Results: North American Sprint, **RTTY** — March 2023

The 47th North American RTTY Sprint in March produced slightly more logs (3), participants (7), QSOs (281) and multipliers (3) than a year earlier. Historically, the March RTTY Sprint is more active than September's (see Figure 1).

Dave, WD6T, led both the score and QSO totals with a respectably low error rate. He even took time to give KEØVWL his second-ever RTTY contact. Ty, K3MM, pushed Dave hard with two more mults but not quite enough contacts to make up the difference. The overall stats between these two top finishers are very similar. Ed, WØYK, captured 37 of the 45 active multipliers but fell down on QSOs due to a high error rate on top of his remote-station ills.

Figure 2 shows the activity per band throughout the 4-hour contest period. There is a peak of 10-minute QSO rate as each of the 3 bands is activated. While 20 meters had the highest peak 10-minute rate, 40 meters had 41% more total QSOs, nearly the same as a year earlier. The SO2R participants "suffered" for 45 minutes before 40 meters became more active. For the rest of the contest period, they had two active bands, although the first half of the third hour (0200-0230 UTC) was slim again with both 20 and 80 meters having slim pickings.

The Top 10 stations were evenly divided between the two coasts with Dean, NØXR, and Mark, K5AM, representing the mid-continent. Notably, Larry, K7SV, and Ron, NØAT, were unique among the Top 10 by running low power, though SO2R clearly helped them top their power category. Jeff, VE3CW, braved QRP for the win in that category.

Golden Logs were sparser this time, with AB3GY and N8NA topping

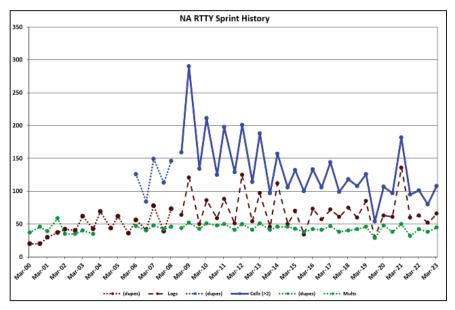


Figure 1 — NA RTTY Sprint history.

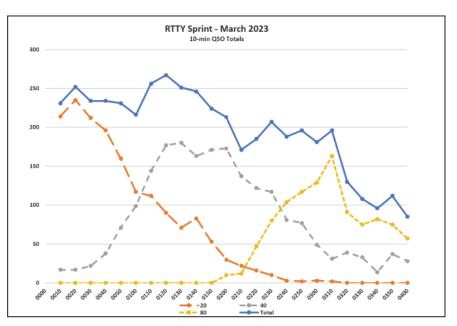


Figure 2 — 10-minute QSO totals.

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K3MM N3QE AB3GY WA3AAN N3HRO WA3ZSC N8NA N3MLB KA2JAI K3YLW	TY TIM *TOM GRANT *JIM *JERRY *KARL *CHRIS *MIKE *ANDREA	MD PA PA PA DE PA MD MD	43 41 19 12 14 11 9 0 7	62 54 37 38 39 38 19 20 19 0	38 40 19 14 9 5 24 0 2 0	143 135 67 71 60 57 54 29 21 7	36 33 24 22 23 22 20 14 13 8	5,148 4,455 1,608 1,562 1,380 1,254 1,080 406 273 56
K7SV N4ZZ N4IQ AA4DD N4DW K8LF KB40LM W4YVA AD4TJ W4CQE W4GKM K4RO N4NTO	*LAR DON BILL *DAVE *DAVE *JAY *CLINT *JOE *TJ KEN *NICK KIRK *TRIPP	VA TN SC TN VA VA VA VA VA TN TN NC	42 32 38 30 29 25 12 3 8 16 4 13 0	52 56 51 42 31 27 26 22 25 9 11 1 10	35 36 29 31 29 19 24 17 8 0 3 0 0	129 124 118 103 89 71 62 42 41 25 18 14 10	33 32 30 28 25 21 21 18 16 12 10 8	4,257 3,968 3,540 2,884 2,492 1,775 1,302 882 738 400 216 140 80
K5AM WQ5L N5PV	MARK *RAY *SEAN	NM MS TX	57 46 16	38 46 9	28 23 0	123 115 25	30 24 14	3,690 2,760 350
WD6T WØYK N6ZFO WK6I K6GHA W6SX K6NV K06M WQ6X	DAVE ED BILL JEFF *DON HANK BOB *DAVID *RON	CA CA CA CA CA CA CA CA CA	61 54 44 52 22 40 14 21 22	62 56 49 45 41 28 22 22 17	35 11 20 21 15 0 15 0 6	158 121 113 118 78 68 51 43 45	34 37 28 25 23 19 21 16	5,372 4,477 3,390 3,304 1,950 1,564 969 903 720
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WD9CIR W9ADN WU9D	*STEVE *AIDAN *MIKE	IL IL IL	17 21 9	50 24 28	31 21 22	98 66 59	28 23 22	2,744 1,518 1,298
NØXR NØAT NØTA N7WY NØKQ WØZA K4IU KOØZ ACØE AAØZ	DEAN *RON JOHN BOB BILL *GREG *FRED *RON JIM *KYLE	IA MN CO MO CO NE MN MO KS MO	47 42 43 42 38 30 19 4 6 12	54 49 42 40 37 42 41 22 17 0	38 39 21 10 12 28 23 10 0	139 130 106 92 87 100 83 36 23 12	31 31 28 27 26 22 22 18 14 7	4,309 4,030 2,968 2,484 2,262 2,200 1,826 648 322 84
VA2SIB PV2K VE3FH VE3CW VA6RCN	*SEB LEO *JULIO **JEFF *KEVIN	QC PY ON ON AB	14 35 8 11 0	28 0 29 15 13	5 0 0 6	47 35 37 26 19	23 22 20 20 11	1,081 770 740 520 209

this elite group of five with 67 and 54 total contacts, respectively. Your LCR (Log Check Report) is a valuable analysis of your log accuracy which can lead to future improvement. Request yours from **ed@w0yk.com**.

In team competition, NCCC #1 was victorious, thanks to the "help" of one member of the SWACC #1 team who neglected to submit his log. Oops! That's a shame because the log had one of the top claimed scores. Thanks to SWACC for registering two full teams. We need more help like this to get the participation up in the contest so everyone can have much more fun twice a year for just 4 hours. The future of this contest hinges on more activity.

The next RTTY Sprint begins at 0000 UTC, Sunday, September 17, 2023.

Soapbox

A good amount of activity. I really like the RTTY and digital contests. Worked several other PVRC members and watched scores on the on-line contest scoreboard. — *K8LF* First attempt at RTTY Sprint. — *KB2DSR*

This was another WQ6X ad hoc RTTY Sprint from the San Francisco East Bay area. Adding an MFJ-993B IntelliTuner made it easier to match the 8JK phased Cobra slopers, but in fact, in the receive vortex in Concord, I heard fewer stations than I expected. Nevertheless, at least I can say that I was there and gave it a go. (Read more at http://WQ6X.Blogspot. com).— WQ6X

Top 10 Scores											
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