2006 ARRL RTTY Roundup Results

A seat at the grownups' table —

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ear 18 was the charm.
RTTY Roundup celebrated its 18th birthday January 7-8 by breaking through the 1000 log barrier at the bottom of the solar cycle. While a number of records were broken in doing this feat, no less remarkable was the fact that a record of 1153 total logs were submitted. This is an amazing level of participation. And not to be lost in the effort were two new records: all-time Single Operator High Power and all-time Single Operator Low Power.

It is time to acknowledge that the child is now an adult. No longer could this RTTY contest be considered the screaming brat of the neighborhood. Now RTTY Roundup had matured to be a handsome reflection of its upbringing. Welcome to the "Grownups' Table"!

Affiliated Club Competition

Enough was enough and the Potomac Valley Radio Club shut down the upstarts from the Northern California Contest Club in the Medium Club category. On the Local Club level the Maritime Contest Club was the winning entry. This group was closely followed by the Pikes Peak DX Group.

Increased DX Participation

Another important part of the increased activity comes from overseas. This year there were 407 DX logs submitted to RTTY Roundup. Included in those logs were some great DX and lots of European interest. The outstanding activity was from many parts of the world. Your own log may include some of these DX stations: CN8YZ, VQ9LA, HZ1K, CU2JT (who is a RTTY newcomer with a great call). ISØYTA, and PZ5RA were also bagged and tagged in many logs.

Africa was well represented with Heijo, EA8/DJ1OJ, capturing the Single Op Low Power category. Barry, ZS2EZ, a first time entrant took the Single Operator High Power, Africa division. Yet another outstanding African station was CS9Z with CT3FJ, CT3KY and CT3MO as operators who won the Multi Low Power from Africa setting a new African Record.

From Asia Ismail, TA1BM, won the Single Low Power Asian class. Steve, ZC4LI, who checks out 10 meters on or around the hour, took the Single High Power category. JF2SKV with NHØS took Multi



Barb, KE7AJ, at the controls of the station.

Low Power Asia and JA6ZPR won the Multi High Power.

European interest remained high from previous years. F6IRF switched categories this year from High to Low Power and picked up the European honors while also placing second overall DX in doing so he set a new European Record. Other stations taking honors were YZ1SM and UT9FJ.

UW8I, piloted by Nick, UT2IZ, was Single High in Europe and also second place DX. UZ4E won the Low Power DX Multi class for the DX Division. UU7J likewise won the Multi High Power class setting a new European record.

North American DX was also well represented with 4A7L from Mexico setting a North American record and winning the Single Low power class from that region and finishing fifth overall. This year it was 8P2K, with Dean, 8P6SH, operating that captured Single High Power region honors. The KP2D crew, who are perennial winners, took the Low Power Multi class for the event and region.

Oceania showed increased activity this year particularly from Down Under. From Jakarta, Dudy, YBØDPO, took the region honors in Single Power Low. KH6CW also had a nice showing in Low Power. Bob, ZL2AMI, operating out at Quartz Hill took the region Single Operator High Class.

South America set its own share of records in 2006. WB9Z operating at PJ2T won the DX end of the Single Operator Low Power event and set a new South American record. ZX2B with PY2MNL operating came in second overall in the region.

Ed, WØYK, did not like his '05 finish when he came in a narrow second to Jacob, P43P. So Ed went back to Aruba and P49X again, took no prisoners this year and set a

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Top 10 Score	es		
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W/VE — High Por KISXP AB5K K4GMH W5AP AI9T W3BP AD4EB VE6WQ VE2RYY WA2ETU	wer 206,108 196,469 182,760 173,880 168,840 167,095 165,300 164,151 161,160 152,928	W/VE — H KI1G K5DU W0MA NN6NN W0LSD ND2T K4EA VE3NZ W6YX K0FJ	ligh Power 200,692 179,462 151,281 132,871 129,584 124,424 124,085 120,064 119,691 106,300
DX — Low Power PJ2T (WB9Z, op) F6IRF ZX2B (PY2MNL, o	169,500 130,806 pp)	DX — Low KP2D UZ4E LZ9R	Power 141,364 67,436 65,688
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new all-time Single Operator High Power world record.

Regional Highlights

Northeast Region

Taking the Northeast Honors and winning the New England plaque for Low Power was May, WA1EHK. AD1C was second place in the region while WA1EHF took third place. The Hudson Division was won by none other than Frank, N2FF. W3LL got the Atlantic Division victory.

Nudging out last year's winner in this Region running High Power Single was Noel, VE2RYY. WA2ETU claimed the Atlantic Division and region second. Winning the Hudson Trophy was Jerry, NO2T, piloting NW2T. Best score out of New England was NC2N with EW1AR behind the keyboard.

A tight race in this region's Low Power Multi category saw Bill, KA3PVA, win the New England Division. N3XLS was a close second and W3MEL third in the region. John, KB1IKD, got the Atlantic Division victory.

Rick's crew at KI1G grabbed the first place overall Multi Single High Power and set the New England record while winning the Division award. NE3H got the Atlantic Division and second in the region. Bud's crew at AA3B was third in the region. K2QMF finished up with the Hudson Division award.

Southeast Region

Perennial Low Power winner Don, AA5AU, like many others had some unique challenges in 2006, having had to rebuild after Hurricane Katrina. But he clinched another Single Low Power overall victory with his record-breaking performance from this region. N4ZZ came in second place. Don, AF4Z, from Florida took third place winning the Southeastern Division plaque.

Delta Division again took first place overall when Charlie, KI5XP, operating from Pat, W5WMU's, racked up a good score while setting the Delta Division record. Mike, K4GMH, set a new Roanoke record and notched third place overall High Power. W3BP was region third with AD4EB on his tail for fourth. WX4TM set a new Southeastern Division record.

Earl, N5ZM, and crew from Arkansas took the Multi Low Power regional honors again this year while they set a new US record. W5VZF was second followed by WW4LL from Georgia in third place. High Power Multi was won from Georgia. K4EA clinched a new Southeastern record and plaque. W4NF from Virginia was second securing the Roanoke Division. W4GAC Florida was in the third spot.

Central Region

Nick, N9CK, blew away the opposition in the Central Region and he was also second place overall. K9KDR was second and

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Plaque Winners

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Overall Winners W/VE			Delta Great Lakes	KI5XP AB8K	Roland Guidry, NA5Q Southwest Ohio DX	
Single Operator Low Power NM7M Memorial AA5AU Jim Reisert, AD1C		Hudson	NW2B	Association Frank Fallon, N2FF		
Single Operator High PowerW7RM Award KI5XP Frank Fallon, N2FF		Midwest	(NO2T, op) KI6DY) West Mountain Radio		
Multioperator Low Pe		Fred Dennin, WW4LL	New England	NC2N (EW1AR,	West Mountain Radio	
Multioperator High P	ower	•	Northwestern	K7MI	Pat Shinner, W7GTO	
DX	KI1G	John Lockhart Jr, WØDC	Pacific	K6KM (N6DE, or	West Mountain Radio	
Single Operator Low	Power		Roanoke	K4GMH	West Mountain Radio	
	PJ2T	Bob Wruble, W7GG	Rocky Mountain	W7CT	West Mountain Radio	
	_(WB9Z, op)	Southeastern	WX4TM	West Mountain Radio	
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	P49X (WØYK, op	Gary Belcher, KH6GMP			Jules Freundlich, W2JGR	
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			Dakota	KAØWQA	West Mountain Radio	
ARRL Division Winners		Delta	N5ZM	West Mountain Radio		
Single Operator Low			Great Lakes	N8LRG	West Mountain Radio	
Atlantic	W3LL	West Mountain Radio	Midwest	KØSM	West Mountain Radio	
Central	N9CK	West Mountain Radio	New England	KB1IKD	West Mountain Radio	
Dakota	NØAT	W2JGR Memorial by	Pacific	W6OAT	West Mountain Radio	
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Delta	AA5AU	West Mountain Radio	Southwestern	KK6T	West Mountain Radio	
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New England	WIECI	west Mountain Radio	Delta	KG5VK	West Mountain Radio	
Northwestern	W7LD	West Mountain Radio	Great Lakes	KE4YVD	West Mountain Radio	
Pacific	N6OJ	West Mountain Radio	Hudson	K2QMF	West Mountain Radio	
Roanoke	WB2RHM	Mike Sims, K4GMH	Midwest	WØMA	West Mountain Radio	
			New England	KI1G	West Mountain Radio	
Rocky Mountain	KTØDX	West Mountain Radio	Northwestern	KE7AJ	West Mountain Radio	
Southeastern	AF4Z	West Mountain Radio	Pacific Roanoke	NN6NN W4NF	West Mountain Radio West Mountain Radio	
Southwestern	WW6RY	West Mountain Radio	Rocky Mountain	WØLSD	West Mountain Radio	
West Gulf	(N7OP, op) KE5OG	Kangaroo Tabor Software	Southeastern	K4EA	West Mountain Radio	
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Canada	VE3HG	West Mountain Radio	Canada	VE3NZ	West Mountain Radio	
Single Operator High Power						
Atlantic	WA2ETU	Byron Lichtenwalner, W3WKR	Duplicate plaques ma			
Central	AI9T	Don Hill, AA5AU	Allison, KA1RWY, at t			
Dakota	WØAW	West Mountain Radio	594-0295. The cost is	\$67, which ir	ncludes shipping.	

W9HLY was in third. W8UL took the Great Lakes Division.

Defending champion Steve, AI9T, successfully defended his region High Power victory for the third year in a row and set a new Central Division Record. Second place in High Power went to WE9V followed by VA3DX out of Ontario. AB8K was in fourth with the Great Lakes Division victory.

Sam, N8LRG, took the Low Power Multi win in the Central Region for the second year. Shelby, K4WW, was good for

region second. K8IR was third.

Canadians swept the Central Region this year. VE3NZ took the High Power honors setting a new Canada High Power record. VE3FJB's group placed second. K9JS took a distant third place but did manage the Central Division win.

Midwest Region

Big changes in the Midwest Region this year as NØAT won the Dakota Division and set a new Division record while edging out



Matt, K4AQ (left), and Fred, WW4LL, getting ready to light the ether as a multisingle entry.

KE5OG who set a new West Gulf Division record. KTØDX set a new Rocky Mountain Division record as well.

Terry, AB5K, finished up leading the High Power part of this region but only managing second Overall this year. W5AP moved up to Second place in the Midwest this year. KI6DY won the Midwest Division.

KØSM out of the Midwest Division won the Low Power Multi. They were followed by AA5NT West Gulf Division winner and NØNI dropping down from first last year.

Out of Texas repeating again this year was the K5DU gang in the High Power Multi class who set a new West Gulf record. This group also took fourth place overall in the category. WØLSD set a new Rocky Mountain record and was in third place.

West Coast Region

The entire 1500 mile length of the West Coast was well represented. Leading the Low Power Single operators was Chuck, N6OJ, taking the Pacific plaque. Out of Washington, an old RATTS guy, Jack, W7LD, came in second to win the Northwestern plaque. Taking the Southwestern Division plaque was WW7RY with Rich, N7OP, operating.

Back on the top of the High Power Single Operator category this year was Joel, VE6WQ, piloting VE6JY to a new Canadian record. Dean, N6DE, operating K6KM came in second while setting a new Pacific Division record. Dave, W7WW, from Arizona had a strong showing and placed third. K7MI won the Northwestern Division plaque.

Scores were way off the pace out west in the Low Power Multi classification. It was Terry, KK6T, leading this group and winning the Southwestern Division plaque while setting a new record. VE7FO edged out VE7OGO as again British Columbia was well represented. W6OAT won the Pacific Division plaque.

High Power Multi class was dominated this year by the California NCCC group. In a push for the club awards NN6NN operating W6XK was in first place. NN6NN also took the Pacific Division plaque. ND2T and crew running the W6YX station finished in second place. W6YX and that gang grabbed third. Barb, KE7AJ, with some new operators had some equipment problems but did snag the Northwest Division plaque.

Silent Keyboards

Everyone measures life with the passing of friends and this year was no exception with far too many silent keyboards reported. We mark the passing of some very good friends who we will miss. A special tribute to our good SK friends — Jules, W2JGR; Larry, WØETC; Art, K2ENT; Jon, K1US; Chuck, W6JOX, and Wilf, VE7QO.

January 6-7 will be the next running of the RTTY Roundup "bulls." Savvy contesters say it's never too early to take a few evenings to strategize for next January. It's your effort that determines whether you get to eat steak or hamburger after the contest. Make mine a fillet, please.