

Results, 1986 Novice Roundup

"After 30 years as a Technician, the NR sparked my interest. Four days after the contest, I upgraded to Advanced."

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The above quote, compliments of W9SID, was echoed by many who participated in the 1986 running of Amateur Radio's friendliest contest, Novice Roundup. NR is one of the few chances during the year when Novice and Technician operators get a chance to break into the exciting world of contesting.

Whether you're a Novice in Nashville, a Technician in Teaneck or even an Extra in Egegik, Novice Roundup has something to offer. Are you frustrated by the "599 QSL" 'sure'itis of 20 meters? Or the 25+ WPM bursts of CW (or is it RTTY?) on the low end? Try NR—it might just be the cure you're looking for. There's a good reason for the long list of non-Novice and Checklog entries that appear year after year in the NR writeup—Novice Roundup is fun!

NR 1986 was an unqualified success. Scores were up slightly from last year. A total of 246 reports were received: 177 from Novice and Technician class licensees, 35 from non-Novices and 34 in the form of checklogs.

Four Novices from 1985's top ten are back again! KA7HBK, last year's first-place entrant, upped his score by almost 10,000 points for this year's number-one spot. Rhode Islander WB1DEU squeezed past KA8JBK (number 2 in 1985) for the runner-up position. KA9MON and KB4EXX were numbers 4 and 5, respectively. KA7ICF, who placed number 5 last year, slipped to sixth place.

Plenty of new faces make up the Technician top ten. Eastern Massachusetts' own KA1JJR topped the list, followed by KA5SPO, who

Novice Top Ten		Technician Top Ten	
Call	Score	Call	Score
KA7HBK	50,080	KA1JJR	32,160
WB1DEU	43,275	KA5SPO	28,424
KA8JBK	41,976	KA8SDE	27,671
KA9MON	41,820	KB4LTQ	24,765
KB4EXX	38,624	KA8YDY	22,050
KA7ICF	37,398	KA0UMC	19,278
KA2ZPD	37,275	KB4OSD	19,200
KA8YKF	35,156	KA0REN	19,089
KA9TQF	35,070	KA0TWR	19,034
KA0SIX	34,782	KB6KKH	18,872

Division Leaders

Novice Call	Division	Technician Call
KA3JHZ	Atlantic	WA3BZT
KA9MON	Central	W9SID
KA0JUG	Dakota	N0GQK
KA0KHV	Delta	—
KA8JBK	Great Lakes	KA8SDE
KA2ZPD	Hudson	KA2TFV
KA0SIX	Midwest	KA0UMC
WB1DEU	New England	KA1JJR
KA7HBK	Northwestern	KA7VIN
KA7ICF	Pacific	KB6KKH
KA8YKF	Roanoke	WD8QNJ
KA0VSD	Rocky Mountain	N5EMR
KB4EXX	Southeastern	KB4LTQ
KA6TNN	Southwestern	KB6HKG
KA5QLO	West Gulf	KA5SPO

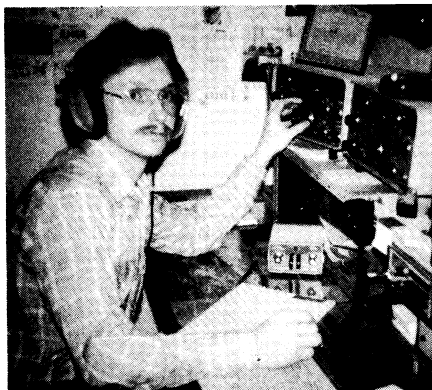
to the General, Advanced and Extra Class license holders who participated in the Novice Roundup. They all had the patience and understanding to adjust their code speed for those of us who are still trying to master the art of CW (KA1LDS). Novice Roundup is a great excuse to break out the ole straight key and have some good old-fashioned low-tech fun (KO1R). This was my third contest. Now I know why we use contest dupe sheets (KA2YMZ). I've only had my license two months, and this was an excellent way to improve my skills. I hope to participate next year as a General or Advanced! (KB4QKT). Next year, I'll have to participate as a higher-class licensee. I passed my 13 WPM code test the Saturday after NR. The fast contest code sure helped. FB Roundup! (KB4LTQ). By the end of the week I had 47 states and three DXCC countries. Not bad for two weeks as an amateur. On the Monday after NR ended, I was able to pass my General code and written tests as well as the 20-WPM CW for Extra. Thanks, NR! (KB4RFQ). The high point of the contest for me was being contacted by W1AW. Wow! (N5IMW). I like the fact that in NR everyone is equal: no fancy equipment, and all operate in the "Novice Jungle" (KA7HBK). The Novice Roundup was one of the most exciting things I have done in a long time. CW is truly an art and a science (KA7WAN). Thanks for a wonderful contest! If the ARRL can take the time and effort to sponsor this contest, the least I can do is become a member (please find my application enclosed) (KA8TGQ). It was fun and hectic. I lost a multiplier when we had the earthquake—we're not used to them in Michigan. CU next year (KA8WVE). Thanks, ARRL! (W9SID). This is the last year I will be participating in NR as a Technician because I intend to upgrade in April. I in-

finished number 4 last year. KA8SDE, KB4LTQ and KA8YDY round out the Tech top five.

This year, all Novice and Technician class entrants will be receiving certificates. These are scheduled for a late July/early August mailing. CU in '87!

SOAPBOX

Thanks for the great opportunity to work my first Novice Roundup. I received my Novice license in December 1985 and would like to thank all the Advanced and Extra Classes for the fine patience in sending and receiving the code of slower Novices. They really helped me to obtain most of my QSOs (KA1NSE). This was my first contest on my own, and I loved every minute of it! (KA1MMC). If the Super Bowl and the Novice Roundup coincide again next year, I think they should cancel the game. Please establish closer ties between ARRL and the NFL (KA1NJS). I would like to extend my thanks



KB4OSD and the station used to work 400 QSOs for top Technician in Virginia.



Melissa, KA8WSQ, was one of the eight entrants from the Michigan Section.



KA7WRG finished first in the sought-after Washington Section.

tend to be there in the upcoming years to give my support to those who are to follow. Novice Round-up has been great fun and a learning experience for me. I hope that it will be around for a long time (KA9NOH). There is still a tendency to send the RST and then "IN" followed by the Section. This is very confusing when you're on the receiving end and realize that the QTH is something other than Indiana. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to get our feet wet in the world of contesting (KAØTWR). C'mon folks, use "QRL?" instead of just assuming the frequency is clear. Also, find out what section you live in (KAØUMC). What a fantastic contest! Not only did I meet 74 new ham friends on the air, but I have built up my CW speed to the point where I feel I'd have no trouble at all passing the code test for my General. This happened in just 23 hours of operation. What an experience! 73 to all of you from the flatlands of Nebraska (KAØUEA).



Illinois is the home of 14-year-old KA9MON, number 4 Novice finisher in NR '86.

Score Listings

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

1	KA3MYF/T	11,280-235-48-26	New Mexico	Washington	N6GOA/T	2,074-61-34-19
Connecticut	KA3NFS/N	7,942-209-38-25	N5EMR/T	KA7WRG/N	KAØJJK/T	132-12-11-2
KA1LLX/T	Maryland-DC		N5IMW/T	KA7TPB/N	Iowa	
KA1MTK/N	KA3IK/J/N	26,496-399-64-27	Northern Texas	Wyoming	WA3TIH/T	14,552-214-68-30
KA1LHJ/N	KA3NZV/N	20,040-334-60-29	KA5SPO/T	KA7WOZ/T	KAØSTB/T	800-40-20-16
KA1MCX/N	KA3NWB/N	13,420-200-61-24	KA5QLO/N		Kansas	
KA1NTB/N	4		KA5YMH/N	153-17-9-7	KAØSIX/N	34,782-527-66-30
Eastern Massachusetts	Alabama		Oklahoma	8	KAØREN/T	19,089-303-63-29
KA1JJR/T	KB4EXX/N	38,624-544-71-24	KA5PGV/N	Michigan	KAØTAN/T	17,174-277-62-29
KA1NSE/N	KB4PFS/N	840-42-20-7	N5HIB/T	KA8JBK/N	NØFYQ/T	10,317-181-57-26
KA1NNI/N	Kentucky		KA5VMA/T	KA8WVE/N	Minnesota	
New Hampshire	KB4DOV/N	22,080-345-64-12	KA5VKC/T	KA8YDY/T	KAØLJG/N	16,287-267-61-30
KA1MMC/N	KB4QKT/N	5,280-110-48-24	KA5VOU/N	KA8WAG/N	KAØTQY/N	15,438-239-62-26
Rhode Island	North Carolina		KA5YCZ/N	KA8WON/N	KAØJVS/N	10,088-194-52-29
WB1DEU/N	KB4NYO/N	11,024-212-52-19	N5HUH/T	KA8WSQ/N	KAØQOK/N	8,729-203-43-30
KA1MPF/N	KB4QEN/N	9,016-196-45-30	KA5VDX/N	KA8VQS/N	KAØRVW/N	8,084-152-47-13
KA1NJW/N	KB4ONI/C	861-41-21-8	6	KA8UNZ/T	NØGQK/T	7,450-139-50-21
Vermont	KB4NMD/T	702-39-18-12	East Bay	Ohio	KAØJZG/N	4,500-100-45-30
KA1NJS/N	KA4GLA/T	36-6-6-4	KB6KKH/T	KA8SDE/T	KAØREC/N	246-22-12-13
KA1LDS/T	Northern Florida		KB6JOH/N	KA8NNA/N	Missouri	
2	KB4LTO/T	24,765-381-65-30	Orange	NØGFK/T	KAØJMC/T	19,278-306-63-30
Eastern New York	KB4MHH/N	20,398-309-62-29	KA8TNN/N	KA8WRT/N	KAØTWR/T	19,034-307-62-30
KA2ZPD/N	KA3LOC/N	8,379-133-63-28	KB6ANC/N	KA8TNT/T	WØØBL/N	11,368-203-56-14
N2FZJ/T	KB4LCC/N	3,828-87-44-18	Santa Barbara	KA8TEW/N	KAØSOH/N	9,460-215-47-28
New York City-Long Island	KB4FOS/N	508-32-19-6	KB6HKG/T	KA8WSP/T	Nebraska	
KA2JJJ/T	South Carolina		KA2IOO/N	KA8HSO/N	KAØUEAN	2,170-70-31-24
N2EZF/T	KA4OTH/N	5,461-127-43-27	Santa Clara Valley	WØBIFH/T	KAØVYAN	195-15-13-2
WB2VBV/T	Southern Florida		KB6IRO/N	NØHC/G/T	South Dakota	
KA2ZUHN	KB4RFQ/N	14,742-234-60-30	KA8TRV/N	KA8WZT/N	KAØRBN/N	2,860-71-38-14
Northern New Jersey	KA1NSB/N	16-4-4-2	KA8ING/T	KA8VVE/N	Non-Novices	
WA2FEH/N	Tennessee		San Joaquin Valley	KA8TGO/N	KP4FI	22,317, KA5GIS/1 12,688,
KA2TFV/T	KB4MSB/N	14,535-285-51-29	KB6ETA/T	KA8VAL/N	A18U	8,742, HP1AC 8,215, KO1R
KA2UGR/N	KB4MYK/N	11,286-198-57-15	7	KA8TJQ/N	7,708, WA7HHX 7,124, K3TX 7,003,	
KA2YVY/N	KB4PZX/N	3,706-99-34-20	Alaska	West Virginia	W3ADE 6,806, K9GXU (WAØLIS)	
KA2VHB/N	Virginia		WL7BFE/N	KA8YKF/N	5,800, W7HO 5,290, W5UA 4,455,	
KA2PZD/N	KB4MUZ/N	34,352-452-76-30	KL7YY/T	KA8RLD/N	K1K1 3,720, KA1MZC 3,570, KU7G	
KA2RLN/N	KB4FAS/N	30,600-435-68-30	Idaho	WØBQNJ/T	3,531, KY3M 3,293, N3DPV 2,813,	
Southern New Jersey	KB4OSD/T	19,200-400-48-29	KB6DRW/N	KA8VAU/N	KØ9OH 2,800, WD8DZE 2,592, W1SE	
KA2ZQN/N	N4IXV/T	16,472-232-60-30	KA7VIN/T	9	2,070, W10D 1,909, KA1DTU 1,767,	
KA2YKN/T	KB4MRH/N	6,357-153-39-23	Montana	Illinois	KR1R 1,700, WA3VIL 1,272, K4IX	
Western New York	N4LKB/T	6,018-118-51-30	KA7HKB/N	KA9MON/N	1,272, AA3B 1,045, KMØR 546,	
KA2RWL/N	KB4OMD/T	5,704-124-46-24	KA8SVY/N	KA9TOF/N	WA2OTX (+N2ADP) 510, VE3NYT 464,	
KA2WIK/N	KAØLXJ/N	3,400-100-34-8	Nevada	KA9TQF/N	KA9LPN 360, W2EA 333, KZ1A 254,	
W2CXM (KA2ZOO/N, opr)	KB4RDI/N	2,508-66-38-10	KA7ICF/N	KA9TQJ/N	WN4KKV5 182, NM20 140, KE7JR 90,	
N2CZL/T	KB4RDH/N	713-31-23-16	KA7VIQ/N	KA9TQK/N	WA2VYA 84.	
KA2SJJ/N	KB4RBA/N	252-21-12-20	KA7WAN/N	KA9TQV/N	Checklogs	
KA2YMZ/N	KB4NVD/N	234-18-13-12	Oregon	KA9TQW/N	AK2H, K2JLD, K4EJQ, KAØTUV,	
3	KB4RBH/N	4-2-2-1	KA7VRW/N	KA9TQH/N	KA1DWX, KA1LYO, KA1MAD,	
Delaware	KB4QPU/N	1-1-1-1	Utah	KA9TQI/N	KA1NWX, KA2JLC, KA3GCHY,	
KA3LNA/N	Arkansas		KA7QHY/N	KA9TQJ/N	KA3MBC, KA3NVZ, KA8AKS,	
WA3BZT/T	KA5KHV/N	19,215-305-63-29	KA7SWAN	KA9TQK/N	KA9NBU, KA9RSL, KV8U,	
WB3LCP/N	Louisiana		Colorado	KA9TQK/N	NØBKE, NØFMR, N3CZB, N5HTX,	
Eastern Pennsylvania	KA5UOR/N	42-7-6-1	KAØVSD/N	6	NØESV, NØDX, NØZP, VE7ETW,	
KA3JHZ/N					WØPA, W2KTF, W3ARK, W3SOH,	
					W8UQF, W8CZR, W8VUV, W9CUN,	
					WB1EKY, WØSBS.	