
2009 CQ WW 160 Meter Contests Expanded QRM

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Hardest 20 contacts ever . . . **3A/K3OX**. Thank to all calling us! Nice propagation to USA on 1st night. Hope that new Asian record was set. Will try to improve results next year! . . . **4Z5J**. TNX to all for nice QSOs . . . **6W/DL2RMC**. All QSO used 5watts output power. Rig K3, dipole . . . **7K1CPT**. I operated with 9-mh full-size Inv-vee on the river bank . . . **7L1ETP**. Amazed to reach almost 30 QSOs on top band with totally inappropriate antenna operational from 80m up. Good ears people. EU QRM was usual topband zoo here, hi . . . **9A6C**. Another Field Day-style effort from the QARS gang here in Qatar. Condx were special the first night and mediocre to very good the second night. We were not at the beach location, as those tents came down a few weeks ago. Instead we were 2 km inland and it showed in the transmit signal. Again, the raising of a vertical in the field resulted in rain in the desert! However, a 180m long Beverage for Europe and a short Beverage to the east made a huge difference. Great stuff, what a band! . . . **A71BX**. My first ever EU QSOs. Thanks G4PWA and TM6M! 60 watts on a wire! . . . **AA0MZ**. On 160 you put something, anything, up and then improve on it from there with a lot of help from your friends. Thanks to all here in this club who have given me some great insights into the band and some ideas for improvement that were worth a pot of gold . . . **AD5VJ**. I operated from Newcastle County Airport, Delaware with an IC-703 and 110 ft vertical antenna . . . **AE3J**. Great conditions . . . **AI4MI**. Fantastic condx! Simple setup with a low inv-L, but if I heard them I could work them. 160m is one of the most enjoyable bands there is. Hope condx are this good next year! . . . **AK9I**. It was Chinese New Year, lot of events to do, so just few hours in the contest, but had fun! . . . **B4TB**. Fatal thunderstorm at 17.23 UTC and hit my IC-706 and, to my surprise, it exploded! Sorry, haven't another TCVR, hi . . . **C4M**. Only 100 watts and 8 contacts S&P . . . **CT1AGF**. Again linear goes bust plus heavy rain static . . . **CT1FJK**. Before the contest a big storm prevented the erection of our 24m high gp and damaged the already erected reversible Beverage.

We had to work with a horizontal square at 12m, 15m. Next year we have to invest more time for the antenna work, weather providing! . . . **CU8A**. Great condx on Saturday morning. Never worked so many US and VE stations in one day! We missed our senior op DL9YX, who was out of order. Volker, we start next year again. Many thanks for all contacts . . . **DF1HF**. This was the first contest I've ever worked on 160m, so lots of new countries for me, hi. Ran QRP with a G5RV. Thanks for the contest and good luck! . . . **DF2OK**. This year no real antenna for 160m, only a short 80m dipole with bad SWR . . . **DJ1AA**. With QRP (5 watts) from FT-817 and Windom antenna FD3 through tuner Z11. Again a nice contest. Thanks to the Big Guns for their patience to listen to my weak signal . . . **DJ3GE**. My first top band Contest. Ant Delta Loop with 50m, Low Power. Very interesting for test, operating only at evening after work . . . **DJ5MY**. Only 6W/DL2RMC was a new one . . . **DJ6TK**. First time with my new vertical antenna. Great! Thanks for this wonderful contest to all of you guys . . . **DJ8ES**. My 100 watts are high power because I used DX Cluster! That's a new kind of logic! . . . **DJ9MH**. Another 160m Contest on just my 80m inverted Vee with an antenna tuner. Using an amp this time was only a partial compensation but a good test for RFI immunity of the neighborhood. They failed miserably! . . . **DK1FW**. I worked with 100 watts into my homebuild magnetic loop. About 7% of the QSOs were out of Europe. Fine contest! . . . **DK2BJ**. Too much local noise. No Beverages. Anyway it was great fun . . . **DK3WW**. Many thanks to Tom, DL2OBO. Also many thanks for accommodation in his hotel "Hellers Krug" and all the delicious dishes. This was real ham spirit . . . **DK7YY**. My first real 160m contest. My 4-band Windom (80m and up) did a great job (9x VE/W). Tnx guys for ur good ears/great antennas! And I enjoyed using N1MM logger; great software. Tnx to everybody. CU next year! . . . **DK8NT**. First time ever 160m contest, nice experience! Just 100 watts out from a FT-920 and an inv-L antenna, 42m long, 15m up, and 2 radials . . . **DK8NX**. Very nice contest! . . . **DK8RE**. Nice contest, but amplifier only

delivered 200W. Quit on Saturday evening due to frustration. Antenna FD4, amp Heathkit SB-1000, TRX TS-850S, Win-Test. S9 noise in the city . . . **DL1ELY**. Only short time for me . . . **DL1SBF**. This one was the first contest on 160m. Tnx for all contacts . . . **DL2MDU**. I had a lot of fun with my small ant. Tnx for the nice contest! . . . **DL2SWN**. All with 2x 12m indoor dipole! . . . **DL7ULM**. Nice contest like every year. Improved radial system at my vertical brought nice contacts to NA . . . **DL7UMK**. Many QRM this year . . . **DL8QS**. 100 watts and a short inverted-L brings not much opportunity on 160. Nobody answered my long CQ TEST calls. Only some well-ear'ed chaps did it! . . . **EA3ALV**. Nice conditions on top band, but very badweather conditions in Spain. We had hard winds, about 100 km/h, and I forgot all my EWE antennas for receiving . . . **EA5KY**. Missed my loop for 160m that I have in SM . . . **EA8CN**. Lot of thanks for FB contest! 73! DX! . . . **ER5WU**. Great contest! Good condx! 73! . . . **EW1WZ**. Very nice test! . . . **EW2WW**. Wow! All has been said already. My only regret was to have been too lazy to string my 2 temporary Beverages and not planned to be seriously in the contest except for getting new DXCC and zones. At the end 7 new DXCC and 1 zone. Not bad at 186/38! . . . **F6BEE**. Glad to give (and get) KL7, a new one on 160m. Always difficult with EU but had fun . . . **FM5CD**. Great contest this year. My first entry and I did not even plan to enter! But I got seduced by the outstanding conditions on the first night. My tower/dipole was low, but the 90 ft vertical did well. Some awfully wide signals, and a few people in Europe who think they can go off to S&P and then return several minutes later and reclaim their frequency. Some significant out-of-band operating (i.e., below 1810) from Eastern Europe. Great fun, and I hope to be there again next year . . . **G3BJ**. Unfortunately, the modified wire did not perform as planned. There was improvement to the east, but lost a lot of gain to the NW. Anyway, first entry in this event and wouldn't have missed the amazing conditions. Just hope for something similar next year . . . **G3LET**. What a super contest. It took two days to take down my usual

antennas and put up a very bent dipole and two days to replace them. I don't know if it was the new antenna or conditions that improved my score by over 100% from last year but if it was conditions I never want to see another sunspot. The neighbours will be happy to see less wire in the air now that the contest has ended . . . **G3MZV**. I only took part in order to rack up a few new countries on 160m. Now as I enjoyed it so much I am putting in an entry and will do something more serious . . . **G3SVD**. The rule changes (i.e., 2Zz start and use of CQ Zone) are both most welcome. Congrats to CQ on picking a weekend with such good top band conditions! . . . **G3TXF**. Casual part-time entry just 8.9 hours. Had to lower the mast on Saturday night due to high winds . . . **G3YBY**. Another very small QRP entry. It is really hard making QSOs in this contest with a combination of QRP and poor antennas from a non-top band friendly site. But pleased to work at least a few W/VE . . . **G3YMC**. Fantastic conditions. Great pleasure just to work the DX! . . . **G4AMT**. First outing for our small group in this contest. It was great fun, but we need to do a lot more work on our antennas! . . . **G4AQQ**. I haven't sent an entry in this contest since you got rid of the serial number exchange. I still think you should reinstate it but at least you have got rid of the country name nonsense. Conditions were awesome, in a part-time effort I worked CA and AZ with just a 45 ft high inverted L . . . **G4BUO**. Was not able to be QRV as M2D this year due to illness so had to make do with small home entry from very noisy domestic location . . . **G4BYG**. Lots of fun. Some very good ears out there to hear my puny top band signal. Thanks to all those who took the time to get my call correct . . . **G4DDL**. Condx very good throughout, especially first night. Went to bed early on Saturday intending to arise early. The best intentions of mice and men? Anyway, rain static didn't help! Musn't grumble; beat my previous best scores and will be 80 in Feb. 2010 . . . **GW3JXN**. A hard job with a simple dipole and only 100W, on the other hand it was a pleasure to work with the K3! . . . HA1BC. Many thanks for Qs. See you next year! Rig TS-530SP, 100W into an end-fed 21m long wire above flat roof . . . **HA2MN**. Worked last state, South Dakota! Tnx for "W0SD"! Big activity, nice contest, thanks for all QSOs! . . . **HA8BE**. It was fun testing the new Flex Radio 5000C, very good. Acom 2000A, and yes, only 2x25m doublet at 12m with remote ATU. I was able to QSO NA sometimes

mostly at my sunrise and at least heard SA stations. Background noise S5 here . . . **HB9CVQ**. Great band conditions and big signals from US made this contest a highlight this year. Working also my first KL7 on top band. I like this contest . . . **HB9LCW**. Very interesting contest, worked a few new ones. Propagation into Europe on my sunrise just did not happen nor JAs after sunset . . . **HS0ZEE**. Part-time contest for family QRM. I prefer SD program, so easy . . . **I1EIS**. Usual crazy operation without a proper antenna, in downtown Milano! Cu next one! . . . **I2WIJ**. My first contest on 160 band; it's great fun. Three verticals in wire with capacitance hats, in phase. PC program CT by K1EA . . . **IZ3ALF**. Would like to thank all stations who pulled out my signal. See you in the next contest! Thank you for support and advice! JQ0BQD . . . **JA0ZRY**. I participated single-op low power. I was using my antenna only 4m length Micro Vert antenna on my condominium's balcony and using K2 barefoot! The conditions were the best in years. I heard 6 continents (AF: VQ9LA, SA: CE1/K7CA) and worked 5 continents (except CE1/K7CA by pile-up). My best QSO VY2ZM, Jeff, from PEI! There were many many DX signal on 160m band so it was very difficult to search running spot in the band during the contest . . . **JE1SPY**. Great contest . . . **JH4UYB**. Thanks for contest . . . **JK2VOC**. Excellent DX conditions! Heard many more high point mults than I could work with QRP. Frustrating but great fun nonetheless! . . . **K0PK**. Best 160m ever had. Still no receive antenna. Thus sorry for not getting all who called. Band was virtually noise free except for the man-made noise . . . **K0UK**. Worked Europe the first day at 2204Z, the second day at 2135Z, and the third day at 2135Z as well. So, the starting hour change didn't have much effect on opportunities to work Europe. Of course, conditions were very good and the chance to work Europe while the sun is still shining will probably go away for a few years. Naturally one still has the same number of hours to work Europe, but dividing the opportunity into three pieces feels better. Obviously, this perception benefits the eastern US and not many others . . . **K1LT**. It's amazing what can be worked or heard with a low dipole and 100 watts. The Europeans and JAs were copied here in southern Nevada, but no QSOs. Conditions seemed to be much better to New England and the East Coast, although I called and called the lone Vermont station that I heard without success. I may have

to go back to a vertical next year . . . **K1NV**. Just a couple of hours operating as fresh meat! . . . **K2PS**. Best condition I have seen on 160 meters . . . **K2RDX**. There were always stations on noon to midnight. Wow, great band! . . . **K2VX**. Retracted antenna two weeks later and noticed that raised radial system was disconnected from buried radials, Hmmm? . . . **K3TC**. Band conditions were unbelievable even for my QRP (5 watt) station. A number of European stations came back to my first call as if I was on 20 meters . . . **K3TW**. What fun. I can't wait till next year. More antennas and more power . . . **K5QEA**. Line noise the worst ever! . . . **K5RX**. 359 of my 810 QSOs were with Europe! . . . **K5ZD**. This was fun. Two "all-nighters" with my 40m Delta Loop and 100W . . . **K6CSL**. Wow, what can I say. I have never experienced propagation to Europe from southern California on 160 like I did this weekend. I worked 43 Eu stations in 24 different countries; that is two more EU countries than I have previously worked in my entire 160 meter career. As always, thanks for the Qs, especially those who hung in there while I tried to pull them out of my noise . . . **K6NR**. Good time, and wx was down to zero degrees so all was perfect, hi . . . **K7ABV**. First time ever worked Europe on 160! . . . **K7DR**. Wow great fun. Exceptionally great conditions the entire weekend . . . **K7OX**. Other commitments limited operating time, and was checking out new rig and station setup. Never heard conditions this good. 23% of my QSOs were 10 pointers and worked 4 new ones. Now if I only had a real antenna! . . . **K8AC**. Very good conditions but no VK/ZL, few Caribbean stations, and almost nothing south of the equator! . . . **K8GG**. Very good contest. Good conditions to Europe on Friday night . . . **K8JA**. Mainly a S&P contest. Only continental state missed was WY. Fantastic conditions on Friday and Saturday nights . . . **K8WDN**. Once in a lifetime conditions. We will be talking about this for years . . . **K9DX**. Super conditions! 49 states and 15 DX with QRP! Lets keep this sunspot minimum going for another year! . . . **K9FO**. Great conditions . . . **K9JM**. Enough of the heroic QRP operation. I got tired of the good feeling I had after a contest, just like when you stop banging your head against the wall . . . **K9JU**. An event of a lifetime! The contest propagation that will be remembered for decades! . . . **K9NR**. FB condx! . . . **K9NW**. Noisy band conditions this year . . . **K9WWT**. Great EU opening on Friday nite . . . **KA7T**. Good timing. Great contest and excellent conditions . . . **KB7N**.

Had lots of fun! . . . **KB8M**. What a job for the poor little 90 foot half sloper . . . **KB9ZUV**. My first CW contest. Had a ball . . . **KC2FOL**. Great fun. Our best finish ever. Looking forward to next year. Thanks to everyone who gave us a call . . . **KC4D**. Thanks again to John Evans, N3HBX, for letting me use his station again. Conditions were great and I worked several new countries and my first KL7s on 160! . . . **KD4D**. Only on for 2 hours. A lot of noise but was fun . . . **KG9Z**. I wish I would have had more time to operate . . . **KK0SD**. Not much time, and very bad QRN. Apologies to those who called and I couldn't hear, and many tnx to those who repeated over and over again . . . **KM9M**. A contest to remember, good signals and plenty of them. Enjoyed the short time I had to operate . . . **KN4Y**. Operated for 7 hours, best conditions at 3 am Sunday . . . **KP2BH**. Not bad for soft finals in amp and a 3-el tribander with coax shorted so it loads through a tuner on 160. Keep working the same buncha guys year after year but its still always fun and a challenge digging out the sigs from QRN and QSB! . . . **KS7T**. Best 26 hours that I have ever spent on top band . . . **KT3Y**. Nothing serious. Just three hours of having fun. Lots of activity, even during the day . . . **KV8Q**. Some lid came on with 50 seconds to go and started repeatedly sending the word "over." Must be anti-contest . . . **KW2J**. Had a great time. Condx were mostly quiet, heard DX, even if I couldn't crack the pile-ups, and found that even adding 3 new radials to my inverted-L improved it considerably (I guess I have more broken radials than I thought). The usual "tip of the hat" to those great ops who pulled my 5W signal out of the noise . . . **KX7L**. Mine was not a serious effort, but I enjoyed it. The band is a joy here compared to Sao Tome! I used the simple and easy to use SD Logger . . . **KY4P**. Low antenna, up 12 ft. between two houses! . . . **KY9KYO**. Really enjoyed the contest, big fun. Many stations participating, condx fair . . . **LA2AB**. Condx bad too far east . . . **LA8WG**. Very difficult to work with low power from a valley but nice to hear many DXCCs also when I was not able to work all . . . **LX1ER**. First go at a 160m contest under my own steam. Good fun but with only an 80m quarter-wave inverted-L was hard going at times . . . **M0PCB**. Wow! Station = G0KPW. Thanks to Bob, G4BAH, for letting me play again! Conditions were superb. Going to be lots of big scores this year Some new records, too . . . **M6T**. Best conditions I have witnessed on 160m; worked over 600 USA

alone, double our normal rate! Big problem with people trying to steal your frequency, when you listen for more than a few stations, or listen for a weak station . . . **MD4K**. Part-time effort and almost all S&P from my small station. Really difficult with high noise levels, no receive antennas due to lack of space. Xmit antenna was a heavily loaded inverted-L. Still, I managed 48 countries and 12 new ones, so I'm happy . . . **MM0GPZ**. I operated less than two hours, but I had fun anyway . . . **N0TT**. Worked Hawaii for the first time on 160! . . . **N0XM**. Great conditions with great operators makes a nive contest . . . **N1DM**. In a word . . . OUTSTANDING. I have never heard 160 meters in better shape, and that is for both nights of the contest. Lots of great signals, lots of great operators, lots of fun! . . . **N1LN**. Heard and called KL7RA for state #50, but couldn't get through the many JAs he was working. Oh well! . . . **N2FY**. All contacts made with an indoor antenna . . . **N2MH**. Spectacular conditions made this one contest that won't soon be forgotten! Never would I have imagined working 49 states and 57 DXCC on 160m in one weekend. That's almost as many DXCC as I have worked in the past 10 years on 160! Thanks to all for the fun and the many new ones! . . . **N2WLG**. What an amazing weekend! Usually I'm pretty happy with one decent night during top band contest, but two outstanding nights WOW! Big thanks to WC7S for coming through at the very end with my last multiplier and WY for WAS in a weekend. WAC in a weekend. Alaska is usually the tough state, but four were logged this time. It will be a very long time before I forget this one! . . . **N2WN**. My largest number of QSOs on 160 in a contest yet, and no antenna for 160! . . . **N3TG**. My 9th year doing CQ WW 160 CW and best claimed score by 33%! Previous best was in 2004. My record score has to be due to outstanding propagation, particularly for DX. During the contest and for days before and after, sunspot count was 0 and A-index was 1, so the D-layer must have been weak. Good conditions led to high activity, I think . . . **N3UM**. Hard work from home QTH. Normally operate 160m from AA4QU QTH . . . **N4AX**. First CQWW 160 Contest and lotsa of fun . . . **N4JH**. Best condx for this contest that I've ever seen. It was simply great. First night outstanding. Second night not quite as good but still way above average. This is my best score ever from home QTH . . . **N4PN**. Fun, part-time effort . . . **N4PSE**. I don't know who was more surprised when UA6LV heard my 100

watts at 2226Z the first night! I worked more than a dozen Europeans before the old 0000Z starting time. Great start to the contest. Who would have thought that a low-power station would work more DX mults than states? . . . **N4TZ/9**. Worked more countries in two days than I had in all past times on 160 combined. Also got KL7 to finish my 160 WAS . . . **N4VA**. Only a few hours to operate. My first 160 CW. Lots of fun . . . **N5CW**. By adjusting the start and end times the contest is now rigged so that only East Coast stations can win . . . **N5JB**. Only found a couple of hours to operate . . . **N5KF**. I am working on improving my CW operating skills. I think it's getting better, fewer repeats needed, but still need to work on handling multiple callers. Thanks for the QSOS es much needed practice! . . . **N5XJ**. Need a better antenna! . . . **N6PC**. What a weekend! I had only worked Europe once on 160. This weekend I heard a dozen countries and worked three. I caught JW5NM earlier this week . . . **N6RV**. Doing really well from a city lot is quite a challenge in this contest . . . **N6TV**. Boy, what a contrast in experiences. I've seen a number of reports talking about the great conditions, and all the DX that was worked. I'm wondering if we're talking about the same contest :-). Certainly, I did better last year. Anyway, I had fun, and got to compare several receiving antennas here on different signals and conditions. Thanks to everyone that wrestled with my mini-signal and eventually made a QSO of it . . . **N6WG**. Wow. Wish I had had more time to enjoy the fantastic condx . . . **N6XI**. Unbelievable conditions. Highlight was working EU 1.5 hrs prior to sunset. Monday after contest, nothing . . . **N7KA**. Only a couple of hours to operate, but fun . . . **N7WR**. The best 160 contest for me in several years. WAS + 54 countries in > 20 hrs. The Assisted category addition made it more interesting. Condx on Saturday night sounded like 20 meters. Some of the EU stns were louder than US. Sixty more Q's and nearly 100K more points . . . **N8BJQ**. Too tired for a big effort; I wish I had been QRV at EU sunrise. Nevertheless, a record score, mult, and QSO total for me in any 160 meter contest! The 6W was a new one; nothing heard from UA0/JA . . . **N8II**. Band conditions were very poor, but I had fun in my limited operating contest time . . . **N8QE**. Thanks to K8MK for the use of the antenna. Can't believe I worked 40 countries QRP. Some year will have RX antennas and a working amp . . . **N8VW**. Wow. Just Wow . . . **N9ADG**. So I go down to the

shack around 1300UTC to check grey line propagation on 160m, and OMG! There's a contest going on! I totally forgot CQWW 160 CW was this weekend. I completely missed the "ONCE IN A LIFE TIME" propagation Friday night, DARN. I was able to get in about 8 hours of operating, but missed lots of prime time 160 operating time due to other commitments made for the weekend . . . **N9TF**. Thanks for the new 160 states . . . **ND6S**. It is amazing what you can do with a contorted dipole and 100 watts! . . . **NE4M**. My first CQ 160m contest. Condx were good and thanks to the excellent ops at the other end who hrd my minimal sig. Will definitely try again next year with better antenna . . . **NJ9Z**. 0530 to 0830Z on Sunday were the best DX conditions I've ever had! . . . **NK8Q**. More contacts, more fun, more exhaustion every year. . . **NN0Q**. Tied two 80m doublets together to get acceptable SWR. This experiment had good ears, but finding stations that could hear my 5 watt signal was a labor of love . . . **NO2D**. Incredibly fun contest! . . . **NR4M**. Great condx. First time we heard and worked zone 1 and zone 19 on top band. Strong storm made us take down the balloon antenna 1 hour before the contest. Fortunately the shunt-fed tower worked great . . . **OE2S**. Fantastic propagation. Once-in-a-lifetime North Pole opening to KH6 and KL7 . . . **OH0E**. Fabulous stuff! Missed some essential multipliers, though . . . **OH4A**. Normally we have only few NA contacts. This year we get 26 multipliers! We didn't listen to radio during daylight hours, so we can't tell if we could have heard DX in broad daylight. We did some antenna work for a couple of weekends before contest. Repaired and re-arranged Beverage antennas, fixed half-wave dipole, and tuned parasitic vertical array elements. Of course we could have made many more contacts with better antenna. But we will remember this for long time and will check what antenna we are using. We did improve our club's record from last year by over 30%. So it could be a long time until we break it again, maybe never. But we will try anyway. Thank you for contacts and we hope to see you later on the top band! . . . **OH4AB**. Really nice conditions to North America and poor to Far East. From Sunday afternoon on low power was just too little to get anything going. A great contest again. Thanks to all . . . **OH5TS**. Nice contest and superb condx but cannot participate more cause I had a flu . . . **OK1FPS**. FB conditions . . . **OK2BYW**. UFB contest. I am really surprised what I was able to do with

K3/QRP/5W and inverted-V at height of about 15m . . . **OK7U**. Condx were great, possibly even better than in 2008, especially to America, so I was able to improve my last year's score. I enjoyed the openings to the mid and west US/VE. My thanks go to Jiri, OK2RZ, for letting me use his contest QTH near Ostrava. Thanks everyone for the QSOs and CU next time . . . **OL0A**. My first CQ WW 160m contest . . . **OM3CUG**. Just recovered from 2 hour surgery, and not 100% fit yet, but I participated 24 hours, slept almost 7 hours during propagation time with the USA. So my 500 DX QSOs, 57 mults in NA (missed only Idaho in the USA), and 85 countries make me happy. What makes me happy is to see how many stations are now active on top band and how many have built excellent stations and are putting up very respectable scores . . . **ON4UN**. No time for contesting this time. Hope all contesters had fun and a great weekend . . . **OV3X**. My first entry in this contest. I would have liked to use a TRX with better selectivity and dynamic blocking capabilities as my IC-737 . . . **OZ3SM**. The best ever from this QTH . . . **OZ7TTT**. Could not do much time. Condx very bad but managed my first VE on 160 with the indoor antenna. Very good activity but due to condx not much to work with my indoor longwire . . . **PA0FAW**. Splendid activity, a great pleasure to participate! Cu agn in 2010 . . . **PA0FEI**. Good activity, but band for most countries in EU starts at 1810 (and for PA ends 1880). Good move to switch over to Zone exchange; maybe counting also zone mults could be considered . . . **PA0MIR**. Heard a lot more than I could work . . . **PA0O**. I made a few QSOs with QRP (5 watts). Thank you for the contest . . . **PA1B**. Very nice contest for QRP stations . . . **PE2KP**. We have never worked so many JA stations on top band from the PJ2T station! A total of 76 Japanese stations were logged, mostly on the first night, between 0800Z and our sunrise around 1100Z. We had a great time! Jim, W8WTS's XYL Janis and Geoff, W0CG/PJ2DX and YL Dorothy provided logistical and moral support, including a memorable birthday celebration for K8ND during contest operations . . . **PJ2T**. Good contest . . . **RA4HBS**. TNX FB contest! . . . **RV0AR**. Good contest! See you in the next year! . . . **RV3LO**. Thanks for the contest . . . **RV4LC**. TNX for great contest! . . . **RW0BG**. Very nice contest, tnx . . . **RX3AJ**. Never ever heard a band so full of key clicks! . . . **SM5MX**. Beautiful condx! Sorry I overslept first morning! Log didn't take E77 . . . **SM6CPY**. Finally worked my

#99 and #100 on top band . . . **SM6WET**. Very good conditions but not for QRP this time. Rules change are very appropriate . . . **SP5DDJ**. FB contest . . . **SP9JZT**. TNX for FB contest . . . **UA0ZAM**. TNX for FB contest! . . . **UA6AX**. FB test! TKS! . . . **UA6HFI**. Great contes ! Fantastic conditions both nights over North Pole! . . . **UA9MA**. Nice contest! Unfortunately I was too busy with work and had too little time to operate . . . **UR3IQO**. TNX for nice contest! . . . **US1IV**. See you next year! . . . **UU7J**. Directions to the west and east seemed to bring weak signals. All the game this time had been played over the North Pole. Thanks to all who called me, 73 Sergei UX1UA aka UV5U . . . **UV5U**. Good contest . . . **UX4E**. As everyone knows condx were superb. Only ran 100 watts, but with cluster going . . . **VA3DX**. Awesome conditions on 160m this weekend. Running a modest antenna here (dipole at 70ft) yet still managed to work into EU and AF. I was hearing lots more than I was able to work. FT1000MP and Acom2000 worked flawlessly as usual, however same can't be said of laptops. One total failure and second not far behind. My apologies to those I sent gibberish to on occassion. Looking forward to next year! . . . **VA7DX**. Only got an hour or two in as antenna needed repairs . . . **VE1AI**. FB conditions! . . . **VE2DWA**. Did a search and pounce for some fun in the contest. Beat last year's score in less time spent on a part-time effort . . . **VE3BK**. What absolutely AMAZING conditions! This was the first time that I'd ever had the pleasure of seeing 160 behave like an around-the-clock, open-24-hours type of band. How refreshing to work stations at high noon here for a change, and steadily, too, at that! . . . **VE3CUI**. Best conditions in many years . . . **VE3DO**. Conditions quite good. Had some fun. Only worked about 7 hours . . . **VE3PA**. Missed Friday night due to work trip. Amazed at Saturday night. Very good propagation. Will have to work on TX antenna when WX warms up . . . **VE3PN**. As everyone else has commented, excellent propagation even daylight DX . . . **VE3QAA**. Seven DX countries on my antenna that droops to 9 feet off the ground! . . . **VE3RCN**. 160m was in great shape this weekend! . . . **VE3UZ**. Lifetime experience to participate with such never experienced propagation ever! . . . **VE6SV**. Friday night was amazing, sounded like 20 meters! 73 and see you next year . . . **VE7CA**. Don't usually enter this, as antenna is inv-L 30 ft high with radials buried in a 12 x 30 ft lawn with the

vertical at one corner. It was often a struggle as it was. There are some VERY patient folks out there. I was only going to try it for a few minutes but, well, it's a contest and CW to boot so I hung in until about 0230. I was surprised by the number of people who could actually hear me. Up until now, my best DX on 160 to the west was K7C and to the east was the west coast of the Mississippi. I worked 29 states including MA, NJ, NY, all the 3's except DC, all the 4's, and a bunch of others. I actually heard an EU station, to my great surprise. Once again, thanks for your patience everybody . . . **VE7FO**. It was very hard with just 5W and 29 radials on a lossy ground . . . **VK2CCC**. Same as last year, poor propagation to USA and not much activity here except between midnight and sunrise . . . **VK3IO**. Very difficult conditions here. After all it is a summer time. Only few W's heard second night, but none worked. EU was quite strong, but hard to get through. Some good EU signals heard at the top of the band, but VK allowed operating frequencies are from 1800 till 1875 . . . **VK6DXI**. Thanks to all those who called us in the contest. Polar conditions were superb at sunrise both mornings. We worked over 100 JA stations, many UA9's and UA0's and XU7ACY! . . . **VY2ZM**. Outstanding conditions and our best score ever . . . **W0AIH**. First CW contest with new Elecraft K3, "SWEET." Back yard vertical and 50 watts. Lots of fun . . . **W0CZ**. Check log only. Unable to participate much due to family emergency but I don't want those who heard me to lose the QSOs . . . **W0EB**. More noise than last year but still a lot of fun . . . **W0JLC**. Great conditions the first night. Opening to Europe from the black hole of the upper Midwest was a nice surprise. This is one of my favorite contests . . . **W0OR**. First time in this contest. Inverted-L antenna is so low that I can't get much distance. Wait 'till next year! Thanks to everyone . . . **W1END**. I am inspired to put up a real antenna! . . . **W3CG**. 1018 Q's; 325K; 27 hours; and only 84-1/2 yrs young. Ready for bed! . . . **W3TDF**. Even a guy in Ohio can get a wild packet pile-up if he waits until the last 20 minutes to get on . . . **W3USA**. Big signals, no noise! Great time had from NW SC . . . **W4IT**. Amazing fun . . . **W4KAZ**. Conditions were so good I almost thought I was back at VY2ZM! . . . **W4ZV**. Great conditions . . . **W5AJ**. Put in a couple of hours Friday night, about 45 minutes Saturday night, and a few minutes around sunrise both mornings. Friday night's condx to EU were fantastic. The short time

I was on the next night didn't show many DX signals, however. No JA's were heard at sunrise, but did work a couple of UA0's to make WAC during the contest . . . **W5JAW**. All QSOs made on a new K3 with a ZeroFive 43 ft vertical antenna. Condx very good. Many DX stations heard . . . **W5OV**. Worked XE2YWH on Sunday morning on 160m, and then worked him Sunday night on 6m! . . . **W5XX**. Conditions were pretty good. I enjoyed the contest . . . **W6FA**. Our thanks to Brad, K6IDX, for the use of his station . . . **W6OAT**. 56 Years of Contest Operations! . . . **W6PU**. Absolutely great conditions on Friday night, not as good Saturday night but still great for 160 into Europe . . . **W6XI**. It'll be awhile before we see these records broken. Best conditions for a top band . . . **W7EW**. Who needs sunspots when DX is this good on 160m? . . . **W7HJ**. This contest had it all. By far the best conditions I've ever seen on 160m during a contest. It was an absolute thrill of a lifetime . . . **W7RH**. Wonderful Fun Contest. Thanks Gang es 73 de Scotty W7SW. . . . **W7SW** Only could do one the first night in the contest due to other commitments. The conditions that night were the best I have ever experienced on top band! Lots of DX to work. Thanks to EY8MM for a new one on the band! . . . **W8AV**. Never worked so many Europeans on 160, what a blast . . . **W8DCQ**. Conditions were very good Sunday morning, worked my first Europeans with QRP . . . **W8GP**. Best conditions in over 30 years in this one . . . **W9RE**. Topband Rocks! . . . **WA1Z**. FB condx! . . . **WA2YSJ**. Wow! Amazing propagation event! Worked 13 new countries moving my overall 160 meter DXCC total to 119. 160 meter band is rough on the ears, but extremely exciting when it opens up like it did this weekend. Saturday seemed to be the better EU opening. Now if I could only stay awake all night to increase my QSO count . . . **WA7LNW**. Wild Bill ran a 650 ft. wire out mid-contest which enhanced the contest immensely. Working two MA stations were our highlight in an otherwise tough West Coast endeavour . . . **WB6BFG**. Wow! . . . **WB8JUI**. It is refreshing to hear many stations on the band. Conditions were very good in Mississippi. Tnx to W8FR for designing an end-fed half-wave Hertz antenna . . . **WD5BJT**. Great conditions for DX from The Black Hole this year . . . **WE9R**. First time on 160 since licensed in 1962. Apparently I really picked a good time . . . **WF4U**. Great contest! My best effort ever. Worked some DX and 49 states (missed WY). Thanks for bearing

with me and giving me repeats when needed . . . **WF4W**. Highest score so far in this contest, despite not having an amplifier. Noise level is extremely high here in the city, so could usually work any station that could be heard. Friday night was much quieter than Saturday, with several EU stations audible; Saturday the EU opening occurred here only just before their sunrise. Nice to pick up a couple of new ones (GD and ES). Worked all states except HI and WY . . . **WO9S**. Challenging band . . . **WR2G**. 500W to a balloon vertical worked great . . . **WX7G**. Best conditions ever, more than 200 Europeans in the log. Working Nodir, EY8MM, was the cherry on top of our ice cream sundae . . . **XE1RCS**. Terrible! No Q's the first night due to S-9 noise. Had a 2 to 3 hour wind down last night before band went flat. Looking forward to next year! . . . **XW1B**. Good propagation but limited time (on air 16 hr) made this fun too short . . . **YL2BJ**. This was my 9th CQ 160 CW contest in row! Excellent conditions. My new K9AY loop helped to overcome the poor downtown location. Got PJ2T for SA and so my 160m WAC! Improved my best CQ 160 CW score by 20%! . . . **YO2IS**. Nice to be in this contest . . . **YO3JW**. Great contest. The propagation not so bad . . . **YO5AJR**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest . . . **ZC4LI**. After working this contest in recent years from ZL6QH I had forgotten how difficult it can be to make 160m QSOs from a small city lot! It was frustrating at only being able to make a total of 22 QSOs (less than two QSOs per hour) but it was also a lot of fun, and I look forward to trying again next year. Many thanks to the contest organizers . . . **ZL1AZE**. My goal was to try 160m CW contest and to deliver QSOs to stations participating more seriously in this on the air event . . . **Z35M**.

SSB

Fun, despite lots of local noise. Operated Saturday only . . . **AA5B**. Great contest had lots of fun. Band conditions were fair. Had a lot of QRN on Saturday evening. I guess the approaching snow storm heading for NJ. Almost . . . **AB2DE**. My first contest . . . **AB9ML**. Worked 15 DXCC's; what a surprise! Will be back next year . . . **AC5O**. Sure had fun on the lower bands . . . **AC7NO**. The tower vertical is a big improvement over the dipole. I contacted 47 states and DC, 9 provinces, and 30 DXCC countries. Thanks for sponsoring this 160-meter contest . . . **AF1T**. Very high noise levels (on the order of S9+) made the contest rough going for me . . .

AF9J. Fb contest. I hope work the next year 2010 with plus power . . . **AM3EGB.** That's my first CQ 160m Contest. I was not prepared so I worked with max. 100W and 150 ft. Doublet, open wire transmission for getting some new ones. Thanks to all stations. Cu agn 2010 with GP antenna! . . . **DH4PSG.** No 160m antenna, a 80m dipole, 2 times 20m not enough for a 160m happy contest . . . **DJ1AA.** QRP 5 watts from FT817 via Tuner Z11 and inductivity to Windom FD3, 21m long, 8m high. SSB in QRP on 160m with a non-resonant antenna is a difficult job. Due to a computer problem I lost the first four QSOs. Only DR1A noticed our first contact 2009-02-28 at 0550. Thanks to the good ears of the Big Guns . . . **DJ3GE.** Just passing out some points to friends . . . **DJ3WE.** We have been ~30 hours QRV, with FT-1000MP and newly built GU-73 PA. Furthermore an improved T-Antenna for TX and two dual-direction Beverages, both 200m long, for RX . . . **DK4A.** First time ever 160m SSB Contest, nice experience! Cu you all again. Just 100 watts out from an FT920 and an inv-L antenna, 42m long, 15m up, and two radials. What QRM in SSB. I prefer CW! . . . **DK8NX.** it is a contest for high power. No chance with 300 watts! . . . **DL1SWB.** Like every year in QRP. My best result ever, wkd 33 countries. Mny tnx to all ops who listened to me. They did a great job . . . **DL7UMK.** First QSO with the USA on 160m . . . **DL8NBJ.** My first contest on 160, but my antenna is very poor . . . **EA1YO.** Our first multi participation in this fantastic contest. Happy to work nice DXCC on top band . . . **EC1KR.** The next year more . . . **EC7DNX.** Cool test! . . . **EW2EO.** We had problem with computer and many QSOs lost. Sorry for all . . . **EW2WW.** Powered by 12V battery solar panel recharged . . . **F5VLV.** First time in this contest. Popped on to give a few points away at the end of it. Far more than I could work though! . . . **G0MLY.** SSB contesting on 160m is not for the faint-hearted! . . . **G3TXF.** Nice to be back from a new location after a few years absence. Conditions were average, but better on the Saturday night and Sunday morning . . . **G3UEG.** Casual part-time entry only but interesting what can be worked on 160 in daylight . . . **G3YBY.** My first time in the contest and I will be back next year as I didn't know what I have been missing! . . . **G4NXG/M.** Never heard so many huge signals on 160m and completely failed to work the majority of them. I just could not make myself heard! Oh well, re-engineer and try again next year . . . **G4WGE.** Heard one W on Sunday

morning, but with the QRP and a very short wire, unable to work him. Look forward to the next time . . . **G6CSY.** Surprised myself by the number of countries that I could work with a limited aerial. Thanks to all who replied to my call. SD worked flawless over the two days of casual operating. UK license only allows 32 watts above 1850 yet I still managed just as well . . . **GM4UBJ.** Just a dabble. SSB QRM has to be heard to be believed. This is why CW reigns supreme! . . . **GW3JXN.** First try at contesting, lots of fun and lots of QRM. SD logging worked great, tnx Paul, EI5DI! Thanks to everybody for all the contacts. Antenna blew down in a gale 8 hours after the contest! . . . **GZ5Y.** My first season on top band and first CQ WW 160. Tough but enjoyed it! . . . **H2T.** Nice contest! Next year agn! . . . **HA8BE.** For a first one, a lot of fun and the thrill to hear and work DX . . . **HE8WW.** Just for fun . . . **I2WIJ.** Only 1 hour of contest but a lot of fun! . . . **IK0XBX.** Great contest. My first. Listened on real Beverage sntenna and not a wire. Many VE and USA listen but lost due to relatively low power. Great fun . . . **IW2LLH.** First attempt in a top band contest. Amusing and engaging. Due to Murphy's law discontinued participation. Anyway, see you next year! . . . **IZ3IBL.** Logged all US mults and did fair in NA but the only non-NA mult was EA8BH . . . **K0BJ.** Lousy conditions . . . **K0GAS.** QRN from Missouri storms very bad . . . **K0LIR.** Local noise up. Signals down. Tough going. QRP CW is much easier! . . . **K0PK.** This is my first post-retirement (from VOA) contest at the new QTH in Amisville, VA. Was pleasantly surprised to be called by KL7RA, EA8AS, VP2E, and CT3DL for new mults. Thanks for all of the Q's, especially to those guys with good ears who pulled my 100W signal out of the noise . . . **K1HTV.** That was a fun 2-1/2 hours! . . . **K2FF.** These were the first SSB QSOs I've ever made on 160. Highlight was AO1L actually hearing me for my first EU QSO on 160 . . . **K3TN.** Band conditions were very difficult for QRP (5 watts) . . . **K3TW.** First time in this contest. Very simple inverted-L and 100 watts. Very fun! . . . **K4ECP.** Beat last year's score of 2928. Fun contest! . . . **K4GOP.** Thanks to all who worked us. Wish we had better antennas. We had a lot of noise but managed to work a few DX stations . . . **K4NV.** Everybody seemed to need Oklahoma, including me! My own state was the last one I worked, finally! . . . **K5LAD.** Line noise persuaded me to operate just under four hours . . . **K5RX.** Only 3.5 hours. Fun

to try to find the weak Europeans between all the loud local stations . . . **K5ZD.** Not many strong East Coast stations could hear me calling them. Some of those who did pull me out thanked me for a new mult. So you may ignore that weak station calling but it may be a new mult . . . **K7ACZ.** Used an ICOM IC-756-pro at 100 watts into a 144 foot sloper into an ICOM AH-4 antenna tuner on a field fence post . . . **K7AWB.** My Grumman Canoe 160m antenna is fine . . . **K7GIM.** Strung out a BOG Friday night in Snow and mud. Extra points needed! Enjoyed the test. . . . **K9FO.** Operated mobile with IC-706MKII and High Sierra Screwdriver with extra coil and 102 inch whip. Took lots of calls to make contacts but was lots of fun. Many surprised I was a mobile. Many stations on the air for the contest. Good contest! . . . **K9GAJ/M.** Thanks for the QSOs! . . . **K9NW.** My first CQ 160 SSB and it was lots of fun. I had no idea that I could work 36 states and 2 countries in a few hours with 100W and a loop . . . **K9SQL.** First top band contest. Just a few QSOs due to other "business" for the weekend . . . **K9TRV.** Great fun! I up'd my score from last year. I heard lots of stations working barefoot and even QRP, but it's sooo much easier with even a single 3-5 . . . **K9WN.** Thank you for a great contest CQ mag! . . . **KB0ARZ.** First time out on 160. Had lots of fun! . . . **KB8UUZ.** This was my first 160 contest of any kind. Additionally, I'm not all that active on 160. Use a 250 ft dipole that's no more than 40 ft up . . . **KD0R.** Wow another great contest this year. Lots of DX and some great operators out. I had a great time and was surprised to work AO1L in Spain . . . **KD4POJ.** I am still quite new to contesting and I had a great time! Thanks! . . . **KE7JIP.** Heard many but had a tough time getting out. Time to put up a vertical! . . . **KI6JJW.** Just built a 160 meter dipole and was glad to see it worked great! . . . **KK4RV.** Very noisy due to WX, but good propagation well after sunset . . . **KM4RK.** Very noisy band at this end. Just run 80 watts and a dipole . . . **KP2BH.** Is it just me or was Cycle 22's low end much better than 23's? . . . **KS7T.** After a comedy of errors, fixing the station made all the difference. Some very strong signals this weekend . . . **KZ1O.** with only 150 watts, very difficult to make contest from my QTH, but it works. Highlights, C6 and KP2 land , and all the good friends :-). See you next year again, but hope in high power . . . **LX1ER.** Nice test, see all next year . . . **LY4A.** The highlight was having UU7J call me! The mighty dipole works! . . . **N0HJZ.** While

conditions were not the best the contest was great . . . **N1BCL**. All contacts made with an indoor antenna . . . **N2MH**. Nine years old . . . **N2PKP**. This was my first CQ 160 SSB contest. My original intent was to fill some TPA slots, turned out a bit different. I was really surprised by the DX I was able to work. It was a different experience compared to the CW section. Some of the tougher multipliers on CW aren't so on SSB. I was really surprised by the DX stations who were hearing me better than I heard them. It was fun, did it the iron lung way, no soundbites . . . **N2WN**. Conditions not as good as a year ago. Band seemed noisy, particularly Sunday morning while it was snowing. Lost power Saturday morning for an hour. Set a new record for dupes! About 4%! . . . **N3HBX**. My seventh time doing CQ WW 160 SSB, starting in 2001, and my second-best score. My best was in 2008, when I got 124 more QSOs and only 2 fewer multipliers, for 13k more points. This year I took 5 hrs. off Friday evening to go to a concert with my wife, which I enjoyed, but of course it meant fewer QSOs than last year . . . **N3UM**. Static crashes due to storms in the area made hearing not too good. But had fun and made a few contacts. Maybe next time better WX . . . **N4JDB**. Thanks ton, W8JI, for letting me operate from your great station. What a thrill. Friday night lots of QRN, but much better on Saturday night. Thanks to all who called . . . **N4PN**. I thought I could get away with time-sharing between the CQ 160 SSB contest and the NAQP RTTY contest. Didn't really work out very well. I did manage to work all the states in an arc from BC down through CO to AZ, but nothing to the east. No DX heard or worked, and I usually work KH6 and KL7 fairly routinely. Thanks to all who worked with me to complete QSOs . . . **N6WG**. I love 160, so this was a great contest! . . . **N8XTH**. 100 watts, low hanging short dipoles, and SSB are rough on 160. I do CW more seriously than SSB. Did play a little, but there is a lot of time wasted having to repeat my info many, many times! . . . **N9TF**. Good contest. Condx were fairly good from the midwest . . . **NJ9Z**. First night operation only . . . **NN5V**. QRP is quite a challenge on 160m! I could HEAR all across North America, on the East Coast from New Hampshire to Florida, and north to south from VE4 down to XE (Mexico). But, I could only be HEARD by a few good ears eastward as far as Iowa. My original statement to a friend was "more than 10 contacts QRP will be a success!" So I doubled the goal; a double success! . . . **NN7SS**. K3, TT

Centurion, inv-L about 80 ft up, K9AY for receive. Lots of static this year but for the first time I could copy some DX stations thanks to K3 + short beverages (200 ft) . . . **NO9E**. Hard work. Congrats to everybody who heard me. Some very good ears on the band! . . . **OE9MON**. This band means no big rotary beams, just some kind of wire antenna or a loop with bigger or smaller efficiency. There is a big handicap for those who live in an apartment house like me with 105 nearby apartments with plasma TV, PC switching supplies, and many other devices. But on the other hand it is also a certain challenge that I accept and I wish all the competitors best results according to the rule: "Overcome yourself and keep going on" . . . **OK2BJC**. Enjoyed the contest, enjoyed SD program . . . **OO2T**. Station is TS530S (100W HF), antenna is too short longwire. Splendid activity in Europe! . . . **PA0FEI**. Very tough going. Band chockfull with phone signals. Most countries over here are limited in band, so people calling above 1900 will get much less replies. For PA the band is only 1810 to 1880! After a couple of hours you only hear endless CQing from a couple of stations you have worked and low-power no way of trying and calling CQ for yourself. Anyway it was fun as it should be . . . **PA0MIR**. First time in a 160m contest, using my homemade 80m dipole and working barefoot . . . **PH0AS**. My first contest ever. Got my licence 8 days before the start of the contest. Happy for 28 countries! . . . **SA6BET**. Propagation was not very good, especially not to NA and even worse to Asia. Never worked or even heard JA or BY. A VU station was heard. Had hopes for A4 heard and worked a few stations in the West Indies but competition was big. Did however get my #102 with HI. My #101 was also worked within Europe in C3. So I am happy. My newly printed QSLs came in today, so now the hard work begins. Until next time . . . **SG6T**. FB contest . . . **SP9JZT**. Thanks for the contest! . . . **US0LW**. Good contest . . . **US5ISV**. Tnx for QSOs! CQ WW 160 is one of our favourite contests. Bad condx to NA first night but good opening during second one. CU next year! . . . **UU7J**. About 25W out to inverted-L that doesn't play nicely . . . **VA7ST**. Approx 9 hours operating time; inverted-L broke on Saturday night! . . . **VE1ZA**. My first contest in this band . . . **VE2HAY**. Fantastic conditions . . . **VE2UMS**. In as much as I much rather prefer CW over SSB, there simply is no other game in town on a contest weekend, and so I (reluctantly) took part, hi hi. The outside temp Sunday was

8°F, yet the band sounded like it was 89°F outside. Horrible QRN and static crashes Sunday morning! . . . **VE3CUI**. This contest went very well. The band was very busy and hard to find a spot to call CQ, but we did and the points started to rack up. This is one of the busiest contests, making it a challenge to find a spot to call CQ. We mostly worked North America with a great participation this year. We had fun working so many people. Thanks to all who worked us making this another successful contest . . . **VE3DC**. The antenna used was a 160m - 6m mobile screwdriver antenna at zero elevation in my back yard. I designed and built the antenna myself. I was very surprised and pleased that F6CTT was able to hear me. I know it can be done because I did it and hopefully my results will show it can be done . . . **VE3EDY**. Competing when you are sick is neither productive nor enjoyable regardless of how good conditions are, and they were very good . . . **VE3MGY**. Conditions Friday-Saturday okay. Intermittent sound card on TX made me go to sleep early. Went high in band Saturday night and surprised at how many DX worked! . . . **VE3PN**. Very poor conditions this year. I look forward for better times next year . . . **VK3IO**. Very disappointing band condx . . . **VK4ZD**. Not much quantity but I think my quality was okay. Thanks CQ . . . **W0CEM**. Great time! My first-ever top band operating. Fantastic! . . . **W3FLH**. A good time was had by all. We had a new ham who gave HF and contesting a go and loved it. We had some thunderstorms Saturday night and Sunday morning . . . **W4NSC**. Age 91 . . . **W4OGG**. One-hundred watts with a shortened sloper makes it rough! . . . **W4UDX**. Thanks to all . . . **W5JAO**. Great fun. First top band SSB contest for me . . . **W6XI**. First time for 160. Great time . . . **W8CT**. Evaluating my inverted-L and K9AY RX loop. Both seemed to perform very well . . . **W8KEN**. 100 watts to a modified inverted-L or "spud" antenna. Worked everything I could hear. Gotta' love it! . . . **W9JXN**. Poor condx here . . . **WA7LT**. Lots of QRN and congestion. Multiple repeats usually required . . . **WB4MAK**. Great contest. Thanks to Charlie, W4TMR, for use of his new antenna design, 1/2-wave grounded delta loop with top at 50 ft . . . **WB4MSG**. Was fun to get on if only for a short time . . . **WB8TCT**. Almost as much fun as operating K5D . . . **WB9Z**. Prior to this contest, only two local contacts on 160m in 40 years as a ham . . . **WN3USA**. Just an hour and a half to operate. Nice to run into so many familiar friends . . . **WO9S**. Fun as usual . . . **XE1RCS**. TNX contest QSOs! GL! . . . **YL2PP**.