

# CQ WPX RTTY CONTEST 2025

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An interesting mix of band conditions still benefiting from the solar peak and, as always, revealing some surprises, produced a playing field filled with great participation, excellent competition, records to be broken and another overall fun running of one of the Largest RTTY contests of the year.

## Activity in 2025

Overall activity was pretty much on par with the prior year. QSO activity remained strong on the upper bands with negligible reductions comparatively. Available prefixes to work were like last year but are reflective of continued Solar Peak propagation.

Continent								2024
Metric	AF	AS	EU	NA	OC	SA	ALL	
Logs	18	351	1,660	957	117	107	3,210	3,262
Operators	23	375	1,900	1,057	124	131	3,610	3,589
DXCC	10	20	52	14	8	14	118	110
Prefixes	12	167	628	365	50	66	1,288	1,282
Reported QSOs By Band (Post Log Checking)								
80M	366	1,081	73,516	18,659	60	482	94,164	100,454
40M	2,063	8,469	147,647	78,175	1,625	3,131	241,110	258,532
20M	1,807	9,284	136,288	68,877	2,873	4,883	224,012	231,608
15M	3,297	28,997	131,510	100,002	5,509	9,518	278,833	288,116
10M	6,555	28,551	104,887	86,308	3,974	22,160	252,435	290,247
All	14,088	76,382	593,848	352,021	14,041	40,174	1,090,554	1,168,957
Average Productivity								
QSOs/Log	783	218	358	368	120	375	340	358
QSOs/Opr	613	204	313	333	113	307	302	326

Tables courtesy of bud AA3B

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*"All-time best SOLP score for me. First time over 3M points and nearly a million points better than my previous best in 2016. 843 prefixes when my previous best was 682 in 2018. Wow! That was so much fun." --Don AA5AU*

*"This was my best ever CQ WPX RTTY score. Topped my 2013 record score by 670,217 points. Similar solar cycle conditions but working a full 30 hours made the difference." – Jack WA7LNW*

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Let's look at some of the notable races on the bands.

## Single Operators

Ed Muns W0YK, operating P49X, bounced back this year to put himself in the winning position of the SOAHP category from his usual Aruba operating QTH. Competition was fierce, with a neck and neck race between P3X (5B4ANM op) in second and Bud AA3B in third (first in North America). These are all fantastic operators pushing the limits of SOHP operating.

Domestically, AA3B's position was over 4 million points ahead of Bob KI6DY who was nearly tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Tim N3QE. Interestingly, the rest of the entrants in the top 10 were all very close to each other score-wise, all in the 3-million-point range.

In the SOALP category, big congratulations to TM3Z (Dimitri F4DSK) who once again has emerged victorious taking the top low power position as well as breaking the SOLP world record in the process! Andy UB7K took second position from his Kerch RU QTH. PJ4R (Roger N4RR) achieved third position from Bonaire in this highly competitive category.

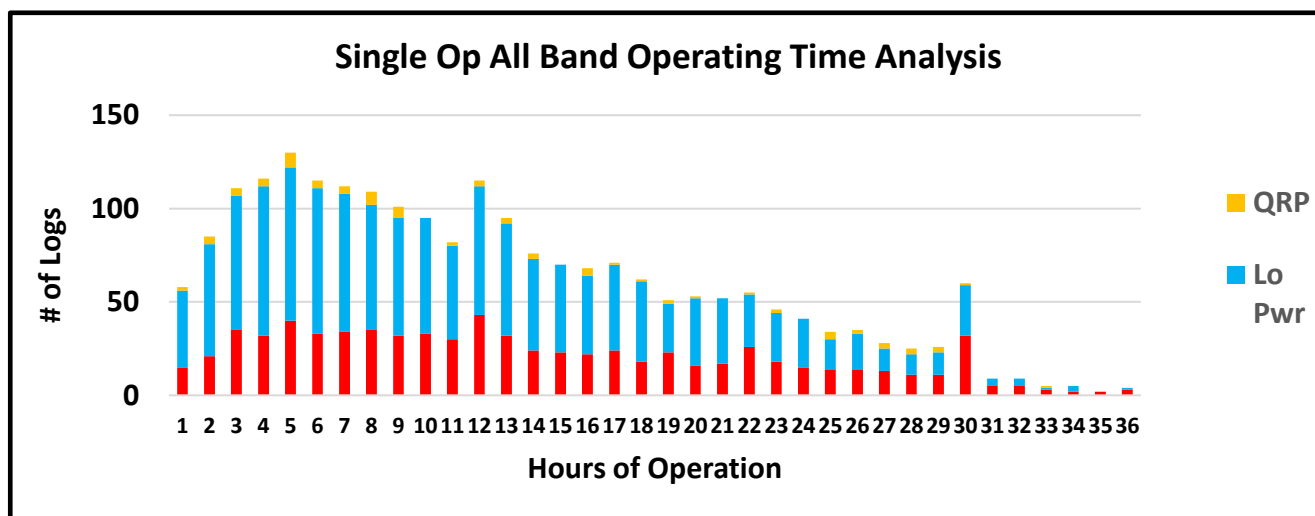


Andy UB7K

Domestically, RTTY powerhouse Don AA5AU took the top North American slot from his Louisiana QTH, comfortably ahead of Dennis AH2O in New York.

	Continent							Average per Entry		
2025 Category	AF	AS	EU	NA	OC	SA	All	Op Time (Hours)	Score Reduction	All 2024
Single Op High Power Entries										
All Band	4	73	315	335	17	12	756	14	10%	788
160M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80M	0	1	16	1	0	0	18	13	11%	18
40M	0	3	19	8	1	1	32	13	11%	33
20M	0	3	26	6	2	3	40	11	15%	32
15M	1	11	27	11	3	2	55	18	9%	57
10M	1	23	41	16	2	8	91	14	9%	89
Single Op Low Power Entries										
All Band	4	132	729	424	49	34	1,372	12	11%	1,351
160M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80M	0	1	29	4	0	1	35	10	11%	34
40M	0	7	43	16	1	1	68	11	11%	91
20M	1	7	64	7	2	2	83	10	9%	93
15M	0	32	48	18	12	6	116	11	12%	124
10M	2	29	74	29	9	22	165	10	12%	178

QRP Entries										
All Band	0	6	51	18	5	3	83	13	15%	81
160M	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80M	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	6	6%	10
40M	0	1	11	1	2	0	15	14	13%	8
20M	0	1	15	3	0	0	19	9	10%	17
15M	0	1	11	2	3	1	18	11	7%	20
10M	1	3	11	4	1	2	22	9	11%	18



I am often surprised by the super large QRP scores that are achieved in this contest. This year features a photo finish race between two nearly 2-million-point efforts by Stefano IZ3NVR and Arvydas LY2F in the SOA QRP category. Stefano emerged victorious by a slim margin of 30k points! This was good enough to earn a world record! Top NA honors go to Hugh K2YG operating as KV2U.

One of the great advantages of CQ contests are the various overlay categories that offer unique opportunities to compete, including Rookie, Classic, Triband Wires, Youth as well as Single Band categories that are hugely popular and allow for a wide range of competitions. All categories have notable performances. I'll touch on a couple of them here, but I encourage you to browse these categories in the line scores at <https://cqwprrtty.com/results/>.

One of these overlays is developing into a major competitive arena with many major contesters shifting over to it. The Classic category lowers the operating time to a total of the first 24 hours of operation and limits the operator to 1 radio. This is very attractive to those that are time constrained on weekends, or folks that are finding it necessary to minimize in-chair time for whatever reason.

In the Classic High-Power category, Brane YT3D managed top honors from Eastern Europe, managing over 4 million points. His competition was not far behind him as Jim WI9WI drove the PJ2T superstation in this category.

On the Classic Low-Power side, there was an incredible horse race between the top 3 competitors as their scores were all within a few thousand points after log check. Alex RG5A was "first in the photo-finish" narrowly beating both Peter VA1XH and Vladmir UN6LN operating as UP7L in Kazakhstan.

Also, there was a great performance in the youth category, as once again Robert DM7XX dominated with a spectacular showing of more than 6 million points.



Robert DM7XX Rookie overlay winner

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High Power Overlay Entries										
TB-Wires	1	14	72	62	2	3	154	15	10%	156
Classic	1	13	32	26	3	3	78	13	12%	82
Rookie	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	16	15%	3
Youth	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	17	9%	7
Low Power Overlay Entries (Includes QRP)										
TB-Wires	0	21	155	88	10	5	279	13	10%	250
Classic	2	30	163	67	14	6	282	12	11%	275
Rookie	0	7	17	7	4	2	37	9	14%	42
Youth	0	4	7	8	0	0	19	7	12%	17

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Entries by category in CQ WPX RTTY 2025

## Multi-Single

The multi-single categories are often dominated by European stations, and this year is no different with one exception.

Winning the MSHP category is the CN3A team from Morocco with a rapidly put together operation, besting the second place IP4M team.

*"This was - specially for me - very strange event. We went to Morrocco mostly to do some work in the station - both outside and inside. Only Jan OK2ZAW joined me. He said I would love to do some RTTY contest from CN3A - maybe just to play around. I said nonsense - if we do it let's go M/S just in two. It is your problem to set everything up. I added that until last week, I made maybe 5-10 RTTY QSOs during our C5A action, while OK1VVT before the contest gave some DXCC hunters the country. That was ALL !!" -- Jiri OK1RI for CN3A*

The Multi-Single AB Low-Power category was won from Europe by the IO6T contest team in Rustico Italy who managed to set a world record in their effort. The second position was the only NA entrant in the top 5 by

team NP3Y in Puerto Rico operating from the well-equipped station of Alfredo WP3C and they also walk away with a new North America record.

*Great contest and participation! We are very happy with the result! This score beat our previous 2021 and 2022 scores by over 1M points. It is amazing when everything is working close to perfect what we can do with the station.*

–Paul NP3Y

2025 Category	Continent						All	Average per Entry		All 2024
	AF	AS	EU	NA	OC	SA		Op Time (Hours)	Score Reduction	
Multi-Single HP	1	1	27	10	1	2	42	35	11%	43
Multi-Single LP	1	5	24	11	2	2	45	24	12%	38
Multi-Two	0	0	6	5	0	1	12	37	11%	18
Multi-Multi	0	1	4	3	0	0	8	36	8%	6
Multi-Distributed	0	1	5	2	0	1	9	37	11%	11

*Multi-operator entries by category and continent*

### Rivalry in the Multi-Two Category

Amateur radio contesting has set the stage for many well-known rivalries, and a new one has emerged over the last several years between the well equipped stations of K9CT and WV4P. This year there was another race between the two, with team K9CT being bested by team WV4P for the second year. WV4P set the Multi-Two Record last year but did not hit that mark this year however they remained victorious on top of the Multi-Two pack.

*“WV4P was our main competitor, and we watched them make QSOs that we could not hear. I would listen to them and hear them work stations that we were not copying. It was frustrating but that is the variability of propagation. It would seem that their further south location was favorable under these conditions. Congratulations to them on a successful weekend.”* –Craig K9CT



*W4SDX and NN5SS on Run/In band at the WV4P winning M/2 effort*



## Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter

Croatian station 9A1A once again solidly took the world title in the Multi-Multi category this year with a large team, solidly besting the German team DL2025S. The NR4M “Goat Farm” first place NA team (3<sup>rd</sup> overall) was led by Steve NR4M. NR4M has a great station, and they had a large group of many new operators who will enjoy winning a North American title! Out west and inching into the top 5, the team at WV6I @ N6RO managed to set a new north W6 Record with a hybrid on site and remote operation.

## Multi-Distributed

This category has gotten a bit controversial post-pandemic, but it was quite popular in this contest with 9 serious entrants this year. Winning this year’s competition was the team IQ3ME, with a group of operators distributed around the Italian 3<sup>rd</sup> call area. They paced themselves with other multi-ops on the contest online scoreboard for excitement and motivation! How do you feel about this category? If you have any comments or concerns share it with us.

## Club competition

The Bavarian contest club once again took overall world club competition title with 124 logs submitted.



In the United States, the Potomac Valley Radio Club once again took top honors, in an often-competitive domestic competition. Great job for both world class clubs’ results.



## Closing

This was another great run of the CQ WPX RTTY contest. With records across many categories broken, lots of great neck and neck races, agreeable band conditions, and participation from around the world is a clear reminder of the fun and excitement of RTTY contesting. We look forward to seeing you on the bands for the next run in 2026!

Once again, some notes from the CQ Worldwide RTTY management team.

Winning a plaque in a CQ WW contest is a great achievement, and often are some of the most coveted awards that one can hang on their shack wall. The opportunity to sponsor plaques is available, and can be great ways to establish regional excellence, or recognize a particular annual competition.

We would like to encourage you to review the plaques awarded in this competition and reach out to the management team if you would like to sponsor one in the future. If you would like to do this, feel free to contact us via the WPX RTTY website.

Also, my annual call for content!

We need photos of your efforts! We need your unique stories. A picture speaks a thousand words, and your words enhance them exponentially. Tell YOUR stories and enhance our coverage of this major worldwide RTTY WPX competition. Please keep that in mind as you roll into these contests. Pictures of operators or teams of operators are the best. Send us yours for a chance to get it published in the WW0RF CQ contest results publication.

For the entire CQ WPX RTTY management team congratulations to all participants and look forward to working you in next year's run!