

2010 ARRL RTTY Roundup Results

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. Until your good is better and your better is best.” — *Tim Duncan*

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New Decade Arrives

January for digital radiosporting means just one thing: RTTY Roundup! After the 2009 “Triple Play” introduced many to RTTY contesting, it was nice to see another modest gain in participation again this year with 1623 submitting logs. We had 564,443 total QSOs during the January 2-3 contest with nearly 7000 different calls. That’s an average of over 18,000 QSOs per hour over the 30 hour contest period!

Special Performances

New World and US/VE records were established for Multioperator, Low Power by the team at NØNI. They eclipsed the previous World record by 38,046 by nearly 59,000 points for the new US/VE record. Joining the ranks of RTTY operators notching a Roundup victory is Mike, K4GHM, this year’s Rush Drake Memorial Trophy winner for Single Operator, High Power. Rookie of the year is Gary, AL9A, who along with his packet connection entered his first Roundup and managed to secure the final spot in the Top 10 DX Multioperator, High Power standings with his new ICOM IC-7600 and his packet connection. Pretty impressive — placing from Alaska!

Single Operator, High Power

We saw some impressive scores by the High Power group. This year Mike, K4GMH took home the trophy. West Coast guys Chris, N6WM in second and Jeff, WK6I in fourth bracketed John, K1FWE. Ralph, KØIR was just off the pace a little bit and finished out the top five. Wayne, N2WK represented the East Coast. Dave, K6LL who seemed to have no problems from Arizona, was seventh. The sunspots didn’t favor Texas but probably will next year. Texas was well represented with Jim, W5AP and Susan, K5DU. George, ABØRX went Single Operator from the Black Hole at 10th place.

Single Operator, Low Power

New CW contest hall-of-famer Don,

AA5AU was back to his usual place at number one and said, “The Roundup without 10 meters and a fully open 15 meters is really starting to be a drag. It seems we’ve been playing this same strategy too many years in a row.” Frank, N2FF related that his log had more QSOs on both 80 and 40 meters than he did on 20 meters. This indicated to him

that this Roundup had tough times for the Low Power guys.

Multioperator

It took a new Multioperator, High Power, W/VE World record for the NR5M crew to edge out WØSD who had their all-time best score and set a new record for the Roundup. Running the K1TTT station was the K1SFA team who piloted it to a third place finish this year. Those are some high power stations at the top of the High Power standings.

The NØNI team of NØNI, NØAC and NØXR eclipsed the old records in Multioperator, Low Power. The team at N5ZM was not able to complete with the antenna farm that exists in the Midwest. Earl did set some new personal goals but dropped back one place from first this year.

DX Overview

On the DX side of Roundup in the Single Operator, High Power category it was Ed, P49X again leading the pack into the clubhouse with his fifth victory in a row. Maybe Val, RD3AF will unseat Ed from his Canary Island site. Val won for Europe while setting a new all-time European record and still finished second.

Serge, UT5UDX traveled to Paul, G6PZ’s QTH, finding the new four-square antenna gangbusters on 80 meters. Brad, WP2B won the Caribbean and set the new all-time North American record for DX. Back to Europe where the IQ2CJ station with Luca, IK2NCJ operating completed the first five places. From Hawaii in the Pacific it was Massimo, KH6ZM in sixth. Another European entry, PI4DX with Eric, PD1DX operating, was next. Mario, IK1HXN piloted IQ1RY for eighth. Hector, XE2K put Mexico on the map again this year and found the new locals with plasma TVs. It seems that those new TVs are causing us some pain, but Hector still set a brand new Mexican record. Finishing out the



Single Operator

W/VE — Low Power

AA5AU	198,592
N9CK	173,635
N2QT	157,599
KA4RRU	146,853
W3LL	134,931
VA2UP	132,354
KC4HW	130,758
KB7Q	123,986
KE5OG	103,323
KØAD	101,952

W/VE — High Power

K4GMH	245,754
N6WM	228,573
K1FWE	225,036
WK6I	223,008
KØIR	196,000
N2WK	191,643
K6LL	183,168
K5DU	181,048
W5AP	179,064
ABØRX	170,610

DX — Low Power

H13TEJ	170,235
P4ØYL	161,998
CN8KD	124,526
J39BS	93,840
EU8RZ	69,579
ED7AJR	
(EA7AJR, op)	68,701
ON4BHQ	64,365
SP8NR	63,552
GØMTN	61,570
UT1IA	53,792

DX — High Power

P49X	
(WØYK, op)	358,360
RD3AF	209,616
G6PZ	
(UT5UDX, op)	198,924
WP2B	167,580
IQ2CJ	
(IK2NCJ, op)	149,193
KH6ZM	137,740
PI4DX	
(PD1DX, op)	134,463
IQ1RY	
(IK1HXN, op)	134,351
XE2K	131,412
US5I	
(US5IQ, op)	123,264

Multioperator

W/VE — Low Power

NØNI	210,500
N5ZM	147,120
K9NR	116,584
WD4LBR	92,597
N3XLS	78,652
N9LAH	69,978
N8LRG	68,860
KFØUR	63,750
VA7RY	51,294
W1SLF	49,495

W/VE — High Power

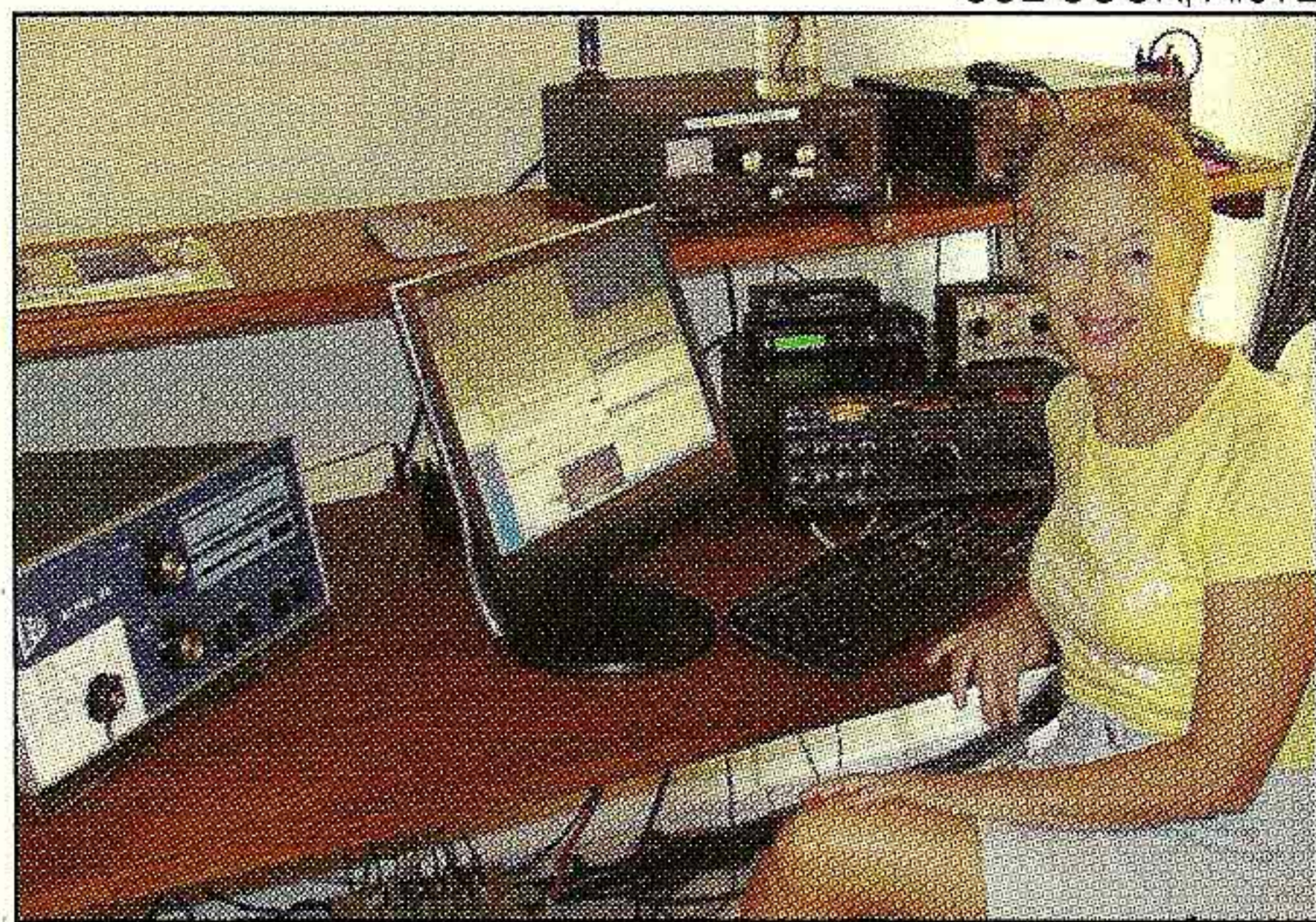
NR5M	243,144
WØSD	204,740
K1SFA	195,822
WW4LL	180,999
ND2T	160,339
W4RM	158,848
WB9Z	156,366
KN5O	147,340
K4QD	143,298
W6YX	141,934

DX — Low Power

ZX2B	119,886
KP2D	82,863
RK3MWW	77,126
LZ9R	56,846
IW1QN	51,308
YO5CBX	41,440
YT4RA	38,376
UT8EL	36,432
IKØCHU	33,360
EA2RY	31,898

DX — High Power

OL6X	
(OK1DIG, op)	188,328
S53M	
(S51FB, op)	155,776
YL5T	
(YL3DQ, op)	118,236
UZ2I	114,852
MW2I	104,868
LZ8E	
(LZ2BE, op)	97,114
OK3C	64,872
ON4ATW	59,584
OH2MZB	54,810
AL9A	53,452



Sue, P4ØYL finished second in Single Operator, Low Power this year from her station on the island of Aruba.

top 10 was Ukrainian station US5I put on the air by Vlad, US5IQ. DP1POL with DL5XL operating set the new Antarctica record.

Single Operator, Low Power DX was led again this year by Ted, HI3TEJ and closely followed up by our 2008 Special Salute winner Sue, AI6YL running her P4ØYL station. Mohamed dropped a spot this year as CN8KD was third. Fourth was secured by Derek, J39PS. Then came the Europeans with Anatoly, EU8RZ moving way up from 2009. ED7AJR operated by Manuel, EA7AJR was next. Wim, ON4BHQ couldn't hold a run frequency so he did a lot of search and pounce. Andrzej, SP8NR broke into this year's winners' circle. Lee, GØMTN with his Force 12 was in ninth place with Bob, UT1IA rounding out the pack.

DX Multioperator, High Power is where the Europeans dominate year after year. Daniel, OK1DIG beat out last year's winner, S53M piloted by Miha, S51FB. Daniel set a new all-time European Record while securing the top all-time multiplier record as well. YL5T with Norm, YL3DQ using his contest call was in third place. Team UZ2I secured the fourth spot in the top 10. The Wales team of the Denzil Contest Group, MW2I finished up the top five.

The second tier of this category was led by LZ8E with Boyan, LZ2BE operating in sixth place. OK3C using his contest call was Ludek, OK3ZC seventh. Theo, ON4ATW secured the eighth spot. Pasi, OH2MZB was the last of the Europeans. Our rookie Gary, AL9A from the tough spot of Alaska was in 10th place.

DX Multioperator, Low Power was won by ZX2B operated by Wanderly, PY2MNL moving up from his 2009 third place finish. Ron and his guys at KP2D were second. RK3MWI was third. Nasko, LZ9R and packet completed the top four. The IW1QN team was fifth. Mircea, YO5CBX followed by YT4RA, UT8EL, IKØCHU and EA2RY completed the top 10.

DX Records

There were five new continental records set this year in the DX division. Most of these scores were quite nice considering the lack of propagation from Europe to US/VE on 15 meters that we had hoped for. 2010 brought 39 new entity or country records to the RTTY Roundup. These were from nearly all continents of the world and show the growing popularity on the DX side of the contest.

Even with the weak conditions, due to the hard work of the SO2R guys there were five new members in the Top DX QSO Totals records. Most came from South America. QSO numbers were down 6% or more this year for the SO2R guys. Two of the same stations that had QSO records joined in having new all-time multiplier records this year.

Affiliated Club Competition

One of the significant changes in Roundup over time has been the impact of the club action on strategy in parts of the country. There were a total of 45 clubs entered in the Club Competition this year. Drawing on their vast resources, the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) was the only club able to

Affiliated Club Competition

Club Name	# of Logs	Score
Unlimited Club		
Northern California Contest Club	60	2,502,251
Medium Club		
Potomac Valley Radio Club	40	1,813,567
Minnesota Wireless Assn	41	1,726,312
Society of Midwest Contesters	31	1,463,612
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	27	1,365,170
Tennessee Contest Group	29	1,067,347
Florida Contest Group	20	809,574
Contest Club Ontario	20	767,150
Frankford Radio Club	15	619,152
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	17	844,099
Alabama Contest Group	13	620,322
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	12	571,577
Willamette Valley DX Club	11	494,490
CTRI Contest Group	11	477,592
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	4	463,987
Western Washington DX Club	8	407,030
Louisiana Contest Club	3	376,050
Contest Group Du Quebec	7	322,190
Mad River Radio Club	10	281,218
Order of Boiled Owls of New York	10	272,449
BC DX Club	4	187,235
Kentucky Contest Group	8	180,874
Oklahoma DX Assn	6	161,231
Southern California Contest Club	7	153,951
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	6	130,563
Rochester (NY) DX Assn	7	126,818
Texas DX Society	4	106,258
North Coast Contesters	3	90,393
Saskatchewan Contest Club	3	86,497
Western New York DX Assn	3	86,335
South East Contest Club	4	72,264
Carolina DX Assn	6	68,610
Local Club		
Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	6	449,103
Dominion DX Group	6	365,692
Metro DX Club	7	217,915
Southwest Ohio DX Assn	3	183,450
Spokane DX Association	5	149,910
Bergen ARA	3	147,759
Midland ARC	3	141,778
Maritime Contest Club	5	140,237
Kansas City DX Club	3	114,193
Sterling Park ARC	3	52,476
Delaware-Lehigh ARC	4	50,174
Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association	3	34,714
Great South Bay ARC	4	29,653

get enough logs to enter the Unlimited Club category. The Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC) took top honors in the Medium Club category, narrowly beating the Minnesota Wireless Association (MWA). The Society of Midwest Contesters (SMC) made it to third place this year. The Local club competition was won by the Orleans County Amateur Radio Club.

Looking Ahead and Acknowledgments

The 3500-QSO barrier is still there but with 15 back and perhaps some action on 10 it might go in 2011. January 8-9, 2011 will be the next running of the RTTY Roundup. Many thanks to Ken, K1EA for his labor in checking the logs. A tip of the hat to Ken, WM5R who always does the records on short notice. I appreciate the entire ARRL support staff, as well.

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W/VE Multioperator High Power	NR5M	John Lockhart, W0DC
DX Single Operator High Power	P49X (WØYK, op)	Gary Belcher, KH6GMP
W/VE Division Winners		
Atlantic Division Single Operator High Power	N2WK	Orleans County Amateur Radio Club
Dakota Division Single Operator Low Power	KØAD	W2JGR Memorial by Don Hill, AA5AU
Delta Division Single Operator High Power	AB4GG	Roland Guidry, NA5Q
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Roanoke Division Single Operator Low Power	N2QT	Mike Sims, K4GMH
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