



ARRL RTTY Roundup 2018 Preliminary Results

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Well, at least this year's terrestrial weather wasn't quite the downer for the 2018 RTTY Roundup, but the space weather surely continued to degrade. Despite an utter lack of 10 meters - 50 total QSOs! - and a dearth of 15 meters, RTTY ops and the lower bands rallied to have slightly more total QSOs than 2017. Go Figure!

| Band | 2017 | 2018 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 80 meters | 83,767 | 91,966 |
| 40 meters | 132,198 | 150,648 |
| 20 meters | 204,498 | 210,821 |
| 15 meters | 62,227 | 36,233 |
| 10 meters | 5,364 | 50 |
| Total QSOs | 488,054 | 489,718 |

Category "Podium" (1st, 2nd, 3rd) – US/VE

Single-Op, High-Power (SOHP)

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|-----------------|---------|
| ACØC | 276,208 |
| AA3B | 254,526 |
| W7RN (WK6I, op) | 238,596 |

Single-Op, Low-Power (SOLP)

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| W4AAA (KK9A, op) | 215,500 |
| WE9V | 175,218 |
| KA4RRU | 136,296 |

Single-Op Unlimited, High-Power (SOUHP)

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| K6LL | 212,280 |
| WØLSD | 204,376 |
| N6WM | 203,520 |

Single-Op Unlimited, High-Power (SOUHP)

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| AA5AU | 199,506 |
| KI6DY | 117,600 |
| K4GMH | 112,959 |

Multi-Single, High-Power (MSHP)

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| NØNI | 222,035 |
| W9SN | 202,120 |
| WØSD | 188,784 |

Multi-Single, Low-Power (MSLP)

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| AB5EB | 118,776 |
| W4TA | 84,099 |
| K9NR | 81,081 |

Category "Podium" (1st, 2nd, 3rd) – DX

Single-Op, High-Power (SOHP)

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|------------------|---------|
| P49X (WØYK, op) | 328,944 |
| 9A5W | 165,292 |
| EMØI (UT2IZ, op) | 139,200 |

Single-Op, Low-Power (SOLP)

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| HI3T | 102,912 |
| EA8AH | 88,540 |
| TG9ANF | 61,360 |

Single-Op Unlimited, High-Power (SOUHP)

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|------|---------|
| SN7Q | 195,125 |
| 4M1K | 191,919 |
| UW1M | 177,568 |

Single-Op Unlimited, High-Power (SOUHP)

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| IT9RGY/I4 | 109,021 |
| F5BEG | 89,880 |
| PY2MNL | 83,692 |

Multi-Single, High-Power (MSHP)

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|------|---------|
| R7AB | 177,156 |
| OL7M | 164,208 |
| S58K | 117,000 |

Multi-Single, Low-Power (MSLP)

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|--------|--------|
| 9A7T | 70,092 |
| IQ2CU | 20,128 |
| OK2RVM | 18,984 |

Heavy Metal!

2018 saw the first RTTY Roundup overlay competition. Participants were challenged to operate the entire contest using only "vintage" teletype hardware – chattering carriages and paper tape loops for messages became the order of the day. Congratulations to WA3FRP for winning with an impressive score of 14,850 — that's 275 QSOs! — the special plaque was graciously sponsored by Dave Tumey, W5DT.

Speaking of Plaques...

There is still time for you or your contest club to enjoy the esteem of your peers by sponsoring a plaque! Contact Contest Branch Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, at w9jj@arrl.org for details and a list of available plaques.

Affiliated Club Competition

Clearly many contest clubs called out the troops for the Roundup this year! You can tell because the total club scores far exceeded last year's tallies – except for PVRC which always seems to make a push (kudos!). Please note that these results are preliminary pending peer review by the various clubs. Here are the top scores in each category:

| <i>Club</i> | <i>Score</i> | <i>Entries</i> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Unlimited | | |
| Northern California Contest Club | 3,486,901 | 74 |
| Potomac Valley Radio Club | 2,076,404 | 67 |
| Medium | | |
| Society of Midwest Contesters | 1,811,579 | 47 |
| Minnesota Wireless Assn | 1,200,612 | 49 |
| Arizona Outlaws Contest Club | 1,134,514 | 21 |
| Local | | |
| Orleans County Amateur Radio Club | 455,258 | 10 |
| Oakland Radio Communication Assn | 316,469 | 9 |
| New Mexico Big River Contesters | 231,716 | 3 |

Choices Choices

Overall participation was slightly down yet again in 2018. Hiding in this data is the fact that W/VE was up, whilst DX is down yet again – and quite a few DX submitted as checklogs. Do you think the decline is due to band conditions, other interesting new digital modes, or the new, scary ARRL log submission form?

| Category | 2017 | 2018 |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| SOLP | 853 | 762 |
| SOULP | 241 | 233 |
| SOHP | 292 | 277 |
| SOUHP | 273 | 269 |
| MSLP | 24 | 35 |
| MSHP | 45 | 44 |
| Total entries | 1,728 | 1,704 |

I can't take credit for the quick reporting of these preliminary results. Kudos to WA1Z, N5KO, and W9JJ for making the data available so quickly, even in the face of paper log submissions!

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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.