

RESULTS

February, 1983, North American Sprint

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There probably have never been stranger conditions for a Sprint than occurred the evening of February 6, 1983! Skip was long on all bands. East coast and Midwest stations starting on either 20 or 40 meters were greeted by a curtain of 40 over 9 signals from the fifth, sixth and seventh call areas. The usual contacts with other Eastern, Southern and Midwestern stations just were not there except for a handful of weak, watery backscatter QSOs. Even the big guns were forced to 80 meters early in the contest to maintain any sort of acceptable rates. Many just said to heck with it and threw in the towel. Others stuck it out, but got battered in the log checking process because of data miscopied through the QRM. Consequently, scores and the number of logs received are way down from prior Sprints. Only two new area records were set -- by W4LYXL in Maine and WBØGOB in Nebraska -- and these both were in states which had no previous records established. However, what was a disaster for the East was cake for the Southwestern sunbelt! Seven of the top ten scores came from Texas and California. Arizona and Nevada contributed two more. W6's actually reported beating out W4's into the first, second and third call areas on 80 meters.

Randy, K5ZD, pulled off his third consecutive win, but not with the run away victory to which he has become accustomed. Tree, N6TR, was slightly less than 300 points behind, and fellow Texan K5GN operated superstation K5RC to within 15 QSOs of Randy. Compare this to September '82 when K5ZD's margin of victory was 461 points and 27 contacts.

Only eleven teams preregistered for the February Sprint, and WASP #1's winning score of 89,191 would barely have landed them in fifth place last fall. Interestingly enough, though, the top five teams this time were the same top five last September. However, the Texas DX Society did manage to bump Motley Crew #1 from third place, thereby providing TDXS with its highest-ever ranking. Each of the top four teams had only nine scores submitted. A tenth entry from any one of them almost certainly would have reversed some of the standings.

As for tips for future Sprints, spend a few extra moments if necessary to make sure you copy the other station's name correctly. More than anything else, failure to do this resulted in lost points and multipliers in February. The cw Sprint rules require that you copy the name exactly as the other operator sends it to you in the contest. Do not log the name you know him to use at other times, or some

abbreviated or lengthened version. Thus, Howie in place of Al, Rand for Randy, Russ for Rus, and Garry for Gary all cost somebody points. Operator names are published in the score listings for each Sprint; it's worth the few minutes it takes to familiarize yourself with them.

One of the benefits of log checking is getting to be on the Midwest Popguns' mailing list for their team newsletter "The Dangling Cork" edited by W8LNO. This last issue contained results of a survey of members' attitudes about who gets to be on which team, how one can work his way from one team to another, and what to do if a hotshot super op comes along and wants to be on the team. It's fun reading -- try to talk Joe into parting with a copy next time you hear him on the bands.

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	79	96	122	297	42	12,474	IC #1	TX
N6TR	Tree	90	120	67	277	44	12,188	WASP #1	CA
K5RC	Dave	40	157	85	282	42	11,844	TDXS	TX
N6RO	Ken	85	107	84	276	39	10,764	WASP #1	CA
AI6V	Gary	76	111	84	271	39	10,569	WASP #1	CA
N5JJ	Dave	48	123	106	277	38	10,526	TDXS	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	103	105	60	268	39	10,452	WASP #1	AZ
K3LR	Tim	57	72	130	259	40	10,360	IC #1	PA
N5RZ	Ralph	43	111	98	252	40	10,080	Motley #1	TX
WA7NIN	Rus	39	127	92	258	38	9,804	WASP #1	NV

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	79	96	122	297	42	12,474	IC #1	TX
K5RC	Dave	40	157	85	282	42	11,844	TDXS	TX
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N6RO	Ken	85	107	84	276	39	10,764	WASP #1	CA
AI6V	Gary	76	111	84	271	39	10,569	WASP #1	CA
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K3LR	Tim	57	72	130	259	40	10,360	IC #1	PA
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N2IC/Ø	Steve	39	116	99	254	38	9,652	IC #1	CO

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K1KI	Tom	15	96	110	221	44	9,724	IC #1	CT
K1AR	John	16	105	98	219	40	8,760	IC #1	MA
K1DG	Doug	10	93	98	201	39	7,839	IC #1	NH
W1WEF	Jack	11	112	53	176	37	6,512		CT
KA1R	Matt	0	89	78	167	38	6,346	IC #1	MA
WA1YXL	Scott	0	40	0	40	20	800		ME
W2RQ	Bill	48	64	129	241	37	8,917	IC #1	NJ
W2GD	John	34	71	110	215	36	7,740	IC #1	NJ
K2AU	Scott	35	73	88	196	35	6,860		NY
W2GGE	Jack	5	57	60	122	32	3,904		NY
KC2FV	John	0	27	100	127	27	3,429	L&C CC	NJ
K3LR	Tim	57	72	130	259	40	10,360	IC #1	PA
W3LPL	Frank	48	97	95	240	40	9,600	PVRC #1	MD
K3HPG	Mike	43	44	103	190	36	6,840	PVRC #1	MD
N3AM	John	26	54	104	184	34	6,256	PVRC #1	MD
K3TM	Roger	18	40	82	140	30	4,200	PVRC #2	MD
N3CW	Ed	5	47	68	120	32	3,840	PVRC #1	MD
K4BAI	John	104	85	39	228	38	8,664	Poppuns #1	GA
N4ZZ	Don	56	52	125	233	34	7,922	Motley #1	TN
K4CG	Larry	37	71	97	205	37	7,585	PVRC #1	VA
N4RG	Ted	45	64	94	203	35	7,105	Motley #1	TN
NA4K	Steve	43	69	82	194	35	6,790	Motley #2	TN
K4PQL	Al	14	85	91	190	35	6,650	PVRC #1	VA
N4EA	Don	29	52	93	174	36	6,264	PVRC #1	VA
K4AMC	Jim	12	65	91	168	32	5,376	Motley #2	TN
N4AA	Carl	46	19	81	146	32	4,672		NC
N4DW	Dave	18	26	99	143	31	4,433	Motley #1	VA
WC4E	Jeff	23	56	42	121	30	3,630		FL
K4BAM	Bill	38	64	2	104	27	2,808		GA
K5ZD	Randy	79	96	122	297	42	12,474	IC #1	TX
K5RC	Dave	40	157	85	282	42	11,844	TDXS	TX
N5JJ	Dave	48	123	106	277	38	10,526	TDXS	TX
N5RZ	Ralph	43	111	98	252	40	10,080	Motley #1	TX
KN5H	Steve	50	107	94	251	38	9,538	TDXS	TX
K5GO	Stan	55	80	103	238	40	9,520	Motley #1	AR
K5LZO	Chuck	23	145	63	231	39	9,009	TDXS	TX
W5XZ	Dan	63	105	67	235	38	8,930	Motley #1	LA
K5MR	Steve	42	110	90	242	36	8,712		TX
W5JW	Jack	40	128	54	222	38	8,436		NM
NA5R	Sly	38	109	64	211	37	7,807	TDXS	TX
KG5U	Dale	14	130	59	203	38	7,714	TDXS	TX
KZ5M	Den	41	107	76	224	33	7,392	TDXS	TX
K5TU	Kim	47	98	54	199	36	7,164	TDXS	TX
K7CW/5	Paul	38	60	87	185	36	6,660	Poppuns #2	OK
W5JQ	Jay	31	76	54	161	35	5,635	TDXS	TX
KM5G	Chas	26	35	36	97	22	2,134		AR
N6TR	Tree	90	120	67	277	44	12,188	WASP #1	CA
N6RO	Ken	85	107	84	276	39	10,764	WASP #1	CA
AI6V	Gary	76	111	84	271	39	10,569	WASP #1	CA
N6TV	Bob	52	127	72	251	39	9,789	WASP #1	CA

CALL	NAME	20	40	80	T'L	MU	SCORE	TEAM	AREA
K1LL/6	Art	61	105	52	218	41	8,938	WASP #1	CA
W6AQ	Mark	63	111	48	222	38	8,436	WASP #1	CA
N6AA	Dick	77	101	37	215	39	8,385	WASP #2	CA
W6UE	Dave	93	62	68	223	37	8,251	WASP #1	CA
AJ6V	Ed	84	86	47	217	36	7,812	WASP #2	CA
W7CB/6	Larry	50	95	38	183	38	6,954		CA
N6NI	Tom	66	78	42	186	34	6,324	WASP #2	CA
N6MA	Paul	93	56	39	188	33	6,204		CA
W6SX	Hank	38	37	0	75	27	2,025		CA
AA6DP	Dan	30	1	0	31	13	403		CA
K6CSL	Bert	0	9	6	15	6	90		CA
K6LL/7	Dave	103	105	60	268	39	10,452	WASP #1	AZ
WA7NIN	Rus	39	127	92	258	38	9,804	WASP #1	NV
N8II	Jeff	48	83	101	232	38	8,816	PVRC #1	WV
K8CC	Dave	46	58	112	216	38	8,208	Motley #1	MI
W8LNO	Joe	50	63	98	211	35	7,385	Popguns #1	OH
WD8AUB	Doug	50	46	96	192	35	6,720		OH
W8FN	Randy	35	43	111	189	35	6,615	Motley #2	OH
KW8N	Bob	50	62	76	188	35	6,580	Motley #2	OH
K8SS	Jim	35	52	94	181	35	6,335	Motley #2	MI
N8EA	Joe	27	54	96	177	35	6,195	Motley #2	MI
K8NZ	Ron	49	51	80	180	34	6,120	Motley #1	OH
KB8LH	John	21	40	98	159	34	5,406		OH
KN8P	Bob	26	16	114	156	32	4,992	L&C CC	MI
K8MR	Jim	25	38	86	149	33	4,917	Motley #1	OH
K8ND	Jeff	46	32	21	99	29	2,871	Motley #2	OH
W8CAR	Dan	13	25	39	77	25	1,925	Motley #2	OH
K9BGL	Karl	40	68	78	186	38	7,068	Popguns #1	IL
KM9P	Bill	41	36	69	146	35	5,110		IL
W9QWM	Harold	7	23	0	30	19	570		IL
N2IC/0	Steve	39	116	99	254	38	9,652	IC #1	CO
W0YK	Ed	21	79	93	193	36	6,948	Motley #2	CO
K0VBU	Bill	28	73	89	190	35	6,650	Popguns #1	KS
WA0TKJ	Dean	50	79	50	179	34	6,086	Popguns #1	KS
K0GUG	Nick	19	64	82	165	34	5,610	Popguns #2	MO
N0SS	Tom	36	58	74	168	33	5,544	Popguns #1	MO
K0WA	Lee	11	71	76	158	34	5,372		KS
K0RWL	Larry	9	67	85	161	33	5,313	Popguns #1	MO
KJ0U	Mark	29	41	96	166	31	5,146	Popguns #2	MO
KM0L	Steve	11	51	86	148	34	5,032	Popguns #2	MO
KB0G	Tim	22	52	87	161	29	4,669	Popguns #2	KS
N0TT	Chas	20	36	84	140	33	4,620	Popguns #2	MO
WB0GOB	Rodger	23	32	11	66	19	1,254		NE

Checklogs: KR2Q, KE6VY

TEAM SCORES

WASP #1		IC		TDXS		MOTLEY #1	
N6TR	12,188	K5ZD	12,474	K5RC	11,844	N5RZ	10,080
N6RO	10,764	K3LR	10,360	N5JJ	10,526	K5GO	9,520
AI6V	10,569	K1KI	9,724	KN5H	9,538	W5XZ	8,930
K6LL/7	10,452	N2IC/Ø	9,652	K5LZO	9,009	K8CC	8,208
WA7NIN	9,804	W2RQ	8,917	NA5R	7,807	N4ZZ	7,922
N6TV	9,789	K1AR	8,760	KG5U	7,714	N4RG	7,105
K1LL/6	8,938	K1DG	7,839	K25M	7,392	K8NZ	6,120
W6AQ	8,436	W2GD	7,740	K5TU	7,164	K8MR	4,917
W6UE	8,251	KAlR	6,346	W5JQ	5,635	N4DW	4,433
	<u>89,191</u>		<u>81,812</u>		<u>76,629</u>		<u>67,235</u>

- Potomac Valley Radio Club #1 (W3LPL, N8II, K4CG, K3HPG, K4PQL, N4EA, N3AM, N3CW) 55,851
- Motley Crew #2 (WØYK, NA4K, W8FN, KW8N, K8SS, N8EA, K4AMC, K8ND, W8CAR) 49,635
- Midwest Popguns #1 (K4BAI, W8LNO, K9BGL, KØVBU, WAØTKJ, NØSS, KØRWL) 46,710
- Midwest Popguns #2 (K7CW/5, KØGUG, KJØU, KMØL, KBØG, NØTT) 31,737
- Winning Alliance of Sprint People #2 (N6AA, AJ6V, N6NI) 22,521
- Lemonade and Cookies Contest Club (KN8P, KC2FV) 8,421
- Potomac Valley Radio Club #3 (K3TM) 4,200

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Logs must be received not later than 30 days after the contest.