

Results of the 2006 CQ WPX RTTY Contest

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The 12th Annual CQ WPX RTTY Contest was held February 11–12, 2006 with 1332 logs submitted—about the same number as the prior year, but with a lot of new records set, including Single Op High Power (SOH) World, Africa, North America/USA, Asia, Japan, and Canada, as well as Multi-Multi Asia, Single Op 14 MHz World, Single Op 7 MHz World and Single Op 3.5 MHz North America/USA. Despite low solar flux, 2006 was a good year for WPX RTTY, with about 500,000 contacts made by approximately 3500 participants worldwide. For log-checking, Paolo was aided this year by the veteran and expert team of N8BJQ, W3ZZ, N6ZZ, and I2EOW.

Geomagnetic conditions were mediocre worldwide throughout the contest. While there were no solar storms, the solar flux level sank to 85 (versus 205 in 2000!), but the continuing increase in participation (combined with double points for 80- and 40-meter contacts, which continue to increase with lower solar flux) pushed 80–20 meter scores higher.

Single Operator

Single Operator, High Power (SOH). Participation in SOH decreased slightly to 235 entrants, but more records were broken here than in any other category. First, I2UIY, already the world champion as P40G, returned to Aruba with the same callsign and established yet another new world record with 7,253,712 points (2,609 Q's, 10,422 pts, 696 mults). Only one multi-op station managed to exceed this score. In world second was 7XØRY (op: OK1DF) setting a new Africa record from Algeria by scoring 4,560,038 points (1,795 Q's, 7,742 pts, 589 mults). Tyler, K3MM, was world third, setting new North America and USA records, with 4,060,062 points (1,942 Q's, 6,414 pts, 633 mults). These top scores were good enough, but there were still more records from other areas. A new Asia record was set by 4L8A, who scored 3,718,824 points from Georgia (1,695 Q's, 6,737 pts, 552 mults). Then JS3CTQ established a new Japan record with 2,948,952 points (1,496 Q's, 5,352 pts, 551 mults). Finally, VE1OP scored 2,373,456 points (1,342 Q's, 4,016 pts, 591 mults), setting a new Canadian SOH record.

Single Operator, Low Power (SOL). In SOL, 706 participants submitted logs, more than one-half of the contest total. In this category scores were not higher overall, but some specific area records were set. Wanderley, ZX2B (op: PY2MNL), three-time winner here, repeated as world champion this time with a score of 3,257,454 points (1,430 Q's, 5,597 pts, 582 mults), just under his 2005 record for Brazil. The Asian SOL record fell to 4X2Z (op: 4X6UU), who scored 2,782,500 points (1,322 Q's, 5,565 pts, 500 mults). The European record also fell to TM6A (op: F6IRF, who was fourth last year under his own call) with 2,747,824 points (1,409 Q's, 5,224 pts, 526 mults). Another new area record was set by 8P2K (op: 8P6SH), North America winner with 2,247,722 points. Hurricane survivor Don, AA5AU, won his 8th U.S. championship with 1,746,178 points, not breaking his own USA low power record this time, but certainly setting a record for contesting grit.

Single Operator, Single Band 28 MHz (28). 10 meters saw very little single band activity, with the winner, LU1HF, scoring only 83,657 points.

Single Operator, Single Band 21 MHz (21). Single band activity on 15 meters exceeded that on 10 meters, but scores declined significantly from 2005. The top three in the world were LU8EKC at 618,681 points, followed by RC4Q (op: UA4RC) with 469,491 points, and EO1I (op: UT1IA) with 278,254 points.

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Berkin, TA3J, Single Op 40 meters from Izmir, Turkey.

Single Operator, Single Band 14 MHz (14). Single band world records were set on 20 and 40 but not on 80 meters. This year VE2RYY set a new 20-meter world record with a score of 1,782,030 points (1,163 Q's, 3110 pts, 573 mults). 9A5W finished world second and produced a new European record with 1,266,528 points (988 Q's, 2,528 pts, 501 mults). F5MOO was world third, scoring 1,203,168 points (938 Q's, 2,416 pts, 498 mults).

Single Operator, Single Band 7 MHz (7). Last year after a six-year lull, I4IKW set a new SO7 world record. However, with solar flux still declining and the low bands getting ever quieter, that record lasted only one year. The new 40-meter world champion is ZC4LI, who scored 2,771,000 points (949 Q's, 5,542 pts, 500 mults). Note the QSO point advantage from being in Asia rather than in Europe. For this contest, on this band, Cyprus is a great location, just as Aruba is for an all-band effort. S50A was world second with a score of 2,558,058 points (1,003 Q's, 4,854 pts, 527 mults). Close behind in world third was EO6F (op: UXØFF), who scored 2,263,248 points (1,017 Q's, 4,464 pts, 507 mults). Other significant records were established for Oceania by AH6OZ, who scored 1,221,726 points—a great score from Hawaii—and for the U.S. by N5ZM, who scored 806,932 points. While each of these scores is excellent, we will not be surprised if the top 2007 scores increase significantly.

Single Operator, Single Band 3.5 MHz (3.5). Like 40 meters, 80-meter competition is intense with low solar flux numbers. But this year no new world record was set. Missing the record by only about 2,500 points, S52X scored 1,543,212 points (814 Q's, 3,564 pts, 433 mults). However, NB1B moved into world second, setting new North America and USA records with 999,192 points (671 Q's, 2,686 pts, 372 mults). World third moved back to Europe with DQ9M (op: DL5NAM) scoring 817,400 points (642 Q's, 2,440 pts, 335 mults). VE3NZ set a new Canadian record with 204,148 points.

Multi-Operator

Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter (MOM). MOM scores this year were lower than in 2005. The 2004 winner, RKØAXX (ops: RAØAM, RAØAHC, RAØALM, RUØAM, RUØAKB, RUØALU, RZØAF, RVØAR, RVØAX, RWØAR, RXØAE, RZØAT, RVØAU), returned to the winning circle this year with a score of 6,589,162 points (2,584 Q's, 10,393 pts, 634 mults). In world second was UU7J (ops: UX2HO,



Barb, KE7AJ, owner of the KE7AJ station and part of its Multi-Op Single Transmitter team.



Paul, 4X6UU, operator of 4X2Z, number two Single Op Low Power.

UT4ZX, UR7GO, UT8NA, UR7GW, UUØJM) with 6,032,410 points (2,193 Q's, 7,631 pts, 692 mults). Last year's world fourth, KA4RRU (ops: KA4RRU, WA4TK, K3UI, K5OF, W4DAV, WC4J, N4DXS, N3WSO, KG4HTL, Tessa, Lianna), moved up to world third with 3,208,620 points (1,754 Q's, 5,045 pts, 636 mults). In third place was OH6R (ops: KG4UJW, KG4UJX, OH3FM, OH3LCI, OH3MFP, OH6LC, OH6LO, OH6LUC, OH6NMY) scoring 2,892,672 points (1,512 Q's, 5184 pts, 558 mults).

Multi-Operator Single Transmitter (MOS). As with MOM, MOS scores declined slightly this year, although the number of entrants remained high. The winner was IY4W (IK4MHB, I4LEC, IK4ZGO, IZ4AFW), with a score of 5,288,745 points (2,068 Q's, 7,953 pts, 665 mults). World second was Z37M (Z31MM, Z32XA, Z32ID, Z33F, Z36W), scoring 4,635,807 points (2,055 Q's, 7,143 pts, 649 mults)—a team that last year entered as M2. In world third was T77CD (ops: T77CD, IK4GNI, IK4DCX, IK4DDI) with a score of 4,298,668 points (1,870 Q's, 6,644 pts, 647 mults).

Multi-Operator Two Transmitter (M2). Unlike MOM and MOS, M2 produced yet another Europe record score this year, with SPØDXC (ops: SP7GIQ, SP1DID, SP5HMK, SP5MBQ, SP5LCC, SP5UAF, SQ5BPM, SQ5EBJ, SP7EKL, SP7MTF, Kate) scoring 7,554,326 points (2,566 Q's, 10,019 pts, 754 mults). World second was RW4LYL (ops: RA4LW, RN4LP, RV4HL, UA4LDP) with a score of 4,538,817 points, while world third was ES1A (ops: ES1AJ, ES1GE, ES1GF, ES1GH), scoring 3,790, 200 points.

Rookie

Twenty-seven operators entered the Rookie category this year and their scores were very substantially higher than last year. The world winner was YZ1SM, who entered in SO7 and made 1,589,064 points. In world second place was DF7IR, in SOH, who scored 1,296,648 points. Close behind in world third was F4JRC, SO7, who scored 1,069,450 points. Take a look at the sidebar written by Bob, KB1JZU, regarding the value of having this increasingly competitive category in this contest.

SWL

The SWL winner again this year was ONL383, who logged 607 Q's for 641,762 points.

Summary


CQ WPX RTTY Contest participation and scores were excellent this year, continuing the year-by-year growth of this contest, as well as the annual setting of new world records. For the 2006 contest about 60% of the logs were submitted within the first week after the contest, and more than 85% within the first two weeks after the contest. As noted before, in both RTTY and WPX RTTY the master call files created for each contest are split about one-third U.S. calls and two-thirds non-U.S. calls. Strong international participation is clearly a

significant factor in increasing scores. Indeed, logs were received from 91 countries and 6 continents.

To check all-time CQ WPX RTTY Records, look at <www.rtty-contesting.com/records/cqwpxrty.html>, hosted and maintained by Don, AA5AU. For comments by participants, see the QRM below. For a list of the operators of both both single- and multi-op stations, go to the CQ website, <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, to the contests section, and then to the expanded results of the 2006 CQ WPX RTTY Contest.

We continue to progress with the electronic submission of logs, with approximately 99.95% of all logs (and 100% of competitive logs) submitted via e-mail to <wpxrty@kkn.net>. Thanks to all of you who

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KB1JZU and the Rookie Class

Bob Montemerlo, KB1JZU, operates from his QTH on Hickory Hills Lake in Lunenburg, Massachusetts. Bob was first licensed in mid May of 2003 and earned his Extra Class license by the end of the following month. This fulfilled an interest he had some 50 years earlier when he was exposed to ham radio while in Scouting. The 2004 CQ WPX RTTY Contest was one of Bob's first major contest entries. He entered and won in the Rookie class in that contest in 2003, 2004, and 2005, expanding his station, skills, and score in the process.

Bob describes his experience in this way:

"I became interested and began operating in RTTY contesting through a friend (Gordon, N1MGO) and with the help of a great group of contesters, especially Don, AA5AU, who answered some of my initial dumb e-mail questions with both patience and support.

"Operating from a 150 x 75 foot lot doesn't allow me much of an antenna farm for a contest station. My goals were simple: talk to someone, achieve some level of contesting competency, and work my way up the DXCC hierarchy. The CQ WW DX and WPX contests helped me on all counts. In the two years between my first WPX RTTY contest attempt using a G5RV and my third, I have upgraded my station and logged over 200 countries with more than 175 confirmed on RTTY alone.

"RTTY operation and the various WW and NA contests have given me an opportunity to log 8K contacts in these two years, and because RTTY is so computer-centric, I am running a 40% QSL confirmation rate in ARRL's LoTW. In combination with some direct QSLing, the DX list continues to grow. And it's the low point in the cycle?

"I appreciate and strongly support the Rookie class category of the WPX contest and some of the restricted classes in other contests. They helped me in measuring myself against other new oper-



Bob, KB1JZU, entered and won the Rookie class in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest three years in a row.

ators and small station startups. This was the encouragement I needed to improve and expand, rather than the seemingly impossible effort to achieve the level of the top competitors. I am hopeful and optimistic that all seasoned contesters will make an effort to get new hams (at any age) into RTTY and try contesting in the WPX Rookie class. To that end, I have asked Glen, W6OTC, if I could sponsor a plaque for this class in future contests. I challenge each country/section to encourage a new operator to enter this class next year."

2006 CQ WPX RTTY CONTEST PLAQUE WINNERS AND SPONSORS

Single Operator High Power

World: Sponsored by John Orton, WA6BOB. Winner: **P40G (op: Paolo Cortese, I2UIY)**

N.A.: Sponsored by Charles Anderson, KK5OQ. Winner: **Tyler Stewart, K3MM**

USA: Sponsored by Glenn Vinson, W6OTC. Winner: **Mike Sims, K4GMH**

Africa: Sponsored by Andrei Stchislenok, EW1AR/NP3D. Winner: **7XØRY (op: Frantisek Pubal, OK1DF)**

Europe: Sponsored by DL-DX RTTY Contest Group. Winner: **UW8M (op: Serge A. Redkin, UR5MID)**

Japan: Sponsored by NN6NN RTTY Team. Winner: **Hiroyuki Inaba, JS3CTQ**

Single Operator Low Power

World: Sponsored by Mike Sims, K4GMH. Winner: **ZX2B (op: Wanderley Ferreira Gomes, PY2MNL)**

N.A.: Sponsored by John Fleming, WA9ALS. Winner: **8P2K (op: Dean St. Hill, 8P6SH)**

Asia: Sponsored by Trey Garlough, N5KO. Winner: **4X2Z (op: Paul Gross, 4X6UU)**

Japan: Sponsored by NN6NN RTTY Team. Winner: **Taisuke Kishi, JA1OVD**

Europe: Sponsored by Paolo Cortese, I2UIY. Winner: **TM6A (op: Patrick Destrem, F6IRF)**

Single Operator Single Band

World, 14 MHz: Sponsored by Neal Campbell, K3NC. Winner: **Noel Russell Poulin, VE2RYY**

World, 7 MHz: Sponsored by CQ magazine. Winner: **Steve Hodgson, ZC4LI**

Multi-Op Single Transmitter

World: Sponsored by Steve Merchant, K6AW. Winner: **IY4W (ops: IK4MHB, I4LEC, IK4ZGO, IZ4AFW)**

Multi-Op Two Transmitter

World: Sponsored by HC8N RTTY Team. Winner: **SPØDXC (ops: SP7GIQ, SP1DID, SP5HNK, SP5MBK, SP5LCC, SP5UAF, SQ5BPM, SQ5EBJ, SP7EKL, SP7MTF, Kate)**

Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter

World: Sponsored by Steve (Sid) Caesar, NH7C. Winner: **RKØAXX (ops: RAØAM, RAØAHC, RAØALM, RUØAM, RUØAKB, RUØALU, RZØAF, RVØAR, RVØAX, RWØAR, RXØAE, RZØAT, RVØAU)**

reviewed your logs carefully before submitting them. We also received a large number of check logs, which were very helpful for log-checking. Thanks to all who submitted these logs.

While RTTY by WF1B continues to have a loyal following among RTTY contesters, its lack of strong support for Cabrillo format makes it more difficult to use these days. The logging programs most used for submitting logs for the 2006 contest were MixW, N1MM Logger, and WriteLog, each having approximately equal shares among contestants. In addition, RCKRtty and JK1IQK's software have a very loyal cadre of users. All five of these programs have fine Cabrillo tools and work equally well for our log-checking purposes.

The 2007 CQ WPX RTTY Contest

The 13th Annual CQ WPX RTTY Contest will be run on February 10-11, 2007 (the second full weekend of February). Please note that *Cabrillo-format logs are highly encouraged for all entrants, with e-logs required from all potential high-scoring entrants in any category*. Also, *any computer-generated log with more than 100 contacts must be submitted via e-mail or on a 3.5-inch diskette via snail mail*. For those who submit diskettes, please remember to send the diskettes in a protective envelope. E-mail is clearly the most reliable and easiest method for log submissions, but we welcome all logs, including (subject to the restrictions described above) paper logs.

The full text of the 2007 contest rules will be published in the January 2007 issue of CQ magazine and, on the CQ website at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>. Please read the rules carefully prior to the contest, and note that all logs submitted via e-mail go to <wpxrtty@kkn.net>.

Note: Beginning with 2006 CQ WW RTTY and the 2007 CQ WPX RTTY contests, club competition will be included. Plaques for winners will be sponsored by the Potomac Valley Radio Club. Also, the plaque program for both contests will be chaired by four-time SOH USA CQ WPX RTTY winner Mike Sims, K4GMH.

73, Glenn, W6OTC, and Paolo, I2UIY

DX QRM

Fine contest. Very good condx on Saturday on 20m and on Sunday evening on 40m . . . **2M0KDZ**. This is my first WPX RTTY contest entry . . . **4A7L**. Nice try this year. See you again next WPX RTTY. 73! . . . **4F1MEU**. I could enjoy the very wonderful contest. Tnx for a fine contest again . . . **7N2UQC**. I enjoyed the wonderful contest . . . **7N4XCA**. Wow! Despite poor conditions on the high bands, with increased activity I managed to smash my previous best! Thanks to all for the nice mults . . . **8P2K**. Ufb nice contest . . . **9A1CKG**. Only 75W on 15 & 20m, 50W on 40 & 80m. Hard work, hi. So tnx to all who kind enough they wkd my little stn . . . **DG1RKP**. With mag loop under roof and snow on roof contesting is very hard, but if you make a good DX QSO you get a pleasurable feeling . . . **DG7RO**. Great fun again . . . **DJ6TK**. Conditions on 15 meters were not too bad. Unfortunately, my participation time was very limited this year. . . **DJ6XB**. Nice contest, but unfortunately no gud propagation on 15m. It was a hard job to make some QSOs . . . **DL1DTL**. It was real fun. Mostly S&P, with good propagation on 40 and 80m. Nearly nothing on 10, and a crippled antenna on 15m. Cu next year! . . . **DM2RG**. Very good job. Low propagation in 20m. All the best . . . **EA4ZB**. I used the special callsign for 10th anniversary of Ukrainian Antarctic station at Vernadsky. QTH Kyiv, Ukraine . . . **EM10UA**. My fourth WPX RTTY and the best. Conditions were very good on 80 and 40m, many many stations, a great pleasure. As usual 10m closed. Thanks to all who worked me. . . **F5RD**. My first attempt at this contest. Enjoyable . . . **G3RSD**. Not a full-time effort, just occasional visits to the bands . . . **G3VQO**. First activity on RTTY ever! What fun. Better than phone . . . **G4WGE**. Very enjoyable event. Had to repair both antennas! Now they both work much better . . . **G6BOX**. Good fun when I got to play between work . . . **G7VRK**.

Great fun! A most enjoyable contest. Huge participation made it even better, and I was pleased to work some new band slots. Thanks to all at CQ for sponsoring the contest . . . **GU0SUP**. Mni thanks for a nice RTTY contest . . . **HA5LZ**. Tough conditions for low power and vertical antenna . . . **HZ1IK**. I could not operate full time but I enjoyed with RTTY . . . **I5WNN**. Very nice contest, but I have "little" time and i participate only 20m band . . . **IT9ORA**. I could enjoy the wonderful contest . . . **JA1OHP**. Thank you for nice contest cordination . . . **JA1XRH**. One of the more enjoyable contests. Many thanks to all. 73's and see you next year! . . . **JG5DHX**. Thank you for the QSOs . . . **JR1NKN**. I participated this contest for the first time . . . **JR1UMO**. Thanks again nice QSOs, but condx very poor . . . **LU8EKC**. Thanks for this nice contest! Cu agn . . . **LZ8A**. Super condxs and a lot of pileup. Cu agn! . . . **LZ9W**. Licensed 11 months . . . **M0VBY**. Pretty nice conditions. Perhaps 15 and 10m also usefull next year! . . . **OH3OJ**. Very good contest. See you again friends . . . **OK2SWD**. Just made a few QSOs when family allowed . . . **OK4RM**. Thanks for nice contest. Next year again on band . . . **OM6RK**. Tnx for very nice contest . . . **OM7YC**. It was my first WPX RTTY contest ever since my license on 01 Sep 2005. I hope to participate next year. Thanks for ufb contest . . . **ON3AD**. Thanks for nice contest . . . **ON6LEO**. Amused to participate but missed 21 and 28 MHz.


Same weekend as our PACC contest so had to do a parttime operation in the WPX RTTY . . . **PA0MIR**. It was my first time and great fun . . . **PA3ADG**. Just some QSOs, as this contest was interrupted by my most important contest, PACC. Thanks for organizing. See you next year again for just a few hours . . . **PA3BFH**.

Thanks for contest . . . **RX3AIS**. No conditions at all on 15m . . . **S51J**. Switching between some WPX RTTY contest and working 3Y0X on low bands . . . **S54E**. Tnx for a nice contest. Hard this time with bad conds on 15 and 40m . . . **SK4TL**. Some problem with USB to DB9, but it's best test in the year . . . **SM3LBP**. Thanks for organizing this great contest. An armchair contest with lot of activity on both sides of the atlantic and me in the middle. Highlights here were G4WFFQ/6W in Senegal, B1ID in China, and TA1FA in Turkey . . . **TF3AM**. Have not much time to wrk all contest. Cu in CW/SSB WPX . . . **UA1CEC**. Tnx fer nice contest! Good luck! . . . **UT7GX**. Thanks for the good contest! . . . **UX4E**. Great activity: and loads of fun . . . **VA3DX**. A fun contest. Worked about 18 hours . . . **VE6YR**. Nothing on 10 and very little on 15 from


this location . . . **VE7BSM**. Lots of fun and challenging running a portable station . . . **VE7IO/W6**. Another fun contest. Openings to Europe getting shorter each year. Thanks for sponsoring the contest . . . **VE7WU**. Still a newbie on this mode . . . **VY2LI**. Couldn't spend as much time for the contest this year. I had fun for the few short hours I actually got to play when at home. This is a fun contest and conditions were good on 40m second night. No local SSB QRM. Checked on 10m and never heard a thing. Missing fews SA stations on 40m . . . **YB0DPO**. Using my Kenwood TS450SAT with three bander Yagi. It is nice to join the contest. Next time will be much better . . . **YB2ECG**. My first participation in CQ WPX In't RTTY contest . . . **YC1UGK**. Aiming DXCC by this contest . . . **YC3MM**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest . . . **ZC4LI**. First-ever WPX RTTY contest for me and a lot of fun! 80m was terrible here and pretty much unusable. 10m did not open at all. Enjoyed a couple of good runs and was quite satisfied with my score considering the overall conditions coupled with modest antennas and a dicey amplifier! It's not easy being so far south with a small station! . . . **ZS2EZ**.

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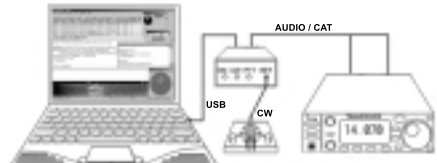


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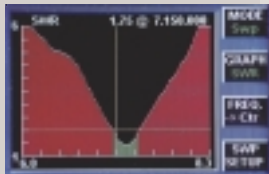

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I didn't originally intend to work this contest, but when I listened for a few minutes I got hooked. Lots of activity on 20m... **AA7IH**. My highest score ever in a RTTY contest!... **AB0RX**. Was only able to get on for the second half. Was operating at W0AIH. Thanks to Paul for the use of that great station!... **K0TG**. Many stations wanted to log me without the "/4"... **K3IXD/4**. Great contest and thanks to all for contacts... **K5DKH**. Thanks to all es 73 from New Mexico... **K5PAX**. Few contacts on the 11th; but celebrating my birthday was just as much fun!... **K5WW**. RTTY is cool!... **K5ZD**. Saturday's DX conditions were lousy here. I even considered switching to the high power category. Trouble is my little amp only goes to about 400W out on RTTY, which doesn't compare to the other entries in that category. I am glad that I didn't switch, as the conditions on Sunday morning were amazing here for this point in the cycle... **K7RE**. Bands were pretty good this year!... **KA1C**. Mostly a one-band show for me (20m), although I did have some fun on 80m at night. I noticed 15m was open, but very few operators seemed to be trying it... **KB1CJ**. Thanks for fb contest!... **KC2NMZ**. Great contest... **KD5JAA**. Great contest, lots of activity, and picked up some new countries. Computer slowed way down and finally stopped at 0327 AM Sunday morning. Also noticed that the clock had slowed down by about 45 minutes. Saved log and rebooted computer and set time to correct time and finished out the contest with no other problems. Two of our multi crew were new to RTTY contesting and had an enjoyable time... **KE7AJ**.

Had to quit early. SWR problems caused by high winds... **KI6DY0**. First contest with new call sign and great fun. I just got my vanity call, KK1X. It belonged to an SK who passed on in 1998. But three times I was "Lionel," not "John," and it made me think about the hams who've gone before us. Hats off to them... **KK1X**. Good contest in spite of the propagation. Very many calls on the air. I was able to put in a limited amount of time. I had one glitch with the program. I hope to be back next year... **KS0M**. My first RTTY contest. What a blast!... **KT9L**. Was a bit tired but machine does the work for you in this mode anyway; no need for good operator. Would be a world champion if this score is claimed in LP, but this game is not for me... **KU1CW**. All this during the blizzard of 2006 with my quad at 30 feet due to high wind gusts and blowing snow. We had 20 plus inches of snow by contest end here just a few miles east of New York City. At the end of the first 24 hours I had 334 QSOs and at the end of the contest I had 663 total. It is not supposed to be that way. Day two never really let up... **KW2O**. We had lots of fun working CQ WW WPX RTTY mobile from around Macon Co... **N0IPR**. Fun contest with many interruptions for me. Score really builds near the end with all the multipliers... **N2OPW**. Had to QRT due local electrical storm!... **N3CHX**. First time using write-log and hope the log is ok... **N6AR**. Our first try at MS in WPX RTTY. Had fun. 40m at the end was fantastic... **N8BJQ**. My first RTTY contest... **N8IK**. Great fun. Made several strategic errors, including going out to eat breakfast before noon since my XYL was out of town (she usually brings my breakfast and lunch). Thought I was doing well until I worked Mike, K4GMH, and he gave

me a serial number of 1192 after I had given him Nr. 992. That burst my bubble!! Low time of the solar cycle gave me almost no high bands and almost no Asia... **NE3H**. What a great time! Great openings, great operators! Many, many new participants making this a great contest. Thanks guys for a great showing and a lot of fun!... **NF6V**. First ever RTTY contest. Small score but big fun... **NI9C**.

Saturday was difficult here, I think because of rain-saturated ground and antennas. Saturday night was much better and 40 meters was a blast. Sunday was also improved on all but 10 meters... **NU4SC**. Busy contest for this time in the sunspot cycle... **NW2B**. I enjoyed the WPX RTTY contest along with the Fists sprint and spent 3 hours at a fire with the Salvation Army. A busy weekend!... **W0CZ**. Great fun... **W0HW**. Band not good... **W0TY**. Nothing like an 11 inch snow storm and 7 hour power outage to make things interesting. Surprised at number of ops who run around with their RIT on... **W0YR**. Good contest. Plenty of DX and good conditions. Thanks for running it!... **W3MEL**. Other family chores plus the great north-eastern snow storm which laid 12 inches of snow on us really cut into my operating time. However, did manage to get a few Qs. Perhaps more time next year (es better wx)... **W3OFD**. I am a Rookie, but I couldn't get it past the robot. Otherwise, good contest. I always enjoy RTTY... **W4KTF**. I got a very late start but had fun... **W4TDB**. Just operated several hours but had a good time... **W5AP**. Screwed the time up by 5 hours. It's minus five not plus. Dummy! Had a great time!... **W8AKR**. Enjoyed the olympics over the contest... **WA6BOB**. What a great contest. 40m was rockin'... **WD4DDU**. Tnx to all who gave me repeats. Just bought new high-dollar furnace. It came with free RF. Still had great time... **WG8Y**. Wrkd most of test low power but went to higher power to QSO 10 new DX countries. Bottom of the cycle, lots of QSB. Keep learnings things while working... **WN10TV**. Had a wonderful time in spite of equipment failures (amp & interface). Many thanks to those stations that QSYed for us!... **WW4LL**. Stanford university amateur radio club. We anticipated some "usage conflicts" at the shack with the DXers working the 3Y0X expedition and the CW Sprint using 20/40/80m on Saturday night. We were also suffering amplifier problems, so we opted to be multi-single... **WX5S**. Had a fantastic time... **WY3X**.

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