

# Results, 1983 Novice Roundup

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Andre Genereux, KAIINL, offers the following observations on the Novice Roundup:

“Attention, Novices and Technicians! It’s time to get ready to enter *your* contest, the Novice Roundup. There’s no other contest like it.

“That introduction to the Novice Roundup article in the January issue of *QST* was enticing enough to warrant a closer look. After reading the article, I decided I would give it a try. After all, I was a Novice with absolutely no experience in the world of contesting, and with my General class exam date fast approaching, this would hopefully be the last time I would be eligible to compete in the NR. With this in mind, I carefully weighed all the ‘pros and cons’ of entering the contest.

“First, on the ‘con’ side, I was not familiar with contest operation, but this appeared no big hurdle as a lot of other participants would be in the same situation. Second, I am into QRP operating. My rig puts out a solid 2 W. This seemed a more formidable obstacle. Third, since I’m an apartment dweller, my antenna is limited to a ‘zig-zag’ dipole in my attic. The ‘cons’ were starting to add up! Finally, there was a 30-hour time limit in the contest. Oh well!

“On the ‘pro’ side, it seemed like the NR would be a lot of fun. Period.

“I set as my goal the 200 QSOs needed for the certificate of participation. This seemed reasonable, as I knew I would never be able to compete against the ‘big guns’ who ran 100 W and more (Hi).

“Finally, January 29 arrived and the NR was underway. The first day went well, and I found 29 QSOs and 18 multipliers in my log. The second day went even better, as I logged five DX QSOs, including a DL, an ON and a G station within 30 minutes — an auspicious start. As the week progressed, the ionization layers were not cooperating and the bands deteriorated steadily. A couple of bright spots were my QSOs with DHØFAJ/HB and ZS6ADH — ‘new’ countries toward my DXCC. I even picked up a few new states toward my WAS award.

“By the next to the last day, I was at slightly over the 100 QSO mark and my original 200 QSO goal seemed to be drifting further away. I was counting on the last couple of days of the NR to be the most productive, but my favorite bands, 40 and 15 meters, did not want to cooperate. It was now a battle of QSB, QRM and QR-BABY, as I have a wonderful three-month-old son who does not yet fully appreciate the adventures of an Amateur Radio avocation.

“I finished the Novice Roundup with the following: 35 ARRL Sections, including three ‘new’ states toward my WAS; five DX countries, including three new ones toward my DXCC; one empty bottle of antacid; one slightly peeved but understanding XYL; and a score of 4680 points in the contest.

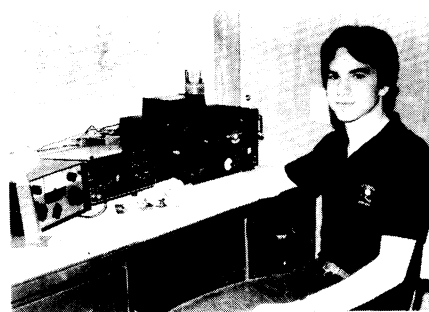
“I’ll also pass along a few hints for the potential QRP contester:

1) Try to answer the ‘CQs’ of the stronger stations.

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Mr. “Big” in NR ‘83 is Gerardo, WP4CEQ, the top scorer in this year’s contest.



Jason, KA8QHB, net control for the West Virginia Novice Net, took time out from his traffic-handling chores to turn in the no. four score from WVA.

2) Call ‘CQ’ sparingly, as the QRP signal seems to dissolve under the mass of higher-power signals.

3) Have patience. It really is a virtue, especially to the QRPper.

“In summary, the Novice Roundup was all that the *QST* article predicted it would be. It was fun, frustrating and a learning experience. All in all, a once-in-a-lifetime event.”

## A Healthy Turnout

The mail here at the ARRL Contest Desk following the 1983 running of the Novice Roundup brought us logs and comments from 323 Novices and Technicians, along with 70 non-Novice and check-log entries, for a healthy total of 393 entries. It’s good to see this respectable level of active participation in the NR.

Aside from Andy, KAIINL, who has expressed so well his thoughts as a first-time contester, we find an equally eloquent spokesman for the non-Novice NR participant in ARRL President Vic Clark, W4KFC. Vic is a long-time contester, who, by the way, placed high among the non-Novice entrants in the first Novice Roundup in 1952. He has eagerly looked forward to his annual participation in nearly every NR since. This year, W4KFC sent a QSL card and letter for each and every QSO he made in the NR. In analyzing the responses to his QSLs and

## Top Ten

Novice		Technician	
WP4CEQ/N	81,600	KA7KDU/T	33,000
KAØONA/N	63,933	WBØNFY/5T	29,054
KA8QGF/N	43,836	KA4RXK/T	28,944
KA2KGD/N	40,827	KA8GCC/T	24,219
KA5IFE/N	40,014	N4FLF/T	22,736
KA9KKD/N	38,520	KA7LPP/T	22,701
KA8JBK/N	38,433	KA4ZIX/T	19,880
KA7HBK/N	36,855	KA4ZNJ/T	17,984
KA1IUI/N	34,732	N4FOP/T	16,320
KB4DOV/N	33,900	WD8NHN/T	16,030

from his active participation in the contest, Vic sums up his impressions of the newcomers in Amateur Radio.

“It is always a special pleasure to take part in the annual Novice Roundup and help welcome newcomers to Amateur Radio . . . particularly *active* newcomers, such as are to be found in the NR each year. Glad to see more Technicians taking part, too. My impression is that 1983 has produced an unusually promising group of new amateurs; information from QSLs already received this year tells me that ages ranged from nine years into the seventies and that there are a growing number of YLs entering Amateur Radio. Welcome all, to a constructive and rewarding lifetime public service hobby! — 73, Vic, W4KFC”

Certificates are scheduled to hit the mails on the 15th of June.

Do your Novice or Technician friends a favor; tell them about the Novice Roundup. They’ll be glad you did.

CU in NR ‘84.

## SOAPBOX

Still don’t know what’s more difficult — trying to copy a faint signal or trying to keep the kids from destroying the house while I’m on the rig (KA4VNU). The end of the contest left me with only three states to work for WAS. I managed to work more DX stations in one morning in the contest than I’d heard in all my time on the air up to that point (KA9NAH). This was my first Novice Roundup in 10 years, and what a blast it was. The last time I participated was in 1973, when I was 16 years old and had the call WN9CIB. Back then, I had to use a 75-W transmitter that was crystal controlled. . . Had some “fun” with my exchange. Imagine trying to send “599 in In” and watch the confusion (KA9IOH). During the contest I became much more at ease about contacting people on the radio, and I think that my code speed even came up a little (KAØPAO). I had my best luck on 40 meters, and now that I know who operates when, I will have a better idea of which bands and what times to operate next time (KA8AVA). Night work on 40 meters leaves your ears and nerves in disarray and daytime on 15 meters had its share of “jammers.” But isn’t that what a ‘test is all about — working under adverse conditions. . . With each new section worked, I trembled with sheer delight, just like it was my first QSO (KA6WXM). I caught a lot of static noise from local factories during the contest. Also there were three storm weather systems that passed over our area during the contest, bringing even higher static levels — sometimes to 20 or 30 dB over S9 (KA9LAO). Worked my first DX during the contest (KAØNUQ). Since I had only been on the air for less than a month, the NR more than tripled my total number of contacts. All my contest work was done with a homebrewed “double bazooka” antenna from the 1974 *Radio Amateur’s Handbook* (N6HPL). I would like to see people send “true” signal reports. I find it hard to believe that my 2- to 3-W output are 599 (all the time) beyond 200 miles (KA2JLC). I learned a lot about contesting and decided that I’m too old to engage in it seriously (KA5MFN). [You’re never too old to enjoy the NR, Roland. Besides, you weren’t the oldest NR ‘83 participant by several years. Good job. — Ed.]

# Score Listings

Score listings indicate call sign, score, number of QSOs, multipliers (number of ARRL Sections + DXCC countries) and total hours.

State	Call Sign	Score	QSOs	Multipliers	Total Hours
1					
Connecticut	KALJOK/N	24,734-288	83-28		
	KAIHRE/N	13,566-223	57-22		
	KAIQTO/N	5217-101	47-13		
	KAIFFF/N	2262-38	29-6		
	WIBOY/T	1534-59	26-18		
	KALIXG/N	504-28	18-17		
Eastern Massachusetts	KALJIT/N	27,840-323	80-26		
	KALGTU/N	20,212-311	62-30		
	KALIQB/N	12,900-205	60-28		
	KALHCO/N	12,322-182	61-30		
	KALILA/N	12,255-205	57-30		
	KALJRN/N	11,742-206	57-22		
	KALCZT/T	7076-112	58-21		
	KALHIN/N	6440-130	46-20		
	KALINL/N	4680-107	40-21		
	KALIQV/N	3280-70	41-18		
Maine	KALJUI/N	34,732-437	76-30		
	KALDOP/N	21,240-280	72-22		
	KALBAP/N	13,452-236	57-27		
	KALPBD/N	12,360-206	60-20		
	KALJGD/N	1925-77	25-30		
New Hampshire	KALJOB/N	22,470-306	70-21		
	KALCRP/N	21,637-271	77-24		
	KALJLK/N	2480-65	31-4		
	KALJFN/N	1012-29	23-12		
Rhode Island	KALJFT/N	950-38	25-27		
Vermont	WAIITV/T	5876-113	52-22		
	KALIDH/N	814-37	22-9		
Western Massachusetts	WBIEYL/T	12,376-221	56-19		
2					
Eastern New York	KAZJKA/N	24,090-310	73-26		
	KAZQBD/N	13,677-281	47-24		
	KAZKSA/N	13,157-208	59-30		
	NZDMA/T	12,705-221	55-27		
	KAZMPP/T	3440-86	40-15		
N.Y.C. & Long Island	KAZPVH/N	9225-190	45-30		
	KAZJLC/N	2400-75	32-28		
	KAZOQT/N	738-26	18-8		
	KAZJAK/T	56-8	7-9		
Northern New Jersey	KAZMKD/N	24,984-337	72-25		
	KAZPGY/N	18,315-318	55-30		
	KAZBTI/N	16,697-273	59-21		
	KAZPPH/N	11,232-208	54-16		
	KAZIHW/N	1696-53	32-4		
Southern New Jersey	KAZKGD/N	40,827-429	93-30		
	KAZNVU/N	17,024-266	64-23		
	KAZMNT/N	14,558-251	58-26		
	KAZPQT/T	9870-210	47-24		
	KAZOSN/N	2590-70	37-25		
Western New York	KAZKCK/N	33,110-453	70-30		
	KAZMUD/N	23,850-303	75-29		
	KAZOVJ/N	12,862-218	59-15		
	KAZQZQ/N	11,760-200	56-21		
	KAZRDO/N	10,556-182	58-30		
	KAZHPQ/N	9416-204	44-29		
	KAZPAS/N	4563-102	39-13		
	KAZPJN/N	3906-93	42-22		
	KAZOMX/T	3741-87	43-28		
	KAZPTP/N	81-9	9-10		
3					
Delaware	KAZIOL/T	11,286-198	57-30		
	WB3LGC/T	760-38	20-11		
Eastern Pennsylvania	KAZSXS/N	12,815-223	55-19		
	KAZPDK/N	11,501-202	53-23		
	KAZKCT/N	11,236-212	53-30		
KAJJGM/N	9553-213	41-29			
KABAVA/3N	7264-212	32-30			
KAZDLV/N	6380-130	44-14			
KAZIKB/N	4928-112	44-20			
KAZINA/N	4797-102	41-19			
KAZBHL/T	3800-100	38-15			
KAZILE/T	1380-46	30-24			
KAZIYL/N	77-11	7-1			
KAZJZH/3N	1-1	1-1			
KAZJKA/N	(+KAZJEZ)	3610-95	38-12		
Maryland D.C.	KAZIKJ/N	13,620-212	60-30		
	KAZIHU/N	12,900-215	60-26		
	KAZHCP/N	11,466-234	49-29		
	KAZJHR/N	3069-83	33-30		
	KAZIKK/N	2412-67	36-9		
	KAZICE/N	1479-51	29-22		
	N3CWX/T	792-33	24-11		
	KAZIEM/N	(+KAZFSH)	19,778-319	62-27	
Western Pennsylvania	KAZ3HD/N	31,152-472	66-25		
	KAZDEM/N	16,236-246	66-30		
	KAZJWJ/N	10,373-238	41-30		
	KAZJVM/N	3450-99	50-17		
	KAZJRC/N	3220-92	35-15		
	N3AJL/T	1032-43	24-18		
	KAZDFK/T	126-14	9-5		
4					
Alabama	KBARDG/N	18,239-299	61-28		
	KB4BLJ/N	7958-173	46-30		
	KB4ACD/T	4452-106	42-25		
Georgia	KAZOTQ/T	12,210-212	55-27		
	KB4CQ/T	4356-99	44-27		
	KAZ4TU/N	12-4	3-8		
Kentucky	KB4DOV/N	33,900-452	75-30		
	KAZ2N1/T	17,984-281	64-26		
	N4HZV/T	13,392-216	62-23		
	KAZ4VT/N	12,896-248	52-26		
	KAZ4HS/N	10,368-206	48-22		
	KAZ4YI/N	8688-202	40-14		
	N4ICS/T	7865-133	55-21		
North Carolina	KB4CMC/N	18,837-289	63-17		
	KAZ4NY/N	11,395-205	53-21		
	KB4CAN/N	10,339-211	49-25		
	KAZ4WX/N	5840-146	40-30		
	KB4BZ/N	121-11	11-4		
Northern Florida	KAZ4YL/N	21,960-360	61-27		
	N4HQ/T	13,195-203	65-21		
	KAZ4ZE/N	12,768-214	57-27		
	KAZ4TSU/N	12,720-202	60-28		
	KB4CPG/N	10,800-170	54-30		
	KAZ4ZD/N	6188-109	52-23		
South Carolina	KAZ4LH/N	20,223-321	63-22		
	N4FOP/T	16,320-240	68-30		
	KAZ4OT/N	5355-105	51-27		
	KAZ4RI/N	2720-80	34-10		
	KB4DI8/N	480-24	20-5		
Southern Florida	KAZ4QZ/N	18,425-255	67-30		
	KAZ4MH/N	17,670-285	62-28		
	KAZ4TLQ/N	11,492-221	52-15		
	KB4AK/N	11,118-218	51-30		
	N4HRN/T	2856-69	34-22		
	KAZ4YL/N	2030-58	35-14		
Tennessee	KAZ4RX/T	28,944-402	72-28		
	KAZ4Z1/T	19,880-269	70-18		
	KAZ4VNU/N	14,396-236	61-30		
	KB4BQR/N	11,918-202	59-26		
	W41GM/T	11,600-200	58-14		
	WB4KWR/T	5208-124	42-16		
	KAZ4HR/T	3200-80	40-21		
	KAZ4LN/T	180-15	12-3		
Virginia	N4FLF/T	22,736-392	58-30		
	KAZ4LX/N	16,064-251	64-16		
	KAZ4ZV/N	14,300-220	65-26		
	N4EKD/T	11,713-221	53-23		
	KB4CMM/N	5670-135	42-29		
	KAZ4UJ/N	3654-77	42-15		
	KAZ4SZ/N	1056-38	21-24		
West Indies	WP4CEQ/N	81,600-800-102	30		
5					
Arkansas	KAZ5LIU/N	13,603-223	61-27		
	KAZ5PQX/N	1815-55	33-11		
Louisiana	KAZ5PLP/N	30,843-427	69-19		
	KAZ5PNE/N	3492-97	36-16		
	KAZ5OXE/N	1-1	1-1		
Mississippi	KAZ5NXY/N	13,802-206	67-30		
New Mexico	KAZ5OJV/N	2652-78	34-14		
	KAZ5KMO/T	2312-68	34-30		
Northern Texas	KAZ5MQH/N	29,082-393	74-30		
	KAZ5HOD/N	16,960-265	64-21		
	KAZ5OFZ/N	5406-106	51-27		
	KAZ5POD/N	4830-105	46-26		
	KAZ5MFN/N	714-24	21-16		
	N5ECM/T	275-15	11-9		
Oklahoma	KAZ5IFE/N	40,014-494	81-28		
	KAZ5NWE/N	20,040-334	60-28		
Southern Texas	WB5NFY/5T	29,054-398	73-30		
	KAZ5LSH/N	23,460-345	68-21		
	KAZ5ORB/N	11,704-199	56-30		
	KAZ5PBB/N	3610-85	38-30		
	N5CMT/T	3198-78	41-20		
	KAZ5PJJ/N	3116-82	38-11		
	KAZ5HH/N	1736-62	28-10		
	KAZ5GQ/N	1140-57	20-25		
	KAZ5PLR/N	638-29	22-6		
6					
East Bay	KAZ6VCH/N	14,238-226	63-29		
	KAZ6SMH/N	1230-41	30-15		
Los Angeles	WZ6AOH/T	456-24	19-16		
Orange	KAZ6NPD/N	12,566-186	61-30		
	N6HVI/T	6672-139	48-24		
	KAZ6VPH/N	1134-42	27-20		
	WAZ6ZF/N	(KAZ6 ULW, YOI, YOL opr.)	31,463-431	73-25	
Pacific	WH6AVA/N	6897-209	33-28		
Santa Barbara	KAZ6KGF/T	5994-111	54-15		
San Diego	KAZ6WXM/N	2590-70	37-21		
San Francisco	KAZ6WKL/T	13,400-200	67-12		
San Joaquin Valley	WAZ6YK/N	16,896-256	67-30		
	KAZ6LAC/T	12,685-215	59-23		
Santa Clara Valley	KAZ6TRV/N	15,196-262	58-29		
	KAZ6URQ/N	3560-79	40-17		
	N6HPI/T	2627-71	37-19		
	KAZ6UOB/N	925-37	25-18		
	KAZ6TGE/T	459-27	17-9		
	WD6DXH/N	25-5	5-1		
	KAZ6ING/T	6-3	2-1		
7					
Alaska	WB4YLK/7	950-38	25-12		
Arizona	KAZ7LP/T	22,701-329	69-30		
	KAZ7DGE/N	9108-198	46-15		
	W7CKZ/T	792-33	24-20		
Idaho	KAZ7NFW/T	11,130-210	53-30		
Montana	KAZ7HKB/N	36,855-430	81-29		
Nevada	KAZ7ICP/N	13,452-208	59-16		
	KAZ7LWS/T	3915-87	45-19		
Oregon	KAZ7KDU/T	33,000-440	75-28		
	KAZ7OA1/N	9853-167	59-14		
	KAZ7LLD/N	8823-158	51-25		
	W7CRA/T	7493-127	59-23		
	KAZ7OA2/N	4264-104	41-15		
	KAZ7LWR/T	3560-89	40-21		
	KAZ7OAR/N	2652-68	39-8		
Washington	KAZ7OPR/N	15,921-261	61-14		
	KAZ7NVS/N	12,566-196	61-28		
	KAZ7IKU/N	11,520-180	64-22		
	KAZ7MPJ/N	11,368-203	56-29		
	KAZ7NQC				