

Results, September 1989 North American Sprint CW

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Enthusiasm fostered by strong regional club participation made the 25th running of the North American Sprint a real dilly. Each of the 48 continental United States and most of the Canadian provinces were reported as contacted in the logs from September's running. Two entrants reached the unprecedented 50-multiplier plateau. When are we going to see a Team Canada organized? Who will be the first Sprinter to make a clean sweep? Tune in next February!

And who is the newest contestant to win big in front of a national audience? Jeff Steinman, KR0Y/5! Come on down! Jeff, a perennial guest operator, made the highest bid in the contest, 17,391 points, without going over (the 5% disqualification threshold) and showcasing his operating talents from his beautiful new home in the 'burbs of Fort Worth.

And the price is right on that antenna installation too. Jeff describes his setup as a 48-foot BX-type tower with a KT34A, a KLM rotary dipole and "a 40/80/160 sloping dipole that really sucks." And he did all this at the low, low power level of 1200 watts from his TS-930S and L4B.

Multipliers were up, scores were up and stations from 21 states and provinces set new section records. Steve Taylor, K5MR was king of the all-band vertical ops with a 29th place showing, while Dick Norton, N6AA was the top wireman, finishing 13th with his antenna farm of dipoles.

The team competition was keen, with the mostly regional offering from the Southern California Contest Club prevailing and almost knocking off the team record set last time by a pack of independents. Heeding the calls for regional team competition, KR0Y organized two regional teams: "Nine Lids and a Zero," which finished a close second, and "Just Lids." The northern Cal boys just edged out the Dixie DXers for third place.

Regional distribution was a reality this time around. Each of the four W/K time zones had at least two representatives in the

Top Ten. Please note the table that shows the progress of the top QSO makers from each call area at various moments during the Sprint. The number of band changes made is also shown, as well as the time of the final contact on 20 meters and the first contact on 80 meters.

Thirty of the 145 logs were cross-checked 100 percent against all logs received. The remaining logs were checked about 50 percent on average. Steady improvement has been noted in the quality of the submissions over the past few years, but there is still some sloppy work being done. In this era of heightened awareness about logging accuracy, take a moment to compare your claimed score to your final score. If you notice a serious loss of QSOs, you might consider adjusting your operating strategy.

It's fun to make a lot of contacts, but it's more fun when you get the right information in your log. Although the top scoring stations are in a big hurry to make contacts, they will take the time for "repeats" and "fills" if you take the time to ask. Take pride in your work. Unlike some contests, you can be assured that someone out there really is looking over your log for mistakes.

Furthermore, you can be assured that your log will receive fair and equitable treatment. Consider the fact that entries submitted by each of the top ten finishers received the most exacting scrutiny the committee could muster. Even if you perceive your log is getting "the special treat-

ment" from the log checkers, then the worst position in which you could find yourself would be the same position already held by 20 percent of the logs!

This year's Frequent Flyer award went to the log of Bob Wruble, A17B. Bob accidentally sent his log to N6OAT, who returned it and suggested that maybe it was intended for Rusty, W6OAT, which it was, of course. Then Bob sent it to W6OAT's old address. Then it was sent to Rusty's new address.

Of course, by the time Rusty finally got it, he didn't have the heart to send it back to Bob, so Rusty sent it to—you guessed it—WN4KKN's old address. Happily, the USPS forwarded Bob's log in time to be included, but please make a note of the Sprint Editor's new address in Thrall, Texas.

See you in February.

Soapbox

Most multipliers ever! Excellent 20 & 40 conditions from East Coast. Time for NCCC, CCC, MRRRC, YCCC, FRC and other clubs to field more teams—even "just for fun."—W2GD. A great contest! This was my first full effort from home and I made my highest score ever (thanks mainly to the availability of multipliers).—W6OAT. Receiver became intermittent one hour into the contest.—N1EE/6. Had to pick up the YL at the airport at 0230, so didn't get to operate much!—WB9JKI. One of the misfortunes of the calendar is that the September CW NA Sprint always falls on the weekend of the Findlay Hamfest and the Mad River picnic at N8ET's house. But not to be

TOP MULTIPLIERS

KR0Y/5	51
W2GD	50
K6LL/7	49
K8NA	49
KM5H (N5RZ,op)	49
N2IC/0	49
N6AA	49
N6ND (K6ST1,op)	49
N6TV	49
N6YA	49
WC4E	49

STATISTICS

Call	Time (Z)				Last Q		Band Changes
	0030	01	02	03	0330	04 on 20	
N2IC/0	51	95	174	254	303	0137Z	2
W1WEF	44	86	155	221	258	0255Z	7
W2GD	47	91	164	242	278	0128Z	2
W3LPL	41	77	155	230	275	0135Z	2
K4BAI	40	80	145	227	271	0140Z	2
KR0Y/5	50	96	175	253	297	0249Z	6
N6TV	45	87	144	228	260	0204Z	2
N6TR/7	48	91	164	249	287	0159Z	6
KW8N	31	60	118	187	217	0212Z	16
K9ZO	37	63	119	186	224	0142Z	4
VE7CC	38	79	137	210	242	0150Z	2

THE TOP TEN

#	Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
1	KR0Y/5	Jeff	142	111	88	341	51	17,391	Lids #1	TX
2	N2IC/0	Steve	135	121	88	344	49	16,856		CO
3	W0UA	Geo	137	109	87	333	48	15,984		CO
4	N6TR/7	Tree	135	142	62	339	47	15,933	SCCC #1	OR
5	K6LL/7	Dave	135	125	60	320	49	15,680	SCCC #1	AZ
6	W2GD	John	119	124	68	311	50	15,550	FRC	NJ
7	N6TV	Bob	146	104	51	301	49	14,749	NCCC #2	CA
8	K6NA	Glen	135	107	57	299	49	14,651	SCCC #1	CA
9	K4VX/0	(W0OG,op) Dave	118	119	73	310	47	14,570	SMC	MO
10	W3LPL	Frank	120	110	80	310	47	14,570	PVRC #1	MD

TOP QSOs

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5	K6LL/7	Dave	135	125	60	320	49	15,680	SCCC #1	AZ
6	WN4KKN/5	Trey	133	123	64	320	45	14,400	Lids #1	TX
7	K4BAI	John	121	126	66	313	45	14,085	Dixie #1	GA
8	W2GD	John	119	124	68	311	50	15,550	FRC	NJ
9	K4VX/0	(W0OG,op) Dave	118	119	73	310	47	14,570	SMC	MO
10	W3LPL	Frank	120	110	80	310	47	14,570	PVRC #1	MD

SCORES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1989 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT, CW

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area	Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area
N2IC/0	Steve	135	121	88	344	49	16,856		CO	N6TV	Bob	146	104	51	301	49	14,749	NCCC #2	CA
W0UA	Geo	137	109	87	333	48	15,984		CO	K6NA	Glen	135	107	57	299	49	14,651	SCCC #1	CA
K4VX/0 (W0G,op)	Dave	118	119	73	310	47	14,570	SMC	MO	N6ND (K6ST1,op)	Brian	134	105	55	294	49	14,406	SCCC #1	CA
WB8O	Bill	118	89	58	265	44	11,660		ND	N6AA	Dick	150	101	38	289	49	14,161	SCCC #1	CA
KM8O	Tony	95	93	50	238	47	11,186	MWA	MN	N6ZZ	Phil	124	104	53	281	47	13,207	SCCC #1	CA
KM8L	Steve	78	110	25	213	40	8,520		MO	W6OAT	Rusty	106	129	46	281	46	12,926	NCCC #1	CA
N0AT	Ron	71	70	46	187	43	8,041		MN	N6TJ	Jim	114	109	55	278	46	12,788	SCCC #1	CA
KJ0G	Bob	71	89	42	202	37	7,474		CO	W6YA	Jim	131	92	34	257	49	12,593	SCCC #1	CA
K8AD	Al	74	68	44	186	39	7,254	MWA	MN	N6XI	Rick	127	97	49	273	46	12,558	NCCC #1	CA
K3WT/0	Tom				195	37	7,215	MWA	MN	N6VR	Ray	114	86	49	249	45	11,205	SCCC #1	CA
KN8V	Gary				151	40	6,040	MWA	MN	W6SX	Hank	103	103	51	257	43	11,051	SCCC #2	CA
KG8E	Mack	55	20	0	75	29	2,175		CO	N6RO	Ken	125	89	39	253	43	10,879	NCCC #1	CA
WA0OUI	Randy	17	28	14	59	26	1,534		MO	AJ6V	Ed	108	80	36	224	45	10,080	NCCC #1	CA
										W6RGG	Bob	81	92	56	229	43	9,847	NCCC #1	CA
W1WEF	Jack	121	99	78	298	47	14,006		CT	W6UQF	Chas				208	44	9,152	SCCC #2	CA
K1TN	Jim				131	37	4,847		CT	NC6U	Kevin	126	69	24	219	41	8,979	SCCC #2	CA
K1BZ (N1ATN,op)	Bob	29	22	13	64	23	1,472		ME	W6QHS (OH2BH,op)	Marty				211	41	8,651	SCCC #1	CA
NB1B	Dennis	52	8	0	60	23	1,380		MA	W7CB/6	Larry	77	74	27	178	43	7,654	SCCC #2	CA
W2GD	John	119	124	68	311	50	15,550	FRC	NJ	N6MU	John	89	91	0	180	41	7,380		CA
W2RQ	Bill	98	121	84	303	46	13,938	FRC	NJ	N1EE/6	Scott	70	64	40	174	42	7,308	NCCC #1	CA
K2ZS	John	119	113	68	300	45	13,500	FRC	NJ	K6LRN	Dick	82	55	38	175	39	6,825	NCCC #1	CA
K2ZJ	John	127	92	67	286	46	13,156		NY	W6JTI	Frank	91	55	22	168	40	6,720		CA
N2BA (K8HVT,op)	Hal	118	76	62	256	47	12,032	Guns	NY	K6VNX	Arlen	84	58	20	162	41	6,642	SCCC #2	CA
N2AZS	Larry	94	88	67	249	43	10,707	Guns	NY	N6EK	Bob	69	55	32	156	42	6,552	NCCC #2	CA
K2AEV	Mike				216	42	9,072	FRC	NY	W6MVW	Dick	68	72	11	151	39	5,889		CA
W1GD/2	Gerry	52	40	31	123	33	4,059	FRC	NJ	K6PRXF	DJ	60	61	34	155	35	5,425	SCCC #2	CA
W5KI/2	Steve	13	43	35	91	31	2,821		NJ	AD6E	Al	72	62	12	146	34	4,964		CA
										N6TIB	Bill	31	35	22	88	28	2,464	NCCC #2	CA
W3LPL	Frank	120	110	80	310	47	14,570	PVRC #1	MD	N6TR/7	Tree	135	142	62	339	47	15,933	SCCC #1	OR
KN5H/3	Steve	98	102	72	272	46	12,512	PVRC #1	DE	K8LL/7	Dave	135	125	60	320	49	15,680	SCCC #1	AZ
KE3Q	Rich	117	81	71	269	45	12,105	PVRC #1	MD	W7WA	Dan	120	115	54	289	45	13,005	Bad	WA
W3GG (WB2EKK,op)	John	70	112	88	270	44	11,880	PVRC #1	MD	N7NG	Wayne	97	99	57	253	46	11,638	NCCC #1	WY
K3NA	Eric	97	84	60	241	45	10,845	PVRC #1	MD	K7SS	Dan				235	42	9,870	Bad	WA
N6CQ/3	Bill	100	53	47	200	37	7,400	SCCC #3	PA	KR7G	Bob	105	93	35	233	42	9,786		WA
K3DI	Dick	17	10	0	37	20	740		VA	A17B	Bob	103	83	36	222	44	9,768		OR
KT3Y/4	Phil	95	122	79	296	48	14,208	PVRC #1	VA	K7LXC	Ed	114	75	28	217	43	9,331	Bad	WA
K4BAI	John	121	126	66	313	45	14,085	Dixie #1	GA	KI3V/7	Rich	101	65	47	213	43	9,159	NCCC #1	NV
N4RJ (KM9P,op)	Bill	123	107	65	295	46	13,570	Dixie #1	GA	W3AS/7	Doug				215	41	8,815		ID
N4ZZ	Don	99	100	66	265	46	12,190	Dixie #1	TN	N0AX/7	Ed	71	52	41	164	38	6,232	Bad	WA
WC4E	Jeff	117	86	43	246	49	12,054	Dixie #1	FL	WE7G	Bruce	76	44	31	151	39	5,889	SCCC #2	AZ
AA4NC	Elvis	88	103	68	259	44	11,396	Dixie #1	NC	N7EPD	Eric	82	40	19	141	41	5,781	Bad	WA
N4KG	Tom				251	45	11,295	Dixie #1	AL	K7RA	Ed	97	33	14	144	37	5,328	Bad	WA
WM4T (KU8E,op)	Jeff	83	104	59	246	44	10,824		KY	NZ7Q	Paul	58	43	14	115	34	3,910	AIBCCC	UT
NA4K	Steve	75	97	61	233	45	10,485	Dixie #1	TN	N27X	Greg	53	16	18	87	34	2,958	AIBCCC	UT
W3YY/4	Bob	105	63	52	220	42	9,240	PVRC #1	VA	K7WA	Jim	1	73	29	103	28	2,884	Bad	WA
K4AMC	Jim	95	84	50	229	40	9,160	Dixie #1	TN	N7RU	Ron	63	29	0	92	30	2,760	AIBCCC	UT
K1ZZI/4	Ralph	74	87	32	193	43	8,299	PVRC #1	VA	NS7K	Rich	40	24	24	88	29	2,552	AIBCCC	UT
K0EJ/4	Mark	92	59	37	188	44	8,272	Dixie #1	SC	WL7E	Joe	68	1	0	69	32	2,208		AK
AA4GA	Lee				189	43	8,127	Dixie #2	GA	WO7Y	Tom	25	54	0	79	23	1,817		ID
AA4VD	Don				206	39	8,034	Dixie #2	GA	WA7HQD	Doc	30	28	0	58	26	1,508	AIBCCC	UT
WB4QBB	Jay	99	70	46	215	37	7,955		FL	NS7B	Rick	25	19	0	44	21	924	AIBCCC	UT
AK0M/4	Steve	70	48	20	138	35	4,830		TN	KW8N	Bob	79	113	63	255	46	11,730		OH
WD4AHZ	Ron	79	38	16	133	36	4,788	Guns	FL	N8EA	Joe	96	89	62	247	44	10,868		MI
N4UZ	Al	31	40	30	101	28	2,828	Dixie #2	GA	WD8AUB	Doug	75	87	68	230	43	9,890		OH
N3JT/4	Jim	62	8	0	70	30	2,100	PVRC #2	VA	K8MR	Jim	22	41	31	94	33	3,102	Picnic	OH
										K8CC	Dave	50	17	19	86	33	2,838	Picnic	OH
KR0Y/5	Jeff	142	111	88	341	51	17,391	Lids #1	TX	WD8IXE/8	Steve	20	10	39	69	30	2,070	Picnic	OH
WN4KKN/5	Trey	133	123	64	320	45	14,400	Lids #1	TX	N8ET	Bill	22	10	0	32	17	544	Picnic	OH
KM5H (N5RZ,op)	Ken	129	104	56	289	49	14,161	Lids #1	OK	K8DD	Hank	0	27	0	27	18	486	Picnic	OH
K5GA	Bill	115	112	66	293	47	13,771	Lids #1	TX	AC8W	Stan	0	23	0	23	16	368	Picnic	OH
K5LZO	Chuck	118	103	75	296	46	13,616	Lids #1	TX	W8FN	Randy	0	21	0	21	13	273	Picnic	OH
N3BB/5	Jim				276	47	12,972	Lids #1	TX										
K5MR	Steve	120	100	60	280	44	12,320	Lids #1	TX	K9ZO	Ralph	82	97	72	251	43	10,793	SMC	IL
K5RC	Tom	120	78	53	251	48	12,048		TX	AG9A	Mark	70	99	67	236	43	10,148	SMC	IL
K2TNO/5	Bill	99	112	47	258	44	11,352	Lids #1	TX	K9FD	Mo	115	67	50	232	43	9,976	SMC	IL
AA5B	Bruce	106	94	63	263	43	11,309	Gang	NM	N0BSH/9	Mike	122	94	0	216	43	9,288	SMC	WI
K5NW	John	86	102	55	243	42	10,206	Lids #1	TX	AC9C	Mike	76	70	57	203	39	7,917	SMC	IL
AD5Q	Roy	102	85	42	229	42	9,618		TX	K9BGL	Karl	81	0	59	140	38	5,320	SMC	IL
W5XX	Mal				194	44	8,536		MS	WB9HRO	Jim	66	47	23	136	36	4,896	SMC	WI
WD5N	Dave	109	70	24	203	42	8,526		TX	WB9JKI	Phil	86	36	0	122	35	4,270	SMC	IL
K5WA	Rich	112	59	23	194	42	8,148	Lids #1	TX										
NT5D	Brent	82	74	47	203	40	8,120	Lids #2	TX	VE7CC (WA6VEF,op)	Gary	126	95	54	275	46	12,650	NCCC #1	BC
KO9Y/5	Greg	72	77	5	154	41	6,314	Lids #2	TX	VE3CUI	Eddy	51	80	1	132	37	4,884		Ont
W5ASP	Joe	66	76	3	145	41	5,945	Lids #2	TX	VE4GV	Rob	69	54	4	127	36	4,572		Man
K5DX	Sharp	64	62	10	136	37	5,032	Lids #2	TX	VE3NBE	Ray	39	24	19	82	25	2,050		Ont
W5NR	Art	48	22	10	80	27	2,160		TX										

denied the chance to have one's cake and the contest too, the Mad River Picnic Club was born. You got the individual scores, although combined we had 362 by 45, two rigs, three hours.—K8MR with W8FN, AC8W, WD8IXE/8, K8DD, N8ET and K8CC. My first Sprint in several years—what a humbling experience! Tough with 100 W and low-angle radiator on 40/80.—AK0M/4. Great participation and conditions. I think I'm starting to get the hang of this after 10 years!—W1WEF. My first Sprint. Wow, does this contest move! Missed the best part of the first hour. The next three hours just

flew by. I couldn't believe that it ended so quickly.—VE3NBE. I used the computer for duping and timekeeping. I think paper duping for a short contest like this would be more efficient.—KE3Q. Working a Stateside-only contest either from here in Alaska or from Hawaii, where I have been for the past 2½ years, is not at all fun. Because of this my attitude toward stateside hams is changing. I have operated from five of the call areas in the continental US. I used to think the Italians were bad.—WL7E. The only sour note was an 80-meter-related TVI complaint from the XYL,

which limited me to just a single QSO on that band. Sigh! Anyway, thanks for yet another fun, head-spinning time!—VE3CUI. The confusion with KM5H was evident.—KN5H/3. The antennas at my new home station were designed and installed by N6BT. Now Tom wants to come over to "retune" them. No way!—N6TV. Really enjoyed my first CW Sprint in about eight years—plan to be a regular in the future.—N3BB/5. My old R-599D S-meter really got a workout in this Sprint. Congrats to K6NA for such a big 40- and 80-meter signal.—WD8AUB. At 0030Z I noticed the wattmeter

TEAM COMPETITION

Southern California Contest Club #1

N6TR/7	15,933
K6LL/7	15,680
K6NA	14,651
N6ND	14,406
N6AA	14,161
N6ZZ	13,207
N6TJ	12,788
W6YA	12,593
N6VR	11,205
W6QHS	8,651

133,275

Nine Lids and a Zero

KR0Y/5	17,391
WN4KKN/5	14,400
KM5H	14,161
K5GA	13,771
K5LZO	13,616
N3BB/5	12,972
K5MR	12,320
K2TNO/5	11,352
K5NW	10,206
K5WA	8,148

128,337

Northern California Contest Club #1

AJ6V	10,080
W6OAT	12,926
VE7CC	12,650
N6XI	12,558
N7NG	11,638
N6RO	10,879
W6RGG	9,847
KI3V/7	9,159
N1EE/6	7,308
K6LRN	6,825

103,870

Dixie DXers #1

K4BAI	14,085
N4RJ (KM9P)	13,570
N4ZZ	12,190
WC4E	12,054
AA4NC	11,396
N4KG	11,295
NA4K	10,485
K4AMC	9,160
K0EJ/4	8,272

102,507

5. Potomac Valley Radio Club #1 (W3LPL,KT3Y/4,KN5H/3,KE3Q,W3GG,K3NA, W3YY/4,K1ZZI/4)	93,659
6. Society of Midwest Contesters (K4VX/0,K9ZO,AG9A,K9FD,N0BSH/9,AC9C, K9BGL,WB9HRO,WB9JKI)	77,178
7. Frankford Radio Club "Domestic" (W2GD,W2RQ,KZ2S,KA2AEV,W1GD/2)	56,119
8. Southern California Contest Club #2 (W6SX,W6UQF,NC6U,W7CB/6,K6VNX,WE7G,KB6RXF)	54,792
9. Team Bad (W7WA,K7SS,K7LXC,N0AX/7,N7EPD,K7RA, K7WA)	52,431
10. Minnesota Wireless Association (KM0O,K0AD,K3WT/0,KN0V)	31,695
11. Little Guns (N2BA,N2AZS,WD4AHZ)	27,527
12. Just Lids (NT5D,KO9Y/5,W5ASP,K5DX)	25,411
13. Northern California Contest Club (N6TV,N6EK,N6TIB)	23,765
14. Dixie DXers #2 (AA4GA,AA4VD,N4UZ)	18,989
15. Antelope Island Buffalo Chips, Clicks and Chirps (NZ7Q,NZ7X,N7RU,NS7K, WA7HQD,NS7B)	14,612
16. Big River Gang (AA5B)	11,309
17. Mad River Picnic Club (K8MR,K8CC,WD8IXE/8,N8ET,K8DD,AC8W,W8FN)	9,681
18. Southern California Contest Club #3 (N6CQ/3)	7,400
19. Potomac Valley Radio Club #2 (N3JT/4)	2,100

wasn't moving. It seems that I bumped the RF gain control at 2358Z when I was making room on the operating table for the dupe sheet, and made my first 45 QSOs with five watts. Fitting behavior for one of the Nine Lids.—*WN4KKN/5*. There must have been 55 mults active—wow! —*K6NA*. No team, no beam, no amp.—*K1TN*. My first Sprint (finally)! Definitely room for score improvement with experience and without station upgrade.—*AD5Q*. I was thinking about using the trick name "JO5N" to trip people up on CW, but I was stricken by an attack of decency and good sportsmanship right before the contest—*K6STI*. Thanks to N6TR/7 for a memorable first QSO.—*NC6U*. A real tester's contest.—*VE4GV*. KWs in the Sprint are ridiculous! How about a low-power class?—*W6JTI*. This is the first time I've actually enjoyed this contest.—*AA4GA*. I have participated in a lot of contests, but my first Sprint was chaotic, to say the least.—*NZ7Q*. My vote for best fist goes to WB2EKK. This was Straight Key Night, wasn't it?—*N3JT/4*. Made up for my usually slow start with an equally slow finish.—*WB2EKK/3*. Are we having fun? I hope so.—*N6VR*. My first Sprint! What a strange contest... —*AA5B*. Another enjoyable Sprint. My only frustration was when I heard new sections late in the contest but was unable to work them because of the QSY rule.—*K0AD*. My 40-meter antenna is not very effective on 80 meters.—*WB9HRO*. I had lots of fun in this one! It was great being a so-called hard-to-get mult.—*KN5H/3*.