

Results: North American Sprint RTTY — October 2011

The 22nd North American RTTY Sprint attracted 129 active stations, according to the 51 logs submitted. There were 41 multipliers in the logs. A number of the Sprint regulars were missing this time, due to critical priorities that fell on top of the event. There was a lot of activity from Cuba this time, with five different call signs worked: CO2VE, CO2IZ, CO2MS, CO2CW and CO2RR. XE1XOE was the other non-US/VE station.

Mark, K6UFO, topped the QRP division with 91 contacts and 3003 points. Low Power regular Ron, N0AT, led the 32 entrants and placed second overall. Participants turned in a lot of Golden Logs. Mike, N7MH, operating from W6YX, led with his 102-contact log.

Six of the Top 10 operators were running SO2R, which may have been less of an advantage, given the modest activity level this time. Once again many Top 10 finishers were in the West. Low Power and QRP stations also did very well compared to the High Power entries.

In the club competition the South West Arizona Contest Club (SWACC) assembled a partial team from around the country to best the partial team from the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC).

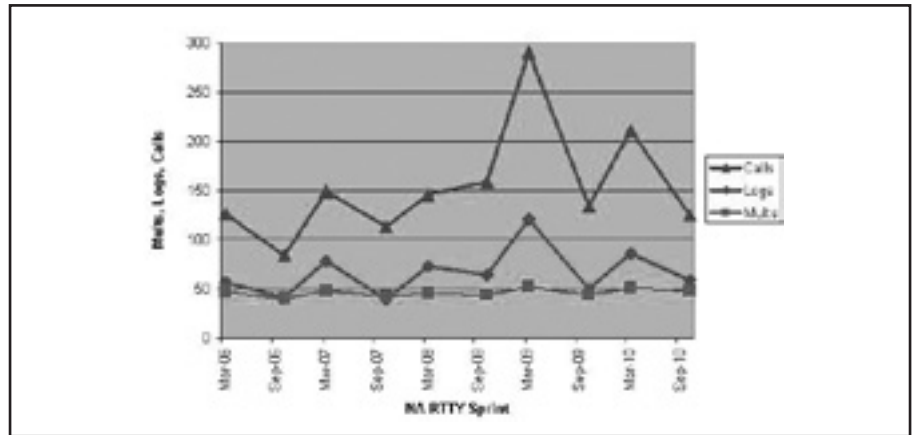


Figure 1 — RTTY Sprint participation over the last 5 years

Operating

Several logs contained a number of busted exchanges that propagated to a second and third band. While the Sprint places emphasis on speed, operators must balance that with accuracy. Sprint log checking is *very* strict, with most logging errors captured. Because of this, the Sprint format is a great way to build operating skill; it's unfortunate that more operators don't take advantage of these twice-yearly

RTTY, CW and SSB events. Of course, another feature of the Sprints is their short duration, which means participants do not have to devote an entire weekend to ham radio contesting.

With the March RTTY Sprint just ahead, think about what you can do to increase participation, such as forming a team, either within your local club or of stations from around the region. The RTTY Sprint will be a lot more fun with greater participation.

Scoring Summary

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSOs	Mlts	Score	Team
KA2KON	*STEVE	NH	17	20	0	37	26	962	
K5ZD	RANDY	MA	19	17	0	36	19	684	
KB1GKN	*RUSS	NH	8	8	0	16	11	176	
K2DSL	*DAVID	NJ	23	46	20	89	32	2848	
N2EIK	JOHN	NY	18	41	17	76	28	2128	
WV2ZOW	*MIKE	NJ	1	18	-1	18	15	270	
W0BR	*BOB	PA	31	56	23	111	37	4107	
K4MCK	*KEVIN	TN	15	47	0	63	30	1890	
AB4SF	*WRAY	VA	22	33	0	55	28	1540	
K4GMH	MIKE	VA	20	30	0	50	26	1300	
K4FPF	*PAUL	VA	7	27	11	45	23	1035	
K5AM	MARK	NM	46	60	13	118	35	4130	SWACC
KE5OG	*BILL	TX	35	46	6	87	31	2697	SWACC
AA5AU	*DON	LA	14	42	12	68	30	2040	
W6YX	MIKE	CA	37	49	16	102	33	3366	NCCC #1
W6SX	HANK	CA	46	31	12	89	33	2937	NCCC #1
W6PK	PHIL	CA	31	28	14	73	28	2044	NCCC #1
AF6IF	*DMITRI	CA	25	27	7	59	30	1770	
W6UX	*JEFF	CA	21	18	0	39	21	819	
N6HE	*RAY	CA	14	0	0	14	13	182	
K6GEP	TIM	CA	7	0	3	10	9	90	
W7WW	RED	AZ	50	49	14	113	35	3955	SWACC
NN7SS	**BURT	WA	46	35	9	91	33	3003	
N3RC	ROGER	MT	27	46	12	85	33	2805	NCCC #1
WU6W	RICK	NV	34	42	8	83	30	2490	NCCC #1
N7VEA	*BILL	ID	26	29	6	61	28	1708	
W7WHY	*TOM	OR	14	20	7	41	23	943	

Call Sign	Name	QTH	20	40	80	QSOs	Mts	Score	Team
N7NTQ	*DAVE	WA	19	19	0	38	23	874	
K7TQ	*RANDY	ID	0	17	3	20	15	300	
ND8L	RAY	OH	20	31	7	58	28	1624	
W8WTS	*JIM	OH	0	16	6	22	17	374	
WI9WI	JIM	WI	20	30	15	65	29	1885	
N2BJ	BARRY	IL	9	38	0	47	28	1316	
KB9OWD	*RYAN	WI	0	17	7	24	14	336	
K9QH	MIKE	WI	0	19	0	19	15	285	
N0XR	DEAN	IA	44	65	38	149	39	5811	SWACC
N0AT	*RON	MN	44	65	29	138	38	5244	
WG0M	*MIKE	MN	31	29	3	63	28	1764	
K0XU	*JIM	NE	15	28	10	53	28	1484	
AC0PP	*CHRIS	MO	6	28	14	48	25	1200	
AC0E	*JIM	KS	22	10	0	32	17	544	
VE4EAR	ED	VE4	32	49	22	103	32	3296	
VE3KI	*RICH	VE3	22	49	25	96	34	3264	
VE3JI	*IAN	VE3	17	41	18	76	32	2432	
VE2EBK	*DANY	VE2	21	40	11	72	30	2160	
VE7BC	*KEN	VE7	33	35	0	68	30	2040	
VE3RCN	*KEVIN	VE3	18	29	14	61	26	1586	
VE3AJ	*JIM	VE3	2	28	4	34	22	748	
XE1XOE	*MIGUEL	XE	25	25	0	55	27	1485	
CO2MS	*MANUEL	CM	10	22	0	32	25	800	
CO2VE	**MARCOS	CM	12	15	0	27	19	513	

*Low Power
**QRP

Top 10

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
N0XR	5811	81	3	46	33	39	30
N0AT	5244	73	5	44	36	37	21
K5AM	4130	2	8	40	34	26	19
W0BR	4107	75	2	32	25	32	21
W7WW	3955	48	16	41	32	21	20
W6YX	3366	6	0	11	37	41	13
VE4EAR	3296	4	8	31	36	22	14
VE3KI	3264	14	4	30	30	21	17
NN7SS	3003	36	4	29	26	21	15
W6SX	2937	3	5	31	20	28	10

Top One-Radio

Call Sign	Score	Bnd Chgs	QSOs Lost	00Z	01Z	02Z	03Z
K5AM	4130	2	8	40	34	26	19
W6YX	3366	6	0	11	37	41	13
VE4EAR	3296	4	8	31	36	22	14
W6SX	2937	3	5	31	20	28	10
N3RC	2805	5	11	23	30	30	2
KE5OG	2697	11	5	12	29	30	16
WU6W	2490	3	9	25	20	25	16
VE2EBK	2160	5	7	19	24	15	15
N2EIK	2128	3	12	19	24	20	14
K4MCK	1890	1	8	13	24	14	13

Soapbox

Saludos desde Cuba — CO2MS

I can't recall conditions being so bad. Twenty was weak and slow. The low bands were even weaker and slower. Activity seemed really low as well. I pushed two radios as hard as I could, but mostly that was unanswered CQs, people moving in on my CQ frequency, and people CQing in my face without even a "?." MMTTY crashed once during the contest, or maybe I clicked on something I shouldn't have, but even the time to restart it and redo the settings was more interesting than the slow QSO rate. Even working dupes was better than nothing. I worked people who were giving the Makrothen exchange and people rag chewing who wanted to tell me all about their equipment. I was relieved to finally work even 10 QSOs on 80! Maybe everyone gave up early. — NN7SS (K6UFO op)

Lots of unanswered CQs. Lots of empty band space. — WI9WI

Boring. — K5ZD

Top 10 QSOs

N0XR	149
N0AT	138
K5AM	118
W7WW	113
W0BR	111
VE4EAR	103
W6YX	102
VE3KI	96
NN7SS	91
K2DSL	89

Top 10 Multipliers

N0XR	39
N0AT	38
W0BR	37
K5AM	35
W7WW	35
VE3KI	34
N3RC	33
NN7SS	33
W6SX	33
W6YX	33

Top 10 Low Power

N0AT	5244
W0BR	4107
VE3KI	3264
K2DSL	2848
KE5OG	2697
VE3JI	2432
VE2EBK	2160
AA5AU	2040
VE7BC	2040
K4MCK	1890

Top QRP

NN7SS	3003
CO2VE	513

Golden Logs

W6YX	102
VE7BC	68
N7VEA	61
K5ZD	36
AC0E	32
K9QH	19

Top 10 Band Changes

N0XR	81
W0BR	75
N0AT	73
W7WW	48
K4GMH	42
NN7SS	36
AA5AU	30
K2DSL	16
VE3JI	14
VE3KI	14

Team Scores

1. SWACC	
N0XR	5811
K5AM	4130
W7WW	3955
KE5OG	2697
Total	16,593

2. NCCC #1

W6YX	3366
W6SX	2937
N3RC	2805
WU6W	2490
W6PK	2044
Total	13,642

Active Multipliers

AZ, CM, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KP4, KS, LA, MA, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NM, NV, NY, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI, XE, VE2, VE3, VE4, VE7