



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)

ACØC 276,208

AA3B 254,526

W7RN (WK6I, op) 238,596

Single-Op, Low-Power (SOLP)

W4AAA (KK9A, op) 215,500

WE9V 175,218

KA4RRU 136,296

Single-Op Unlimited, High-Power (SOUHP)

K6LL 212,280

WØLSD 204,376

N6WM 203,520

Single-Op Unlimited, Low-Power (SOULP)

AA5AU 199,506

KI6DY 117,600

K4GMH 112,959

Multi-Single, High-Power (MSHP)

NØNI 222,035

W9SN 202,120

WØSD 188,784

Multi-Single, Low-Power (MSLP)

AB5EB 118,776

W4TA 84,099

K9NR 81,081

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

Single-Op, High-Power (SOHP)

P49X (WØYK, op) 328,944

9A5W 165,292

EMØI (UT2IZ, op) 139,200

Single-Op, Low-Power (SOLP)

HI3T 102,912

EA8AH 88,540

TG9ANF 61,360

Single-Op Unlimited, High-Power (SOUHP)

SN7Q 195,125

4M1K 191,919

UW1M 177,568

Single-Op Unlimited, Low-Power (SOULP)

IT9RGY/I4 109,021

F5BEG 89,880

PY2MNL 83,692

Multi-Single, High-Power (MSHP)

R7AB 177,156

OL7M 164,208

S58K 117,000

Multi-Single, Low-Power (MSLP)

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.