

# Results, 1988 Novice Roundup

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This year the Novice Roundup took on a new face. With Novice Enhancement becoming effective in March of 1987, new operating privileges were bestowed upon Novice and Technician class licensees. These new privileges found their way into the 1988 NR. Not only was the classic CW mode used in NR, but also 10-meter SSB, 222 MHz, 1270 MHz, RTTY and packet were available for an added attraction, giving the contest a new and interesting twist. Novice Roundup gives Novices and Technicians nine days of operating while supplying plenty of activity to try out new modes and bands. NR also gives participants the time to experiment with propagation on different bands at different times of the day. By the end of the contest or after 30 hours of operation (whichever comes first), contestants can't help but notice their operating skills and techniques have improved and that they are well on their way to becoming experienced contesters.

The Novice Roundup provides many things for different people. Besides being a fun and challenging contest, NR still remains as one of the most favorite activities among Novices and Technicians for improving and increasing CW speed. Also, like many other contests, new states and DXCC countries are worked, putting the finishing touches on the requirements for that long sought-after award. Many personal achievements are accomplished each year during the NR. The following comments are just a few of such triumphs: "Wow! I had loads of fun during the NR. My biggest thrill was working KL7XM in Alaska. My hand

## Novice Top Ten

Call	Score
W6UE/N	
(KA6SAR,op)	229,812
WD5JZL/N	106,406
KA0SIX/N	105,264
KA8JBK/N	105,006
KB8BSM/N	98,532
KA8YZJ/N	75,208
KA2YVU/N	74,732
KA9LJO/N	65,925
KB4MUZ/N	63,104
WD4KQN/N	61,200

## Technician Top Ten

Call	Score
KA0VYA/T	124,820
KA9CHM/T	95,328
KA9UJE/T	71,676
WA3TIH/T	70,180
N0IPP/T	68,941
N4QIV/T	65,934
WB2VBV/T	62,832
KA8OAT/T	48,528
KA0REN/T	48,440
KB7AXA/T	47,736

## Division Leaders

Novice		Technician
Call	Division	Call
KA2YVU/N	Atlantic	KA3ROF/T
KA9LJO/N	Central	KA9CHM/T
KA0UQT/N	Dakota	N0FYR/T
WD5JZL/N	Delta	KB5CQR/T
KA8JBK/N	Great Lakes	KA8OAT/T
WA2FEH/N	Hudson	WB2VBV/T
KA0SIX/N	Midwest	KA0VYA/T
KA1RAZ/N	New England	KA1LDS/T
KA0SVY/N	Northwestern	KB7AXA/T
KA6SHS/N	Pacific	NH6GJ/T
KA0ZOS/N	Rocky Mountain	N0IPP/T
KB4MUZ/N	Roanoke	N4QIV/T
WD4KQN/N	Southeastern	N4REE/T
W6UE/N		
(KA6SAR,op)	Southwestern	KA7WPD/T
KB5ENP/N	West Gulf	N5LAI/T

froze up because I got so excited"—KA1QMQ. "Not too many contacts, but I had fun and increased my confidence in CW operation"—KB2DFZ. "I think contesting is an awesome way to improve code speed and general operating skills"—KB2EMU. "I worked my first DX on 15 meters! NR was a great way to get my feet wet. It also helped to increase my code speed to the point that I was able to pass my 13 WPM test with no difficulties"—KA3SKT. "My code speed went from 5 WPM to over 14 WPM during NR. It's time to upgrade!"—N3FTI. "I worked 35 states, 4 VE provinces and 3 DXCC countries during NR. Also, my code speed improved so much, I upgraded to General!"—N4REE. "I was surprised and delighted to find that I had worked all states"—N4QIV. "Everyone told me NR would help my CW speed. Sure enough it did! I hope to take my General soon"—KB5CQR. "After holding a Novice ticket for almost five years, I finally got on the air for the first time. NR opened a whole new world"—KA0QCJ.

There were a total of 363 entries received by the Contest Desk for the 1988 Novice Roundup: of that number, 150 were Novices and 144 were Technicians. Looking through the score listings reveals many familiar and repeat NR participants.

A scan through the Top Ten boxes will show four of 1987's top ten are back again this year. For the Novices, KA0SIX betters his last year's score by 60k and reclaims 3rd place again in '88. KA8JBK increased his score by 70k and moved up the ladder to 4th



Fifth-place Novice finisher KB8BSM logging in another contact. Mark also finished first in the Ohio section.



Debi, KB0AOQ/N, from the Colorado Section, smiles for the camera.



The job's never complete until the paperwork is done, as Leroy, KB7AGY/N, learns.

## Novice Roundup Experience From Washington

I've been a ham on and off for 26 years, but never have I used CW. I didn't even use my second license (I got computer fever, which has burned itself out). Now I'm on my third call and once again tinkering with transistors. I've also come to realize the terse, economic beauty of CW.

Before NR, I had made only two contacts, both with the same ham (Floro in San Jose, thank you!)

My goal for NR was just to get on the air and see if I could learn something. Little did I suspect, despite all that I've read in *QST* over the years, what would happen to me. My hands got cold and sweaty; my copy speed fell from a solid 11-12 WPM to about 4!; my hand shook and sent wild code through the ether. In a half hour, my body was soaked with sweat. I kept at it though, my code speed increased and my sending was less erratic. All the things I've read about appeared on the air, good and bad turned out true. Some folks were friendly; others business-like, or even abrupt.

I heard a 3-minute CQ, followed by a short string of call signs too fast and blurred for me to follow. Someone answered him, and his sending speed dropped in half!

Several times I heard a signal with a pronounced, slow chirp, but I never got a chance to answer him and tell him he had a big problem.

An Extra in California answered me once (actually I answered his CQ NR), but only sent CA as his QTH—guess he didn't read the rules. I heard another operator asking a different CA ham what his section was; they never did straighten out which section he was in. After the third time of this happening, I managed to straighten out a puzzled ham in the midwest, by telling him "YES" Fresno was in

SJV. Seems the California hams don't know much about ARRL sections. Oh, don't mistake me, I made my share of mistakes. Lots of sending errors. It's hard to slow down when sending (unless I'm trying to figure out how to spell my name or something—that at least has gotten better!), and I'm sure I scared off a few newer hams, although I did try hard to go at their pace.

I had one very strange experience. I answered W9GXR (on 3.7 MHz), and he came back with FB DAN, RST 599 5NN WI WI. How did he know my name? At any rate he seemed very business-like and dove right into the next QSO; obviously he was very experienced. I thought that maybe I had worked him before (he was my 16th contact, including the 2 with Floro), but I had not. Had he heard me working someone else? I doubt it, as he seemed to be working by "CQ" and "QRZ." Also it was my first QSO of the day! I can only guess that he has the *Callbook* on hard disk data base (Wow!) and entered my call to come up with my name. A little spooky, though.

Halfway through the week my addiction got the best of me (solder smoke—hopeless—no cure) and I took my EICO 723 transmitter (remember those?!...\$35 with the 722 VFO at a hamfest) apart and added a QRP switch. It's nice for tuning up without bothering others as much (in case they missed my QRL?). It drops the output to about 2 watts. I wanted to see if QRP can really make it, as I have dreams of home-brewing my next rig. Four days later I forgot to go "QRO" (that's 20 watts out on the 723!), but worked N5KOB in STX using less than 1.8 watts on 15 meters—and got a 579! Later I got a 549 from WD9IQN in IL.—*Dan Winkler, N7IVRT*

place this year from 6th place in '87. The top two Novice slots for 1988 are held by top-ten new blood. W6UE (KA6SAR/N,op) ran away with 1st place just shy of 230k points. This is a record that will be hard to beat. WD5JZL was the 2nd place finisher with 106k points. In the Technician race, KA0VYA moved from 4th-place Novice in 1987 to 1st-place Technician in '88 by improving his score by 85k for the win. KA9CHM grabbed the 2nd place spot with 95k points. KA9UJE

ended up in 3th place just 1k points ahead of 4th place finisher WA3TIH. Last year's 4th place Technician, WB2VBV, tripled his score for '88 but found the competition a lot fiercer this year, slipping to 7th place. Great showing this year from all! Certificates for all Novice and Technician entrants will be out soon. Looking forward to seeing everyone again in 1989!

## SOAPBOX

There were plenty of Novices and Techs who were able to copy well over 13 WPM. I was very impressed! (KA1IOR/E). Sure wish I had used CW

instead of relying on phone only! (WB1EAD/T). This is the first contest I have entered; I had a great time contacting DX. Some of the pile-ups were unreal, but they sure did add to the excitement of the contest (KA1QFV/T). My first crack at Novice Roundup was fun! Okay, it's not an award-winning score, and I may not have been able to work the full 30 hours allotted, but like I said I had fun! NR was a great opportunity for me as a new Novice to jump in with both feet, get the hang of making contacts, iron out operating procedures and identify minor problems with a newly purchased used rig. Thanks for the opportunity (KB2EAX/N). Enjoyed NR greatly and had a much better time than last year (WA2JUU/T). Wonderful experience! (KA2IKE/N). On February 7th I had a cold and fever of 104°—that was the day I made most of my contacts! Now I know what the "ham radio" fever is! (KB2BSV/N). Many thanks to all the experienced



Sue, KA3SKT/T, placed second in the EPA section with 13k points.



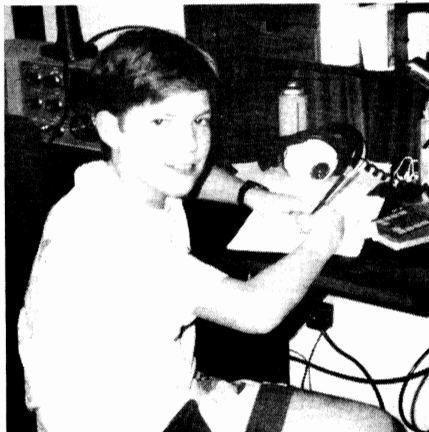
WD4KQN/N finished in 10th place in the Novice category overall.



In California, Darrel, KB6RFX/N, walked away with the Orange Section win.



Chris, with his broken thumb for all to see, worked exclusively CW for the multiop crew of KB0BFJ/T.



Twelve-year-old Ron, KC4CXQ/N, took first-place SFL.

CW, of course; that would be super! I tried out SSB on 10 meters for a bit but it's too much work. I can eat and drink and send CW, but I can't eat and drink and talk SSB—Ha Ha! (KA5DIU/N). I am a 16-year-old YL and I received my ticket when I was 14. This is the first year that I have participated in the NR. It really helped my confidence. Next year, I plan to participate more actively (KA5YNL/N). Denise, KB7CNL, and I really enjoyed working the Novice Roundup together. We improved our skills and got to know each other better (KB7DNK/N). What a great contest. I was able to make my QSOs count. They were only two or three minutes each on average. What I especially enjoyed was a QSO with W1AW (KB7AGY/N). Terrific Novice Roundup! I couldn't believe the number of Novices and Techs I heard! (KA8ZUF). I would like to thank Dr Lou Arnold, K9ALP, for helping me get ready for this contest. If I didn't know better, I'd say his name was Elmer (KB8BSM/N). Had fun working the contest QRP. With two hams in the same house it was also a competition to see who would get to use the rig! (KA8NRC/T). There are a lot of good fists out there—excellent future contest operators, but more important, excellent future CW operators (W9GXR). The NR was a great experience for increasing code speed, gaining confidence in CW and phone and meeting friendly, helpful hams. My OM (NY0R) encouraged my full participation by washing dishes for the week—can't we have the NR more often! (KA0VFM/T). I only worked 28-MHz SSB because I didn't have a CW filter at the time (N0IJU/T). NR was fun! My broken thumb didn't slow us down (KB0BFJ/T).

operators who gave no quarter and forced my copy speed up, while displaying infinite patience with my fist. Be back next year, without the "/N," I hope (KA3SDO/N). Well someone has to have the lowest score. How is 119? (KA3RRS/N). This was the first time I participated in any contest. It was a ball!

(KA3FIJ/N). This was my first contest. I didn't exactly set the world on fire, but I had fun (N4NFI/T). Strange NR this year. Fifteen meters was up and that was great, but what happened to 40 meters? Maybe we can trade this portion of 40 meters to the Generals for a portion of 20 meters?

## Scores

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

1				Connecticut				Eastern Massachusetts				Maine				New Hampshire				Rhode Island				Vermont				Western Massachusetts			
KA1QMQ/N				2,408	43	28	7	KA1PCMN/N				WB1EAD/T				KA1LDS/T				KA1PBO/T				KA1RAZN				KA1EJK/N			
KA1QXK/N				320	16	10	11	KA1NNIN/N				1,188				KA2ZHA/N				KA1MOK/N				W1KOOT (N1s DLE,EOZ,EYD,ops)				17,160			
KA1LYF/T				21	7	3	3	N1DVHT				2,511				9,202				20				1,288				2,024			
KA1QQJ/T				9	3	3	1																								
				NYC-Long Island				Northern New Jersey				Southern New Jersey				Western New York				Delaware				Eastern Pennsylvania							
KB2DFZ/T				174	12	6	7	WB2VBU/T				WA2FEH/N				KB2EUC/N				KA2YVU/N				3				KA3ROF/T			
KB2CCC/T				8	2	2	12	WA2JUU/T				KB2EOH/N				WB2YEH/T				KB2EMU/N								13,000			
K2YCJ/N (KB2s BQY,DIS,ops)				364	14	13	5	K2JUU/T				N2GMZ/T				KA2IA/N				WD6CQV2/T				KA3SGF/N				12,474			
								K2DRR/N				K2BVP/N				KA2TDC/N				KA2SJV/N				WA3BZT/T				11,438			
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NL7KB/T	476- 18- 14- 5	8		9		KA8ZOS/N	54,303- 394- 89- 30	NA8NI/T	3,100- 50- 31- 15
<b>Arizona</b>		<b>Michigan</b>		<b>Illinois</b>		KA8VFM/T	25,704- 215- 63- 27	KA8QCJ/N	884- 21- 17- 30
WA7YIG/N (KA8YAC,op)		KA8JBK/N	105,006- 721- 74- 30	KA8NGH/N	40,120- 300- 68- 23	KA8YXU/N	17,604- 158- 54- 23	KB8BEP/T	48- 12- 4- 5
	23,760- 199- 60- 28	KA8PKJ/N	23,760- 217- 55- 23	KA8UW/N	20,460- 372- 55- 30	KB8BDO/N	1,900- 38- 25- 11	KB8BPA/T	9- 3- 3- 2
KA7WPD/T	14,440- 361- 40- 21	KA8EBE/N	18,914- 193- 49- 26	KA8TXG/N	19,890- 179- 55- 13	KB8USE/T	1,064- 75- 14- 26	KB8BFJ/T (+WB8ZNE)	15,456- 161- 48- 26
KB7DOR/N	1,357- 36- 23- 10	KB8CFK/N	5,376- 96- 28- 30	N9GQE/T	10,011- 110- 47- 15	N8JUU/T	943- 41- 23- 16		
KB7DBN/N	1,218- 37- 21- 11	N8JUH/T	2,750- 50- 25- 26	N9GII/T	2,914- 47- 31- 14	KB8AOQ/N	874- 23- 19- 2	<b>Nebraska</b>	
KA7HK/N	200- 15- 10- 10	KA8QKQ/T	1,080- 60- 9- 17	N9GTT/T	2,400- 50- 24- 30	KA8NND/T	308- 14- 11- 3	KA8VYA/T	124,820- 790- 79- 30
<b>Idaho</b>		KB8DKO/N	286- 13- 11- 6	N9GCF/T	1,360- 37- 20- 7	KA8YAA/N	275- 14- 11- 1	KB8BQQ/N	6,972- 83- 42- 11
KB7AXA/T	47,736- 351- 68- 27	KA8JLN/T	250- 13- 10- 3	KA8ZLC/N	112- 8- 7- 1	K3ZMO/T	100- 20- 5- 9	N8ILA/T	896- 31- 16- 13
N7KFI/T	250- 17- 10- 4	KB8QOP/N	160- 8- 8- 3	KA8WHK/T	45- 5- 5- 4	KB8AD/N	18- 9- 2- 9		
<b>Montana</b>		KB8BMO/N	16- 6- 3- 4	KA8ZDT/N	22- 11- 2- 10	KA8MHR/N	9- 9- 1- 2	<b>Non-Novices</b>	
KA8SVY/N	15,390- 135- 57- 26	KB8DDK/N (+KB8DDJ)	60- 14- 4- 4	KA8ZTJ/N	14- 6- 2- 1	<b>Iowa</b>		KA8MSE (KX8Y,op)	39,040- W9GXR
KA7NCY/T	330- 55- 6- 8	<b>Ohio</b>		KA8ZJJ/T	5- 5- 1- 1	WA3TH/T	70,180- 365- 110- 30	32,452- K9GXU	22,770- KA5GIS/1
<b>Oregon</b>		KB8BSM/N	98,532- 542- 92- 30	<b>Indiana</b>		KB8YGX/T	8,404- 97- 44- 15	20,440- WA9PQY	14,739- KB1VL
N7JUP/T	9,200- 100- 46- 29	KA8YZJ/N	75,208- 476- 79- 30	KA8LJE/T	71,676- 543- 66- 23	N8HJQ/T	552- 28- 12- 18	12,880- WA1VEK	11,938- KM1X
N7JUR/T	4,130- 70- 35- 15	KA8OAT/T	48,528- 356- 72- 25	KA8LJO/N	65,925- 442- 75- 24	KB8DUJ/N	7- 7- 1- 1	11,856- KA9UZH	11,780- WB2NRK
KB7DRD/N	2,231- 49- 23- 10	N8GFK/T	30,432- 320- 48- 24	KA8IWP/T	24,640- 224- 55- 25	<b>Kansas</b>		11,562- W7HO	10,208- KA1MPF
KB7DRE/N	312- 13- 12- 11	KA8KSO/N	15,800- 158- 50- 25	KA8ZTC/N	20,064- 209- 48- 24	KA8SIX/N	105,264- 602- 86- 30	9,384- K1KI	K1OR 6,898
N7JED/T	50- 5- 5- 2	N8DAQ/T	14,906- 142- 58- 16	N9FFG/T	3,808- 56- 34- 8	KA8ITA/N	27,328- 224- 61- 29	KA8ZUF/6	6,840- W2MTA
KA7JJW/T	32- 4- 4- 3	KA8SQJ/N	9,976- 111- 43- 20	KA8ZRW/N	3,105- 64- 27- 30	N8JQJ/T	16,830- 160- 51- 30	5,814- W4YOK	5,100- KY5N
KB7DNK/N (+KB7CNL)		KA8HFJ/T	9,800- 96- 50- 18	KA9ZAT/T	120- 7- 5- 2	KB8BPR/N	1,342- 31- 22- 12	4,028- W7EMO	3,904- KH8CP/1
	3,720- 60- 31- 12	KA8NRC/T	5,699- 82- 41- 16	N9GSM/T	12- 4- 3- 6	KB8BTF/N	198- 11- 9- 19	3,429- KY3M	3,420- KJ4ND
<b>Utah</b>		KA8VPL/N	4,059- 63- 41- 15	<b>Wisconsin</b>		W8LB/T (KA8MIQ,KB8B AVS,BSP, N8B FVR,GAB,HAF,ops)	15,070- 139- 55- 27	3,224- W8UUX/4	
KB7AGY/N	31,500- 250- 63- 23	N8HUR/T	1,728- 108- 16- 25	KA9CHM/T	95,328- 499- 96- 15	<b>Minnesota</b>		2,200- KG8J	1,924- N11Y
<b>Washington</b>		KB8DAE/T	1,652- 59- 28- 25	KA9ZKL/N	39,680- 331- 80- 28	N8FYR/T	14,580- 135- 54- 24	1,718- N9GGE	1,658- N3DPV
KA7UDJ/N	7,056- 84- 42- 19	KA8ODP/T	1,300- 27- 26- 4	N8HDE/T	23,220- 217- 54- 22	KB8BEJ/T	14,260- 155- 46- 18	1,540- KA3VIL	
N7VR/T	1,748- 38- 23- 28	KB8DEX/N	768- 31- 16- 29	N9GGY/T	17,584- 157- 56- 30	KB8BIX/T	9,682- 106- 47- 19	1,187- W8YVK	1,120- N11L
KB7BTO/T	1,219- 53- 23- 11	KB8DON/N	816- 44- 14- 22	KA9VTP/N	10,028- 109- 48- 19	KA8UQT/N	8,400- 105- 40- 16	1,105- WA3EE	
KB7DKF/N	1,134- 27- 21- 8	KA8VAL/T	572- 22- 13- 4	KA9ZHO/T	8,084- 94- 43- 21	KA8YEG/N	5,976- 83- 36- 13	850- K5IS	863- WH8I
KB7CMR/N	532- 19- 14- 23	KA8ZHC/T	112- 8- 8- 7	KA9PAF/N	986- 29- 17- 15	KA8ZTE/N	744- 31- 12- 9	627- W1GV	512
KB7AFO/T	88- 11- 8- 3	KB2DMZ/N	24- 4- 3- 8	KA9ZWM/N	84- 7- 6- 6			N8HYA	390- K8HJ
N7JPP/T	10- 4- 2- 5	<b>West Virginia</b>		KA9ZHF/T	12- 3- 2- 5	<b>Missouri</b>		336- KB8BZ	
<b>Wyoming</b>		KA8RLD/N	54,436- 429- 62- 30	<b>0</b>		WD8BBL/N	50,932- 375- 68- 26	(+WB8S)	38,324- KA9YAF (+N9NE)
KB7AWM/T	37,888- 296- 64- 28	KB8DEH/N	49,518- 388- 63- 22	<b>Colorado</b>		KB8ACF/T	48,440- 348- 70- 29	25,925- KB2CFO	(+NM2E) 13,056
N7JZW/T	96- 9- 7- 8	KB8CMR/N	12,616- 161- 38- 30	N8IPP/T	68,941- 486- 71- 30			<b>Checklogs</b>	
		KB8AOB/N	6,240- 81- 39- 22					KA1CLV, KA2GGG, KB2DER,	
		N8HTR/T	126- 9- 7- 9					WB2DVU, KA3CHY, W3AFK,	
								WA3EOP, KA5AWP, KB8NYC,	
								W8UQF, WA8HAD, AETK, KL7GN,	
								KSTL, K8AN, KA8JVK, KB8CP,	
								KB8OM, W8VUV, KA9PBL, W8CUN,	
								N8DMV, WA8S, VE3CNA, VE4AAU,	
								N4RP/C&A, JE4MYT	