

Results: February 1991 North American Sprint, CW

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Jeff Steinman, KR0Y/5, pulled another trick out of his hat during the 28th running of the North American Sprint. Jeff managed to run away from the pack by having the highest multiplier *and* the highest QSO totals, the latter setting a new all-time record: 358. So, Jeff, why do you do so well in this event? What kind of shoes do you wear that make you run so fast? Is it the shoes? It's gotta be the shoes.

Bridesmaid trophies once again go to Ralph Bowen, N5RZ, and Dan Street, K1TO, who made their usual outstanding efforts but were still unable to oust Jeff from the top spot.

Southern California Contest Club #1 won the team competition, defeating the eight-member team of independents, Eight is Enough. In this case, eight was not quite enough, even though five of the eight on that team finished in the top ten. Rounding out the top four teams were Society of Midwest Contesters #1 and Northern California Contest Club #1.

There was some negative feedback regarding the classification of several logs as checklogs in the February 1991 Sprint results. The rules state: "Entries must be received not later than 30 days after the Sprint to be eligible for trophies and awards. An entry consists of (1) a summary sheet showing the number of valid contacts by band, total contacts, total multipliers, total score, name, call sign and address of the operator, station call sign and station location; (2) a complete, legible log of all contacts (including dupes marked as such) with indication by numbered sequence of each multiplier claimed; and (3) a separate check sheet for each band."

Many entries are lacking in one or more of these areas. The key to avoid being classified as a checklog is to follow these directions.

This Sprint was one of transitions. Homer Spence, K7RA, became a Silent Key during the week preceding the Sprint. His experiences and insights gave him a unique perspective that will be missed in the contesting community. The number-seven-finishing team, The K7RA Fan Club, dedicated its effort to Homer.

This Sprint also marked the last contest effort of N5RZ from his Terrell, Texas QTH. Ralph has moved to the West Texas city of Midland to ensure that no one ever again has trouble working West Texas multiplier in the Sweepstakes. This Sprint was also the first contest effort for Steve Taylor, K5MR, from his new location north of Dallas. The first antenna erected? The Butternut HF6V, of course, so he wouldn't miss the Sprint. Chalk up another 10-k (263-QSO) effort for Steve and the all-band vertical.

And finally, this Sprint was the first contest effort for your editor from the western US. In January, I joined the technical staff of a small software company

Top Ten

Call	Name	Score
KR0Y/5	Jeff	15,752
N5RZ	Ralph	14,227
K1TO	Dan	14,070
K5ZD/3	Randy	14,028
N6AA	Dick	13,760
K6NA	Glen	13,482
N4RJ	Bill	13,300
(KM9P, opr)		
K3LR	Tim	13,202
K3UA	Phil	13,188
N2IC/0	Steve	13,143

Multiplier Leaders

KR0Y/5	44
K7GM/5	43
N6AA	43
K1TO	42
K3UA	42
K5ZD/3	42
K6NA	42
N6TV	42
N8AA	42
W0ZZ/6	42

Top Ten QSOs

Call	20	40	80	Total
KR0Y/5	161	104	93	358
N4RJ	132	131	87	350
(KM9P, opr)				
N5RZ	138	115	94	347
N2IC/0	138	125	74	337
K1TO	132	115	88	335
K5ZD/3	121	124	89	334
WN4KKN/6	147	112	64	323
K3LR	107	125	90	322
K4BAI	134	113	75	322
K6NA	126	105	90	321

20-Meter QSO Leaders

KR0Y/5	161
N6AA	158
K6LL/7	154
N6TV	153
WN4KKN/6	147

40-Meter QSO Leaders

K9BGL	140
W2RQ	132
N4RJ	131
K3LR	125
N2IC/0	125

80-Meter QSO Leaders

N5RZ	94
K3UA	93
KR0Y/5	93
K9ZO	91
K3LR	90
K6NA	90

TEAM SCORES

Southern California Contest Club #1

N6AA	13,760
K6NA	13,482
N6ND	12,013
K6LL/7	11,895
KY7M	11,720
W6YA	10,412
N6VR	10,179
N6ZZ	9,918
W6AQ	9,509
NC6U	7,128
Total	110,016

Eight is Enough

KR0Y/5	15,752
N5RZ	14,227
K1TO	14,070
N4RJ	13,300
N2IC/0	13,143
K4BAI	12,880
W1WEF	12,792
K5MR	9,994
Total	106,158

Society of Midwest Contesters #1

K9ZO	11,778
AG9A	11,700
W9RE	11,562
N0BSH/9	11,248
K0SR	11,037
WX9U	9,842
N0AT	9,640
KM0O	9,509
AC9C	9,324
Total	95,640

Northern California Contest Club #1

N6TV	13,020
WN4KKN/6	12,920
N6IG	12,240
N7NG	11,115
N6RO	10,686
WA6AUE	10,647
W6RGG	8,715
N1EE/6	8,664
W6OAT	4,900
Total	92,907

North Coast Contesters (K5ZD/3, K3LR, K3UA, WA8YVR, WB3KKX/8, N8AA, K8NZ, N3BJ)	88,253
Mad River Radio Club (K8CC, K8BE, KW8N, K7EG/8, WD8AUB, WD8LLD, WB8WTS, K8MR)	72,686
K7RA Fan Club (W7WA, K7SS, K7LR, K7RG, K7CW, K7LX, N7LOX)	59,200
Texas DX Society (K5LZO, K6SU, KN5H/3, K1L5, KE4GY/5, W5ASP, K5TU)	54,504
Northern California Contest Club #2 (W0ZZ/6, AJ6V, N6TIB, AD6E, W1FEA/6, K6ZM)	47,029
Southern California Contest Club #2 (K6XO/7, AC6T, WE7B, KVOI, K6VNX, WE7G)	42,142
Society of Midwest Contesters #2 (WX0X, AJ9C, KE9I, K9BGL)	35,218
The Barefoot Sprinters (K7WA, WD4AHZ, W6MVW)	18,995

located in Santa Cruz, on the central coast of California. On the drive from Texas I was able to hook up with a number of Sprint enthusiasts, making the trip extra fun. Special thanks to Tony Rogozinski, N7BG, and Phil Goetz, N6ZZ, for their hospitality.

Please make a note of the new address for CW Sprint correspondence. See you in September!

Soapbox

Big surprise: during the last 15 minutes of the contest, I was called on 80 meters by ZS6AL! Yet I could only find one VE on all bands.—W6YA Went to 80 at 0330Z—should have spent less time on 20 and more on 80.—N3BB/5 How appropriate that the Washington state gang would elect to use the name "Homer" in memory of Homer Spence, K7RA, who passed away a few days before the Sprint. Homer was a good friend; we will miss him.—W6OAT Another Sprint, another mediocre

score. I'm very gradually bringing up the QSO total, but I can't figure out why I never have decent multipliers. This time I realized after about 20 QSOs that my attempt at E/W power dividing wasn't ever working as well as the 20-meter dipole, so I worked the rest of the contest on wire antennas.—AA5B Many thanks to Dave, W6QHS, and Barb, K6QM, for having me out to operate my first contest from the west coast.—WN4KKN/6 Couldn't get logs out of machine.—WD8LLD My 100 watts was working pretty well, until I went to 40 and 80!—WD4AHZ I am still tempted to send the SS exchange. Maybe it's time for a memory keyer.—AD5Q Unfortunately an all-day plumbing project turned into a half-the-evening plumbing project.—K8MR Best conditions in years! I traded off looking for mults late in the contest with staying on 80—gained Qs but maybe lost mults. If I could only put the two together!—W1WEF Someday, somehow I'll get into the groove in the contest. See you next time.—N7LOX Lousy rate on 40 this time and mults seemed down. Still had lots o' fun.—NC6U Really wasn't supposed to

operate this Sprint except for goofing around at W9YOL.—W00G (opr of WX0X) First CW Sprint. First time using NA. First time using computer to key rig. First time I realized how bad my copying CW really is.—K49FOX First time with real time software (K8CC). All thumbs until last 30 minutes! —N6RO Best score ever. I don't care what people say, decent antennas do help. It's not just being a decent op.—N67B For my first contest ever, this was a lot of fun and a little crazy!—AB4UM This was lots of fun, but if I ever want to win a certificate I need to move away from Georgia. What with N4RJ and K4BAI, I don't stand a chance. Maybe from South Carolina next time?—KB4GID An upswing in activity this time—hope it continues! —W9RE Didn't get started until 0130Z. A barefoot TS-930S and a ground-mounted Butternut just aren't competitive.—K5TU (1) Put too many

"tricks" in my new CMOS Super Keyer II (decrement used a lot!). Also first computer contest. (2) Had a 40-meter "eggbeater" vertical only. (3) Propagation—propagation? (4) Contesting from interior Alaska can cause a great strain on one's libido!—AA6DX/KL7 May work you in the next Sprint as KO9Y/8. Job prospects look good there now.—KO9Y/5 Stayed on 20 meters later than usual before going to 40 this time.—KR0Y/5 My final contest from HI. I enjoyed many contests. Thank you for your calls. See you from JA. 73.—JP1DMX (op of H18DMX) This Sprint was so much fun yet one of the hardest. With no amp or 80-meter signal that last hour was rough. But the biggest challenge was not having headphones to help block out a very loud Salsa dance party which lasted the last 3.5 hours of the contest. And not having a CW filter was a real experience. Wonder-

ful to be able to participate in the Sprint again after 2+ years. I love this contest!—AA6RX (opr of XE1ITJ) Got computer RFI fixed... after test!—W2RQ Most signals were S1-S2 in Japan, making this the toughest Sprint ever, but nevertheless better than no Sprint at all. W1WEF was the loudest (about 549) while KR0Y/5 was the guy I called the most times (around 40?) without working. It was all I could do to get my score into triple digits!—K8HVT (opr of 7J1AAI) This is in honor of the original "Ed"—K7RA—who thought Homer was too long to send. Adios Homer.—K7SS Great contest—makes the first four hours of SS look like a Sunday afternoon picnic.—KE0OL Actually was great, but 40 killed my rate. Still a new personal best!—N0BSH/9 Someday maybe I'll break 10 k points in this thing. This is tough, but fun and a great chance to work lots of guys.—WB3KKX/8

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mul	Score	Team	Area	Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mul	Score	Team	Area
N2IC/0	Steve	138	125	74	337	39	13,143	8	CO	WA6AUJ	Jim	134	82	57	273	39	10,647	NCCC-1	CA
WX0X	Dave	131	99	89	319	40	12,760	SMC-2	MO	W6YA	Jim	126	91	57	274	38	10,412	SCCC-1	CA
(W00G, opr)										N6VR	Ray	125	88	48	261	39	10,179	SCCC-1	CA
K0SR	Steve	106	107	70	283	39	11,037	SMC-1	MN	N6ZZ	Phil	134	93	34	261	38	9,918	SCCC-1	CA
KM0L	Steve	96	94	63	253	41	10,373		MO	W6AQ	Mark	95	99	63	257	37	9,509	SCCC-1	CA
N0AT	Ron	99	77	65	241	40	9,640	SMC-1	MN	(WA6OTU, opr)									
KM0O	Tony	90	100	67	257	37	9,509	SMC-1	MN	AJ6V	Ed	115	86	27	228	39	8,892	NCCC-2	CA
KE0OL	Paul	80	83	32	195	37	7,215		MN	W6RGG	Bob	78	108	63	249	35	8,715	NCCC-1	CA
KV0I	Bill	82	62	60	204	34	6,936	SCCC-2	NE	N1EE/6	Scott	108	68	52	228	38	8,664	NCCC-1	CA
WB0O	Bill	66	94	0	160	31	4,960		ND	W6XX	Pete	111	86	30	227	38	8,626		CA
W0UY	Tom	16	48	9	73	31	2,263		KS	AC6T	Steve	104	78	45	227	37	8,399	SCCC-2	CA
WA0OUI	Randy	21	38	17	76	29	2,204		MO	N6TIB	Bill	88	95	43	226	36	8,136	NCCC-2	CA
K1TO	Dan	132	115	88	335	42	14,070	8	CT	AD6E	Al	93	81	34	208	39	8,112	NCCC-2	CA
W1WEF	Jack	110	116	86	312	41	12,792	8	CT	W1FEA/6	Jack	94	75	52	221	35	7,735	NCCC-2	CA
K2SX/1	Dennis	113	106	59	278	40	11,120		CT	N06U	Kevin	90	99	27	216	33	7,128	SCCC-1	CA
K2CF	Stu	54	122	20	196	41	8,036		NH	K6VNX	Arlen	86	57	19	162	34	5,508	SCCC-2	CA
N4DW/1	Dave	81	73	62	216	37	7,992		VT	W6MVW	Dick	68	63	34	165	31	5,115	Barefoot	CA
W2RQ	Bill	102	132	84	318	40	12,720		NJ	W6OAT	Rusty	26	75	39	140	35	4,900	NCCC-1	CA
N2AZS	Larry	116	103	80	299	39	11,661		NY	N6NF	Tom	51	54	27	132	31	4,092		CA
N2MG	Mike	78	76	54	208	36	7,488		NY	K6ZM	Phil	50	50	11	111	28	3,108	NCCC-2	CA
K5ZD/3	Randy	121	124	89	334	42	14,028	NCC	PA	NR6E	Dave	20	37	0	57	26	1,482		CA
K3LR	Tim	107	125	90	322	41	13,202	NCC	PA	K6LL/7	Dave	154	92	59	305	39	11,895	SCCC-1	AZ
K3UA	Phil	109	112	93	314	42	13,188	NCC	PA	KY7M	Lee	108	104	81	293	40	11,720	SCCC-1	AZ
KE3Q	Rich	118	100	56	274	40	10,960		MD	W7WA	Homer	143	96	56	295	39	11,505	K7RA	WA
KN5H/3	Steve	81	102	70	253	38	9,614	TDXS	MD	K7SS	Homer						11,115	K7RA	WA
AA3B	Bud	89	94	67	250	35	8,750		PA	N7NG	Wayne	111	110	64	285	39	11,115	NCCC-1	WY
N3BJ	Alan	91	87	60	238	35	8,330	NCC	PA	K7LR	Homer	136	85	38	259	38	9,842	K7RA	WA
K3MD	John	73	82	55	210	36	7,560		PA	K6XO/7	Al	85	108	51	244	38	9,272	SCCC-2	UT
N8NA/3	Karl	3	38	38	79	21	1,659		DE	KR7G	Homer	135	67	41	243	32	7,776	K7RA	UT
N4RJ	Bill	132	131	87	350	38	13,300	8	GA	WE7B	Laura	105	82	40	227	34	7,718	SCCC-2	UT
(KM9P, opr)										K7CW	Homer						7,665	K7RA	WA
K4BAI	John	134	113	75	322	40	12,880	8	GA	K7WA	Homer	115	67	26	208	36	7,488	Barefoot	WA
N4ZZ	Don	100	102	69	271	40	10,840		TN	K7LXC	Homer	97	63	20	180	34	6,120	K7RA	WA
K4PQL	Al	115	116	61	292	37	10,804		NC	K7MM	Dan	88	49	27	164	33	5,412		WY
WC4E	Jeff	122	100	39	261	38	9,918		FL	WA7UVJ	Mike	70	57	23	150	35	5,250		WA
AA4GA	Lee	78	97	70	245	40	9,800		GA	N7LOX	Homer	85	54	28	167	31	5,177	K7RA	WA
K4AMC	Jim	101	106	59	266	36	9,576		TN	WE7G	Bruce	65	42	32	139	31	4,309	SCCC-2	AZ
KB4GID	John				230	37	8,510		GA	KI7Y	Jim	87	47	0	134	32	4,288		OR
AA4VD	Don	101	79	33	213	36	7,668		GA	K8CC	Dave	103	116	86	305	40	12,200	MRRC	MI
WD4AHZ	Ron	104	59	25	188	34	6,392	Barefoot	FL	K0UE	Jeff	109	105	68	282	41	11,562	MRRC	OH
AB4UM	Terry	39	54	28	121	30	3,630		VA	KW8N	Bob	111	112	72	295	38	11,210	MRRC	OH
VE3ISW/4	John	43	28	0	71	29	2,059		FL	WA8YVR	Pat	101	102	70	273	40	10,920	NCC	OH
KB4HZ	Rob	16	21	8	45	20	900		AL	K7EG/8	Pat	101	105	60	266	38	10,108	MRRC	OH
KR0Y/5	Jeff	161	104	93	358	44	15,752	8	TX	WDBAUB	Doug	90	97	72	259	38	9,842	MRRC	OH
N5RZ	Ralph	138	115	94	347	41	14,227	8	TX	WB3KKX/8	Scott	85	100	74	259	37	9,583	NCC	OH
K7GM/5	Rick	129	103	49	281	43	12,083		TX	N8AA	John	70	104	53	227	42	9,534	NCC	OH
N3BB/5	Jim	146	93	44	283	40	11,320		TX	K8NZ	Ron	87	109	67	263	36	9,468	NCC	OH
AA5B	Bruce	116	101	72	289	37	10,693		NM	W0CG/8	Jeff	99	85	46	230	41	9,430	NCC	OH
K5LZO	Chuck	117	96	55	268	39	10,452	TDXS	TX	W08LLD	Elmer	55	102	55	212	36	7,632	MRRC	OH
K5MR	Steve	112	94	57	263	38	9,994	8	TX	WB8WTS	Jim	59	74	43	176	34	5,984	MRRC	OH
KG5U	Dale	101	84	72	257	38	9,766	TDXS	TX	K8MR	Jim	5	73	44	122	34	4,148	MRRC	OH
WM4Z/5	Dave	113	83	59	255	38	9,690		OK	K8DD	Duck	22	62	28	112	34	3,808		MI
(N5CG, opr)										K9ZO	Ralph	103	108	91	302	39	11,778	SMC-1	IL
AD5Q	Roy	89	91	70	250	37	9,250		TX	AG9A	Mark	103	116	81	300	39	11,700	SMC-1	IL
K13L/5	Don	98	79	63	240	35	8,400	TDXS	TX	W9RE	Mike	97	111	74	282	41	11,562	SMC-1	IN
K5RC	Tom	102	64	37	203	39	7,917		TX	N0BSH/9	Mike	107	107	82	296	38	11,248	SMC-1	WI
KE4GY/5	Frank	83	66	30	179	38	6,802	TDXS	TX	WX9U	Phil	99	88	72	259	38	9,842	SMC-1	IL
W5ASP	Joe	85	75	0	160	34	5,440	TDXS	TX	K4XU/9	Dick	95	98	72	265	37	9,805		IL
K5UY	Kim	48	50	32	130	31	4,030	TDXS	OK	AC9C	Mike	89	113	57	259	36	9,324	SMC-1	IN
K09Y/5	Greg	40	34	25	99	29	2,871		TX	AJ9C	Mike	60	86	59	205	38	7,790	SMC-2	IN
W5NR	Art	45	27	21	93	24	2,232		TX	KE9I	Jerry	82	106	15	203	38	7,714	SMC-2	IN
N6AA	Dick	158	111	51	320	43	13,760	SCCC-1	CA	K9BGL	Karl	0	140	43	183	38	6,954	SMC-2	IL
K6NA	Glen	126	105	90	321	42	13,482	SCCC-1	CA	KA9FOX	Scott	81	63	49	193	35	6,755		WI
N6TV	Bob	153	116	41	310	42	13,020	NCCC-1	CA	K9UQN	Don	19	31	0	50	23	1,150		IL
WN4KKN/6	Trey	147	112	64	323	40	12,920	NCCC-1	CA	XE1ITJ	Dave	82	105	14	201	35	7,035		MX
N6IG	Jim	117	117	72	306	40	12,240	NCCC-1	CA	(AA6RX, opr)									
N6ND	Brian				293	41	12,013	SCCC-1	CA	AA6DX/KL7	Mark	52	38	0	90	27	2,430		KL7
(K6STI, opr)										H18DMX	Hisa	0	40	0	40	19	760		H18
W0ZZ/6	John				263	42	11,046	NCCC-2	CA	(JP1DMX, opr)									
N6RO	Ken	136	101	37	274	39	10,686	NCCC-1	CA	7J1AAI	Hal	13	0	0	13	9	117		JA
										(K8HVT, opr)									

Disqualifications: None