

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY 2009 Sep 26 Claimed Score

Call: W2FU

Operator(s): K0SM K2DB K2TJ N2CU N2WK N2ZN W2FU WA2TMC WB2ABD

Station: W2FU

Class: M/M HP

QTH: WNY

Operating Time (hrs): 48

Summary:

Band	QSOs	Pts	St/Prov	DX	Zones
80:	663	1138	56	58	20
40:	1275	2601	58	88	28
20:	1386	3615	50	111	36
15:	492	1063	43	75	24
10:	50	92	15	9	6
Total:	3866	8509	222	341	114

Total Score 5,760,593

Club: Rochester DX Association

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Great contest in spite of real tough conditions on most bands most of the time. Our first M/M on RTTY and only the 2nd RTTY we have participated in. Other was M/S back in 2002.

Great battle back and forth with K1TTT and congrats to our "neighbor" team over in Peru for a spirited competition that unfolded on GetScores for the full 48 hours. When the overnite crew left us Sunday AM with nearly 300K lead, we were pretty confident. BUT that evaporated over the next few hours as 20 just never opened to EU here in WNY until 11 am or so. It took all afternoon and then a great last three hours with some 10 meter Qs and Ms and quite a few new mults on other bands to push us back in front by a narrow margin.

Quite a bit of learning and some start-up issues, but overall, stuff worked well and we only "lost" one amp (a 1960s 3-1000Z non-amateur) to the duty cycle, and one computer. (P3 just won't cut it on RTTY apparently) The new K3 worked extremely well on 40 meters. Both 20 and 15 had startup problems that prevented QSOs for the first 30-40 minutes on each of these bands until we got them cleared up.

FWIW - It took about 5 minutes to get the amp replaced and running with most of that the warm-up time on the AL-1500. It took nearly an HOUR to swap the computer, get all the interfaces working and the 80 meter log recovered!

We had a great team of experienced W2FU operators and we did a lot of swapping around from band-to-band to keep stations on the air. Getting the station "ready" this early in the season, should help us later too. The Beverages went up Friday, the new 15 meter stack is only 1/3 completed with 2 beams still on the ground.

Thanks to the RTTY experience of N2WK, the setup and integration of everything went pretty well. I spent most of the contest fixing, making better, and installing the TIC Ring for the middle 15 antenna.

Great operating by all....N2WK, WA2TMC, K2TJ, N2ZN, K2DB, K0SM, N2CU, WB2ABD

CU you in CQWW - Jeff