

Results, September 1998 CW Sprint

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"Great Contest!," "Super conditions!," "My highest total ever." These were some of the comments heard after last September's CW Sprint. The Sprint gods smiled upon us and gave many operators a Sprint worth remembering.

K1TO blasted his way to the top from Florida, beating the likes of K7RAT, K5ZD and K5GN. This is the first #1 finish from Dan and his first place QSO total of 367 came very close to the record of 375 held by KR0Y (now N5TJ). N5TJ finished #6 in the overall Top Ten using low power. Jeff must have his sights set upon capturing the overall number one spot again, this time without an amplifier. NM5M and N0NI (AG9A, op) made their first appearances in the Top Ten. The conditions slightly favored the country east of the Rockies with K7RAT the only West Coast station breaking into the Top Ten.

Other notable September efforts include AD6DO's win of the tough California section operating from N6ND. Dan is a young contender who has been producing many excellent scores lately. Dale, KG5U, turned in an incredible QRP score from Texas. He made 204 QSOs and 42 multipliers with only 5 W!

Those interested in maximizing their score always look for ways of improving their multiplier total. The highest number of mults this contest (48) was achieved by K7RAT who made 92 band changes. Most serious stations had a multiplier total in the low to mid 40s. Interestingly, K3UA operated 40 m only and worked 41 multipliers. CT1BOH operated from Portugal and still managed to snag 40 mults! Just when you thought you were beginning to figure it out...

K1TO set a new Florida record on the way to his First Place finish. N5RZ set a new NH record operating at K1DG, breaking K1AR's record set in 1980. Other new continental records were set by W4PA (TN), K4LT (KY), W4OC (SC), N4ZR (WV) and WB0O (ND). Portugal and Italy can be added to the record books with the excellent first time entries of CT1BOH and IK0HBN. OH1NOA set a new record for Finland.

Make No Mistake About It captured first place in the team competition and broke the team record in doing so. The team winner from last February, SCCC#1, finished second with the Willie Billie Fower team closely behind in third. Watt-Me-Worry!! was comprised of all low power entries and finished seventh.

Golden Logs with 100 or more QSOs were achieved by K4BAI, K4LT, K6NA, K17Y, N6ZZ, N9JF and NA0N. This makes four consecutive times for John,

K4BAI, a truly outstanding achievement.

A drastic improvement in QSO confirmation improved the quality of the contest AND still allowed tremendous scores to be achieved. Remember to continue this good practice in February.

As usual, now is the time to start organizing your team for the February CW Sprint. It would be great to see more participation from the VE contingent. An all-VE team representing many of the provinces would be welcomed by everyone. Please remember to register your team with cwsprint@contesting.com before the beginning of the contest.

See you February 14, 1999 0000-0400Z! Remember, that's Saturday evening (February 13) local time.

Soapbox

This was my first ever Sprint, inspired by Tree's presentation at a recent NCCC meeting and by watching a video of N6TV operating with paper logs in the 1994 Sprint, and by the incessant nagging of our Sprint coordinator Scott, W6CT. I spent the better part of a week modifying my logging software (CQPWIN ver. 6.0) to handle Sprint, then gave it a go. It was a wonderful adrenaline rush, after I got into the rhythm of the thing. Thanks to all the great operators out there! See you in February.—AE6Y Great conditions on 20 m this time, unfortunately I could not commit to spending a full four hours in the middle of the night, and when activity moved to 40 m things got a lot tougher. Decided to quit when I reached 100 QSOs, I slipped behind the clock and got there in 104 minutes.—G4BUO My first Sprint: in the first 15 minutes I was able to make only 3 QSOs, as how different was the scheme of the QSO from the other contests. To say the truth, I was on the point to turn off radio and going and sleeping. But, luckily I got myself hooked to that strange atmosphere so to remain 'til the end. By the way, I had a fun so great to plan since then

my participation on the next Sprint. As my name is difficult to copy for the most of USA peoples and to avoid the too many requests to repeat it, next time I'll choose an alias to make things simpler for all. Not a single fault reported here and Writelog did its job greatly. Hats off to all the Morse machines I heard and worked during the event. See ya'll.—IK0HBN 20 m was great! New high in QSOs for me but could have used more mults. Heard at least 3 mults that I lost to QSY. Frustrating but fun.—K0AD Only got on for an hour but condx seemed SUPER.—K0EJ I missed the first 40 minutes of the Sprint due to a friend's Eagle Court of Honor. I still had my best QSO and multiplier total so far. I wonder what might have been... This is a great contest!—K0RX Sure was interesting from New England, but my multiplier jinx must have snuck into my baggage! Thanks to Doug for letting me abuse his call sign and station.—N5RZ (at K1DG) A substantial improvement over my previous best, thanks to good activity, good conditions on 20 and 40, and good luck with multipliers. Antenna work on 80 is high on my list for the fall.—K1HT Great Condx, Great Ops. Everything worked great. First time over 10K CW! Gotta work on the operator some more!—K1KY My first Sprint in a few years—activity is way up! Never thought I could get so many QSOs in this contest.—K12PS My personal best in a CW Sprint.—K3AFT (K3CR). My first CW Sprint mobile! Thought it might be cool to be a rare multiplier. Used an IC-706 (75 watts) and a Screwdriver antenna on battery power. Parked on top of a West Virginia mountain where I could see Ohio and Pennsylvania. Had the laptop on my lap in the driver's seat for four hours. Great contest! CT1BOH worked on 3 bands!—K3LR Part time effort but still had fun.—K4FXN My best ever! Great conditions this year.—K4LT My best Sprint yet. A short time ago 200 QSOs seemed impossible. Now I've got my sights set on reaching 300 some day. What a great contest, thanks to the fine operators that turn out for it. Still the most humbling contest of them all for me. CU in the next one.—K4RO Terrific sprint!—K5GN I had to choose between running the amp or the air conditioner. It was 107 degrees when we started. This was an easy decision. Unfortunately, I did not work an OK station.—K5KA First hour was all on 20. Lots of two radio action after that. The contest was so wild that it almost felt like the second rig was slowing me down, but then I would look at the rate and it was higher than I thought. Worked every mult that I heard. Surprised to get 7J7YAA! Amazing how many DX stations were active in the contest. We should have never let K1TO move to Florida. I could beat him sometimes when he was up here. Now it will never happen again. My last 3 Sprints I have finished #3, #2, and now #2 (?) again... I'll be back.—K5ZD For the first time in many years, I lost some time in a sprint due to equipment failures. I had not bothered to set up backup gear in an efficient manner, so when I had an amp fail, I chose to operate barefoot for a while on 20 m while deciding what to do next. Youch... after a short while I decided to stop completely and change all the cabling and antennas over to the other amp on the table. So I lost some time but still enjoyed the contest as usual. Now, if only we could get EVERYBODY to confirm the end of a QSO before they leave



Judging by the logs, there are still too many contesters letting the computer automatically fill in the name and QTH in their logs. One example found in many logs was K1DG, Doug, NH. It's obvious that Gator, N5RZ, looks nothing like Doug, K1DG!

the frequency!—**K6NA** Good thing Scott (W6CT) put me on the #2 team! I'm very out of practice in Sprint. My logging program and Phil's (K6RJ's) new computer didn't want to talk to each other, so I couldn't keep track of dupes, except in my pea brain. This is my worst effort in some time, so now I'm back in the beginner category.—**K6GV** (at **K6RJ**) Where were the mults?—**K6XX** Got beat out a lot and found out I was oping split for a few minutes. OOPS! Guess I hit the wrong button!—**K7BG** Had a couple brain hemorrhages that were so comical that I almost just stopped operating because I looked so pathetic trying to get back in the groove. They made for some really good wet eye laughing with **K5RC** in background watching me do the meltdown and then try and recover. I love Sprint—I just don't have a clue on how to do it!—**K7BV** Great start during the first 30 minutes. Turned into a struggle after that. 80 m was really poor from here. The second radio really paid off this time. 50 second radio QSOs—including 5 multipliers not worked otherwise.—**K7RAT** As a result of always feeling that I've been beat about the head after operating the sprints with low power, I decided there wasn't much point in continuing to do so a few years ago. **AG9A**'s comments about his low power efforts in the results from last years September CW event pretty much says it all. Steve, **NJ4F**, was gracious enough to allow me to use his station for this contest. With full power, this contest is fun! My goal was to break 300 Qs and I should have done so, but fell a little short. I hope I learned enough to do so in the next one if condx are as good as during this one. Mults that I heard but missed, were **MT** and **VE3**. Thanks to Steve and Caroline for their hospitality during various contests.—**K7SV** My first time over 300 QSOs!—**K8MR** What a great contest. My best score ever! Even beat out my high power best and even my best SSB score! Thanks to **K9QVB** for the use of his station!—**K9AA** Great contest, always fun!—**K9GY** Still nowhere what the big guns did, but a personal best. Should have left 20 m earlier! Should have left 40 m earlier as well.... next time! Let's have more of these say four times a year or even every other month!!! How about 10/15/20 Sprint earlier in the day especially now that 10 m is coming back. And maybe a 40/80/160 Sprint in November.—**K9NX** Geez... Why does it always take me the first hour to get into the pace of the Sprint? Then another 10 minutes reconfiguring software. After all the false starts the rate meter started to go up but then the contest was over! Good conditions, lots of DX on 20 and 40 to compete with, but a few were in the test and doing well. Jose, **CT1BOH** was having fun!—**KJ9C** My first CW Sprint, and I had a great time!—**KK7GW** S9+ noise from power lines at the start. But it soon went away and I had a ball! You should all give QRP a try!—**KU7Y** Condx were great !! Best score ever.—**KU8E** The usual disturbing lapses wherein the participant is reduced to a helpless, flailing bystander. On the other hand, conditions were great—a slightly higher personal best and some encouraging signs of improvement. Don't know how far I progressed towards a golden log—I worked hard on being sure of what I copied. The emphasis on QSLing an exchange seems to be taking hold, as well. A great way to start off the fall contest season. Hats off to the big guns! Dee-lighted to work **CT1BOH**, **RW4WR**, **OH1NOA** and **IK0HBN** on 20 m. Also received a welcome surprise to be called by **VO1XX**! We need more VEs on, though, missed **VE2-3-4-7** which aren't usually that rare.—**N0AX**

TOP 10 SCORES		TOP 10 QSOS		TOP MULTS		TOP 10 LOW POWER SCORES	
K1TO	16882	K1TO	367	K7RAT	48	N5TJ	15272
K7RAT	16128	K5GN	356	W7GG	47	K1HT	12190
K5ZD	15930	K5ZD	354	K1HT	46	K9AA	11340
K5GN	15664	K4AAA	352	K1TO	46	N6ZZ	10718
K4AAA	15488	N2IC	351	N5TJ	46	N0AX	10127
N5TJ	15272	N0NI	342	N6ZZ	46	N8EA	10062
N2IC	15093	K7RAT	336	K5ZD	45	NA0N	9963
NM5M	15030	NM5M	334	K1KI	45	K0RX	9761
N2RM	14608	N2NT	333	NM5M	45	K4XU	9660
N0NI	14364	N2RM	332	N6IG	45	N0NI	9430
				W9RM	45		

TOP 10 SCORES

BAND	CHANGES	QSOS	LOST	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K1TO	16882	36	2	105	85	96	83
K7RAT	16128	92	3	91	79	79	90
K5ZD	15930	78	2	95	90	80	91
K5GN	15664	64	4	99	82	84	95
K4AAA	15488	49	5	99	87	84	87
N5TJ	15272	33	1	93	86	70	84
N2IC	15093	8	1	101	86	68	97
NM5M	15030	7	4	96	80	76	86
N2RM	14608	4	1	93	71	83	86
N0NI	14364	140	4	86	88	75	98

GOLDEN LOGS

(No QSOs Removed)

CALL	QSOS
K4BAI	311
K6NA	305
K4LT	281
NA0N	243
N6ZZ	233
N9JF	169
KI7Y	159

GUEST OPS

Call	Station	Op	Call	Station	Op
K1DG	K1DG	N5RZ	K6RO	K6RO	N6RT
N2RM	N2RM	N2NC	W6CT	AK6L	W6CT
K3CR	K3CR	KB3AFT	W6UE	W6UE	W4EF
K7SV	NJ4F	K7SV	K7BV	K5RC/7	K7BV
AC6T	W6RFU	AC6T	N7FO	N7FO	KN5H
N6IJ	N6IJ	AE0M	K9AA	K9QVB	K9PG
N6KI	N6KI	K6LL	W9RM	W9RM	W9QA
N6ND	N6ND	AD6DO	N0NI	N0NI	AG9A
K6AW	N6RO	K6AW	VE4ZOO	VE4ZOO	VE4VV
K6RJ	K6RJ	K6GV	VK5GN	VK5GN	N6AA

Team Scores

MNMAI	SCCC#1	WBF	NCCC#1
K7RAT 16128	NM5M 15030	K1TO 16882	N6TV 13288
K5ZD 15930	N6ND 14233	K4AAA 15488	N6IG 12960
N5TJ 15272	K6NA 13115	N2IC 15093	K6AW 11382
N2RM 14608	K6LA 13115	K4BAI 13684	N6XI 10660
N0NI 14364	N6KI 13072	K4LT 12364	W6RGG 10619
N2NT 14319	KT3Y 12100	K7SV 11844	W6NL 10578
K1KI 13815	N6VR 11880	AA4GA 10209	K7BV 10520
W9RM 13590	AC6T 11676	W4OC 8760	K6XX 9799
K1DG 12402	K6RO 10960	W4AU 8268	W6CT 9440
K5KA 9200	W6MVW 8159	N4DU 6916	N6IJ 7067
139628	123340	119508	106313

5. TCG#1 (W4PA, W9WI, N4CW, K4RO, K1KY, K4AMC, WO4O, N4IR, K0EJ)	88147
6. MRRRC (K8MR, KU8E, KW8N, K8CC, W6UE, KM0L, N8VW)	80240
7. WMW (K1HT, N0AX, K0RX, K7BG, N7WA, KI7Y, KK7GW, AA0CY)	57872
8. TDXS (K5GN, N5DU, N5LZ, N5TU, KG5U, K5DX)	55602
9. NCCC#2 (AE6Y, W6OAT, AD6E, K6RJ, N6PN)	43573
10. NCC (K3CR, N9RV, K3LR, K3UA, AD8J)	41145
11. SMC#1 (K9AA, W19WI, KJ9C, K9GY, K9IG)	36423
12. BARC (N4ZR, K4XU, N9JF)	26189
13. FRCD (AA3B, K2PS)	23528
14. SCCC#2 (N6ZZ, W6TK, W6RU, VK5GN, KO7X)	23224
15. SMC#2 (K9ZO, N9IJ)	14560
16. FCG (WC4E, N4BP)	11730
17. PWBRA (K7SS, KU7Y)	10222
18. RA (VE6EX, VE6EPK)	9181
19. TCG#2 (N9GG)	1215

SCORES

Team Key

BARC Boring Amateur Radio Club
 FCG Florida Contest Group
 FRCD Frankfurt Radio Club Domestic
 MNMAI Make No Mistake About It
 MRRC Mad River Radio Club
 NCC North Coast Contesters
 NCCC#1 Northern California Contest Club #1
 NCCC#2 Northern California Contest Club #2
 PWBRA Pee Wee's Big Radio Adventure
 RA RadioSport Alberta
 SCCC#1 Southern California Contest Club #1
 SCCC#2 Southern California Contest Club #2
 SMC#1 Society of Midwest Contesters #1
 SMC#2 Society of Midwest Contesters #2
 TCG#1 Tennessee Contest Group #1
 TCG#2 Tennessee Contest Group #2

TDXS Texas DX Society
 WBF Willie Billie Fower
 WMW Watt-Me-Worry!!

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mul	Score	Team
N6VR	Ray	CA	128	89	53	270	44	11880	SCCC#1
AC6T	Steve	CA	129	96	53	278	42	11676	SCCC#1
W6UE									
(W4EF)	Mike	CA	114	89	56	259	44	11396	MRRC
K6AW	Steve	CA	92	108	71	271	42	11382	NCCC#1
K6RO									
(N6RT)	Larry	CA	105	107	62	274	40	10960	SCCC#1
AE6Y	Andy	CA	105	97	65	267	40	10680	NCCC#2
N6XI	Rick	CA	118	96	46	260	41	10660	NCCC#1
W6RGG	Bob	CA	104	99	56	259	41	10619	NCCC#1
W6NL	Dave	CA	107	107	44	258	41	10578	NCCC#1
W6OAT	Rusty	CA	100	99	42	241	42	10122	NCCC#2
K6XX	Bob	CA	92	104	43	239	41	9799	NCCC#1
W6CT	Scott	CA	89	91	56	236	40	9440	NCCC#1
W6MVW	Dick	CA	91	75	33	199	41	8159	SCCC#1
AD6E	Al	CA	92	65	40	197	40	7880	NCCC#2
K6RJ									
(K6GV)	Bo	CA	75	71	35	181	42	7602	NCCC#2
W6TK	Dick	CA	79	87	28	194	38	7372	SCCC#2
N6PN	Matt	CA	69	96	32	197	37	7289	NCCC#2
N6IJ									
(AE0M)	Tony	CA	64	93	34	191	37	7067	NCCC#1
K6RC	Dave	CA	56	62	0	118	38	4484	
W6RU	Terry	CA	73	36	23	132	32	4224	SCCC#2
W6W	**Ed	CA	0	5	0	5	4	20	
K7RAT	Bert	OR	134	144	58	336	48	16128	MNMAI
K7BV	Ncj	NV	101	97	65	263	40	10520	NCCC#1
W7GG	Bob	OR	98	96	23	217	47	10199	
N0AX	*Ed	WA	106	103	38	247	41	10127	WMW
K4XU	*Dick	OR	80	102	48	230	42	9660	BARC
K7BG	*Matt	MT	93	91	55	239	39	9321	WMW
W7ZHC	*Rod	ID	73	105	37	215	38	8170	
N7LOX	*Brian	WA	84	82	32	198	37	7326	
N7WA	Dink	WA	75	68	31	174	37	6438	WMW
K7SS	**Dan	WA	77	57	32	166	37	6142	PWBRA
K17Y	*Jim	OR	73	70	16	159	36	5724	WMW
KU7Y	**Ron	NV	45	54	21	120	34	4080	PWBRA
N7OR	*Bob	OR	36	58	18	112	32	3584	
KK7GW	*David	WA	46	33	6	85	29	2465	WMW
N7FO									
(KN5H)	*Hose	AZ	6	62	0	68	28	1904	
AA0CY	*Bob	WA	31	39	1	71	26	1846	WMW
K07X	Al	UT	6	0	0	6	6	36	SCCC#2
K8MR	Jim	OH	114	121	70	375	44	13420	MRRC
KU8E	Jeff	OH	88	112	78	278	44	12232	MRRC
KW8N	Bob	OH	118	101	72	291	42	12222	MRRC
K8CC	Dave	MI	88	96	92	276	43	11868	MRRC
N4ZR	Pete	WV	93	96	74	263	41	10783	BARC
N8EA	*Joe	MI	84	104	70	258	39	10062	
N8VW	*Pat	OH	85	91	54	230	41	9430	MRRC
K3LR	*Tim	WV	62	93	64	219	39	8541	NCC
W9RM									
(W9QA)	Dave	IL	98	119	85	302	45	13590	MNMAI
K9AA									
(K9PG)	*Paul	IL	99	113	58	270	42	11340	SMC #1
N9RV	Pat	IN	100	148	0	248	43	10664	NCC
K9BGL	Karl	IL	84	105	57	246	41	10086	
K9ZO	Ralph	IL	90	77	67	234	39	9126	SMC#2
W9WI	Monica	WI	89	84	66	239	38	9082	SMC#1
K9NX	Dave	WI	95	57	27	179	41	7339	
KJ9C	*Mel	IN	51	77	53	181	39	7059	SMC#1
K9GY	*Yo	IL	51	113	0	164	43	7052	SMC#1
N9JF	*Pogo	IL	76	64	29	169	34	5746	BARC
N9IJ	*Len	IL	40	72	31	143	38	5434	SMC#2
K9IG	Liz	IN	4	27	32	63	30	1890	SMC#1
N2IC	Steve	CO	149	114	88	351	43	15093	WBF
N0NI									
(AG9A)	Ed	IA	128	130	84	342	42	14364	MNMAI
WB0O	Bill	ND	123	99	98	320	42	13440	
NA0N	*Pat	MN	81	99	63	243	41	9963	WMW
K0RX	*Dave	IA	70	84	73	227	43	9761	MRRC
KM0L	Steve	MO	85	106	57	248	39	9672	
K0AD	Al	MN	83	92	65	240	38	9120	
N0SS	Tom	MO	33	97	66	196	37	7252	
W0UY	*Tom	KS	46	43	32	121	35	4235	
VE6EX	*Dan	VE4	104	62	26	192	37	7104	RA
VE3WZ	*Ron	VE3	34	33	0	67	35	2345	
VE6EPK	*Peter	VE6	32	33	2	67	31	2077	RA
VE4ZOO									
(VE4VV)	Derrick	VE4	3	0	0	3	3	9	
CT1BOH	Jose	DX	122	76	27	225	40	9000	
IK0HBN	Sante	DX	64	26	10	100	35	3500	
G4BUO	Dave	DX	77	20	0	97	28	2716	
OH1NOA	Timo	DX	56	0	0	56	22	1232	
VK5GN									
(N6AA)	Dick	DX	46	0	0	46	19	874	SCCC#2

*Denotes 150 W or less

**Denotes 5 W or less