
Results—September 1987, North American Sprint CW

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September had to be one of our best Sprints ever. Activity was way up, 20 meters stayed open, multipliers abounded, and records fell like the rain. Thanks largely to the rivalry between the Northern and the Southern California Contest Clubs, West Coast QSOs were like fodder for logs all across the continent. Almost no one made more than a couple of contacts without working another W6 or W7. The stakes were high—for two cases of beer at the 1988 Visalia DX Convention, the SCCC challenged NCCC to put its top ten scores up against their top ten, and for two more cases of beer NCCC's second ten against SCCC's second ten, and for yet another two cases, their third ten against SCCC's third ten. Each club preregistered four teams, and their members were everywhere. Unfortunately for those of us here in the north, we're going to be hauling six cases of beer to the convention, but at least we can take solace in knowing that our wager contributed significantly to Sprint activity.

There were good scores from all call districts. In fact, 37 stations exceeded the 10,000-point mark, making this Sprint second only to February '82 when 37 stations crossed that barrier. Compared to prior Sprints, most people snared a couple of extra multipliers to help boost the point totals. Congrats to Jeff, KRØY, the op at K5RX, who once again took top honors with 316 QSOs and 43 mults. The 46 multipliers which K5GN found easily outdistanced the competition, but with only 291 contacts, Dave had to settle for the second spot overall. Tree, N6TR, had the highest QSO total with 328, but his 40 mults trailed the rest of the pack and he had to settle for third.

WN4KKN's Blues Brothers team managed to squeak out a narrow victory over SCCC #1, albeit with the benefit of only nine entries as compared to SCCC's ten. Unfortunately, the loss of one of the Brothers to a disqualification cost the team a 13k score, and thus they just fell short of the all time team record of 115,601 set by the Independent Contesters team in

September 1981. TDXS #1 had a solid lock on third place and, similarly, NCCC #1 had no real competition for fourth. In case you wondered why everyone in the Pacific Northwest is named "Ed," you can thank K7SS for his team entry, The EDs!

And the records did fall! There were 11 new ones and one near miss! The oldest to tumble was from Japan where JH4UYB erased JH3XCU's mark set way back in February '79. From out west, WA7NIN beat his own Nevada high set in 1980, and WE7B topped the prior Utah record from 1981. K1ZX/4 in Florida, K4PQL in North Carolina, W5WMU in Louisiana and W9RE in Indiana all erased prior records dating back to 1982. KM5H's new Oklahoma mark raised the 1984 record by 4,474 points and was the single largest increase in the contest. The 1985 Mexican record fell to XE1FUX/2's assault, and in Canada, VE7AHA nudged up his own British Columbia record by 68 points. WA3PWL/Ø submitted the first log ever received from North Dakota, so Bill lays claim to the initial record from that state. In

the close but no cigar category, Frank, W3LPL, missed the Maryland record by one lousy QSO.

Several logs contained comments about the practice of making prearranged schedules with rare multipliers. Everyone conceded that under the existing rules there is nothing wrong with doing it. But in general, they advocated the position that such a practice ought to be discouraged unless the

multiplier can be talked into participating in the Sprint so others also get a shot. A scan of some of the logs shows first QSOs being made with such goodies as VE8, T12 and 8P6. These multipliers do not appear in any other logs so they really don't contribute to the overall health of the contest. If one assumes a score of, say, 300 QSOs and 40 multipliers, it takes about 8 contacts to equal the value of one more multiplier.

That's pretty significant when scores are as close as they are in a Sprint. The question is whether or not enough people are concerned about this practice to make it worthwhile to apply peer pressure to curtail it. Could a rule be enforced? Or, excepting those of you who made the log comments, does anyone else even care? I solicit your opinions either in letters to the NCJ, or as notes in future Sprint logs.

Scores

Top Ten Scores

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
K5RX (KR0Y, op)	Jeff	124	100	92	316	43	13,588	Blues Bros	TX
K5GN	Dave	105	100	86	291	46	13,386	TDXS #1	TX
N6TR	Tree	105	139	84	328	40	13,120	SCCC #1	CA
N2IC/0	Steve	80	150	82	312	42	13,104	Blues Bros	CO
K1K1	Tom	105	108	86	299	43	12,857	Blues Bros	CT
K5LZO	Chuck	114	119	62	295	43	12,685	TDXS #1	TX
WN4KKN/5	Trey	114	109	83	306	41	12,546	Blues Bros	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	109	128	67	304	41	12,464	Blues Bros	AZ
W3LPL	Frank	102	111	80	293	41	12,013	PVRC #1	MD
N6AA	Dick	115	105	76	296	40	11,840	SCCC #1	CA

Top QSO Leaders

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
N6TR	Tree	105	139	84	328	40	13,120	SCCC #1	CA
K5RX (KR0Y, op)	Jeff	124	100	92	316	43	13,588	Blues Bros	TX
N2IC/0	Steve	80	150	82	312	42	13,104	Blues Bros	CO
WN4KKN/5	Trey	114	109	83	306	41	12,546	Blues Bros	TX
K6LL/7	Dave	109	128	67	304	41	12,464	Blues Bros	AZ
K1K1	Tom	105	108	86	299	43	12,857	Blues Bros	CT
N6AA	Dick	115	105	76	296	40	11,840	SCCC #1	CA
K5LZO	Chuck	114	119	62	295	43	12,685	TDXS #1	TX
W8UA	Geo	65	129	101	295	40	11,800	Blues Bros	CO
W5WMU (K5GA, op)	Bill	91	125	78	294	40	11,760	Blues Bros	LA
K6NA	Glen	89	123	82	294	40	11,760	SCCC #1	CA

CW Scores

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
K1K1	Tom	105	108	86	299	43	12,857	CT	CT
W1WEF	Jack	95	99	79	273	41	11,193	Murphy's	CT
K1TO	Dan	93	91	103	287	38	10,906	Murphy's	CT
K8HVT/1	Hal	86	45	60	191	36	6,875	Murphy's	CT
KM1C	Bill	56	84	55	195	35	6,825		NH
KC1F	Stu	0	31	40	71	26	1,846		ME
W2RQ	Bill	77	84	108	269	38	10,222		NJ
K2ZS	John	65	98	91	254	38	9,652		NJ
K2KIR	Bud	70	74	89	233	40	9,320		NY
K2SX	Dennis	73	89	66	228	39	8,892		NY
NM2L	Greg	70	76	37	183	33	6,039		NY
W3LPL	Frank	102	111	80	293	41	12,013	PVRC #1	MD
K3NA	Eric	105	81	70	256	43	11,008	PVRC #1	MD
KM3T	Dave	75	108	58	241	38	9,158	PVRC #1	MD
N6CQ/3	Bill	65	46	50	161	34	5,474	SCCC #2	PA
WB2EKK/3	John	70	55	50	175	31	5,425	PVRC #1	MD
K3TM	Roger	24	38	45	107	30	3,210	PVRC #1	MD
K5ZD/3	Randy	0	6	52	58	24	1,392		PA
K1ZX/4	Ox	120	86	45	251	44	11,044		FL
K4PQL	Al	71	116	60	247	41	10,127	PVRC #1	NC
K4BAI	John	85	108	76	269	37	9,953		GA
K3RV/4	Carl	91	59	83	233	40	9,320	PVRC #2	VA
N8GG/4	Jon	90	106	0	196	41	8,036		FL
WC4E	Jeff	100	80	35	215	37	7,955		FL
W3YY/4	Bob	74	46	69	189	34	6,426	PVRC #1	VA
AA4RF	Dick	45	29	19	83	22	1,826		GA
K5RX (KR0Y, op)	Jeff	124	100	92	316	43	13,588	Blues Bros	TX
K5GN	Dave	105	100	86	291	46	13,386	TDXS #1	TX
K5LZO	Chuck	114	119	62	295	43	12,685	TDXS #1	TX
WN4KKN/5	Trey	114	109	83	306	41	12,546	Blues Bros	TX
W5WMU (K5GA, op)	Bill	91	125	78	294	40	11,760		LA
K5MA	Jan	101	94	76	271	43	11,653	TDXS #1	TX
K5MR	Steve	116	104	85	305	38	11,590	Blues Bros	TX
K5GO	Stan	106	117	81	304	38	11,552	Blues Bros	AR
KM5H (N5RZ, op)	Ken	104	110	80	294	39	11,468	Blues Bros	OK
K5TU	Kim	115	98	57	270	40	10,800	TDXS #1	TX
K5SU	Dale	113	87	61	261	41	10,701	TDXS #1	TX
K2TNO/5	Bill	98	121	48	267	39	10,413	TDXS #1	TX
KN5H	Steve	108	90	70	268	38	10,184	TDXS #1	TX
K2ZS	Denny	102	97	48	247	39	9,633	TDXS #1	TX
K5NW	John	67	70	53	190	35	6,650	TDXS #2	TX
W5SS	Chuck	52	123	61	146	34	4,964	TDXS #2	TX
N5IVF	Sharp	60	63	24	147	33	4,851	TDXS #2	TX
K5DX	Brent	55	65	28	148	31	4,588	TDXS #1	TX
NT5D	Elwood	1	1	1	3	1	3		TX
WB5VZL									
N6TR	Tree	105	139	84	328	40	13,120	SCCC #1	CA
N6AA	Dick	115	105	76	296	40	11,840	SCCC #1	CA
K6NA	Glen	89	123	82	294	40	11,760	SCCC #1	CA
N6TU	Bruce	121	86	61	268	42	11,256	Blues Bros	CA
W6YA	Jim	86	131	56	273	41	11,193	SCCC #1	CA
N6X1	Rick	91	117	63	271	41	11,111	NCCC #1	CA
N6RO (WA6VEF, op)	Gary	105	116	79	300	37	11,100	NCCC #1	CA
W6AQ (WA6OTU, op)	Mark	95	105	77	277	40	11,080	SCCC #1	CA
N6VR	Ray	108	91	50	249	43	10,707	SCCC #1	CA
N6TJ	Jim	82	118	72	272	39	10,608	SCCC #1	CA
N6ZZ	Phil	108	100	54	262	37	9,694	SCCC #1	CA
N6S1	Dennis	80	116	60	256	37	9,472	SCCC #1	CA
W6SX	Hank	58	126	65	249	38	9,462	SCCC #2	CA
W6RGG	Bob	91	95	50	236	40	9,440	NCCC #1	CA
N6W	Kurt	77	106	51	234	39	9,126	SCCC #1	CA
W6SZN	Kip	93	99	54	246	37	9,102	NCCC #1	CA
K3EST/6	Bob	58	128	47	233	38	8,854	NCCC #3	CA
N6MA	Paul	103	75	38	216	40	8,640	SCCC #4	CA
W7CB/6	Larry	73	83	59	215	40	8,600	SCCC #2	CA

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
K6JYO (NC6U, op)	Kevin	81	102	49	232	37	8,584	SCCC #2	CA
N1EE/6	Scott	66	95	62	223	37	8,251	NCCC #1	CA
W6UQF	Chas	85	99	42	226	35	7,910	SCCC #2	CA
K6XO	Al	85	83	43	211	37	7,807	NCCC #2	CA
N6ND	Rick	65	87	50	202	38	7,676	SCCC #2	CA
AC6T	Steve	86	88	43	217	34	7,378	SCCC #4	CA
N6JV	Norm	79	67	27	173	40	6,920	NCCC #2	CA
W6NV	Oli	69	88	32	189	35	6,615	SCCC #2	CA
N6PN	Matt	82	51	38	171	37	6,327		CA
K6VNX	Arlen	69	69	28	166	35	5,810	SCCC #2	CA
AD6E	Al	71	57	42	170	34	5,780	NCCC #1	CA
W6OUL	Jim	57	64	40	161	35	5,635	SCCC #3	CA
K6LRN	Dick	34	76	42	152	35	5,320	NCCC #1	CA
WK6V	Bill	75	61	30	166	31	5,146	SCCC #3	CA
N6VI	Marty	62	67	40	169	30	5,070	SCCC #2	CA
N6NI	Tom	68	71	23	162	31	5,022	SCCC #3	CA
W6BIP	Bip	40	62	23	125	36	4,500	NCCC #2	CA
K6HII	Clif	52	58	27	137	30	4,110	NCCC #3	CA
W6EE	Dave	36	74	12	122	33	4,026	SCCC #4	CA
K6ZM	Phil	48	67	7	122	32	3,904	NCCC #2	CA
N6EK	Bob	55	49	30	134	28	3,752	NCCC #2	CA
W6WD	Doug	26	70	6	102	31	3,162	NCCC #3	CA
K5KT/6	Joe	17	53	23	92	25	2,300	SCCC #3	CA
W6HAL	Lee	42	36	10	88	25	2,200	SCCC #3	CA
W2KVA/6	Tom	23	29	17	69	23	1,587	SCCC #3	CA
K6KM	Bill	36	34	0	70	22	1,540	NCCC #4	CA
K6CSL	Lotto	18	20	7	45	19	855	NCCC #2	CA
WB6DSV	Geo	17	20	7	44	12	528	NCCC #3	CA
AA6CR	Ed	12	8	6	26	11	286	SCCC #4	CA
WE6G	Mike	0	14	6	20	9	180	NCCC #2	CA
K6LL/7	Dave	109	128	67	304	41	12,464	Blues Bros	AZ
W7NIN (W6OAT, op)	Rusty	105	106	72	283	41	11,603	NCCC #1	NV
W7WA	Ed	75	109	54	238	40	9,520	The Eds	WA
K9JF/7	Ed	72	115	48	235	38	8,930	The Eds	WA
N7NG	Wayne	68	88	78	234	37	8,658	NCCC #1	WY
KY7M	Lee	83	96	54	233	35	8,155		AZ
K7SS	Ed	72	99	40	211	38	8,018	The Eds	WA
NN7L	Andy	60	88	55	203	35	7,105		WA
K7HBN	Ed	62	65	27	154	36	5,544	The Eds	WA
K7WA	Jim	29	80	28	137	30	4,110		WA
K7LXC	Ed	36	53	36	125	32	4,000	The Eds	WA
W7ZR	Ed	39	63	0	102	28	2,856	The Eds	OR
WE7B	Laura	37	32	16	85	24	2,040		UT
N7HJM	Tom	14	42	19	75	25	1,875		ID
KD8NS	Mike	79	85	87	251	40	10,040		OH
N8EA	Joe	79	82	75	236	37	8,732		MI
KW8N	Bob	102	71	71	244	35	8,540		OH
K8MR	Jim	25	14	33	72	23	1,656		OH
WABYTM	Bill	14	0	0	14	5	70		WV
W9RE	Mike	77	99	103	279	39	10,881	SMC	IN
K9ZO	Al	73	107	13	193	32	6,176	SMC	IL
W89HRO	Jim	49	33	41	123	28	3,444		WI
K9BGL	Karl	0	0	80	80	31	2,480		IL
KB9S	Mark	6	56	23	85	24	2,040	SMC	WI
AH2U/9	Dave	0	0	45	45	22	990	SMC	IL
KA9IMX	Wayne	2	0	0	2	2	4		IL
N2IC/0	Steve	80	150	82	312	42	13,104	Blues Bros	CO
W8UO	Geo	65	129	101	295	40	11,800	Blues Bros	CO
KM0L	Steve	63	120	61	244	35	8,540		MO
K4XU/0	Dick	39	108	74	221	36	7,956		CO
KM0O	Tony	47	108	61	216	36	7,776		MN
N10E	Mike	65	85	48	198	36	7,128		CO
WA3PW/L0	Bill	51	87	64	202	33	6,666		ND
KV0I	Bill	47	53	40	140	29	4,060		NE
KR0U	Tim	23	56	2	81	28	2,268		CO
VE7FAH	Andy	74	83	51	208	36	7,488	The Eds	BC
XE1FUX/2 (K9VV, op)	Fred	57	96	44	197	31	6,107	SCCC #2	MX
JH4UYB	Masa	17	0	0	17	5	85		IA

Team Scores

<i>Blues Brothers</i>		<i>Southern Calif. Contest Club #1</i>		<i>Texas DX Society #1</i>		<i>Northern Calif. Contest Club #1</i>	
K5RX	13,588	N6TR	13,120	K5GN	13,386	WA7NIN	11,603
N2IC/0	13,104	N6AA	11,840	K5LZO	12,685	N6XI	11,111
WN4KKN/5	12,546	K6NA	11,760	K5MA	11,653	N6RO	11,100
K6LL/7	12,464	W6YA	11,193	K5TU	10,800	W6RGG	9,440
W0UA	11,800	W6AQ	11,080	KG5U	10,701	W6SZN	9,102
K5MR	11,590	N6VR	10,707	K2TNO/5	10,413	N7NG	8,658
K5GO	11,552	N6TJ	10,608	KN5H	10,184	N1EE/6	8,251
KM5H	11,466	N6ZZ	9,694	KZ5M	9,633	AD6E	5,780
N6TU	11,256	NE6I	9,472	NT5D	4,588	K6LRN	5,320
		NI6W	9,126				
	<u>109,366</u>		<u>108,600</u>		<u>94,043</u>		<u>80,365</u>

- Southern California Contest Club #2 (W6SX, W7CB/6, K6JYO, W6UQF, N6ND, XE1FUX/2, K6VNX, N6CQ/3, N6VI) 71,308
- Potomac Valley Radio Club #1 (W3LPL, K3NA, K4PQL, KM3T, W3YY/4, WB2EEK/3, K3TM) 57,367
- The Eds (W7WA, K9JF/7, K7SS, VE7AHA, K7HBN, K7LXC, W7ZR) 46,356
- Murphy's Marauders (W1WEF, K1TO, K8HVT/1) 28,975
- Northern California Contest Club #2 (K6XO, N6JV, W6BIP, K6ZM, N6EK, K6CSL, WE6G) 27,918
- Southern California Contest Club #3 (W6OUL, WK6V, N6NI, K5KT/6, W6HAL, W2KVA/6) 21,890
- Southern California Contest Club #4 (N6MA, AC6T, W6EE, AA6CR) 20,330
- Society of Midwest Contesters (W9RE, K9ZO, KB9S, AH2U/9) 20,087
- Northern California Contest Club #3 (K3EST/6, K6HIH, WW6D, WB6DSV) 16,654
- Texas DX Society #2 (WX5S, N5IVF, K5DX) 16,465
- Potomac Valley Radio Club #2 (K3RV/4) 9,320
- Northern California Contest Club #4 (K6KM) 1,540