

Results, 1984 Novice Roundup

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KA3KYI/N was the top scorer from W3-land with her 42,680 points from the MDC Section.

Novice Roundup week — for some the shortest week of the year — has come and gone. Only the operators know for sure how much agony, sweat, grief, fear and trembling went into making these NR QSOs. The 1984 Novice Roundup, from January 28 through February 5, brought 295 Novice/Technician entries sailing in, plus 90 checklogs and non-Novice logs for a total of 385 entries.

This is the week that everyone has an opportunity to gain in operating skills and cooperation. During Novice Roundup week, we as radio amateurs show our true colors as we help each other improve operating techniques. As with most new hobbies, getting started is a great equalizer. Old and young, rich and poor, men and women all have to start at the bottom and then grow in proficiency and confidence, born of experience into skilled communicators. This year, Novices and Technicians were out in full force, making those QSOs and racking up experience and points. And we are grateful to the seasoned operators who were out there, too, patiently working and providing multipliers and QSOs.

Some of you expressed frustration at the typical speed of operation during the NR. Dave, KA5IFE, sent in some suggestions for next year's Novice Roundup:

"Here's a word that might help the new Novices contact the fast CW contesters who are sending just too fast for them to copy. Try waiting until their QSO is over; just as they clear, most times, they will stop and listen for just a few seconds to see if any others will give them a call. At that time, take advantage of this and send DE, which means "this is," then your call. Like this: DE KASIFE K. Send it even if it's three times slower than what they have been sending. Remember: Just once. They will usually come back to you at a speed you can copy. Try it; it works. We all enjoy helping each other to enjoy and have fun in the NR."

KB4DOV/N jumped forward from 10th place in '83 to 5th in '84. Likewise, KA7HBK/N hopped from 8th to 6th position, KA9KKD/N skipped from 6th to 4th and KA2KGD/N from 4th to 3rd. KA5IFE/N dropped from 5th to 7th place, and KA8JBK/N dropped from 7th to 10th place. Meanwhile, KA5SBS/N and WP4COF/N materialized out of anonymity to take the honored 1st and 2nd positions. What is this —



"Grandma" Carmenza, KB6ANC, realized a 40-year-old dream when she got her Novice license.



KA2QXU/7N put in a fine effort from Washington. Next year, he plans to be in HB0-land for the NR.



After receiving his Novice ticket a scant five months ago, 12-year-old Chuck, KA5SBS, put his newly acquired operating skills to use to claim the top slot for Novice operators in the '84 NR.

musical chairs? Thanks to Sean, WH6AVA/N, who kindly provided the Pacific multiplier for many. Nice work, people!

Congratulations are in order for KB4EJE,

Top 10

Novices

KA5SBS/N	77,310
WP4COF/N	57,510
KA2KGD/N	54,352
KA9KKD/N	50,784
KB4DOV/N	47,163
KA7HBK/N	45,899
KA5IFE/N	42,912
KA3KYI/N	42,680
KA2RDO/N	42,104
KA8JBK/N	41,038

Technicians

KA1JJR/T	34,706
KA5QAA/T	29,463
KA7NFW/T	23,936
KA8OAT/T	23,925
KA3EEO/T	22,995
NAJGV/T	22,971
KB6AXH/T	22,776
N8FEB/T	22,632
KA6LAC/T	20,262
N1PCG/T	19,875

N3DBX and any others who made their first CW contacts as hams in this NR. Also, congratulations to those who upgraded as a result of NR increasing their code speed. Thanks to all who weathered the week and made this year's NR a success. Certificates will be in the mail shortly after the 15th of June. CU in NR '85.

SOAPBOX

It was all fantastic (KB6ANC). I was getting a good start on the second day when I had a mild heart attack. Nothing serious, but it did put a crimp in the day's activity! (KA7RAD). For a first contest it was fun, but "where is the DX? I don't think there's any out there" Hi (N6JPA). I was able to increase my states worked from 20 to 38 (KA7NSZ). I was amazed at the number of higher class licensees who participated... bless them for their patience and understanding. Kudos to my wife and four kids for their temporary loss (30 hours) of ham-crazed husband and father. I'm eagerly looking forward to the next contest (KA2SKO). I had no intention of really taking part; just thought I'd make a few QSOs to give MN to a few serious contesters. I got hooked and decided to try for 200 (KA0RDM). I learned at least 11 lessons and gained three insights as to the advantages of participating in NR (KA8OMM). My thanks to all the many Generals, Advanced and Extras who participated. At one point so many Extras answered my CQ that I thought I was out of band (KA9JKK). It seemed as though the whole country was working NR on 80 meters with the resulting QRM being almost unbearable. I could only work about one hour at a time without headaches occurring (KA5PVB). QRM, Murphy and the like were no stranger to my shack. One problem I had to contend with was using my 40-meter dipole on 80 meters. This was accomplished with my tuner, and I was excited with the results. A more unusual problem was being interrupted from the contest by my obligations as a volunteer fireman. I guess I will have to put an HF mobile rig in my car, hi (KA2OEE). The contest motivated me to get on the air for the first time (KB4EJV). Wow! Had lots of fun operating my first contest. It was a bit crazy at times on 80 meters at night. Somebody was actually fooling around with me, and I thought I was getting some good DX. But this interference didn't deter my enthusiasm (KA3KYY). My rig, a used HW-16 with VFO, died the last night of NR. My mother recently said she would rather help me buy a new rig than a car (KA7QVN). If you don't have a well insulated basement shack, it's going to be very uncomfortable to stay active for the whole contest. My

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fingers kept developing little icicles, I needed to thaw out over my finals. Band conditions on Saturday the 4th were the worst I've ever seen. Everybody left 15 meters in disgust and headed for 40 meters at 11 A.M.! As a reward, I went out and passed my General code exam (KA7NYB). The new Novices at times have very slow code speeds so ya work 'em while yer restin' and everybody gets some points (KA9LAO). A special thanks to the General who was butchering the code worse than I do. It gave my ego a big boost (KB4FIJ). Here I am a 14-year-old Novice for one year, and I am

a veteran contester. I improved about 1 million percent over last year (KA2RDO). The 30-hour limit is a good one because I probably would have stayed on till I passed out from nervous exhaustion (KA1IEK). I made more contacts during the contest than the entire year that I have been a ham. You don't have to win in order to have fun in contesting (N4JGV). NR-84. What a way to spend my birthday (KA1JRR)! I thought the contest was great, but it will take some time to gain the respect and admiration of my wife and two kids after deserting them for something called NR, hi hi

(KA8CMA). Gee, do I have to wait a whole year for another NR? (KA9QPC).

FEEDBACK

See page 93 of June 1983 QST for the following correction: The soapbox comment was made by KA9OIH not KA9IOH. His previous Novice call sign was WN9ICB. KA3BEO/T's score on EPA was overlooked. Carol's linescore should read 17,460-281-60-22. This would make her the number 9 Tech in the 1983 NR.

Score Listings

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

1	Connecticut	KA3DFB/N 2730- 58-35- 14 KA3KAP/N 759- 33-23- 8 KA3LBE/N 640- 22-20- 9 NSDBX/T 176- 12- 8-28	Louisiana	KA5QMO/N 17,088-252-64-22 KA5RMO/N 6120- 126-45-24 KA5QPA/T 2322- 62-36-13	Montana	KA7HBK/N 45,899-556-79-29 KA7QVN/N 2310- 70-33-22	Indiana	KA8JJK/N 15,517-263-59-30 KA8WPT/T 15,512-277-56-30 WD9BDW/N 13,608-201-63-27 KA9ORN/T 12,400-200-63-20 KA8PGD/N 6636-148-42-20 KA9QWP/N 6284-106-54-18 KA8FCP/N 5382-107-46-24 KA9QVM/N 5040-128-40- 7 KA9QB/I/N 4840-121-40-13
	Eastern Massachusetts	KA1JJR/T 34,706-469-74-29 N1CPC/T 19,875-263-75-23	Maryland - D.C.	Mississippi	Nevada	Oregon	Wisconsin	
	Maine	KA1DOD/N 19,800-249-75-20 WB1CBP/N 19,125-405-45-29 N1CUE/T 13,312-206-64-30	Western Pennsylvania	New Mexico	Utah	Washington	Colorado	
	New Hampshire	KA1HYU/N 18,000-250-72-28 KA1KEO/N 15,990-246-65-24 KA1LBW/N 14,396-244-59-30 KA1IXM/N 13,206-213-62-29 KA1JLU/N 11,828-219-54-27 KA1LAD/N 5080-127-40-30 KA1JUD/N 3160- 79-40-30 KA1KTU/N 1891- 61-31-16	Northern Texas	North Carolina	Wyoming	Michigan	Iowa	Minnesota
	Rhode Island	KA1IEK/N 34,283-403-81-26 KA1JFT/N 8050-161-50- 8 KA1IOO/N 8664-136-49-20 KA1JXH/N 2432- 76-32- 9	Alabama	Oklahoma	Illinois	Kansas	Missouri	
	Vermont	N1BBD/T 11,352-264-43-26 WA1TBV/T 3081- 79-39-12	Georgia	Southern Texas	Ohio	Nebraska	North Dakota	
	Western Massachusetts	KA1KPH/N 33,540-375-86-28 KA1KVF/N 12,992-232-56-24	Kentucky	East Bay	Oregon	South Dakota	South Dakota	
2	Eastern New York	KA2RYB/N 13,091-247-53-22 KA2NMP/T 375- 25-15- 9	Los Angeles	Orange	California	Nebraska	South Dakota	
	N.Y.C. & Long Island	KA2SKO/N 18,020-257-60-30 KA2JLB/N 9164-158-58-24 KA2JJJ/T 4326-103-42-17 KA2JLC/N 2240- 70-28-30 KA2JAK/T 300- 20-15-15	North Carolina	Pacific	California	Nebraska	South Dakota	
	Northern New Jersey	KA2QWP/N 9798-203-46-25 KA2OEE/T 8575-175-49-22 KA2NUP/N 1512- 63-24- 8 KA2TFV/N 792- 36-22- 6	North Carolina	Pacific	California	Nebraska	South Dakota	
	Southern New Jersey	KA2KGD/N 54,352-622-86-30 KA2TRP/N 15,660-261-60-30 KA2TLB/N 7035-201-35-28 KA2NBB/N 8216-138-42-29 KA2TDC/N 1071- 41-21-12	North Carolina	Pacific	California	Nebraska	South Dakota	
	Western New York	KA2RDO/N 42,104-539-76-30 KA2KGG/N 31,084-389-76-22 KA2FYR/N 19,565-301-65-24 KA2QOW/N 17,568-244-72-30 KA2TSC/N 15,549-203-73-28 KA2PJM/N 10,388-212-49-26 KA3CJX/N 9430-220-41-28 KA2RGM/N 7884-136-54-18 WN2WNC/N 7482-174-43-21 KA2QGT/N 6720-140-48-30 N2DOT/T 3772- 92-41-21 KA2SNW/T 2688- 89-32- 7 KA2OMX/T 1650- 55-30-17 KA2NKW/N 476- 28-17- 5	North Carolina	Pacific	California	Nebraska	South Dakota	
	Delaware	KA3LLL/N 20,264-298-68-30 KA3LNA/N 10,580-230-46-24	Virginia	Alaska	California	Nebraska	South Dakota	
	Eastern Pennsylvania	KA3EEOT 22,995-355-62-21 KA3EHL/T 18,282-397-46-30 KA3JGM/N 11,613-217-48-28 KA3GVN/N 9152-206-44-30 KA3JUF/N 6920-163-40-30 KA3KMH/N 5040-120-42-23	Virginia	Alaska	California	Nebraska	South Dakota	