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# 2008 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest

## Expanded QRM

3G1C is the contest call used by CE1KR ... **3G1C**. My first attempt as SOAB and I am spoiled. Great competition; will come back next year. Thank you! ... **4L0A**. Another incredible contest from Morocco! 5D5A@CN3A ... **5D5A**. Not easy with only 100w! ... **5T5DC**. Sigs from W/VE disappointing. Little heard from western EU too. Quote from K7RI: "Is my frequency clear? I'm not getting many responses." Yes, the frequency was clear. But even K7RI was only S7 ... **7J1AQH**. I enjoyed the contest ... **7L2PDJ**. I was able to enjoy this contest. Tnx for a fine contest again ... **7N2UQC**. Very hard conditions especially during the first part of the contest. We worked multi/one with low power and a 2-el 3-band quad on 10 (no QSOs), 15, and 20m. On 40, 80, and 160m we used a multiband dipole. It was fun but we hope that conditions will improve next year. We operated from Skinnskatteberg, JO89UT ... **8S0C**. Struggled to make a point with QRM on low power. Will need a linear next time. Had some fun with SD logger. Quite easy to use and faster logging than some others ... **9G5ZS**. I seldom operate SSB contests but I hope I gave out a few multipliers in my brief visits to the shack! Nice to hear 10m open at times ... **9M6XRO**. First time worked in QRP mode contest with Yaesu FT-817 and homebrew 14-element Spider Beam. Mainly worked Asia Pacific region. Surprisingly worked abt 20 contacts with EU on 14 MHz, and 1 from AF. I am very enjoyable to work in QRP mode. Many thanks for those good-ear stations for my weak signal ... **9M6YBG**. Great contest! As usual, slept too much so only operated 30 out of the possible 36 hours. Surprised to hear 10m open to Africa, Middle East, and even a few Europeans. Some great runs to Europe on 20m on both days and on 15m on the Sunday. Amazed to work PY (antipodes of Borneo) on 15m long-path at 2.30 AM local time! Hope to be back next year ... **9M8Z**. I had some spare time in the morning and late afternoon during family vacation to run my IC-703 with 5 watts on 6-meter wire ... **9V1OE**. Would have been easier without my cold and being hoarse ... **AA0NK**. Had only about 17 hrs to operate, but lots of fun. Thanks to K5HAB for letting me use

his station ... **AA5B**. It was a good contest considering the sunspots (or lack thereof!) ... **AA6K**. 100w and no tri-bander, only stealthy wire on a balcony! ... **AB3S**. Too many robot ops, leaving voice keyer on repeat and going for coffee. You know who you are! ... **AB5XZ**. Could not devote much time to the contest this year but a blast as usual ... **AC9S**. Well, unlike last year when the 30L-1 failed halfway through the contest, it held in there this year. Unfortunately, the propagation on the low bands (and high bands for that matter) just was not there this year. And the DX on the low bands was where I had planned to make my big points. Wish there was a Wires Only category overlay as all contacts were on resonant wire dipoles or end-fed long wires ... **AD5XD**. Condx not too good but better than I had expected. Hurts missing nice ones cuz low power. Oh well, had fun ... **AD7J**. Had fun as always! Looking forward to next year! ... **AE1P**. Amp crashed before contest, then xcvr ... **AE4EC**. I am just submitting this in case any contestants need verification. Mostly interested in working new areas. I was mobile at the time so was disqualified anyway ... **AF6AV**. My first individual contest ... **AG6JC**. On 7 MHz, N1MM logged my listening frequency which was out of band for Region III even though we were xmitting in 7075-7100 slot ... **AH0BT**. While on work/travel in TX I got my cousin back on HF for the first time in quite a few years. We worked lots of DX (for us) and I hope it will get him active again. Just had a simple mobile setup running 50w into a Hamstick. I think he was impressed at how well it worked. ... **AI9I**. First time in contest; real interesting ... **AJ4RK**. Operated first day from home, then flew to Austria and was able to operate a few hours from OE6MBG. Great fun to work the contest from two continents and hear how different the contest sounds from each place ... **AK1W**. Great Contest! ... **AK6X**. I'm a volunteer paramedic here. Had to respond to some calls during the contest. The dispatchers now know what QRZ, QSL, and QRX mean! ... **AK9I**. AM3A is a special contest call sign. Operator EA3FHP. Salutacions des de Catalunya ... **AM3A**. Our first time as

M/2, and was fun but the simultaneous run was less than expected mainly due to propagation conditions. Bad conditions on 10m and 15m, keeping the focus in 20m and 40m ... **AM3SSB**. This was four stations M/M from EA8AH QTH. Poor conditions and many problems with generators, but we still managed to keep four stations on the air for entire contest ... **AO8A**. I am glad of contacting hams around the world. See everyone next contest ... **BV4VR**. My first WPX. See you next year ... **CE4UJU**. Big fun again, though difficult to get through as LP stn on 40/80 ... **CN2BC**. Second day was much better. In memory of Charki ... **CN2R**. Don't have much time, but what I did, I did well. See you on the next one ... **CT1EGW**. Thank you for competition and many success and happiness for all ... **CT1FNV**. Mr. Murphy made a couple of visits. Not so much time to prepare our humble effort, not even a linear amplifier, we had, to compete in our category. We assembled the station a few minutes before start. The TS-2000 failed to receive a couple of CQs after. At least CT1ERK brought his TS-50 as backup radio. The TS-50 didn't have CAT control, so basically we lost CAT control from the main radio right in the beginning. N1MM failed in the beginning, which cost us a few Qs (and a couple of logged Qs). The lack of filters made operation of the multiplier station a bit difficult. Well, after all, we did this for fun, we had it, and we want more! ... **CT7X**. Only some QSOs but fun, 73 ... **DF1HE**. The experience of refilling the generator in the middle of the night during heavy rains can only be offered by contest operation ... **DF7EF**. Only GP antenna for 20 and 40, dipole for 80, and 100W power ... **DF8XC**. Always a great contest. We listen to next year. For some stations no rules (1500W??). Signal 59+60 from 90 degrees; that's an absolute scream! ... **DH2UHF**. Because of my faulty beam 20m and 40m no possible bands. The long wire for 80m/160m was down, too. So I decided to work monoband 15m HP during the daylight. First day OK. Second day it was very hard to find new calls. In the last hours it was not possible to make more than 3 to 4 QSOs each hour, a horror. I closed my log after 314 QSOs

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and 250 prefixes. CU in 2009, be sure ... **DJ1AA**. 5 watts QRP from FT-817 to a Windom (21m long, 8m high) matched through the tuner Z11. Nice contest again. Participation QRP SSB is much more difficult than in QRP CW. Heard and called many more stations, but my signal was too weak ... **DJ3GE**. SSB contests keep getting tougher. Even with HP it becomes increasingly difficult to keep a frequency to reach a rare stn. I guess it has to do with the fact that for long periods of time one can only use a single band, which then, of course, is completely overcrowded. Still, it's been lots of fun. I thoroughly enjoyed my participation ... **DJ3WE**. Makes fun with QRP but sometimes hard to work ... **DJ5GK**. Had to use IC-706 as my Drake TR7 went defect just minutes before the contest. Was fun anyway! ... **DJ5KW**. SSB is not my mode! ... **DJ6TK**. Bad condx! ... **DJ7EC**. Nice contest but my HF-9V works so bad ... **DK3UO**. A very hard job for me with low power ... **DK4WF**. Hard work for low power with poor equipment but great fun. Next year again ... **DK7TM**. Old FTDX500 and vertical dipole ... **DK8JB**. Hope I see all in the next contest. Very fine ... **DL1HUH**. Fine Contest, my rig FT-847 and 160m loop and V160 Titanex ... **DL1SWB**. Tnx for the nice contest! Good condx and many nice QSOs! 73 ... **DL2IH**. First time I'm active working this contest. Very nice and exciting. Working with my just in time built magnetic loop, 4m diameter. Very interesting. Thank you ... **DL9ECA**. Nice contest. Condx not too good on 40m ... **DM4DX**. Conditions on Saturday bad, but Sunday very good! Really nice contest. My Station: Yaesu FT-897D, Heil Headset, SG-239 SmartTuner, and a 2x40m dipole in a 100 degree angle and my notebook for logging ... **DM5LK**. Makes really fun. See you all 2009 ... **DO1HGS**. New call E77DO, ex-T99D. Ant for 40m 2-el Moxon Yagi (rotary) 21m up, IV-dipole for "back side" 18m up, GP. TS-450S(100W) ... **E77DO**. No JA nor South America heard under the citizen electrical noise ... **EA3ALV**. Great first experience in the new farm contest QTH. Only time to put a fun dipole on the top of a high mountain ... **EA3ATM**. Really funny contest. 40 m ant broke first day and the dipole mounted for the second day fell down finally, too. The propagation was terrible and very strong winds, but although this I enjoy. Thanks one more time to call me, guys ... **EA6SX**. A lot of very interesting contest participation and the spread was bad for the Canary Islands with,

respect to the stations EEUU. I was not able to make many contacts with the Americans. Thank you all friends who were present on the airwaves ... **EA8MQ**. The first contest Multi-Single and we are very happy with our score. The worst, the great wind storm at the end of the contest that broke the vertical for 160m. So we are waiting for the next contest ... **EH6R**. Planned to operate four hours but got sucked in. I found that calling was a more effective way to run up QSOs than hunt and pounce ... **EI2CN**. Late start this time, but enjoyed the test ... **EI4CF**. Not many contacts but enjoyed the chase! SD by EI5DI made this contest real easy ... **EI4GXB**. Nice test! ... **EW2EO**. Second participation in the WPX. My goal was to go over my 2007 score. I decided to try the Tribander/Single Element class and I had a lot of fun too! ... **FY1FL**. Good practice and SD as good as ever! ... **G0GFQ**. My first time in WPX SSB, great fun. Didn't expect to get so many QSOs with a simple setup (100W/vertical) and no sunspots ... **G0HVQ**. All S&P, power 10W to 100W, ant 80m wire for 15m through 80 and 10m monoband beam ... **G0KDS**. My first HF contest, so really quite exciting! Could only get on air at certain times though. Also first time using SD as logging software. This worked well for a first time user. I am looking forward to taking part in future contests. Thanks to everyone who I worked for their patience! ... **G0MLY**. The sun finally came out so I slowed down ... **G0MTN**. My first venture with CQ WPX SSB, and it didn't take me long to realize that a 9 foot vertical antenna is not conducive to attaining a high score. In fact I finished early, having worked all I could. Otherwise it was great fun and will have another attempt with better antennas ... **G1FON**. Fun contest with a special callsign. Good conditions on 20m, 15m, and 80m. Sadly 40m was too crowded and 10m didn't open at all ... **G2C**. Joined the end of the contest for last four hours only ... **G3TXF**. Thought I'd use a 100 mile car journey to give away a few points. Surprised what can be worked with 20W to a mobile whip ... **G3WW**. Very casual entry, just 5 hours operation, but thought 15m would be interesting. Good openings to Caribbean and SA, also AF, but nothing to NA or JA ... **G3YBY**. I enjoyed entering the contest very much ... **G4DFI**. Had great fun using SD for logging once more. Conditions proved difficult to work outside of "Atlantic" regions from the mobile station ... **G4NXG**. I used this

contest as a chance to try out the doublet antenna on the low bands. Did all my logging with SD which worked perfect as always! ... **G4OWT**. Roll on the expansion of 40m in Region 1. So many HP stations, so little bandwidth! ... **G4WGE**. Surprised to work some 15m DX. Several stations using unmanned auto CQs to hold freqs. Look forward to when 10m opens! ... **G6CSY**. 100W from FT-1000MP and double-size G5RV. Best DX was ZL twice. Great to work VR and A7 for new countries ... **G7TWC**. Enjoyed what I did. How about a 6/8 hour section for single ops? ... **G7VRK**. Extra sunspots enabled 15m band to open ... **G8MIA**. More QSOs than last year. Very enjoyable ... **G8ZRE**. Leisurely entry just to test the station setup for GB90RAF on 1 Apr! ... **GB90RAF**. Managed a few hours on Saturday and Sunday and thoroughly enjoyed what I managed to contact. Radio TS-2000, antenna Cushcraft R5 vertical, power 100W ... **GM4UYZ**. First time I have tried using computer logging during a contest. normally use paper logs and whilst it was good to see dupes instantly, I screwed up a few received serial numbers. Equipment used Kenwood TS-450, 100 watts, Cushcraft MA5B, and a Butternut HF2V ... **GM7TUD**. Some broken antennas after ARRL DX contest are undergoing repair, so a very much restricted activity in WPX this year, just 75 Qs! ... **GW4BLE**. Fantastic DX conditions on 80m on Sunday sunrise! ... **H22H**. Some stations heard me this time. Thanks for Qs and see you next year! Rig TS-530SP, 100W into an end-fed 21m long wire above flat roof ... **HA2MN**. Not easy with a long wire just 3m above snow level ... **HB0/LX9EG**. The Swiss DX Foundation (SDXF) used this special call to celebrate its 10th birthday. The team operated from HB9CA (Letzi-DX-Group) station ... **HB10DX**. Surprise was 10m opening to South America Saturday afternoon. Good signals, low QRN ... **HB9CIC**. I had not the free time to participate the whole contest period. Condx were fair but nil on 10m ... **HB9QA**. Conditions were good but AC power at the mission where we operated was not available for 8 to 10 hours each night. We used an IC-7000 and the antennas were a beam for 10, 15, and 20 meters and a SuperLoop for 40 and 80 meters. Jan and I want to thank all the stations that worked us during the contest ... **HH4/AF4Z**. Nice weekend for DX listening and hit and run for big signals on the band. A lot of European big guns

coming on 20m over the night but no chance available for my weak signal. 15/10m opened during daytime and had a lot of fun there. CU in the CW section and hope better propagation during the day ... **HL1VAU**. Good contest, great propagation. Let's do it again ... **HQ2W**. No USA except KH6 but a lot of good DX worked. Not bad for a 33 ft. piece of wire taped to a telescoping fiberglass pole. being on the roof at 150 ft helps I guess, hi! ... **HS0ZDR**. Enjoyed the contest very much. Conditions were good throughout the weekend and met a lot of new contacts. Thanks to CQ for the contest and to all for the Qs ... **HZ1PS**. I really hoped for a better result. Super-crowded 20m ... **I2WIJ**. Only 2.5 hours of fun contest. Very nice ... **IK0XBX**. Very hard problem to operate into the big emission. Short time dedicated to operation, and my bad position (in valley), propagation slow = little points ... **IN3XUG**. First WPX for us, testing equipment and sharing happy time together. We chose Multi-2 for testing interference ... **IQ5AE**. My first contest as SOSB. Nice experience, even if propagation in 10m was low due to solar flux minimum. Good signals from South America and Africa ... **IW0HOU**. Good propagation on Saturday with JA. A lot of problems with the clock of my PC ... **IW1QN**. Unfortunately this time not too much time worked in the contest but very much enjoyed the night openings to Central America and Caribbean area. See you all in the next edition! ... **IW3SSA**. Not many QSOs but nice contest with some good DX and new ones ... **IZ0CEZ**. Great contest and participation. Tnx to all stations for the QSOs. Looking forward to seeing you next year. 73 from the White Tower DX Team ... **J42WT**. Really, I enjoyed very much! Thank you ... **JA1DBG**. I enjoyed the contest ... **JA1SMD**. I enjoyed the contest. TNX ... **JA2TTH**. I made some discontinuity and repetition of numbers due to a bug in my homebrew software ... **JA7COI**. It was very good experience for us. I want to talk with foreign hams ... **JA7YCQ**. Unexpectedly we had two JA0 visitors for a short while. Did not QRV for a full-time operation but enjoyed some ragchew ... **JA8RWU**. I entered in single-op 80m low power. The condition between the USA and JA was not so good. Especially on 75m DX band, we east Asian stations have very heavy QRM of the OTH radar from China. its signal strength was over S9++. When it transmits, we can hear no amateur radio signals. Hams all over the world must to say to Chinese

government about it! I used Micro Vert Antenna by DL7PE. It is only 2m long and I set it on my small balcony of my condominium ... **JE1SPY**. Condition was very poor, but I could enjoy the wonderful contest ... **JF9KVT**. I enjoyed the contest ... **J11UDD**. Operated from QTH "Toyonaka-City in Osaka Prefecture" ... **JJ3TBB**. No good conditions. Thank you for contest ... **JK2VOC**. I enjoyed the contest ... **JO3EVM**. It was so tough condx for 50 watts. I slept well ... **JP1JFG**. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts with FT-817 transceiver. Thank you for the QSOs. See you all next time ... **JR1NKN**. First contest, first checklog! Please forgive me! ... **K0ADE**. Nice to have 15m open a little ... **K0GAS**. 15 was a dismal ghost town all day Saturday. Didn't open at all until Sunday afternoon. Best DX east was D44. Almost everything else was Caribbean and SA. Played a little on 40 for a few checklog contacts ... **K0PK**. 10m dead at my QTH and 15m not much better ... **K1YSY**. Using a short (20m), low (5m high) random end-fed "stealth" wire ant ... **K2EUH**. WPX is always the #1 Contest! ... **K2HVE**. Although I wasn't able to put much time in, I enjoyed the contest! Thanks to those whom I logged. See you again next year ... **K2RET**. Band conditions were good for QRP ... **K3TW**. Worked all bands! ... **K4GOP**. Enjoyed the pleasantries and camaraderie! Good weekend ... **K4ML**. This was the very first good opening on 15 and 20 meters during the bottom of this sunspot cycle. Really looking forward to improved conditions ... **K4PV**. Just playing ... **K4SV**. There were some real impressive QSO numbers near the end. Good weekend! How about a category for all wire antennas? ... **K5EK**. Condx very poor on Friday. Had to quit early because of local thunder storms. Saturday was better for DX but still hard to work EU. Sunday much much better ... **K5ZO**. Very few EU, AS, or OC stations were heard. Miss the good old days of EU stations coming in over the pole early in the mornings of the contest. I certify that, other than caffeine, no performance enhancing drugs or steroids were used during this contest. Also, no small animals or children were harmed ... **K7ACZ**. 100 watts into Cushcraft R5 at 5 feet off ground. 20 and 15 only ... **K7AWB**. It'll only get better, I hope ... **K9NW**. Difficult conditions, especially for QRP. But the best moment came when KF4GDX commented, upon my calling, "At last, a signal above the noise" ... **KA6SGT**. Was

my first SSB QRP contest in a long time. Antenna was a meager end-fed 90 ft random wire up 15 ft. Used my FT-817 and I had a ball. I did not work the whole contest, but I did it in pieces as time permitted ... **KA7PLE**. Wow, I went over 100,000 points for the first time! ... **KB0ARZ**. My first (and only) ever contest contact ... **KB1KRS**. Father (KG7HF) daughter (KB1OGL) Rookie, simple wire antenna ... **KB1OGL**. Excellent contest! Thanks ... **KB5DRJ**. I had a great time this year! The bands were definitely open more on 40 & 80 this year ... **KB5HPL**. Thanks for another WPX contest ... **KB7N**. This is the first contest I have participated in, and it was fun. I have had my General license for about a year now ... **KC0NXB**. Just did the first 5 hours from the work QTH station. I'll hopefully have more time for the CW part next month ... **KC6X**. Two new operators this time with their first contest operation. Was quite a bit of fun hearing all the great signals with lots of band activity. Thanks to everyone for their patience with those learning to operate in the contests ... **KD0S**. Didn't have as much time this year, but still fun ... **KD2MU**. As usual, thanks to John Evans, N3HBX, for letting us invade the "farm" for the weekend. The highlights for me were working my first YJ8 (thanks, YJ8TZ) on 40 after our sunrise, a 105/hour on 40 SSB, and getting the last ten rate over 220 on 40 for a few minutes on Saturday evening! We stuck to our strategy of TRYING to run Europe on the low bands to maximize our 6-point QSOs, probably sacrificing a few too many USA 1-pointers ... **KD4D**. I have done some QSO Parties. This was my first BIG Contest with CQ. It was a hoot! Beats Field Day. With all the overseas stations active, picked up almost enough for my first 100 countries worked. Managed a couple of rarer ones to boot! I'll Be Back, eh ... **KD7DCR**. Used Collins KWM-380 barefoot ... **KE6GFF**. I've GOT to get a beam up! ... **KE6K**. This was my first time in this contest. It's a lot of fun. I will be back next year ... **KE8UM**. 10 meters still has some life in it ... **KG6DX**. This was my first contest. I did it all from a wire about 30 ft off the ground. Can't wait for the next one ... **KG6RCW**. Great contest. Band conditions not great, but lots of folks on. Good exchange. Keep up the good work! ... **KI4MF**. First contest ... **KI4ZGF**. Neighbors failing light wiped out 40 and 80 meters. Ouch ... **KI6JJW**. Where were the sunspots? ... **KI6LZ**. Thanks, Mark, for the use of your callsign. Lots of fun, not many KJ4's on

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yet. First day conditions not good but made up for it the second day ... **KJ4VO**. Had some trouble with the software and band switching so expect we will lose some points. But was a great contest and all here had fun! See you next contest ... **KL7AIR**. Pretty much a domestic contest for me. Lowest number of Qs + lowest mults = lowest score in years ... **KO0U**. Thanks to the many DX stations willing to work to pull out the weak signals! ... **KR7RK**. Judging from some guys with 2 or 3k OSOs I guess there's a lot of stations I just never heard, boxed in by mountains and only a G5RV now all bands! ... **KS7T**. As KQ2M likes to say, WPX is a contest all about strategy. Of course, the clever general must examine the capability of his troops, equipment, and location, as well as those of his enemy to come up with a winning strategy. This is true whether one is battling on the world stage with other super powers (read 1500 watts) or in a more localized arena in a regional squabble (read 100 watts versus other USA stations). With this contest coming exactly 28 days after the ARRL DX SSB contest, I expected conditions to be similar to those prevailing that dismal weekend. However, since the DX stations could work anyone, not just US/VE stations, I knew that I couldn't count on my low power station working 28 different DX countries on 160 as I did 4 weeks ago, but I hoped to pick up a little slack by picking up some VE 4-pointers there. (Normally, the 160 and 80 meter antennas are removed following the ARRL phone contest but with the really poor conditions I left them up a month longer.) I hoped that 10 would pick up a little, but never heard a signal here although WD5K ended up with 52 ten meter QSOs. I heard one EU Sunday afternoon on 15 beaming SE but no contact resulted. From the center of the country it is hard to beam in a direction which picks up both DX and domestic QSOs. Since this contest originated as a DX contest with no points for domestic QSOs, I decided to try to favor the DX stations whenever possible, since 30 DX contacts would equal 90 USA contacts. Of course, the USA has lots of prefixes nowadays, so when I'd worked all of the DX available to my S&P efforts, I would try to find some USA guys to work. I ended with about 198 different USA prefixes in the log. I seem to have been moderately successful with this DX first strategy. Early returns show AC0W (1234 Qs x 452 prefixes) and WD5K (1125 Qs and 498 prefixes)

made more QSOs but ended with lower scores than my 1007Qs x 497 prefixes made ... **KS9K**. This was my first QRP SSB attempt. Lots of fun, but best results early and late in contest. Ten-Tec Argonaut and a dipole at 25 ft ... **KW9L**. Great test this year! ... **KX5RW**. SD worked great for logging. This was my first WPX from the USA. Previously worked WPX from A22AA, S92SS, SV0LM & S9SS ... **KY4P**. Didn't know I got out so well on SSB ... **LA6CF**. very good contest ... **LR1H**. This was not a serious entry! Just for fun to give some points to the friends ! CU next year! Philippe, LX2A/LX71 ... **LX7I**. TU for nice contest ... **LY2OU**. Tnx for nice contest ... **LY3X**. Sometimes very bad conditions, only local QSOs ... **LY4DX**. Came on to give a few points away. Some nice DX on 15m ... **M0BPQ**. Yaesu FT-747GX to base-loaded inverted-L, Datong RF Clipper. Awful results. Think my aerial has turned into a dummy load! ... **M0EZP**. I just dipped in and out this year for a bit of fun. Thanks to all for working me ... **M0MCX**. Another enjoyable contest even though I only managed 10 hours of operating. Conditions to US, South and Central America were better than last year. Much fun was had throughout ... **M0RNR**. My first entry into CQ WPX. Fantastic, loved every minute, can't wait for the next one! ... **M3ENF**. No score entered as didn't want to get it wrong! First ever competition entry so apologies for errors ... **M3OHI**. At M8C most of weekend but good to give everyone the M3 prefix ... **M3RCV**. Good fun as usual. Conditions marred by previous day aurora. Good activity levels as usual ... **M4U**. Unfortunately I worked nothing new and I was not able to work all of the DX I could hear. I heard but could not work 4L0A, 9M8Z, ZX7A, and a lot of USA stations. Very pleased to work SV9 and 9K2HN (odx 4566 KMS). All contacts were made with just 2 watts QRP ... **M5AEF**. Interesting propagation, roughly NE/SW. As always thank you to Paul, EI5DI, for an excellent programme ... **M5KJM**. Didn't run much due to small antenna but enjoyed S&P on a very noisy 40m band. Thanks to all who worked me ... **MM3T**. Great buzz in the contest ... **MM3ZYS**. Maybe QRP was BAD idea but it was fun ... **MU0-FAL**. Enjoyed very busy contest. As usual I got called back as 5U0GSY. Look forward to next year ... **MU0GSY**. Conditions good enough that I heard much more than I was able to work. Thanks to all who pulled me out! Limited time to operate but quite enjoyable! ...

**N0MSB**. First WPX in many a year. I had a great time and will be back next year ... **N0YO**. We did a contest training seminar and open house for this contest. Hoping to get more contesters active! ... **N2CW**. Very noisy conditions and few stations on ... **N2FF**. Came in late and lost a few hours in between but had a great time running QRP. More operators should try it ... **N2RRA**. Good contest! ... **N3JNX**. Great contest, lots of activity, really liked having the whole weekend to operate ... **N3KUN**. I had a limited amount of time to operate but maximum amount of fun. Thanks CQ ... **N3TXH**. Always my goal is to beat my score from last year, but no go this time. Fewer QSOs, points, and mults than any of the 5 years I've done WPX SSB, 2003 through 2007 inclusive. Partly fewer sunspots, partly fewer hours (20 vs. typical 27 hours) than in other years. Did OK in total QSOs, points, and mults on the low bands, but way off on 15 and somewhat down on 20m, which was very crowded, typical spacing 1 to 1.5 kHz between stations, and at times guys would move in and start CQing 500 to 700 kHz off. C'mon, folks, too close ... **N3UM**. Come on sunspots, please! ... **N4DXI**. Thanks for the fun contest! ... **N4LS**. Conditions were better than during ARRL Phone. It was fun running Europeans Sunday AM. Had many calling that I could not hear well. Need that beam! Well, it WAS fun, until the neighbors were banging on the door, explaining in Spanish that I was getting into their new "Home Theatre in a Box"! I went to look at it. It was a "Made in China" "White Van" product that wasn't FCC Type accepted. Try as I could, I could not get across that the problem was in their unit, since my system is much closer to the antenna and had no problems! I shut down the amp and went to S&P. I felt that I could have gone well over a million points without the interruption and could have made a full-time effort. Interesting moment: At 18 minutes into the contest I worked NJ4M (K1TO), our fearless leader, and he gave me a serial # of 070! Whew! Guess I should not have been wasting time S&P'ing Europeans! They were too busy working each other. All said and done, it was fun ... **N4QV**. Set a goal of 200 Qs. Made 245! Poor conditions for the first part of the weekend, but a little better on Sunday. Snagging EA6SX calling CQ on 20m and getting 5D5A on 75m were definitely the highlights. Sadly, a VERY close lightning strike took out my rig interface early Sunday morning. At least the radio and PC sur-

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vived! ... **N4QWB**. Conditions didn't seem to be very good ... **N6QZS**. First time in WPX. Very limited operationing time as I was actually re-arranging my shack (by XYL orders) during the contest. My home QTH is very noisy. Ran spotting as I did not want to spend a lot of time operating. Overall, this was a lot of fun. Next year I'll give it more effort ... **N6RNO**. Fun just to sweep the bands a few times ... **N6RV**. This outing was a real challenge. I had hoped for some help from the few sunspots that have shown up, but it was not to be. The whole weekend was a struggle for QSOs that in the past I have made easily. Just brings home how much we depend on good propagation conditions for any kind of useful score. In spite of poor conditions, at least for me, I added one new country to my bag, CN2R in Morocco. On the other hand, the expected opening to JA never occurred, so I wound up with only two JA calls in my log. Friday night was my most productive period, as I managed at least 10 QSOs every hour for the first 7 hours. Then I went QRT for some sleep. Got up early Saturday morning and proved to myself that the early hours are not productive, so slept in Sunday morning. After working up my score, I was happy to find I doubled my score from last year almost exactly, 44088 vs 22442 points. I only managed 30 hours in the chair, because I had to take some unplanned breaks along the way. Besides the poor propagation conditions, my other complaint was the number of stations with seriously over-processed audio. Some were so badly distorted that I didn't waste time trying to understand them but just moved on to seek other QSOs. I'm just glad this one is over. Now we can get back to CW contesting :-). My thanks to all those patient souls who stuck with me through many repeats until we completed our QSOs successfully. 73, Bob, N6WG, The Little Station with Attitude ... **N6WG**. This was my first contest. I thought some of the rules for scoring were not very clear. Rule (b) and (c) seem to contradict each other for stations in North America. The rules should be unambiguous for first time contesters. I guess I'll understand better after my results are officially scored ... **N7RSE**. Had a great time! Will be even more fun when I get a real antenna up ... **N7SCL**. New antenna and amp made for even more fun this year ... **N8AJN**. Nice to work this contest again. Have been out of it for 4 years ... **N8CN**. Very limited operating time because I came down with a killer cold that put me in bed

Saturday afternoon and most of Sunday. I had fun during the time I did operate ... **N8QE**. Bad band conditions Saturday discouraged me, but Sunday was better ... **N9BT**. Just played for fun with mini triband (MA5B) and Alpha Delta DX-DD wire antennas for the TB-Wires category. I'm glad this was not a serious effort, as band conditions were not the best here. I had to work really hard to make contacts with 100 watts. I heard SA stations a lot better than I was able to work them. A couple of times I checked my coax to make sure it was transferring RF in the direction of the antennas! Had fun for a limited time to play ... **N9TF**. High power for about 30 contacts. Amplifier relay failed thereafter! ... **NA0BR**. I decided to use our new club call, NA0CW, and it was nice to get so many "thanks for the new prefix" comments! Bad conditions but great fun! ... **NA0CW**. Had lots of fun! ... **NA2H**. Great contest. My best so far for this contest. I can only imagine what it will be like when we get some real propagation ... **NC4MI**. Where did all the sunspots go? CU next year ... snorezzzzzz ... **ND6S**. It was a blast! ... **NE4M**. First serious effort from new QTH. Discovered line noise on 20, 15, and 10 meters. Will have to talk to the power company. Not my best score but not bad for a shake-down cruise. Thanks to all who had to repeat due to noise ... **NF4A**. My first CQ WPX contest and lots of fun ... **NF7T**. Just on to hand out the NG7 multiplier for a couple of hours ... **NG7Z**. First contest actually worked in years. Quiet but fun. Thanks to all who called ... **NH6WZ**. Fun contest despite the lack of sunspots ... **NJ1F**. Good food, good beer, great contest! Third time out for us and all had a blast. Too bad still another 60 months 'til the peak of cycle 24. (Hope we make it, hi)) 73's from John, Paul & Scott ... **NQ2F**. Can't remember when I've such fun! ... **NR4C**. Another good time, even some DX in the log, can't ask for more ... **NR7DX**. Using BITX20A and attic dipole antenna for a couple of hours. Great fun! ... **NU4I**. A momentary power failure Saturday morning created an unexpected break as the computer and would not reboot ... **NY6N**. Operate partial time and bad propagation. 73, de OA4AHW, OA4BHY and OA4DJW ... **OA4O**. Operated first day from home, then flew to Austria and was able to operate a few hours from OE6MBG. Great fun to work the contest from two continents and hear how different the contest sounds from each place. Logged using pencil and paper! ...

**OE/K5ZD**. A-index 24, K = 4, SFI 85 Saturday. No W's almost all Sunday night. Opened 21 UTC. 40m and 80 very crowded. Have to get receiver with attenuator ... **OG5B**. Bad propagation, great contest! ... **OG6A**. Tnx fer all QSOs. ... **OH3DP**. Strange but interesting propagation conditions ... **OK1TC**. Thanks to Jiri, OK2RZ, for lending his contest QTH ... **OK2BYW**. Good contest. See you again friends ... **OK2SWD**. Interesting contest and many new prefixes for me ... **OK4DZ**. Board meeting of the UBA on Saturday and a pain in the back on Sunday after picking up a large box of QSLs ... **ON4CAS**. Nice contest, enjoyed it. Condx were good. Using SD software for logging which is a real pleasure ... **ON8NT**. People should listen more. I could hear many but they did not listen or could not hear. If you can't hear does not matter how much power! ... **OX3UR**. Band conditions were quite good. Did work some DX. Hams with PC CQ do not listen for callers, run the CQ a long time and do not say over when they go to listen ... **OY9R**. Nice contest, much enjoyable! ... **OZ3EN**. I had my best score ever in this contest and I finally broke ZD88V's world record. This was fun! ... **P40A**. Great contest, but high noise levels made it difficult. Would like to get 10 back! ... **P49Y**. A lovely contest ... **PA0CGB**. Nice contest. Lot of fun. Looking forward to next year. Equipment used: FT-897D, 2 x 9m dipole ... **PA0EMO**. A pleasure to participate. Thanks for UFB Ccontest and cu agn in 2009 ... **PA0FEI**. Thanks for this nice contest. A lot of stations with a special prefix were on the band. I am 10 hours QRV on 80. Have fun with the control of the incoming logs. ... **PA0IJM**. Conditions were surprising on 15 meters, so I had a great pleasure in your contest ... **PA0M**. Like every year I try to enter the 80m single band but the DX lures me so I do some operating on the other bands. Hope this year my score will be correct for the 80m category ... **PA0MIR**. Pleasure to participate! ... **PA2CHM**. Enjoyed working the contest. Equipment used FT-2000 and G5RV antenna ... **PA3FMC**. Very nice contest, good propagation ... **PA5VK**. It was a nice contest ... **PA7RA**. First contest with my new rig Yaesu FT-950! With a little help of some old cycle 23 sunspots! ... **PA8TWN**. Nice time during the contest. Nice cdx, testing my new G5RV doing good on 20m ... **PD2EDR**. Many thanks for the nice contest. Hope to be there next time ... **PE1LTY**. A very good time I had in this

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contest. With a better result than last year. Worked some new DXCC too. And again with two pizzas, lot of cola, and an XYL to give it too me. See you next year ... **PE2KP**. As you might see I had only a few hours for the contest. Family events went above the radio hobby this weekend. Next year better! ... **PG1R**. Good openings to South America ... **PG2D**. Conditions on 15 and 10 meters very poor this year. But still 20 meters was very busy! ... **PI4AML**. We had a great time. See you in the next contest ... **PI4COM**. Wanted to use the club station to make 100 QSOs for this operation only on 20m but had to supplement a few calls on 80 as well. Anyway it was fun to be in there and I hope to activate the members to better this score next year ... **PI4WLD**. Thanks to Sergio, PP5JR, for allowing me to operate his nice 10m station. 73, PP5EG/PY5EG ... **PP5EG**. Very good contest ... **PP5JY**. I will be back! ... **PP5WG**. I had fun! ... **PV2M**. First contest with PV2 prefix ... **PV2P**. Unfortunately band conditions did not collaborate once more ... **PY2XC**. Thanks for your attention. I really appreciate the contest ... **PY3ATR**. Great contest, as usual! Sounds like a big party where everyone is invited. Unfortunately, didn't have more time to be on the air due to homework, just 24h on duty. Was fascinating to meet some friends and being recognized by some others. I'll catch you all in the CW issue. Good luck to everybody! ... **PY3DX**. Thanks for this contest! ... **RA3TLA**. Thank you for the interesting test. 73! ... **RA3XEV**. Thanks for perfect competitions! Our school club "Contact" acted in structure four school boys. Their age 12 years. PWR 100 W; ant. delta . The trainer, UA3DAF, Chaplygin Vladimir. 73! ... **RK3DZH**. Many peoples worked in contest. Bad my antenna. CU in CW WPX ... **RM9RZ**. Tks for FB contest! ... **RN3ZIN**. Tks for FB contest! ... **RN3ZR**. I could not carry out any contact with NA using my dipole antenna. In addition propagation to W/VE was bad. It is a pity! ... **RU3SE**. Sorry, no propagation on 10m, very poor on 15m. Thanks for the contest! ... **RV4LC**. First full effort since 1999 with low power! Hope to appear in CW! ... **RV6LFE**. Thanks to everyone! ... **RW0CV**. What a contest! After a long time Andrej S56ZAB, Ziga S56LZI, and I managed to put on air again S53APR or S51A in an HF contest in a M/S setup. It was our first time HP from this location and we wanted to see if there were any problems with the setup, so we opted for 1 radio to see if

there was anything wrong before going on a 2 radio setup. We thought we made all preparation possible and all, but ... Our setup was TH6DXX on 12m and an ECO dipole for 40m rotary on 14m and dipoles for 7, 3.5, and 1.8 on 12m. plus 1 Beverage going E-W. Used a TS-950Sdx + Acom 2000A. Prior to the contest we checked all the things and decided to not go over 800W on the rotary dipole, which is declared for only 1kW. Better safe than sorry, hi (but ECO is ECO). So Jane S57L joined me one hour before the contest we had all set up and ready to start. Started on 80m, but after 20 minutes the first failure: the dipole went arcing somewhere and we couldn't figure out where. So we discarded the band after some tries and went on 7. The bands were unusually quiet (we still didn't knew what was going on). I thought that the conditions were just bad and that was the cause, only later on Sunday night we found out that the Beverage was causing the station to go deaf in RX. After we removed the Beverage it went all to normal (only last 6h were worked like that ). But, we learned something new, so that's what it's all about. All the signals were weak and hard to read. I'm apologizing to all that we couldn't hear or were under the AGAIN AGAIN NUMBER AGAIN syndrome that we had. The Beverage caused something like 30-60 dB attenuation on the signals, so if we did get on someone's CQ frq we apologise. I spent 6 or more hours on the tower in the middle of the contest fixing all that went wrong or didn't want to work properly. Ziga and Andrej fixed the dipole for 40m. The dipole for 80 was finally fixed on Sunday morning and we operated for 2 days on 80m with a bad arcing dipole and 150-300W plus the station problem. Now that I look at it I'm surprised how we managed the 1400 QSOs that we had prior to solving the problem with the radio. I will just congratulate the hams who stuck with patience to our deafness. After the 80m failure there was a failure on the 40m dipole. Same problem. The middle part was an ECO dipole center, declared for 3kW, but it didn't hold even 1.5kW. So never again using ECO stuff at all. The only dipole working fairly good was the 160m one. After a Saturday run on 40m to collect the EU mults, the ECO rotary dipole for 40m was fried even with only 600-800W in (30 min. of CQ and the rate was quite nice for a dipole that high). Yey, I was stunned, but after a call from Jane S57L we keep holding on with the remaining setup. A thunderstorm made it to

Ljubljana and i had to stop operating for 2h cuz of the QRN and the danger of lightning. Dragan S55Z and Ales S59MA came to give a hand and offer some operating time while I was on the tower trying to fix stuff. On Sunday afternoon after running 80m with really bad signals Damjan S52W told us that we were totally deaf, and we finally managed to fix the problem. Yey, the bands opened and it was like another world, but we lost most of the time. Oh well, it will be for next time. (I can say that we lost something like 800 QSOs on all bands cuz of that.) The station and the Acom 2000A worked okay even with all the problems mentioned above. The Acom is really a pleasure to work with and you only need 3s to be on another band with it. Really awesome. Not a glitch and thanks to the guys from Acom for the auto protection of the PA. Otherwise it would've been really smoky in the shack. Thanks again to all and it was a pleasure to work many OM and WWYC's. A special thanks to the S53APR people and others who made it possible. There was 1 bad point in the contest when an old bitter ham made a really stupid comment on our CQ frq, but that is to be expected from his intellectual greatness. :) Next time hopefully with a 4-el quad and things that will work on other bands. S51A will come back with a better and working setup. We are always learning. Bostjan S55O ... **S51A**. Where were all USA stns? Only few called CQ. Closed down 3h before end. There was a moral dilemma: scanning band ten times in a row for new QSO? Maybe score would be bigger by 10 QSO and few mults. Guess will never know ... **S57SU**. OK, this was fun! Many new DXCC for me and nice to get an idea of what's waiting when conditions getting better in cycle 24. Contest site was club house with a 20m mast with 3-el 3-band beam and 100W. Worked quite well! Thanks for all QSOs! I'll be back! ... **SE5S**. Wkd for fun. All ops out there please think about this: a brand new radio transceiver is not equal to a clean TX signal! You do need to use the buttons too. Nevertheless the WPX is a fun thing. CU next time! ... **SF6DX**. Nice to hear signals on 15 again. 73 de Nils SM3AGO/SG3O ... **SG3O**. Thanks for a very nice test ... **SM5LSM**. Not time to take part but couldn't resist some cherry Qs ... **SM7BZV**. I try to work on SSB, but it is difficult for me, hi ... **SN3C**. Only a few contacts to sign the guestbook. No time ... **SN5M**. Good condx on lower bands; 28 was death ... **SP5AKG**. FB contest ... **SP9JZT**. Great fun again.

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CU in WPX SSB 2009 ... **SV2GWY**. Band conditions were poor, especially 10 m and 160 m. I really enjoy this contest. Many thanks from Crete Isl ... **SV9COL**. TNX all for QSOs. CU next year ... **SX3Z**. Our first attempt for participating in the M/M category and we are more than pleased with our score. Thanks everybody and hope to see you next year ... **SX5P**. 21 MHz band quite nice to work ... **TA1HZ**. Pleasure to be in WPX Contest 2008 ... **TC3EC**. What a great contest. This time, I had access to real broadband dipole on 20m poles. What a difference. My 300W and the outstanding dipole made it possible to keep the frequency for a while and score up to 100 Qs/h. The conditions were strange with almost no USA stations. Thanks for organizing this great contest ... **TF3AM**. Great to be back, new station barely ready just before contest ... **TG0WPX**. I have been doing this contest for over forty years under my various calls all over the world ... **TO5A**. Had a great time working DX from a relatively new entity, FJ! The pile-ups were huge, in spite of the poor band conditions. We hope that we were able to give out a "new one" to our friends around the world ... **TO5RZ**. Bad conditions ... **U1BA**. Very poor propagation ... **UA0QBR**. No propagation on 10m and bad one on 15m ... **UA3BL**. Nice contest! Thanks to all ... **UA3MEJ**. Thanks to UA9CLB for letting me use his excellent SO2R setup ... **UA9CDC**. Tnx for good program SD ... **UA9MR**. Limited time as usual. Thanks to all who gave call ... **UR5IKN**. Thank you very much for a contest. It was a great pleasure to meet old friends ... **US0HZ**. Homenade TRX, 4W out, ant trap GP 10-40, ant 40m high, vert 80-160. Tu fer fb contest! ... **UT5UUV**. Hard work taking your station 4100 miles, but made it worth it to give some people a new one ... **V25V**. V48M was a new prefix never used before ... **V48M**. My first WPX contest ... **V51YJ**. This was not a serious effort. Too many other things going on these days. As usual, EI5DI's program, SD, worked like a charm. By far the best program for the single-op unassisted operator ... **VE1JS**. My first contest entry since the 1974 VE/W. Just discovered logging software! ... **VE2GK**. I managed to work a new one to add to my 160-meter DXCC total! That alone was worth the price of admission to me, hi hi. I guess the guys were pretty much spread out on the higher bands. Sure could have used some more activity on 160 meters! The seasonal migration is on! ... **VE3CUI**.

Conditions were awful for the first 30 hours or so. It was a tough go, with the A-index at 25. By Sunday afternoon, 20m opened up really nice and I easily made some good contacts, adding a few new countries to my log. Did not hear 10m open at all despite numerous checks. It was lots of fun this year, especially with a better antenna. Next year I'll have to find more hours to work this contest ... **VE3NCQ**. Part-time S&P effort. Lots of stations to work plus good signals made for a good time! ... **VE3SS**. If propagation during the entire contest could have been as good as in the last few hours. Great fun anyway! ... **VE3ZZ**. As usual, at low sunspot numbers, VE5 is the black hole for sure. First day, we could hear them, they couldn't hear us. Second day, much better, now the fun begins. No great score but fun anyway ... **VE5RI**. Drake TR3 HF radio ... **VE5ZC**. We thought we were in a NA QSO party instead of a world-wide contest! The high K values really shut prop down at this QTH ... **VE6SV**. I had a lot of fun with this contest and I am really looking forward to the CW portion a little later this spring. I gave three radios a good workout in this shack. I started with my newly obtained FT-757GX and both of my venerable old IC-751A's. You do not need the big amps and latest FT-9000D or IC-7800 to enjoy contesting. Give it a try with an venerable older radio. I have had a lot of fun using what other people think is an underdog radio, the FT-757GX, for contesting. I especially like that radio for CW contesting with its nice QSK and shift & width ... **VE7BGP**. Another great contest. Nice to work Europe again ... **VE7FCO**. Had an opening on 15m to South America near the end of the contest ... **VE7NS**. Just for the record ... **VK1MJ**. Great to see all bands active ... **VK2XN**. ICOM 718, 74 ft random wire 80/40m, tree mounted vertical 20/15/10m. My first WPX SSB. Great fun. See you next time. Thanks to all who struggled to hear my weak signal. Also thanks to VKCL Logging Software ... **VK4AMC**. Thanks for a great contest ... **VK4ATH**. Worked many new countries and had a great time! ... **VK4VDX**. The VK6 DX Chasers Club operated from Faure Island IOTA OC-206. We were hit by the tail end of Cyclone Pancho and were lucky that the antennas were not blown down. Conditions were not very good but 15 metres was the best. Had a few dupes; people seemed to have problems with the call ... **VK6FAU**. A mix of propagation here in VK7. Some good, some bad ...

**VK7GN**. Great 10m conditions, just didn't have the time available behind the microphone to be competitive this year ... **VK8AA**. Glad to take part from my DXpedition to VP2E, Anguilla Island for the first time as single-op single-band ... **VP2EFB**. Great fun giving out the first ever VQ58 prefix! See everyone next year ... **VQ58V**. This contest was recorded. :) My first attempt in the HP category on SSB. Thanks to Brad K7ZSD for the SB-200 amp which helped many of you hear me. Family responsibilities allowed operating only 24 hours of the contest; 8 hours of peak QSO time on 20m was given up for hospital duties for my father-in-law. Will surely try to put in a full time effort next time. Ran JA's for the first time in several years on 15m. Strategy was to collect JA prefixes the first day and EU 3/6 pointers and prefixes the second. First day was OK for my part time effort although I missed all of the prime time on 20m. But on the second day after running some EU on 15m till 1200Z, went back to hospital and returned for 20m around 1600Z. At 1640Z, the 20m band which was full of loud signals from NA/EU suddenly died to near zero. I had just started a run on this band and was dismayed at this. Checked 15m which was dead as well, except for a lone and loud ZY7C whom I worked. Went down to 40m and started trying to work the very loud EU stations on S&P mode. One attempt to run only got 9M8Z to call me. Went back to S&P. Around 2045Z went up to 20m which was dead all the time to scan the band without much hope. Imagine my surprise when I heard a very loud VO1MP calling CQ on the low end of the band. Quickly worked him and then tuned higher up to hear HI3T who was so loud he sounded like he was transmitting from the next room. I could even hear the low level hum on his power supply. Worked him and then tuned up the band to work a few more loud stations in quick succession which included NN1N, HD2A, HI3C, P40A, VQ59W, VB3E, 6Y1V, K1ZM, TO1C, VP2E, WP2Z, FG/OM3LA, V25V, TO5RZ. After working TO5RZ for a new country at 2130Z, the band again went dead as if someone had turned off a switch!! Was not sure if I was hallucinating because all of these signals sound unreal - LOUD. This was a bit too much in my tired condition, so happily shut down the radio and went to bed at 3 AM local time. In the morning I found all these entries in the log. I must have worked them! Looks like the sunspots are coming back slowly. See you all in

WPX CW when I hope to have another blast. Thanks for all the Qs and the fun! ... **VU2PTT**. I was strictly S&P. No intent to stay in it long, but I picked up a few new ones, so decided to stay a little longer. Had a lot of fun for 7 hours on and off. I'll definitely be in the next one ... **W0RAA**. 81 yrs old and still going strong. Well, maybe just staggering along! ... **W3MGL**. Propagation was so-so, but I got two new ones. Good contest ... **W3NWS**. I hope this is the bottom of the sunspot cycle ( or should I say Hertz!) ... **W3TZ**. Whilst other contesters usually mention the DX they work, I am wondering if I can claim the prize for the closest unscheduled QSO? During a run near the end of the contest on Sunday, I was called by WD4BEE who said I was 60 dB over S9. I asked where he was located and he said Sebring. It turns out he is in the next block to me. We had seen his tri-band beam but didn't think he was on the air! ... **W4/M0BUE**. Thanks for the Q's! ... **W4KAZ**. 90 years old ... **W4OGG**. It's always good to hear old friends! ... **W4TMN**. Please QSL with e-QSL or LoTW where possible ... **W5JDX**. The bands were hopping on Sunday, big surprise! ... **W6TKV**. Most contacts made via "Buddipole" system while camping in DN46ax ... **W7GMC**. Weekend company cut op time to zero. Next year ... **W8AKS**. Vacuum tubes forever! ... **W8JMF**. Did anyone think 10 meters was not part of this contest? It sure seemed that way ... **WA1FCN**. A lot of jammers made it difficult. Band not in the best shape ... **WA7NB**. I feel this was my best effort in WPX! Sure wish I had worked the P33 for Asia and 40m WAC QRP ... **WB7OCV**. Just when you thought conditions couldn't be any worse than last year! ... **WB8JUI**. Spending the weekend with my best friends from all over the world was priceless! ... **WB8LCD**. My first contest. I enjoyed it very much ... **WB8TLH**. Brutal conditions here until Sunday! Thanks for all the QSOs and to Adam for the use of the call! ... **WE4YL**. Fun time! Had about the same number of Q's as last year but scored a lot higher due to better use of 40m. 10m still a big disappointment. Radio Reef is a GREAT place from which to operate. Stan, K8MJZ ... **WP2Z**. 15 meters did what 10 could not, and on Sunday on 20, wow! I thought I was working WAE, with many Europeans on in the afternoon ... **WP3GW**. At my QTH 20m sleeps until about 9 AM ... **WR3H**. Ten meters? What ten meters? Sister, we barely heard anything on fifteen ... **WU3A**.

Operated portable from Lake Hills, TX ... **WW6O**. This was another fun effort at WX3B. I enjoyed seeing my good friends playing radio during the weekend. This effort could best be described as a limited multi-op, with the focus on maximizing fun over score. Joe, N3YIM, is learning that not all packet spots are GOOD ones! Joe did an excellent job pouncing on 20 meters and a very reliable source states that Joe got an Official Observer notice for a prior contest at WX3B. This has a twist: it was a Positive Comment on how he conducted himself during the event. Way to go, Joe! Steve, NY3A, came over on Friday night and made some contacts on 160 while re-possessing his ICOM 756 PRO III (nice radio!). Brian, N3ST, made the majority of QSOs on 80 meters both nights, and left WX3B just before European sunrise, leaving the real fun for WX3B! Mike, N3VOP, immediately created quite a pile-up when he took over the main 20 meter radio late Sunday afternoon. He is certainly developing the necessary skills to dig weak signals out of the noise (and boy was there noise on 20 this weekend). On several occasions, he corrected the WX3B copied exchange. Randy, K3IFH (guest), came over to see what WX3B was all about. He says he likes handing out points, but he's not one of those "hard core" contesters. Some other highlights: the HUGE JA and Asian opening Saturday night, and the endless 20 meter opening to Europe that lasted past 6:30 PM Sunday evening. One final highlight for me was having band conditions shift, and a very gentlemanly Krassy, K1LZ, relinquishing his run frequency to me after we both discovered we were in each other's way. Thanks to all my PVRC friends who stopped by, spotted me, and made this a fun event ... **WX3B**. Fun contest. 28 was open only to SA and no USA heard this time ... **XE1EX**. Except for California all the QSOs with USA and Europe were on scatter ... **XE1KK**. Waiting condx ... **XQ4CW**. My transceiver is Yaesu-920. Max power in the contest is 100W. My antenna is R5 about 20m high above the ground ... **XX9AU**. Bad propagation to North America, bad propagation in 10m ... **YB1AR**. Propagation still not open in my area ... **YB1TC**. See you next contest, 73 ... **YB1TJ**. Great contest! It was my first Cabrillo log submitted. Hope next time I have better ham shack. Now only old TS-430S barefoot with homebrew 3-el Yagi 12m high. All the best ... **YB1VA**. Nice joining the contest, and

finally broke my own records ... **YB2ECG**. From Menjangan Island OC-022, the small island on the north of Bali Is, with a very wonderful sea garden ... **YB3MM**. Very nice contacts that I followed since I am on DXing. Nice propagation as well. See you on another contest ... **YC5OUB**. Great fun for my first contest DXpedition. Pity that the bands did not hold up for Sunday and Monday morning. The small tribander was only up about 7m and this was fine for 10m and 15m but was too low for a good signal on 20m. A good opening to the USA on Sunday night was very good for the score. Thankfully there was an opening to EU on 15m so that the multiplier count was not too low. It is quite amazing how different the 20m LP to EU is between VK3 and YJ8. I really missed that LP opening around 0600Z. Some good rates but mostly with JA. The path to the USA was not good enough to hold a decent pile-up, as it was the day before the contest. Unfortunately, other operators were not able to make the trip and lugging 70 kg of gear on the plane made it a reasonably tough job getting set up. Many thanks to Rod, YJ8RN, for loan of the mast and assistance getting around the place ... **YJ8TZ**. Those were fine contesting hours! Thanks! Next year I'll look for better antennas ... **YL3AD**. I'm sorry for very short activity! ... **YO2BPZ**. Very animated contest and despite of the family obligations, I had a lot of fun! Thanks to all and see you next year! ... **YO3HKW**. Thanks to Paul, EI5DI for contest software Good luck to all contesters ... **YO4BTB**. Very good contest, many stations. Tnx to all ... **YO5OHY**. Nice contest. Good luck, 73! ... **YP3A**. Not easy with inverted-Vee antenna and 80W.73! ... **YQ5Q**. Several long power outages put me almost out. I will try again next year ... **YV6BXN**. 100 W; TS-440S without 18 & 21 MHz at this moment; no antenna for 1.8 & 3.5 MHz; dipole for 7 MHz; quad for upper bands controlled by wind; software: UCXLog, very good ... **Z35G**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest ... **ZC4LI**. Our result better than last year with most operating by two oldies. 10 metres surprised us in this low sunspot period ... **ZM2M**. My QTH was on Magaliesberg Mountain (Montana Lodge) 1550m ASL. Condx were nice on Saturday but weather, lightning, thunderstorms, power shading, terrible. But I enjoyed this time which I spent with radio ... **ZS6CCW**.