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NCJ Phone Sprint

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I am writing this lead while home from work due to a snowstorm that dumped (I use that word somewhat loosely) about 8 inches on Greenville, North Carolina (90 miles east of Raleigh), and closed the place down. Now I realize that most places accustomed to snow find 8 inches almost laughable. Having lived in Michigan, Connecticut and Idaho, I would concur. However, out here a half-inch is a big deal. There are probably three snowplows in the whole county and they are converted road graters. A few inches brings everything in this area to a grinding halt.

The September 2000 running of the Phone Sprint did not grind to a halt, it went full blast. It would be hard to top last February's record-setting fest, but the September Sprint tried. With the exception of the February 2000 scores, this contest was the best in 7 or 8 years and maybe the second best ever. A total of 113 logs were received from 40 areas, the most since February 1992 and September 1994, respectively (sans seven months ago).

N5KO traveled to his Galapagos home-away-from-home and proved once again that a great operator and a great location can combine to create a great score. This is the first time a non-US/Canadian station won the Phone Sprint. Operating only on 20 meters, Trey recorded the second-highest mark both for QSOs and for overall score. He made more QSOs on 20 than anyone ever (by 83 Qs) and set a new multiplier standard, surpassing the record set just last February. Love that north-south path.

N6MJ set a new California record (again surpassing a February 2000 record) and took second place, his highest finish ever. Sixth to tenth were very tight with just 370 points separating the extremes. The composition of the Top Ten is quite geographically diverse (even without HC8N) with stations from the West Coast (N6MJ, K6LL, VA7RR, N6ED), Midwest (KW8N, N8VW, N9RV), and South (HC8N, K4XS, K5NZ) making their presence known. The 40-meter start by many Midwest and Eastern stations has made that group, as a whole, much more competitive (Top-Ten wise) than in the past. You might want to try a 40-meter start in February—it may be the only time to work close-in stations on that band.

In February, K9PG went to K9XD and took second place overall. This time he ventured to K9AA and won the Low

Power category. He was comfortably ahead of K6AM who had a score that would have been good enough to win last February. The Low Power Top Ten is equally as geographically diverse as the high power group, with six call areas

represented. Over 35% of logs received were of the low power variety.

New records were set in a few places beyond those mentioned above. N4CW left North Carolina to set a new touchstone from his summer place in Maine,

Top 10 Scores

Call	Score	Qs	Lost
HC8N	23580	7	
N6MJ	19656	6	
K4XS	18762	3	
KW8N	17596	6	
K6LL	17350	9	
VA7RR	16450	1	
N6ED	16366	1	
N8VW	16276	8	
K5NZ	16218	6	
N9RV	16080	6	

Top 10 Low Power Scores

Call	Score	Qs	Lost
K9AA	14400	6	
K6AM	12643	5	
K0EJ	10998	3	
K9NW	10810	3	
WA7BNM	10277	1	
W7UQ	9560	6	
ND8L	8976	5	
K1HT	8730	0	
N6RT	8610	1	
WN6K	7954	5	

Top 10 QSOs

HC8N	393
N6MJ	364
K4XS	354
K6LL	347
N9RV	335
N6ED	334
KW8N	332
VA7RR	329
K6LA	321
K5NZ	318

Top 10 Mults

HC8N	60
N6MJ	54
K4XS	53
KW8N	53
W1WEF	53
N8VW	52
K5NZ	51
N2NL	51
W5WMU	51
K6LL	50
VA7RR	50
K6LA	50
K9AA	50
K8CC	50

Top 10 Band Changes

KW8N	92
K6LA	59
W9RE	36
W5WMU	29
WE9V	25
K9VV	19
N6MJ	18
KU8E	18
K9AA	17
W1WEF	13
K9NW	13
N6RT	13

Golden Logs (over 50 QSOs)

K3CR	276
K1HT	194
K6III	157
N8AA	150
AC0W	143
NQ4U	140
K6EP	139
NI2P	111
KE0FT	101

A Personal Note

The Phone Sprint has been in existence since September 1982. I started the Phone Sprint when I was the *NCJ* editor and have been the Phone Sprint Editor since its inception, a span of over 18 years. Although I am almost exclusively a CW op, I have continued to be the editor because I believe that the Phone Sprint holds an important place in the contesting spectrum, especially for those who predominately operate that mode. Your comments and encouragement have also helped me keep going.

Being the editor is fun and it is work. It is fun because I can, in a small way, keep in touch with contesting and testers even though there have been many periods in those 18 years when I have effectively not had a station on the air. It is work because I spend many, many hours checking the logs and preparing the write-up. Although that task has been made easier as of late with the log-checking software developed by N6TR, it is still a significant time-consumer. The CW Sprint (with more entries per contest) has gone through a number of editors in those 18 years, in part because of the time requirements.

It is now time for me to move on. Increased responsibilities at work and a desire to spend some time working on my yet-to-be-developed station in the country mean I need to reduce my commitments.

The February 2001 Phone Sprint will be my last as editor. I have mulled over this decision for a year now and it is a difficult one. I do not yet know who the new editor will be, but I am sure he (or she) will keep the tradition going. Please give the new editor the support you have given me.

It has been a pleasure to be your scribe for almost two decades. Thank you all for your comments and expressions of thanks over the years. They are more important to me than you will ever know. It has been a great run and I would do it over again in a heartbeat. See you on the bands.

breaking a record set in September 1989. He is now back in warmer North Carolina for the winter (in the interests of full-disclosure, see comments in first paragraph in order to discern the full meaning of the word "warmer"). Another even older record (this from September 1984) was broken by K8CC in Michigan. We received first-time entries from HC8, CX and LU. In fact, the CX/LU duo gave us a first-ever team from outside North America.

Speaking of teams, the Southern California Contest Club led the pack for the eighth time in the last nine contests. Their total was the third highest ever recorded. Last February, their winning streak came to an end and I suggested September was a great time to start another. It's nice that someone listens.

The Society of Midwest Contesters (SCCC's streak breaker) fielded three teams in September, one of which (SMC #1) took second place. Time to raise it one notch? NCCC and MRRC were very close behind in third and fourth. Just one more entrant from either of those two teams would have vaulted it into second place. Thanks to all 13 teams, including a first-time entry from south of the equator (the LU Contesters).

Nine logs over 50 QSOs had no score reductions, a new record. For the second time in a row, K3CR had the Golden Log with the highest number of Qs. Congrats to all nine.

Thanks for your participation. Happy hunting in February. Let's make it the best ever.

Soapbox

Getting started in the Sprint still seems like jumping onto a moving train.—K6EP. I'm

really starting to like these Sprint things, in a twisted sort of way.—W4NF. Took a while to feel the rhythm and "belly up."—W9YS. Got off to a good first hour but still couldn't break 300.—W6TK. First phone Sprint.—ND8L. I'll never be able to talk as fast as KW8N.—N9RV. Nice to work the gang again after a few years off.—N6ER. Low power and no gain antennas is a recipe for frustration. See ya next time.—N4VI. I thought that surely I would be making more Qs on 20 now that I'm using a beam and 500 W amp.—N4CW. Many nice mults were on this time. I could have used some of them in the CW Sprint.—K1HT. Great operators. KW8N seemed to have the fastest brain and tongue.—LW9EUJ. The 40-meter start helped, but not as dramatically as last time.—KW8N. My first

Sprint entry. Great fun.—KR6RF. My hat is off to the guys who really do well in this contest.—K3CR. Used a hand mike which caused my hand to be permanently welded in position. The things we do for our club.—K1TO. Was heading for a record (for me) of 280+ Qs and ran into a wall of s9+20 noise on 80. The last hour was miserable.—AE6Y. Really enjoyed this one. It is such a joy to walk downstairs 15 minutes before the contest to sit down and have fun.—KA9FOX. Maybe two hours total time on between watching the Olympic events.—W9SMC. Fun to have HC8N call me.—K7ZO. That 40-meter start is HUGE here! Thanks to everyone who makes it worthwhile.—K9AA. First phone Sprint in a while. It confirmed that I like CW better.—W1WEF.

Team Scores

1. Southern California Contest Club		2. Society of Midwest Contesters #1		3. Northern California Contest Club		4. Mad River Radio Club	
N6MJ	19656	W9RE	14688	HC8N	23580	KW8N	17596
K6LL	17350	K9AA	14400	VA7RR	16450	N8VW	16276
N6ED	16366	KA9FOX	14352	N6RO	14053	KU8E	13632
K6LA	16050	K9IG	12650	K5RC	12915	K8CC	12900
K6RO	14288	WE9V	12584	AE6Y	12098	K9TM	12314
W6TK	13573	KG9X	11088	KA6BIM	10416	ND8DX	11270
K6AM	12643	K9NW	10810	K6CTA	7544	N8EA	10575
WA7BNM	10277	K9PW	10621	K6TA	6794	N8KR	5434
N6RT	8610	KI9A	10530	K6EP	5143		99,997
WN6K	7954		111,723		108,993		
	136,767						

5. Florida Contest Group (K4XS, WC4E, N2NL, K1TO, W4SAA)	59,777
6. North Coast Contesters (N9RV, K3CR, ND8L, N8AA, K8LN)	47,568
7. Society of Midwest Contesters #2 (K9MMS, K9VV, KE9R, WI9WI, W0UY, K9SD, W9YS, KG9N)	43,742
8. Tennessee Contest Group (K4MA, K0EJ, N4VI, NQ4U, K4BP)	42,278
9. Minnesota Wireless Association (KT0R, AC0W)	14,936
10. Society of Midwest Contesters #3 (K9ZO, W9LYN, NZ8C, K9WX, W9HL)	12,041
11. Texas DX Society (KG5U)	11,160
12. Revenge of the Nerds (W7UQ)	9,560
13. LU Contesters (CX6VM, LW9EUJ)	1,008

Scores

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mults	Score	Team	Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mults	Score	Team
N1TN	Dave	CT	124	117	59	300	52	15600		N1LN	Bruce	TX	116	75	44	235	44	10340	
W1WEF	Jack	CT	102	114	63	279	53	14787		K5AM	Mark	NM	120	37	23	180	36	6480	
K1HT	*Dave	MA	73	81	40	194	45	8730		N5TU	Earl	TX	75	37	18	130	36	4680	
N4CW	Bert	ME	55	64	35	154	41	6314		KG5RM	Chris	AR	19	64	23	106	32	3392	
K5ZD	Randy	MA	61	63	30	154	40	6160		N6ZZ	Phil	NM	87	0	0	87	33	2871	
N12P	*Leon	NY	15	89	7	111	37	4107		N6MJ	Dan	CA	185	114	65	364	54	19656	SCCC
K3CR	Jim	PA	79	122	75	276	47	12972	N Coast	N6ED	Ed	CA	191	95	48	334	49	16366	SCCC
N8NA	*Karl	DE	22	53	26	101	29	2929		K6LA	Ken	CA	156	126	39	321	50	16050	SCCC
K4XS	Bill	FL	197	94	63	354	53	18762	FCG	K6RO	Larry	CA	164	95	45	304	47	14288	SCCC
WC4E	Jeff	FL	132	112	60	304	47	14288	FCG	N6RO	Ken	CA	147	100	52	299	47	14053	NCCC
N2NL	Dave	FL	111	115	53	279	51	14229	FCG	W6TK	Dick	CA	138	103	36	277	49	13573	SCCC
K4MA	Jim	NC	78	126	61	265	47	12455	TGC	K6AM	*John	CA	159	77	33	269	47	12643	SCCC
K1TO	Dan	FL	138	86	22	246	47	11562	FCG	AE6Y	Andy	CA	134	103	26	263	46	12098	NCCC
K0EJ	*Mark	TN	59	110	65	234	47	10998	TGC	KR6RF	Chuck	CA	119	92	40	251	42	10542	
W4NF	Jack	VA	65	109	49	223	44	9812		KA6BIM	Dave	CA	127	75	15	217	48	10416	NCCC
K4BAI	John	GA	101	49	43	193	42	8106		WA7BNM	*Bruce	CA	122	86	31	239	43	10277	SCCC
NQ4U	*Jim	TN	15	78	47	140	41	5699	TGC	N6RT	*Doug	CA	99	95	16	210	41	8610	SCCC
K4BP	Jeff	TN	48	76	18	142	37	5254	TGC	WN6K	*Paul	CA	95	78	21	194	41	7954	SCCC
K7SV	*Larry	VA	76	51	0	127	38	4826		K6CTA	Ed	CA	115	64	5	184	41	7544	NCCC
K4IU	*Fred	KY	21	63	28	112	37	4144		N6ER	Kevin	CA	81	93	1	175	39	6825	
W4SAA	*Joe	FL	27	8	4	39	24	936	FCG	K6TA	Ken	CA	114	12	32	158	43	6794	NCCC
KE4VEK	*Bill	FL	23	1	0	24	17	408		K6III	Jerry	CA	114	27	16	157	43	6751	
K5NZ	Mike	TX	128	123	67	318	51	16218		K6EP	Eric	CA	84	35	20	139	37	5143	NCCC
W5WUMU	Pat	LA	112	85	72	269	51	13719		K6LL	Dave	AZ	217	88	42	347	50	17350	SCCC
KZ5D	Art	LA	108	124	35	267	49	13083		K5RC	Tom	NV	151	90	46	287	45	12915	NCCC
KG5U	Dale	TX	133	76	39	248	45	11160	TDXS	W7UQ	*Dan	ID	124	73	42	239	40	9560	Revenge
										W7MT	Russ	OR	112	76	19	207	43	8901	
										K17Y	*Jim	OR	95	57	10	162	40	6480	

Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mults	Score	Team	Call	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSO	Mults	Score	Team
N7RX	*Neal	OR	83	54	11	148	35	5180		KG9N	Chuck	IL	16	47	0	63	25	1575	SMC #2
KW7N	*Steve	ID	82	49	0	131	34	4454		NZ8C	*Renee	IL	3	49	0	52	28	1456	SMC #3
K7ZO	Scott	ID	62	46	0	108	33	3564		K9WX	*Tim	IN	3	25	0	28	16	448	SMC #3
KW8N	Bob	OH	107	146	79	332	53	17596	MRRC	W9HL	Randy	IL	0	0	7	7	3	21	SMC #3
N8VW	Pat	OH	104	130	79	313	52	16276	MRRC	KT0R	Dave	MN	44	126	41	211	43	9073	MWA
KU8E	Jeff	OH	72	140	72	284	48	13632	MRRC	WA0SXV	Mike	MO	40	101	63	204	43	8772	
K8CC	Dave	MI	86	141	31	258	50	12900	MRRC	N4VI	*Chris	CO	79	77	36	192	41	7872	TCG
K9TM	Bob	MI	84	116	62	262	47	12314	MRRC	AE9B	Tom	MO	68	107	0	175	39	6825	
ND8DX	Ed	OH	80	91	74	245	46	11270	MRRC	W0UY	*Tom	KS	56	98	1	155	39	6045	SMC #2
N8EA	Joe	MI	81	99	55	235	45	10575	MRRC	AC0W	*Bill	MN	24	85	34	143	41	5863	MWA
ND8L	*Ray	OH	74	79	51	204	44	8976	N Coast	KE0FT	*John	IA	0	101	0	101	36	3636	
N8AA	*John	OH	70	80	0	150	45	6750	N Coast	KI0MB	*Brian	MO	37	60	0	97	36	3492	
N8KR	*Ken	MI	48	62	33	143	38	5434	MRRC	N0WY	*Steve	NE	56	21	0	77	28	2156	
K8LN	John	OH	0	44	46	90	31	2790	N Coast	N0LZ	*John	NE	0	20	9	29	18	522	
N9RV	Pat	IN	106	125	104	335	48	16080	N Coast	VE9WH	*Jim	VE1	22	49	35	106	29	3074	
W9RE	Mike	IN	100	120	86	306	48	14688	SMC #1	VE3YQY	*Gord	VE3	23	0	1	24	9	216	
K9AA	*Paul	IL	72	136	80	288	50	14400	SMC #1	VE5SF	*Sam	VE5	74	84	19	177	38	6726	
KA9FOX	Scott	WI	87	124	88	299	48	14352	SMC #1	VE5CPU	*Bart	VE5	50	66	3	119	32	3808	
K9IG	Ed	IN	77	114	84	275	46	12650	SMC #1	VA7RR	Gary	VE7	166	112	51	329	50	16450	NCCC
WE9V	Chad	WI	83	121	82	286	44	12584	SMC #1	VE7IN	Earl	VE7	103	86	16	205	44	9020	
KG9X	Fred	IL	71	116	65	252	44	11088	SMC #1	HC8N	Trey	HC8	393	0	0	393	60	23580	NCCC
K9NW	*Mike	IN	62	111	62	235	46	10810	SMC #1	XE1RGL	*Bill	XE	55	0	0	55	25	1300	
K9PW	Peter	IL	68	122	57	247	43	10621	SMC #1	LW9EUJ	*Martin	LU	32	0	0	32	16	512	LU Cont
KI9A	Chuck	IL	63	102	72	237	46	10530	SMC #1	CX6VM	Geo	CX	31	0	0	31	16	496	LU Cont
K9MMS	Gary	IL	58	85	59	202	42	8484	SMC #2	*Denotes a Low Power entry.									
K9VV	Fubar	IN	28	97	61	186	45	8370	SMC #2	Checklogs: W4NTI and KC7WUE									
K9ZO	Ralph	IL	55	81	60	196	41	8036	SMC #3	Operators: HC8N by N5KO, K3CR by WA3FET, KR6RF by W6XK, W7UQ by KL9A, K9AA by K9PG, W9SMC by KJ9C									
KE9R	*Greg	IN	48	89	48	185	41	7585	SMC #2	Stations: KG5U from W5RRR, K6EP from N6IJ, N6MJ from KG6OK, K9PW from K9MOT									
W19WI	Jim	WI	50	77	39	166	39	6474	SMC #2										
W9IU	Don	IN	39	88	21	148	40	5800											
W9SMC	Bubba	IN	0	76	48	124	34	4216											
K9SD	Sam	IL	23	62	8	93	32	2976	SMC #2										
W9YS	*Mike	IL	12	35	30	77	29	2233	SMC #2										
W9LYN	*Bill	IL	3	62	0	65	32	2080	SMC #3										