

RESULTS
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We goofed! Absence of a Sprint announcement in QST's Contest Corral, coupled with delivery of the NCJ one week after the Sprint rather than one week before, took its toll on participation. Only 89 logs came in, making this our worst turn-out on record. This Sprint was even smaller than the first one way back in 1977. That one at least got 90 logs! But there's a silver lining even to unpublicized Sprints, and stations and teams who did remember the date found some exciting battles to fight. By ferreting out two extra multipliers, K3LR offset K5ZD's ten QSO advantage to eke out a mere 198 point victory. Does this now even up things from September '82, when Randy and Tim reversed the roles, or does it just set the stage for a showdown come February? Most of September's other top ten have been there before, but congrats and welcome to Chuck, K5LZO, and to Phil, N6ZZ, who make their cameo appearances at positions nine and ten respectively. Note too, that stations from five different call areas spread all around the country appear in the top ten list. So even though activity was down, somebody from your area found enough stations to work to score well and to undermine your excuse!

The Motley Crew, which for years seemed destined to share the same awful fate known only to W6OAT in the Sweepstakes (ie, always there but never first!) finally did it. In a squeaker, Motley Crew #A triumphed over rivals TDXS and Poppuns #1. But it was brinksmanship at its best--had any of the top three teams been at its full complement of ten operators, the standings likely would have been shuffled. The demise of the Independent Contesters and the WASP teams from Sprints past threw some big guns up for grabs. Some already have been snapped up; others languish out there unattached. Make note, team captains, for February draws near.

Seven stations reported guest operators: NA5R by KN5H; N6BT by WA6VEF; W6YA by N6TJ; W6AQ by WA6OTU; W6VG by SMØDRD; WA7NIN by W6OAT; and K7LXC by KB7G. Is there some message in the fact that all these stations are west of the Mississippi?

John, WM4T, has the distinction of being the only person in the September Sprint to set a new scoring record. His 4,185 points eclipsed the previous Kentucky high of 3,808 which he himself posted last February.

Did you work Tom, N4KG, in Alabama? He made 62 QSOs on 40 and 80 meters, and if your ears were good enough to hear his five watt signal, then you deserve the multiplier. And speaking of

multipliers, K5GN managed to find 39 of them. Picking up VP2MDY on 20 and FG4DI and COLHJ on 40 gave Dave three that most of us missed. Consider yourself lucky, too, if you snared any VE's. There weren't many of them to be found.

Of the 89 stations who submitted scores, I suspect that nearly 80 of them lost one or more QSOs in the log checking process. Usually the error was an incorrect QSO number, although sometimes it was the name or, less often, the state. Rarely was there a broken callsign, and only two stations had dupes. What struck me, though, was that an unusually high percentage of errors seemed to occur in the first ten QSOs. Also, there still are a few stations who log callbook names or enter an operator's "normal" name even though that operator is sending something completely different in the contest. Don't! Put down exactly what the other station sends you. When checking a log, we look to see if yours contains information identical to what the other station claims he sent you. Sometimes "Wjim" really is what that guy is sending with his misprogrammed keyer!

A number of stations made favorable comments about the 00:00 GMT starting time and no one wrote anything negative. Certainly the number of QSOs reported on 20 meters tends to confirm that it must have done some good. We still solicit your comments, though, because we hear grouching on the bands that the new starting time favors one group or another. Let us know what you think. Absent a great upwelling of negative sentiment, we'll leave the times as they are and begin the 1985 cw sprints at midnight GMT on February 3 and September 10. See you then!

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>
K3LR	Tim	73	105	101	279	38	10,602	Motley #A	PA
K5ZD	Randy	81	118	90	289	36	10,404	Motley #A	TX
WA7NIN	Rus	89	104	70	263	38	9,994	NCCC #1	NV
K5GN	Dave	82	99	75	256	39	9,984	TDXS	TX
K1KI	Tom	70	118	79	267	37	9,879	YCCC-FRC	CT
N2IC/Ø	Steve	67	123	84	274	36	9,864		CO
W3LPL	Frank	69	106	89	264	36	9,504		MD
N6BT	Gary	111	104	52	267	35	9,345	NCCC #3	CA
K5LZO	Chuck	76	109	73	258	36	9,288	TDXS	TX
N6ZZ	Phil	93	96	51	240	37	8,880	SCCC	CA

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K1KI	Tom	70	118	79	267	37	9,879	YCCC-FRC	CT
W1WEF	Jack	66	98	82	246	36	8,856	YCCC-FRC	CT
K1GQ	Bill	61	97	75	233	36	8,388	YCCC-FRC	NH
K1DG	Doug	64	97	75	236	35	8,260	YCCC-FRC	MA
K2LE/1	Andy	41	72	68	181	34	6,154	Owls	VT
K1DW	Dallas	23	37	37	97	24	2,328		CT
AA2Z/1	Mark	0	5	0	5	5	25	YCCC-FRC	CT
K2SX	Dennis	54	99	78	231	35	8,085	Owls	NY
KZ2S	John	45	104	80	229	33	7,557	Motley #B	NJ
KA2AEV	Mike	39	73	64	176	35	6,160	YCCC-FRC	NY
W2GGE	Jack	50	77	43	170	31	5,270	Owls	NY
W2AYJ	Bob	23	36	7	66	24	1,584	Owls	NY
K3LR	Tim	73	105	101	279	38	10,602	Motley #A	PA
W3LPL	Frank	69	106	89	264	36	9,504		MD
K2ITG/3	Paul	36	54	47	137	32	4,384		MD
W3FSB	Al	1	0	0	1	1	1		PA
K3UA	Phil	1	0	0	1	1	1		PA
K4BAI	John	49	101	91	241	35	8,435	Popguns #1	GA
K4AMC	Jim	19	90	74	183	35	6,405	Motley #B	TN
NA4K	Steve	54	67	68	189	33	6,237	Motley #B	TN
WC4E	Jeff	55	71	41	167	34	5,678		FL
WM4T	John	0	75	60	135	31	4,185	Motley #B	KY
KE9A/4	Ken	28	53	51	132	27	3,564	Popguns #2	VA
N4KMY	Pat	26	45	37	108	27	2,916		NC
N4KG	Tom	0	40	22	62	22	1,364		AL
K5ZD	Randy	81	118	90	289	36	10,404	Motley #A	TX
K5GN	Dave	82	99	75	256	39	9,984	TDXS	TX
K5LZO	Chuck	76	109	73	258	36	9,288	TDXS	TX
K5MR	Steve	61	115	68	244	36	8,784		TX
NA5R	Sly	62	114	72	248	35	8,680	TDXS	TX
NM5M	Eric	84	99	55	238	34	8,092	TDXS	TX
N5DU	Bob	76	84	66	226	35	7,910	TDXS	TX
K2TNO/5	Bill	77	93	69	239	33	7,887	TDXS	TX
K5WA	Rich	82	84	62	228	33	7,524	TDXS	TX
K5GO	Stan	30	91	78	199	37	7,363	Motley #A	AR
N5RZ	Ralph	81	90	31	202	34	6,868	Motley #A	TX
N5JJ	Dave	84	103	4	191	34	6,494	TDXS	TX
KZ5M	Denny	76	105	1	182	31	5,642	TDXS	TX
KM5G	Chas	31	52	49	132	29	3,828		AR
N6BT	Gary	111	104	52	267	35	9,345	NCCC #3	CA
N6ZZ	Phil	93	96	51	240	37	8,880	SCCC	CA
N6AA	Dick	101	101	45	247	34	8,398	SCCC	CA
W6YA	Jim	86	99	47	232	36	8,352	SCCC	CA
N6XI	Rick	74	99	52	225	35	7,875	NCCC #1	CA
NE6I	Dennis	75	97	61	233	32	7,456	SCCC	CA
AJ6V	Ed	84	99	34	217	34	7,378	NCCC #1	CA
NI6W	Kurt	80	99	58	237	31	7,347	SCCC	CA

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
W6AQ	Mark	74	97	17	188	34	6,392	SCCC	CA
W6VG	Ken	55	80	30	165	34	5,610	NCCC #1	CA
WB6DSV	Geo	68	61	36	165	32	5,280	NCCC #1	CA
K6LRN	Dick	42	34	30	106	29	3,074	NCCC #2	CA
W6REC	Duane	33	36	46	115	26	2,990	NCCC #3	CA
K6ZM	Phil	42	57	0	99	30	2,970	NCCC #3	CA
N6CQ	Bill	9	39	28	76	23	1,748	NCCC #2	CA
K6CSL	Bert	4	16	12	32	13	416		CA
WA7NIN	Rus	89	104	70	263	38	9,994	NCCC #1	NV
N7NG	Wayne	62	104	64	230	36	8,280	NCCC #1	WY
K7LXC	Al	82	103	53	238	34	8,092	RCCC	WA
K7SS	Dan	82	79	40	201	33	6,633		WA
N6TR/7	Tree	34	95	33	162	37	5,994	SCCC	OR
KG7D	Bob	64	61	48	173	29	5,017	Popguns #2	WA
K8CC	Dave	58	97	89	244	36	8,784	Motley #A	MI
K8MR	Jim	58	81	78	217	39	8,463	Motley #A	OH
W8LNO	Joe	60	100	72	232	36	8,352	Popguns #1	OH
N8EA	Joe	51	79	80	210	34	7,140	Motley #B	MI
W8FN	Randy	48	78	88	214	33	7,062	Motley #B	OH
KN8P	Bob	45	88	74	207	34	7,038		MI
KU8E	Jeff	22	86	89	197	35	6,895	Motley #A	OH
AD8P	Bill	39	74	79	192	34	6,528	Motley #B	OH
WA8RRR	Rick	51	81	74	206	31	6,386	Motley #B	MI
K8NZ	Ron	29	60	88	177	34	6,018	Motley #A	OH
N8ET	Bill	34	56	68	158	34	5,372	Motley #B	OH
KV8Q	Tom	21	53	74	148	33	4,884		OH
NZ4K/6	Pat	25	60	68	153	31	4,743	Popguns #2	OH
W8UPH	Bob	28	46	55	129	30	3,870		OH
KT8Y	Tom	0	110	0	110	34	3,740	SEMARA	MI
K8JM	John	11	61	30	102	27	2,754	SEMARA	MI
W9RE	Mike	41	83	99	223	34	7,582	Motley #A	IN
KM9P	Bill	28	80	82	190	37	7,030	Popguns #1	IL
K9BGL	Karl	46	93	79	218	32	6,976	Popguns #1	IL
K9BG	Jerry	13	88	62	163	33	5,379		IL
N2IC/Ø	Steve	67	123	84	274	36	9,864		CO
KØLUZ	Red	58	86	85	229	35	8,015	Popguns #1	IA
NØSS	Tom	75	53	86	214	37	7,918	Popguns #1	MO
KØVBU	Bill	47	87	87	221	34	7,514	Popguns #1	KS
KMØL	Steve	46	76	85	207	34	7,038	Popguns #1	MO
K4VX/Ø	Lew	61	82	64	207	34	7,038	Popguns #1	MO
KCØFW	Mike	40	70	46	156	30	4,680		CO
WBØGOB	Rodger	27	49	27	103	29	2,987	Popguns #2	NE

TEAM SCORES

<u>MOTLEY CREW A</u>		<u>TEXAS</u> <u>DX SOCIETY</u>		<u>MIDWEST</u> <u>POPGUNS #1</u>		<u>MOTLEY CREW B</u>	
K3LR	10,602	K5GN	9,984	K4BAI	8,435	KZ2S	7,557
K5ZD	10,404	K5LZO	9,288	W8LNO	8,352	N8EA	7,140
K8CC	8,784	NA5R	8,680	KØLUZ	8,015	W8FN	7,062
K8MR	8,463	NM5M	8,092	NØSS	7,918	AD8P	6,528
W9RE	7,582	N5DU	7,910	KØVBU	7,514	K4AMC	6,405
K5GO	7,363	K2TNO/5	7,887	KMØL	7,038	WA8RRR	6,386
KU8E	6,895	K5WA	7,524	K4VX/Ø	7,038	NA4K	6,237
N5RZ	6,868	N5JJ	6,494	KM9P	7,030	N8ET	5,372
K8NZ	6,018	KZ5M	5,642	K9BGL	6,976	WM4T	4,185
	<u>72,979</u>		<u>71,501</u>		<u>68,316</u>		<u>56,872</u>

- Southern California Contest Club (N6ZZ, N6AA, W6YA, NE6I, NI6W, W6AQ, N6TR/7) 52,819
- Northern California Contest Club #1 (WA7NIN, N7NG, N6XI, AJ6V, W6VG, WB6DSV) 44,417
- Yankee Clipper - Frankfort (K1KI, W1WEF, K1GQ, K1DG, KA2AEV, AA2Z/1) 41,568
- Order of Boiled Owls (K2SX, K2LE/1, W2GGE, W2AYJ) 21,093
- Midwest Popguns #2 (KG7D, NZ4K/8, KE9A/4, WBØGOB) 16,311
- Northern California Contest Club #3 (N6BT, W6REC, K6ZM) 15,305
- Rubber Circle Contest Club (K7LXC) 8,092
- South Eastern Michigan AKA (KT8Y, K8JM) 6,494
- Northern California Contest Club #2 (K6LRN, N6CQ) 4,822