

Results, September 1992 CW Sprint

By Trey Garlough, WN4KKN/6

The 31st running of the North American Sprint was marked by difficult ionospheric and atmospheric conditions, yet many stations persevered and made big scores. All-time Sprint champion Jeff Steinman, KR0Y/5, notched another trophy with an excellent 329-QSO effort, down from his big 375-QSO effort in September. In a tight race for second, Ralph Bowen, N5RZ, was aced out by a single QSO by Trey Garlough, WN4KKN, who was signing N6TR. Two stations from New England made the box this time: W1WEF and K1TO.

The Southern California Contest Club #1 eked out another tight victory this time, taking out the Northern California Contest Club #1 by about 3k. The NCCC boys made a strong showing this time, but it wasn't quite enough. Nipping at their heels was a pack of gators, led by KR0Y and the gator himself, N5RZ. The GatorAid #1 team was shy one gator, costing them a slot and putting them in third place. A new radio club from the Pacific Northwest made its first appearance in the Sprint: the Cascade Contest Club, based in the Portland area. We hope to hear this group making more noise on the bands in future Sprints.

Although the contest fell on a holiday weekend, activity was still good. Tom Frenaye, K1KI, operating from the Cayman islands as ZF2KI, set an all-time Caribbean record with 251 QSOs and an amazing 49 multipliers. Gary Caldwell, VE7NTT, set a new standard for Canada with 274 by 47.

300 QSOs is a threshold of high achievement in the North American Sprint. As K1KI says, there's something magical about "making the transition from page six to page seven." A little Sprint research yields a box indicating who has cracked the 300-QSO barrier in the past four years. With the increased participation in recent years, you can see that more and more people are making 300 QSOs. During this period, the high-water mark was February 1990, with 23 folks making it. The low point was September of '92, when only seven made it.

The dates have been selected for the 1993 events: February 6 and September 11 (local time). See you then!

Top Ten

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Summary of Recent 300-QSO CW Sprint Efforts

Operator	Date (Call Used)	Operator	Date (Call Used)
K1KI	89-2, 91-9	K5ZD/3	89-2, 90-2, 90-9, 91-2, 91-9, 92-2, 92-9
K1TO	89-2, 90-2, 91-2, 92-2		
W1WEF	91-2	N6AA	90-2, 90-9, 91-2, 91-9, 92-2
N2IC/0	89-2, 91-2, 91-9, 92-9	N6CW	90-9 (N6ND), 92-2 (N6ND)
W2GD	89-2, 89-9, 90-2	N6IG	90-2, 91-2
N2NT	92-2	K6LL/7	89-2, 89-9, 90-2, 91-2, 91-9, 92-9
W2RQ	89-2, 89-9, 90-2, 91-2, 92-2	K6NA	90-2, 90-9, 91-2, 91-9, 92-2, 92-9
KZ2S	89-9, 90-2, 92-2	K6STI	90-2 (N6ND), 91-9 (N6ND)
		N6TR/7	89-2, 89-9, 90-2, 92-2
W3LPL	89-2, 89-9, 92-2	N6TV	89-9, 90-2, 91-2, 92-2
K3LR	89-2 (K3TUP), 90-2, 91-2, 91-9, 92-2		
KE3Q	90-2	KY7M	90-9
K3UA	90-2, 91-2, 91-9 (K3UA/8), 92-2 (K3UA/8)	K7SS	92-2
KT3Y/4	92-2	K8CC	91-2
K4BAI	89-2, 89-9, 90-2, 90-9, 91-2	AG9A	91-2
WN4KKN	89-2 (WN4KKN/5), 89-9 (WN4KKN/5), 90-2 (WN4KKN/5), 90-9 (XE2XA), 91-2 (WN4KKN/6), 91-9 (WN4KKN/6), 92-2 (WN4KKN/6), 92-9 (N6TR)	AA9AK	89-9 (K4VX/0), 90-2 (K4VX/0), 90-9 (K4VX/0), 91-2 (WX0X), 91-9 (K4VX/0), 92-2 (NC0P)
		KM9P/4	89-2 (N4RJ), 90-2, 90-9 (N4RJ), 91-2 (N4RJ), 91-9 (N4RJ)
		K9ZO	91-2
AA5B	92-2		
K5GA	90-9, 92-2	W0UA	89-2, 90-2, 90-9
K5GN	90-2 (K5GN/2), 92-2	KR0Y/5	89-2 (K5RX), 89-9, 90-2, 90-9, 91-2, 91-9, 92-2, 92-9
N5RZ	89-2 (KM5H), 90-2, 90-9, 91-2, 92-2, 92-9		

Soapbox

Sorry to see the Sprint scheduled on a major weekend; hope this is not a permanent change. Family commitments had me out camping so I took the IC-735 along to make a

"cameo" appearance via 40 watts battery powered into a vertical. Temps so cold could only last a couple of hours operating outdoors.—**A17B**

First Sprint test. The QSY rule takes some getting used to. Amp got squirrely, TVI on vertical, had to use fixed 40m quad with tuner. No QSK or strategy. Lots of work to do here.—**KE9YR**

Condx good on 20 but aside from us Sprinters no one was on the band! Really had to strain on 80 and 40—signals way down. My second best Sprint score ever.—**W1WEF**

Aarrgh!—**AA5BT**

All went well until the NA program locked up on me. Ugh! Computer would not reboot without asking me to reconfigure entire machine. Good thing I remember how to write! Still cost me 10-20 Qs at least.—**KY7M**

I threw up a fan inverted vee (40/80) at 40 feet for this one. Very interesting contest—it took a while to get the hang of it. There were some extremely proficient operators on! Will see you again in the contest. It was fun.—**W5FO**

No more Sprints on holiday weekends!—**K5ZD/3**

First CW Sprint! Lots of fun, lousy score, lots to learn. I'll be back.—**WZ6Z**

This is my first-ever Sprint. I've never even listened in, so I was left pretty much without a clue...but I'll be ready next time.—**K9AY0**

This was my first experience with the Sprint (this spring I returned to the air after being inactive for nearly 15 years), and it's different from any contest I've worked before (most of my earlier experience was with the SS and CD parties). I like the idea of a contest that doesn't tie up a whole weekend, and the Sprint was a lot of fun.—**K8JLF/1**

Thunderstorms!—**WC4E**

It was great giving out higher numbers to VE7NTT and N2NT.—**N1EE/6** [But does that really count when you work someone at 0002Z?—**Ed**]

Poor conditions on 20 but FB mults!—**WA6AUE**

This was my first Sprint. Enjoyed it, but band conditions were poor. I'll change tactics a little in February, and operate the whole four hours.—**N5WA**

It was my first Sprint and some rules were very new for me.—**N7PMC/2UIY**

Had I been able to hear any better during the contest I probably would have heard how bad conditions were!—**WX3N/9**

Interesting switcheroo Trey and Tree are playing.—**XE1/AA6RX**

Once again the Black Hole takes it's toll.—**WX9E**

90 W and dipole. How about a low power dipole/vertical/wire class?—**KN4QV**

Team Scores

Southern California Contest Club #1

K6LL/7	13,815
K6NA	13,332
WN4KKN/7	13,064
N6AA	12,972
W6YA	12,870
KY7M	11,822
N6VR	11,592
N6ZZ	10,710
W6SX	8,892
W6AQ	8,360

117,429

Northern California Contest Club #1

N6TR	15,072
N6TV	13,064
VE7NTT	12,878
N6RO	12,240
N6XI	11,376
WA6AUE	10,824
W0ZZ/6	10,488
W6XX	10,164
W6RGG	9,288
N1EE/6	8,904

114,298

GatorAid #1

KR0Y/5	15,792
N5RZ	15,024
K5MR	11,836
N3BB/5	11,430
AA5B	11,205
KA5W	9,225
K5RX	9,072
K7UP/5	8,856
K5TSQ	8,400

100,840

Southern California Contest Club #2

K6XO/7	11,233
AC6T	10,488
NC6U	9,660
W6XD	7,440
W6MVW	7,360
AH3C/W7	7,332
W6UQF	6,960
K6VNX	5,250
W9NQ/6	4,653

70,376

5. Texas DX Society (K5GA,K5RC,AD5Q,W5ASP,AC5K, KV6O/5,KE4GY,KN5H/8, NZ5I) 84,561
6. SMC "007" (N5DC,K9ZO,WX3N/9,KA9FOX,K9MMS,AJ9C) 45,476
7. FRC "Domestic" (W2RQ,N2NT,AA3B,W3UM) 42,349
8. Great White North DX A? (VE4VV,VE7QO,VE5MX, VE3VN,VY2SS,VE2ZP) 31,101
9. Texas DX Society (AD5Q,K5RC,AC5K,KN5H/8,KI3L/5) 28,175
10. GatorAid #2 (N5CG,ND0P/5,AA5BT,N5WA) 27,074
11. GatorAid #3 (W5FO,K5CFA,W0VX/5,AA5UO,AA5ZT, WF5E,KG5OV) 22,766
12. SMC "Goldfingers" (K9BGL,WD9GGY,WX9E,K9LUW) 16,445
13. Northern California Contest Club #2 (W1FEA/6, K6LRN) 14,523
14. Lunatic Fringe (N6MZ/7,K7SS,WA7UVJ) 13,961
15. Cascade Contest Club #1 (W7WHY,KI7Y) 9,730
16. Cascade Contest Club #2 (KQ7I,WB7UFJ) 9,236
17. Heartland HF Association (K5TU/0,W0UY) 5,860
18. Cascade Contest Club #3 (A17B) 2,214

Worst ever first hour! 20 M was not fun; 40 wasn't any better.—**K5ZD/3**

My 80-meter Hustler mobile antenna really sucked.—**KN5H/8**

What happened to the rest of New York state?—**K2ZJ**

My first CW Sprint. Happy to give out some points to the vets.—**WA6KUI/4**

Now I know how a rabbit feels just before becoming an integral part of our nation's interstate highway system.—**N0AX/7**

Now that I've done one phone and one CW Sprint, I'm retired.—**K5RX**

I was suffering from a severe cold. I was definitely not at my peak.—**VE2ZP**

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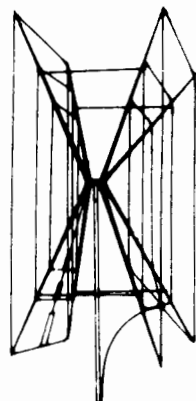
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Scores

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KE0OL	Paul	82	84	35	201	41	8,241		MN	AC6T	Steve	117	70	41	228	46	10,488	SCCC #2	CA
K9AY/0	Gary	79	59	28	166	41	6,806		CO	W0ZZ/6	John	121	80	27	228	46	10,488	NCCC #1	CA
WB0O	Bill	94	74	0	168	37	6,216		ND	NC6U	Kevin	102	83	45	230	42	9,660	SCCC #2	CA
K0TK	Tom	86	59	0	145	36	5,220		MN	W6RGG	Bob	105	67	44	216	43	9,288	NCCC #1	CA
K5TU/0	Kim	62	62	2	126	30	3,780	Heartland	KS	N7PMC/6	Paolo	107	76	38	221	41	9,061		CA
W0UY	Tom	41	36	3	80	26	2,080	Heartland	KS	W1FEA/6	Jack	102	85	32	219	41	8,979	NCCC #2	CA
										N1EE/6	Scott	93	77	42	212	42	8,904	NCCC #1	CA
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K1TO	Dan	118	102	68	288	46	13,248		CT	W6AQ	Mark	89	87	33	209	40	8,360	SCCC #1	IL
K1IU	Jeff	85	91	53	229	42	9,618		RI	(WA6OTU, op)									
KC1F	Stu	99	69	37	205	42	8,610		NH	W6XD	Art	91	67	28	186	40	7,440	SCCC #2	CA
W1DL	Julie	0	85	0	85	30	2,550		MA	W6MVW	Dick	78	68	38	184	40	7,360	SCCC #2	CA
K8JLF/1	Dave	3	7	17	27	18	486		MA	W6UQF	Chas				174	40	6,960	SCCC #2	CA
										WZ6Z	Howard	62	65	39	166	36	5,976		CA
W2RQ	Bill	94	101	73	268	48	12,864	FRC	NJ	K6LRN	Dick	54	81	19	154	36	5,544	NCCC #2	CA
N2NT	John	107	77	73	257	46	11,822	FRC	NJ	K6VNX	Arlen	79	56	15	150	35	5,250	SCCC #2	CA
(KZ2S, op)										W9NQ/6	Bob	57	55	29	141	33	4,653	SCCC #2	CA
K2ZJ	John	105	75	57	237	45	10,665		NY	W6HAL	Lee	54	29	9	92	35	3,220		CA
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AA3B	Bud	96	75	55	226	46	10,396	FRC	PA	(N6TR, op)									
W3GH	Spike	95	82	44	221	44	9,724		PA	KY7M	Lee	95	97	65	257	46	11,822	SCCC #1	AZ
(W9XR, op)										K6XO/7	Al	94	98	47	239	47	11,233	SCCC #2	UT
W3UM	John	71	52	46	169	43	7,267	FRC	PA	KQ7I	Jeff	109	77	34	220	41	9,020	CCC #1	OR
WI3A	Ray	10	13	27	50	25	1,250		MD	AH3C/W7	Pete	188	39				7,332	SCCC #2	UT
WN3K	Bob	8	3	4	15	10	150		DE	K7MM	Dan	81	64	24	169	42	7,098		WA
										N6MZ/7	Mike				152	38	5,776	Lunatic	WA
K4AMC	Jim	72	114	47	233	44	10,252		TN	W7WHY	Tom	85	56	18	159	35	5,565	CCC #2	OR
KB4GID	John	65	82	47	194	44	8,536		GA	K7SS	Dan				150	37	5,550	Lunatic	WA
K4IQJ	Dick	65	78	43	186	36	6,696		AL	AA7BG	Matt	73	74	10	157	35	5,495		MT
WC4E	Jeff	93	65	0	158	34	5,372		FL	N0AX/7	Ed	88	14	18	120	36	4,320		WA
WA4PGM	Kyle	49	35	35	119	34	4,046		VA	K17Y	Jim	76	39	4	119	35	4,165	CCC #2	OR
KN4QV	Jim	42	61	0	103	31	3,193		GA	N7IR	Gar	64	45	10	119	34	4,046		AZ
WA6KUI/4	Ric	33	50	18	101	30	3,030		TN	WA7UVJ	Mike	58	27	0	85	31	2,635	Lunatic	WA
										AI7B	Bob	39	43	0	82	27	2,214	CCC #3	OR
KR0Y/5	Jeff	66	120	143	329	48	15,792	Gator #1	TX	WB7UFJ	Den	18	0	0	18	12	216	CCC #1	OR
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N5DC	Mark	122	83	62	267	47	12,549	SMC-007	TX	KW8N	Bob	97	93	69	259	46	11,914		OH
(AG9A, op)										K8MR	Jim	90	87	69	246	47	11,562		OH
K5MR	Steve	120	84	65	269	44	11,836	Gator #1	TX	W8FN	Randy	88	84	50	222	44	9,768		OH
N3BB/5	Jim	104	90	60	254	45	11,430	Gator #1	TX	N8EA	Joe	75	75	45	195	45	8,775		OH
AA5B	Bruce	113	96	40	249	45	11,205	Gator #1	NM	WD8AUB	Doug	86	44	47	177	41	7,257		OH
K5RC	Tom	123	56	65	244	44	10,736	TDXS	TX	WD8LLD	Elmer	47	91	43	181	39	7,059		OH
AD5Q	Roy	100	97	50	247	42	10,374	TDXS	TX	K8DD	Duck	46	63	61	170	37	6,290		MI
W6XX	Pete	103	102	37	242	42	10,164	NCCC #1	CA	KN5H/8	Steve	62	26	23	111	37	4,107	TDXS	WV
KA5W	Paul	99	84	42	225	41	9,225	Gator #1	TX	AA8AV	Ken	36	43	23	102	33	3,366		MI
K5RX	Jim	102	91	23	216	42	9,072	Gator #1	TX	AF8A	Gary	46	21	31	98	31	3,038		OH
N5CG	Dave	50	78	91	219	41	8,979	Gator #2	OK	K8JM	John	33	59	9	101	30	3,030		MI
W5FO	Lynn	94	82	32	208	43	8,944	Gator #3	TX	N8AA	John	71	23	0	94	31	2,914		OH
K7UP/5	John	82	82	52	216	41	8,856	Gator #1	NM										
K5TSQ	Ken	45	80	75	200	42	8,400	Gator #1	TX	K9ZO	Ralph	81	109	59	249	42	10,458	SMC-007	IL
K7GM/5	Rick	101	80	12	193	42	8,106		TX	WX3N/9	Dave	79	85	58	222	44	9,768	SMC-007	IL
ND0P/5	Scott	83	78	42	203	37	7,511	Gator #2	TX	KA9FOX	Scott	42	84	80	206	42	8,652	SMC-007	WI
AC5K	Wes	79	73	25	177	39	6,903	TDXS	TX	K9BGL	Karl	114	0	61	175	41	7,175	SMC-Gold	IL
AA5BT	Ed	86	58	28	172	36	6,192	Gator #2	TX	WD9GGY	OM	45	57	18	120	36	4,320	SMC-Gold	IL
KM5G	Chuck	59	70	23	152	34	5,168		AR	KE9YR	Len	22	88	0	110	33	3,630		IL
K5CFA	Don	67	66	2	135	36	4,860	Gator #3	TX	WX9E	Paul	41	50	9	100	34	3,400	SMC-Gold	IL
N5WA	Wes	37	74	11	122	36	4,392	Gator #2	LA	K9MMS	Gary	45	43	13	101	32	3,232	SMC-007	IL
W0VX/5	Dave	65	36	14	115	32	3,680	Gator #3	TX	K9LUW	Lou	22	37	3	62	25	1,550	SMC-Gold	WI
KI3L/5	Don	68	13	21	102	29	2,958	TDXS	TX	AJ9C	Mike	32	11	0	43	19	817	SMC-007	IN
AA5UO	Kris	32	52	0	84	29	2,436	Gator #3	TX										
AA5ZT	Marsh	38	25	0	63	22	1,386	Gator #3	LA	VE7NTT	Gary	134	107	33	274	47	12,878	NCCC #1	BC
W5NR	Art	38	12	3	53	22	1,166		TX	VE4VV	Derrick	101	72	26	199	32	6,368	GWNDXA?	MB
WF5E	Les	0	37	0	37	20	740	Gator #3	TX	VE7QO	Wilf	95	70	0	165	38	6,270	GWNDXA?	BC
KG5OV	Bill	25	3	8	36	20	720	Gator #3	TX	VE5MX	Todd	83	43	7	133	38	5,054	GWNDXA?	SK
										VE3VN	Ron	146			34	4,964	GWNDXA?	ON	
N6TR	Trey	121	138	55	314	48	15,072	NCCC #1	CA	VY2SS	Rob	51	72	12	135	32	4,320	GWNDXA?	PEI
(WN4KKN, op)										VE2ZP	Dave	57	67	1	125	33	4,125	GWNDXA?	PQ
K6NA	Glen	134	106	63	303	44	13,332	SCCC #1	CA	ZF2KI	Tom	154	90	7	251	49	12,299		ZF
N6TV	Bob	132	97	55	284	46	13,064	NCCC #1	CA	(K1KI, op)									
N6AA	Dick	134	118	30	282	46	12,972	SCCC #1	CA	XE1/AA6RX	Cam	94	71	37	202	41	8,282		XE
W6YA	Jim	110	127	49	286	45	12,870	SCCC #1	CA										
N6RO	Ken	123	98	34	255	48	12,240	NCCC #1	CA	Checklogs:	K2PS, N7MMQ, N9AEJ, K5GN								
N6VR	Ray	122	93	37	252	46	11,592	SCCC #1	CA	Disqualifications:	None.								
N6XI	Rick	121	74	42	237	48	11,376	NCCC #1	CA										