

Results: North American Sprint RTTY — October 2012

The 24th North American Sprint RTTY provided good conditions, but with activity from just 114 participants across the 54 logs submitted. As WI9WI observed, “Way too much dead air and too many unanswered CQs.”

There were 41 active multipliers and N6RO — an RTTY newbie(!) — snagged 37 of them for top honors in that dimension. Ken also had the greatest number of band changes, as he scoured the ether for additional contacts.

Where was everyone? Well, this editor had repairs to perform on the 20, 40 and 80 meter antennas, so that’s my excuse. *But seriously!* This contest is a lot of fun, and more participation would add to the merriment. Consider joining the party and invite your friends to do the same. The October running is always the biggest challenge in terms of generating activity (see Figure 1).

Results Overview

“Mork,” signing K6UFO and identifying as “Mark” in terrestrial life, was the only brave QRP entrant and took 12th place overall among the low and high power folks. N0AT took Low Power bragging rights and third place overall. K6LL and N6RO duked it out in the High Power category, as they often do in CW events. Although Dave had two fewer mults, he prevailed, with only two lost QSOs compared to Ken’s seven. These contests are always a balance between rate and accuracy — the cornerstone of effective communication.

Four of the Top 10 were SO1R, showing that number of radios juggled and power level were not significant factors this time. Given that this is a relatively low-rate contest, the Golden Log ranking was not as easy to attain as you might have expected. Only seven stations made the list. K0YQ and WI9WI topped that category, perfectly logging 74 and 67 contacts, respectively.

Team Competition

The South West Arizona Contest Club (SWACC) assembled a partial team of seven entries from around the country to best the three-entrant team from the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC). Imagine how things might have turned out, if full teams of 10 participants had been formed? (This is a not-so-subtle hint

Top 10 Scores

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K6LL	4865	48	2	53	44	24	18
N6RO	4847	72	7	47	39	30	15
N0AT	4352	34	2	47	36	30	16
K4RO	4000	55	4	48	35	25	17
K5AM	3904	6	8	43	38	24	17
W7WW	3729	2	11	36	35	24	19
W1UJ	2871	50	14	40	35	20	4
N3QE	2755	9	4	29	28	20	18
NW2K	2580	22	2	27	28	20	11
ND8L	2573	5	5	24	22	24	13

Top One Radio

Call Sign	Scores	Bnd Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K5AM	3904	6	8	43	38	24	17
W7WW	3729	2	11	36	35	24	19
N3QE	2755	9	4	29	28	20	18
ND8L	2573	5	5	24	22	24	13
VE3KI	2542	4	1	28	34	20	0
K6UFO	2520	10	4	25	30	22	7
N4DW	2400	3	6	25	23	19	13
K0YQ	2220	7	0	23	26	16	9
KB7Q	2146	4	5	25	22	17	10
N8EA	2117	10	8	21	14	27	12

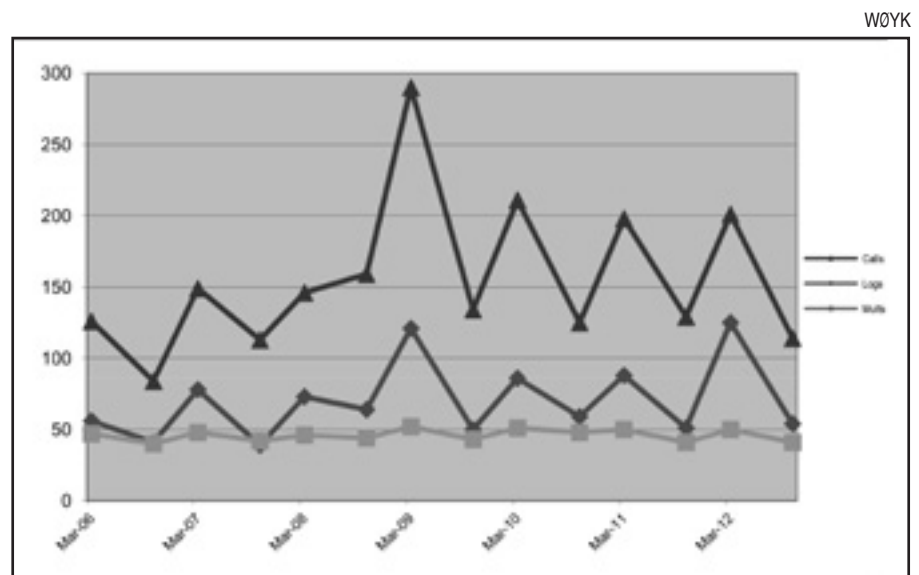


Figure1 — RTTY Sprint activity over the years

Top 10 QSOs		Top 10 Low Power		Top 10 Band Changes	
K6LL	139	N0AT		N6RO	72
N6RO	131	W1UJ	2871	K4RO	55
N0AT	128	N3QE	2755	W1UJ	50
K4RO	125	NW2K	2580	K6LL	48
K5AM	122	VE3KI	2542	WW3S	48
W7WW	113	WW3S	2403	N0AT	34
W1UJ	99	K0YQ	2220	NW2K	22
N3QE	95	KB7Q	2146	AB4GG	17
WW3S	89	N8EA	2117	VE3RCN	16
NW2K	86	K7TQ	2016	K6UFO	10

Top 10 Mults		Top QRP		Golden Logs	
N6RO	37	K6UFO	2520	K0YQ	74
K6LL	35			WI9WI	67
N0AT	34			AA7V	43
W7WW	33			K2NV	27
K4RO	32			K0AD	20
K5AM	32			N5SMQ	19
ND8L	31			KC2WUF	3
VE3KI	31				
K0YQ	30				
K6UFO	30				

for next time.) Thanks to the five teams that registered, as this helps to build participation.

Very few dupes appeared in logs this time, so perhaps we've shed the remnants of the old "legal dupe" rule for RTTY, abandoned several years ago. Sprint log checking is very strict; each character in the call sign and exchange must be perfect. NILs (not in log) are penalized with an additional contact removed. In the Sprint the opportunity, of course, is to improve one's speed and accuracy in

communicating, and the log checking is aimed at helping participants determine how well they are doing. Be sure to request your LCR (log check report) for a detailed analysis of how well you did (**ed@w0yk.com**).

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The next semi-annual RTTY Sprint falls in the midst of the 2012-2013 contest season and has had higher activity. Make plans now to spend an invigorating four hours on RTTY!

Single Operator Scores

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Team
W1UJ	*JAY	MA	36	42	21	99	29	2871	
NW2K	*DEAN	NY	38	25	23	86	30	2580	North Coast Contesters
K2NV	TONY	NY	7	20	0	27	17	459	
KC2WUF	*DAVID	NJ	3	0	0	3	3	9	
N3QE	*TIM	MD	23	41	31	95	29	2755	PVRC
WW3S	*JIM	PA	25	43	21	89	27	2403	North Coast Contesters
AB3IC	*TOM	MD	8	16	19	43	20	860	PVRC
N8NA	*KARL	DE	2	25	0	27	17	459	
K3UA	*PHIL	PA	9	0	0	9	8	72	
K4RO	KIRK	TN	39	49	37	125	32	4000	
N4DW	DAVE	TN	26	29	25	80	30	2400	SWACC
WF7T	*BRAD	TN	13	15	18	46	24	1104	
AB4GG	*KENNY	TN	16	24	0	40	23	920	
K1GU	*NED	TN	22	12	0	34	16	544	
N4LWR	*JOHN	FL	11	11	3	25	17	425	
W4SDJ	*JIM	NC	0	15	8	23	17	391	
N5SMQ	*BUTCH	VA	2	17	0	19	14	266	
K5AM	MARK	NM	46	49	27	122	32	3904	SWACC
AC5T	*LYNN	TX	30	31	0	61	28	1708	
N6RO	KEN	CA	43	57	31	131	37	4847	NCCC
K6UFO	**MORK	CA	30	38	16	84	30	2520	NCCC
W6SX	HANK	CA	0	36	22	58	24	1392	NCCC
W6SFK	STEVE	CA	21	26	6	53	26	1378	

Team Scores	
1. SWACC	
K6LL	4865
K5AM	3904
W7WW	3729
N4DW	2400
K7TQ	2016
KI7MT	1701
KW7N	1176
Total	19,791

2. NCCC	
N6RO	4847
K6UFO	2520
W6SX	1392
Total	8759

3. North Coast Contesters	
NW2K	2580
ND8L	2573
WW3S	2403
Total	7556

4. PVRC	
N3QE	2755
AB3IC	860
Total	3615

5. AOCC Rustlers	
KB7Q, AA7V	3135

Soapbox

Had a wedding that night but got home in time to make about 20 Qs on 40 and 80. — *AI, K0AD*

Shakedown for new computer and USB keyer. — *K0YQ*

I enjoy RTTY and Sprinting but how embarrassing not to even make 100 contacts! The A Index was 36 at the start, and those stations I could hear all sounded QRP, so I must have sounded really weak. People left 20 early, [which was] probably a good idea, since 40 went long quite early. On 80 I could hear more stations than could hear me, but I tried and tried. It seemed like many stations quit early, and the last half hour was quite empty. — *Mork, K6UFO*

Good contest, but not good conditions. — *KD0S*

Wow! Only 12 contacts. 20 meters was a bear here. — *N5SMQ*

My first RTTY Sprint. Wish the bands weren't dead. — *W4SDJ*

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mlt	Score	Team
K6LL	DAVE	AZ	53	60	26	139	35	4865	SWACC
W7WW	RED	AZ	45	47	22	113	33	3729	SWACC
KB7Q	*GENE	MT	20	34	20	74	29	2146	AOCC Rustlers
K7TQ	*RANDY	ID	20	34	18	72	28	2016	SWACC
K17MT	GREG	MT	29	34	0	63	27	1701	SWACC
KW7N	*STEVE	WA	9	24	16	49	24	1176	SWACC
AA7V	STEVE	AZ	43	0	0	43	23	989	AOCC Rustlers
WA0WWW	*JAY	WA	10	12	5	27	18	486	
N7ZO	*BOB	OR	11	16	1	28	17	476	
K7ZO	SCOTT	ID	0	19	0	19	13	247	
K7HPT	*MARK	WA	2	4	11	17	13	221	
W7PU	HARRY	WA	5	0	-3	2	5	10	
ND8L	RAY	OH	26	24	33	83	31	2573	North Coast Contesters
N8EA	*JOE	MI	15	31	28	73	29	2117	
W8AKS	*MARTY	WV	9	17	9	35	21	735	
K8QH	*DAVE	MI	0	12	6	18	15	270	
W19WI	JIM	WI	25	25	17	67	26	1742	
N2BJ	BARRY	IL	13	34	0	47	27	1269	
N0AT	*RON	MN	32	61	36	128	34	4352	
K0YQ	*JOHN	CO	16	42	16	74	30	2220	
KD0S	JIM	SD	16	23	25	64	24	1536	
W0CO	*BRAD	CO	14	27	10	51	23	1173	
WG0M	*MIKE	MN	20	32	0	52	22	1144	
K0AD	*AL	MN	0	10	10	20	15	300	
VE3KI	*RICH	VE3	29	37	16	82	31	2542	
VE3JI	*IAN	VE3	29	23	19	71	26	1846	
VE2EBK	*DANY	VE2	32	14	13	59	26	1534	
VE3GYL	*KATHY	VE3	24	17	14	55	25	1375	
VE3RCN	*KEVIN	VE3	11	16	5	32	17	544	
VE6BMX	*BARRY	VE6	4	8	3	15	12	180	
CO2MS	*MANUEL	CM	14	34	0	47	27	1269	

*Low Power
**QRP

