

# 2007 ARRL RTTY Roundup Results

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**A**fter many years of increased activity, the RTTY Roundup briefly reached its peak in activity. We received a few fewer logs this year than for last year's contest, but as we approach the bottom of the sunspot cycle, this was to be expected. This was the year that the high power operators took full charge of the contest. Available band space shrank with the lack of propagation on 10 and 15 meters. The extra 10 dB in power between the classes really counted on the low bands, and 20 meters was its usual crowded, wall-to-wall, exciting place to operate.

This year, a couple of operators merit special attention since the RTTY Roundup has always been about the "little pistol." Greg Cathcart, WA4HPH, who is an old-time CW guy, entered his first contest in 48 years. He says he had a blast. Mike McShan, N5JKY, is a QRP man who had never tried RTTY before — he had so much fun he just kept going and going. Mike worked 29 states with six DX contacts, all using an attic-mounted dipole.

## High Power Single Operator Results

I guess I didn't take the sunspot cycle too seriously when I made last year's predictions. That was an error, and yet in 2007 the 2500 QSO mark was exceeded by over 10 percent. Over a hundred contacts an hour is now the new standard of the RTTY Roundup. Peak rates are far greater than that.

From Aruba, Ed Muns, W0YK, operated P49X and set another Single Operator World Record with 2803 contacts and 372,799 points. His effort set a new high water mark that might take a while to beat. Ed reports that he worked 1558 unique call signs. Sort of reminds me of some of the hits I took when a log checker knocked out a bunch of unique calls from my log when I operated P40JT from the exact same spot as Ed. The log checker couldn't understand how rare P4 was in Japan and that JAs were lining up to get in the RTTY log back then. His misunderstanding cost me first place overall that year.

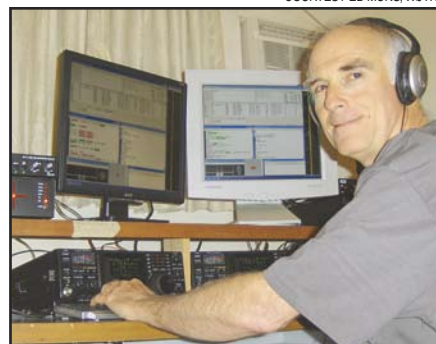
Europe dominated the rest of the DX high power standings with Anton Crv, S54E, capturing second place, just missing the European record. Nick Nikityuk, UW8I, dropped a place this year to third spot. In fourth place DX, EO3Q had a nice score, as well.

Shifting from Multi to Single operator this year was Rick Davenport, KI1G, who beat his

old W/VE record Single Operator, setting the New England Division record a notch higher. Mike Sims, K4GMH, moved up another place this year in the standings, beating Charlie Morrison, KI5XP, in a tight race where both set new Roanoke and Delta Division records.

The differences in Mike and Charlie's scores are interesting to examine. Both had the same number of Multipliers. Mike beat Charlie on both 80 and 40 meters by a total of nearly 200 contacts, but Charlie won both of the 15 and 20 meter battles. Mike, however, had 53 more contacts in the log when all was said and done.

Alex Tkatch, KU1CW, from the Midwest Division was the fourth place record-setting finisher. Another in the over-200,000 point



COURTESY ED MUNS, W0YK

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group was Dennis Egan, NB1B. Rounding out the Top 10 — also with new records — was Bob Patten, N4BP, from the Southeastern Division and Glenn Wyant, VA3DX (and with a new Canada record to boot!). Steve Moore,

## Plaque Winners

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### Overall Winners

Category	Winner	Sponsor	Category	Winner	Sponsor
<b>W/VE</b>					
Single Operator Low Power	NM7M Memorial AA5AU	Jim Reiser, AD1C	Great Lakes	AB8K	Southwest Ohio DX Association
Single Operator High Power	W7RM Award K11G	Frank Fallon, N2FF	Hudson	NP3D/W2	Frank Fallon, N2FF
Multioperator Low Power	N5ZM	West Mountain Radio	Midwest	KU1CW	West Mountain Radio
Multioperator High Power	K4QD	John Lockhart, W0DC	New England	K11G	West Mountain Radio
<b>DX</b>					
Single Operator Low Power	H13TEJ	West Mountain Radio	Northwestern Pacific	K7MI	Pat Shinnars, W7GTO
Single Operator High Power	P49X	Gary Belcher, KH6GMP	Pacific	K6IDX	Northern California Contest Club
Multioperator Low Power	KP2D	West Mountain Radio	Roanoke	K4GMH	West Mountain Radio
Multioperator High Power	G10KOW	In Memoriam of W0ETC, by the Tennessee Contest Group	Rocky Mountain	K0FX	West Mountain Radio
<b>ARRL Division Winners</b>					
<b>Single Operator Low Power</b>					
Atlantic	W3LL	West Mountain Radio	Southeastern	N4BP	West Mountain Radio
Central	N9CK	West Mountain Radio	Southwestern	K6LL	West Mountain Radio
Dakota	N0AT	W2JGR Memorial by Don Hill, AA5AU	West Gulf	W5AP	West Mountain Radio
Delta	AA5AU	West Mountain Radio	Canada	VA3DX	West Mountain Radio
Great Lakes	W4LC	West Mountain Radio	<b>Multioperator Low Power</b>		
Hudson	WA2LXE	West Mountain Radio	Atlantic	N2WK	West Mountain Radio
Midwest	NT0F	In Memoriam of W0ETC, by Peter Rudolph, DL2YCA	Central	W9AZ	West Mountain Radio
New England	W1ECT	CTRI Contest Group	Dakota	KE0L	West Mountain Radio
Northwestern Pacific	K7ZUM	West Mountain Radio	Delta	N5ZM	West Mountain Radio
Pacific	N6OJ	West Mountain Radio	Great Lakes	N8LRG	Shelby Summerville, K4WW
Roanoke	KA4RRU	Mike Sims, K4GMH	Hudson	K2VK	West Mountain Radio
Rocky Mountain	KT0DX	West Mountain Radio	Midwest	N0NI	West Mountain Radio
Southeastern	KE4KWE	West Mountain Radio	New England	KT1I	West Mountain Radio
Southwestern	AD6WL	West Mountain Radio	Northwestern Pacific	WA1PMA	West Mountain Radio
West Gulf	KE5OG	West Mountain Radio	Roanoke	N6MW	West Mountain Radio
Canada	VE1OP	West Mountain Radio	Rocky Mountain	WD4LBR	West Mountain Radio
<b>Single Operator High Power</b>					
Atlantic	WA2ETU	West Mountain Radio	Southeastern	W4QG	West Mountain Radio
Central	A19T	Don Hill, AA5AU	Canada	VE7OGO	West Mountain Radio
Dakota	K0SR	West Mountain Radio	<b>Multioperator High Power</b>		
Delta	K15XP	Roland Guidry, NA5Q	Atlantic	AA3B	West Mountain Radio
			Central	N2BJ	West Mountain Radio
			Dakota	W0SD	West Mountain Radio
			Delta	KG5VK	West Mountain Radio
			Great Lakes	KE4YVD	West Mountain Radio
			Hudson	NA2M	West Mountain Radio
			Midwest	AB0RX	West Mountain Radio
			New England	KV1J	West Mountain Radio
			Northwestern Pacific	KE7AJ	West Mountain Radio
			Roanoke	NN6NN	West Mountain Radio
			Rocky Mountain	W4RM	West Mountain Radio
			Southeastern	W0LSD	West Mountain Radio
			Southwestern	K4QD	West Mountain Radio
			West Gulf	W7WWW	West Mountain Radio
			Canada	K5HDU	West Mountain Radio
				VE7UF	West Mountain Radio

AI9T, won the Central Division for the fifth consecutive time.

Six new Division records were set this year and a new overall High Power Record, too. When we get 10 meters back, what then?

### Low Power Single Operator Results

Teddy Jimenez, HI3TEJ, notched the win from the Dominican Republic. Making a strong run was Jerry Rosalius, PJ2T, finishing a bit off the pace in second place. Patrik Hrvatin, 9A5CW, secured third place. Out of Morocco Mohamed Kharbouche, CN8KD, claimed a new African record to finish out the top four.

Don Hill, AA5AU, rose like an old alligator to the surface, notching yet another win. Did you know that Don won his first Roundup with a ground-mounted 5-band vertical? I think that next year Don should try that again to give others a chance (or to see if he still has the magic).

There was a tight race for second place. Mike Trowbridge, KA4RRU, who missed last year's contest, moved by Steve Franzen, N9CK, last year's second place guy. From the East Coast, Michael McAmis, W1ECT, claimed fourth place.

A new Canadian all-time Low Power record was set by Scott Nichols, VE1OP, after he received a bit of a push from VE9DX to stay in the chair and go for the gusto.

Two new division records were all that were set this year in this class. Jim Seifert, AD6WL, set a new Southwestern Division record after he entered in Low Power this year. Bill Brooks, KE5OG, had a nice showing and a sixth place finish. Steve Sawyer, KT0DX, took a new Rocky Mountain Division record.

That goes to show you that low power rules. More than 700 logs were from the Single Operator Low Power classification this year. Some were even trying QRP.

### High Power Multi Single Results

On the DX side, it was R. W. C. Cummings, GI0KOW, in a very tight race with Wanderley Gomes, ZX2B, down less than 1000 points. The crew of the East Cork Radio Group, EI7M, was third, with old friend Marijan Miletic, S56A, in fourth place overall. The *Associazione Radioamatori Italiani- Sezione di Udine*, IQ3UD, was fifth.

In the US, it was Jan Heise, K4QD, with the overall victory. They also set a new all-time Southeastern Division record. Ed Gray, W0SD, was back in action this year, about 10,000 off the pace, but making everyone happy that South Dakota was easy. Ken Eigsti, W0LSD, placed third, also setting a new Rocky Mountain Division record. George Mackus, AB0RX, with partner Joe Duerbusch, K0BX, finished up in fourth. Bill O'Mara, W4RM, hadn't operated in a couple of years, but secured fifth place.

The West Coast groups and their lack of

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### Top Ten Scores

Single Operator		Multioperator	
WVE	Low Power	WVE	Low Power
AA5AU	219,240	N5ZM	135,160
KA4RRU	146,392	N2WK	107,970
N9CK	142,500	W5VZF	106,384
VE1OP	130,268	N0NI	105,350
W1ECT	121,878	KE3WM	82,368
AD6WL	112,761	W2RTY	81,952
KE5OG	101,463	W4QG	77,280
KT0DX	101,080	N3XLS	72,400
N0AT	92,655	N8LRG	65,766
W0AW	92,597	K5BAT	65,145

WVE — High Power		WVE — High Power	
K11G	251,636	K4QD	169,476
K4GMH	234,484	W0SD	159,330
K15XP	227,912	W0LSD	136,141
KU1CW	218,484	AB0RX	134,040
NB1B	212,135	W4RM	132,225
K4RO	180,960	NN6NN	126,324
W4GKM	170,085	W7WW	112,056
AI9T	167,195	ND2T	108,240
N4BP	162,030	K0IR	106,954
VA3DX	155,736	KE7AJ	101,555

DX — Low Power		DX — Low Power	
HI3TEJ	155,533	KP2D	171,454
PJ2T	140,250	LZ9R	68,400
9A5CW	126,762	UT3HWW	67,770
CN8KD	113,300	G0MTN	63,700
8P2K	83,284	F6FJE	54,405
LV5V	78,846	RZ4HZW	13,624
YZ1SM	71,552	9A3ASF	5,564
Z36W	62,510	RU3AT	5,050
UT2UZ	62,160	DF4WC	4,429
UT1IA	61,789	LZ2007EU	4,095

DX — High Power		DX — High Power	
P49X	372,799	GI0KOW	141,172
S54E	163,226	ZX2B	140,400
UW8I	143,526	EI7M	122,952
EO3Q	129,636	S56A	81,408
SP4MPG	125,840	IQ3UD	70,854
EF8A	124,656	UX4E	41,975
LB8IB	119,900	F5BEG	26,487
EA1AKS	113,300	JA6ZPR	15,000
UT2II	106,512	BY1RX	12,852
IK2RZP	105,872	OE8YDQ	10,864

### Affiliated Club Competition

Club	Participants	Score
<b>Medium Category</b>		
Potomac Valley Radio Club	37	1,966,378
Northern California Contest Club	29	1,291,583
Minnesota Wireless Assn	28	1,273,156
Tennessee Contest Group	20	1,031,637
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	14	831,999
Contest Club Ontario	16	690,195
Florida Contest Group	15	579,552
Society of Midwest Contesters	14	569,818

<b>Local Category</b>		
Alabama Contest Group	7	453,854
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	6	347,954
CTRI Contest Group	4	331,539
Western Washington DX Club	9	269,547
Maritime Contest Club	3	236,316
Frankford Radio Club	3	231,525
Rochester (NY) DX Assn	5	226,423
South East Contest Club	7	192,286
Southern California Contest Club	5	166,713
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	5	143,063
Wireless Association of South Hills	3	137,200
Spokane DX Association	4	136,056
Mad River Radio Club	7	132,976
Willamette Valley DX Club	3	101,233
East Coast DX Assn	3	73,144
Order of Boiled Owls of New York	3	70,889
Metro DX Club	3	54,666
South Texas DX and Contest Club	3	31,560
Murgas ARC	3	25,276
Boeing Employees ARS	3	23,103

good propagation this year took most of the last five spots. NN6NN with Chet Jensen, W6XK, and Ron Lodewyck, N6EE, operating was sixth. Dave Montgomery, W7WW; Tom Berson, ND2T, and Ralph Fedor, K0IR, were bunched together next. Finishing out the Top 10 was Barb Elliott, KE7AJ, and Gary Elliott, K7OX.

### Low Power Multi Single Results

Setting a new record for Low Power Multi was the crew from the Virgin Islands ARC, KP2D, who set that as their goal this year and they achieved it — ah, the power of positive thinking. Ron reports that 15 meters was very good into Europe on both days, but that the real action was on 40 meters where they had solid runs. Positive thinking plus dynamite operating!

Europe dominated the remainder of the DX category. LZ9R with Atanas Koitchev, LZ3YY, operating took second place. UT3HWW's crew was third place. Lee Volante, G0MTN, with partner M3SSP were fourth, and Pierre-Jean Mercet F6FJE, rounded out the top five.

Stateside, with another record breaking effort, was Earl Smith, N5ZM, and his partner Glenn Wolf, N5RN. This is another Delta Division record for the duo. They repeated for the fourth time as the Low Power Multi-Single winners — not bad for a couple of good ole country boys.

Wayne King, N2WK, using packet from the Atlantic Division, was in second place. Jimmy Akers, W5VZF, and crew were third, and Toni Radebough, N0NI, and crew from Iowa were fourth. They also set a new Midwest Division Record. Bob Phillips, KE3WM; the WNY Digital Contest Club, W2RTY; Paul Ash, W4QG, and Joe Raymer, N3XLS, were bunched up. Phil Humphries, N8LRG, and the Colony Mountain Contest Club, K5BAT, rounded out the rest of the stateside guys and gals.

### Affiliated Club Competition Results

As expected during the low end of the solar cycle, the East Coast has the edge. Setting a new Medium Club record, and beating the second place finisher by nearly half a million points, was the Potomac Valley Radio Club. The Northern California Contest Club was again second this year. Out of the Black Hole finishing third was the Minnesota Wireless Association with a strong showing in the Medium Club category. They had nearly as many participants as the NCCC. The Tennessee Contest Group rounded out the top four in the medium size group.

On the Local Club level there were some new entries and no repeats from last year in the top three. The Alabama Contest Group won the category. Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado captured second place. These groups were followed in third place by the CTRI Contest Group. This is my type of contest and DX group — they support kids, as well as contest.

This year, I look for Field Day to have a big increase in the number of RTTY stations taking part as clubs build more activity and experience; this should lead to another upswing in Roundup, perhaps as early as in the next running of the RTTY Roundup, January 5-6, 2008.