

2002 ARRL RTTY Roundup Results

After the long holiday season and many New Year's football bowl games, the contest season is kicked-off with the ARRL RTTY Roundup. The Roundup is the operator's contest. Talk to any operator and what creates excitement in contesting is rate. This is the highest rate RTTY contest. Operators can equal QSO numbers with those found in most 48-hour RTTY contests.

What makes Roundup so special are the stations that are looking for a few new RTTY band countries or new states for WAS RTTY. PSK31 use during the contest continues to expand. Large numbers of rare states and countries were easy to find on PSK31.

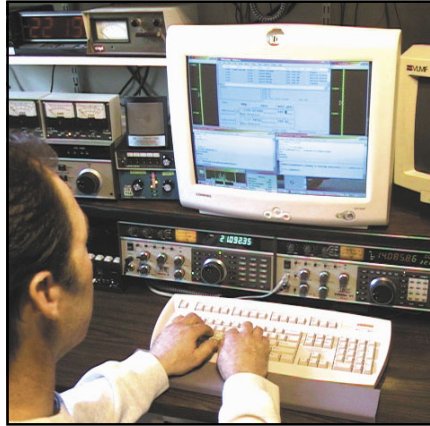
As the Roundup's popularity grew over the years, operator activity has increased. This year conditions weren't quite as good as the prior year and participation was down judging by the number of stations submitting logs. A total of 572 logs were received this year, down from 691 in 2001 but still up from 523 in 2000.

Sound cards along with the enormous popularity of the *Writelog for Windows* contest software have started pulling some of the familiar larger SSB and CW stations and operators into the RTTY Roundup. That increases the quality of competition.

RTTY Roundup is really the story of the average station. These operators are the ones who make this so much fun. Jim Johnson, KC4HW, of Melbourne, Florida represents these stations. Jim's a good example of an average entrant in the Roundup. KC4HW operated about 12 hours and missed just two states. He also had a high rate hour of 70 and most importantly had a blast in the contest.

Multi-Single High Power

The battle lines have been forming in the stateside multi-single class with K9NS, W0SD, W3PP and W5KFT all fielding serious entries. K9NS established a new record and overtook last year's winner W0SD for the victory. The W3PP crew brought us Delaware while fielding an impressive array of operators to capture third place. Ron, K5DJ, a long time multiple time winner in both Single



Looking over the shoulder of W/VE Single Operator Low Power runner-up Steve, N9CK, gives us a glimpse into the world of RTTY contesting.

Expanded Contest Results Available on ARRLWeb

Expanded contest results for the 2002 ARRL RTTY Roundup and other ARRL operating events may be found at www.arrl.org/contests/results. This site features an expanded write-up of the contest results, more photographs, a user-searchable database, soapbox and expanded features related to each contest. We invite you to visit the site, and to send in your suggestions for improvements and additions.

Operator and the Multi-single classes at W5KFT, finished just behind in 4th place. All four of these stations set new Division Records in the 2002 contest.

Out west the team from W7RY managed to edge out an impressive effort by the KL7FH operators for 5th place overall. NN6NN, K0BX and K8AA all established new Division records.

On the DX side it was KL7FH victorious, with OL5Q in second, followed closely by operators from UT9F and MW2I.

Multi-single Low Power

Earl, N5ZM, and his partner N5RN fell a little short of their 2001 record but again notched top in class. Out west the guys from the Stanford University

Top Ten Scores

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| Single Operator | | EA1AKS | 119,240 |
| W/VE—Low Power | | S54E | 111,561 |
| AA5AU | 174,928 | M0SDX | 96,672 |
| N9CK | 125,430 | OH2BP | 96,621 |
| W4GKM | 124,956 | YU7YG | 84,132 |
| N2WK | 120,772 | | |
| N0AT | 112,924 | Multioperator | |
| WX4TM | 111,888 | W/VE—Low Power | |
| VE6WQ | 107,642 | N5ZM | 104,902 |
| W1TY | 103,180 | W6YX | 88,776 |
| VE4COZ | 101,008 | W5VZF | 64,296 |
| KI6DY | 100,800 | K8VT | 62,112 |
| | | N1MGO | 58,058 |
| | | KB1HRI | 56,715 |
| | | VE3FJB | 47,785 |
| | | KE4YVD | 43,254 |
| | | N7PWZ | 40,586 |
| | | KO0Z | 23,947 |
| W/VE—High Power | | | |
| K1RO | 208,375 | W/VE—High Power | |
| W1ZT | 170,156 | K9NS | 202,752 |
| K4GMH | 147,804 | W0SD | 178,364 |
| AC1O | 143,635 | W3PP | 171,336 |
| W0DC | 140,985 | W5KFT | 168,990 |
| N4BP | 139,860 | W7RY | 141,398 |
| K6LL | 138,137 | NN6NN | 133,001 |
| K9JY | 136,504 | KE7AJ | 111,780 |
| W7NN | 135,410 | K8AA | 110,400 |
| NE3H | 133,515 | K0BX | 106,790 |
| | | KJ7TH | 98,124 |
| DX—Low Power | | | |
| ZX2B (PY2MNL, op) | 97,175 | DX—Low Power | |
| 9A7P | 81,480 | KL7FH | 135,864 |
| RA3WA | 80,745 | OL5Q | 125,652 |
| LV5V (LU5VV, op) | 72,318 | UT9F | 108,612 |
| UN6P | 68,442 | MW2I | 105,160 |
| YU7AM | 67,914 | RW9C | 100,548 |
| IK2RZP | 63,036 | RI4M | 94,394 |
| LZ2PI | 57,225 | SN5Z | 69,324 |
| HA5BSW | 50,601 | SM7BHM | 32,078 |
| ES1QV | 50,600 | I2OKW | 20,560 |
| DX—High Power | | | |
| ZF2NT | 165,093 | | |
| PJ2T (NW0L, op) | 160,854 | | |
| 9A5W | 140,500 | | |
| OT2T (ON4UN, op) | 139,080 | | |
| UX0FF | 123,280 | | |

station, W6YX, turned in a nice score for second place. W5VZF, K8VT and N1MGO bunched up for third through fifth places. K8VT and N7PWZ set new Division records.

Across the water a newcomer IK4JSI with 14HNW won while doing their first RTTY contest. UT1HZM and S57IIO finished up the top three finishers.

Single Operator High Power

Mark, K1RO, is a long-time RTTY operator who has dabbled for years in the contest. This year Mark took the gloves off. Getting previously waxed by Randy, K5ZD, he decided to make a run in 2002. There are two ways to improve antenna farms. Put up some more, or borrow a station. Mark took door number two and

