	83	306	40	12,240	PVRC #1	MA
K1ZZ	Dave	115	106	85	306	37	11,322	Weasels	CT
K1BW	Ron	91	132	61	284	39	11,076	IC #1	MA
K1GQ	Bill	67	160	23	250	40	10,000	WASP	NH
W1OD	Mike	77	105	76	258	37	9,546	Ferrets	CT
W1WEF	Jack	84	84	82	250	38	9,500	Weasels	CT
N1EE	Scott	77	110	65	252	36	9,072	The Force	MA
K1XA	Bob	58	111	79	248	36	8,928	Weasels	CT
K1DG	Doug	87	92	60	239	37	8,843	The Force	MA
AA2Z/1	Mark	83	80	57	220	38	8,360	Weasels	CT
K1LL	Art	62	99	56	217	36	7,812	The Force	NH
KA1R	Matt	64	102	55	221	34	7,514	The Force	MA
K1RT	Ed	49	106	44	199	34	6,766		CT
W1IH	Bert	72	71	46	189	34	6,426		MA
W1GG	Gary	35	78	66	179	35	6,265	The Force	MA
WA1ZDW	Tod	35	64	67	166	33	5,478	Ferrets	CT
WA1CCR	Eric	34	66	51	151	30	4,530	Weasels	CT
AB1U	Rick	36	33	48	117	28	3,276	Ferrets	CT
K1TN	Jim	37	35	35	107	28	2,996		CT
K1WJ	Bill	16	41	12	69	25	1,725	Ferrets	CT
N2NT	Andy	99	146	85	330	38	12,426	IC #1	NY
W2GD	John	60	148	98	306	39	11,934	IC #1	NJ
N2IC	Steve	86	124	80	290	41	11,890	The Force	NJ
W2RQ	Bill	54	115	100	269	37	9,953	IC #1	NJ
W2IB	Art	88	101	69	258	37	9,546		NY
W2SQ	Phil	56	122	65	243	35	8,505	IC #1	NJ
W2CXM	Bob	56	104	81	241	34	8,194		NY
K9CW/2	Drew	10	81	29	120	31	3,720	IllWind #2	NJ
K2TR	Fred	50	26	6	82	29	2,378	The Force	NY
K3LR	Tim	89	136	100	325	40	13,000	IC #1	PA
K3UA	Phil	66	147	106	319	39	12,441	IC #1	PA
W3LPL	Frank	69	116	109	294	39	11,466	PVRC #1	MD
K3SA	Steve	66	118	64	248	38	9,424	PVRC #1	MD
K3RA	Andy	66	76	91	233	39	9,087	PVRC #1	MD
W3AS	Doug	89	106	42	237	38	9,006		PA
N3AM	Bob	65	98	84	247	36	8,892	PVRC #2	MD
W3GG	Burt	36	123	82	241	36	8,676	PVRC #2	MD
K3AO	Dick	74	82	70	226	38	8,588	PVRC #1	MD
K3KU	Art	51	109	66	226	35	7,910	PVRC #1	MD
N3CW	Ed	48	107	80	235	33	7,755	PVRC #1	MD
K3HPG	Mike	73	70	81	224	34	7,616	PVRC #2	MD
K3IU	Ken	48	71	81	200	37	7,400	PVRC #2	MD
K3TM	Roger	44	86	70	200	35	7,000	PVRC #2	MD
K3ZZ	Paul	49	86	53	188	36	6,768	PVRC #3	MD
N2FB/3	Wayne	58	79	50	187	36	6,732	PVRC #3	MD
KA3BLP	Bruce	60	63	42	165	37	6,105	Popguns	PA
N8NA/3	Karl	34	78	66	178	32	5,696		DE
AF3B	John	24	72	63	159	35	5,565		PA
K3NA	Eric	18	95	69	182	29	5,278	PVRC #2	MD
W3UJ	Hank	38	95	19	152	33	5,016	PVRC #3	MD
WA3FYJ	Bob	0	146	0	146	32	4,672		PA

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W3GN	Larry	74	54	15	143	31	4,433	PVRC #2	MD
W3FA	Karl	32	68	30	130	30	3,900	PVRC #3	MD
WN4KKN	Trey	68	152	47	267	41	10,947	IC #1	AL
N4ZZ	Don	63	127	67	257	37	9,509	Motley	TN
N4DW	Dave	113	100	51	264	35	9,240	Motley	VA
K4PQL	Al	44	144	55	243	38	9,234	PVRC #1	VA
N4RG	Tom	54	109	57	220	39	8,580	Ferrets	AL
N4RG	Ted	46	135	41	222	38	8,436	Motley	TN
W4UC	Jay	84	100	53	237	35	8,295	New Wave	FL
AA4NC	Will	64	83	73	220	37	8,140	New Wave	NC
WD4AXM	Dave	46	91	81	218	37	8,066	PVRC #2	VA
NA4K	Steve	38	103	63	204	39	7,956	Motley	TN
AA4U	Bob	77	91	49	217	34	7,378	New Wave	GA
K4CTY	Norm	48	95	42	185	35	6,475		VA
N4RV	Jack	29	99	62	190	32	6,080	PVRC #2	VA
AA4GA	Lee	46	87	18	151	33	4,983	New Wave	GA
W4NL	Lynn	0	104	0	104	33	3,432		SC
W3YY/4	Bob	34	54	23	111	30	3,330	PVRC #3	VA
WD8ALG/4	Jeff	13	94	4	111	29	3,219	The Force	KY
K8BPX/m4	Dave	0	23	0	23	12	276		KY
K5RC	Dave	144	107	65	316	40	12,640	TDXS	TX
K5ZD	Randy	128	138	60	326	39	12,579	Paper Club	TX
K5GO	Stan	58	124	114	296	38	11,248	Motley	AR
N5JJ	Dave	125	106	36	267	36	9,612	TDXS	TX
KN5H	Steve	129	79	34	242	39	9,438	TDXS	TX
K5NW	John	75	142	38	255	37	9,435	NTCC	TX
WB5NBC	Matt	73	106	86	265	35	9,275	Motley	AR
K5KG	Geo	93	101	42	236	39	9,204	TDXS	TX
KM5R	Bill	84	91	27	202	37	7,474	NTCC	TX
WB5WHR	Eric	71	87	3	161	34	5,474	TDXS	TX
AF5K	Jim	82	77	5	164	33	5,412	NTCC	TX
N5DU	Bob	98	36	14	148	36	5,328		TX
KG5U	Dale	36	92	0	128	32	4,096		TX
N5CDO	Sly	58	23	18	99	25	2,475	TDXS	TX
W5AC	Geo	37	47	0	84	28	2,352	New Wave	TX
KO5C	Mike	70	0	0	70	23	1,610		TX
N6BT	Tom	152	106	33	291	41	11,931	WASP	CA
N6AA	Dick	146	117	39	302	39	11,778	WASP	CA
N6TR	Tree	116	127	67	310	37	11,470	WASP	CA
N6IG	Jim	133	124	28	285	40	11,400	Paper Club	CA
K6NA	Glen	125	132	33	290	36	10,440	WASP	CA
W6AM	Jim	133	91	50	274	38	10,412	WASP	CA
N6BV	Gary	127	104	56	287	36	10,332	Paper Club	CA
N6ZZ	Phil	150	82	28	260	39	10,140	WASP	CA
W6CF	Jim	155	64	26	245	40	9,800	WASP	CA
N6RZ	Rob	118	99	19	236	41	9,676	New Wave	CA
N6KB	Bob	102	91	25	218	38	8,284		CA
K6XO	Al	148	50	16	214	37	7,918	Paper Club	CA
N6OP	Bill	52	126	28	206	34	7,004	Paper Club	CA
K6YK	John	132	55	0	187	34	6,358		CA
AJ6V	Ed	95	50	24	169	34	5,746		CA
WA6OYV	Dennis	111	35	27	173	33	5,709		CA
AA6DX	Mark	56	76	22	154	31	4,774	New Wave	CA
W6SZN	Kip	75	26	15	116	33	3,828		CA
W6PRI	Bill	53	0	0	53	25	1,325		CA

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K6CSL	Bert	25	12	3	40	17	680		CA
K6LL/7	Dave	159	108	34	301	37	11,137	Paper Club	AZ
K7MX	Alex	143	89	31	263	37	9,731	RCCC	WA
K7NHV	Al	99	100	57	256	37	9,472	Paper Club	ID
AG7M	Bob	128	83	31	242	38	9,196	RCCC	WA
N7NG	Wayne	103	108	46	257	35	8,995	Paper Club	WY
WA7NIN	Rus	159	0	71	230	39	8,970	WASP	NV
K7WA	Jim	106	46	22	174	33	5,742	RCCC	WA
K7LXC	Steve	101	22	19	142	36	5,112	RCCC	WA
KB7B	Ant	29	47	18	94	30	2,820	RCCC	WA
WA7GCI	Bob	51	39	6	96	25	2,400	RCCC	WA
K7CU	Curt	0	73	0	73	25	1,825		UT
K8MR	Jim	78	112	88	278	39	10,842	IC #1	OH
N8II	Jeff	60	110	80	250	37	9,250	PVRC #1	WV
K8CC	Dave	55	120	77	252	36	9,072	Motley	MI
K8SS	Jim	46	106	53	205	35	7,175	Motley	MI
WA8RRR	Rick	47	85	84	216	33	7,128	Motley	MI
K8DD	Hank	41	82	67	190	37	7,030		MI
W8LNO	Joe	37	88	46	171	33	5,643	Popguns	OH
W8UA	Mike	14	63	63	140	30	4,200	Motley	MI
AC8W	Stan	36	49	15	100	34	3,400		MI
KJ8A	Don	16	40	40	96	22	2,112		MI
K9GL	Bob	36	170	78	284	39	11,076	IllWind #1	IL
K9VV	Fred	49	131	81	261	41	10,701	IllWind #2	IL
W9RE	Mike	37	118	103	258	39	10,062	IllWind #1	IN
K9RS	Ray	59	116	79	254	37	9,398	IllWind #1	IL
W9TG	Dave	55	123	79	257	36	9,252	IllWind #1	IN
K9BG	Jerry	49	115	65	229	38	8,702	IllWind #1	IL
K9BGL	Karl	42	97	89	228	36	8,208	Popguns	IL
K9KM	Howie	80	108	41	229	35	8,015	IllWind #1	IL
W9RW	Dick	49	97	75	221	34	7,514	IllWind #1	IL
K9BN	Jerry	56	86	83	225	33	7,425		WI
K9DX	John	108	0	95	203	35	7,105	IllWind #1	IL
K9NO	Paul	38	120	63	221	32	7,072	IllWind #1	IL
WAØAVL/9	Scott	59	76	55	190	34	6,460	IllWind #2	IL
K9ZO	Ralph	33	99	62	194	33	6,402	IllWind #1	IL
K9JU	Bob	51	96	0	147	33	4,851	IllWind #2	IL
K9GDF	Rich	49	42	73	164	29	4,756		WI
AF9C	Dan	27	80	44	151	30	4,530	IllWind #2	IL
W9HE	Bill	17	102	20	139	31	4,309		WI
N9CR	Clay	28	44	40	112	29	3,248		IN
K9PW	Pete	21	66	22	109	27	2,943	IllWind #2	IL
K9AR	Rich	7	40	19	66	21	1,386	IllWind #2	IL
WØUA	Geo	112	134	65	311	39	12,129	Weasels	CO
WØZV	Bill	102	114	65	281	37	10,397	Paper Club	CO
WØCP	Walt	103	117	38	258	39	10,062	Weasels	CO
NØSS	Tom	63	102	95	260	38	9,880	Popguns	MO
KBØRC	Jeff	60	145	60	265	37	9,805	Popguns	MO
WØYK	Ed	82	109	45	236	37	8,732	Weasels	CO
KØVBU	Bill	89	63	59	211	35	7,385	Popguns	KS
KØRWL	Larry	75	84	51	210	34	7,140	Popguns	MO
WBØLFY	Steve	65	57	64	186	32	5,952		MO
KAØE	Wayne	28	83	47	158	34	5,372	Popguns	MO
KBØAB	Mark	30	85	37	152	34	5,168	Popguns	MO

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AIØØ	Rob	57	83	5	145	34	4,930	Popguns	MO
VE5AAD	Chas	44	24	0	68	25	1,700		SK