

Results, Novice Roundup



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DURING EARLY FEBRUARY, in various parts of the U.S.A., homework went undone, dishes piled up in the sink, snow remained unshoveled and bleary-eyed people walked the streets. Were some segments of the populace on a giant drunken spree? Heavens, no! Those were just some of the effects of the annual Novice Roundup held February 3-11. You have read (and possibly experienced) some of the results — here are the others. . . .

Returns were down this year. We received 378 Novice, 107 non-Novice and 21 check logs for a total of 506. But competition was just as fierce as ever. Take a look at the races for first place in Alabama, Ohio and San Joaquin Valley. Washington presented a real photo-finish with the top 6 separated by a scant 4029 points. Sections were well represented. There were 62 this year including rare ones like Maine, Vermont, Hawaii (3 entries!), Alaska, Nevada and both North and South Dakota. Thanks to all who got on for the NR from those hard-to-get spots.

Top Novice this year was WN4TVU, who narrowly squeaked past the number 2 man WN9LMT. Special congratulations are due to WH6IBT, who led the Pacific Division. . . a difficult task from his remote Hawaiian location.

Many participants made mention of the CQing by non-Novice operators. This practice is not, as some said, against the NR rules, but a guideline is given asking non-Novices to refrain from calling CQ. Although Novices are now allowed to use VFOs, this suggestion still seems to be a good one

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for two reasons — this is a contest *for* Novices, not higher class licensees; and Novices must still abide by the 75-watt maximum limitation, a figure far under the power limitations of others. If nothing else, WN9IUQ seems to have an excellent reason for continuing with the practice of the past. He says: “Non-Novices — please don’t call CQ NR. . . it gets crowded enough as it is.”

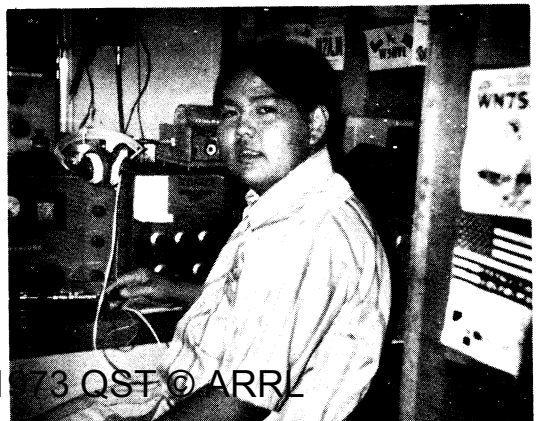
If you have any suggestions that might make the NR better, drop a note to the Contest Advisory Committee (W1BGD, chairman, W2EIF, W3BQV, K4BAI, K5TSR, W6DQX, K7NHV, WA9AUM, W0HP, VE2NV and KH6IJ). They would be happy to receive your comments.

Awards are scheduled for a September 15 mailing.

Soapbox

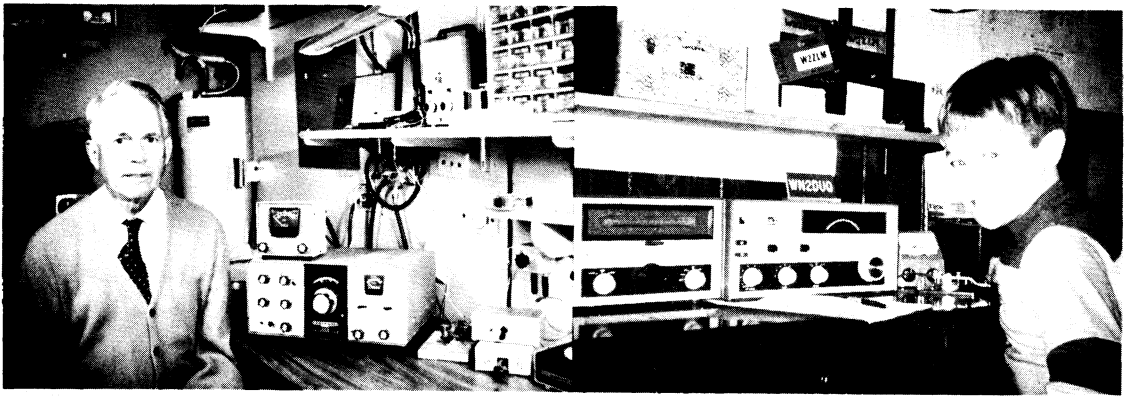
Would have liked to put in more hours but my employer didn’t see it that way. — (WN2FBU). Never knew pandemonium could be so much fun. How long before the ringing in my ears stops? — (WN0GGD). When I used to read the soapbox comments about rig breakdowns I took it with a grain of salt because there are always so many. Well, this was my first contest and sure enough, my homebrew VFO tried to kill itself right in the middle of the NR. Why is that? — (WN5GZH). Thanks a million for sponsoring this contest. It was certainly a great way to wind up my Novice career.

Hawaii is sometimes a difficult section to obtain during a contest. A Hawaiian Novice is even more difficult to come by but WH6HPP made his presence known to the tune of 175 two-ways.



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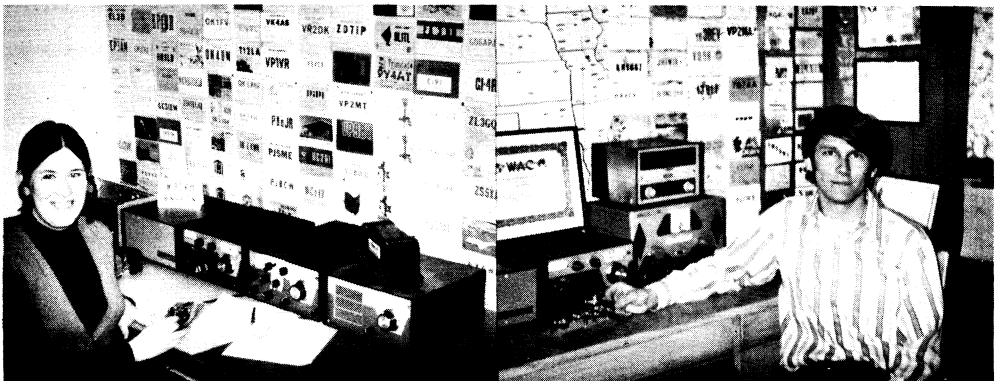


The young and young at heart. Left, WN6PGX. Covert used a mini-beam and vertical from his Santa Barbara QTH to obtain 290 QSOs. Right, WN2DUQ. Peter found the QRM heavy, making QSOs difficult to come by. Quite an experience for an 11-year-old.

— (WN4UCC). Some WNs had a combination of signal, fist and savvy that clearly indicated the need for a no-redshirting rule. — (W1ERW). The QSL aftermath to date is 33 cards. Most of them say PSE, PSE, PSE QSL with tear stains all over them. Makes me feel wanted. — (WA9RJI). Fantastic! You have created another contest nut! — (WN0ICG). My regular rig was not working so a friend loaned me an Argonaut 5 watter. Found QRP is great and works well in a contest. — (WN9IDU). The NR was fantastic. The most interesting and educational experience of all my ham activities. — (WN4ABY). This was my first NR since 15 years ago. I was surprised at the caliber of today's Novices. — (W0HAW/6). Too bad the NR only takes place once a year. — (WN2BFG). I know I have no chance at a certificate, but had a good time. That's what it's all about anyway. — (WN0GGH). The NR is a great way to spend time recovering from an appendix operation. — (WN3TOS). How come it took me 'till the last day of the contest to figure out that my low pass filter's cutoff frequency was too low? — (WN6TLV). I wish some of the Novices would discover 10 meters. Who knows, they might find life there yet. — (WN1QOG). Plenty of professional-sounding Novices. — (WA4YDR). Next

contest time the telephone, doorbell and television all go. — (WN6RXI). Had to take a 15-minute break after working a PJ8 on 80 meters. Then a KP4 called. — (WN9GOA). Novices may be the lowest class of license holders, but not the dumbest. The operating procedure and sound of clean sigs shows me what a bit of smarts, and the ARRL Operating Manual, can do for a Novice in a high speed contest. — (WN7TTY). People were tromping on telegraphic tongues constantly and contacts were hard to make. — (WN0HGG). All that QRM gave me headaches but it was fun. — (WB8NTY). This contest is worth letting my Novice ticket expire and getting another so I can have two more cracks at it. — (WN0DYV). Thanks to all the non-Novices who helped make the NR a great one this year. — (WN0IWL). Looks like we will have a lot a fine operators up-coming, especially in other contests. — (K3KNL). I haven't used so many pages in my log since getting my ticket. — (WN2HKY). My biggest surprise was hearing a few of my Novice associates who, in January were still at the 5-7 wpm level, suddenly spring up and send and copy 15-20 wpm with no effort at all. I must be sure to seek out this miraculous method of cw code proficiency. — (WN8NAF).

Last year we included a picture of the XYL of WA9AUM in the NR writeup. Last year WA9AUM and W9LVH participated in Field Day. So, it stands to reason that we should include a picture of the XYL of W9LVH — WN9HGN (left). Nancy snagged 421 other participants for a 2nd place showing in Illinois. Back for his second year in the NR is WN4UCC (right) from Georgia. Charlie placed 6th in last year's fray but rig and time troubles kept his score down this time around.



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Maine	WN3QGT 30,600-450-68-17	WN4WFX/5 9306-188-47-29	Oregon
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Rhode Island	WN3SJM 52,341-702-73-30	New Mexico	WN7UOV 13,542-222-61-28
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Western Massachusetts	WN3TVP 780- 39-20-12	WN5IEH 11,050-221-50-15	WN7TUT 2088- 72-29-13
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Non-Novices

WB9GFC 41,405, WB2RJJ 24,800, WB5EEY 22,072, K9WQY 20,760, K8CVJ 18,180, W3ARK

17,748, W2FVS 17,325, WA2DMK 17,220, WB4FSG 17,160, WA8FKJ/4 16,762, WA9RJI 16,072, K1ZND 16,066, K8SWW 15,120, WA3PWL/0 13,780, K4ADT 13,452, K4BAI 13,400, W9LHG/0 12,711, WA6LUV 12,040, WB9GSS 11,550, WB0DYU 11,310, W0TIV 10,788, WA6GGK 10,716, WA1PHJ 10,212, WA2LOI 10,150, W3BQN/mm,Region 2 10,149, WA3HIL/VE3 9741, K5PXV 9690, W0BPH 9504, K3KNL 9486, W6OEO 9282, WB8NTY 9118, KV4GQ/W5 8424, W2ECW 8319, VE7CBV 7889, WA2GMD 7686, WA3RMC 7339, WA6AYD 7285, WB5DXG 6909, W4YZC 6815, WB4URW 6578, WA9WIF 6528, W4KFC 6345, W4YOK 6345, K1IUS 6272, K2SBW 6048, W2RPZ 6000, WA0ATY 5474, W6NJU 5456, WA2DRC 5214, WA1LMJ 5160, WA3QIA 5104, W0HAW/6 4816, WA6MQS 4800, WA4YDR 4641, WB6HTK 4500, VE3JT 4494, WA5CAC 4444, W8VUV 4352, WA1PAZ 4290, WA1PTK 4223, WB4WHE/4 4134, WA3RGH 3876, WA2DLV 3811, VE7BBL 3731, WA7QKX 3666, W5TID 3627, W3FCI 3503, WB5BHN 3420, WB4RUA 3332, WA3RKH 3198, WA6HAD 3080, W6KYA 2870, WA5ROU 2618, WB2YKG 2552, WA0VOV 2523, VE7DT 2418, WA0NMA 2336, WA1JSD 2146, K7GGD 1836, WB2OLQ 1725, WA7NOH 1679, VE3ERM 1534, W1FXY 1534, W4DR 1449, WA1MCY 1392, WB2DCS 1364, KL7HER 1210, W9LVH 1166, W1GNB 1140, K4ZGB/5 1007, VE3DNR 900, WB4TNC 900, WA6QEW 861, WA5ACA/5 846, W0KK 836, WA6DBX 595, WB9DVQ 574, WB2FVT 396, WA7IOF 330, WB0HZL 175, WA7QAR 119, WB8HIB 105, K7UWT 90, WA9ZAZ 63. (Multioperator) WN8LVT (+WB8NYZ) 16,308, WN9JDF (+WB9IWF) 5440. (DX) GM5AXO 520.

Check Logs

VO1KE, W1ECH, W1EJI, W1ERW, W1TM, WA1MKP, K2CQR, WA2LHA, WA2MGH, WB2GUL, WB2MAN, WN2HSG, W3JJD, K4EJQ, WA9NBU/5, WB8DSG, WA9AUM, W0EFX, W0EGV, WA1RLU/0, WN0HKX.

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