

2001 ARRL RTTY Roundup Results

"Like sands through the hour glass..."

No account of the pop culture of the Twentieth Century would be complete without a mention of the phenomenon known as the television soap opera (or daytime dramas for the aficionado of the art form). We are well into a second and third generation of Americans (and not just the stay-at-home moms) that thrive on a daily dose of the latest antics of their favorite stars. Can you guess why the latest VCRs in our living rooms have a "record M-F at this time" button of some kind as a basic feature?

While its avid following is not as big, the annual ARRL RTTY Roundup may sometimes resemble many of the best soaps. Key participants are still around, many from the earliest days of the event, joining in with bright, new stars on the horizon. This combination made the 2001 RTTY Roundup the largest ever, with a total of 691 entries being received representing a total of 803 participants.

When you couple record participation with near-perfect band conditions, you would expect to find lots of records fall. This is exactly what happened, as all four US overall category records, one DX category record and 30 ARRL/RAC division records were broken in what one participant termed as the "best conditions for RTTY ever."

When it comes to RTTY contesting, the Macdonald Carey of the sport may well be Don, AA5AU. Like Carey (who won honors for his movie and TV acting), Don has been winning honors as a RTTY contester for years. In the first RTTY Roundup of the new millennium, he proved once again that he still has what it takes. All Don did in 2001 was shatter the previous record for the Single Operator Low Power category while becoming the first SOLP entrant to top the 200k point barrier with his Delta Division record score of 205,239. Special honors also

should go to Bruce, WT4I, whose 156,480 point total managed to break the old mark by several thousand while setting a new Southeastern Division record. Division records were also set by N9CK (Central), N3SL (Midwest), N6OJ (Pacific), KA4RRU (Roanoke), and KØZU (Rocky Mountain).

One of the popular categories for Soap Opera awards is "Outstanding Newcomer," which has been won by such now-

notable stars as Anne Heche and Patrick Muldoon. After a few "walk-on" appearances in RTTY contesting Randy, K5ZD, made a huge splash in what he called his first serious effort into this part of the hobby. Having demonstrated his prowess on other modes, Randy went for it all in 2001. His final score of 225,125 not only took top honors in the Single Operator High Power category, but also set a new overall scoring record (as well as setting the New England Division record). Finishing in second place with a strong showing was Mark, K1RO. Also setting new Division scoring records in this category were WØDC (Dakota), K5YG (Delta), ND5S (Great Lakes), K2NJ (Hudson), W7NN (Northwestern), K4GMH (Roanoke), W7CT (Rocky Mountain), and K6LL (Southwestern).

No Soap would be complete without its cast of "supporting" actors and actresses. While the multioperator categories in the RTTY Roundup do not attract large number of entries (only 7.5% of all entries), what they lack in quantity they definitely make up for in quality, as 14 of them established new division scoring records. Leading the way in the Multioperator Low Power category was the outstanding effort from the N5ZM station. Not only did they set a new Delta Division record, but also their score of 116,765 set a new overall category mark. Finishing second, while setting a new Pacific Division record was W6YX with a score of 96,495. Also setting new division records were the "supporting cast" of operators at AA9RR (Central), N8LRG (Great Lakes), KGØQG (Midwest), W7Y (Northwestern), and N7PWZ (Southwestern).

The entire ensemble—cast, crew, production staff—manage to pull together to make your favorite soaps happen. From "Days of our Lives" and "General Hospital" to "As the World Turns," it

Top Ten Scores

Single Operator

WVE—Low Power	
AA5AU	205,239
WT4I	156,480
KA4RRU	135,318
N3SL	114,359
N6OJ	111,588
KI6DY	109,200
W4/KL7Q	101,304
N9CK	97,699
VE4COZ	87,954
KØZU	87,203

WVE—High Power

K5ZD	225,125
K1RO	172,692
W7NN	154,128
VE6JY	140,634
K4GMH	140,283
W1ZT	133,836
WØDC	133,637
K5YG	128,136
N2WK	126,840
NE3H	124,371

DX—Low Power

PY2MNL	94,374
LV5V	89,540
CT1AOZ	82,768
ON4AME	80,520
LY1DS	69,871
PW2A	68,090
UY8IF	66,976
EU1DX	60,840
UZ7U	56,385
YU7AM	55,432

DX—High Power

UW8I	146,304
VP5RY	134,415
DJ7AA	126,873
PJ2/ON4CFD	124,865
9A5W	107,463
JH4UYB	104,880
S54E	104,832
UP5P	102,924
G5G	94,380
DJ5JK	89,548

Multioperator

WVE—Low Power	
N5ZM	116,765
W6YX	96,495
W4MR	82,518
WV7Y	76,720
AA9RR	74,336
KGØQG	68,276
N8LRG	61,464
W5VZF	52,560
K8VT	49,305
NØIU	44,426

WVE—High Power

K9NS	177,970
K5DJ	165,816
WØSD	159,268
K1AM	145,180
K4WW	116,661
NN6NN	113,313
W7TI	112,090
KJ7TH	105,380
N8NR	98,900
NØNI	92,660

DX—Low Power

S53S	69,642
YL7C	69,156
9A7P	62,192
UTØH	14,950

DX—High Power

MW2I	143,385
UT9F	104,780
LT1F	94,128
OL5Q	92,019
KL7FH	89,301
SP5ZCC	70,180
RW9C	68,377
SN7N	46,920
A52YL	24,674
KH7V	23,350

takes all of those involved to make a show a success. The Multioperator High Power category mirrored the work needed to be a success. Seven division record setting scores were received from participants, including the crew at K9NS. Their score of 177,970 is a new Overall category score, besides being a new Central Division record. They edged out the ops at K5DJ (who makes frequent starring appearances in the single operator categories) who managed to set a new West Gulf Division score. Round out the top W/VE division scoring record setting efforts were the cast found at W0SD (Dakota), N0NI (Midwest), K1AM (New England), K4WW (Pacific) and W7TI (Southwestern).

If you travel overseas and turn on the television in your hotel room, you are pretty well assured to find at least a nighttime soap, such as reruns of "Dallas" or "Knot's Landing" (as the genre is not uniquely American). Congratulations are in order to Wanderly, PY2MNL, who took "best foreign performer" honors in the Single Operator Low Power category with a score of 94,374. He edged out second place finisher Jorge, LU5VV, operating as LV5V, by less than 5000 points.

UW8I, with Nick, UT2IZ, operating took top honors in the Single Operator High Power category with a score of 146.304. VP5RY, with John, WA9ALS, as the operator, took second in the category. DX entries accounted for nearly 40% of all entries in this year's contest—the most in recent years.

The operators at MW2I not only won the Multioperator High Power category, but managed to set the only overall cat-

2001 Plaque Winners

These are the sponsored plaques awarded to winners. Some plaques are awarded to overall high score single operator in the Division. Others are awarded to Division high score single operator by power level based upon the sponsor's designation. Plaque winners marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that the second place finisher has been awarded a sponsored plaque where the winner won an overall category award. Unsponsored plaques for Division winners may be purchased from the ARRL Contest Branch at a cost of \$60 each. Contact contests@arrl.org for details.

Category	Winner	Sponsor
W/VE Single Operator Low Power NM7M Memorial	AA5AU	Wayne Matlock, K7WM
W/VE Single Operator High Power W7RM Plaque	K5ZD	Frank Fallon, N2FF
DX Multi-Single Low Power	S53S	Doug Faunt, N6TQS
DX Multi-Single High Power	MW2I	Daniel & Faith Senie, N1JEB & N1JIT
Atlantic Division Single Operator Low Power	W1TY	Daniel Senie, N1JEB
Atlantic Division Single Operator High Power	N2WK	Rochester DX Association
Dakota Division Single Operator High Score	W0DC	Lawrence Gandy, AH8LG
Delta Division Single Operator High Score	K5YG*	Great Lakes Dx/Contest Club K9PXV
Great Lakes Division Single Operator High Score	ND5S	Amateur Radio Transmitting Society, W4CN
Hudson Division Single Operator High Score	K2NJ	Frank Fallon, N2FF
Pacific Division Single Operator High Score	N6OJ	Lawrence Gandy, AH8LG
Southeastern Division Single Operator High Score	WT4I	Jim Mortensen, N2HOS
Southwestern Division Single Operator High Power	K6LL	TG9VT Memorial
West Gulf Division Single Operator High Score	N5XUS	Glenn Vinson, W6OTC
Canadian Single Operator High Score	VE6JY	Foothills Amateur Radio Teleprinting Society
PSK 31 Top Score	W2UP	

egory record among DX participants. The final tally of 143,385 easily outdistanced the UT9F effort by almost 40k points. Rounding out the DX winners were the ops at S53S. They edged out YL7C in the Multioperator Low Power category 69,642 to 69,156 in the closest finish in any category.

We observed a rise in the use of PSK31 during this year's contest. The special PSK31 plaques, for the best submitted PSK31 score, was won by Barry, W2UP with a final score of 26,796. Congratulations to all who participated in this special "contest within the contest."

The 2001 Roundup was the first time the ARRL employed electronic log checking for a RTTY contest, and it seems to have worked well. We will broaden its scope in coming years, adding in individual log check reports in the

future. Thanks to those volunteers that worked hard to process logs and write software, and actually ran the logs to produce the results for publication.

Comparing soap operas and the ARRL RTTY Roundup really amounts to comparing apples and oranges. Soap opera enthusiasts need only turn on their TV or VCR to experience the thrills that popular medium can instill. RTTY aficionados have only limited opportunities, as they get their kicks live, and only a few times a year. The 2002 ARRL RTTY Roundup will be contested January 5-6. Get the station ready and test out the new software. Oh, and make sure if you are hooked on the soaps, you have the VCR timer set, so you don't miss out on any of your RTTY operating time. After all, the soaps on tape can be viewed later—the Roundup doesn't wait!

Region Leaders

Boxes list call sign, score, class (S = Single Operator, M = Multioperator), and power (A = Low Power, B = High Power).

Northeast Region (New England, Hudson and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)			Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke and Southeastern Divisions)			Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section)			Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)			West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT/Yukon Sections)		
WA1EHK	79,920	S A	AA5AU	205,239	S A	N9CK	97,699	S A	N3SL	114,359	S A	N6OJ	111,588	S A
AD1C	79,640	S A	WT4I	156,480	S A	NI8Z	83,376	S A	KI6DY	109,200	S A	VE6RAJ	77,169	S A
W1TY	78,309	S A	KA4RRU	135,318	S A	W4LC	63,856	S A	VE4COZ	87,954	S A	N7UJJ	68,377	S A
K1PY	64,288	S A	W4/KL7Q	101,304	S A	AA9PB	48,705	S A	K0ZU	87,203	S A	W7LD	63,279	S A
N3FR	62,469	S A	KG8WB	54,964	S A	W8EB	45,315	S A	W0LSD	75,130	S A	VA6MM	58,117	S A
K5ZD	225,125	S B	K4GMH	140,283	S B	ND5S	102,350	S B	W0DC	133,637	S B	W7NN	154,128	S B
K1RO	172,692	S B	K5YG	128,136	S B	KG9X	98,784	S B	VE5CPU	96,726	S B	VE6JY	140,634	S B
W1ZT	133,836	S B	N4IQ	98,010	S B	K9DJ	51,507	S B	W7CT	91,900	S B	K6LL	122,148	S B
N2WK	126,840	S B	W4OX	81,290	S B	N2BJ	50,568	S B	WA0SXV	84,072	S B	WW7OR	118,832	S B
NE3H	124,371	S B	W4UK	63,600	S B	N9PQU	45,192	S B	KB5BOB	51,510	S B	W7WW	105,872	S B
N3RN	22,407	M A	N5ZM	116,765	M A	AA9RR	74,336	M A	KG0QG	68,276	M A	W6YX	96,495	M A
N2UM	4,752	M A	W4MR	82,518	M A	N8LRG	61,464	M A	N0IU	44,426	M A	WV7Y	76,720	M A
KD3TB	1,530	M A	W5VZF	52,560	M A	K8VT	49,305	M A	WV7T	7,215	M A	N7PWZ	24,928	M A
			W5YM	23,256	M A	WB8YTZ	37,145	M A	KD5KZG	4,100	M A			
K1AM	145,180	M B	AG4W	50,400	M B	K9NS	177,970	M B	K5DJ	165,816	M B	K4WW	116,661	M B
			WB4DAH	8,235	M B	N8NR	98,900	M B	W0SD	159,268	M B	NN6NN	113,313	M B
						AE9D	84,840	M B	N0NI	92,660	M B	W7TI	112,090	M B
						K8AA	49,086	M B	K5PI	33,321	M B	KJ7TH	105,380	M B
									K0BX	17,600	M B	KR6E	91,140	M B

