

Results – ARRL Rookie Roundup – August 2011 (RTTY)



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The first digital Rookie Roundup is in the books and the bands cooperated with some decent conditions. 20 meters was hopping and may have actually hurt activity on 15 meters with strong, easy-to-work signals. With the familiar keyboard-and-screen interface, we are hoping that the digital format will catch on with Rookies, just as it has in the general ham population.

W4 keeps leading the Rookie Roundup participation parade with WØ, W1, and W6 right behind. Our friends to the north (VE) and south (XE) were not to be found this time around and the DX stations were in hiding, as well. 30 Rookies and 21 Non-Rookies were pounding their keyboards in this inaugural digital version.

Scores	Call Area
none	VE, XE, DX
5	WØ
4	W1
1	W2
2	W3
6	W4
1	W5
4	W6
3	W7
3	W8
1	W9

Joanna, K6YL repeated her April 2011 win as she led all challengers to the checkered flag with a score of 6437 points at the Stanford Radio Club station, W6YX, in the hills above Silicon Valley. She swept the top spots in Rookie QSOs (31), Non-Rookie QSOs (95), and Multipliers (41) – we’re not worthy! The college campuses were humming this time because William, W1PL activated the Harvard club station, W1AF to come in second with 4716 points. William was 5th in the First District last time – that’s quite an improvement! Third and fourth were a tight race between Anna, W6NN (4329 points) and John, KRØL (4148 points) who also turned in a score much larger than in April. Anna was our winner in the December 2010 contest, although you worked her as KE1BYL. Both licensed in 2009, Anna and Joanna each have one Rookie Roundup left in their Rookie eligibility so watch for them in December!

What a hoot, it was great fun to elmer Joanna K6YL and help her catch her breath a few times with how to handle the keyboard macros, tune in stations and do some fancy S&P on spots while trying to keep a run frequency. She's determined to get better at RTTY contesting methods.

Sean W1HQ, we heard you on 15m, but you QSYed before we could get to you to work you on that band. I think 15m was very much open for folks, but the rookie population in this event may not have had the exposure to try the higher bands when 20m was so full of great signals from all over.

73 de N6DB @W6YX

In fact, it’s good to see a number of returning calls – be sure to tell your friends to get on!

10th district: KRØL (district winner), ACØPP, K1ING, and KDØMGE

1st district: W1PL (district winner), WA1N, and AB1OD

2nd district: KC2WUF (district winner)

3rd district: K3TXT (district winner)

4th district: K4TEC

6th district: K6YL (district winner), W6NN (ex-KE1BYL) and KJ6KQE

7th district: AE7KL

8th district: KD8OPI (repeat district winner) and W8IDW

Downloadable PDF certificates for all stations are in preparation – watch the Rookie Roundup Blog (www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup) to find out when they are ready for you!

Though I was not able to run for the whole six hours, I did manage to get in over four, more than three more than the last RR, and my points show it. So I have made a few enhancements compared to last April's contest. I planned for and devoted much more time to the contest. I learned from some Elmer's, including Ham Nation on what works and what does not in a contest, and was more persistent in calling CQ.

I have quite the anticipation as to how I did, compared with my fellow rookies. [Don moved WAY up in the standings to take third in the 6th district – Ed.] This is a great "sport" of which I hope to be a notable athlete. And as with all athletes, I know I need more practice time, so I hope to work at least one more contest before December's Rookie Roundup – CW contest, including the California QSO Party in October, and ARRL's 10 Meter Contest the weekend before.

-- KJ6KQE

If you've enjoyed the Rookie Roundup, you can keep your RTTY skills sharp in the upcoming CQ WW RTTY contest (www.cqwwrtty.com) – this is a BIG contest with stations from all over the world packing the bands. A very popular contest, the California QSO Party (www.cqp.org) is a great way to practice 'phone and CW contesting, too. You'll really be ready by the time ARRL Sweepstakes (www.arrl.org/sweepstakes) rolls around in November! You'll find a complete list of contests in the ARRL's Contest Corral at www.arrl.org/contest-corral-calendar and in *QST* every month.

With your keying machinery limbered up – don't forget to check the bands during the annual ARRL Straight Key Night on New Year's Eve! (www.arrl.org/straight-key-night)

The future of Rookie Roundup includes a return to CW on Dec 18th as we close out 2011. The cycle begins again with SSB on April 15th, 2012 – it beats filing your tax return! As always, watch the ARRL News and the Rookie Roundup blog for news of any rule changes. Once again – thanks for giving the contest a try. We hope to see you in the next contest, Rookie or not!

73, Sean Kutzko KX9X, ARRL Contest Branch Manager

[For those readers unfamiliar with the contest, Rookies (hams licensed during the past three years) work each other as well as non-Rookies while the Non-Rookies may only work Rookies. That format makes it very similar to the old ARRL Novice Roundup and the Rookie Roundup has a similar mission – to give new hams a contest just for them and encourage them to operate on the HF bands.]

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Call Used	Operator Call	QTH	Rookie QSOs	Non-Rookie QSOs	QSO Pts	Multipliers	Score	Place	Call Area
KRØL	KRØL	KS	29	64	122	34	4148	1st	WØ
KØABC	KØABC	MO	26	48	100	32	3200	2 nd	WØ
ACØPP	ACØPP	MO	20	44	84	30	2520	3 rd	WØ
K1ING	K1ING	CO	9	25	43	20	860	4 th	WØ
KDØMGE	KDØMGE	MN	10	20	40	19	760	5 th	WØ
W1PL	W1PL	MA	25	81	131	36	4716	1st	W1
WA1N	WA1N	NH	21	44	86	32	2752	2 nd	W1
AB1OD	AB1OD	CT	13	43	69	29	2001	3 rd	W1
KB1VMQ	KB1VMQ	NH	15	23	53	26	1378	4 th	W1
KC2WUF	KC2WUF	NJ	5	11	21	13	273	1st	W2
K3TXT	K3TXT	MD	13	22	48	19	912	1st	W3
KB3VNH	KB3VNH	PA	10	13	33	18	594	2 nd	W3
KK4BJV	KK4BJV	AL	25	62	112	34	3808	1st	W4
K4TEC	K4TEC	KY	17	59	93	30	2790	2 nd	W4
W4DTB	W4DTB	NC	18	34	70	26	1820	3 rd	W4
KJ4NUY	KJ4NUY	SC	11	11	33	19	627	4 th	W4
N4DWS	N4DWS	VA	3	10	16	9	144	5 th	W4
KJ4YAC	KJ4YAC	FL	4	8	9	11	99	6 th	W4
KF5BA	KF5BA	MS	11	20	42	19	61	1st	W5
K6YL	W6YX	CA	31	95	157	41	6437	1st	W6
W6NN	W6NN	CA	26	65	117	37	4329	2 nd	W6
KJ6KQE	KJ6KQE	CA	9	26	44	25	1100	3 rd	W6
KJ6IOB	KJ6IOB	CA	5	3	13	8	104	4 th	W6
N7SMI	N7SMI	UT	13	20	46	18	828	1st	W7
AE7KL	AE7KL	UT	14	17	45	17	765	2 nd	W7
AK2L	AK2L	AZ	2	6	10	6	60	3 rd	W7
KD8OPI	KD8OPI	OH	24	31	79	30	2370	1st	W8
KD8LZT	KD8LZT	MI	17	19	53	25	1325	2 nd	W8
W8IDW	W8IDW	WV	4	1	9	5	45	3 rd	W8
NX9A	NX9A	WI	5	5	15	10	150	1st	W9

Non-Rookie Participants:

AA5AU, WA7BME, AB4SF, AJ4CG, AL9A, W6ZL, K5PBR, K2DSL, N9BT, N8XI, W4VN, KC9MEA, KSØM, KØRC, N6HE, N6PZ, AF3I, W9ILY, N2WN, KX9X (@W1HQ), K5NZ, K6GEP

Thank you to **all** of the experienced testers that either made it into a Rookie's log or made a station available to them for the contest!