

RESULTS

February, 1982, North American Sprint

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Whether because of changing sunspots or for some other reason, the west coast clearly dominated the February Sprint. Eight of the top ten scores came from across the Mississippi. The westward shift of large scores also broke the stranglehold the Independent Contesters have had on the team competition, with WASP #1 finally inching past IC by 1,429 points. This is only the second time in the history of the Sprint that IC has failed to win, and the only time it has lost when all ten members submitted scores. We'll find out in September whether this Sprint was a one time fluke, or the harbinger of a new order.

In terms of statistics, we received 133 logs. Twelve stations made 300 or more QSOs, 39 scored in excess of 10,000 points, and 107 (80% of the entries) participated on the 15 pre-registered teams. Compared to September '81, activity was down. In that Sprint, we had 147 entries with 119 of them comprising 16 teams. However, the February scores were better. Last September only 8 stations topped 300 QSOs and but 32 broke 10K points.

K5ZD's 345 QSOs obliterated the old record of 331 which he himself set last September. In a note in his log, Randy says he thinks 375 contacts aren't out of the question if he can just reduce the number of unanswered CQs. Dave, K6LL/7, found 44 multipliers to lead the field in that category, but he still comes up one short of K1KI's record 45 set last September. Nonetheless, Dave was 3 multipliers ahead of anybody else, so we could all take a few tips from him on how he does it.

Fifteen state/province records were posted in February. New record holders are W3XU in DE; AA4NC in NC; N4ZZ in TN; K5GO in AR; K5KU in LA; K5TA in NM; K5ZD in TX; N6TR in CA; K6LL/7 in AZ; K8CC in MI; N8II in WV; W0UA in CO; KF0H in IA; WA0TKJ in KS; and VE5XK in SK.

Numerous people commented in their logs that many stations aren't observing the rule which requires that callsigns of both stations be sent as part of the exchange. The purpose for the rule originally was to insure that every Sprint contact was legally sufficient in terms of FCC regulations. However, as most of you probably know by now, the FCC last year relaxed its requirement that callsigns be sent at the beginning and end of each transmission. In light of that FCC action, our rule may no longer be necessary. I'd certainly appreciate your comments on whether or not we should get rid of it. So far, those who argue for dropping callsigns as a required part of the exchange point out that it is an unenforceable rule anyway, and gives an advantage to stations who break it. On the other hand, those in favor of keeping the rule argue that they want the callsigns sent as part of the exchange to be sure they get it correct, noting how easy it is to think you are working a station who in fact is in a

QSO with someone else. Anyway, the rule will be in effect for the September '82 Sprint and should be observed by all. We'll delete it only if there is a strong consensus that it should go.

Another observation noted in several logs is that some stations aren't sticking around to give fills of missed QSO data. Dave, K5GN, said it all rather nicely: "The object of the exchange is to correctly exchange information, i.e., to put it into another guy's log. It is not simply to transmit info. Each operator should want to be sure the exchange has been received by the other station to the other operator's satisfaction. Otherwise, the other guy is left to guess, chase, hope for another QSO later, cross it out of his log, or ask a buddy on two meters afterward." At least one station made a point of removing all non-QSLED QSOs from his log to insure that if the other station claimed the contact, the other station would be assessed the one QSO penalty for "not in log." Heavy stuff!

I note with dismay that we've still not had a single entry submitted from Maine, Oklahoma, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, VE1, VE2, VE6, VE7 or VE8 since 1979 when we started keeping records under the current scoring rules. If you happen to have QSOs with stations in any of these areas, how about taking a few minutes to tell them about the Sprint and ask them to get on. The more multipliers available, the better all our scores are going to be.

TOP SCORES

<u>Call</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Mu</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Area</u>
K5ZD	Randy	118	116	111	345	39	13,377	WASP #1	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	151	100	50	302	44	13,288	WASP #1	AZ
N6TR	Tree	137	112	74	323	41	13,243	WASP #1	CA
W0UA	Geo	101	117	105	323	38	12,274	IC	CO
N2NT	Andy	86	133	86	305	40	12,200	IC	NY
N2IC/ø	Steve	121	103	82	306	40	12,080	IC	CO
K5GO	Stan	76	119	107	302	40	12,040	Motley	AR
N6RO	Ken	137	113	57	307	39	11,973	WASP #1	CA
K3UA	Phil	49	139	108	296	40	11,800	IC	PA
N5RZ	Ralph	128	92	75	295	40	11,800		TX

TOP QSO LEADERS

<u>Call</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>Mu</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Area</u>
K5ZD	Randy	118	116	111	345	39	13,377	WASP #1	TX
W0UA	Geo	101	117	105	323	38	12,274	IC	CO
N6TR	Tree	137	112	74	323	41	13,243	WASP #1	CA
K3LR	Tim	78	134	105	317	37	11,729	IC	PA
N6RO	Ken	137	113	57	307	39	11,973	WASP #1	CA
N2IC/ø	Steve	121	103	82	306	40	12,080	IC	CO
N2NT	Andy	86	133	86	305	40	12,200	IC	NY
K5RC	Dave	133	85	86	304	39	11,778	TDXS	TX
W3LPL	Frank	79	132	92	303	36	10,908	PVRC #1	MD
K5GO	Stan	76	119	107	302	40	12,040	Motley	AR
K6LL/7	Dave	151	100	50	302	44	13,288	WASP #1	AZ
N6AA	Dick	133	111	58	302	39	11,700	WASP #1	CA

TEAM SCORES

WINNING ALLIANCE SPRINT PEOPLE #1	INDEPENDENT CONTESTERS	THE MOTLEY CREW	TEXAS DX SOCIETY
K5ZD 13,377	WØUA 12,274	K5GO 12,040	K5RC 11,778
K6LL/7 13,288	N2NT 12,200	K8CC 10,260	N5JJ 11,439
N6TR 13,243	N2IC/Ø 12,080	N4ZZ 10,146	W5RRR 10,400
N6RO 11,973	K3UA 11,800	N4KG 10,062	K5KG 10,320
N6AA 11,700	K3LR 11,729	K5KU 9,711	WB5WHR 9,633
N6BT 11,388	K8MR 11,480	WB5NBC 9,620	K5TU 9,360
N6BV 10,488	K1AR 11,026	N4RG 9,028	K5WA 9,120
N6ZZ 10,335	K1DG 10,804	NA4K 8,917	KG5U 5,928
K7GM 9,994	K1BW 10,080	K4AMC 8,676	N5CDO 5,824
K6NA 4,556	K8NZ 5,440	K8SS 8,365	
110,342	108,913	96,825	83,802

- Potomac Valley Radio Club #1 (W3LPL, K4PQL, N2FB/3
N8II, N3AM, K3SA, W3GG, K3RA, N4RV) 81,403
- Pogpuns #1 (KØVUW, KFØH, NØSS, K9BGL, KØRWL,
KØVBU, KMØL, KJØU, WA5BDU/Ø) 77,250
- Potomac Valley Radio Club #2 (N5JB, K3HPG, WD4AXM,
K3ZZ, K3NA, W3YY/4, K3AO, K4CTY, W3UJ) 60,969
- Pogpuns #2 (WAØTKJ, K4VX/Ø, W8LNO, KBØG, AGØA,
NØTT, KØWA, K4BAI) 52,651
- Winning Alliance of Sprint People #2 (N6TV,
W6OAT, W6UE, N6KB, NE6I, AC7P, K6RR) 52,045
- The Force (N1EE, W2RQ, KA1R, W1IH, W1GG) 43,003
- Dependent Contesters (KN8P, K8DD, KJ8A,
N8BKØ, K8JLB, N8CQA) 26,832
- Northern Ohio Amateur Radio Society (WB8JBM,
AA8S, W8CAR, W8QWI, K8US) 23,849
- KP Boys (K5NA/2, K2GBH, W2XL, K2HA, W2FOE,
WA2JPR, KA2KVZ) 22,557
- Potomac Valley Radio Club #3 (W3FG, W3FA) 8,574
- Midwest Sprinters (WD8ALG) 7,820

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K1KI	Tom	72	109	98	279	41	11,234		CT	
K1AR	John	98	98	102	298	37	11,026	IC	MA	
K1DG	Doug	67	126	99	292	37	10,804	IC	NH	
N1EE	Scott	74	104	94	272	39	10,608	Force	MA	
W1WEF	Jack	69	112	89	270	39	10,530		CT	
K1BW	Ron	82	103	95	280	36	10,080	IC	MA	
KA1R	Matt	61	121	75	257	37	9,509	Force	MA	
W1IHN	Bert	48	71	74	193	35	6,755	Force	MA	
W1GG	Gary	50	77	46	173	34	5,882	Force	MA	
WA2TBA/1	Gary				73	22	1,606		MA	
N2NT	Andy	86	133	86	305	40	12,200	IC	NY	
W2IB	Art	76	115	85	276	39	10,764		NY	
W2RQ	Bill	69	114	94	277	37	10,249	Force	NJ	
K2SX	Dennis	65	98	83	246	36	8,856		NY	
WA2SPL	Joe				194	36	6,984		NY	
K5NA/2	Rich	48	82	71	201	34	6,834	KP Boys	NY	
K2GBH	Herb	45	68	58	171	32	5,472	KP Boys	NY	
W2XL	Bob				148	35	5,180	KP Boys	NY	
K2HA	Bob	28	30	29	87	26	2,262	KP Boys	NY	
W2FOE	Merv	0	44	29	73	23	1,679	KP Boys	NY	
WA2JPR	Pat	29	15	0	44	19	836	KP Boys	NY	
KA2KVZ	Greg	10	11	0	21	14	294	KP Boys	NY	
K3UA	Phil	49	139	108	296	40	11,800	IC	PA	
K3LR	Tim	78	134	105	317	37	11,729	IC	PA	
W3LPL	Frank	79	132	92	303	36	10,908	PVRC #1	MD	
N2FB/3	Wayne	66	95	100	261	38	9,918	PVRC #1	MD	
W3XU	Bill				246	37	9,102		DE	
N3AM	John	57	90	92	239	38	9,082	PVRC #1	MD	
K3SA	Steve	64	103	70	237	37	8,769	PVRC #1	MD	
W3GG	Burt				249	35	8,715	PVRC #1	MD	
K3HPG	Mike				234	36	8,424	PVRC #2	MD	
K3RA	Roland	68	82	83	233	36	8,388	PVRC #1	MD	
K3ZZ	Paul	48	98	69	215	38	8,170	PVRC #2	MD	
K3NA	Eric	36	89	71	196	35	6,860	PVRC #2	MD	
K3TM	Roger	60	77	66	203	33	6,699		MD	
KB3TN	Bruce	78	80	47	205	32	6,560		PA	
W3GN	Larry				151	34	5,134		MD	
K3AO	Dick	56	70	15	141	36	5,076	PVRC #2	MD	
W3FG	Walt	37	66	38	141	34	4,794	PVRC #3	MD	
W3UJ	Hank				148	32	4,736	PVRC #2	MD	
W3FA	Karl	38	57	40	135	28	3,780	PVRC #3	MD	
N4ZZ	Don	49	136	82	267	38	10,146	Motley	TN	
N4KG	Tom	68	128	62	258	39	10,062	Motley	AL	
K4PQL	Al	54	123	87	264	38	10,032	PVRC #1	VA	
AA4NC	Will	75	93	75	243	38	9,234		NC	
N4RG	Ted	57	119	68	244	37	9,028	Motley	TN	
NA4K	Steve	45	111	85	241	37	8,917	Motley	TN	
K4AMC	Jim	55	97	89	241	36	8,676	Motley	TN	
WD4AXM	Dave	36	97	90	223	37	8,251	PVRC #2	VA	
N4DW	Dave	44	81	72	197	39	7,683		VA	
N4RV	Jack				168	34	5,712	PVRC #1	VA	WA3ZAS
W3YY/4	Bob	38	71	52	161	34	5,474	PVRC #2	VA	

CALL	NAME	20	40	80	T'L	MU	SCORE	TEAM	AREA	OP
K4CTY	Norm	43	43	67	153	32	4,896	PVRC #2	VA	
K4BAI	John	22	59	64	145	33	4,785	Popguns #2	GA	
K5ZD	Randy	118	116	111	345	39	13,377	WASP #1	TX	
K5GO	Stan	76	119	107	302	40	12,040	Motley	AR	
N5RZ	Ralph	128	92	75	295	40	11,800		TX	
K5RC	Dave	133	85	86	304	39	11,778	TDXS	TX	K5GN
N5JJ	Dave	112	104	63	279	41	11,439	TDXS	TX	
KM5R	Bill	94	110	76	280	38	10,640		TX	
W5RRR	Nasa	112	106	42	260	40	10,400	TDXS	TX	KN5H
K5KG	Geo	101	92	65	258	40	10,320	TDXS	TX	
K5TA	Scott	95	106	49	250	39	9,750		NM	
K5KU	Gary	66	94	89	249	39	9,711	Motley	LA	
WB5WHR	Eric	75	106	66	247	39	9,633	TDXS	TX	
WB5NBC	Matt	55	103	102	260	37	9,620	Motley	AR	
K5TU	Kim	125	77	38	240	39	9,360	TDXS	TX	
K5WA	Rich	126	88	26	240	38	9,120	TDXS	TX	
N5JB	John	86	94	59	239	38	9,082	PVRC #2	TX	
WA4UIH/5	Mike				184	36	6,624		LA	
KG5U	Dale	55	95	6	156	38	5,928	TDXS	TX	
N5CDO	Sly	75	71	36	182	32	5,824	TDXS	TX	
N6TR	Tree	137	112	74	323	41	13,243	WASP #1	CA	
N6RO	Ken	137	113	57	307	39	11,973	WASP #1	CA	
N6AA	Dick	133	111	58	302	39	11,700	WASP #1	CA	
N6BT	Tom				293	39	11,388	WASP #1	CA	
N6TV	Bob	92	123	71	286	38	10,868	WASP #2	CA	
N6BV	Gary	112	120	44	276	38	10,488	WASP #1	CA	WA6VEF
N6ZZ	Phil	142	90	33	265	39	10,335	WASP #1	CA	
W6OAT	Rus	117	79	31	227	40	9,080	WASP #2	CA	
W6UE	Dave	112	65	66	243	36	8,748	WASP #2	CA	AA6RX
N6KB	Bob	127	68	28	223	38	8,474	WASP #2	CA	
AJ6V	Ed	107	82	32	221	37	8,177		CA	
NE6I	Dennis	117	59	49	225	35	7,875	WASP #2	CA	
K6XO	Al	67	69	19	155	32	4,960		CA	
K6NA	Glen	98	36	0	134	34	4,556	WASP #1	CA	
K6RR	Mark	0	13	0	13	4	52	WASP #2	CA	WA60TU
K6LL/7	Dave	151	100	50	302	44	13,288	WASP #1	AZ	
K7GM	Rick	106	87	70	263	38	9,994	WASP #1	AZ	
K7MX	Max	58	113	35	206	36	7,416		WA	KB7G
AC7P	Don				193	36	6,948	WASP #2	ID	
K8MR	Jim	64	128	95	287	40	11,480	IC	OH	
K8CC	Dave	60	109	101	270	38	10,260	Motley	MI	
N8II	Jeff	76	74	111	261	37	9,879	PVRC #1	WV	
WB8JBM	Bob	60	112	77	249	38	9,462	NOARS	OH	WB8DQP
KN8P	AC	75	99	54	228	38	8,664	DC	MI	
K8SS	Jim	57	92	90	239	35	8,365	Motley	MI	
W8FN	Randy	35	111	95	241	33	7,953		OH	
WD8ALG	Jeff	29	138	63	230	34	7,820	Sprinters	OH	
W8LNO	Joe	62	95	51	208	37	7,696	Popguns #2	OH	
K8DD	Hank	50	107	61	218	35	7,630	DC	MI	
K8NZ	Jim	47	64	59	170	32	5,440	IC	OH	WB8WTS
AA8S	Fred				155	32	4,960	NOARS	OH	

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KJ8A	Don	38	52	50	140	33	4,620	DC	MI	
W8CAR	Dan				113	32	3,616	NOARS	OH	
W8QWI	Al				98	30	2,940	NOARS	OH	
K8US	Mike				99	29	2,871	NOARS	OH	
N8BKO	Jeff	19	38	39	96	27	2,592	DC	MI	
K8JLB	Russ	44	15	28	87	28	2,426	DC	MI	
N8CQA	Buck	2	16	18	36	25	900	DC	MI	
N9IA	Dave	53	112	94	259	40	10,320		IL	KJ9W
K9BGL	Karl	59	115	76	250	37	9,250	Popguns #1	IL	
K9KM	Howie	75	99	76	250	36	8,748		IL	
WA0AVL/9	Scott	45	70	70	185	34	6,290		IL	
K9GDF	Rich	0	19	48	67	25	1,675		WI	
W0UA	Geo	101	117	105	323	38	12,274	IC	CO	
N2IC/0	Steve	121	103	82	306	40	12,080	IC	CO	
K0VUW	Jeff	73	122	101	296	39	11,544	Popguns #1	MO	KB0RC
KF0H	Mike	72	98	99	269	38	10,222	Popguns #1	IA	WD0EWD
N0SS	Tom	78	82	98	258	39	10,062	Popguns #1	MO	
K0RWL	Larry	75	94	61	230	39	8,970	Popguns #1	MO	
WA0TKJ	Dean	102	97	37	236	37	8,732	Popguns #2	KS	
K0VBU	Bill	64	70	94	228	38	8,664	Popguns #1	KS	
KM0L	Steve	59	101	58	218	39	8,502	Popguns #1	MO	
KJ0U	Mark	45	98	79	222	38	8,436	Popguns #1	MO	
K4VX/0	Lew	48	115	70	233	36	8,388	Popguns #2	MO	
K0ZX	Rich	138	0	59	197	38	7,486		CO	
KB0G	Tim	78	63	42	183	35	6,405	Popguns #2	KS	
AG0A	Dennis	51	74	42	167	34	5,678	Popguns #2	MO	
N0TT	Chas	27	81	61	169	33	5,577	Popguns #2	MO	
K0WA	Lee	29	81	44	154	35	5,390	Popguns #2	KS	
WA5BDU/0	Nick	38	35	1	64	25	1,600	Popguns #1	MO	
VE5XK	DJ	70	116	42	228	38	8,664		SK	