

Results, September 1990 North American Sprint, CW

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DX participation was of note during the 27th running of the North American Sprint. Two DX efforts from afar were particularly worthy: the F/N6TR operation by Larry Tyree, and the ZD8Z operation by James Neiger, N6TJ.

Tree, who is known for record-setting Sprint operations from California and Oregon, wasn't going to let living in Europe put a damper on his Sprinting activities. He stayed up late and made a superb showing with 198 QSOs. Similarly, Jim made an astounding 228 QSOs and 43 multipliers from Ascension Island for a new ZD8 record! Congratulations to both Tree and Jim for setting new continental standards.

Back home, the ZF2NE/ZF8 effort piloted by Joe Staples, W5ASP, made many people happy by handing out the Cayman Islands multiplier. Also of note was the XE2XA effort by Trey Garlough, WN4KKN/5, eclipsing the old XE standard set by K5GN in the fall of 1988.

As the dust settled from the log checking, Jeff Steinman, KR0Y/5, topped 132 entries. Way to go, Jeff! Jeff and his wife are in the market for a new house because they are running out of room for trophies at their present QTH. Behind Jeff were George Schultz, W0UA, and Dave Patton, W00G.

A special note of recognition goes to Ralph Bowen, N5RZ, for his fourth-place finish. As Ralph was making his 318th QSO at 0346Z, he experienced a power blackout in his neighborhood. I hate it when that happens.

In the team competition, The Dixie Sprinters managed to pull off a victory, defeating the Southern Cal and Northern Cal teams. In fourth place was the nine-man effort by The Texas DX Society, five of whom had a slash (/) in their call signs. Perhaps having one more log from a station operating portable would have been the winning stroke for these guys.

Once again, an audit summary is provided showing how the top guys did with copying the code. Take note of the errors made by George Schultz (W0UA), Glenn Rattmann (K6NA) and John Laney (K4BAI). Very interesting.

Because of the increased DX activity, there seemed to be some confusion about scoring. The rules state:

- "A valid contact consists of a complete, correctly copied and logged two-way exchange between a North American station and another station." This means DX-to-North America contacts count for QSO credit as well as the usual North America-to-North America contacts.

- "Non-North American countries do not count as multipliers."

In summary, contacts with F/N6TR and ZD8Z count for QSO credit, but not for multiplier credit. Contacts with XE2XA and

ZF2NE/ZF8 count for both QSO and multiplier credit.

Good luck in February!

SOAPBOX

My borrowed keyer blew a chip the night before the contest... so I went to fix my own broken keyer by cannibalizing the borrowed keyer. Thanks, AB4RU!—AA4GA. Another disappointing performance, but I still had fun (?)!—WD4AHZ. Fun contest—lousy score! Story of my life!—W6OAT. This is the first try in the Sprint. I didn't have much trouble working the guys... it was fumbling around typing the info into the computer that slowed me down.—W5TTE. Rig lost power every ten minutes, so I had to switch rigs half way through the contest. If I didn't come back after calling you, that was why!—N1EE/6. Are there any more barefoot Sprinters out there?—K7WA. Good contest but we need earlier publicity—even in the NCJ! Let's spread the word on packet, too.—W1WEF. Great signal from F/N6TR on 40!—W00G, op of K4VX/0. Fun contest, but impossible to win unless you're in NTX or Colorado.—K5ZD/3. I have found that this contest demands nothing short of TOTAL participation and unswerving concentration from beginning to end; starting late, weighed down with reams of Italian pasta and Canadian beer (my XYL's birthday) is a sure-fire way of guaranteeing "...minimum revs" in both enthusiasm and scoring!—VE3CUI. First time I operated seriously in a Sprint. After I got into it I really enjoyed it. Looking forward to the next one.—KR2J. Again, I swear I'll never get

into the CW Sprint again... until the next one comes along! I have finally realized that I'm just not going to get over the 300 jump... no excuses, just too much confusion for my shallow mind.—W6YA. Great contest, great ops, great time!—W0CP. Great contest like always! I was just plain out of sync this time. 100 W and a 27-foot-high 40-meter inverted v = one weak 80-meter signal. See you in Feb 91.—W6MVW. Where was Michigan?—N1EE/6. 0320-0335Z: Climbed tower to fix 80-meter sloper which didn't work.—WB9JKI. Operated Field Day style again from a mountaintop. Began setting up four hours before contest.—NE6I. 100 watts. TH7DXX. G5RV.—K7SS. Nice to be back in Sprint after some years away.—VE4VV [Great to have you back, Derrick.—Ed.]. First time using a computer in Sprint. K8CC software is nice.—W9RE. Thanks, K2ZS, for twisting my arm. Too much work! I like leisurely 48-hour contests. Already thinking about how to make more QSOs next time.—K3WW. Getting a late start doesn't help score much.—N8LM/4. For us low-speed (20 WPM) CW ops, this contest is four hours of torture. I do, however, need the practice. Badly. Had a blast anyway. See you all on the air in February! (Practice, practice, practice!)—AA4LR. Wild! Just when you think you know a little about contests, then the Sprint reality slaps you in the face.—AJ9C. Great contest as usual. I operated from K6JO's QTH this time and had a personal best in both total Qs and mults. Also fun to work ZD8Z and F/N6TR—these guys will do anything to own a world record!—NC6U. Comments from the Participant Observer: Seems like I have heard and worked all these calls many

Multiplier Leaders

K6LL/7	47	NA4K	46
KR0Y/5	47	W1WEF	46
XE2XA	47	K5ZD/3	45
K4BAI	46	K6NA	45
K4VX/0	46	N6IG	45
KG5U	46	N6TV	45
N5RZ	46	N9AEJ	45
N6AA	46	W0UA	45

New Records

MO	K4VX/0	319/46	14,674
VT	N4DW/1	186/41	7,626
PA	K5ZD/3	325/45	14,625
NC	AA4NC	273/43	11,782
UT	K6XO/7	234/40	9,360
XE	XE2XA	305/47	14,335
F	F/N6TR	196/38	7,448
ZF	ZF2NE/ZF8	110/33	3,630
ZD8	ZD8Z	228/43	9,804

Team Results

Dixie Sprinters	Southern California Contest Club #1	Northern California Contest Club #1	Texas DX Society
N4RJ	K6NA	N6TV	KR0Y/5
XE2XA	N6AA	N6IG	N5RZ
K4BAI	K6LL/7	N7NG	K5GA
AA4NC	N6ND	VE7NTT	KG5U
N4ZZ	(N6CW)	W6OAT	K7GM/5
K0LUZ/4	N6ZZ	N6XI	K5GN/5
NA4K	W6YA	W6RGG	K13L/5
K4AMC	N6VR	N1EE/6	K5RC
WC4E	NE6I	AJ6V	KN5H/3
AA4VD	W6SX	AD6E	
111,526	107,142	98,826	93,633

5. Society of Midwest Contesters #1 (K4VX/0, AG9A, N9AEJ, KM00, WB9JKI, W9RE, K9FD, AJ9C, WB9HRO) ... 87,873
6. North Coast Contesters (K5ZD/3, K8NZ, N8AA, K8AZ, W8KIC, K8CX, N3BJ, AD8J/3) ... 69,718
7. Team Bad (K7SS, W7WA, KR7G, N0AX/7, NN7L, K7HBN, K7CW, K7RA) ... 68,541
8. Frankford Radio Club "Domestic" (W2RQ, K3WW, K2TW, AA3B, W2GD/3) ... 48,578
9. Southern California Contest Club #2 (ZD8Z, NC6U, W6UQF, F/N6TR, KK6BB, WE7G) ... 46,030
10. Team Twisted (NQ2D, KR2J, KD2SX/1, N2MG, N18L/1) ... 37,025
11. Society of Midwest Contesters #2 (K9ZO, K9BGL) ... 16,629
12. Northern California Contest Club #2 (K13V/7, N6EK, N6TIB) ... 16,351
13. Mad River Radio Club (K8MR, WD8AUB/9) ... 13,170
14. Barefoot Sprinters (K7WA, WD4AHZ) ... 12,585

times before! Can't someone please Sprint from XF4, FP or CY9?—W5NR. 500 miles makes a big difference.—WN4KKN/5, op of XE2XA. I now understand why low power and a non-stateside QTH are out of the question for the Sprint. . . it's the pits . . . but fun.—ZF2NE/ZF8, aka W5ASP. Neat having ZF and XE both. Heard VE4 on 20 three times—always the other guy's frequency.—K4PQL. First time to break 300 QSOs but my mults down.—N6CW, op of N6ND. Finally broke down and bought a computer. CW Sprint was the first time I used it in real-time mode. I think it slowed me down just a bit in the S & P mode, but I'm getting better. It did add enjoyment and challenge to the contest.—K6LL/7. Not knowing how to get my NA software to send the serial number/report I had to resort to straight key (half of my paddle—I didn't bring my keyer—forgot it if you must know). I claim the ALL TIME NA Sprint "straight key" record and I now have greater empathy for the newer and slower operators who try to work the big guns. Give 'em a chance! QTH was temporary setup at a summer home in the Pocono Mountains, EPA. Had a triband inverted v with a single feed line at 35 feet and a TS-930S barefoot.—W2GD/3. Geo, W0UA, talked me into this. Next time I'll use an amplifier, an 80-meter antenna, a memory keyer and I'll take a deeper breath before I start! This is a pretty nutty contest. I was flat exhausted after four hours. Next time . . . —K0SR. Still stuck on page 6, but hopefully for not too many more Sprints.—K8HVT, op of N2BA. First attempt with computer a disaster due to RFI.—W2RQ. PW on 80!—WC4E [But you worked ZD8Z on 80!—Ed.]. My keyer "deprogrammed" itself as the contest started. Was going to send the contest by hand but decided to lose time and reprogram. Lost about eight minutes.—W00G, op of K4VX/0. Used K8CC program for first time—need LOTS of PRACTICE!—N4DW/1. Best "claimed" score ever; lost power for last 13 minutes of contest—sure was dark!—N5RZ. Mults heard, no QSO: KD2SX/1 in RI, K8CV in MI, K8NI in ME, WB4IUX in SC, KM5G in AR.—K5GN/5. N5FA showed up 25 minutes before the contest with a still-in-the-box FT-1000 and insisted that I use it. Got it going with five minutes to spare, but groped for the right knobs all during the contest.—AA5B. I took the rig along on a church retreat so I could put in a score for the TDXS team. [Now that's what I call dedication. Ed.]. Put up an 80-meter inverted v in a pine tree about 50 feet up and used a tuner. Felt competitive on 20, less than average on 40 and really puny on 80. I think the Sprint is the only contest in which

Score Reduction Summary of Top Ten

KR0Y/5 claimed score: 340/47

7 MHz 0208Z VE3CUI 189 18 Eddy, ON—Not in Log, one QSO penalty assessed.
final score: 338/47

W0UA claimed score: 343/45

No reductions
final score: 343/45

K4VX/0 (W00G, op) claimed score: 322/47

14 MHz 0045Z K4AMC 63 51 Jim, TN—Not in Log, one QSO penalty assessed.
7 MHz 0224Z K8CV 201 39 Walt, MI—Number sent by K8CV was 30, loss of Michigan multiplier.
final score: 319/46

N5RZ claimed score: 319/46

3.5 MHz 0343Z K0SR 312 23 Steve, MN—Number sent by K0SR was 203.
final score: 318/46

K5ZD/3 claimed score: 329/45

7 MHz 0203Z AJ6V 178 116 Ed, CA—Number sent by AJ6V was 106.
3.5 MHz 0314Z K8CV 270 52 Walt, MI—Not in log, one QSO penalty assessed, loss of Michigan multiplier.
3.5 MHz 0332Z AA5B 299 231 Bruce, NM—Number sent by AA5B was 241.
final score: 325/45

N4RJ (KM9P/4, op) claimed score: 333/44

14 MHz 0007Z N2BA 10 1 Hal, NY—Number sent by N2BA was 10.
7 MHz 0231Z K7HBN 211 226 Ed, WA—Number sent by K7HBN was 126.
7 MHz 0232Z WB9HRO 212 107 Jim, WI—Number sent by WB9HRO was 110.
3.5 MHz 0344Z AC9C 314 233 Mike, IL—Number sent by AC9C was 213.
final score: 329/44

XE2XA (WN4KKN/5, op) claimed score: 309/47

7 MHz 0247Z KG5U 223 175 Dale, TX—Not in log, one QSO penalty assessed.
7 MHz 0256Z N6NF 234 41 Tom, CA—Not in log, one QSO penalty assessed.
final score: 305/47

K6NA claimed score: 318/45

No reductions
final score: 318/45

N6AA claimed score: 312/46

7 MHz 0228Z W2RQ 184 191 Bill, NJ—Not in log, one QSO penalty assessed.
3.5 MHz 0346Z K3WW 294 202 Chas, PA—Number sent by K3WW was 202.
final score: 309/46

K4BAI claimed score: 305/46

No reductions
final score: 305/46

you can have this much fun with this small a station! My hat's off to all the guys who were *listening* and working weak ones too! Next time I'll have to make sure my daughter is asleep before the contest starts. The first 10 minutes were spent holding baby, bottle and pencil.—K5GN/5. My last contest with pencil and paper.—N4ZZ. Was

mobile for this one. Sitting in my folk's driveway got old quick. Been thinking about WVA section for next Sprint. Guess it doesn't matter since no other Del was on anyway.—KN5H/3. Had a lot of fun. Seems like Sprint always catches me with the 80-meter antenna down. I will try to keep Idaho available in Sprints.—W07Y

Call	Name	20	40	80	QSOs	Mu	Score	Team	Area	N6VR	Ray	119	85	50	254	42	10,668	SCCC #1	CA
W0UA	Geo	136	118	89	343	45	15,435		CO	W6OAT	Rusty	82	105	71	258	41	10,578	NCCC #1	CA
K4VX/0 (W00G, op)	Dave	104	114	101	319	46	14,674	SMC #1	MO	AC6T	Steve	120	77	41	238	44	10,472		CA
W0CP	Walt	112	100	44	256	44	11,264		CO	N6X1	Rick	109	92	54	255	41	10,455	NCCC #1	CA
KM0O	Tony	116	83	60	259	42	10,878	SMC #1	MN	N6E1	Dennis	104	87	50	241	41	9,881	SCCC #1	CA
K0SR	Steve	93	100	22	215	42	9,030		MN	W6SX	Hank	103	85	42	230	41	9,430	SCCC #1	CA
KF0T	Tom	47	59	8	114	34	3,876		MN	N6CU	Kevin	110	88	37	235	40	9,400	SCCC #2	CA
W1WEF	Jack	115	111	60	286	46	13,156		CT	W6RGG	Bob	90	101	54	245	38	9,310	NCCC #1	CA
N4DW/1	Dave	94	58	34	186	41	7,626		VT	W6UQF	Chas				218	41	8,938	SCCC #2	CA
KD2SX/1	Chas				189	40	7,560	Twisted	RI	N1EE/6	Scott	94	78	43	215	40	8,600	NCCC #1	CA
N1BL/1	Scott	48	81	45	174	33	5,742	Twisted	NH	AJ6V	Ed	93	90	30	213	39	8,307	NCCC #1	CA
NB1B	Dennis	67	53	32	152	32	4,864		MA	W6MVW	Dick	76	70	17	163	37	6,031		CA
NJ2L/1	Rus	2	29	16	47	25	1,175		CT	N6EK	Bob	73	56	28	157	37	5,809	NCCC #2	CA
W2RQ	Bill	115	103	80	298	43	12,814	FRC	NJ	KK6BB	DJ	68	80	32	180	30	5,400	SCCC #2	CA
N2BA	Hal	105	106	74	285	43	12,255		NY	AD6E	Al	40	86	4	130	34	4,420	NCCC #1	CA
(K8HVT)										N6NF	Tom	28	32	18	78	28	2,184		CA
N2BA										N6TIB	Bill	22	5	14	41	18	738	NCCC #2	CA
N02D	Jim	98	88	61	247	41	10,127	Twisted	NY	K6LL/7	Dave	116	108	64	288	47	13,536	SCCC #1 <th>AZ</th>	AZ
K2TW	Tom	103	104	44	251	40	10,040	FRC	NJ	KY7M	Lee	118	103	82	303	41	12,423	<th>AZ</th>	AZ
KR2J	Bob	86	59	55	200	39	7,800	Twisted	NJ	N7NG	Wayne	105	110	58	273	42	11,466	NCCC #1	WY
N2MG	Mike	50	69	42	161	36	5,796	Twisted	NY	K7SS	Dan	122	86	40	248	43	10,664	Bad	WA
K5ZD/3	Randy	118	118	89	325	45	14,625	NCC	PA	W7WA	Dan	111	91	69	271	39	10,569	Bad	WA
KE3Q	Rich	109	111	71	291	42	12,222		MD	K13V/7	Rick	102	77	49	228	43	9,804	NCCC #2	NV
K3WW	Chas	97	112	65	274	40	10,960	FRC	PA	K6XO/7	Al	96	93	45	234	40	9,360		UT
AA3B	Bud	88	95	65	248	39	9,672	FRC	PA	KR7G	Bob	98	97	45	240	39	9,360	Bad	WA
K3SA	Steve	75	85	68	228	42	9,576		MD	K7MM	Dan	106	74	57	237	38	9,006		WY
N3BJ	Alan	63	69	43	175	32	5,600	NCC	PA	N0AX/7	Ed	99	78	34	211	42	8,862	Bad	WA
W2GD/3	John	59	58	17	134	38	5,092	FRC	PA	NN7L	Ed	92	101	31	224	39	8,736	Bad	WA
AD8J/3	John	50	42	30	122	29	3,538	NCC	PA	K7WA	Jim	104	79	30	213	39	8,307	Barefoot	WA
KM5H/3	Steve	61	29	0	90	35	3,150	TDXS	DE	WA4VKD/7	Curt	92	65	37	194	41	7,954		UT
N4RJ	Bill	126	117	86	329	44	14,476	Dixie	GA	K7HBN	Ed	101	69	32	202	39	7,878	Bad	WA
(KM9P)										K7CW	Paul	86	62	48	196	39	7,644	Bad	WA
K4BAI	John	117	111	77	305	46	14,030	Dixie	GA	WA7EGA	Hal	166	37		166	37	6,142		WA
KT3Y/4	Phil	113	107	78	298	43	12,814		VA	WE7G	Bruce	68	48	28	144	35	5,040	SCCC #2	AZ
AA4NC	Will	100	106	68	274	43	11,782	Dixie	NC	K7RA	Ed	87	38	17	142	34	4,828	Bad	WA
N4ZZ	Don	110	105	58	273	41	11,193	Dixie	TN	K8MR	Jim	100	97	73	270	43	11,610	MRRC	OH
K0LUZ/4	Red	119	93	54	266	42	11,172	Dixie	FL	K8NZ	Ron	76	95	73	244	44	10,736	NCC	OH
K4PQL	Al	98	103	68	269	41	11,029		NC	N8AA	John	80	99	60	239	41	9,799	NCC	OH
N4AK	Steve	95	86	57	238	46	10,948	Dixie	TN	K8AZ(KQ8M)	Tim	83	92	66	241	39	9,399	NCC	OH
K4AMC	Jim	82	90	56	228	42	9,576	Dixie	TN	W8KIC	Val	80	85	69	234	39	9,126	NCC	OH
N4AA	Carl	77	111	35	223	42	9,366		NC	K8CX	Tom	70	77	50	197	35	6,895	NCC	OH
AA4GA	Lee	89	74	36	199	40	7,960		GA	K8CV	Walt	21	14	11	46	18	828		MI
WC4E	Jeff	112	78	9	199	39	7,761	Dixie	FL	AG9A	Mark	107	99	70	276	40	11,040	SMC #1	IL
AA4VD	Don	64	78	27	169	37	6,253	Dixie	GA	N9AEJ		83	96	65	244	45	10,980	SMC #1	??
WD4AHZ	Ron	72	49	17	138	31	4,278	Barefoot	FL	K9ZO	Ralph	111	85	79	275	38	10,450	SMC #2	IL
AK0M/4	Steve	59	48	18	125	33	4,125		TN	WB9JKI	Phil	82	118	30	230	43	9,890	SMC #1	IL
K4BAM	Bill	47	35	18	100	32	3,200		VA	W9RE	Mike	92	89	68	249	39	9,711	SMC #1	IN
N8LM/4	Lee	34	37	26	97	27	2,619		GA	K9FD	Bo				226	38	8,588	SMC #1	IL
AA4LR	Bill	12	11	6	29	18	522		GA	K9BGL	Karl	0	132	35	167	37	6,179	SMC #2	IL
KR0Y/5	Jeff	130	114	94	338	47	15,886	TDXS	TX	AJ9C	Mike	68	50	40	158	39	6,162	SMC #1	IN
N5RZ	Ralph	135	117	66	318	46	14,628	TDXS	TX	WB9HRO	Jim	79	58	33	170	35	5,950	SMC #1	WI
K5GA	Bill	117	115	74	306	43	13,158	TDXS	TX	WB8AUB/9	Doug	43	22	0	65	24	1,560	MRRC	IN
KG5U	Dale	114	72	61	247	46	11,362	TDXS	TX	VE7NTT	Gary	122	107	40	269	40	10,760	NCCC #1	BC
K7GM/5	Rick	116	92	49	257	43	11,051	TDXS	TX	VE4VU	Derrick	84	52	12	148	36	5,328		MB
AA5B	Bruce	110	92	72	274	39	10,686		NM	VE3CUI	Eddy	0	21	0	21	16	336		ON
K5GN/5	Dave	117	82	45	244	43	10,492	TDXS	TX	XE2XA	Trey	134	127	44	305	47	14,335	Dixie	MX
K7UP/5	John	82	97	51	230	39	8,970		NM	(WN4KKN/5,op)									
K13L/5	Don	67	83	37	187	38	7,106	TDXS	TX	ZD8Z	Jim	116	93	19	228	43	9,804	SCCC #2	ZD8
K5RC	Tom	85	65	20	170	40	6,800	TDXS	TX	(N6TJ,op)									
W5NR	Art	40	32	17	89	27	2,403		TX	F/N6TR	Tree	100	78	18	196	38	7,448	SCCC #2	F
W5TTE	Ed	41	21	0	62	23	1,426		NM	ZF2NE/ZF8	Joe	63	37	10	110	33	3,630		ZF
K6NA	Glen	122	118	78	318	45	14,310	SCCC #1	CA	(W5ASP,op)									
N6AA	Dick	143	114	52	309	46	14,214	SCCC #1	CA										
N6TV	Bob	109	118	52	279	45	12,555	NCCC #1	CA										
N6IG	Jim	112	108	55	275	45	12,375	NCCC #1	CA										
N6ND(N6CW)	Terry	109	121	73	303	40	12,120	SCCC #1	CA										
N6ZZ	Phil	139	95	44	278	42	11,676	SCCC #1	CA										
W6YA	Jim	91	109	57	257	44	11,308	SCCC #1	CA										
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