



Final Results: North American Sprint CW [February 2024]

John Pescatore, K3TN (jpescatore@aol.com)

(These are the final results and include the Top Ten scores from all categories and overlays. This is the complete results article. A summary article will be included in an upcoming issue of NCJ.)

Great conditions on all bands. Time flew by. — W9RE

Managed to stay awake. — W2RQ

Morse Code Flash Mob

Whether the start of CW Sprint causes you to hit DEFCON 1 or the snooze alarm, promptly at 0000Z on February 5th, CW Skimmers worldwide started showing completely useless information about 260 stations who were briskly calling CQ but then rapidly vacating their run frequencies. Yes, the 94th running of the CW North American Sprint was underway!

We received 188 logs this go-round, a 17% increase over the past two CW Sprints. Conditions were great and multipliers were as abundant as cutaways to Taylor Swift during the Super Bowl. Both Kirk K4RO and Pat N9RV tied the multiplier record of 56 and 5 other ops hit 55.

That turnout was 30% higher than the previous two Sprints, but there is still room to grow as the all-time record is 227 logs sent in. Higher turnout (260 total overall calls) combined with an open 20 meter band and a quiet 80 meters to produce four hours of fun – the overall number of QSOs was 25% higher than in September.

Record Wreckage

Despite the higher turnout, no individual overall scoring records were broken. Kirk K4RO did join the tie for all-time highest multiplier count of 56. The FRC Domestic team displaced NCCC#1 as the team score record holder in the “modern” era (5 ops per team), with a total that averaged over 17K per op. Tree N6TR came in with the highest number of accurately copied exchanges ever, turning in a record setting Golden Log bulging with 371 contacts having no mistakes. (See ncjweb.com/sprint-scores/CWSprintRecords.pdf for the complete set of records, maintained by Robert Brandon, K5PI.)

Several state and province records were broken. The new record holders mostly replaced their old scores except as indicated:

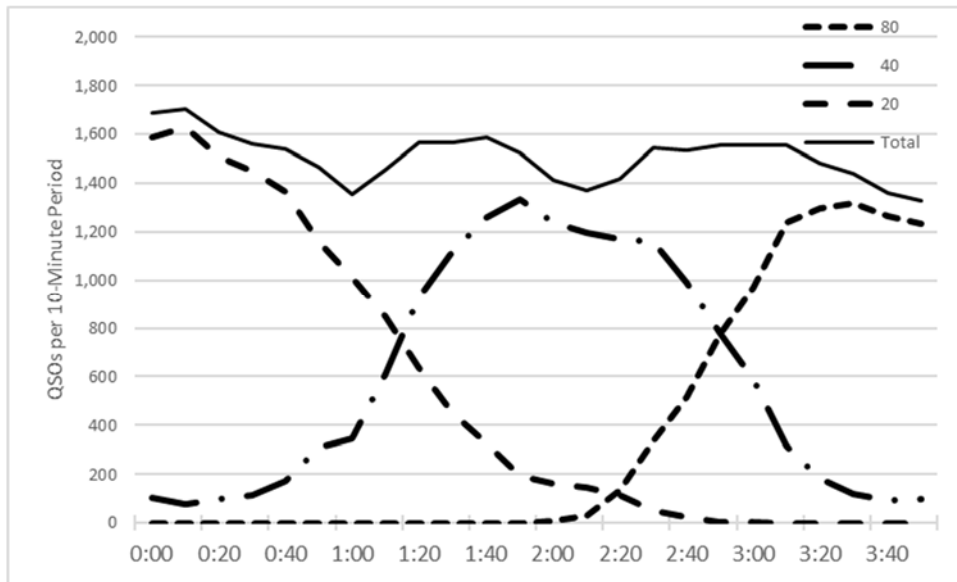
- K1DG – NH High Power
- K8CN – NH QRP
- N2NT – NJ High Power

- N4OGW – MS High Power
- K7BG/KH6 – HI Low Power (replacing KH6CJJ)
- KL7SB – AK High Power
- N9RV – MT High Power
- NØNI – IA High Power
- ABØS – NE High Power (replacing WW2Y)
- VA1MM – NS High Power
- VE5MX – SK High Power
- VO2AC – NFLB High Power

On the DX side, from one of the rarer North American countries, KO8SCA broke W2TO’s 28-year-old High Power record from 4U1UN (see the comments and photos from Adrian later in this article) and Phil KT3Y upped his own record from KP2. From a tad further away, RAØLQ broke RU1SN’s UA9 High Power record in the Non-North American group.

Band-by-Band

On the band change front, in aggregate the herd decided to spend 1:15 on 20 meters, 1:35 on 40 meters, and 1:10 on 80 meters. While conditions were excellent on 80, the transition there probably happened too soon, as the overall QSO rate drooped for the last 20 minutes.



A look at the data suggests that staying on 20 meters for 10 minutes longer, and 80 for a few minutes less would have optimized the mix.

BAND	TIME %	QSO %
20	31	35
40	40	40
80	29	25

You can sure tell who is working two radios from these band change totals. George K5TR earned a free bandswitch replacement coupon with a high of 162 band jumps. He finished with 321 QSOs so about half of them were from the “other” radio!

Top Ten Number of Band Changes	
Call	Band Changes
K5TR	162
N9RV	150
AA3B	148
K4RO	124
KM7W	124
N2NT	124
N4OGW	122
N5KO	120
WD6T	120
N4AF	109

The Finish Line

High Power

The Sprint is always great! The inaugural contest for the new 40m 4sq. Paired with a NE/SW dipole on a push up mast through a stack match it worked really well. Still struggling to get the big mult totals in this one. Of course struggling to get the big QSO totals also. Lots of work to get the station ready for this contest. Congrats to the high scorers! — Chris KM7W (KL9A)

This was a squeaker of a Sprint — the top five were separated by less than 825 points, or just 4.1%. Andy N2NT made it two in a row, coming in first to get his 5th Sprint win. edging out Tree N6TR by just 96 points. Andy came out of the gate fast with a 117-QSO hour, using that and a 1 multiplier lead to overcome Tree’s 5 QSO advantage.

Pat N9RV came in third, propelled by 56 mults (tied with K4RO for most mults) but was doomed by only 70 Qs in the third hour. Even though he barely touched his bandswitch, Dan N6MJ took fourth from within the Classic category, just 1 QSO and 1 mult behind Pat. Bob (Mr. K4) N6TV rounded out the top five, losing his 10-QSO lead over Dan in the final hour, ending up behind by just 1 QSO.

Kirk K4RO, Bud AA3B, Trey N5KO, Steve N2IC, and Tor N4OGW rounded out the top ten. Curiously, the entire top 5 and 8 of the top ten calls started with N, with only K4RO and AA3B breaking the pattern. I see Kenny N5EE’s email filling up with Sprint guest op requests...

Top Ten Scores									
Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Band Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
N2NT	20,130	366	55	124	2	117	85	88	76
N6TR	20,034	371	54	68	0	103	93	91	84
N9RV	19,768	353	56	150	3	104	89	70	90
N6MJ	19,360	352	55	2	0	97	85	82	88
N6TV	19,305	351	55	72	4	100	90	84	77
K4RO	18,928	338	56	124	3	97	80	86	75
AA3B	18,306	339	54	148	1	97	86	82	74
N5KO	18,260	332	55	120	7	110	89	82	51
N2IC	18,044	347	52	4	3	104	81	74	88
N4OGW	18,040	328	55	122	2	96	77	77	78

High Power - Classic

(The Classic listings refer to logs with a maximum of 12 band changes. – Ed.)

In addition to his 4th place overall finish, for the second consecutive Sprint Dan N6MJ once again went old school and came in first in the High Power Classic competition. Steve N2IC was 5 QSOs and 3 mults behind Dan to take second place. Andy N2NL came in third, hampered by a slow third hour but his strong first hour kept him ahead of 4th place finisher John N2NC.

There was a tight battle for 5th place between the YCCC/WWROF twins, Doug K1DG and John K1AR. Ultimately Doug prevailed by 1 QSO, taking advantage of John's slow middle hours. Tim K3LR, Bill W2RQ, Gator N5RZ, and Dave K6LL filled out the rest of this top ten.

Top Ten High Power Classic									
Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Band Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
N6MJ	19,360	352	55	2	0	97	85	82	88
N2IC	18,044	347	52	4	3	104	81	74	88
N2NL	17,766	329	54	2	3	98	78	63	90
N2NC	16,956	314	54	6	2	81	80	84	69
K1DG	16,907	319	53	5	1	95	85	74	65
K1AR	16,854	318	53	2	6	95	71	65	87
K3LR	16,016	308	52	2	4	84	77	58	89
W2RQ	15,984	333	48	2	1	89	84	84	76
N5RZ	15,912	306	52	2	6	89	83	62	72
K6LL	15,756	303	52	2	2	85	68	78	72

Low Power

Very hard time (and) bobbed many in the first 30 min - sorry folks. It was fun! 80 was tough though with low power and an inverted vee at 40' but I'm happy with my first Sprint in 25 years! Thanks — Mike K7NT

Ken KØEU and Pat NAØN fought a close battle, with Ken coming in first by just 323 points after Pat gave away too many QSOs in the last hour to overcome Ken's 3-mult advantage. Lar K7SV took third, just a few hundred points back, while Ray WQ5L and Jim W8WTS filled out the top five. Hal W1NN, Ron NØAT and Joe N8EA took the next three spots, with only 4 QSOs and 1 mult separating their scores. "Bugs" K7SS and Dave N4DW came in 9th and 10th.

Top Ten Scores – Low Power									
Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Band Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
KØEU	15,455	281	55	31	8	75	64	64	78
NAØN	15,132	291	52	92	2	87	66	74	64
K7SV	14,976	288	52	10	12	78	74	67	69
WQ5L	12,700	254	50	2	0	66	57	62	69
W8WTS	12,397	253	49	84	8	61	67	64	61
W1NN	12,250	250	49	9	1	58	59	65	68
NØAT	11,638	253	46	4	9	27	91	66	69
N8EA	11,546	251	46	8	6	75	72	52	52
K7SS	11,074	226	49	2	8	60	52	63	51
N4DW	11,025	225	49	12	2	57	53	53	62

Low Power - Classic

Lar K7SV was a clear winner in the Low Power Classic category, using a 34 Q and 2 mult advantage to triumph over second place finisher Ray WQ5L. Ray moved up from his previous third place showing in the category, which this time was claimed by Hal W1NN. Ron NØAT used a 2-QSO advantage to take 4th place, relegating Joe N8EA to 5th. Of note is sixth place finisher "Bugs" K7SS whose distinctive fist made him easy to identify but a bit harder to copy. This category also wins the Prefix Diversity Award, with as many Ws in the top ten as Ns!

Top Ten Low Power - Classic									
Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Band Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K7SV	14,976	288	52	10	12	78	74	67	69
WQ5L	12,700	254	50	2	0	66	57	62	69
W1NN	12,250	250	49	9	1	58	59	65	68
NØAT	11,638	253	46	4	9	27	91	66	69
N8EA	11,546	251	46	8	6	75	72	52	52
K7SS	11,074	226	49	2	8	60	52	63	51
N4DW	11,025	225	49	12	2	57	53	53	62

KG5U	10,665	237	45	2	6	62	66	58	51
W9CF	10,416	217	48	2	2	61	52	50	54
K1GU	10,125	225	45	2	0	56	49	56	64

QRP

From Tree People Park above Studio City. KX3 @5 watts, 20 meter CAT5e doublet on 19' mast. Hand sent and paper logged. I got a late start and quit when it got too dark to see what I was writing. And rain was threatening. Love the great operating in the Sprint! — 72, David N6AN

Once again, we had 7 operators brave enough to turn it down to QRP in a Sprint. NN7SS won the competition with 7,172 points, followed by Mike K8CN in second. A quartet of 6-Land calls (though two of them were actually in AZ) took the next four spots: John KE6K, Ron WQ6X, John N6HI, and Rex N6AN. Mike W7LG filled in the final spot in the QRP scores.

Top Scores – QRP									
Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Band Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
NN7SS	7,172	163	44	2	28	41	34	41	47
K8CN	4,914	126	39	2	5	32	36	29	29
KE6K	3,924	109	36	2	16	26	27	35	21
WQ6X	3,640	104	35	2	12	20	25	39	20
N6HI	615	41	15	1	13	13	11	11	6
N6AN	360	20	18	0	0	0	20	0	0
W7LG	48	8	6	2	3	0	0	6	2

Team Competition

Reflecting the increased activity level, the top seven teams all came in above 70,000 points. FRC Domestic's record setting 85,936-point effort delegated NCCC#1 to second place with 83,621, breaking their string of recent wins. SCCC#1 settled for third at 75,559 the Zoomers teleported into fourth with 75,112, and the SE Sprint Coalition's 74,234 coalesced into 5th place. Overall, twenty-four teams were registered, a slight uptick from September.

Winning Team – FRC Domestic	
N2NT	20,130
AA3B	18,306
N2NC	16,956
W2RQ	15,984
W2GD	14,560
	85,936

QSOs

We are pushing ever closer to the top score reaching the fabled “Page Nine,” which refers to 50-QSO paper logs sheets (remember log sheets?) used years ago. Getting to the ninth page meant 400 QSOs in the log. 371 is not far away from 400 — surely there are another 29 QSOs out there somewhere! This is a pretty solid set of QSOs, don’t you think?

Top Ten QSO Totals	
Call	QSOs
N6TR	371
N2NT	366
N9RV	353
N6MJ	352
N6TV	351
N2IC	347
KM7W	345
AA3B	339
K4RO	338
W2RQ	333

In case you were wondering, there were 12,660 QSOs made on 20 meters, 14,412 on 40 meters, and 9,116 on 80 meters. The total of 36,188 QSOs was 7,291 more than in the September contest. If the bands felt more crowded than usual, they were!

The single-band QSO winners were:

- 20 meters: N6TR 140
- 40 meters: N5KO 142
- 80 meters: W2RQ 117

With 56 being the top multiplier count, that would make the maximum possible score $399 \times 56 = 22,344$, higher than the all-time top score!

Golden Logs

My try for a Golden Log ended early when I copied Dan K7SS as Buzz instead of Bugs. Tree N6TR had no problem decoding bug-send and had a record setting 371-QSO clean sheet, while Dan N6MJ was next with 352 accurate entries. Ray WQ5L edged aurora-piercing Steve KL7SB for third and Ned K1GU took fifth from Tennessee. Accuracy counts!

Golden Logs (more than 100 contacts)	
Call	QSOs
N6TR	371
N6MJ	352
WQ5L	254
KL7SB	251

K1GU	225
KW9A	221

Multipliers

To make the top ten in multipliers this round you needed to work 54 different sections, provinces, or countries, with 6 ops tying for 10th place having that many in their logs. Kirk K4RO and Pat N9RV tied for first at 56 with 6 stations (Ken KØEU, Andy N2NT, Tor N4OGW, Trey N5KO, Dan N6MJ and Bob N6TV) tying for 3rd at 55.

A note of appreciation to the BC and VT QSO Party operators who handed out Sprint QSOs along with logging one for their home contest. Definitely a win-win situation. It's great to see the activity from so many locations — let's activate some of those "dark" multipliers next time!

Top Ten Multipliers	
Call	QSOs
K4RO	56
N9RV	56
KØEU	55
N2NT	55
N4OGW	55
N5KO	55
N6MJ	55
N6TV	55
AA3B	54
KW9A	54
NØNI	54
N2NC	54
N2NL	54
N6TR	54

Which were the hardest to work? ZF (7 QSOs), AR (4), WV (4), YT (2), and one station got really lucky with the only ND QSO of the contest.

Speaking of dark multipliers, it's pretty doggone dark in Labrador during February! Chris VO2AC/VE3FU avoids traveling all the way up there and gets on the air as VO2AC with his remote station consisting of a TS-590, KPA500, HF9V (with 160m coil), and MA5B. There has been quite a bit of activity from VO1, VO2, VE1, VE9, VY2, and even VYØ on occasion – thanks for the effort!

Sprint Diplomacy from 4U1UN



A lot of sprinters were thoroughly surprised to hear 4U1UN making QSOs. It had been a LONG time since the contest's 4U1U record was set — 1985! Since then, the United Nations club station has been completely rebuilt to allow remote control operation since access to the old club room is no longer possible. Most of the HF operation these days is by Adrian Ciuperca, KO8SCA. He reports that, "It was fun to be in the Sprint and be able to give out a multiplier although constantly working the VFO remotely was not an easy task. But 4 hours is not that long."



"Many people were surprised to see 4U1UN in the Sprint, yet many more kept asking for the 4U1UN state....Overall, I was glad to spend 4 hours enjoying the contest. A SteppIR BigIR vertical antenna in the middle of a large (RF noisy) city makes receiving a challenge." The station's Flex 6600 helps take care of the receive and transmit chores. You can see the station's equipment rack and location of the vertical on the UN building's roof in the photos from Adrian. (Adrian is shown operating during the recent 9MØW expedition.) Adrian extends his thanks to the 4U1UN club president and club members that work hard to keep the station and the beacon on the air.

First Time Sprinters

It's always great to see some new calls active in CW Sprint. This list is of either first-time CW Sprinters or first-time log submitters. (Check out their comments in the Soapbox section.) Either way, we're mighty glad to have you and hope you had enough fun that we'll see your call in the results again!

KØDME, KØWA, K4EJ, K7MK, K7NT, K8BZ, KB7G, KC5R, KFØGVX, KI7KY, KM4CH, KM9R, KO8SCA(@4U1UN), N9EP, N9UNX, RAØLQ, VO1HP, WØGAS, WØXM, W2VQ, W6FB, WBØSND, WT7TT.

Thanks, folks!

Sprint Hint - Optimizing that QSY

Great fun. Like root canal. Slowly getting into the rhythm. This is a contest for hyperactive people. — WA2VIU

The Special QSY Rule is really what differentiates the CW Sprint from other short contests: After calling a CQ and making a contact, you must QSY at least 1 kHz to call another station or 5 kHz to send CQ again. Reducing the time between sending that ACK after you end a CQ-initiated QSO and working your next one is key to a high rate, since you can't just sit in one spot and run.

For SO1R ops, there are at least three different fast QSY strategies in use: (1) Just spin your VFO knob at least 1 kHz after sending that ACK; (2) Set up high and low frequencies in your VFO A and VFO B band memories and swap VFOs each time; or (3) If you have a panadapter/spectrum screen (no call decoding allowed!) click on a signal or an open spot that is the required distance away.

And one other note – while we are getting better at this, please, please, please be sure you have a reasonable QSO ACK (acknowledgement message). “Dit” is not sufficient, and it creates uncertainty as to whether the exchange was copied, creating the possibility that the ditter's QSO won't be logged, resulting in a NIL penalty. Jumping on top of someone's ACK is also poor operating. **Do not send your call until you hear the ACK response so fills can be completed.** There were several complaints about this obnoxious behavior. Decaf, please!

Next Time

The next CW Sprint will take place on September 8th UTC (Saturday, September 7th, in US time zones). The event starts at 0000 UTC, and stations may operate from 0000 to 0359 UTC inclusive. If you start a QSO just before the clock ticks over to 0400, you may finish it and log it at 0359. For team registration, use the *NCJ* web page, ncjweb.com. Submit logs to cwsprint@kkn.net or use the log submission form on the *NCJ* website. Logs are due 7 days after the contest! Final scores are typically posted on the *NCJ* website and on the CQ-Contest reflector within 2 weeks of the contest. Check out the web resources at kkn.net/n6tr/sprint.html and rules, records, and previous results on the *NCJ* website.

73, The Boring Radio Club and the *National Contest Journal*

Line Scores

* – Low Power, ** – QRP

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	Total QSOs	Mults	Score	Band Chgs	Team
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	120	118	90	328	53	17,384	48	The Navigators
K1DG	DOUG	NH	106	118	95	319	53	16,907	5	The Navigators
K1AR	JOHN	NH	110	128	80	318	53	16,854	2	The Navigators
W1UJ	JAY	MA	74	103	87	264	46	12,144	80	
W1WEF	JACK	CT	75	97	82	254	46	11,684	4	The Navigators
KW1X	*MARK	MA	45	59	30	134	39	5,226	2	The Navigators
K8CN	**MIKE	NH	47	54	25	126	39	4,914	2	
AJ1DM	*JOHN	RI	38	41	18	97	34	3,298	2	
K1KI	TOM	CT	7	0	16	23	18	414	1	
N2NT	ANDY	NJ	125	136	105	366	55	20,130	124	FRC Domestic
N2NC	JOHN	NJ	100	119	95	314	54	16,956	6	FRC Domestic
W2RQ	BILL	NJ	106	110	117	333	48	15,984	2	FRC Domestic
K2UA	RUS	NY	106	0	102	208	48	9,984	1	
W2LC	*SCOTT	NY	0	0	60	60	33	1,980	0	
N2RC	MIKE	NY	0	48	13	61	32	1,952	1	
W2VQ	*GARY	NJ	26	12	18	56	27	1,512	2	
WA2VIU	BARRY	NY	9	22	2	33	23	759	2	
AA3B	BUD	PA	114	138	87	339	54	18,306	148	FRC Domestic
N3QE	TIM	MD	106	121	102	329	49	16,121	52	PVRC Paddle Pushers
K3LR	TIM	PA	101	112	95	308	52	16,016	2	MRRC&NCC
W2GD	JOHN	PA	98	101	81	280	52	14,560	4	FRC Domestic
K3TN	JOHN	MD	76	104	92	272	49	13,328	3	PVRC Paddle Pushers
K3MM	TY	MD	74	106	65	245	49	12,005	9	South East Sprint Coalition #2
N3SD	*GREG	PA	43	52	56	151	40	6,040	2	
WA3AAN	GRANT	PA	52	48	29	129	41	5,289	2	
KE3X	KEN	DC	1	15	37	53	31	1,643	3	South East Sprint Coalition #3
K3UA	*PHIL	PA	49	0	0	49	19	931	0	
K3FH	MIKE	PA	0	8	21	29	20	580	1	
W7LG	**MIKE	PA	0	6	2	8	6	48	2	
K4RO	KIRK	TN	97	138	103	338	56	18,928	124	TCG Sprinters
N2NL	DAVE	FL	122	131	76	329	54	17,766	2	South East Sprint Coalition #1
N4AF	AL	NC	97	119	102	318	52	16,536	109	
K8MR	JIM	FL	121	109	72	302	51	15,402	12	MRRC&NCC
K7SV	*LAR	VA	85	108	95	288	52	14,976	10	The Zoomers
N1LN	BRUCE	NC	91	118	86	295	50	14,750	12	
KU8E	JEFF	GA	88	100	86	274	47	12,878	6	South East Sprint Coalition #3
W4WF	CHRIS	FL	56	118	82	256	49	12,544	10	South East Sprint Coalition #1
K4BAI	JOHN	GA	87	109	74	270	46	12,420	2	South East Sprint Coalition #1
N4ZZ	DON	TN	66	130	74	270	45	12,150	2	AOCC Desperados
N4OX	JAY	FL	97	107	52	256	47	12,032	2	South East Sprint Coalition #2
N4DW	*DAVE	TN	78	73	74	225	49	11,025	12	South East Sprint Coalition #3
W4NZ	TED	TN	73	93	77	243	45	10,935	10	TCG Sprinters

W8FN	RANDY	NC	50	107	91	248	42	10,416	2	South East Sprint Coalition #2
K1GU	*NED	TN	70	94	61	225	45	10,125	2	TCG Sprinters
KQ4R	ED	FL	72	100	43	215	46	9,890	4	
N4OO	*BRIAN	GA	56	81	59	196	45	8,820	7	South East Sprint Coalition #2
K4FN	*DAN	KY	31	81	69	181	44	7,964	2	
NK4O	*AJ	FL	89	66	20	175	45	7,875	2	South East Sprint Coalition #3
N4YDU	NATE	NC	30	61	72	163	44	7,172	2	
KY4ID	*DON	SC	64	52	52	168	40	6,720	10	
AD4EB	*JIM	TN	37	59	49	145	42	6,090	6	TCG Sprinters
N4NTO	*TRIPP	NC	13	59	36	108	36	3,888	2	
K4QPL	JIM	NC	0	36	66	102	37	3,774	1	
KG3V	*TOM	VA	30	54	11	95	36	3,420	6	
K4EJ	*FRANK	FL	66	0	0	66	31	2,046	0	
WF7T	*BRAD	TN	0	18	37	55	30	1,650	3	
KM4CH	*JOHN	KY	2	16	0	18	10	180	1	
N2IC	STEVE	NM	125	124	98	347	52	18,044	4	SMC Burnt Ends
N4OGW	TOR	MS	108	126	94	328	55	18,040	122	South East Sprint Coalition #1
K5TR	GEO	TX	119	133	69	321	53	17,013	162	South East Sprint Coalition #3
N5RZ	GATOR	TX	96	122	88	306	52	15,912	2	The Zoomers
KZ5D	ART	LA	95	98	71	264	51	13,464	10	South East Sprint Coalition #1
WQ5L	*RAY	MS	95	109	50	254	50	12,700	2	South East Sprint Coalition #2
KG5U	*DALE	TX	74	102	61	237	45	10,665	2	
KC5R	*AL	TX	9	33	15	57	27	1,539	3	
W6FB	*JACK	LA	25	26	0	51	28	1,428	1	
N5FZ	*PAUL	TX	5	5	0	10	10	100	3	
N6MJ	DAN	CA	138	131	83	352	55	19,360	2	SCCC #1
N6TV	BOB	CA	133	134	84	351	55	19,305	72	Northern California Contest Club #1
N5KO	TREY	CA	138	142	52	332	55	18,260	120	Northern California Contest Club #1
N5ZO	MARK	CA	116	124	82	322	52	16,744	73	SCCC #1
W6YX	MIKE	CA	129	105	70	304	52	15,808	82	Northern California Contest Club #1
K6XX	BOB	CA	109	126	74	309	50	15,450	2	Northern California Contest Club #1
W4EF	MIKE	CA	114	106	79	299	50	14,950	5	
WD6T	DAVE	CA	107	117	78	302	49	14,798	120	Northern California Contest Club #1
N6AA	DICK	CA	117	111	56	284	52	14,768	2	SCCC #1
AE6Y	ANDY	CA	122	117	54	293	50	14,650	36	Northern California Contest Club #1
N6ZFO	BILL	CA	100	107	68	275	51	14,025	3	Northern California Contest Club #2
K9YC	JIM	CA	99	95	83	277	49	13,573	4	Northern California Contest Club #2
K6LA	KEN	CA	92	126	43	261	51	13,311	24	SCCC #1
K6ZH	JIM	CA	96	100	41	237	48	11,376	4	SCCC #1
AJ6V	ED	CA	96	95	59	250	44	11,000	2	Northern California Contest Club #2
N3ZZ	TOM	CA	82	102	43	227	48	10,896	4	Northern California Contest Club #2
AC6T	STEVE	CA	62	111	45	218	42	9,156	2	SCCC #2
WØYK	ED	CA	69	78	33	180	43	7,740	2	
K6NA	GLEN	CA	46	58	16	120	41	4,920	2	SCCC #2
W1RH	BOB	CA	62	60	0	122	39	4,758	1	
W6RGG	BOB	CA	55	46	9	110	35	3,850	2	
WQ6X	**RON	CA	45	47	12	104	35	3,640	2	SCCC #2
KB7G/KH6	*ALEX	HI	75	31	0	106	34	3,604	1	

W6SX	HANK	CA	38	39	0	77	32	2,464	1	Northern California Contest Club #3
KI6RRN	AXEL	CA	0	33	36	69	31	2,139	1	SCCC #2
K6NV	BOB	CA	17	39	15	71	25	1,775	6	Northern California Contest Club #3
K6MM	JOHN	CA	62	0	0	62	28	1,736	0	Northern California Contest Club #3
N6TTV	CJ	CA	45	0	0	45	28	1,260	0	Northern California Contest Club #3
NE6I	DENNIS	CA	40	0	0	40	24	960	0	SCCC #2
N6AN	**REX	CA	20	0	0	20	18	360	0	
K6EI	*JIM	CA	18	1	0	19	15	285	4	
N6TR	TREE	OR	140	136	95	371	54	20,034	68	Oregon Sprinters
N9RV	PAT	MT	132	132	89	353	56	19,768	150	Big Sky - Glass Half Full
KM7W	CHRIS	MT	123	133	89	345	51	17,595	124	Big Sky - Glass Half Empty
K6LL	DAVE	AZ	124	118	61	303	52	15,756	2	AOCC Desperados
WJ9B	WILL	ID	97	109	79	285	49	13,965	8	
K7RL	MITCH	WA	105	99	74	278	50	13,900	2	
K7QA	TOM	MT	85	98	80	263	51	13,413	2	Big Sky - Glass Half Full
W3NX	ROY	AZ	94	75	75	244	50	12,200	2	AOCC Desperados
KL7SB	STEVE	AK	104	114	33	251	48	12,048	2	
WS7L	CARL	OR	102	96	51	249	45	11,205	2	Oregon Sprinters
K7SS	*BUGS	WA	102	80	44	226	49	11,074	2	
W9CF	*KEVIN	AZ	93	80	44	217	48	10,416	2	AOCC Desperados
KI7Y	JIM	OR	96	95	35	226	45	10,170	2	Oregon Sprinters
K7NT	*MIKE	WA	82	83	49	214	43	9,202	2	Big Sky - Glass Half Empty
NN7SS	**BURT	WA	75	70	18	163	44	7,172	2	
KM9R	*MIKE	NV	82	64	14	160	43	6,880	2	
KE6K	**JOHN	AZ	38	58	13	109	36	3,924	2	AOCC Hooligans
W7XT	*DICK	MT	39	35	18	92	31	2,852	2	Big Sky - Glass Half Full
KØSN	TOM	MT	62	12	0	74	32	2,368	4	Big Sky - Glass Half Full
KI7KY	*BEN	UT	16	33	0	49	21	1,029	1	
AL1G	CAT	AK	37	0	0	37	23	851	0	
N6HI	**JOHN	AZ	28	13	0	41	15	615	1	
W6OAT	RUSTY	WA	26	0	0	26	16	416	0	
K7MK	*JIM	ID	10	0	0	10	6	60	0	
NA8V	GREG	MI	101	106	98	305	52	15,860	80	The Zoomers
KW8N	BOB	OH	101	98	92	291	52	15,132	10	MRRC&NCC
W8WTS	*JIM	OH	71	101	81	253	49	12,397	84	MRRC&NCC
W1NN	*HAL	OH	69	100	81	250	49	12,250	9	MRRC&NCC
N8EA	*JOE	MI	67	97	87	251	46	11,546	8	
W8UE	*TED	MI	46	67	30	143	44	6,292	4	
K9NW	*MIKE	OH	10	74	30	114	38	4,332	4	SMC Short Ribs
NF8M	*FRANK	MI	4	43	13	60	29	1,740	2	
AF8A	*GARY	OH	15	0	31	46	27	1,242	1	
N4HAI	*TOM	OH	7	0	31	38	27	1,026	1	
K8BZ	STEVE	MI	0	29	0	29	17	493	0	
W9RE	MIKE	IN	101	124	94	319	52	16,588	106	The Zoomers
KW9A	DAVE	IL	91	130	0	221	54	11,934	2	SMC Short Ribs
K9BGL	KARL	IL	0	123	102	225	49	11,025	1	SMC Short Ribs
KJ9C	MEL	IN	50	86	88	224	47	10,528	4	SMC Brisket

WI9WI	JIM	WI	65	86	75	226	46	10,396	2	SMC Burnt Ends
N9LQ	JOEL	IL	62	71	64	197	42	8,274	2	SMC Burnt Ends
K9CT	CRAIG	IL	27	83	65	175	44	7,700	6	SMC Brisket
KYØQ	*RICK	IL	45	73	56	174	42	7,308	37	
N9UNX	*CHAD	IN	26	64	32	122	38	4,636	2	SMC Brisket
K9ZO	RALPH	IL	0	15	54	69	34	2,346	1	
N9TTK	*JUSTIN	IN	5	61	0	66	31	2,046	2	
K9AY	GARY	WI	1	41	0	42	27	1,134	2	
N9EP	ED	IL	23	0	0	23	18	414	0	SMC Short Ribs
NØNI	MARK	IA	117	123	89	329	54	17,766	94	SMC Burnt Ends
NØAX	WARD	MO	102	121	94	317	51	16,167	28	SMC Burnt Ends
KØRF	CHUCK	CO	100	114	85	299	53	15,847	50	GMCC Nuggets
KØEU	*KEN	CO	103	117	61	281	55	15,455	31	GMCC Nuggets
NAØN	*PAT	MN	104	114	73	291	52	15,132	92	
ABØS	TIM	NE	85	110	62	257	49	12,593	2	
NØTA	JOHN	CO	95	104	58	257	47	12,079	3	GMCC Nuggets
KØVBU	BILL	KS	63	99	94	256	46	11,776	2	The Zoomers
NØAT	*RON	MN	69	103	81	253	46	11,638	4	
NSØR	MO	KS	69	96	73	238	47	11,186	5	
N7WY	BOB	MO	72	73	59	204	43	8,772	2	
WØBH	BOB	KS	64	72	66	202	43	8,686	8	
KKØU	*JIM	MO	43	92	55	190	44	8,360	52	SMC Brisket
KØUK	*BILL	CO	59	78	42	179	44	7,876	21	GMCC Nuggets
AI6O	*ED	MO	39	69	53	161	44	7,084	7	
WØCO	*BRAD	CO	57	72	47	176	40	7,040	7	GMCC Nuggets
WØETT	*KEN	CO	54	44	17	115	36	4,140	3	GMCC Broncos
N9HDE	*SCOTT	IA	11	75	21	107	37	3,959	2	
NØAC	*BILL	IA	26	55	13	94	35	3,290	7	
WT7TT	*GREG	CO	44	46	0	90	32	2,880	2	GMCC Broncos
KØDME	BEN	CO	37	51	0	88	31	2,728	1	
KØGUZ	*STEVE	CO	27	31	0	58	29	1,682	2	GMCC Broncos
WØXM	*BOB	KS	37	11	0	48	19	912	1	
WBØSND	MIKE	MO	0	37	2	39	23	897	1	SMC Brisket
KFØGVX	*RYAN	NE	0	33	0	33	26	858	2	
ACØE	JIM	KS	0	32	0	32	25	800	0	
WØGAS	GREG	CO	29	0	0	29	17	493	0	GMCC Broncos
VE5MX	TODD	SK	109	127	74	310	50	15,500	94	
KP2M	PHIL	KP2	112	123	59	294	51	14,994	2	
VE3YT	VIC	ON	80	97	85	262	43	11,266	14	
NP4Z	*PIPE	KP4	86	93	38	217	44	9,548	15	
VE6RST	MAX	AB	83	73	36	192	45	8,640	2	
VE5SF	*SAM	SK	74	74	2	150	43	6,450	2	
VO2AC	CHRIS	NFLB	66	68	24	158	39	6,162	2	
VA1MM	AL	NS	53	53	0	106	36	3,816	1	
F1AKK	*OLI	F	56	39	8	103	33	3,399	2	
4U1UN	*ADRIAN	4U1U	42	43	0	85	31	2,635	1	
NP2X	ED	KP2	40	30	0	70	33	2,310	7	
XE2S	*MARC	XE	37	27	0	64	27	1,728	1	

RAØLQ	DMITRY	UA9	42	0	0	42	24	1,008	0	
VO1HP	FRANK	NFLB	5	8	0	13	11	143	1	
VA6RCN	*KEVIN	AB	5	5	3	13	9	117	2	

TEAM SCORES

FRC Domestic	
N2NT	20,130
AA3B	18,306
N2NC	16,956
W2RQ	15,984
W2GD	14,560
	85,936
Northern California Contest Club #1	
N6TV	19,305
N5KO	18,260
W6YX	15,808
K6XX	15,450
WD6T	14,798
	83,621
SCCC #1	
N6MJ	19,360
N5ZO	16,744
N6AA	14,768
K6LA	13,311
K6ZH	11,376
	75,559
The Zoomers	
W9RE	16,588
N5RZ	15,912
NA8V	15,860
K7SV	14,976
KØVBU	11,776
	75,112

- | | |
|--|--------|
| 5. South East Sprint Coalition #1 (N4OGW, N2NL, KZ5D, W4WF, K4BAI) | 74,234 |
| 6. MRRC&NCC (K3LR, K8MR, KW8N, W8WTS, W1NN) | 71,197 |
| 7. SMC Burnt Ends (N2IC, NØNI, NØAX, WI9WI, N9LQ) | 70,647 |
| 8. The Navigators (K5ZD, K1DG, K1AR, W1WEF, KW1X) | 68,055 |
| 9. Northern California Contest Club #2 (AE6Y, N6ZFO, K9YC, AJ6V, N3ZZ) | 64,144 |
| 10. GMCC Nuggets (KØRF, KØEU, NØTA, KØUK, WØCO) | 58,297 |
| 11. South East Sprint Coalition #2 (WQ5L, N4OX, K3MM, W8FN, N4OO) | 55,973 |
| 12. AOCC Desperados (K6LL, W3NX, N4ZZ, W9CF) | 50,522 |
| 13. South East Sprint Coalition #3 (K5TR, KU8E, N4DW, NK4O, KE3X) | 50,434 |

14. TCG Sprinters (K4RO, W4NZ, K1GU, AD4EB)	46,078
15. Oregon Sprinters (N6TR, WS7L, KI7Y)	41,409
16. Big Sky - Glass Half Full (N9RV, K7QA, W7XT, KØSN)	38,401
17. SMC Brisket (KJ9C, KKØU, K9CT, N9UNX, WBØSND)	32,121
18. PVRC Paddle Pushers (N3QE, K3TN)	29,449
19. SMC Short Ribs (KW9A, K9BGL, K9NW, N9EP)	27,705
20. Big Sky - Glass Half Empty (KM7W, K7NT)	26,797
21. SCCC #2 (AC6T, K6NA, WQ6X, KI6RRN, NE6I)	20,815
22. GMCC Broncos (WØETT, WT7TT, KØGUZ, WØGAS)	9,195
23. Northern California Contest Club #3 (W6SX, K6NV, K6MM, N6TTV)	7,235
24. AOCC Hooligans (KE6K)	3,924

SOAPBOX

SOAPBOX from submitted logs

Fun 20m opened at start some mistake in logs! tks for qsos 100w 6el monoband on 20m , dipole on 40, sloper on 80 Oli - F1AKK

A lot of unanswered CQs on all bands. Conditions seemed very good across all bands. - K5ZD

I managed to beat my last score from Feb Sprint 2022. I forgot how hard it is to scurry around when QRP under the Kilowatts. I stayed on 20m as long as I found new stations. Same for 40m, then finally I had to brave 80m as QRP - worked a lot of left coast! I'm pleased the remote station worked without fail, the op not so much. Thanks for the fun. - NN7SS Burt WA (op K6UFO)

TWENTY REALLY SUCKED FOR THIS LIL PISTOL. LOW DIPOLE & 500 WATTS LOST MANY JUMP BALLS - KJ9C

ONE HALF WATT to a 20-Foot End-Fed Wire. Tnx for your good ears and the QSOs! Go Arizona Outlaws! - John N6HI

Great conditions on all bands and good activity too! - N6TV

First time using N1MM+ for the CW sprint. Had some problems and delays. - VE5SF

This was WQ6X's 1st QRP Cw SPRINT ran remotely from Ramona. Overall, Band Condx. seemed SUCKY, so I prolly spent more time on 20-Cw than I should have. My biggest problem was missing the QSO # and before I could ask for a repeat, calling stations were already on top of things. There is no logical need to run 35-wpm in a Sprint contest. If we can't copy you, we ask for repeats and everybody's rhythm suffers. If you want a REAL CHALLENGE in Life, run the NA SPRINT using QRP Power. - WQ6X

SOAPBOX from 3830scores.com – thanks to Bruce Horn, WA7BNM

Came down with Covid a few days ago. No possibility to operate no matter how much I wanted to. Hopefully someone else from VE9 got on. CU (all of a sudden!)(I hope) in the next one. — Mike VE9AA

Very much fun ... only had 20m (A3 @ 25') ... Took me too long to get my fingers in sync with my ears! Tnx for hearing me ... AK/HI/VI/PR in the log. — FRANK K4EJ

Thanks for all the q's! — John AJ1DM

I was QRMing my wife's computer so had to QRT many times. Thanks for your QSO. — NØAC

First time in a sprint (Whew!) — KM4CH

Had some amp issues. Quit early to address and fix. — KC7V

A while after the contest started, I decided to make a few QSOs while working in the lab. Only had a low 40M dipole, so I ran 500W. Seemed to get out OK. — K9AY

FB Condx ! — Howie N4AF

Thanks to Dave and Barb for hosting — N5KO (@W6NL)

Great session! Just a few Q's short of last February. Plus I don't think I blew up any exchanges this time. — Carl WS7L

Fun. 40 meters disappointed. Thanks for qosos! — Felipe NP4Z

This contest is so frustrating. Soooooo many unanswered CQs on all bands. Then when I call someone I get beat out. Conditions were great across all bands. I think I worked every mult I heard. Missed RI, DE, AL, AR, OK, UT, WY, WC, and ND. I did get 4U1, KH6, KP2, KP4, XE, and ZF. — Randy K5ZD

Twenty meters was brutal. Lost about every jump ball and few answered my CQs. A lot easier from Montana in a deep mountain valley... go figure — KJ9C

First time I've done this contest. I'm glad it's only 4 hours. — NSØR

Good stuff. Condx were good with quiet bands and good activity. — K7SV

Part time...celebrating my wife's birthday. — K9CT

I came close to breaking 300 for the first time, but couldn't quite get there. — Pat NAØN

CW sprinting is always fun, even for a little pistol. Thanks for the Qs. — Tim, ABØS

Wow - busy! First time I've ever worked 9N7 in a Sprint, hi! Glad to see lots of activity right up to the end. Missed a couple of mults I heard: NL and DC. — Ward NØAX

Fun evening - low bands were quiet. — Nate N4YDU

I had planned for no more than 3 hours, but couldn't quit. Got started 15 min late. I see lots of great scores, but for me, a little over 50/hr is progress! Thanks for the fun and QSOs. 73 — Ed AI6O

I was only around for the last hour and a half. Probably the first time 4U1UN was QRV in a sprint! — Mike K9NW

Only had 2 band changes again this time. Thanks everyone for getting on, that was fun! — Dan N6MJ

Good conditions all around. Got off to a slow start as usual on 20 and spent the rest of the contest trying to catch up. Had a pretty good last hour. Plenty of stations to work. SWR bouncing around on 80 but most stations could hear me. Thanks to the sponsors. — Hal W1NN (remote in Japan)

Very fun! My best score to date, but a few Q's short of my highest. — Joel N9LQ

My best score in a CW Sprint in a while. Still get beat out a lot and have lots of unanswered CQ's. This is still my favorite contest despite that. 20 meters was pretty good from GA this time. Worked pretty much all the multipliers I heard except for a weak KH6 on 20 meters. CU in the next one. — Jeff KU8E

Good conditions and the bands were quiet here. No snow or rain just came early and left. Thanks to all the GMCC'er I worked. Missed some but we were in there swinging for the fences. God Bless — KØUK

Didn't think I would be able to get on at all so didn't join a team. Was able to get on for an hour after all. — N9TTK

Always fun to sprint! — N4NTO

Couldn't pass up Courtside ticket to NC State/GA Tech game so started late. Missed 20M completely but great fun. Thanks for the Q's. — K4QPL

Great conditions. As always, I can stay with the pack for the first 1.5-2 hours, then fall way behind. Still, lots of fun. — KL7SB(@KL7RA)

I felt like I was getting sand kicked on me for most of the four hours. Trying out a new station layout, much fumble fingering but better in the long run. — K3TN

That was really fun. It just seemed to keep going right to the end. Thanks everyone for getting on and sprinting. — Vic VE3YT

Decided in advance to do only two band changes - traditional 20 to 40 to 80. Felt like I allocated proper amount of time to each band given my poor antenna. Back to the QRP trenches - still a lot of great ears out there, so thanks for digging me out of the muck! Rig: K3 at 4.9 watts, very droopy 135 foot doublet about 25 feet up and draped across tree branches...at least at 5 watts I don't get self-RFI to the logging computer on 80 meters. The Thursday night NS crew will know what I mean. — Mike K8CN

Took long time to get mults together and still missed couple more I heard. Activity felt down but conditions were great. — Marko N5ZO

These things are brutal! Seems like I got stomped about 100% of the time making calls. A pretty poor antenna for 20 meters and being down about 4 dB to the full high power guys really makes for a challenge. I did manage to break the 250 QSO barrier, which is a best for me in the new QTH. Hope to have better antennas for the next running. Thanks to everyone for the QSOs and for pulling me out of the mess. – Randy, W8FN

Best yet for me with LP and wires in the palm trees. The 40/20m vertical really saved me on 40/20 as the inv V was hopeless with noise and being heard. It was a fight on 80m as planned so I dragged my heels on 20m. Waited til I work HI, fumbled him the first time as couldnt get call/Nr and was buried by the hunters. A few stations did not send R or TU at the end - just blank - you just don't know if they QSB'd or QSY'd. – NK4O

Great conditions and activity. Lots of contests going on at the same time. Worked F1AKK on 3 bands! – Andy N2NT

Yaesu FTDX10 with TAK-tenna at 25 feet using Palstar AT2KD antenna tuner. That was a lot of fun. This was a personal best for me in the CW sprint contest. Thank you for the contacts! 20 meters was in really good shape at the start of the contest tonight. In the past, I have struggled to make many contacts on that band with my low power signal and antenna that is resonated on 40 meters. – N9HDE

Reduced power here. Antennas covered with thick snow and Alphas were faulting around 500 watts. Couldn't use my 3 el 80 at all. But had fun and only went totally crazy a few times. – Chuck KØRF

Had a bad start... couldn't win any jump. Had to claw my way back for the rest of the contest. Ouch. Thanks to N6RO! – Dave WD6T

A new Personal Best in NAS CW. That was a surprise considering the weakness of 20 m, but 80 m came through in the end. Thanks for the fun evening of fast-paced radio. – W8WTS

I was only able to make the last 50 mins of the sprint. Thanks all for the Qs. See you in the next one! – Brad WF7T

Found a number of the GMCC Fellows, and a lot of friends. Had to deal with a bit of snow, and a lot of shack traffic, with a webpage server swap to manage in the middle. So only got to play for 2 hrs. Sorry to have missed you, and will look for y'all next time, good luck. — Dale WC7S

Battered, bruised, and beaten to a pulp. 80, of course was the worst with baseband noise level hopping up and down on the panadapter screen as high as s8 at times. And then there were my keyboard typing fubars getting in on the fun. My apologies to everyone who got to be on the far end of my clumsiness. Nonetheless, I believe this has been one of my better NA Sprint CW outings. – Dale KG5U

Great activity!! Was surprised I didn't get a hat trick - seemed 80 was a bit thin with activity. Heard VO2 but they got away. – N6TR

What a great day! – W1UJ

All three bands were great! Even 80 was fairly quiet here, with no neighborhood noise that I could see. Even the usual S9 line noise was down an s-units or 2. I made four QSO's on 80 in the last two minutes of the contest, so maybe I should have spent more time there. All in all, it was a very enjoyable 4 hours!
– Dave K6LL

Great activity! Band in great shape. – Tim K3LR

It was a pleasure to hear so many familiar calls. The 80 meter 4 square was amazing for the evening conditions. West coast stations were 20 over and the F/B was spectacular. I don't see this in earlier CWT sessions. It was a challenge to send, but I like it a lot and credit CW for keeping me interested in something. – Ralph K9ZO

My first cw sprint full time. Had a blast. I was hoping to break 200 but fell short. Something to work on for next time. I wanted to get on 40 sooner but had to wait till sunset to redeploy my antenna for night time ops in the HOA. – Mike KM9R

Only 1 radio this time. Bandpass filters for SO2R (were) on their way to CBOZA. It was fun, but it's disappointing to miss your own state. Colorado and Arizona got all the Sprinters. Great conditions on all 3 bands. – Steve N2IC

Very similar experience to September '23 - great start on 20 and then hit a wall when I get to 40. Have plans for a 40m 4-square before fall because the dipole isn't cutting it. I have tower plans in the future but that's likely still 1+ year out since house construction takes priority and progress is slow with my father and I doing the majority of work ourselves. Thanks for all the Qs - what a great contest! – Dave N2NL

Pretty tired after a full day...so squeezed in a few minutes on the Navy straight key. Called CQ a lot...only 1 taker....so I called a few random loud signals. Hope it helped...not sure if anyone else put Alberta on.
– Kevin VA6RCN

A good contest. Missed some not so rare states - OK,AR,AL,DE,SD. No North American DX. I was missing KY until K4FN called in at 0358Z - Thanks! And thanks to K5KG for use of his station. Although I have the "condo superstation" here in Florida, it still does not compare to having beams and a KW. — Jim K8MR (@K5KG)

ONE HALF WATT to a 20-Foot End-Fed Wire. Tnx for your good ears and the QSOs! Go Arizona Outlaws!
– John N6HI

Thought I had worked up a slick Function key file. Gave me lots of trouble until I finally abandoned it. – W7XT

Had some stuff happening at home, so I could only do the first three hours. One of these days I'm going to figure out how to improve my rate in the sprints. – N9UNX

Conditions were quite good. - Ed AJ6V

First time Murphy visited during a Sprint. Some drunk hit the power pole at the entrance to our subdivision. Poof - out went the power at 0102z. Finally came back on 42 minutes later. I almost threw in the towel and called it a night. Hard to get re-focused. Anyway, the last couple of hours were fun. Thanks for the Qs. – Art KZ5D

Bands were in great shape, though the op felt a little rusty. But a good tuneup for ARRL CW from P49Y. – Andy AE6Y

Getting better at this but I still suck. Lost too many jump balls and screwed up the F key Run/S&P sequencing too often. Good condx on all bands. – K7QA

Old man "BUGS" sat in tonite, using his 1950s chrome vibroplex for the full 4 hours. Some fun ! ... thought it was going to be for just a short while, but it's addictive, and kept on rolling...and then suddenly it's 03:59...and it's over. Delighted to see 4U1UN get into the log. First QSO was VO2AC ! a great way to begin. Bands were in good shape, and even a few W1s made it into the log on 80m. Great signals everywhere... like kid in a candy store type elation ! Next time with a keyer... the bug was just for fun BUT...FUN WAS HAD the whole four hours. – "Bugs" K7SS

Time above doesn't include 8 minutes when I changed from 20 to 40 and couldn't get either 40M antenna to resonate. Not sure what was going on, but finally got the zepp to resonate on 40. All three bands were in pretty good shape. Heard at least one mult I didn't work, XE2S, who was weak on 20M. Heard several guys on 20M working a KH6 station, but never heard him. Good activity. Great ops. Guess I just can't keep up any more. Thanks to KU8E for getting up the teams for South East Sprint Coalition. – John K4BAI

Was ready for this one to be over. Never got into a rhythm, and some really dumb mistakes along the way didn't help. I used the name Don as a hat tip to W4OC, who still holds many of the Sprint records for SC. – Burton KY4ID

The highlight was working K5ZD and exchanging identical numbers...17. It all went downhill from there! Just couldn't get any jumpballs. I felt really weak...not breaking pileups at all. I made alot of mistakes...qsying before a call was in the log and losing the Q. I felt like I hadn't done the sprint for ten years but the computer sez I been doing it every yr! Glad I stuck with it because I caught up a bit, after having the lowest number of Qs ever on 20, under 100. – Jack W1WEF

Thanks for the QSO's. Good to work many of the Thursday night NS gang in this marathon sprint. – Ted W4NZ

This is always a struggle, but I'll keep trying. – WT7TT(WØZA)

Conditions were very good on all three bands out here. Great to so activity pick up from the usual numbers. N5KO was way ahead of me, but then his 80m antenna may have fallen down in the storm. Congrats to N6TR for the big numbers and to ZF9CW for the rare multiplier. Only mult I think I heard but did not work was VE4. – Bob N6TV

A week ago had no working transceiver and no 40/80 antenna. Good luck and occasional good wx prevailed. Missed some "easy" mults, ME, WV, AL and SC. – Bill N6ZFO

Great condx. Especially 20, which hung in well into the 3rd hour. The west coast was loud on 80 - and quiet. Pretty sure this is a PB (personal best) for me. – Greg NA8V

Was called by KX1E on 40 but QRM covered the exchange except state of ME that I needed. My second-radio CQ on 20 in the meantime was answered by VO2AC, another needed mult. I was never able to copy KX1E's fill through the QRM and VO2AC disappeared by the time I responded. Never heard these mults again. On a positive note, I was glad to make over 300 Qs, but that may not survive log checking. – Mike N7MH

One Radio. Two band changes. Lucky on Mults, not so much on QSOs. – Gator N5RZ

First timer...can't say I'm interested to do it again. I did like the way that N1MM "knew" what to do ! Still suffering from the flu bug....couldn't stay. Listened on 80m around 0045 but heard nobody in NA...lots of FOC and Eu test. – Frank VO1HP

THANKS FOR THE Qs. I HAD TROUBLE GETTING IN THE GROOVE. THE F-KEYS AND I HAD ISSUES. FUN NONETHELESS AND LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT SPRINT. GUESS I BETTER GET ON THE THURSDAY NIGHT 30 MIN PRACTICE ROUNDS AGAIN. – Jim ACØE

Lots of activity, but too many minutes long gaps in my log. Only mult heard not worked was XE. Never heard the usually easy AL & OK. – Ken K6LA

Got a late start so 20 meter Qs were a bit lacking. — NØAT

Band felt pretty solid, decent activity level. Thanks for George for use of the FB station. Pretty sure this is the first Sprint I've done from his place. – Robert K5PI

Nice to have 20 open. – N2NC

Two band changes. Technical difficulties slowed me down (rig control serial comm kept flaking out — eventually turned it off and went without). Went to 80 late assuming it would be noisy due to numerous thunderstorms nearby but it wasn't too bad. I think XE was the only mult I heard and missed. — WQ5L

Just as I was getting into the groove, The Lovely Jeanne arrived with Faratto's Pizza — evil, wicked Zoot! That killed my rate for about 10 minutes. I used two radios this time, but not really SO2R — Just so I could bounce between bands faster. Not that that kind of speed matters when you can't copy 40wpm, run 100W and only have a dipole and a delta loop. . .Fun running into ole K7SS running his bug — missed you on 80m OM! Whew! That's done. Now the big question: Where's My Brisket? – Jim KKØU

Still not able to meet the BIC times due to my recent knee replacement. Had to take a couple of 15 minute breaks that really impacted my Q count and score. Oh well, at least I was able to get on and have some fun. Conditions were good on all bands but I missed too many jump balls and had many

unanswered CQs. Hope to be on full time for the SSB Sprint in March. Should be no issue by then. – Bruce N1LN

My time was limited in this one but it was certainly fun. See you next time! – Carl N6TTV

Limited time available. And boy was I rusty! And tired from a long day leading up to the contest. Made plenty of mistakes too. – NE6I

20 was just amazing this time — better than any other Sprint I can ever remember. Super exciting, full of mults and activity for 2 full hours! Won a surprising amount of jump balls, but the band was doing all the work. Man, that was fun. 80 was good too. Got there early, for obvious reasons. The band was ripping with activity and new mults shortly after 0230Z. The band was quiet and the West Coast stations were plentiful and loud. It was funny/sad to miss N5RZ on the band because Gator was SO loud there, but every time I came across him with the right timing I lost the jump ball. So goes the Sprint! Lots of mults on this time. The only mult I heard but didn't work was VE7; most of the ones I heard were doing the BCQP. I know there were some rare ones on that I didn't hear as well. Huge multiplier totals in the top 20 scores! Looking forward to having all the antennas ready for September. The Sprint is still my favorite four hours in ham radio! – K2UA

Well, I seem to be 'stuck' at about 240 Qs plus / minus for many years. But worked some more mults this year and got a slightly higher score than sometimes. Last 3 mults were all pleasant surprises: VO2AC, 4U1UN (!), and XE2S. – Jim K6ZH

Not very comfortable during this contest — and not very loud, either, judging from the number of jump balls I lost. Didn't get a pop from 80 meters this time like last year. Just tons of unanswered CQs there. But the mults really came to me, oddly enough. Nice to work so many friends. Some really cool mults showed up — 4U1UN, wow! The only one I heard and missed was VA1MM. – N9RV

My brain wasn't up to sprinting. Only sorta worked in short bursts—couldn't sustain. – W6SX

The remote connection to ucsb kept crashing, so did the contest from the home station. Typical score from the home station. – AC6T

I downloaded a template and either I accidentally changed something or there was a bug that caused issues when working a couplet. I tried to troubleshoot the issue on the fly and could not fix it. I had to send the exchange by hand, which got me out of the Sprint rhythm. — Jay N4OX

Heard VO2AC but never connected. Nice to get 4U1UN in the log - a pleasant surprise. Lost more jump balls than I care to count, mostly to east coast working east coast. Other than that, the bands were excellent. No radio heroics this time - just one radio and three band changes. – Mitch K7RL

First time doing the NA Sprint, definitely was a fun contest. — KFØGVX

Started late. – N7XU

Greatest 4 hours in radio. – KL2A

Some kind of antenna problem on 80. Couldn't hear and must have been weak. Also some antenna problem on 40. High SWR. Got reports of hum on signal. Something wrong with my power supply. – N6AA

The big snow here affected my 20M antennas quite a bit. Thankfully 40M and 80M antennas were working FB. This is the first time my first hour rate was worse than my fourth hour rate. Mults seemed to be everywhere, but I wish I could have snagged Utah for number 56. Heard it once and that was it. Nice turnout from GMCC thanks to the efforts of KOUK and W0ETT. Nice to work Ken again after a lull in his contesting. Worked all the Nuggets and most of the Broncos. My one BC contact sent the same number for all three QSO's that I heard (I had to wait behind a couple of HP stations). I hope I still get the multiplier – Randy/Ken KØEU

No 20. Antenna down for work. – Karl, K9BGL

Didn't realize amp had tripped off for a considerable duration while on 80 meters. I need to bring meter closer to operating position. Missed a couple mults that I heard, AB and SC. – KW8N

I am sure QRM busted at least 3 serial numbers - hectic fun! – N7WY

Been absent from contesting for awhile and enjoyed the encouragement from KOUK to give it a try. Not my best Sprint, but not my worst! Very worried about snow static on my dipole arrays during the contest but didn't have the snow amount or wind that was predicted. No arcing in the shack and was not forced to QRT anytime. Tried a some SO2R but need a lot of practice and maybe not in a Sprint! Band conditions were good here in the mountains. Thanks to all the GMCC stations that I worked. Thanks to Bill KOUK and Ken W0ETT for getting this all setup. – WØCO

I had accidentally scheduled some USA Hockey Referee assignments for late Saturday afternoon, the last of which ended 0200Z, so could only operate one hour, mostly on 80. CW Sprint is still my favorite contest. – Ken KE3X

First time with the sprint. Lots happening pretty fast. Had less than an hour to work. – WØGAS

FIRST TIME running sprint. Screwed up many times. Will try again – Lee KØWA

K3 with 30W to an indoor full size 80M dipole taped to the shack wall. We just moved to this newly built house the beginning of December and have just been too busy getting moved into the new place so no outside antennas are up. But I enjoy the CW Sprint so had to work some of the masses! – Phil K3UA