## Results, September 1999 NCJ CW Sprint

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Despite the unfortunate problems with Sprint date confusion, activity was still generated at a very high level. So high, in fact, that a new all-time CW Sprint record was posted by Dan, K1TO. His efforts also resulted in a new all-time high multiplier record of 53. Dave, K5GN, tied the old record score, which had been held by N6TR, on his way to a strong second place finish. K4AAA finished third, up two places from February. N6ZZ had everything in sync, resulting in fourth place. The Midwest showed some real strength with W4PA, N9RV and AG9A closing out the top ten. A grass roots postcard writing campaign, urging stations from around the country to operate the Sprint worked very well. The results were increased activity and a terrific number of available multipliers.

Dave, NT1N, threw up some wires and a small tribander at 40 feet at his new location in CT and placed first among low power entries (see the sidebar for Dave's take on moving from the Black Hole of the Midwest to New Europe). AD6DO came in 2nd from the opposite coast, while K9AA, had to settle for third place. K2SQ came in fourth with another nice effort and W4OC, who has become a dependable South Carolina multiplier to grateful Sprinters, placed fifth.

In addition to K1TO's record-setting effort, other records also fell by the wayside. Thirteen section records were

| Golden Log  | s             |               |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| (No QSOs R  | emoved        |               |
| for 100 QSO | s min)        |               |
| Call        | QSÓs          |               |
| K4BAI       | 291           |               |
| K5OT        | 287           |               |
| K1KY        | 279           |               |
| AD6DO       | 268           |               |
| K1HT        | 246           |               |
| K8JM        | 138           |               |
|             |               |               |
| Guest Ops   | 1000 - 2000   |               |
| Call        | Station       | Op            |
| K1KY        | W4CAT         | K1KY          |
| N2NT        | N2NT          | N2NC          |
| W2GD        | N2EA          | W2GD          |
| K3CR        | <b>WA3FET</b> | <b>KB3AFT</b> |
| W4PA        | K4JNY         | W4PA          |
| K5TR        | N5XU          | K5TR          |
| K6AW        | K6KM          | K6AW          |
| K6GV        | W6UT          | K6GV          |
| W6CT        | AK6L          | W6CT          |
| W6EEN       | W6EEN         | N6RT          |
| W6RGG       | N6BT          | W6RGG         |
| W6UE        | W6UE          | W4EF          |
| AG9A        | K9XD          | AG9A          |
| K9AA        | WE9V          | K9PG          |

broken, with new ones set in FL, GA, IN, MN, NM, SC, TX, VT, WI, WY, VE3 and VE6. The most ancient record broken was Minnesota's, which was a full 20 years old and the last record to stand from the 70s. From the DX side, LY2BTA recorded an all-time high from Lithuania.

Golden Logs with 100 or more QSOs were achieved by K1HT, K1KY, K4BAI, K5OT, AD6DO, and K8JM. This is AD6DO's second perfect log in a row. K4BAI's golden ears landed him back on this very elite list.

NCCC#1 worked hard and took first place in the competitive team category. SCCC#1 came in second in a flip flop of February's results. South East Sprint Team and FRC Domestic put in strong efforts to round out the top four. Again, one of the keys to team victory is to not only get everyone on, but also to send in the logs after the contest is over. When it comes to team competition, it is sometimes difficult to build up complete teams. Check the scores in this write-up and contact those without team affiliations. Teams must be registered with cwsprint@contesting.com before the beginning of the contest.

All logs received will be listed at *NCJ*'s Web site. Team coordinators can easily check to see if the team members have sent in logs. The page will be updated weekly as logs are received. The internet address is http://www.ncjweb.com. Logs are due no later than 30 days after

| Top 10 Scores  | Top 10 QSOs  | Тор 10 М   |   | Top 10 Low<br>Power Scores  | Band<br>Changes  |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| K1TO 18762<br>K5GN 18258<br>K4AAA 18003<br>N6ZZ 16881<br>N6TR 16709<br>K1KI 16416<br>W4PA 16032<br>N2NT 15974<br>N9RV 15698<br>AG9A 15500  | K5GN 358<br>K1TO 354<br>K4AAA 353<br>K1KI 342<br>N6TR 341<br>W4PA 334<br>N9RV 334<br>N6ZZ 331<br>N2NT 326<br>W6EEN 321   | K6XX<br>K1KY<br>K9AY<br>N6AA<br>W6UE   | 51 1   51 1   51 1   51 1   51 1   50 1   50 1   50 1   50 1   50 1   50 1   50 1   50 1   50 1 | NT1N 13720<br>AD6DO 12596<br>K9AA 11985<br>K2SQ 11822<br>W4OC 11730<br>K5NZ 11408<br>K1HT 11316<br>K4XU 10944<br>K7NT 10260<br>K4FXN 10191<br>K9AY 9750 | AG9A 111<br>W4PA 103<br>K5GN 74<br>K4AAA 54<br>N5KO 52<br>N6IG 42<br>K1TO 31<br>K2UA 31<br>W6EEN 30<br>K6LA 29 |
| Team Scores       NCCC#1       N6TV     14784       N5KO     14700       N6IG     14544       N6RO     13104       K6XX     12667       K7BV     11565       AE6Y     11454       W6EU     10120       W6RGG     9976       125162     125162                              | W6EEN<br>K6NA<br>K6LA<br>AD6DO<br>W6UE<br>N6VR<br>W6TK<br>W6MVW  | 15100 K<br>15087 K<br>14592 A<br>14382 V<br>12596 K<br>12350 K<br>12336 K<br>7965 K  | <b>EST</b><br>(4AAA<br>(4BAI<br>(4AGA<br>(4NO<br>(3MM<br>(9AY<br>(2UFT<br>(4MA<br>1             | 13968 AA3B  | 15974<br>14064<br>14006<br>11968<br>11868<br>11822<br>11270  |
| 5. YCCC #1 (K1KI<br>6. MRRC (K8MR,<br>7. TCG #1 (W4PA<br>8. ABT (N6ZZ, N6<br>9. DLCSCW (AG9,<br>10. RBT (K1AR, K<br>11. TDXS (K5GN,<br>12. NCC (N9RV, K<br>13. NCCC #2 (K66<br>14. SMC #2 (K9BC<br>15. CTDXCCS (N3<br>16. CCC (W5WML<br>17. MNWA (K0AD<br>18. TCG #2 (NA4K | KW8N, K9NW, I<br>, K1KY, K4RO, J<br>TR, K4XU, K9JF<br>A, K9AA, K9ZO,<br>50T, K17Y, N4E<br>K5NZ, KG5U, N<br>(3CR, VE3EJ, N<br>(3CR, VE3EJ, N<br>3V, AJ6V, W6C<br>GL, N9SD, K19A<br>BBB, K5PI, K5TF<br>J, KZ5D, W5ZR,<br>, NA0N) | KU8E, K9TM, F<br>K4WX, N4CW,<br>F, K7NT, K5KA<br>K9IG, WT9U,<br>J9P, KU7Y, AD7<br>J5TU, W5ASP)<br>IJ3S)<br>T, N6PN, NI6T/<br>R, N5CQ)<br>N5AN, K5UA, | (00U, F<br>WO40<br>, N7LO<br>K9YO,<br>U, AA8<br>)<br>)<br>X)                                    | (4LT, N8ET)<br>, K3WU, K0EJ, N2<br>X)<br>W0UY, K9YA)<br>U)  | 88688<br>BDEL) 86474<br>83422<br>74434<br>55134<br>54029<br>48742<br>45426<br>33563<br>32661<br>29254<br>      |

the contest.

Please check the ARRL Contest Calendar for the Sprint dates for the year 2000.

See you in February.

## Soapbox

WHAT A CONTEST !!! - AD7U. Thanks to K9XD for use of his terrific Chicago area station .- AG9A. Delighted to join the fray and offer a few points. I hereby claim first place for fastest log submission-sent one hour before end of contest!-G3SXW. Difficult to work west of the Mississippi this time, thanks to K7BV and K6NA who pulled my signal through. Still paper bound in this Sprint. I must get on the TR learning curve.-G4BUO. I had a sub-par first hour and wasn't able to make up for it. At least my mult total equaled my previous best. First time I've worked AK in the Sprint-thanks, WL7KY!-K1HT. Love those mults-had all 53 by 0221Z! Even heard KO7X and VE9DX for 55 potential mults! 2nd rig was barefoot this time. First Sprint with my new MP. Glad the t'storms stayed away again .- K1TO. It was a kick to work two LYs on 40 meters and CT1BOH on 20. The Sprint is simply the best CW contest there is! Next time: Page 7!-K2UA. First serious entry, hit the wall at 3.5 hours but

stuck it out to the bitter end. Better strategy in February and a nap ahead of time might help!—*K2UFT*. Thanks to Jim/WA3FET for use of the station.—*K3CR*. Good activity, It always takes me about 2 hours to get the "hang" of the contest. By the time I get used to what I'm doing it's over !!!—*K3JT*. My first full-time Sprint. I think I need practice turning the big knob! Hi!—K3MM. Lots of fun. Had to track down an RF problem mid-contest that took some valuable time. Look forward to the winter Sprint.—K3WU. This remains the most humbling contest of all for me, and demands the highest level of performance every

## **Guidelines for Log Submissions**

Please submit both a log and summary sheet with your entry. Any format created by the popular logging programs is acceptable. E-mail your logs to cwsprint@contesting.com or send me your disk with the required information. An acknowledgement message will be sent to all e-mail submitters. Those sending disks can provide a SASE or stamped QSL for confirmation. Feedback on log accuracy is available via e-mail (request to cwsprint@contesting.com) or SASE once the results have been published.

Please remember the following when submitting your log:

- All log-related issues MUST be stated in the summary sheet. Comments included within the log will NOT be read.
- Clearly indicate your power level in the summary sheet. If you operated as a guest op from another station, please include this information in the summary.
- An electronic log is the preferred method of entry. If you logged by paper, please convert the log into an electronic format before sending it in. All logs are fully checked.
- All e-mail entries should be sent to cwsprint@contesting.com only. Check the Sprint Rules for any changes to these guidelines.

| NCJ      | CW Spi       | rint Records - | Throug     | h Septen | nber 1999        |             |           |  |           |               |                |
|----------|--------------|----------------|------------|----------|------------------|-------------|-----------|--|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| QTH      | Date         | Call Sign      | QSOs       | Mults    | Score            | QTH         | Date      | Call Sign                                  | QSOs      | Mults         | Score          |
| CO       | 2/99         | N2IC/0         | 352        | 49       | 17,248           | MI          | 9/96      | K8CC                                       | 284       | 44            | 12,496         |
| IA       | 2/98         | NONI (AG9A)    | 321        | 46       | 14,766           | OH          | 9/91      | K3UA/8                                     | 322       | 45            | 14,490         |
| KS       | 9/82         | KOVBU          | 231        | 42       | 9,702            | WV          | 9/82      | N811                                       | 250       | 42            | 10,500         |
| MN       | 9/99         | KM0O           | 244        | 48       | 11,712           | IL.         | 2/99      | K9XD (W9QA)                                | 319       | 50            | 15,950         |
| MO       | 9/96         | K4VX/0 (WX3N)  | 332        | 46       | 15,272           | IN          | 9/99      | N9RV                                       | 334       | 47            | 15,698         |
| NE       | 2/91         | KV0I           | 204        | 34       | 6,936            | WI          | 9/99      | K9NW                                       | 278       | 47            | 13,066         |
| ND       | 9/98         | WB0O           | 320        | 42       | 13,440           | VV1         | 5/55      | IN SINAN                                   | 270       | 47            | 13,000         |
| SD       | 2/93         | WD0T           | 319        | 39       | 12,441           | VE1         | 2/88      | V01QU                                      | 143       | 33            | 4,719          |
|          |              |                |            |          |                  | VE2         | 9/88      | VE2ZP                                      | 214       | 41            | 8,774          |
| СТ       | 2/99         | K1KI           | 362        | 49       | 17,738           | VE3         | 9/99      | VE3EJ                                      | 264       | 46            | 11,712         |
| MA       | 2/99         | K5ZD           | 351        | 48       | 16,848           | VE4         | 9/93      | VE4VV                                      | 237       | 40            | 9,480          |
| ME       | 9/88         | K1KI           | 218        | 41       | 8,938            | VE5         | 2/99      | VE5MX                                      | 216       | 43            | 9,288          |
| NH       | 2/99         | K1DG           | 304        | 45       | 13,680           | VE6         | 9/99      | VE6EX                                      | 195       | 46            | 8,492          |
| RI       | 2/90         | K1IU           | 236        | 44       | 10,384           | VE7         | 9/92      | VE7NTT                                     | 274       | 47            | 12,878         |
| VT       | 9/99         | W2GD           | 258        | 46       | 11,868           | VY1         | 9/94      | VY1JA                                      | 6         | 3             | 18             |
| NJ       | 2/99         | N2NT           | 334        | 50       | 16,700           | C6          | 2/99      | C6AKP                                      | 01        | 14            | 004            |
| NY       | 9/80         | N2NT           | 319        | 42       | 13,398           | HH CO       | 2/99      | HH2AW                                      | 21<br>139 | 14<br>33      | 294            |
|          |              |                |            |          | 2                |             | 2/91      | HISDMX                                     | 40        | 33<br>19      | 4,587          |
| DE       | 9/89         | KN5H/3         | 272        | 46       | 12,512           | HI8<br>VP2E | 2/91      | VP2E/KI4HN                                 | 40<br>68  | 30            | 2,430<br>2,040 |
| MD       | 9/89         | W3LPL          | 310        | 47       | 14,570           |             | 2/96      | W6OAT/VP9                                  | 202       | 30            | 6,262          |
| PA       | 2/92         | K3LR           | 334        | 45       | 15,030           | VF3<br>V4   | 2/96      | V40Z (AA7VB)                               | 54        | 23            | 1,242          |
|          | 0/00         |                | 054        |          | 44 005           | XE<br>XE    | 9/90      | XE2XA (WN4KKI                              |           | 47            | 14,335         |
| AL       | 9/89         | N4KG           | 251        | 45       | 11,295           | ZF          | 9/92      | ZF2KI (K1KI)                               | 251       | 49            | 12,299         |
| FL       | 9/99         | K1TO           | 354        | 53       | 18,762           | 4U1         | 2/85      | 4U1UN (W2TO)                               | 70        | 23            | 1,610          |
| GA       | 9/99         | K4AAA (W4AN)   | 353        | 51       | 18,003           | 8P          | 2/96      | 8P9EN                                      | 10        | 8             | 80             |
| KY<br>NC | 9/98<br>2/99 | K4LT<br>N4AF   | 281<br>310 | 44       | 12,364           | U1          | 2150      | UT JEIN                                    | 10        | 0             | 00             |
| SC       |              | W4OC           |            | 46       | 14,260<br>11,730 | СТ          | 9/98      | CT1BOH                                     | 225       | 40            | 9,000          |
| TN       | 9/99<br>2/99 | W4PA           | 255<br>334 | 46<br>49 | 16,366           | EA8         | 2/94      | EA1AK/EA8                                  | 36        | 21            | 756            |
| VA       | 9/89         | KT3Y/4         | 296        | 48       | 14,208           | F           | 9/90      | F/N6TR                                     | 196       | 38            | 7,448          |
| VA       | 3/03         | K131/4         | 290        | 40       | 14,200           | G           | 2/98      | G4BUO                                      | 101       | 29            | 2,929          |
| AR       | 2/82         | K5GO           | 302        | 40       | 12,040           | HC8         | 2/99      | HC8N (N5KO)                                | 113       | 38            | 4,788          |
| LA       | 2/95         | W5WMU (K5GA)   | 306        | 48       | 14,688           | 1           | 9/98      | IKOHBN                                     | 100       | 35            | 3,500          |
| MS       | 2/98         | WQ5L           | 230        | 40       | 9,200            | JA          | 2/91      | 7J1AAI                                     | 13        | 9             | 117            |
| NM       | 9/99         | N6ZZ           | 331        | 51       | 16,881           | KH6         | 9/81      | KH6NO                                      | 121       | 30            | 3,630          |
| OK       | 9/89         | KM5H           | 289        | 49       | 14,161           | LY          | 9/99      | LY2BTA                                     | 59        | 240           | 1,416          |
| ТΧ       | 9/99         | K5GN           | 358        | 51       | 18,258           | OH          | 9/98      | OH1NOA                                     | 56        | 22            | 1,232          |
|          |              |                |            |          |                  | PY          | 9/80      | PY8ZPJ                                     | 29        | 14            | 406            |
| CA       | 2/99         | AD6DO          | 317        | 51       | 16,167           | VK          | 9/94      | VK5GN (N6AA)                               | 48        | 22            | 1,056          |
| AK       | 2/90         | NL7GP          | 176        | 37       | 6,512            | ZD8         | 9/90      | ZD8Z (N6TJ)                                | 228       | 43            | 9,804          |
| AZ       | 2/97         | K6LL/7         | 338        | 48       | 16,224           | Highood     | ecore.    | 99, K1TO, 18,762                           |           |               |                |
| ID       | 9/82         | K7NHV          | 281        | 38       | 10,678           |             |           |  |           |               |                |
| MT       | 2/98         | K7BG           | 273        | 43       | 11,739           |             |           | er: 9/99, K1TO, 53<br>tal: 2/92, KR0Y/5, 3 | 75        |               |                |
| NV       | 2/98         | K7BV           | 272        | 43       | 11,696           |             |           |  | 10        |               |                |
| OR       | 2/95         | N6TR/7         | 358        | 51       | 18,258           |             |           | 9/99, 163                                  |           |               |                |
| UT       | 9/91         | K6XO/7         | 263        | 44       | 11,572           |             |           | 300: 2/99, 24                              |           |               |                |
| WA       | 2/92         | K7SS           | 329        | 42       | 13,818           |             |           | Logs: 9/94, 9                              |           |               |                |
| WY       | 9/99         | K7KU (N2IC)    | 312        | 48       | 14,976           | Highest     | t team so | ore: 9/98, Make No                         | Mistake A | Noout It, 139 | 9,628          |
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second. Still need to eliminate those "deer in headlight" moments, or learn to recover from them even more quickly. I'm determined to break 300 in this contest someday...-K4RO. 20 faded fast and 80 was rough. Sprint reminds me of the sign at the roller coaster ... "Fasten your seatbelts and keep your arms and legs inside the vehicle at all times" ... who needs caffeine?—K5KA. Best I've done so far. Operated from W6UT, Randy's QTH. Thanks again to Randy and Sue for letting me pollute the airwaves from their QTH.—K6GV. Once again, I had a great first 2 hours, 88, then 90, then lost it with a 66 then 69. It's not fatigue. I'm obviously into the rhythm. Someone have some tips for me???? Moved to 40 at 0127Z. Too early? Used the second radio on 20 until 0245Z when I moved it to 80. I thought I was doing great with mults until I got to the real 3830. Only heard VE9 that I didn't work and he only made 19 QSOs. Missed AR AZ??? (where was K6LL?) IA and UT, which I usually get .- K6LA. I decided to participate at the last minute (2320Z) then had to run an errand that had me getting home at 2345. No problem, cool as a cucumber-right! I was glad that the interface and computer worked the first time since I had zero time to fiddle about. It seemed like I would not make my goal of 10,000 points, and that I was behind most people. I worked all through the contest, but I ended up doing better than I thought I would. 20 didn't last as long as I hoped, and I kept getting beat out on 40 but all bands produced enough to make this event a great time for me. Gee! What a great contest!-K7NT. It's been said many times before by many people "This is the most intense 4 hours of contesting that you'll ever experience." My sincere thanks again to the NCJ for the sponsorship of the Sprints .-K8KFJ. Operating with my CW arm in a cast made it difficult to type, but now I have the bionic fast CW option installed for future contests!-K9ZO. On family vacation out west, brought my new IC-746 and 20m/40m mag mount antenna and operated contest from hotel parking lot in Ogalala, Nebraska from the family mini van! Missed first 40 minutes of contest due to dinner with family going late and wasted time trying to figure out how to use my new IC-746's built-in keyer. Also didn't learn until after the contest that the IC-746 has a pseudo CW filter (APF), so I did the entire contest without a CW filter!! Note for next contest: learn how to use radio BEFORE the contest. Had no 80m antenna. so end of contest was a little boring. I really had a BLAST and was very glad that I could give out the 'rare' Nebraska multiplier for a few deserving contesters.—KA9FOX/0. First Sprint...FUN!-KF6GUH. First time in a Sprint contest. It will take some time to get accustomed to the proper procedures in a Sprint .- KG8GW. First time ever making more than a handful of Qs in this contestwhat a ball, what a headache! I love it. See you in SSB and CW this winter! I'm hooked!-KI9A. This was my first ever Sprint contest and wow, talk about culture shock! It took me the first hour or so to get the hang of the format, then it was a lot of fun. I duped people 3 times (sorry) but had 7 people dupe me. I guess I'm 4 under par in the "oops-I-duped" competition. :-)-KU6J. Missed the first 16 minutes, but plenty of activity when I did get on. First time using TR in Sprint. Helpful, but

definitely a learning curve.-KZ5D. Sure worked lots of new blood this time. I seem to have reached a plateau in the 320 QSO range-very frustrating. Sure was great to operate from home again. 80m was very noisy, and I don't think the wire vertical I put up Saturday morning had any oomph. Missed AZ IA ME MT ND RI UT VE1,2,8. Of those I heard AZ and ME. Was happy to pick up W0UY (KS) and W7ZRC (ID) in last 10 minutes on 80m for new ones. Still the greatest contest !!- N5RZ. I started out pretty good and then seemed to hit a wall. This was only my third Sprint, but it sure seemed like had to CQ a whole lot more than usual. Even after answering somebody else's CQ, I often had no takers waiting. CQing was not overly productive either.-N6RT (op at W6EEN). Good start-but the low bands were slow to open. Congrats to K1TO for establishing a new mark for us all to shoot for. Many thanks to all of those who responded to our post cards.-N6TR. First Sprint in several years-and was I ever rusty! I know I had several broken QSOs!—*N8ET.* Nice laid-back effort interrupted by a birthday party. More people got "POGO" this time.-N9JF. I'm really not sure why I did better in this Sprint than in any other I have run, but I'll take it! Have been doing a lot of antenna work and very little operating, so I was surprised to be

able to get into the flow so quickly. Best hour for me was the last one. W9 was just about perfect for 80 meters, with the West Coast audible and the East Coast loud. One of these days I'll try two radios in one of these things. N6ZZ gets my vote as the loudest signal anyplace but 80 .- N9RV. My first attempt at a Sprint contest. Lots of fun!-N9SD. My second attempt. Spent first 45 minutes on wrong antenna-things improved when that was found and corrected. We are indeed our own worst enemies .- NI6T. From the "I might'a column": I might'a done better if 80m hadn't been so noisy. Still short of the 200 QSO mark but still a great contest.-WOUY. Hmmm, this OM is becoming too bandwidth limited for this high adrenaline stuff. Sorry for all the repeat requests, but my brain was even more foggy than normal this time around (maybe next time I will wear a bib and change my Sprint name to "Drool"). Fortunately there were lots of multipliers running around which helped to save my bottom line a bit. From what I can gather there were at least 54 mults available (heard lowa and Ark. along with rumors of Del. and Utah). CU all next time!-W4EF (op at W6UE). Local WX QRN was bad on 20, worse on 40, and impossible on 80 .-W5ASP. Only had 20m dipole and 3 hours. My best multiplier total ever. Still my favorite contest.-W6MVW.

## **My Best Sprint!?**

I have heard over the years how bad the East Coast, and particularly New Europe (New England) is for domestic contests. Naturally I wasn't real concerned with truly competing in this CW Sprint, but I thought I would put in a full effort from here in Connecticut, and leave myself with a comparison tool for when I have my big station going. For the record, I ran my JST 245 to a C3S on a roof tower (about 40 feet) and 40 and 80 meter dipoles in the trees. My QTH is on top of a hill with downslope in all the important directions.

I have done many Sprints from the Midwest (MO and IL); thus I immediately recognized the skip zone differences when I hit 20 meters from Northeast CT. The "Northeast" part might be important because I remember being able to work lots of W1s from W9, but they were the more northern and eastern W1s. Anyway, the 9s, some 8s and all the 4s and everything westward was poundingin. The nature of the Sprint is that you are essentially "trapped" on each of three bands because of the activity concentrations during different times therein. From the Midwest the best band is 80 meters where there is the greatest coverage of participants. However, most ops don't hit 80 until the last hour. Being on a fringe of the continent (basically any fringe) allows for excellent skip zone coverage to the most participants on 20 and 40. And those bands are where most ops spend at least an hour and half each. From the Midwest, a small group of stalwarts has continued to start the contest on 40 where they can work each other before the band goes long. Knowing that, I started on 40 for a dozen very easy QSOs before hitting the rat race on 20. But 20 was great for me, and I was able to keep the strings of QSOs going easily.

How interesting to hear 9s, 8s, and 5s that I never heard before on 20. And there are plenty of 'em. Now I truly can see just how much of a contribution the Midwest makes to the record breaking scores of those winners on the coasts!

Forty meters is just as good. My antenna looks flat and horizontal about 300 feet above New Europe, and it's great to have easy strings of QSOs on 40. And naturally, like the good New European op that I now am, I maximize both 20 and 40 and hit 80 with little less than an hour to go. And predictably it is the toughest band for this particular contest. The West Coast is audible but not really workable low power—certainly a big change from the Midwest. But in the 50 minutes here there are plenty of "local" stations to work to fill in the time. A quick QSY or two back to 40 brings in some straggler Western QSOs, and all of a sudden I have a low power score that treks amongst the best ever. A total of 280 QSOs and 49 mults is a score I would be happy with from the Midwest with high power! I had fun too! The moral of the story is: "Don't listen to us East Coasters complain about domestic contests, because we might just psyche you out and pull a K1KI out of the bag and win it all!"—73, NT1N

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|                | A Boring Team<br>Cajun Contest Club  | Call     Name     QTH     20     40     80     QSO     Mul     Score     Team       WA8GHZ     *Jack     TX     34     41     0     75     35     2625  |
|                | Central Texas DX & Contest Club<br>Dead Lizards Can't Send CW  | N5AN Bud LA 44 28 1 73 32 2336 CCC<br>K5UA Chas LA 71 0 0 71 32 2272 CCC  |
| FRCD           | Frankfurt Radio Club Domestic<br>Minnesota Wireless Association  | W5XD Wayne TX 45 2 0 47 23 1081<br>N8RR *Chas LA 26 0 0 26 15 390 CCC   |
| MRRC           | Mad River Radio Club   | N6AA Dick CA 146 105 51 302 50 15100 SCCC#1   |
| NCCC#1         | North Coast Contesters<br>Northern California Contest Club #1  | W6EEN<br>(N6RT) Don CA 134 122 65 321 47 15087 SCCC#1   |
| RBT            | Northern California Contest Club #2<br>Really Boring Team  | N6TV Bob CA 137 138 33 308 48 14784 NCCC#1<br>N5KO Trey CA 150 108 42 300 49 14700 NCCC#1   |
| SEST           | Southern California Contest Club #1<br>South East Sprint Team  | K6NA Glen CA 145 100 59 304 48 14592 SCCC#1<br>N6IG Jim CA 139 125 39 303 48 14544 NCCC#1   |
| TCG#1          | Society of Midwest Contesters #2<br>Tennessee Contest Group #1   | K6LA Ken CA 137 126 43 306 47 14382 SCCC#1<br>N6RO Ken CA 116 111 46 273 48 13104 NCCC#1  |
| TDXS           | Tennessee Contest Group #2<br>Texas DX Society   | K6XX Bob CA 117 100 31 248 51 12648 NCCC#1<br>AD6DO *Dan CA 137 100 31 268 47 12596 SCCC#1  |
|                | Yankee Clipper Contest Club #1   | W6UE<br>(W4EF) Mike CA 140 70 37 247 50 12350 SCCC#1  |
|                | Name QTH 20 40 80 QSO Mul Score Team   | N6VR Ray CA 129 97 31 257 48 12336 SCCC#1<br>K6AW Steve CA 112 98 51 261 47 12267 NCCC#1  |
| (1KI<br>(1AR   | Tom CT 142 117 83 342 48 16416 YCCC#1<br>John MA 137 133 46 316 48 15168 RBT   | AE6Y Andy CA 111 102 36 249 46 11454 NCCC#1   |
| (1DG<br>NT1N   | Doug NH 124 114 75 313 47 14711 YCCC#1<br>*Dave CT 122 115 43 280 49 13720 YCCC#1  | W6EU Jim CA 87 96 47 230 44 10120 NCCC#1  |
| W1WEF<br><1ZZ  | Jack CT 108 113 61 282 48 13536 YCCC#1<br>Dave CT 118 116 65 299 45 13455  | AJ6V Ed CA 97 88 39 224 45 10080 NCCC#2<br>W6RGG Bob CA 89 98 45 232 43 9976 NCCC#1   |
| N2GD<br>K1HT   | John VT 106 89 63 258 46 11868 FRCD<br>*Dave MA 101 106 39 246 46 11316 YCCC#1   | W6CT Scott CA 106 76 41 223 43 9589 NCCC#2<br>N6PN *Matt CA 74 85 29 188 44 8272 NCCC#2   |
| <1IR           | Jim MA 85 69 62 216 41 8856 YCCC#1<br>*Tom VT 38 33 33 104 35 3640 YCCC#1  | W6TK Dick CA 79 74 24 177 45 7965 SCCC#1<br>NI6T Garry CA 84 74 26 184 40 7360 NCCC#2   |
| AAISU          | *Paul VT 31 36 27 94 34 3196 YCCC#1  | W6MVW Dick CA 128 0 0 128 43 5504 SCCC#1<br>KU6J *Eric CA 75 36 19 130 41 5330  |
|                | John NJ 128 123 75 326 49 15974 FRCD<br>Rus NY 83 110 79 272 44 11968 FRCD   | N6NF Tom CA 46 36 0 82 35 2870<br>KF6GUH *Becky CA 39 28 7 74 31 2294   |
| K2SQ           | *Ed NJ 101 93 63 257 46 11822 FRCD<br>Peter NJ 89 87 69 245 46 11270 FRCD  | N6TR Tree OR 157 123 61 341 49 16709 ABT<br>K7KU (N2IC) Steve WY 132 117 63 312 48 14976  |
| 12MG           | Mike NY 92 51 48 191 43 8213 YCCC#1<br>Barry NY 75 58 48 181 42 7602   | K7BV Deny NV 109 100 48 257 45 11565 NCCC#1<br>K4XU *Dick OR 97 97 34 228 48 10944 ABT  |
| N2NU<br>KB2ZRD | John NJ 61 75 29 165 41 6765 FRCD<br>*Buz NJ 43 52 34 129 37 4773  | K9JF Jim WA 109 79 36 224 47 10528 ABT<br>K7NT *Mike OR 114 79 35 228 45 10260 ABT  |
|                | Bud PA 109 110 74 293 48 14064 FRCD  | N7LOX *Brian WA 85 78 27 190 42 7980 ABT  |
| (3WW<br>(3CR   | Chas PA 116 122 60 298 47 14006 FRCD   | KI7Y *Jim OR 102 52 21 175 45 7875 RBT<br>N7WA *Dink WA 90 59 13 162 41 6642  |
| (KB3AFT)       | Jim PA 122 87 71 280 47 13160 NCC<br>Ty MD 89 106 69 264 43 11352 SEST   | KU7Y **Ron NV 60 47 17 124 37 4588 RBT<br>AD7U *Caleb WA 63 43 17 123 37 4551 RBT   |
| K3WU           | Jim PA 71 91 47 209 41 8569 TCG#1<br>Ty PA 51 91 38 180 43 7740 NCC  | AC7AF Brian WY 55 27 0 82 29 2378<br>W8AEF *Paul AZ 40 13 0 53 31 1643  |
| N3DEL          | **Del DE 6 1 0 7 5 35 TCG#1  | W7/JR1NKN *Zuo WA 20 0 0 20 11 220<br>K8MR Jim OH 99 116 71 286 48 13728 MRRC   |
| (4AAA (W4AN)   |  | KW8N     Bob     OH     107     107     64     278     48     13344     MRRC       KU8E     Jeff     OH     87     120     63     270     47     12690     MRRC   |
| (4BAI          | Scott     TN     126     134     74     334     48     16032     TCG#1       John     GA     98     108     85     291     48     13968     SEST | N8EA     Joe     MI     80     109     66     255     47     11985       K9TM     Tim     OH     90     89     36     215     50     10750     MRRC   |
| (1KY<br>(4RO   | Tom TN 88 112 79 279 50 13950 TCG#1<br>Kirk TN 76 124 82 282 49 13818 TCG#1  | K3JT Terry WV 111 65 32 208 48 9984<br>WA8WV Dave WV 84 96 51 231 42 9702   |
| (T3Y           | Jeff FL 126 103 58 287 48 13776<br>Phil VA 102 94 61 257 49 12593  | N8ET Bill OH 63 30 62 155 42 6510 MRRC<br>K8JM John MI 50 88 0 138 44 6072  |
| IA4K           | Don     TN     76     101     80     257     46     11822     TCG#1       Steve     TN     71     102     72     245     48     11760     TCG#2  | K8KFJ Gary WV 45 67 35 147 41 6027<br>W8WTS *Jim OH 28 52 31 111 37 4107  |
| I4GN<br>A4GA   | Tim KY 70 107 68 245 48 11760<br>Lee GA 101 94 55 250 47 11750 SEST  | AA8U Ugly MI 35 38 28 101 36 3636 RBT<br>KG8GW *Ron WV 0 37 36 73 30 2190   |
| V4OC<br>(4NO   | *Don SC 93 99 63 255 46 11730 SEST<br>Greg AL 96 84 76 256 45 11520 SEST   | AA8IV Rich OH 0 0 3 3 3 9   |
| N4CW<br>(4FXN  | Bert NC 73 112 61 246 45 11070 TCG#1<br>*Dan KY 71 101 65 237 43 10191   | N9RV Pat IN 109 136 89 334 47 15698 NCC<br>AG9A Mark IL 114 129 67 310 50 15500 DLCSCW  |
| V4AU           | John VA 91 84 50 225 45 10125  | AG9A     Mark     IL     114     129     67     310     50     50     DLCSCW       K9NW     Mike     WI     81     126     71     278     47     13066     MRRC       K9AA     *Paul     WI     80     120     55     255     47     11985     DLCSCW |
| VQ4Q           | *Gary GA 72 83 40 195 50 9750 SEST<br>*Ric TN 63 77 67 207 43 8901 TCG#1<br>*Dick GA 71 84 38 193 43 8299 SEST                                   | K9ZO Ralph IL 92 98 59 249 48 11952 DLCSCW<br>K9BGL Karl IL 81 97 53 231 47 10857 SMC#2   |
| 4DU            | *Jim GA 66 83 41 190 43 8170<br>Doug KY 63 127 0 190 42 7980 MRRC  | K9IG     Liz     IN     60     101     78     239     45     10755     DLCSCW       K0SN     Tom     WI     62     95     48     205     45     9225  |
| AMX            | *Jeri VA 54 72 58 184 41 7544<br>**Bob FL 119 51 0 170 34 5780 RBT   | WT9U *Jim IN 59 73 65 197 41 8077 DLCSCW  |
|                | Jim NC 29 68 14 111 41 4551 SEST<br>*Mike AL 14 84 12 110 39 4290  | K9YO Fred IL 48 78 16 142 43 6106 DLCSCW<br>KI9A Chuck IL 45 42 50 137 40 5480 SMC#2  |
| 0EJ            | *Mark TN 24 18 27 69 33 2277 TCG#1   | N9JF *Pogo IL 63 61 3 127 41 5207 SMC#2<br>K9YA *Bob IL 44 55 0 99 41 4059 DLCSCW   |
| I6ZZ           | Dave     TX     159     126     73     358     51     18258     TDXS       Phil     NM     158     120     53     331     51     16881     ABT   |   |
| 15RZ<br>(50T   | Gator TX 142 120 56 318 48 15264<br>Larry TX 113 114 61 288 47 13536 RBT   | KM00     Tony     MN     80     105     59     244     48     11712       K00U     Steve     MO     72     104     60     236     45     10620     MRRC       K0AD     AI     MN     79     93     58     230     45     10350     MNWA               |
| I3BB           | Jim TX 121 106 54 281 46 12926 CTDXCCS<br>Roy TX 113 88 56 257 45 11565  | NA0N *Pat MN 80 69 51 200 40 8000 MNWA<br>W0UY *Tom KS 60 63 27 150 40 6000 DLCSCW  |
| SNZ<br>SKA     | *Mike TX 98 104 46 248 46 11408 TDXS<br>Ken OK 76 95 59 230 44 10120 ABT   | KA9FOX/0 *Scott NE 77 47 0 124 40 4960 SMC#2<br>N0XW *HeI MN 44 0 0 44 18 792   |
| /5WMU          | Caiun LA 107 93 25 225 44 9900 CCC   | VE3EJ John VE3 88 102 74 264 46 12144 NCC   |
|                | *Dave OK 56 97 34 187 45 8415<br>**Dale TX 111 68 7 186 45 8370 TDXS<br>Art LA 81 69 36 186 45 8370 CCC  | VE3IAY *Rich VE3 58 50 38 146 39 5694<br>VE5SF *Sam VE5 92 81 20 193 44 8492  |
| 15TU           | *Earl TX 99 77 20 196 42 8232 TDXS<br>Rob TX 72 83 47 202 40 8080 CTDXCC   | VE6EX *Dan VE6 117 64 14 195 46 8970<br>XE1/AA6RX *Dave XE 33 80 0 113 36 4068  |
| V5ASP          | Joe TX 102 60 37 199 39 7761 TDXS  | LY2BTA Andy DX 4 54 1 59 24 1416  |
| N5ZR           | Bert LA 81 35 30 146 41 5986 CCC   | G4BUO Dave DX 48 0 0 48 28 1344<br>G3SXW *Roger DX 41 0 0 41 19 779   |
| N3DYA          | John TX 50 69 32 151 37 5587 CTDXCC<br>*NormTX 55 47 0 102 36 3672<br>Gary NM 30 67 2 99 36 3564   | * Denotes 150W or less<br>** Denotes 5W or less   |
| K5TQ           | Gary NM 30 67 2 99 36 3564   | Denotes OM OLICSS   |