1999 ARRL RTTY Roundup

Some called it a RTTY contest, while others preferred the broader term "digital." Most used tele-type, but a few tested the waters with other modes such as PACTOR and PSK31. All called it fun! Of course, I am referring to the 1999 ARRL RTTY Roundup, which took place January 2-3.

Hundreds of digital enthusiasts throughout the world took to the airways. In fact, participation in the 1999 ARRL RTTY Roundup was at an all-time high. At total of 625 scores were reported to the Contest Branch—a 26% increase from the old mark. And while reviewing the logs we discovered that many more participated but did not submit scores.

Adding to the excitement, the ARRL announced a new plaque program for this contest. Through the efforts of late Northwestern division director Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, and RTTY enthusiast Jay Townsend, WS7I, the League is making scores available to the leading scores in each Division, as well as the overall winners. (With this addition we now offer plaques to the winners in each of the ARRL-sponsored all-band HF contests.)

The 1999 champions come from across the contest spectrum. The W/VE single-op high-power champion is K5DJ, with AA5AU taking home the honors in the high-power category. The W/VE single-op low-power winner was the crew at AD5A, while WØ SD won the W/VE multi-op high-power category. The scores from K5DJ, AA5AU and WØ SD represent new overall scoring records in their categories.

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tic), N9CK (Central), A4AA (Delta), K9TM (Great Lakes), K2NJ (Hudson), N1RCT (New England), W4I (Southeastern), W2R2 (West Gulf) and VA3MM (Canada). High-power single-op records were set by N9NCX (Central), K0KO (Dakota), KK5QO (Delta), N8NR (Great Lakes), N02T (Hudson), W7RY (Northwestern), NQ6C (Pacific), K4EA (Southeastern), K7WM (Southwestern), K5DJ (West Gulf) and VY2SS (Canada).

Multi-op records in the low-power category are now held by KØVPR (Dakota), VU8BEX (West Gulf) and VY2SS (Canada). Finally, KE3Z (Atlantic), WØ5D (Dakota), K08X (Midwest), and A4AC (Roanoke) are all new entries in the record books as multi-op high-power stations. Congratulations to all on another record-setting year!

It’s interesting to note that the top five W7VE single-op low-power scores exceeded some scores on the W7VE single-op high-power Top-10 list. Maybe good operating techniques can be a way to offset the lack of RF output. Either way, it is easy to see this contest is becoming more competitive and popular.

Three of the four DX category winners hailed from operations in the Caribbean. DX single low-power winner 6Y5/DL7VOG, DX single high-power leader FM5CD and DX multi low-power champion all enjoyed the fruits of their victories while escaping the January winters in tropical locales. DX multi-high power champion OT9E showed that you don’t have to operate from exotic paradises to win in this contest. Congratulations to each of the overall category winners.

Is it possible to do well in this contest from any region in the US? You bet! The regional winner in each of the four categories—Northeast, Southeast, Central, and Midwest—each placed in the Top 10 Box. In the West Coast region, the single-op high-power and multi-op low-power winners also made Top 10 appearances. Three of the four overall W7VE winners hail from the Midwest Division (K5DJ, AD5A and WØ5D), while the fourth resides in the Southeastern Division.

The 2000 ARRL RTTY Roundup will be the first all-band HF contest held during the last year of the millennium. The dates are January 8-9, 2000. The new ARRL log-checking procedures should be in place to help make the event even more interesting and competitive. Gear yourself up to help usher out the 20th century and the 2nd millennium in style. Why not “go digital” and see for yourself why this contest is one of the fastest growing on-air events?

### Scores

Scores are listed by DXCC Countries and ARRL/RAC Sections. Line scores list call sign, score, QSOs, multipliers, hours, and points (A = low-power, B = high-power). Multi-op stations list multiple call signs or PacketCluster.

### Plaque Winners

Thanks to the efforts of Mary Lou Brown, NM7M (SK), and Jay Townsend, WS7I, the ARRL is pleased to initiate a plaque award for the annual RTTY Roundup. The handsome awards are awarded to the top scoring DX and W7VE station in each of four categories: single-op, single-op high-power, multi-op low-power and multi-op high-power. Plaques are also awarded to the top scoring single-op station in each ARRL Division and Canada. Winners of sponsored plaques may purchase them for $60. Contact N1NJD at the ARRL Contest Branch for information.

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