

February 1987 North American Sprint CW

Rematch! N6TR won the CW Sprint in February '86 and K5RX (op KR0Y) won last September. In a dead heat with 326 QSOs each, Tree and Jeff again battled for the top spot in the February '87 running. Jeff found Vermont and VE7, but Tree nailed Utah, KP4, TI2 and XE2. The two extra multipliers were worth 652 points and another victory for Tree. Chuck, K5LZO, also checked in with 39 multipliers. Compared to Tree, he found Vermont, Delaware and VE7, but missed TI2, Iowa and South Dakota. Nonetheless, Chuck's multiplier and 313 QSOs were enough to land him in second place 145 points ahead of K5RX. Glen, K6NA, in fourth place with 308/39, was the only other station to break the 12K barrier.

In the team competition, SCCC #1 beat TDXS #1, thus reversing their first and second place standings from last September. NCCC #1 moved from fifth to third and Popguns #1 clung to its fourth place berth. None of the top teams had a full complement of ten members—SCCC, TDXS and NCCC each had nine entries while the Popguns only had seven. Sadly, logs from K1ZX/4 and NM5M were received late and had to be classified as check logs. Had these two scores been included in the team results, there would have been significant changes in the final listing.

Scores were impressive. Twenty stations went over the 10K mark, with eight of them exceeding 11K and 4 even topping 12K. Eight stations made in excess of 300 QSOs.

If you noticed that the West Coast was well represented in the results (with 43 logs received from California and 9 from W7), lots of credit goes to the team-organizing efforts of the SCCC and NCCC which really turned out the troops. Thanks also are due the Society of Midwest Contesters who made sure that most of us worked all the W9's.

It would be interesting to see what would happen to scores in the September '87 Sprint if, say, there also were 43 entries from W2, W3 and W4-land. My bet is that we would see a return of East Coast call signs

to the top ten list, regardless of where we are in the sunspot cycle.

Congratulations are in order to Tree, N6TR, who raised the Oregon CW Sprint record by 1,131 points, and to Dan, K7SS, who just eked past the Washington record by 78 points. Each old record fell to the operator who had set it originally—Tree breaking the mark he had posted in February '86, and Dan erasing his former record from way back in September '80. In an heroic effort that fell just short, John, K4BAI, missed the five year old Georgia mark by a mere 11 points.

Guest operators in this Sprint were NJ2L at W1AW, WC4E at K4XS, K5GA at W5WMU, KR0Y at K5RX, WA6VEF at N6RO, AA6RX at W6UE, N6TJ at W6MKB, N6ZZ at N6VI, K8NZ at K8AZ, and K8JM at N8CXX.

K1GQ and his computer get the prize for the neatest Sprint logs. To Bill and all the rest of you who take the time to computerize your results or who just naturally write neatly, many thanks. It surely does make checking them easier.

Log comments always contain a few pearls. Here's what's on the minds of some of our fellow testers:

"20 meters with dipoles was the pits—lots of sigs but I couldn't punch through." Dennis, NB1B; "This operation was from a Bed and Breakfast place while on holiday with my wife for our second anniversary. I worked the contest on the floor in front of a fireplace!" Stu, KC1F; "I always number pages from 1 to 7. I have a lot of extra page 7's." Tom, K1KI; "About one hour into the trip (to VE4-land) the clutch on my van seized and that was it. Spent Saturday dropping transmissions and putting in a new clutch. At least it didn't go out in the middle of Minnesota ten hours from home. Will try VE4 again in September." Dave, AH2U; "Whew!! I'm getting old! It's hard to operate this contest when you're not active and not in practice." Bill, K5GA (op at W5WMU); "Nice to hear condx improv-

ing. Couldn't believe how many W6's were on!" Randy, K5ZD/1; "Yes, back to W6 land!" Tree, N6TR/7; "One has to pay attention. Got confused with N7CW and N6CW. Then when K5MR gave his name as 'Dupe,' I heard that, sent 'Sri' and QSY'd. It wasn't until later that I realized what I'd done!" Dick, K6LRN; "Flipped on the rig about 20 minutes before 8:00, only to find that the Sprint had started at 7:00!" Bill, N8ET; "I gave my copy of the rules to

N9IF/KP2—then he didn't show up!" Ed, W9WI (Ed, thanks for trying—W6OAT); "This was my first Sprint ever. Been around radio 25 years. I have never seen a better group of CW ops in my life. I was impressed to no end. Nice contest." Roger, K1ØF; "Even though there were complete exchanges, I have deleted from my log QSOs for which I did not receive an acknowledgment of my exchange." Tim, KRØU.

TOP TEN SCORES

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
N6TR/7	Tree	114	134	78	326	39	12,714	SCCC #1	OR
K5LZO	Chuck	109	114	90	313	39	12,207	TDXS #1	TX
K5RX	Jeff	93	130	103	326	37	12,062	Popguns #1	TX
K6NA	Glen	82	135	91	308	39	12,012	SCCC #1	CA
K7SS	Dan	103	124	78	305	39	11,895	RCCC	WA
N6RO	Gary	110	122	70	302	39	11,778	NCCC #1	CA
WØUA	Geo	89	122	93	304	37	11,248		CO
K5GN	Dave	95	128	80	303	37	11,211	TDXS #1	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	91	106	89	286	38	10,868		AZ
WN4KKN/5	Trey	101	97	76	274	39	10,686		TX

TOP TEN QSOs

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
K5RX	Jeff	93	130	103	326	37	12,062	Popguns #1	TX
N6TR/7	Tree	114	134	78	326	39	12,714	SCCC #1	OP.
K5LZO	Chuck	109	114	90	313	39	12,207	TDXS #1	TX
K6NA	Glen	82	135	91	308	39	12,012	SCCC #1	CA
K7SS	Dan	103	124	78	305	39	11,895	RCCC	WA
WØUA	Geo	89	122	93	304	37	11,248		CO
K5GN	Dave	95	128	80	303	37	11,211	TDXS #1	TX
N6RO	Gary	110	122	70	302	39	11,778	NCCC #1	CA
K2TNO/5	Bill	92	110	85	287	34	9,758	TDXS #1	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	91	106	89	286	38	10,868		AZ

CW SCORES

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
K1KI	Tom	68	111	93	272	38	10,336	Stelio's	CT
K5ZD/1	Randy	48	86	112	246	40	9,840	Stelio's	MA
KM1C	Bill	34	64	55	153	33	5,049	Stelio's	NH
W1AW	Rus	41	48	50	139	30	4,170	Murphy's	CT
KA1GQW	Dave	25	54	56	135	29	3,915	Stelio's	RI
NB1B	Dennis	8	43	45	96	30	2,880		MA
K1GQ	Bill	1	44	55	100	27	2,700	Stelio's	NH
KH6CP/1	Zack	9	14	17	40	21	840	Murphy's	CT
KC1F	Stu	0	13	5	18	9	162	Stelio's	VT
W2GD	John	60	101	98	259	36	9,324	Stelio's	NJ
KZ2S	John	36	89	95	220	35	7,700	Popguns #2	NJ
KC8C/3	Mike	59	94	78	231	35	8,085	PVRC	MD
N6CQ/3	Bill	42	77	62	181	31	5,611	SCCC #3	PA
K3TM	Roger	0	48	40	88	26	2,288	PVRC	MD
K4BAI	John	83	106	88	277	37	10,249	Popguns #1	GA
N4ZZ	Don	62	99	84	245	36	8,820	MRRC	TN

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
K4XS	Jeff	45	116	69	230	38	8,740		FL
K4PQL	Al	51	84	83	218	34	7,412	PVRC	NC
W3YY/4	Bob	63	50	65	178	29	5,162	PVRC	VA
K5LZO	Chuck	109	114	90	313	39	12,207	TDXS #1	TX
K5RX	Jeff	93	130	103	326	37	12,062	Popguns #1	TX
K5GN	Dave	95	128	80	303	37	11,211	TDXS #1	TX
WN4KKN/5	Trey	101	97	76	274	39	10,686		TX
W5WMMU	BB	86	109	79	274	37	10,138		LA
N5DU	Bob	76	119	86	281	36	10,116	TDXS #1	TX
K2TNO/5	Bill	92	110	85	287	34	9,758	TDXS #1	TX
K5TU	Kim	77	97	82	256	36	9,216	TDXS #1	TX
KG5U	Dale	76	99	75	250	36	9,000	TDXS #1	TX
KN5H	Steve	87	70	70	227	35	7,945	TDXS #1	TX
K5WA	Rich	77	101	46	224	35	7,840	TDXS #1	TX
K5MR	Dupe	60	103	73	236	30	7,080		TX
NT5D	Brent	62	87	54	203	31	6,293	TDXS #1	TX
N4DW/5	Dave	39	96	52	187	32	5,984		TX
N5JJ	Dave	18	6	15	39	9	351	TDXS #2	TX
K6NA	Glen	82	135	91	308	39	12,012	SCCC #1	CA
N6RO	Gary	110	122	70	302	39	11,778	NCCC #1	CA
N6AA	Dick	80	124	59	263	40	10,520	SCCC #1	CA
N6VI	Phil	84	121	69	274	38	10,412	SCCC #1	CA
W6UE	Dave	92	109	69	270	38	10,260	SCCC #1	CA
AJ6V	Ed	106	102	59	267	38	10,146	NCCC #1	CA
N6IG	Jim	88	110	61	259	39	10,101		CA
NE6I	Dennis	64	126	76	266	36	9,576	SCCC #1	CA
N1EE/6	Scott	84	106	71	261	34	8,874	NCCC #2	CA
N6XI	Rick	86	108	65	259	34	8,806	NCCC #1	CA
W6OAT	Rusty	86	96	36	218	40	8,720	NCCC #1	CA
W6MKB	Jim	79	97	64	240	36	8,640	SCCC #1	CA
N16W	Who	71	109	58	238	36	8,568	SCCC #1	CA
N6VR	Ray	74	90	70	234	36	8,424	SCCC #1	CA
N6ND	Rick	84	86	46	216	35	7,560	SCCC #2	CA
W6UQF	Chas	65	79	69	213	35	7,455	SCCC #3	CA
W6SX	Hank	50	100	75	225	33	7,425	SCCC #3	CA
N6CW	Terry	78	83	57	218	34	7,412	SCCC #2	CA
N7CW/6	Bud	70	89	47	206	35	7,210	SCCC #2	CA
W6RGG	Bob	75	86	44	205	31	6,355	NCCC #1	CA
KA6W	Ted	73	71	49	193	32	6,176	NCCC #1	CA
K6ANP	Len	45	69	52	166	36	5,976	NCCC #2	CA
K6VNX	Arlen	53	73	40	166	36	5,976	SCCC #2	CA
W7CB/6	Larry	58	86	40	184	32	5,888	SCCC #2	CA
NC6U	Kevin	48	79	55	182	32	5,824	SCCC #3	CA
AD6E	Al	53	62	55	170	32	5,440	NCCC #2	CA
K6LRN	Dick	52	91	26	169	32	5,408	NCCC #2	CA
K4TKM/6	Brook	65	92	0	157	34	5,338	NCCC #2	CA
N6GG	Rich	61	55	46	162	32	5,184	NCCC #1	CA
W6YA	Jim	87	71	2	160	32	5,120	SCCC #3	CA
W6REC	Dan	57	60	40	157	32	5,024	NCCC #2	CA
K6XO	Al	53	79	17	149	30	4,470	NCCC #1	CA
N6EK	Bob	34	57	31	122	29	3,538	NCCC #2	CA
WW6F	Lyle	50	49	42	141	24	3,384	NCCC #3	CA
K6ZM	Phil	47	51	21	119	28	3,332	NCCC #2	CA
W6XD	Art	27	53	25	105	26	2,730	SCCC #2	CA
K5KT/6	Joe	33	66	0	99	25	2,475	SCCC #3	CA
N6GA	Dave	31	49	5	85	26	2,210	QRP WSN	CA
W6TMD	Darrel	19	23	27	69	24	1,656	SCCC #2	CA
W6SIY	Keith	20	50	0	70	23	1,610	QRP WSN	CA
W6SKQ	Bob	24	30	0	54	22	1,188	QRP WSN	CA
K6CSL	Bert	18	20	10	48	19	912	NCCC #3	CA
WE6G	Mike	14	0	0	14	13	182	NCCC #3	CA
N6TR/7	Tree	114	134	78	326	39	12,714	SCCC #1	OR
K7SS	Dan	103	124	78	305	39	11,895	RCCC	WA
K6LL/7	Dave	91	106	89	286	38	10,868		AZ
N7BG	Tony	75	85	102	262	39	10,218	SCCC #2	AZ
W7WA	Dan	104	77	81	262	36	9,432	RCCC	WA
N7NG	Wayne	77	94	77	248	32	7,936	NCCC #1	WY
W3AS/7	Doug	68	40	48	156	27	4,212		ID
K7WA	Jim	61	48	52	161	26	4,186	RCCC	WA
KK7C	Jim	30	35	11	76	15	1,140	QRP WSN	UT
K8AZ	Zip	73	106	95	274	34	9,316	MRRC	OH
K8MR	Jim	68	72	98	238	35	8,330	MRRC	OH
KU8E	Jeff	49	79	97	225	35	7,875	MRRC	OH
KD8NS	Mike	64	77	76	217	36	7,812	Popguns #1	OH
KW8N	Bob	74	80	73	227	34	7,718	MRRC	OH
KV8Q	Tom	49	60	73	182	32	5,824		OH
N8CXX	John	55	47	70	172	33	5,676		MI

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N8ET	Bill	34	63	70	167	32	5,344	MRRC	OH
W8FN	Randy	11	61	97	169	31	5,239	MRRC	OH
K8CV	Walt	21	25	42	88	19	1,672		MI
W9RE	Mike	75	93	94	262	34	8,908	SMC #1	IN
AH2U/9	Dave	84	45	108	237	35	8,295	SMC #1	IL
K9KM	Howie	73	92	66	231	35	8,085	SMC #1	IL
W0AIH/9	Mike	81	66	89	236	33	7,788	SMC #1	WI
AC9C	Mike	55	78	70	203	29	5,887	SMC #1	IL
KB9S	Mark	41	60	66	167	31	5,177	SMC #1	WI
WB9JKI	Phil	33	64	62	159	31	4,929	SMC #2	IL
W9XT	Gary	49	46	53	148	29	4,292	SMC #1	WI
KS9O	Kev	16	73	53	142	23	3,266		IL
W9WI	Ed	16	44	53	113	28	3,164	SMC #1	WI
W9SU	Mike	31	16	42	89	25	2,225		IN
N19U	Kent	27	23	37	87	23	2,001	SMC #1	WI
K9ZO	Al	0	3	26	29	13	377	SMC #1	IL
W0UA	Geo	89	122	93	304	37	11,248		CO
N0SS	Tom	77	83	94	254	37	9,398	Popguns #1	MO
W0YK	Ed	70	99	64	233	36	8,388		CO
K0VXU	Russ	49	69	92	210	35	7,350	Popguns #1	KS
KB0G	Tim	48	80	70	198	35	6,930	Popguns #1	KS
KJ0G	Bob	68	65	55	188	33	6,204		CO
K0VBU	Bill	58	65	15	138	28	3,864	Popguns #1	KS
KR0U	Tim	27	58	14	99	26	2,574	QRP WSN	CO
K10F	Roger	37	35	21	93	15	1,395	SMC #2	MN

Check logs: K1ZX/4, NR5M (NM5M opr)

CW TEAM SCORES

So California		Texas DX		No California		Popguns #1	
Contest	Club #1	Society #1		Contest	Club #1		
N6TR/7	12,714	K5LZO	12,207	N6RO	11,778	K5RX	12,062
K6NA	12,012	K5GN	11,211	AJ6V	10,146	K4BAI	10,249
N6AA	10,520	N5DU	10,116	N6XI	8,806	N0SS	9,398
N6VI	10,412	K2TNO/5	9,758	W6OAT	8,720	KD8NS	7,812
W6UE	10,260	K5TU	9,216	N7NG	7,936	K0VXU	7,350
NE6I	9,576	KG5U	9,000	W6RGG	6,355	KB0G	6,930
W6MKB	8,640	KN5H	7,945	KA6W	6,176	K0VBU	3,864
N16W	8,568	K5WA	7,840	N6GG	5,184		
N6VR	8,424	NT5D	6,293	K6XO	4,470		
	91,126		83,586		69,571		57,665
5. Society of Midwest Contesters #1							53,974
W9RE, AH2U/9, K9KM, W0AIH/9, AC9C, KB9S, W9XT, W9WI, N19U, K9ZO							
6. Mad River Radio Club							52,642
K8AZ, N4ZZ, K8MR, KU8E, KW8N, N8ET, W8FN							
7. So. California Contest Club #2							48,650
N7BG, N6ND, N6CW, N7CW/6, K6VNX, W7CB/6, W6XD, W6TMD							
8. No. California Contest Club #2							42,930
N1EE/6, K6ANP, AD6E, K6LRN, K4TKM/6, W6REC, N6EK, K6ZM							
9. Stelio's Family Restaurant							41,326
K1KI, K5ZD/1, W2GD, KM1C, KA1GQW, K1GQ, KC1F							
10. So. California Contest Club #3							33,910
W6SX, W6UQF, NC6U, N6CQ/3, W6YA, K5KT/6							
11. Rubber Circle Contest Club							25,513
K7SS, W7WA, K7WA							
12. Potomac Valley Radio Club							22,947
KC8C/3, K4PQL, W3YY/4, K3TM							
13. QRP Western States Net							8,722
KR0U, N6GA, W6SIY, W6SKQ, KK7C							
14. Popguns #2 KZ2S							7,700
15. Society of Midwest Contesters #2							6,324
WB9JKI, K10F							
16. Murphy's Marauders							5,010
W1AW, KH6CP/1							
17. No. California Contest Club #3							4,478
WW6F, K6CSL, WE6G							
18. Texas DX Society #2							351
N5JJ							