

# Results: March 2008 North American RTTY Sprint

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We received 74 logs with 146 call signs (that reported three or more QSOs) for the March North American RTTY Sprint. There were 46 multipliers available across all entries, although the most logged by a single station was 38. Participation was very close to the March 2007 level, when we received 78 logs representing 149 call signs.

Conditions were down significantly from last year. This probably accounts for the lack of golden logs having more than 100 QSOs. Forty meters was the productive band for the entire four hours, with weak showings on 20 and 80 during the first and last two hours respectively. Copy was marginal at times for many stations, and that increased error rates. At the same time, at least one record was set as KI5XP piloted the W5WMU super station to blow away the all-time low-power QSO and score records! Moreover, Charlie racked up the overall highest QSO total in this event across *all* power classes and was only slightly bested by two high-power stations (K6LL and WØYK) on total score. After dominating the RTTY NAQP in recent years, he appears to have his sights set on the Sprint as well.

Also notable is K6UFO's second-place low-power finish with a low 20 meter Yagi and a random wire for 40 and 80 that Mork loads up with a tuner. For the first hour, he led all power classes, racing through 20 meters. The high-power stations finally got a chance to catch up when he was throttled back on 40 and particularly 80. Mork (a-k-a Mark) often enters — and wins — QRP, but he figured that would be too painful in these conditions. In fact, there were *no* QRP entries this time.

Although activity in the RTTY Sprint and in the NAQP is increasing, the "legal dupe" rule still appears to be necessary to generate the potential rates and scores of the CW and SSB sprints. The dupes in the logs of the top six stations ranged from 48

to 61 percent. The event would be far less interesting, especially as a "sprint," without the legal dupe rule. There were very few violations of the rule — at least three intervening QSOs — in terms of actual dupes that were removed without penalty. Two or three stations will be surprised when they review their LCRs (log check reports) to learn they had a dupe or two removed because the *other* station did not have the required intervening three QSOs. In one case, the duping station had taken a 30-minute break and then reworked the same station he had worked just prior to the break.

Without additional functionality in logging software (eg, to examine the other station's serial number), examples like this are unavoidable by the unknowing station.

Too, there is no guarantee that serial numbers precisely reflect QSO sequence.

In the team competition, the NCCC barely squeaked by the SWACC, due to some of the latter team's members failing to submit logs. We had a record five teams registered. Log submittal and checking follows the Sprint theme by being held to just seven days each, with preliminary results posted on the NCJWeb site just 14 days after the contest. We urge all participants to request their LCRs to see where they might improve their accuracy. Send requests via e-mail to [rttysprintmgr@ncjweb.com](mailto:rttysprintmgr@ncjweb.com).

## On Tap

Next up are the RTTY NAQP in July and the Fall RTTY Sprint in October. We hope

### Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Band Chgs	Qs Lost	00 UTC	01 UTC	02 UTC	03 UTC
WØYK	10,548	153	8	72	60	63	62
K6LL	10,027	2	5	59	63	57	57
KI5XP	9834	132	4	66	59	59	60
AD4EB	9622	149	7	55	62	59	62
K4GMH	9082	160	4	22	59	54	60
K5AM	8636	4	3	54	58	49	52
AA3B	8388	106	2	45	44	49	44
W7WW	8085	55	4	56	53	45	47
K6RB	7392	4	3	45	51	49	46
W1UE	6534	1	2	34	48	45	37

### Top 10 Single-Radio Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	Qs Lost	00 UTC	01 UTC	02 UTC	03 UTC
K6LL	10,027	2	5	59	63	57	57
K5AM	8636	4	3	54	58	49	52
K6RB	7392	4	3	45	51	49	46
W1UE	6534	1	2	34	48	45	37
N1BAA	5628	6	4	35	53	38	35
W4NZ	5320	2	11	37	45	46	43
NI6T	5214	2	9	28	37	38	37
WØPR	4788	6	11	0	0	0	0
W4RK	4710	4	2	31	41	29	33
AE6RF	4524	2	4	25	42	38	34

### Top 10 QSOs

KI5XP	298
WØYK	293
AD4EB	283
K6LL	271
K5AM	254
K4GMH	239
AA3B	233
W7WW	231
K6RB	224
KEØWO	206

### Top 10 Mults

K4GMH	38
K6LL	37
AA3B	36
WØYK	36
W7WW	35
AD4EB	34
K5AM	34
K6RB	33
KI5XP	33
NI6T	33

### Top 10 Low Power

KI5XP	9834
K6UFO	6076
KØHW	5597
WØBR	5346
KØRC	4185
W3KB	3915
N4CBK	3504
VE4EAR	3312
VE3JI	3172
N5ER	2912

### Top Golden Logs

K5WW	73
N9CK	48
KV7DX	46
KE5OG	41
N4ZZ	16
K6JF	10

### Top 10 Band Changes

K4GMH	160
WØYK	153
AD4EB	149
KI5XP	132
AA3B	106
WØBR	101
KEØWO	95
KØHW	94
NP3D	85
K6TD	70

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## Team Scores

<b>NCCC</b>		<b>SWACC</b>		<b>Winter Boys YCCC</b>		<b>Minnesota Wireless A</b>	
W0YK	10,548	K6LL	10,027	W1UE	6534	W0PR	4788
K6RB	7392	KI5XP	9834	N1BAA	5628	K0RC	4185
K6UFO	6076	K5AM	8636	NP3D	4368	K0AD	3024
K6TD	5460	W7WW	8085	K5ZD	3161	AC0W	2625
NI6T	5214	K0HW	5597	W1TO	3000	K0JJR	2484
AE6RF	4524	K5WW	1679	NJ1F	2250	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,106</b>
K6MM	2860	KE5OG	861	KE1FO	1120		
W6OAT	2626	<b>Total</b>	<b>44,719</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,061</b>	<b>CADXA</b>	
KO6LU	672					KV7DX	920
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,372</b>						

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to see more new call signs on the screen in addition to the regulars.

### Soapbox

AE6RF: First serious RTTY Sprint, done from K9YC's house. Made pretty much every Sprint newbie mistake possible. At least the log check software guys can use my log as a "did we catch all the bad cases?" test case. The first of my two favorite "aw, shoot" moments happened when W0TUP in ND (which I need for WAS RTTY) called me. The good news, I was his first serial number. The bad news is that he had the wrong exchange, and I lost him before I could get the right one. The second was my only known QSY violation. Anyhow, it was intense, had fun, and got the newbie mistakes out of the way. Can't wait for fall!

AK9F: I wish I had been able to devote full time to this contest. Though band conditions weren't great, there was quite a bit of activity.

K4GMH: Thanks to all who put up with my jerky exchange. Occasionally getting RF into the computer. Had very strong winds, >50 MPH, that came up about two hours before the start of the contest. The SWR fluctuations could be seen as the wind whipped the 80 inverted V wires around. Appreciate all the QSOs as this is the best I've done in a Sprint.

K6UFO: A fun time, and I just matched my last MARCH score of 202x30 from the same QTH and antennas. This year I

added a Yaesu FT-990 as a second radio, it worked fine on FSK RTTY. But I only have two antennas, a 20 meter Yagi and a wire and tuner for 40 and 80, so I was only SO2R on 20 and 40. I'm sure I need something better than a wire loop to keep up on the low bands. As always, thanks to everyone who participated for the fun!

KI4MF: Well, this was my first Sprint, and I spent as much time logging as I did S&R or running. Not nearly as exciting as a major event but will do in a pinch I guess. Exchange really needs to be shorter.

KL7FH: Bands were real bad! Had a blast!

KW7N: My first RTTY Sprint. After an hour, I was ready to give up. But after four hours, I was sorry it was over. I will be back for the next one.

N4CBK: My first Sprint. What a blast!! 73 to all and thanks for the Qs.

OL6X: My first entry in the NA Sprint RTTY contest. The conditions were poor, but I managed to work 62 contacts, most of them on 40. The 80 meter propagation was very disappointing. Just an idea for the rules: Would it be convenient for non-NA stations to put "DX" in their exchange for QTH? I have been asked several times for the state, and one station even refused to make a contact with me. I like the QSY rule, though I haven't been called very often after calling CQ on the vacant frequency (poor conditions).

W4HOD: Great contest!

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## Scoring Summary

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mult	Score	Team	Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mult	Score	Team
W1UE	SNOW	MA	0	102	61	198	33	6534	Winter Boys YCCC	W6RQ	*CURT	CA	9	0	0	10	6	60	
N1BAA	JOSE	MA	1	116	44	201	28	5628	Winter Boys YCCC	K6LL	DAVE	AZ	59	153	23	271	37	10,027	SWACC
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	4	84	10	109	29	3161	Winter Boys YCCC	W7WW	RED	AZ	47	124	29	231	35	8085	SWACC
W1TO	TOM	MA	0	61	28	100	30	3000	Winter Boys YCCC	KW7N	*STEVE	WA	10	51	30	98	24	2352	
KE1FO	AL	VT	0	27	24	56	20	1120	Winter Boys YCCC	KL7FH	FRANK	AK	28	25	1	67	17	1139	
NP3D	ANDREI	NY	0	60	62	156	28	4368	Winter Boys YCCC	KV7DX	STEVE	AZ	20	20	1	46	20	920	CADXA
NJ1F	FROSTY	NY	0	42	40	90	25	2250	Winter Boys YCCC	AD7MQ	*RAY	MT	0	8	1	9	5	45	
AA3B	BUD	PA	1	108	73	233	36	8388		AB8XG	*KEN	OH	0	20	33	60	22	1320	
W0BR	*BOB	PA	0	57	89	162	33	5346		N2BJ	BARRY	IL	0	15	58	83	29	2407	
W3KB	*KEITH	PA	0	80	49	145	27	3915		AK9F	*HOWARD	IL	4	16	73	102	23	2346	
KB3LX	*BILL	PA	0	31	15	48	23	1104		N9CK	*STEVE	WI	0	9	34	48	23	1104	
N3XL	*BILL	MD	0	12	0	12	7	84		W9ILY	*JOHN	IL	6	24	0	30	12	360	
AD4EB	JIM	TN	8	125	105	283	34	9622		KE0WO	DEAN	IA	22	77	62	206	31	6386	
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	0	103	92	239	38	9082		K0HW	*JIM	SD	20	75	63	193	29	5597	SWACC
W4NZ	TED	TN	32	85	52	190	28	5320		W0PR	LARRY	MN	171	0	0	0	28	4788	Minnesota Wireless A
N4CBK	*JAY	AL	0	100	23	146	24	3504		W4RK	BILL	MO	30	55	48	157	30	4710	
W4HOD	*BOB	AL	5	55	0	72	16	1152		K0RC	*BOB	MN	16	59	61	155	27	4185	Minnesota Wireless A
K14MF	HANK	NC	1	30	2	41	17	697		K0AD	AL	MN	26	66	34	144	21	3024	Minnesota Wireless A
N4ZZ	*DON	TN	0	16	0	16	8	128		AC0W	*BILL	MN	12	44	36	105	25	2625	Minnesota Wireless A
K15XP	*CHAS	LA	27	154	62	298	33	9834	SWACC	K0JJR	*JOE	MN	10	46	37	108	23	2484	Minnesota Wireless A
K5AM	MARK	NM	24	148	40	254	34	8636	SWACC	KE0L	*JIM	MN	29	41	28	101	23	2323	
WA5ZUP	JOHN	NM	1	86	32	147	27	3969		AC0E	*JIM	KS	16	40	3	68	23	1564	
N5ER	*JOHN	AR	9	66	21	112	26	2912		K0XU	*JIM	NE	10	53	4	76	18	1368	
K5WW	*ERIK	TX	21	37	0	73	23	1679	SWACC	K0VM	*AL	IA	0	34	21	63	19	1197	
KE5OG	*BILL	TX	2	34	4	41	21	861	SWACC	N0KM	*DAVE	CO	0	29	18	51	19	969	
W0YK	ED	CA	39	159	57	293	36	10,548	NCCC	K0WHV	*JOHN	IA	9	17	10	44	16	704	
K6RB	ROB	CA	45	104	42	224	33	7392	NCCC	KA0EIC	*DON	KS	7	10	11	32	16	512	
K6UFO	*MORK	CA	50	87	20	196	31	6076	NCCC	WS0Z	*DAVE	MO	2	13	0	15	7	105	
K6TD	KEVIN	CA	32	85	29	182	30	5460	NCCC	VE4EAR	*ED	VE4	14	80	18	138	24	3312	
NI6T	GARRY	CA	33	71	34	158	33	5214	NCCC	VE3JI	*IAN	VE3	0	52	42	122	26	3172	
AE6RF	TIGER	CA	25	80	33	156	29	4524	NCCC	VE7HL	LOGAN	VE7	20	34	23	87	26	2262	
K6MM	JOHN	CA	22	52	18	110	26	2860	NCCC	VE3RCN	*KEVIN	VE3	2	27	32	74	22	1628	
K6DGW	SKIP	CA	11	73	9	98	28	2744		VE3FRX	*JEFF	VE3	0	0	55	64	21	1344	
W6OAT	*RUSTY	CA	3	68	15	101	26	2626	NCCC	VA3XH	PETER	VE3	0	18	25	48	25	1200	
W6FFH	*DON	CA	13	41	19	81	28	2268		OL6X	DANIEL	DX	0	46	3	52	15	780	
N6ERD	*DAN	CA	5	44	0	65	24	1560											
N6QQ	JOHN	CA	0	37	14	55	24	1320											
KO6LU	BOB	CA	25	12	0	42	16	672	NCCC										
K6JF	*JIM	CA	6	4	0	10	8	80											

\* Low Power  
\*\* QRP