

# Results, February 2006 Phone Sprint

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There is one word for this Sprint: *Ugh!* Conditions were probably the worst since the last sunspot low.

Except for 3 stations, no one east of the Mississippi River even made 50 QSOs on 20 meters before it closed. Forty meters was definitely the money band, but until the separation from foreign broadcast happens in a few more years, it was tough sledding too. Eighty meter conditions were OK, but not outstanding. And to think the actual sunspot cycle bottom is still about a year away. The next few Sprints will be gut-check affairs.

With that said, 113 logs were received, which is about normal. One DX entry was received from N6VR operating as XF1K. Some of the rare NA multipliers worked included: VE8, KL7, T1, KP2, and CM. And maybe a first: an OX multiplier. N6TR worked OX3WM on 20 meters.

## QRP

There were a few brave souls who turned the wick down to 5W or less. Notching his first QRP victory was Brian, NA4BW. The remaining QRP entries in order of finish were: K4BP, NF2L, KC9ECI and VA3RKM.

## Low Power

Bill, K0UK, won his first LP SSB Sprint rather easily with 14 more QSOs and 4 more multipliers than the second place finisher Dave, N5DO. Paul, N4PN, took third place with a good performance from the East Coast. Rounding out the LP Top Ten were W0ETT, KE5OG, K7SV, N6ZFO, NA4K, N6QQ, and NX9T. It was N6QQ and NX9T's first time in the LP Top Ten.

## High Power

The winner of the HP category was

## Corrections

An error crept into the final printed results for the September 2005 SSB Sprint. Here are the corrections:

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSOs	MLTs	Score	Team
K9BGL	Karl	IL	55	98	62	215	40	8600	
WT9U	Jim	IN	63	96	43	202	41	8282	9 & 0 Lids

## Team Scores

### NCCC #1

NK7U	12848
N6DE	11508
N2NL	11298
N7TR	11234
AE6Y	10720
W6NL	10184
N6RO	10146
K7NV	7922
WX5S	6864
N6T	6335

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### SEAHAWKS

W7WA	12390
N6TR	11644
K7RI	11560
K7SS	9880
K5PTC	7227
N7LOX	6831
K17Y	1932
K7WA	477

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### #1 Southern Sprint Coalition

K4XS	14355
KU8E	7000
N4PN	5940
W4NZ	5808
K4BAI	5600
K7SV	5024
NA4BW	2754

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### #1 Lids from Nine & Zero Land

W9RE	10920
KA9FOX	10783
K0OU	6666
K9ZO	5049
KT0R	3016
KK9K	2889
K9NW	2600
AA9RT	2160
WE9V	1520

45603

- NCCC #2 (W6YX, K6LRN, N6ZFO, K6MM, W6OAT, AE7DX, W6EB, NO6X, W6FB, KJ6RA) ..... 32140
- SCCC #1 (K6LA, W6TK, K6EY, K1USC, XF1K) ..... 24072
- GMC A-Team (K0UK, W0ETT) ..... 14070
- #2 Lids from 9&0 Land (N2BJ, WI9WI, KA9F, KJ9C, WG0M, WW9R, N0AT) ..... 13184
- YCCC #1 (K1KI, K5ZD) ..... 7131
- #2 Southern Sprint Coalition (N4GI, K4BP, WA4VJC) ..... 3961
- North Hills Amateur (W3WC, N3TXH, KA3ZIP) ..... 2085
- NCCC #3 (NU6T, W6ZZZ) ..... 277

not a first time winner. Bill, K4XS, has now officially taken over the February SSB Sprint crown from K9PG with wins in the last 2 February events. It was Bill's 4th overall HP win, and he once again did it easily as the only station over 300 QSOs and topping the multiplier list. It was also Bill's 20th time in the HP Top Ten. Congrats to Bill on all the success.

Taking second place with his highest finish ever in the HP category was Jon, KL2A, operating at Joe Rudi's fine NK7U station. Jon only had the third highest QSO total, but he was able to ferret out the second most multipliers. Claiming third was Dan, W7WA. Dan had 3 more QSOs than NK7U but 2 less multipliers.

The rest of the Top Ten were: N6TR,

## Top Ten

Call	Scores	Band Chges	QSOs ERROR RATES CLAIMED/FINAL			00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z	
			Lost	You	Them					+/-
K4XS	14310	58	4	0.9%	2.8%	0	86	69	80	84
NK7U (KL2A)	12804	66	7	1.7%	3.1%	0	102	63	65	63
W7WA	12390	5	2	0.7%	4.4%	0	87	85	70	53
N6TR	11603	4	11	3.4%	6.3%	0	75	73	52	84
K7RI (K7SS)	11520	4	7	2.4%	3.5%	0	96	92	65	46
N6DE (at W6XK)	11466	2	6	1.4%	1.8%	+1	67	70	53	85
N2NL	11298	8	8	2.5%	3.0%	+1	73	80	55	62
N7TR	11234	11	5	1.8%	4.7%	-2	72	76	74	52
KO7AA	11094	8	2	0.8%	4.7%	+2	85	57	60	56
K6LA	11070	20	5	1.8%	1.5%	-1	95	54	81	40

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**Top 10 QSOS**

K4XS	318
W7WA	295
NK7U	291
K7RI	288
N6TR	283
W9RE	280
N7TR	274
N6DE	273
K6LA	270
N2NL	269

**Top 10 Low Power**

KØUK	8460
N5DO	7072
N4PN	5940
WØETT	5610
KE5OG	5310
K7SV	5024
N6ZFO	4672
NA4K	4290
N6QQ	4125
NX9T	4092

**Top 10 Golden Logs**

KW8N	218
K5ZD	103
W6OAT	96
AE7DX	83
K4BP	71
W3WC	71
WT9U	61
WA7BNM	42
NØAC	25
NU6T	23

**Top 10 Multipliers**

K4XS	45
NK7U	44
KO7AA	43
W7WA	42
N6DE	42
N2NL	42
K6LA	41
N6TR	41
N7TR	41
KA9FOX	41

**Top 10 QRP**

NA4BW	2754
K4BP	1775
NF2L	143
KC9ECI	120
VA3RKM	30

**Top 10 Band Changes**

W9RE	111
NK7U	66
K4XS	58
NA4BW	57
AE6Y	50
N4ZZ	44
KØUK	41
N6RO	40
KW8N	37
N5DO	24
N6ZFO	24

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K7RI (K7SS), N6DE (at W6XK), N2NL, N7TR, KO7AA, and K6LA. It was N2NL and KO7AA's first time in the Top Ten.

After a hiatus in the September article, I've added the ERROR RATES and CLAIM / FINAL +/- columns to the Top Ten box. Interestingly enough, even scores in the Top Ten are bunched from numbers 4 through 10 (only 550 points separation), there was not a lot of movement up or down from claimed to final scores. If you are wondering how N7TR dropped 3 spots when he only lost 5 QSOs, well, unfortunately, one of the QSOs he lost also cost him a multiplier. Also notice KO7AA. He is +2 at number 9, which means he moved into the Top Ten from number 11 due to good logging accuracy (W9RE dropped out). Finally, if you are comparing +/-s here to the 3830 list, you will notice that while N6TR and K7RI are flipped in the 3830 list, they are both listed as 0s here. As it turns out, K7RI logs on paper initially and as a result his claimed log had 5 dupes counted and an extra, non-existent, multiplier counted. His claimed score after the dupes and multiplier were removed was lower than N6TR's score.

**Golden Logs**

The Top Ten Golden Logs were KW8N, K5ZD, W6OAT, AE7DX, K4BP, W3WC, WT9U, WA7BNM, NØAC and NU6T. Congratulations to all on the accuracy! If you want a copy of your log checking report, please send an e-mail to [ssbsprint@ncjweb.com](mailto:ssbsprint@ncjweb.com).

**Records**

As you would expect with the conditions, there were no records broken. There were 3 QRP area records initially established by NF2L in New York, K4BP in Tennessee, and KC9ECI in Wisconsin.

You can view the SSB Sprint records at [www.ncjweb.com/ssbsprintrecords.php](http://www.ncjweb.com/ssbsprintrecords.php).

**Teams**

Starting to establish some dominance of their own of late in SSB Sprints, the Northern California Contest Club #1 Team took first place with 99,059 points from 10 entries. Finishing in second place—just like their namesakes would in the Super Bowl later on Sunday—was Team Seahawks with over 60K from 8

entries. Making a good showing from the East Coast with a third place team finish was Southern Sprint Coalition #1. Rounding out the top 4 was another creative name from those SMC guys with a team of Lids from Nine and Zero Land.

**Notes**

Station A calls CQ on frequency X and works station B. Station A is now required to QSY and make a QSO on a different frequency before returning to frequency X. Sometimes (hopefully inadvertently and not intentionally) station A will return to frequency X and work station C before making an intervening QSO on a frequency different than X. This is a round robin QSO for station A and it is prohibited by the rules. Please be more careful to follow this rule. There are observers listening (including yours truly and others) from time to time. Stations that are noted repeatedly making round robin QSOs will be disqualified.

The September 2006 Phone Sprint will be held at 0000Z on September 17 (September 16 local time). Get on and join us in the fun!

**Soapbox**

Long skip almost right from the start, made this a tough one! – *W9RE*. This contest is the pits for us folks up in the NE. 20 was dead and not enough people were on 40. The first hour was a disaster. – *WB1GQR (W1SJ)*. They said you should try something new this year. Maybe this one counts for me because this was my first serious attempt in any SSB contest. It was pretty brutal. – *W6YX*. Bands were really screwy at the start of this Sprint. – *N4PN*. Got on to give out the Iowa multiplier. It seems like Iowa is not very well represented in the sprints so I try to get on and hand out some points. – *NØAC*. First serious effort from new QTH. Great fun despite very poor conditions and lower participation. – *KA9FOX*. Simply brutal. Eight Qs on 20 with none being from CA. Broadcast crud on 40 was loud and the band was long. Even 80 seemed long. – *K7SV*. My First NA Sprint. Fast paced! It's kind of like dealing with a multiple personality Schizophrenic. – *K1USC*. 20 died early and 40 was long from the beginning. My worst sprint in years. – *KØOU*.

# Scores

\* denotes Low Power  
 \*\* denotes QRP

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	MLT	Score	Team	Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	MLT	Score	Team
WB1GQR	MITCH	VT	5	49	95	149	34	5066		K6EY	*BECKY	CA	34	64	33	131	26	3406	SCCC #1
(W1SJ)										K6MM	JOHN	CA	34	46	39	119	24	2856	NCCC #2
K1KI	TOM	CT	4	85	56	145	30	4350	YCCC #1	W6OAT	*RUSTY	CA	46	50	0	96	29	2784	NCCC #2
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	0	44	59	103	27	2781	YCCC #1	N6AN	REX	CA	55	45	0	100	26	2600	
W1CRK	*CAL	MA	0	3	0	3	3	9		N6NF	*TOM	CA	18	45	39	102	25	2550	
W2EQ	*TOM	NJ	2	41	37	80	22	1760		W6EB	JIM	CA	23	39	36	98	25	2450	NCCC #2
WA2RY	*RON	NJ	0	38	32	70	21	1470		NO6X	KEN	CA	15	52	21	88	25	2200	NCCC #2
NF2L	**ANDY	NY	0	4	9	13	11	143		K1USC	*TONY	CA	23	38	28	89	24	2136	SCCC #1
W3WC	PETER	PA	0	10	61	71	29	2059	N Hills	W6FB	*JACK	CA	18	35	31	84	21	1764	NCCC #2
N3SD	*GREG	PA	0	0	57	57	24	1368		KJ6RA	*RICH	CA	23	34	12	69	23	1587	NCCC #2
N8NA	*KARL	DE	2	16	15	33	16	528		K6III	JERRY	CA	48	0	0	48	20	960	
AJ3M	MASA	MD	11	3	0	14	11	154		ND6S	*RAY	CA	20	25	2	47	19	893	
N3TXH	*ERNEST	PA	0	5	0	5	5	25	N Hills	WA7BNM	*BRUCE	CA	0	42	0	42	21	882	
K3ASK	*LINT	MD	0	2	2	4	4	16		K6ST	*BARRY	CA	12	11	13	36	19	684	
KA3ZIP	*LEN	PA	1	0	0	1	1	1	N Hills	NU6T	*RICH	CA	10	10	3	23	12	276	NCCC #3
K4XS	BILL	FL	106	115	97	318	45	14310	#1 S Sprint	W6ZZZ	MARK	CA	1	0	0	1	1	1	NCCC #3
N4ZZ	DON	TN	43	104	83	230	38	8740		NK7U	JOE	OR	64	130	97	291	44	12804	NCCC #1
N4OX	JAY	FL	10	110	103	223	39	8697		(KL2A)									
KU8E	JEFF	GA	17	97	86	200	35	7000	#1 S Sprint	W7WA	DAN	WA	94	120	81	295	42	12390	SEAHAWKS
N4PN	*PAUL	GA	20	92	53	165	36	5940	#1 S Sprint	N6TR	TREE	OR	77	121	85	283	41	11603	SEAHAWKS
W4NZ	TED	TN	43	76	57	176	33	5808	#1 S Sprint	K7RI	DAN	WA	98	123	67	288	40	11520	SEAHAWKS
K4BAI	JOHN	GA	25	88	62	175	32	5600	#1 S Sprint	(K7SS)									
K4MA	JIM	NC	18	75	75	168	33	5544		N7TR	RICH	NV	77	119	78	274	41	11234	NCCC #1
K7SV	*LARRY	VA	8	71	78	157	32	5024	#1 S Sprint	KO7AA	BILL	AZ	60	125	73	258	43	11094	
NA4K	*STEVE	TN	13	61	69	143	30	4290		K7SS	HAWK	WA	68	104	88	260	38	9880	SEAHAWKS
NX9T	*JEFF	NC	16	66	50	132	31	4092		(K7RL)									
NA4BW	**BRIAN	GA	3	43	56	102	27	2754	#1 S Sprint	K7NV	KURT	NV	64	85	84	233	34	7922	NCCC #1
N4GI	BLAKE	FL	37	45	0	82	26	2132	#2 S Sprint	N7LOX	BRIAN	WA	53	83	71	207	33	6831	SEAHAWKS
K4BP	**JEFF	TN	20	21	30	71	25	1775	#2 S Sprint	AE7DX	*JACK	NV	1	70	12	83	30	2490	NCCC #2
K4CZ	*BARRY	NC	2	28	34	64	23	1472	#2 S Sprint	KI7Y	*JIM	OR	28	34	22	84	23	1932	SEAHAWKS
N4CW	*JIM	NC	4	32	23	59	21	1239		KEY7F	*PAUL	AZ	24	43	21	88	18	1584	
(WA2JFK)										K7WA	*JIM	WA	7	24	22	53	9	477	SEAHAWKS
KG4YNM	DORNEY	NC	0	24	10	34	19	646		WA7YUL	*BOB	AZ	7	10	2	19	10	190	
W4IFI	*RANDY	VA	0	15	13	28	14	392		KW8N	BOB	OH	35	89	94	218	34	7412	
WA4VJC	*BOB	GA	0	0	9	9	6	54	#2 S Sprint	K8MR	LEBRON	OH	8	33	32	73	21	1533	
K5PTC	BOB	TX	43	96	80	219	33	7227	SEAHAWKS	K8BB	DON	MI	0	28	0	28	12	336	
(N1LN)										W9RE	MIKE	IN	59	121	100	280	39	10920	#1 Lids
N5DO	*DAVE	TX	52	103	66	221	32	7072		KA9FOX	SCOTT	WI	60	99	104	263	41	10783	#1 Lids
KE5OG	*BILL	TX	40	80	57	177	30	5310		K9BGL	KARL	IL	45	76	84	205	37	7585	
K5XR	JOE	TX	44	108	0	152	34	5168		N2BJ	BARRY	IL	37	72	70	179	31	5549	#2 Lids
(W5ASP)										K9ZO	RALPH	IL	28	62	63	153	33	5049	#1 Lids
WW5X	BILL	OK	26	75	52	153	27	4131		KK9K	RON	WI	19	33	55	107	27	2889	#1 Lids
W2MN	*TOM	TX	37	40	23	100	24	2400		K9NW	MIKE	IN	30	41	29	100	26	2600	#1 Lids
KD5OWO	*STEVE	TX	14	50	0	64	21	1344		AA9RT	*LOU	IL	18	21	51	90	24	2160	#1 Lids
AD5OS	*BRIAN	TX	14	1	8	23	13	299		WI9WI	JIM	WI	29	34	34	97	22	2134	#2 Lids
N6DE	BILL	CA	72	114	87	273	42	11466	NCCC #1	KA9F	JOHN	IN	0	48	30	78	24	1872	#2 Lids
(at W6XK)										WE9V	CHAD	WI	40	40	0	80	19	1520	#1 Lids
N2NL	DAVE	CA	74	118	77	269	42	11298	NCCC #1	KJ9C	MEL	IN	24	24	25	73	20	1460	#2 Lids
K6LA	KEN	CA	62	123	85	270	41	11070	SCCC #1	WT9U	JIM	IN	27	33	1	61	16	976	
AE6Y	ANDY	CA	75	107	86	268	40	10720	NCCC #1	WW9R	*PAT	WI	17	3	21	41	15	615	#2 Lids
W6NL	DAVE	CA	62	108	98	268	38	10184	NCCC #1	KC9ECI	**TOM	WI	9	6	0	15	8	120	
N6RO	KEN	CA	72	105	90	267	38	10146	NCCC #1	K0UK	*BILL	CO	54	108	73	235	36	8460	GMC A-Team
W6TK	DICK	CA	58	61	83	202	34	6868	SCCC #1	W0BH	BOB	KS	31	96	88	215	36	7740	
WX5S	MATT	CA	68	80	60	208	33	6864	NCCC #1	K0OU	STEVE	MO	36	90	76	202	33	6666	#1 Lids
(at K6XX)										W0ETT	*KEN	CO	43	87	40	170	33	5610	GMC A-Team
Ni6T	AL	CA	30	78	73	181	35	6335	NCCC #1	K0HW	JIM	SD	43	65	64	172	31	5332	
W6YX	MIKE	CA	52	70	61	183	34	6222	NCCC #2	KT0R	DAVE	MN	14	13	77	104	29	3016	#1 Lids
(W6RK)										WG0M	*MIKE	MN	16	33	12	61	16	976	#2 Lids
K6LRN	DICK	CA	33	63	69	165	31	5115	NCCC #2	N0AT	*RON	MN	0	20	14	34	17	578	#2 Lids
N6ZFO	*BILL	CA	32	67	47	146	32	4672	NCCC #2	AC0W	*BILL	MN	0	25	2	27	16	432	
N6QQ	*JOHN	CA	47	68	10	125	33	4125		N0AC	*BILL	IA	0	25	0	25	9	225	
										VE3WG	*BOB	vE3	0	32	19	51	19	969	
										VA3RKM	**BOB	vE3	0	5	1	6	5	30	
										XF1K	*RAY	XE	16	12	0	28	10	280	SCCC #1
										(N6VR)									

