

RESULTS

September, 1985, North American Sprint
CW

By Rusty Epps, W6OAT

If you found that every time you called CQ another W1 answered then you can direct your thanks to K1KI. Tom decided to turn out the troops, so he took the YCCC roster, divided the 168 members into seventeen teams, notified each one what team he was on, and then waited to see what would happen. Well, 23 of them sent in scores and practically everybody worked five of the six New England states (Vermont, alas, was missing), so it has to be a smashing success. Thank you, Tom. Other clubs please take note! If we all did this next February, what a Sprint it would be!

This Sprint was a squeaker. Dave, K5GN, operating K5RC, edged fellow Texan N5JJ by a mere three QSOs. This was a first time win for K5GN. It also had to be a heartbreaker for N5JJ who had to settle for his second runner-up spot in his last two tries. So close yet so far ...

N6TR's Winning Alliance of Sprint People easily coasted to victory in the team competition. The Motley Crew, which gave the WASPs a run for it last February, was gutted by a meeting of the Mad River Radio Club which fell on the same night as the Sprint. That left TDXS #1 to challenge, but with a margin of nearly 22% the WASPs never even worried. NCCC #1 finally grabbed this place after years of trying, and Midwest Poppuns #1 rounded out the last spot in the Big Four. One team which deserves a special mention is KK7C's QRP WSN. This crowd was all QRP (yep, less than 5 watts, and for some, less than one watt!). Their nineteenth place finish is impressive when put into that perspective. Well done, guys!

New state, province or country scoring records were set by K1I in ME; K5ZD/1 in RI; N6TR/7 in OR; VE7AHA in BC; and OH2BH in Finland. Also, so we can give recognition where it is due, eight stations had guest operators whose callsigns don't show up in the regular listings: K5RC by K5GN; N6RO by WA6VEF; W6AQ by WA6OT; W6UE by AA6RX; W8LT by KD8NS; W8UMD by N9AG; KJ9D by KK9V; and W9YT by W9WI.

I had a chance to visit with a bunch of the Texas types during the recent Hamvention in Houston. Those guys know how to party. Anyway, a number of Sprint-related discussions waxed hot and heavy in the TDXS hospitality suite, and one question got asked a lot. That question relates to the situation where you've just finished a QSO and it's your time to surrender the frequency. Before you QSY, the station you've just finished working gets called by some third station, and, of course, you need that third station yourself for a new multiplier. Can you stick around a

work that third station when he finishes his QSO with station number two? The answer, generally speaking, is no. This is based upon Sprint Rule 11 which states "If any station solicits a call (by sending CQ, QRZ?, QRZ, etc.), he is permitted to work only one station in response to that solicitation. He must thereafter move at least 1 kHz before he works any other station, or at least 5 kHz before he again solicits other calls." As presented here, station #1 never moved before making another QSO, so he cannot stick around to work station #3. Well then, can station #1 scoot up 5 kHz, fire off a quick CQ, and come right back to work the new mult? Technically, yes, because he did comply with the second part of the QSY rule which gave him the option simply to solicit a call before he came back to his original frequency. But this wasn't the result we intended when we wrote the rules! Thus we now are forced to make the first rule interpretation in Sprint history. That interpretation, concurred in by K7GM for the ssb Sprint too, is that once you have gotten an answer to your solicitation, Rule 11 prohibits you from making another QSO on that same frequency until after you have made an intervening QSO on a second frequency removed by at least one kHz from the first frequency. When KØTO, K1IU and I dreamed up the Sprint rules over a couple of carafes of chablis, KØTO said he wondered how long it would take for somebody to find a loophole. Now we know--eight years! A tip of the hat to the TDXS guys and to WA6VEF for their skillful reading of the rules.

Here are a few comments lifted from the logs which I thought you might enjoy: "My first Sprint. Busy as a one-armed paper hanger!" N9AG (op of W8UMD); "Enjoyed my first full effort. My amp popped its breakers and a neighbor stopped by to see the station, so lost about half an hour. Bands were very noisy." KY7M; "The Sprints still are my favorite contests." W1WEF; "I'm very disappointed to see that many Sprint participants are not conforming to the rule regarding sending both call signs. I would estimate that about 20% or more are unfairly shortening their exchange to me by not sending their own calls." K6NA; "This is my first Sprint with QRP which I run exclusively and was a little suprised at how well I did on 40 meters. All in all, it was fun and I look forward to doing it again." W6SKQ; "Running QRP makes a difference, but I still was able to run some pretty good strings, working 40 stations in 2 hours on 40 meters." KK7C; "I sure got a taste of what contesting is all about this last weekend!" NZ5I; "This contest is tough from here. The last thirty minutes on 80 meters was terrible. I could not hear anyone within 800 miles of me at the end of the contest. I also was disappointed with many of the guys not sending the whole exchange (leaving off one or both calls)." K5ZD/1.

In my last Sprint write-up, I asked for your input as to whether or not you wished to continue the Sprints. The answer was an overwhelming "Yes." In fact, no one voted "No." Thanks for the confirmation--I'll see you all three bands next February.

<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>
K1KI	Tom	91	103	70	264	38	10,032	YCCC #14	CT
W1WEF	Jack	83	94	68	245	37	9,065	YCCC #4	CT
K1AR	John	72	104	82	258	35	9,030	YCCC #5	MA
K5ZD/1	Randy	61	96	90	247	36	8,892	YCCC #9	RI
K1BW	Ron	67	71	77	215	34	7,310	YCCC #1	MA
K8HVT/1	Hal	49	61	63	173	34	5,882	YCCC #4	CT
W1PH	Kurt	34	68	57	159	32	5,088	YCCC #14	NH
KM1C	Bill	43	69	48	160	31	4,960	YCCC #3	NH
K1VUT	Dave	55	55	51	161	29	4,669	YCCC #1	MA
K1DG	Doug	40	40	49	129	29	3,741	YCCC #8	MA
A13E/1	Dwight	25	53	31	109	30	3,270	YCCC #3	MA
ABLU	Rick	28	57	25	110	29	3,190	YCCC #7	CT
KALGQW	Dave	32	52	35	119	23	2,737	YCCC #17	RI
KT10	Steve	16	44	27	87	28	2,436	YCCC #16	MA
K1SA	Bernie	17	39	16	72	27	1,944	YCCC #10	ME
KALDWX	Don	28	16	34	78	24	1,872	YCCC #3	MA
K1ZZ	Dave	0	69	0	69	23	1,587	YCCC #14	CT
WB8BTH/1	Jeff	26	36	9	71	19	1,349	YCCC #9	NH
K1XM	Paul	11	38	0	49	16	784	YCCC #10	MA
K1MEM	Jim	0	0	31	31	16	496	YCCC #3	MA
KN1H	John	11	8	10	29	17	493	QRP WSN	NH
KB1H	Dick	9	0	0	9	5	45	YCCC #5	CT
KZ2S	John	34	111	66	211	40	8,440	YCCC #6	NJ
K5NA/2	Rich	77	83	63	223	33	7,359	YCCC #2	NY
K2SX	Dennis	55	86	60	201	34	6,834	Owls	NY
W2GGE	Jack	44	84	39	167	34	5,678	Owls	NY
W3LPL	Frank	61	95	95	251	36	9,036		ME
K3TM	Roger	14	62	27	103	30	3,090		ME
K4BAI	John	76	109	41	226	35	7,910	Popguns #1	GA
K1ZX/4	Jim	61	88	57	210	36	7,416	Popguns #1	FI
WC4E	Jeff	25	80	20	125	28	3,500		FI
KE9A/4	Ken	0	53	56	109	27	2,943		VA
K5RC	Dave	93	107	69	269	43	11,567	TDXS #1	TX
N5JJ	Dave	98	109	59	266	43	11,438	TDXS #1	TX
N5RZ	Ralph	74	116	89	279	39	10,881		TX
K5LZO	Chuck	88	108	82	278	38	10,564	TDXS #1	TX
K5MR	Steve	79	110	70	259	39	10,101		TX
N3BB/5	Jim	96	80	61	237	34	8,058		TX
N5DU	Bob	69	107	53	229	34	7,786	TDXS #1	TX
K2TNO/5	Bill	67	99	62	228	34	7,752	TDXS #1	TX
KN5H	Steve	65	94	52	211	35	7,385	TDXS #1	TX
K5TU	Kim	56	93	59	208	35	7,280	TDXS #1	TX
KG5U	Dale	61	94	49	204	35	7,140	TDXS #1	TX
K7CW/5	Paul	44	66	41	151	29	4,379	Popguns #2	TX
KI3L/5	Don	38	63	43	144	30	4,320		NM
K5DX	Sharp	54	67	16	137	29	3,973	TDXS #1	TX
NT5D	Brent	37	53	23	113	26	2,938	TDXS #2	TX
KB5FU	Galen	39	46	24	109	26	2,834		TX

<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>
NZ5I	Ken	38	50	3	92	26	2,366	TDXS #2	TX
KA5SBS	Chuck	17	26	23	66	23	1,518	TDXS #2	TX
N6TJ	Jim	95	105	60	260	40	10,400	WASP	CA
N6RO	Gary	102	104	56	262	39	10,218	WASP	CA
N6BT	Tom	95	128	41	264	38	10,032	WASP	CA
N6AA	Dick	100	115	45	260	37	9,620	WASP	CA
W6UE	Dave	72	105	58	235	40	9,400	WASP	CA
W6AQ	Mark	68	121	52	241	39	9,399	WASP	CA
NE6I	Dennis	55	139	46	240	39	9,360	WASP	CA
N6XI	Rick	79	115	47	241	38	9,158	NCCC #1	CA
W6OAT	Rusty	80	89	46	215	42	9,030	NCCC #1	CA
AJ6V	Ed	88	102	47	237	37	8,769	NCCC #1	CA
W6RGG	Bob	93	89	43	225	37	8,325	NCCC #1	CA
N6RZ	Dave	99	53	53	205	36	7,380	NCCC #2	CA
W6SZN	Kip	84	82	35	201	35	7,035	NCCC #1	CA
N6ZZ	Phil	79	74	35	188	37	6,956	WASP	CA
N6CQ	Bill	66	66	37	169	33	5,577	NCCC #1	CA
K6XO	Al	68	83	30	181	30	5,430	NCCC #2	CA
K6LRN	Dick	65	48	20	133	32	4,256	NCCC #1	CA
K6ZM	Phil	44	77	0	121	33	3,993	NCCC #1	CA
N6VR	Ray	19	51	15	85	26	2,210		CA
K4TKM/6	Brook	42	28	0	70	23	1,610	NCCC #3	CA
K6NA	Glen	0	40	23	63	24	1,512		CA
K6CSL	Bert	27	23	14	64	21	1,344	NCCC #3	CA
W6OKK	Pat	19	31	0	50	22	1,100	NCCC #2	CA
W6SKQ	Bob	30	18	11	59	17	1,003	QRP WSN	CA
N6TR/7	Tree	105	122	48	275	40	11,000	WASP	OR
K6LL/7	Dave	67	130	70	267	39	10,413	WASP	AZ
N7NG	Wayne	59	113	47	219	41	8,979	NCCC #1	WY
KY7M	Lee	57	107	43	207	38	7,866		AZ
N7DX	Tony	59	68	4	131	36	4,716		WA
NM7M	Bob	43	48	0	91	26	2,366	QRP WSN	WA
K7SS	Dan	22	4	49	75	27	2,025		WA
KK7C	Jim	0	48	3	51	17	867	QRP WSN	UT
W8LNO	Joe	58	101	81	240	37	8,880	Popguns #1	OH
KW8N	Bob	62	86	73	221	32	7,072		OH
W8UMD	Scott	46	80	81	207	34	7,038		OH
W8LT	Mike	46	86	72	204	34	6,936	Popguns #1	OH
WD8AUB	Doug	68	33	75	176	35	6,160		OH
K8JM	John	10	104	0	114	35	3,990		MI
K8DD	Hank	14	62	52	128	29	3,712		MI
K8MR	Jim	18	71	11	101	28	2,828	Popguns #1	OH
W9RE	Mike	76	104	76	256	37	9,472	Hoosier	IN
K9BGL	Karl	57	85	69	211	35	7,385	Popguns #1	IL
NA9D	Steve	43	81	61	185	37	6,845		IL
N9NB	Ted	74	85	47	206	33	6,798	Hoosier	IN
W9YT	Doug	23	91	69	183	33	6,039	Black Hole	WI
KJ9D	Mike	19	95	51	165	32	5,280	Hoosier	IN

<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>
K9KM	Howie	0	88	53	141	33	4,653	Black Hole	IL
K2PLF/9	Marty	34	70	38	142	27	3,834		IL
N9ACD	Dick	20	35	33	88	25	2,200	Hoosier	IN
KRØY	Jeff	61	119	102	282	38	10,716	Popguns #1	MC
N2IC/Ø	Steve	53	133	90	281	35	9,835		CC
NØSS	Tom	68	94	87	249	35	8,715	Popguns #1	MC
NIØE	Mike	42	90	54	186	30	5,580		CC
WØHBH	Bill	41	84	31	156	33	5,148	Popguns #2	MC
KJØG	Bob	44	65	47	156	31	4,836		CC
KUØG	Jim	21	52	39	112	30	3,360	Popguns #2	MC
WMØR	Eric	23	46	33	102	31	3,162	Popguns #2	MC
WBØGOB	Rodger	25	45	16	86	21	1,806	Popguns #1	NI
NØBSH	Mike	33	32	0	65	21	1,365		ME
VE7AHA	Andy	69	99	16	184	33	6,072		BC
OH2BH	Marty	8	0	0	8	1	8		FI

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>
K5RC	Dave	93	107	69	269	43	11,567	TDXS #1	TX
N5JJ	Dave	98	109	59	266	43	11,438	TDXS #1	TX
N6TR/7	Tree	105	122	48	275	40	11,000	WASP	OK
N5RZ	Ralph	74	116	89	279	39	10,881		TX
KRØY	Jeff	61	119	102	282	38	10,716	Popguns #1	MC
K5LZO	Chuck	88	108	82	278	38	10,564	TDXS #1	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	67	130	70	267	39	10,413	WASP	AR
N6TJ	Jim	95	105	60	260	40	10,400	WASP	CA
N6RO	Gary	102	104	56	262	39	10,218	WASP	CA
K5MR	Steve	79	110	70	259	39	10,101		TX

TOP QSO LEADERS

<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>
KRØY	Jeff	61	119	102	282	38	10,716	Popguns #1	MC
N2IC/Ø	Steve	53	138	90	281	35	9,835		CC
N5RZ	Ralph	74	116	89	279	39	10,881		TX
K5LZO	Chuck	88	108	82	278	38	10,564	TDXS #1	TX
N6TR/7	Tree	105	122	48	275	40	11,000	WASP	OK
K5RC	Dave	93	107	69	269	43	11,567	TDXS #1	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	67	130	70	267	39	10,413	WASP	AR
N5JJ	Dave	98	109	59	266	43	11,438	TDXS #1	TX
K1KI	Tom	91	103	70	264	38	10,032	YCCC #14	CA
N6BT	Tom	95	128	41	264	38	10,032	WASP	CA

TEAM SCORES

WASP	TEXAS DX SOCIETY #1	NCCC #1	MIDWEST POPGUNS #1
N6TR/7 11,000	K5RC 11,567	N6XI 9,158	KRØY 10,716
K6LL/7 10,413	N5JJ 11,438	W6OAT 9,030	W8LNO 8,880
N6TJ 10,400	K5LZO 10,564	N7NG 8,979	NØSS 8,715
N6RO 10,218	N5DU 7,786	AJ6V 8,769	K4BAI 7,910
N6BT 10,032	K2TNO/5 7,752	W6RGG 8,325	K1ZX/4 7,416
N6AA 9,620	KN5H 7,385	W6SZN 7,035	K9BGL 7,385
W6UE 9,400	K5TU 7,280	N6CQ 5,577	W8LT 6,936
W6AQ 9,399	KG5U 7,140	K6LRN 4,256	K8MR 2,828
NE6I 9,360	K5DX 3,973	K6ZM 3,993	WBØGOB 1,806
N6ZZ 6,956			
<u>96,798</u>	<u>74,885</u>	<u>65,122</u>	<u>62,592</u>

5. Hoosier (W9RE, N9NB, KJ9D, N9ACD)	23,750
6. YCCC #14 (K1KI, W1PH, K1ZZ)	16,707
7. Popguns #2 (WØHBH, K7CW/5, KUØG, KMØR)	16,049
8. YCCC #4 (W1WEF, K8HVT/1)	14,947
9. NCCC #2 (N6RZ, K6XO, W6OKK)	13,910
10. Owls (K2SX, W2GGE)	12,512
11. YCCC #1 (K1BW, K1VUT)	11,979
12. Black Hole (W9YT, K9KM)	10,692
13. YCCC #3 (KM1C, AI3E/1, K1DWW, K1MEM)	10,598
14. YCCC #9 (K5ZD/1, WB8BTH/1)	10,241
15. YCCC #5 (K1AR, KB1H)	9,075
16. YCCC #6 (KZ2S)	8,440
17. YCCC #2 (K5NA/2)	7,359
18. TDXS #2 (NT5D, NZ5I, KA5SBS)	6,822
19. QRP WSN (NM7M, W6SKQ, KK7C, KN1H)	4,729
20. YCCC #8 (K1DG)	3,741

21.	YCCC #7 (AB1U)	3,19
22.	NCCC #3 (K4TKM/6, K6CSL)	2,95
23.	YCCC #17 (KA1GQW)	2,73
24.	YCCC #10 (K1SA, K1XM)	2,72
25.	YCCC #16 (KT1O)	2,43