



# ARRL RTTY Roundup

## 2019 Preliminary Results

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If you were paying attention at all you know that the big story for this year's RTTY Roundup was the "FT8 Invasion". Hundreds of excited JT-mode enthusiasts got on using this new flavor to see how it played as a contest mode — judging from the comments, many of them operating in their first contest ever. And with Roundup participation slipping for a number of years, the influx of new operators decidedly reversed that trend. In fact, nearly half of all participants logged at least one FT8 QSO. Looking at the Unlimited categories its pretty clear what happened...

Category	2017	2018	2019
SOLP	857	762	619
SOULP	241	233	1343
SOHP	293	277	225
SOUHP	273	269	382
MSLP	24	35	36
MSHP	45	44	41
<b>Total entries</b>	<b>1733</b>	<b>1620</b>	<b><u>2646</u></b>

Big pistol (giant howitzer, really) Ed, WØYK, at P4ØX dipped his toe in the FT8 waters (and into the SOUHP category, probably to the delight of other SOHP regulars):

*"I planned to run RTTY-only this year, but wound up making about 10% of the total contacts on FT8 during the last 3 hours of the contest. As Sunday wore on and I watched my rate dropping in the afternoon, plus consulting my rate sheets from prior years, it occurred to me that maybe the RTTY rate could get low enough that spending the last few hours on FT8 might be more productive. In the end, I think it was probably a wash in terms of score. I also picked up 5 DX mults I doubt would have come via RTTY."*

Other ops started out on FT8 and found their way back to RTTY. Little pistol Paul, W4PFM, had a great time in the contest by loading up the downspout on the west side of his house. He started on 15-meter FT8 but it was slow going:

*"I qsy'd to 20 and made a number of RTTY Qs ending up with a total of 125 Qs (only 34 of those on FT8). I was really surprised at how much faster RTTY was and how much easier it was to work RTTY than FT8, even with such*

*a marginal antenna. I would have expected FT8 to make a better showing. I normally work FT8 with my mediocre station - and planned to in the contest- but the first day there were so many strong signals, this little boy didn't have a chance. The 2<sup>nd</sup> day it went better, but still RY was more productive which really surprised me."*

Nice work for a downspout! Overall, FT8 QSOs accounted for 23% of the total 608,156 QSOs logged and reported in the Roundup.

### The Winners

#### Category Winners – US/VE Podium

##### Single Operator, Low Power

W4AAA (KK9A op)	183,924
WE9V	129,744
KØTI	121,465

##### Single Operator, High Power

ACØC	241,566
AA3B	232,544
N1IXF	150,780

##### Single Operator Unlimited, Low Power

AA5AU	192,348
WW3S	115,328
KI6DY	109,994

##### Single Operator Unlimited, High Power

K11G	249,984
K9CT	213,934
VE5MX	195,782

##### Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

N8LRG	109,557
K9NR	103,360
W4TA	88,788

##### Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power

NØNI	210,790
WØSD	189,588
WW4LL	158,585

## Category Winners – DX Podium

### Single Operator, Low Power

HI3T	109,140
EA4BAS	42,456
ON5GQ	40,824

### Single Operator, High Power

OK7W	148,821
PZ5RA	130,707
KH6ZM	72,963

### Single Operator Unlimited, Low Power

YV1KK	142,728
UR7GO	98,792
F5BEG	87,859

### Single Operator Unlimited, High Power

P49X (WØYK op)	309,348
IQ1RY (IW1AYD op)	156,744
PY2SHF	98,560

### Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

J42L	52,710
9A7T	14,475
DKØMA	13,923

### Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power

S53S	124,018
S51A	102,235
UZ2I	49,296

## Plaques Don't Grow on Trees!

There is still time for you or your contest club to enjoy the esteem of your peers by sponsoring a plaque! Contact the ARRL Contest Branch at [contests@arrrl.org](mailto:contests@arrrl.org) for details and a list of available plaques.

As always, the credit for the quick reporting of these preliminary results goes to WA1Z, N5KO, NØAX, and W9JJ for making the data available so quickly, despite the record number of log submissions!

*All scores presented in this preliminary report are provisional, pending final review. Watch for the full contest results coming soon to this website. Top scores will be printed in the August issue of QST.*

## Affiliated Club Competition

Once again, the contest clubs called out the troops and made it interesting for everyone! Curiously the log counts for the top scores are about the same as last year, arguing that FT8 seemed to have little to add for the clubs. Here are the top scores in each category:

Club	Score	Entries
<b>Unlimited</b>		
Northern California Contest Club	2,544,951	64
Potomac Valley Radio Club	1,986,661	70
Minnesota Wireless Assn	1,163,354	52
<b>Medium</b>		
Society of Midwest Contesters	1,786,961	49
Frankford Radio Club	1,036,114	28
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	941,929	27
<b>Local</b>		
Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	492,049	8
CTRI Contest Group	303,577	4
New Mexico Big River Contesters	246,057	4
Pizza Lovers 259	241,934	4