

The 2009 ARRL RTTY Roundup

“To attract good fortune, spend a new coin on an old friend, share an old pleasure with a new friend, and lift up the heart of a true friend by writing his name on the wings of a dragon.” — *Chinese Proverb*

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Logs Surge Again

Another participation surge wasn't expected this year! Last year, RTTY Roundup was voted "Best in Class" on its anniversary and 1246 logs were submitted, but this year the ARRL had something new up their sleeve. Frank, N2FF, broke the news on the RTTY Reflector on December 3: There would be a new Worked All States award starting on January 1 and it would be called the Triple Play.

Coupled with some excellent club activity, the result was yet another record-breaking turnout. A total of 1555 logs were received for processing, leading to one new World record, 20 new Division records, 55 new Section records and new QSO total number records in three of the four categories of competition!

Special Performances

Perhaps the longest running win record in the history of Radio-Sport has now come to an end.

Having shared the operating position with a number of high-level RTTY operators over the years, it is always both sad and a joy to see a record fall. For 14 straight years, Don Hill, AA5AU, won First Place World Single-Op Low-Power as well as First Place US/VE. This year the weather finally got to Don, although he made a supreme effort to get his station back together after losing his towers (again) to the latest hurricane.

American and Canadian Highlights

Single-Op Low-Power (SOLP)

We knew it was going to be close as the 3830 High Claimed Scores had Chad, WE9V, trailing AA5AU by only 156 QSOs but Chad was ahead by 10 multipliers. When the smoke cleared Chad had nipped Don with a 1100-point victory, setting a new Central Division Record and winning the NM7M Memorial Plaque. Don, AA5AU, secured the Delta Division crown. Steve, N9CK, placed third in the Top Ten.

Sponsored Plaque Winners

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of numerous clubs and individuals, we are pleased to present the winners of the sponsored plaques listed below:

Category	Winner	Sponsor
Overall Winners		
W/VE Single Operator High Power - W7RM Award	W1UE	EWARG
W/VE Single Operator Low Power - NM7M Memorial	WE9V	Jim Reisert, AD1C
W/VE Multi-operator High Power	N6DE	John Lockhart, W0DC
DX Single Operator High Power	P49X (W0YK, op)	Gary Belcher, KH6GMP
DX Single Operator Low Power	HI3TEJ	Bob Wruble, W7GG (SK)
DX Multi-operator High Power	S53M	Larry L. Lindblom, W0ETC — Memorial by the Tennessee Contest Group
Japan Single Operator High Power	JA6ZPR	Troy Amateur Radio Association N2TY
Japan Single Operator Low Power	JA1OVD	Bill Eddy, NY2U and Karen Smith KS2O; Richard S. Carter WA2COI Memorial
W/VE Division Winners		
Atlantic Division Single Operator Low Power	N2WK	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club
Central Division Single Operator High Power	A19T	Don Hill, AA5AU
Dakota Division Single Operator Low Power	N0AT	W2JGR Memorial by Don Hill, AA5AU
Delta Division Single Operator High Power	K15XP	Roland Guidry, NA5Q
Delta Division Single Operator Low Power	AA5AU	Frank Fallon, N2FF
Great Lakes Division Single Operator High Power	AB8K	Southwest Ohio DX Association
Hudson Division Single Operator Low Power	N2FF	Troy Amateur Radio Association, N2TY
Midwest Division Single Operator Low Power	NT0F	In Memoriam of Larry Lindblom, W0ETC by Bob Ruvalo, K16DY
New England Division Single Operator Low Power	W1ECT	CTRI Contest Group
New England Division Multi-operator High Power	K1TTY	Cuzco Contest Club, WK1Q
Northwestern Division Single Operator High Score	W7RY	Pat Shinners, W7GTO
Pacific Division Single Operator High Power	WK6I	Northern California Contest Club
Pacific Division Single Operator Low Power	K7GQ	Doug Faunt, N6TQS
Roanoke Division Single Operator High Power	K4GMH	Mike Sims, K4GMH

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Single-Op High-Power (SOHP)

Four out of the five all-time QSO totals were set this year in High-Power. Charlie, K15XP, had 2211; Dennis, W1UE, at W1KM had 2164; Mike, K4GMH, 2026; and Ty, K3MM, had 2018. Dennis, W1UE, operating at W1KM again, wins the W7RM Memorial plaque. Charlie held off Ty, K3MM, who placed third overall in High-Power. Placing fourth this year was Mike, K4GMH.

Multi-Single Low-Power (MOLP)

Earl, N5ZM, and his operating buddy Glenn, N5RN, clinched their fourth victory in a row again, setting both a new US/VE record and Delta Division Low-Power record. Taking the Midwest Division was Toni, N0NI, who once again placed second overall in Multi-Single Low-Power, setting a new total-QSO record, yet still a bit off the pace with multipliers. Third overall went to KB9AX who also came in third as well in

the all-time QSO numbers while winning the Central Division plaque.

Multi-Single High-Power (MSHP)

Operating from the K6IDX station, Dean, N6DE, set several records by winning the Pacific Division with a record as well as setting an all-time High-Power QSO record of 1729. Mike, K5NZ's group, was down quite a bit from last year's run, but still managed to be second from Texas. W4QG was next from Northern Florida setting a new Southeastern Division record.

DX Overview and Continental Highlights

Leading the DX community and the entire contest again this year is Ed, P49X (W0YK). Ed told us last year that he thought that the 3000 QSO barrier was close. With the increase in participating stations this year he set the new all-time and all-category record

of 3166 QSOs. Ed also set the new World Single-Operator High-Power record as well as South American record of 387,004 — just short of 400,000 points.

Africa

With a new African continental record and second place overall Single-Operator Low-Power was 5C5W, operated by Mohamed, CN8KD. In ninth place overall and setting a new Canary Island record was Heijo, EA8OM. There was also a new Senegal record made by 6W7RV. Turning to the Single-Operator High-Power category, we have Barry, ZS2EZ, getting the win and a new Senegal record set by Peter, 6W2SC.

Asia

Leading the Asian continent was JA1OVD in the Single-Operator Low-Power category. Setting a new India record was Nandu, VU2NKS. From Cyprus, Steve, ZC4LI, won the Single-Operator High-Power Asian trophy. JA1XRH was the Multi-Single Asian victor in Low-Power. Prasad, VU2PTT, from Bangalore set a new record for India. Setting a new Japanese record and seventh overall was JA6ZPR in the Multi-Single High-Power group.

Europe

In the Single-Operator Low-Power category it was Vlad, UA3PAB, taking the European honors and placing fifth overall. Northern Ireland station 2I0SAI was sixth overall while setting a new country record. YT2U placed seventh overall, while UT5EPP out of the Ukraine was eighth in overall. Europe Single-Operator High-Power was won as well as second place in High-Power overall by Nikola, 9A5W. Capturing overall third place was IQ2CJ with IK2NCL operating. Winning the continent of Europe in the Multi-Single Low-Power category was UZ4E. IZ1OMY was third overall while IW1QN was in fourth place.

Nine out of Top Ten for Europe

Utilizing their spotting skills to the maximum, S53M set a new fifth place in multipliers all-time as well as a new fourth-place all-time QSO total in the Multi-Single High-Power category. Daniel, OL6X, was in second place with a new Czech Republic record. EI6HB is now all-time fifth place in MSHP QSO totals while setting a new Ireland record and taking third place overall.

North America

HI3TEJ was first overall in Single-Operator Low-Power, setting a new QSO record in this category as well as a new Continental and Dominican Republic record, placing #5 overall for 2009. Setting a new Grenada record, J39BS was fourth overall in Single-Operator Low-Power. Manny, NP2KW, in a



Single Operator

W/VE—Low Power

WE9V	189,582
AA5AU	188,475
N9CK	151,737
N2WK	141,449
N0AT	141,174
N2QT	140,708
KA4RRU	133,812
AB4GG	120,510
KB7Q	116,932
K0TI	115,346

W/VE—High Power

W1UE	272,640
K15XP	266,936
K3MM	249,500
K4GMH	241,879
W5AP	197,106
WK6I	194,236
K6LL	182,832
AI9T	182,546
KK5OQ	178,869
K1FWE	176,670

DX—Low Power

HI3TEJ	183,885
5C5W	146,133
(CN8KD, op)	
ZX2B	134,512
(PY2MNL, op)	
J39BS	79,734
UA3PAB	68,222
2I0SAI	60,135
YT2U	59,565
UT5EPP	56,364
EA8OM	55,640
EU8RZ	55,556

DX—High Power

P49X	387,004
(W0YK, op)	
9A5W	174,510
IQ2CJ	138,156
(IK2NCJ, op)	
PZ5RA	132,135
IZ4JMA	114,342
YO9HP	112,887
US5IQ	110,670
YT0A	110,670
(S56A, op)	
LT0H	104,562
(LU3HY, op)	
4A1DXXE	91,680
(XE2K, op)	

Multi-operator

W/VE—Low Power

NS2M	151,646
NONI	140,392
KB9AX	120,848
WD4LBR	93,436
VE1OP	87,045
N3KAE	84,102
KE7AJ	83,629
N9LAH	72,960
K8ZZ	69,615
W0RAA	64,616

W/VE—High Power

N6DE	192,416
K5NZ	175,150
W4QG	169,533
W0SD	167,860
AB0RX	166,896
K1TTY	162,540
W4RM	153,352
W6YX	148,698
W7ZR	145,024
K7BTW	140,344

DX—Low Power

KP2D	93,240
UZ4E	54,984
IZ1OMY	41,952
IW1QN	40,421
LZ9R	39,399
XE1ZVO	25,364
RZ4HZW	23,375
SN5I	22,852
DL0BI	20,444
SP9CTS	13,950

DX—High Power

S53M	160,398
OL6X	144,584
EI6HB	140,798
IW9HIK	115,992
LZ2BE	106,590
LY1R	91,326
JA6ZPR	88,920
UZ2I	73,980
SN3C	69,580
EU1AZ	67,320

Club Competition

Club	Score	Logs
Unlimited Club		
Northern California Contest Club	3,307,797	86
Medium Club		
Potomac Valley Radio Club	1,778,086	37
Society of Midwest Contesters	1,762,408	44
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	1,631,104	32
Minnesota Wireless Assn	1,058,281	35
Florida Contest Group	965,343	16
Contest Club Ontario	839,570	21
Tennessee Contest Group	788,856	20
Frankford Radio Club	550,160	12
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	472,695	12
Alabama Contest Group	441,499	8
BC DX Club	415,830	9
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	390,715	6
Maritime Contest Club	380,018	6
Louisiana Contest Club	366,607	3
Dominion DX Group	358,192	8
Southern California Contest Club	324,624	11
CTRI Contest Group	289,683	7
Low Country Contest Club	226,012	6
Western Washington DX Club	197,867	7
Mad River Radio Club	186,503	8
South East Contest Club	177,766	9
Contest Club Du Quebec	160,039	7
Willamette Valley DX Club	109,097	4
Kentucky Contest Group	106,530	5
Oklahoma DX Assn	71,006	3
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	43,830	3
Local Club		
Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	294,392	4
Eastern Washington ARG	243,066	4
Central Arizona DX Assn	206,583	4
Boeing Employees ARS - St Louis	182,301	4
Iowa DX and Contest Club	169,153	3
Rochester (NY) DX Assn	132,486	5
Midland ARC	120,247	4
Spokane DX Association	113,665	3
Bergen ARA	54,956	4
Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association	35,297	3
Dauberville DX Assn	12,932	3

part time operation, set a new US Virgin Island Single-Operator Low-Power record.

Grabbing the Single-Operator High-Power category was 4A1DXXE operated by XE2K. Hector took tenth place overall and also set the new record for Mexico. The crew from KP2D won the Multi-Single Low-Power category once again and notched a fifth all-time QSO total record for the category. Placing sixth overall was XE1ZVO.

Oceania

It was a pretty light turn out from Oceania this year. From Down Under it was VK5NPT winning the Single-Op Low-Power category. This helped a lot to provide the Australian country multiplier. KH6MB had a nice showing and won Single-Operator High-Power. Setting a New Zealand record and capturing his category was John, ZL1BYZ, who along with his packet won the Multi-Single High-Power category and made many stations happy.

South America

Winning the South American trophy and third place overall in Single-Op Low-Power was ZX2B with Wanderly, PY2MNL, at the keyboard. Out of Aruba, P49X set a new Aruba record to go with Ed's other accomplishments this year. Fourth overall, winner Ramon, PZ5RA, set a new Suriname Single-Operator High-Power record.

LU3DY took the Multi-Single Low-Power category this year and got the trophy. The other station of note was PY2IQ, grabbing a new Brazil record. Returning home this year after activating Suriname last year the 4M5DX group won the trophy for Multi-Single High-Power while setting a new Venezuela record.

Club Competition

This year saw the NCCC enter (and win) in a category that heretofore had not been entered in the RTTY Roundup — Unlimited Club. The Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC) captured the Medium Club competition again this year in a tight race with the Society of Midwest Contesters (SMC). And in the Local Club category it was the Orleans County ARC beating out the Eastern Washington ARG.

Next Year

Conditions will hopefully be a little bit better next year and 15 meter openings should give contesters some breathing room on 20 meters. Decent solar conditions will help by bringing more operators to the RTTY Roundup, and build on its increasing popularity. Start the new decade with a win! Next up in the record department is the 400,000 point mark — will it be yours? Whatever route you choose, be ready for the 2010 running of the ARRL RTTY Roundup, January 2-3.