

RESULTS

SEPTEMBER, 1979, NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT

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The NCJ's NA Sprint contests continue to grow. September saw the largest number of entries we've ever had -- 120 logs as compared to 114 last February, a net gain of 5%. Andy, N2NT, set an all-time QSO record with 327, averaging 81.75 per hour, but with a multiplier of only 39, even all those contacts weren't enough to overcome K3LR's new scoring record of 13,692. Tim was only one QSO behind Andy, but with a multiplier of 42, that's all she wrote! The first-place plaque goes to Pennsylvania.

WA3RSK grabbed the award for having the most multipliers. Interestingly enough, Ty did all this with only 167 QSOs. Talk about being in the right places at the right times! Ty's multiplier of 45 was two higher than second-place W0ZZ. It took 40 or more just to make the top-ten in the multiplier category.

With 276 QSOs, one could just squeak into the top-ten in that field. Actually, that's the top 11 because K4AF and K5ZD both tied at 276 for spots 10 and 11. Phil and Randy also had the same multiplier, so take a look at their identical 10,764 scores in the listings. Well done, guys.

Other stats of interest: 21 entries broke the 10,000 point barrier; 69 made more than 200 QSOs, 30 of them exceeded 250, and 4 cracked the magic 300 mark.

There was a concerted effort in the team competition to pick off W2GD's group of Independent Contesters #1. It failed! Western Group #1 amassed an incredible 97.6 K, more than 4 K higher than the previous team record, but even that wasn't enough to do in IC #1 at 98.6 K. The coup de grace was delivered all the more ignominiously in that IC #1 pulled off its fifth consecutive victory with only nine of its ten members active. The third place team was an entry from PVRC, who in its first appearance reminded us that that group is a force with which to be reckoned. It takes one Sprint to catch on to this contest -- watch out next February when those guys come back with one under their belts. Another new team entry this round was the NJN'ers, who submitted all ten of their logs in a single envelope -- that's one way to be sure everybody gets scores in on time.

Many suggestions appeared in the logs regarding the structure of the Sprint. It is clear that with interest in the Sprint steadily growing, and scores bunching closer and closer together, we have a problem with enforcement of certain of our rules. For instance, many logs noted that some stations started the contest one or two minutes early, or ended one or two minutes late. Others noted that some stations were not obeying the QSY rule (although most do), and that others did not send both call signs during each QSO. Those rules exist because the Sprint was conceived as a "gentlemen's contest" in which the exchange would be absolutely legal, and in which peer group pressure hopefully would dictate that all would compete with exactly the same handicap. It's not happening, and just the couple of extra QSOs garnered by a rules violation potentially can make a significant difference in the final standings. I am openly soliciting your opinions as how to enforce the rules, if indeed we are to enforce them at all? Perhaps we should simply get rid of them altogether? Remember, any suggestions you have for enforcement should be applicable mechanically, i.e., they should apply universally and impartially, with a minimum of subjectivity and a maximum of objectivity. Your thoughts please?

Most comments noted in the logs were directed to the multiplier. A chorus of stations are clamoring for its complete elimination. The letter from Tree, N6TR, printed elsewhere in this issue, pretty well sums up the reasons for this proposed change. I am amenable to adopting such a change if that's what the participants

want, but I certainly would like to hear from more of you before we modify the rules.

Several stations called for the institution of an SSB Sprint. I have no objection, but because of constraints imposed by my job, I personally have time available for checking logs only twice per year. Is there enough desire for an SSB Sprint that we are willing to drop one of the cw Sprints in lieu thereof? If yes, do you want SSB in February or September?

A comment from K4PQL raises another interesting issue. Howie said "If possible, I would like to see the inequitable exchange of 'nickname' eliminated. Failing this, I'll change my name to 'Al' come next test." Howie obviously is not alone; any number of participants used shortened forms of their names or their initials. The original idea behind using the name as part of the exchange was to use variable data which could not automatically be filled in (like a "59925" report from a JA in the WW DX Tests), and further, to let us know who these people are whom we've been working all these years. We contact all the same stations in all the contests, yet we often never even know what their names are because that's not information required in a contest exchange. Is the name worth knowing? Should we change our message format?

The 1980 Sprints will be on February 3 and September 14, UTC. As of right now, rules for these contests will be identical to rules for this past year's Sprints, so please let us hear from you if you support any of the proposed changes. Also, please spend a few days before the Sprints on the air talking up the contest among your casual QSOs. All it takes is a little enthusiasm from us to turn on lots of newcomers to this fantastic contest.

TOP TEN

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>MUL</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
K3LR	Tim	PA	13,692	326	42	80	144	102	MRR
K3UA	Phil	PA	13,161	321	41	75	150	96	IC #1
N2NT	Andy	NY	12,753	327	39	96	143	88	IC #1
N6AA	Dick	CA	11,817	303	39	128	115	60	WG #1
W0ZZ	John	MN	11,524	268	43	100	89	79	IC #1
K1TO	Dan	CT	11,388	292	39	70	152	70	IC #1
K8MR	Jim	OH	11,234	274	41	63	135	76	MRR
W3LPL	Frank	MD	11,200	280	40	79	122	79	PVRC
K1KI	Tom	CT	11,015	285	39	83	123	78	IC #1
W2IB	Art	NY	10,840	271	40	78	99	94	Force #2

TEAM SCORES

<u>Independent</u> <u>Contesters #1</u>		<u>Western</u> <u>Group #1</u>		<u>Potomac Valley</u> <u>Radio Club</u>		<u>The</u> <u>Force #2</u>	
K3UA	13,161	N6AA	11,817	W3LPL	11,200	W2IB	10,840
N2NT	12,753	N6BT	10,412	K4AF	10,764	K1MEM	10,040
W0ZZ	11,524	WA7NIN	10,335	K4PQL	10,218	K1XA	9,766
K1TO	11,388	W6AM	10,179	K3TW	9,916	W2SQ	8,995
K1KI	11,015	W7KW	9,800	W3GG	9,438	WA2SPL	7,752
N4KG	10,830	N6RO	9,684	K4VX	8,244	W1FJ	6,630
W2RQ	10,260	W6RTT	9,652	N3CW	8,225	WB4QBB	6,480
K2NO	9,399	W0UA	9,100	WA3RSK	7,515	W1GG	5,580
W9RE	8,295	W6YX	8,460	K3NA	7,140	Total	66,083
Total	98,625	K7NHV	8,228	W3FA	462		
		Total	97,667	Total	83,122		

The Paper Club		Mad River Radio Club		The Force #1		The Texas DX Society	
N6IG	8,840	K3LR	13,692	K1AR	10,140	K5ZD	10,764
WA6VEF	8,680	K8MR	11,234	K1VR	7,740	K5NA	8,284
N6TV	8,364	K8NZ	10,520	K1EA/5	7,616	K5RC	7,344
AA6UO	8,136	W3YQ	8,534	K1IU	7,488	N5DU	6,882
N7NG	7,755	WA2ECA	6,501	K1DG	7,437	K5WA	6,845
N6OP	7,174	AC8E	4,564	N1EE	7,174	K5FP	5,874
N6KB	6,800	Total	55,045	K1GSK	5,445	K5KG	5,181
Total	55,749			Total	53,040	W5HNS	345
						Total	51,519

Western Group #2		The NJN'ers		North Texas Contest Club		Western Wash. DX Club	
K7SS	8,784	K2NJ	7,622	N5TP	8,066	N7DX	8,892
K6NA	8,540	K2PH	6,732	N5JB	7,456	N7AM	6,156
N6BV	8,436	AF2L	4,991	K5MR	5,565	K7WA	4,114
N6ZZ	8,262	N2CR	4,031	KA5Q	5,115	WB7PSP	2,727
N6CW	7,740	W2CVW	3,094	N5BT	950	Total	21,889
K7SV/6	6,755	K2UL	2,925	Total	27,152		
Total	48,517	W2UEZ	2,289				
		W5DTR/2	2,093				
		WB2TOM	1,980				
		K2VX	1,242				
		Total	36,999				

IR/TI Duo		Boiled Owls	
N4IR	6,444	W2AYJ	3,150
N4TI	3,900	Total	3,150
Total	10,344		

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K1TO	Dan	CT	292	39	11,388	AF2L	Mike	NJ	161	31	4,991
K1KI	Tom	CT	285	39	11,015	N2CR	Chris	NJ	139	29	4,031
K1AR	John	MA	260	39	10,140	W2AYJ	Bob	NY	105	30	3,150
K1MEM	Jim	MA	251	40	10,040	W2CVW	Ed	NJ	119	26	3,094
K1XA	Bob	CT	257	38	9,766	K2UL	Dan	NJ	117	25	2,925
K1VR	Fred	MA	215	36	7,740	W2UEZ	Bill	NJ	109	21	2,289
K1IU	Jeff	RI	208	36	7,488	K2GBH	Herbie	NY	103	21	2,163
K1DG	Doug	MA	201	37	7,437	W5DTR/2	Curt	NJ	91	23	2,093
N1EE	Scott	MA	211	34	7,174	WB2TOM	George	NJ	90	22	1,980
W1FJ	Al	MA	195	34	6,630	K2VX	Dave	NJ	54	23	1,242
W1GG	Gary	MA	186	30	5,580						
K1GSK	Rex	MA	165	33	5,445	K3LR	Tim	PA	326	42	13,692
WB1ANT	Matt	MA	157	29	4,553	K3UA	Phil	PA	321	41	13,161
N1RI	Geo	RI	42	18	756	W3LPL	Frank	MD	280	40	11,200
						K3TW	Tom	MD	268	37	9,916
						W3GG	Art	MD	242	39	9,438
						K3SA	Steve	MD	229	38	8,702
						K3CR	Doug	PA	231	37	8,547
N2NT	Andy	NY	327	39	12,753	W3YQ	Tim	PA	251	34	8,534
W2IB	Art	NY	271	40	10,840	N3CW	Ed	MD	235	35	8,225
W2RQ	Bill	NJ	285	36	10,260	WA3RSK	Ty	MD	167	45	7,515
K2NO	Doug	NY	241	39	9,399	K3NA	Eric	MD	204	35	7,140
W2SQ	Phil	NJ	257	35	8,995	AF3B	John	PA	140	27	3,780
WA2SPL	Joe	NY	204	38	7,752	K3TM	Roger	MD	74	23	1,702
K2NJ	Bill	NJ	206	37	7,622	W3FA	Paul	MD	33	14	462
K2PH	Bob	NJ	204	33	6,732						
WA2ECA	Mike	NY	197	33	6,501						

N4KG	Trey	AL	285	38	10,830	N7AM	Jack	WA	171	36	6,156
K4AF	Phil	VA	276	39	10,764	AD7K	Dale	NV	177	34	6,018
K4PQL	Howie	VA	262	39	10,218	K7LTV	Ron	MT	142	31	4,402
N4DW	Dave	VA	218	38	8,284	K7WA	Jim	WA	121	34	4,114
K4VX	Lew	VA	229	36	8,244	W7GB	Don	WA	113	28	3,164
WB4QBB	Jay	FL	180	36	6,480	WB7PSP	Bag	WA	101	27	2,727
N4JR	Jim	TN	179	36	6,444	W7DRA	Mike	WA	6	6	36
K4OAQ	Fritz	TN	168	36	6,048	K8MR	Jim	OH	274	41	11,234
K4BAI	John	GA	157	31	4,867	K8NZ	Ron	OH	263	40	10,520
N4TI	Ralph	TN	130	30	3,900	AC8E	Jeff	OH	163	28	4,564
K5ZD	Randy	TX	276	39	10,764	W9RE	Mike	IN	237	35	8,295
K5NA	Rich	TX	218	38	8,284	N9NO	Dan	IN	187	34	6,358
N5TP	Pete	TX	218	37	8,066	K9VV	Fubar	IL	7	7	49
K1EA/5	Ken	TX	224	34	7,616	W0ZZ	John	MN	268	43	11,524
N5JB	John	TX	233	32	7,456	W0UA	Geo	CO	260	35	9,100
K5RC	Tom	TX	204	36	7,344	N0NO	Steve	MN	244	36	8,784
N5DU	Bob	TX	186	37	6,882	W0YK	Ed	CO	170	30	5,100
K5WA	Rich	TX	185	37	6,845	VE4XK	DJ	MB	202	34	6,868
K5FP	Fred	TX	178	33	5,874	KH6NO	Wil	HI	113	29	3,277
K5MR	Steve	TX	159	35	5,565	AL7H	Alan	AK	106	25	2,650
K5KG	Geo	TX	157	33	5,181						
K4SQ	Ken	TX	155	33	5,115						
N5BT	Chuck	TX	50	19	950						
W5HNS	Henry	TX	23	15	345						
N6AA	Dick	CA	303	39	11,817						
N6BT	Tom	CA	274	38	10,412						
W6AM	Jim	CA	261	39	10,179						
N6RO	Ken	CA	269	36	9,684						
W6RTT	Pete	CA	254	38	9,652						
N6IG	Jim	CA	260	34	8,840						
WA6VEF	Gary	CA	248	35	8,680						
K6NA	Glen	CA	244	35	8,540						
W6YX	Mike	CA	235	36	8,460						
N6BV	Dean	CA	228	37	8,436						
N6TV	Bob	CA	248	34	8,364						
N6ZZ	Phil	CA	243	34	8,262						
AA6UO	Paul	CA	226	36	8,136						
N6CW	Terry	CA	215	36	7,740						
AA6RX	Dave	CA	227	34	7,718						
N6OP	Bill	CA	211	34	7,174						
N6KB	Bob	CA	200	34	6,800						
K7SV/6	Lar	CA	193	35	6,755						
W6TPH	Bill	CA	188	33	6,204						
N6KW	Chas	CA	91	28	2,548						
N6HE	Ray	CA	71	25	1,775						
W6SX	Hank	CA	31	15	465						
WA7NIN	Rus	NV	265	39	10,335						
K6LL/7	Dave	AZ	252	39	9,828						
W7KW	Rick	AZ	245	40	9,800						
N7DX	Tony	WA	247	36	8,892						
K7SS	Dan	WA	244	36	8,784						
K7NHV	Al	ID	242	34	8,228						
N7NG	Wayne	WY	235	33	7,755						