
2007 CQ WW DX CW Contest

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Only a part time effort, in between work and the weekend activities! Very happy with score ... **2E0CVN**. Great Contest! See you all again! ... **4L0A**. Team "Strausberg re-united" ... **5H3EE**. Thanks for a great contest. I was using old Yaesu FT-901DM and vertical antenna ... **5Q4A**. Combination of a vacation with a small DXpedition and activating Madagascar Zone 39 for the benefit of the CQWW contest. It was my first CQWW contest ever and participating taught me how to use the N1MM logging software. Actually, it was Morsrunner. Unfortunately I had no internet so I could not test the DX cluster options. Perhaps next time? Station specs: FT-857 with 300 Hz CW filter with Ameritron AL-811H, and Windom antenna approx. 6m above ground ... **5R8NL**. 10m poorer than 2006. Many thanks to Graham, 5X1GS, for use of his shack. Hard work on 40 and 80 with low power ... **5X1NH**. Nice contest. Tnx all 6H1IM operators XE1IM ... **6H1IM**. Claiming new record for L21 for 9G and Zone 35 ... **9G5XA**. Hard to keep running in the valley of the sunspots. No chance to beat any record ... **9G5ZZ**. Rig Yaesu FT-1000MP transceiver and Quadra Linear, power 400W. Lightning Bolt 6-band 2-ele quad, Butternut HF2V vertical, both up 27m. I seemed to put in as much effort as last year but ended up with almost one-million points less, all down to the band condx. This year really played like the bottom of the sunspot cycle and, unlike the exceptional 10m condx last year, the 10m opening was brief and regional so I missed out on all those EU multipliers. 15m was also poor so 20m was the mainstay. The Over-the-Horizon Radar from the north stayed off 40m on Saturday so I got some good DX but it reappeared on Sunday at S9++ here in Borneo ... **9M6XRO**. Operated from a bush in Tongatapu island. Mosquitoes and Tongan wasps were my only companions ... **A35MT**. What a terrific contest! We certainly enjoyed the pile-ups and all the terrific multipliers. Thanks to all who traveled to distant places for the weekend ... **A71EM**. Thanks for a fun contest. I operated for only a few hours from my condo, using the metal railing of the porch as my antenna due to antenna restrictions ... **AH6NF**. Station Description: TX/RX Yaesu FT-897D (100W output). Antenna G5RV Jr., 5m high on top of an 8-story building. Keyer home-

made Accu-Keyer. Logging K8CC's NA v10.58. This time I used the special prefix AO8 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Plenipotenciary Conference of the International Telegraphic Union (predecessor of the ITU), held in Madrid in 1932. See you in the next CQWW! ... **AO8NQ**. Working with a special call sign was indeed difficult. Many said I was UA1 and had to go very slow CW telling them AU1, India. It was very nice so many responded with their numbers to us ... **AU1JCB**. Great contest as always but faced computer failure on first day and antenna down on second day, missed most of time during the contest. Very happy to know that B1Z, B3C, and B7P did good results! See you next year! ... **B4TB**. It was a fantastic contest for me. First day propagation was very fine. I can work some EU stations on 80m with my very low dipole antenna. Second day not so good and lost amp in the early morning ... **BA4RF**. This was my first time for the CQWW CW contest. I enjoyed it and will attend it next year for sure! ... **BG4DVK**. Great fun as always. Bit tough for my 100W to get past Midwest. Heard a couple of 7's but no joy logging them. LP to West Coast never opened so no Zone 3. Cndx patchy band opening and closing throughout but could have been a lot worse here at sunspot minimum ... **C4Z**. Cinnamon rolls from Florence's bakery, beach walks, power failure, great football. Treasure Cay beach is one of the top 5 in the world! You'll agree! Forget the Qs; please pass the SPF 60! ... **C6AGY**. Lost several hours due to AC/DC supply problems. Had fun from same site as last few years. Added second element (fixed NE day, NW evening) on 20/15m, trap dipole on 160/80/40, all at about 80 ft. on hotel roof ... **C6AQQ**. Great conditions on 160m! Many thanks for the QSOs ... **C6ARR (N6BT)**. Many thanks for all the QSOs! I made a few QSOs on 15m with some Zone 35 friends, but I am a 40m LP entry ... **C6ATA**. Great contest ... **C91KDJ**. Lost power for 1.5 hours on third night ... **CN2R**. First CQWW CW from CN3. See you next year, IK2QE! ... **CN3A**. Too much QRM/QRN in my position. Definitely I need a CW filter! However, I really enjoyed it. Besides I worked several new ones on this band. See u all next year! ... **CO8ZZ**. It was NRA first time participation in this great and noble contest. As Nucleo's member I would like to express my great apprecia-

tion and satisfaction I got as participant. My personal congratulations to everybody in the contest and of course for contest staff ... **CS5NRA**. Many thanks for all who took a lot of time to take me out of QRM. Every QSO was a fantastic experience. I'm sorry E51A didn't copy me. The day before contest I worked them. Signal was very stable all over 30 minutes. Tks to the JA's for the fantastic good ears to copy me. See all of you in next contest. 73 and good luck for everybody ... **CT1AOZ**. This was my 7th CQWW CW and 8th contest operation from CT8T. Thanks again to my great support team: Teresa/CT1YQM, Santos/CT1DVV, Tony/CT1ESV, Andre, Carla and others ... **CT8T**. Thank you for a great contest. A great battle of European SOAB stations this year. Propagation was way down from last year and that made contesting from the Azores really difficult this time. Already looking forward for solar cycle 24 and some nice 15 and 10 meter pile-ups it may produce. I really hope that contest committee will make a big effort in fight against cheating. At the moment it's way too common to cheat in SO categories. Tnx again and see you next year from CU2 again ... **CU2A**. SO2R Low Power for the first time. Nice fun. Thanks to DH8VV, DO3NML, and SM6CNN for their help to prepare the station ... **DC4A**. After a break in 2K6 this is my 4th CQWW DX. Have had agn limited op time due to a family event and QRL. Did meet mni friends and enjoyed the pretty higher CW op speed. Hpe cu agn! Tu all frnds/ops for QSOs and CQ magazine for work/test! But was sri that 6W1RW did not work EU when I came. Vy 73, gl es cwfe de Sascha DD1IM (member of DARC, DOK K27)... **DD1IM**. IC-756, IC-2KL (500W), two 2-ele delta loops. Bad wx, cold, rain and snow, bad condx to NA, but 145 DXCC was OK. Tks for all calls and see you next year ... **DF0CI (DL8AKI)**. Mni tnx to all ops for great test ... **DF1HE**. New QTH, new antenna, many new countries worked. Next year again ... **DF2CH**. My first CQ WW CW Contest. It was nice to participate QRP, 4W output ... **DF7IS**. Running a few hours only ... **DF8QB**. First time in CQ WW CW. What fun. Next year again ... **DG4YGW**. Many new points for DXCC. Tks all dDXpeditioners ... **DH6DAO**. Bad condx during whole weekend. It was a hard fight to work DX with only 100 watts from my IC-746. I hung up just for fun a end-fed wire for 80m and it was my bonus machine. Next CQWW I will try to have a

better one and I can hopefully work than 40 and 160 also (for EU traffic) when I have enough space. I was a bit over 21 hrs behind the radio ... **DH6JL**. Great contest! I wish I had a better antenna ... **DJØYI**. Fun fun fun! I made 1000+++ QSOs with the three following calls: **DJ1AA**, **DL40RRDXA**, **DKØAE**. I enjoyed the contest very much ... **DJ1AA**. 5W QRP (FT-817), and a poor antenna (Windom 21m long, 8m high for 7, 14, 28 MHz designed), matched with tuner Z11 for 1.8 MHz. Nice contest again, with some QSOs and points more than last year. Several new countries (T7, CN2, EA6, IT9, SV3) called without success ... **DJ3GE**. As always great contest and great fun Enjoyed working more than 100 entities on 40m! ... **DJ3WE**. Great contest, great activity, worked some new #1 on 40/80m ... **DJ8ES**. No packet was used! Tnx to all callers ... **DKØMN**. Worked with 100W into magnetic loop on 80 and 160m. Other bands vertical R7000 with also 100W ... **DK2BJ**. Don't forget, the fun is the power! ... **DK3RED**. Not so good condx but a nice contest again! Thanks for the ufb QSOs! Hpe cu agn sn! Vy 73 es g!! ... **DK5ZX**. I am surprised about my result in the poor condx. I think the reason is my new PA ... **DK7AN**. Not full time but vy pleasant ... **DK9HE**. Operated from friend's garden using 10W FT-7 and analog signal processing filter, antenna EFW-40 longwire ... **DL1KSE**. Thanks to all who listened to my poor signal. With 20W only and 7m longwire makes this contest a lot of fun ... **DL2EF**. Working 99 countries and 28 zone multipliers on 14 MHz/LP was more than I had expected during the bottom of the solar cycle. Had a fun weekend! ... **DL4AAE**. Big fun with 5 watts into a wire. FT-817 and 80m horizontal loop ... **DL4EAX**. Nice condx on Sunday but missed a lot of DX ... **DL4FN**. A lot of OMs can send in CW with high speed but not listen in regular speed (my call is not DL4SWI or DL4HWSI)!... **DL4HWI**. Hope the conditions will be better soon ... **DL4UL**. First time in CQWW for me. 80m single band only. One QSO for checklog on 10m was a new bandpoint for me ... **DL4ZZ**. Hope to have more time next year! Thanks to the expeditions for the new bandpoints and the contest managers for the much of work! ... **DL5AWI**. Bad condx on high bands, good on low bands. My vertical works. 100W FT-847 radio FB! Cu next year! No cluster used. CT software used for CW TX ... **DL5KM**. 80 watts and dipole up 10m, and the perfect logging system of N1MM, and a lot of hams with great ears. A fulfilled weekend again ... **DL5KUD**. Kenwood TS-570, vertical antenna. I really love this contest. I could work a lot of DX ... **DL7FA**. Nice contest agn but vy poor condx on 10m. Early close of 15m caused only few QSO to NA there. Cu next year in RTTY, SSB

and CW ... **DL7UMK**. Nice contest, worked 7 new DXCC ... **DO9ST**. Thanks T96Q! ... **E7/9A8A**. Another year with no results to connect the transceiver to the program for CW and control them and other problems with antennas, etc., especially because I had not much free time, so I decided finally to do it as usual old style, with my very old paddles (terrible ones) and all manual. Apart from that great expeditions for the contest and really enjoyed a lot. Thanks to all for listening to me and your patience with my bad reception and CW ... **EA6SX**. My first CQ CW test and I enjoyed it. I'm looking forward to participating next year. Regular propagation. S&P in all contest except last 3 QSOs ... **EA8BVP**. CQWW shows how the conditions really are. The daily use makes you think that the conditions are bad when it in fact really is low activity. A suggestion: Maybe you should realize that most of us young (64 yrs) CW ops are getting old and use the CQ WPX rules for single operation (i.e., limit the operation time to 36 hours). To spread the operation time to your own choice is also a qualification that counts when it comes to be as effective as possible with your resting hours ... **EA8CN**. Fun contest! ... **EB2CYQ**. I enjoyed a lot. Tnx es cu agn next edition ... **EB3CML**. Nice contest ... **ED1L**. Hi friends! First of all, many thanks to EB2BXL and his father for giving us the chance to operate from their QTH. EE2W is NOT a good CW contest callsign at all. We are not EI2W, I2W, etc. That was our main problem, to be copied correctly by weak DX stations, but will use in the next big contest. Nice weekend contest. New ham friends. Tnx fer QSO cu agn ... **EE2W**. I'm very happy with 1600 Qs with no directional antennas, and in spite of imperfect antenna SWR (3:1 on 40 because it's too high off the ground, worse on 80 because the 80 coil has resonance at 3700 in the 3500 switch position) all bands were possible and pretty good at that; much better than 2006 CW when I only had 900 Qs (mostly because I didn't know I could run on 7001!). But that won't make the top ten LP from Europe. Last year 1.1 million made 10th place. With only the IC-756PROIII, a Big IR vertical (with the new 80 meter coil working, but resonant at 3700, so the ICOM tuner made 80 possible!), and the 252-foot ended longwire (fed with 35 feet vertical small 300 ohm twinlead, so it's almost an Inverted L, but no radials), I was able to run 20, 40, and 80 quite effectively, with 13 hours of over 60 Q's and two peaks at 125/hr. Fifteen was very spotty, and 160 is always a challenge to be heard with 100 watts in USA, with only 7 Zone 5's worked, no 4's. I heard K5RX several times around 0500-0600 on Saturday, calling others. Tried calling both sides of where I heard him, but he never heard me. I got up at 4

AM Friday, so I could sleep Friday evening from 1900 to 2330, operated until 0630-0930 Saturday morning, sleep, then until 2300-0630 Sat/Sun, took an hour nap at 1200 on Sunday, plus a couple of 15 minute interruptions, for total on air time of about 36 hours, longest since 1971 CQ WW as KG4CS when I was much younger and did all 48. Runs on 80 were a REAL challenge with UA's in particular continuing to call over top of directed partial call of USA stations, and the pile-up was often 8-10 deep during last two hours on Sunday. DX-Summit shows only eight times I was spotted during runs. I felt two spots when a new pile-up showed up during moderate-rate run periods. Did a fair amount of S&P for multipliers and only skipped a half dozen pile-ups I knew I couldn't break, so doubt I could have done many more mults unless 15 and 10 had opened, or I had directional antennas, or went HP. Could not work the HSØ that I heard. Never heard BY, JA, or VKs. But boy, oh boy could I be heard in the Carribean, and Atlantic Islands, almost always on first call. Band changes were excellent since the tuner was on ANT 2 slot, and the Big IR for 80 was at the same (max) length as 40, and also on 10 and 15 seconds to move the metal from 16 feet to 33 feet. I lost my run freq several times when a louder European station who probably did not hear me took over. First clue was K1TTT calling for what I thought was a dupe until I realized they weren't calling me! Heavy storm on Saturday evening that came up with no warning led to a real thrill: The twinlead feed to the long wire dropped 35 feet to near the ground for a raindrop loop, then through a nearly-closed window to a 2-foot section that was solder-spliced to reach the MFJ-969 tuner, which is connected to the ICOM by a one-foot section of RG58 coax. The tuner and rig are on the dining room table as the new radio shack construction is not quite finished. Weather had been very calm on Friday and during the day on Saturday, so I had forgotten to tie the twinlead to the window handle. A massive wind gust put so much force on the 35 feet of vertical twinlead that it dragged the tuner off the edge of the table, and was pulling the ICOM over the table edge as well. Barely grabbed the ICOM in time, and then when I grabbed the twinlead at the back of the tuner to keep it from hitting the floor, the wind was still so strong that the twinlead separated at that soldered splice! Sure am glad this happened while I was at the rig and not napping! ... **EI/W5GN**. Great condx on Saturday, not so good on Sunday ... **EI4CF**. Limited to 160m, 40m and 20m but good outing ... **EI4HQ**. Thanks to all who copied my QRP signal! ... **EI8FH**. Many thanks to all who received my signal. Only 5 watts and dipole 5 meters up ... **ER3AU**. TRX: ICOM

IC-707 90W. Antennas: dipoles 160/80/40m, vertical 20/15/10m. Thanks for nice contest! ... **ES4MM**. My first CQ WW DX Contest ... **F1OK**. TS-2000 DX-88 and Windom wire. Nice contest with my best result so far. Hope better propagation on 10 meters next time ... **F5LCU**. Tx/Rx Elecraft K2 running 4.9 watts to a vertical whip with an LDG RT-11 auto-tuner at the base and 58 radials 85 feet over ground on the roof! ... **F5UL**. Great fun but not enough time ... **F5VCT**. Lots of fun just being able to work a contest in the casual mode instead of trying to be in the top ten. Biggest thrill was working BZ1Z on 40 ... **F5VHJ**. I tested my triangular sloping vertical and it worked very well ... **F6CWA**. Was fun to work this CQWW even with low propagation indices ... **F6KNB**. Mini participation, but it's pleasure ... **F8DYD**. The best contest in the world! One new country for me was Nicobar Isl., India. Thank you for making this fantastic contest ... **G0AZH**. Great contest, thanks. US stations have the best ears! ... **G0AZS**. With a station "optimized for Europe" and a brain "optimized for sleep," this was always going to be tough ... **G0MTN**. Great fun ... **G0RDO**. Good to test the bands out with so many stations active ... **G0TKZ**. Have been supporting CQWW CW 49 years but sadly I now find that sleep takes precedence over multipliers! ... **G3KKP**. Well, it was even harder going this year, but very enjoyable all the same. Band was closing for QRP very early in the evenings. No JA, Oceania, or SA this time. Heard them but they couldn't hear me. CU next again, God willing ... **G3LHJ**. Had great fun running S&P for the contest. A lot of DX worked with only a Butternut HF6! Maybe next year I will try a Miracle whip! ... **G3NKC**. Good fun. Band not totally packed so able to find slots. I am quite convinced that deliberate key clicks are being used by certain stations. Condx poor, fewer stations, less QRM, more fun! ... **G3RAU**. It's 40 years since G3TXF first took part in CQWW CW. Only three have been missed in the intervening years. Roll on the next sunspot cycle! ... **G3TXF**. My first semi-serious attempt for some years. Shame I could not devote more time. Still the best contest on the calendar. Maybe next year! ... **G3UFY**. Very disappointing conditions on 10 and 15 metres, and my 160m antenna is not much better than a dummy-load, so quite satisfied with my overall score this year. Always good to hear the bands so busy with CW ... **G3VQO**. Good condx and lots of countries on. Some QRN and short skip. Worked W in the evening! ... **G3VYI**. Not a serious effort. Just popped on to make some QSOs between the weekend chores. Conditions not brilliant but plenty to work. At one point, I had one of the cats sitting on the rig and one on my lap (number three was out catching rodents). Hope

that doesn't put me into the Single Op Assisted category ... **G3WRR**. Had to QRT 12 hours before finish, as baby daughter taken ill. Thankfully she is recovering well. Thought condx were down compared to 2007. Couldn't get any runs going, hence 95% search & pounce. There is always next year! ... **G3WW**. Part-time 17.5 hours casual entry only but great fun. 15m still the best DX band for me ... **G3YBY**. A fun weekend and conditions not as bad as I had feared! Even 10m showed a bit of activity. Certainly the bands were active for a change. With QRP it was not possible to crack the big pile-ups but I had a smattering of DX in the log ... **G3YMC**. Mostly search and pounce. It's amazing what small antennas can do. I think there are certain conditions the small G5RV outperforms a bigger antenna. Often I beat pile-ups but only Zones 8 and 33. Interesting ... **G3ZGC**. Good fun with plenty of activity as always. SD performed flawlessly ... **G4AMT**. Elecraft K2, 5 watts output to a G5RV antenna. Social commitments meant less time on the radio this year! ... **G4DBW**. Conditions fair. Plenty of DX to work. Lots of fun as usual and better score than 2006 ... **G4DDL**. Not too much DX heard but the opening to the USA on Sunday was very welcomed. Very enjoyable as always ... **G4DDX**. Enjoyed afternoons, especially with propagation stateside on 20m ... **G4EHT**. Used FT2k with Quadra and FT1k. Aerials were dipoles for 160, 80, and 40 with 2-ele for 20, 15, and 10. No VK/ZL or West Coast US but plenty of other DX. 10m was entertaining on Sunday and 15m was quite good both days. 20m was good enough to run to East Coast with small station. Lower bands okay but only got across the pond once on 160m. Thanks to all for QSOs ... **G4FAL**. Another mainly S&P effort on the "wet string" antennas. Broke the 1000 QSO barrier for the first time. Band of the weekend was 160; very pleased to work so many on a simple antenna. Thanks for all the QSOs. IC-756ProIII, 100W, MFJ auto-tuner, 30m inverted V doublet at 10m, 10m half-wave sloping dipole ... **G4FKA**. Conditions not brilliant, 10 meters a struggle ... **G4FSU**. Great contest but work meant I couldn't operate very many hours ... **G4GOY**. Early fade on sun after better morning condx ... **G4IUF**. Had a great time, thanks ... **G4MKP**. Nice to see 10m able to support some DX working for short spells ... **G4OBK**. First time in CQWW CW ... **G4RKO**. 10M was a major disappointment. Nothing heard apart from one very local station! Activity on 160 made up for it though ... **G4WGE**. My first ever CW contest! ... **G6CSY**. Could only operate for a short time really, but still had fun. Conditions were not good and was a struggle to work any DX ... **G9A**. Some nice DX about ... **GB6GW**. First time as

single op. RF problems in shack meant I had to run with only 100W on 40, 80, and 160. Only a very short opening on 10 metres on Sunday. I will be more prepared next year ... **GM0EGI**. FT-1000MP and 20m EDZ up 40 feet. Good condx. 20m closed early. Great contest. Good operators. Lots of fun ... **GM0IIO**. Another excellent event. Sadly, I didn't get my quad working, but had good fun anyway ... **GM3WUX**. Thanks for running the contest ... **GM4HQF**. Just entered when I could over an otherwise busy weekend ... **GM4SID**. Decided to have a go at the contest this year from home although limited in the amount of time I could dedicate due to family commitments plus in the process of teaching a UK Advanced Licence on the Saturday. Enjoyed what I managed to work which certainly boosted my DXCC count on CW. If I get chance intend spending a lot longer next year to see if I can beat my 2007 score. If I have any complaint it is the speed that lots of operators send CW. Not everyone is capable of receiving CW at 25-plus words per minute. It is certainly off putting and I know that possible CW operators at slower speeds are definitely put off. Don't these operators appreciate that they are losing lots of calls due to this? You are also losing future potential CW testers. I know the argument will come back, and that is get your speed up, easier said than done. Thought I would throw in my two pence worth ... **GM4UYZ**. Congratulations to all GM6NX operators who managed to take part. Your efforts are appreciated ... **GM6NX**. Only active for a small portion of the contest, but had great fun. I was in the Assisted category. My thanks to all at CQ ... **GU0SUP**. Really enjoyed 80m this year and some nice openings to the USA. One QSO with JA, ZL, and VR2 were my highlights ... **GU4YOX**. Was a bit under the weather in the summer for few months. Knocked guts out of me, and what you need in this contest is GUTS! Conditions fair, especially on LF. What is certain is that CW is far from dead! ... **GW3JXN**. The only problem with LP is the number of 1-pointers ... **GW3KDB**. First entry in a CW contest. Very enjoyable ... **GW4EVX**. A new category for me, and a lot of fun. Used an 80m dipole, centred at 60 ft. and a short (25 ft.) vertical. Conditions reasonable, and I managed to operate (mostly) through the night! ... **GW7X**. My idea was to test my new FT-1000MP Mark V field radio. So, I can say after this operation, this radio is the best radio in my life. Otherwise I had a 12 hours nightshift on Saturday night and a family dinner on Sunday. My 6-element 3-bander didn't move from its northwest position ... **HA0HW**. TNX FB Contest! ... **HA2ESM**. It was a really good propagation and outstanding activity. 15m opened unexpectedly for USA and resulted in good sigs on

my wire. The contest was fun and running high. Thanks for Q's. see you next year! Rig TS-530SP 100 W into an end-fed wire 21m long above flat roof ... **HA2MN**. I am not a real contester but I enjoyed the CQWW. I am keen on CW, so I generally take part in CW contests only ... **HA5AZC**. Thanks again for a fine contest ... **HB9CEY**. Super contest with CW on very high level and a lot of top operators ... **HB9CIC**. Good propagation on 40 and 20 meters to East Coast USA and the activity around the world was very good. Good work with my K2 5W and my antennas. Cu agn next year in CQWW DX contest ... **HB9DAX**. I had only a little free time to participate in the contest. Condx for DX were quite good on 80 and 40m, no QSOs on 10m ... **HB9QA**. Many thanks to Tatino, HI3CCP, for his FB QTH and to ON4IQ and WC4H for their help ... **HI3A**. Amazing ... **HK3J**. This was a business trip. I was at QRL all day, Saturday. Simple set up, with IC-706 and 10m LW. I had a great fun. 40 was great, but other bands were nicely open all over the place. HK, a place to be during the CQWW ... **HK7/VK6DXI**. Nice contest weekend with mostly S&P effort. Hope better propagation next year ... **HL1VAU**. Am baby in CW and barefoot! Cu next contest ... **HL5YI**. Lots of equipment and computer problems but a fun test. Last minute 160 antenna worked, providing some good results ... **HS0AC**. Thanks to E21YDP, Dej, for the use of his great station ... **HS0ZAR**. Finally heard Zone 14 stations on Sunday ... **HS0ZDR**. Good contest. 80 meters very active and loud signals. Very pleased with the 80 meter dipole at 100 feet. I worked everything I heard, and wish every weekend as good ... **HS0ZEE**. Some S&P only but it was fun ... **HZ1IK**. Poor propagation. Many stations but weak sigs ... **I2IAL**. Happy to reach 1 million at the sunspot lowest. It was very hard anyway, but rewarding. Cu next one ... **I2WIJ**. My first contest with Ten-Tec Argonaut V (power set 4W) and vertical antenna! ... **I4KRF**. I didn't check antenna. It was lying on the floor of the terrace. Therefore some hams must have special ears to hear me. I hope to survive and see sunspots again. FT-920 100 with horizontal loop ... **IK2AIT**. Saturday poor propagation. Always 10m ... **IK3MLF**. As usual fun, even with 10m dead and no antenna for 160m ... **IK4EWX**. Unfortunately I had to terminate the contest Saturday evening at 18Z! Had a lot of fun, and many interesting stations worked ... **IR2C**. A few QSOs made with 5W out and Windom antenna for a while after 15m band closed where I operated under a different call. Use as check log if needed ... **IS0/JOK1CZ**. QTH north Sardinia, about 100m from the sea. Rig Elecraft K2/100, ant 2-ele mini beam, 8m high. Good fun even if condx were rather poor ... **IS0/OL0A**. Just a few hours of

work with a mobile whip (Hamstick) for 80m out of window shack, horizontally and 4 meters high over the ground. All stations worked had good ears! ... **IS0XDA**. QRV just time during my very busy weekend. See you next year! ... **IT9BLB**. Really poor conditions all the contest. See you next year in better conditions! ... **IT9ZGY**. Good participation in all band. Same low propagation ... **IV3DYS**. I was on the air for little more than half contest but anyway I enjoyed the contest. Bad conditions on higher bands, especially 10 meters. I used Super Duper for logging ... **IZ2EJU**. Many thank to all who worked us. Great contest, great fun ... **J42WT**. Sorry to have bad condx for high latitude area ... **JA0DAI**. I enjoyed working many stations. Looking forward to the next solar cycle ... **JA1BPA**. Linear loading on 13.5m vertical worked very well on 40/80m band ... **JA1HNW**. This contest was in good condition so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest ... **JA1PJS**. What a wonderful contest! ... **JA3VUI**. Thank you for the nice contest. Condx was not so good, QRN. But I enjoyed all time ... **JA7MJ**. Only one full timer (RWU) and tough high band condx made our operation very tough. But most mults on 160m so far. As always enjoyed CQWW! ... **JA8RWU**. I enjoyed the contest ... **JA9DJG**. I QRV on 160m single band. I used my MV (Micro Vertical antenna) 12m high on my balcony plus Elecraft K2 transceiver. About 1 week ago, the condition was very good, but when the contest day, the condition was getting poor. But we JA could QSO with EU stations at 15Z before our sunrise time. Unfortunately, we Asian stations had very heavy QRM Chinese military OHT radar jumbling signal. It's S over 9+30 dB! When the Chinese military OHT radar rest time, I could QSO with EU stations very short time. But the condition of JA between USA was not good. I used two transceive K2 & FT-1000D. I think that K2 is the best transceiver for Top band DXing! ... **JE1SPY**. I enjoyed the contest ... **JF1NZW**. Many thanks for a great contest. I hope to meet in next year ... **JG5DHX**. The condition was not so good to enjoy it ... **JH2NWP**. This is an experimental participation with only S&P to better understand what is a good practice of running from the psychology of calling side. I was running 200W on 40m, 1 kW on all other bands ... **JH3PRR**. I heard HC8, South American station on 1831.2 kHz but no JA freq. It was the first time to hear SA station on 160m in my 30 years of amateur radio life. Look for him in next contest! ... **JO7KMB**. My transceiver went dead one hour before the end of the contest. I realized that spare transceivers are necessary. But I enjoyed very much. See you all next year. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts with FT-817 transceiver ... **JR1NKN**. FB test ... **JR3NZC**. This is my

first time to join CQWW ... **JS6RXB**. A big "mahalo" to all who worked us or tried. Everyone here worked hard before and during the contest. Still a new station, improvements coming, especially on the low bands. We'll be on for the 160 tests and see you all in the spring. 73 & Aloha ... **KH6LC**. First night was lots of fun. Second night was high levels of static crashes and weak signals. I went QRT after several hours ... **KH7B**. Mother Nature worked in mysterious ways. She was frustrating, too, for those of us in the Far North. Glad to see so many KL7 and VY1 stations were on to give you best chance for Zone 1 despite the aurora and moderate Kp ... **KL2R**. High solar wind and very poor conditions through Sunday afternoon made this contest rough. Even with poor band conditions this contest is by far my favorite. Lots of great DX to be found, not to mention I finished up my WAS award, too. Thanks for a great contest! ... **KL8DX**. A sudden illness took me out of serious contesting. Spent most of the time away from the radio ... **LA5YJ**. I really enjoyed the contest. Sunday worked WAC within one hour. Antenna 40m Windom 7m up and 2x 20m dipole up 6m ... **LA6CF**. Very good condx in this contest. Thanks to all participants ... **LA6DW**. Great contest again. We had lots of fun, and already looking forward to next year ... **LN8W**. Lost power for 1.5 hours on third night ... **LU6QI**. Worst condx we have seen in many years. This contest was a great club station festival. Many thanks to all local club member who helped and welcomed us... **LU8YE**. Difficult conditions for me, but also not much time, so cu next year again... **LX1ER**. Nice contest again. First night very poor condx here. Only my third CQWW CW but had a lot of fun... **LX5T**. This was our first M/2 operation. We decided only a few hours before the contest to change from M/S to M/2. We had a lot of fun... **LX7I**. Good condx on 40m. Worked many new Central American and Caribbean countries. Best 73's to contest committee ... **LY3X**. Interesting contest, with condx on Sunday seeming better than Saturday. YL was ill so I started late and finished early, but always fun to get on and work some DX ... **M0BPQ**. Conditions better than for some time. Lost time through computer problem. SuperDuper and WinKey worked beautifully. Thanks, guys ... **M0O**. Great fun sorry I couldn't be around for the whole contest. Many thanks to all ... **M0VBY**. Hard going on the low bands with low power but wonderful fun ... **MM0GPZ**. My first CW contest ever! ... **MM5PSL**. Real great fun this year but not so good on zone mults ... **MU0FAL**. Very enjoyable. Conditions not to good, very short opening on 15 ... **MW0YDX**. Very poor conditions up here in Shetland at 60 degrees

north ... **MZ5A**. CQWW CW is the best. Great fun despite the poor weather and poor LF conditions up north! ... **MZ5B**. Sorry for the shaky CW during the first hour or so. It took some time for the arthritis in my fist to loosen up! Twenty meters was wide open around the clock from this QTH. Thanks to all for your cooperation by following my indications in the pile-ups! ... **OA4SS**. MM with only 3 Stations and 6 (part time) ops. Happy to do new OE-record ... **OE2S**. Was real fun to be back on 40 after antenna repair. Early morning PC died, had to migrate CT to other PC. Forgetting to adjust date/time created a big post-contest job, hi. Tnx all es cu next year ... **OE3GSA**. Great to work so many stations with only 80 watts! ... **OE5CWL**. Thanks for another CQWW! See you also on 15 in 2008 and on 10 in 2009! ... **OF4A**. First practise contest with OT Antti. Next year will be better ... **OH2BJ**. Check log only. Was just trying to get some new DXCC entities and some new states for 160m WAS ... **OH3WD**. Fine contest. Bad condx ... **OH3WR**. Pain with 100W and Beverage and untuned loaded vertical! ... **OH8VJ**. Rig TS-120V, QRP output 5 Watts, ant. LW 27 mtrs. Very bad condx for QRP rig and wire antenna. Tnx for contest ... **OK1AIJ**. 100W and only one antenna, Windom for all bands. hi ... **OK1BA**. I enjoyed using SD programme for contest. It was not easy to compete with big guns to make QSOs. I spent a lot of time waiting in pile-ups. That's life ... **OK1MCW**. Nice condition on 80mtrs ... **OK1TC**. Good contest as usually. See you again, friends ... **OK2SWD**. As usual, PRIMA ... **OL4M**. This year I tried QRP all band. It was really hard job ... **OL4W**. Prima contest, TNX! ... **OM3BA**. Great contest! Nice condx and participation. Pleased 2 new zones, 2 and 10, and 2 new DXCC, HZ and HC8 ... **OM6KW**. Trx homemade Ocean 04, max 5 watts output. Antennas: for all band sloper for 80, LW a vertical to 160, 80m 40m-3 el Yagi, 20, 15 and 10m 6-ele Yagi monobands. I dont use DX Cluster, I dont use extra help, no internet, no cluster, no assisted ... **OM7DX**. Fine contest. I used 10 watts with GPA30 and GPM1500 ... **ON3AD**. QSB on many stations, strange propagation ... **ON4ANE**. Sorry for the lack of Top band antenna as well as for the very poor conditions on 10 meters ... **ON4CDZ**. Fine contest with much activity 10 and 15m had only weak condx. Nice contest like every year. Til next year ... **ON5WL**. Only had time for a couple of hours ... **OZ1JFK**. Rig Elecraft K2 and dipole for 20 meters and up, and a short vertical for 40 meters and down. With 560 QSOs and a claimed score of 194,000 I made a new personal QRP record ... **OZ7BQ**. Thanks for a great contest. I was using old Yaesu FT-901DM and vertical antenna ... **OZ7RQ**. Our thanks to the contest sponsors for a fun weekend. M2 is a

great category for those of us who enjoy multi-op contesting but don't have the facility for a full MM setup. LF conditions were good but not quite so good as in 2006. At least it seemed that way. 10m barely opened at all but with zero sunspots we can't complain. Looking forward to next year ... **P3F**. Went single band to have time off during the days to hang out with my daughter. Great weekend, both socially and on the radio. 40m was terrific! ... **P49Y**. Nice contest, strange condx. 560 QSOs for me with indoor longwire. Highest ever ... **PA0FAW**. Nice contest, Enjoyed participating ... **PA0KHS**. Vy gud contest ... **PA0WKI**. In many QSOs I try to use the lowest possible power. Pwr: 50mW, 100mW (with attenuator) or 500mW, 1W or 5W. Thank you for all the fine activity in this contest ... **PA1B**. Only a few hours but fun as always ... **PA1BX**. Was fun as always. Did it my way, only S&P, no use CQing in this "mess" with only 100W. All I can say, thanks and see you next year! ... **PA3BFH**. Really enjoyed the contest. First time I could make it two days. I suffered from RFI problems during the contest, this gave problems with my N1MM logging program. This resulted in wrong QRG readouts after the comma. Observed that band indications were logged okay but the last three digits (after comma) went wrong on some occasions. During the whole contest N1MM logged band correct. Looking forward to participating next year, hopefully without any RFI problems ... **PA3DJY**. Had to stop due to the flu. Next year better ... **PA3EMN**. I enjoyed working this contest. Equipment used Yeasu FT-2000 and G5RV antenna. See you all next year ... **PA3FMC**. 10 meters was very poor. Only few U.S. stations on 15 meters. They seemed to concentrate on 20 meters. Just wonder why ... **PA5GU**. Had limited time due to family obligations. Nevertheless a few S&P sessions yielded some nice goodies (e.g. 3X, S7, D4, ZF on 80m). Conditions were mediocre at best on the higher bands. 40m was in a pretty good shape Saturday afternoon/evening, but I was not the only one who figured that out, so the going was tough! ZM3A was incredibly loud already around 14 UTC (almost 2 hours before local sunset). Thanks to all the DXpeditions which make this such a fun contest ... **PF5X**. Thank for the great show again. Worked several new bandpoints on the 80m band. Here with my dipole always difficult and need the CQ contest! ... **PG2AA**. Nice contest, not for the speed but for practice ... **PI4ZI**. We joined the contest for "fun and education." We had much fun in the contest. So we got yhe goal ... **PI4ZOD**. It is very fast to me, but I tried! ... **PP5JY**. It was nice contest ... **PT8CWA**. Thanks to my friend PY2RO, Dick to allow me operate his station. It was a pleasure to be with you! ... **PY2EMC**.

Tks FB test. See you next year! ... **PY7OJ**. Great contest. However, the magnitude of stations trying to work me on 40m really dropped my Q rate. Thanks to those special Q's on 10m and 160m. Already looking forward to next year ... **PZ5X**. Thank you for FB contest! It's been big fun though condx on 10 meters was poor ... **RA3BQ**. Thanks for the nice test. 73! ... **RA3XEV**. Good contest! ... **RK4HYT**. My first CQWW CW Contest! ... **RN3AAB**. We hoped to work all 40 zones on 80 meters after most difficult 6 and 31 zones been worked. But CE4CT Zone 12 showed up on 80 meters only 09Z. Please don't forget about ASR/EUR, that was 3 hours after our SR. We missed also zones 1 and 34, 36 ... **RU1A**. Used small IC-718 and vertical, not enough to make good result, hi ... **RU4SS**. Vy good contest. CU 2008! Homemade trcvr + 100W PA, dipole antennas ... **RU4WE**. Fine contest! ... **RU9UZM**. CIDR Cyclone struck Friday before the contest, and that was it for me after all the preparations done for a serious contest effort. Anyway, managed to operate a few hours with a single 40m dipole to give out a multiplier. Worked a few QSOs on 15m and 20m as well ... **S21ZDX**. Some guys refuse to answer a QSL via the bureau. They obviously don't appreciate the enormous work done by all those guys, who devote their time to help us get our QSLs. I have deleted their calls from my log. I refrain from their QSLs, they refrain from my points ... **SF7WT**. Assisted by cluster, YL's cooking, and several times by Mr. Murphy ... **SM6WET**. Tnks for providing good fun ... **SM7BZV**. I have been waiting for this event for whole year. Set a new vertical for 40/80m on the block. The day before the contest my laptop couldn't communicate with Trx keying, full moon didn't help to be fit, so Saturday was very hard. Sunday appeared much better and I doubled the number of contacts comparing to score I made on Saturday. Eventually I couldn't break Polish 2006 QRP achievement, but at least I had a new experience and a lot of fun! ... **SP5DDJ**. Condx on 10 m poor, no stations heard ... **SP9KRT**. Good enjoy the CQ WW DX CW Contest 2007 in Palau. Thank you many contact stations. ... **T88FY (JK2VOC)**. Great fun as always. The low band conditions were no good and the old trustworthy 20m did the job once more. Half of all QSOs were from USA and half from EU. The farthest away was probably Lloyd, KH6LC, in Hawaii, but the closest one was my old friend Bjarni, TF3GB. Thanks for organizing this great event ... **TF3AM**. Before the contest Thor had installed a new double L antenna for 80 and 160m so we had high hopes of good low band operation. However propagation did not meet expectations. Nevertheless we had a lot of fun. We had relatively few US QSOs and no JA/VK ZL opening.

There was a surprise, 10m aurora opening resulting in one QSO (OF8X). Approximately 2075 QSOs logged ... **TF4M**. Slowly the reliability of the station grows up. Now we must find some more operator. Some more technical things to achieve before 2008 edition! Which station in the world can claim to eat rabbit civet, deer, wild pig, cow tongue, and drink 18 and 21 year-old Knockando? See you next year with less food and more multipliers! ... **TM4Q**. Cool contest ... **UA6AKD**. Thank you for GREAT contest! ... **UA9BA**. Best wishes from Kazakhstan! ... **UN2E**. Nice contest. First time high power. Also new vertical for 80/40m. Had a lot of fun. Had some problems with electricity (the line voltage varied from 130 to 200V instead of 220V). The line conditioner helped a lot ... **UR3IQO**. Big show as usual, much fun! ... **UR5IKN**. Thank you very much for a contest. It was a great pleasure to meet old friends. ... **US0HZ**. TNX for nice contest ... **US1IV**. On Saturday I was ill, so I did not work in contest before evening, and have a rest during night. Was very hard to work ... **UT5UUV**. Great contest! During this year our team has been repairing and modifying UT7L antennas, so our setup has been essentially upgraded. It's given the real possibilities to increase the total score, despite of the solar spots absence. First time our club station UR4LWC (ex-UK5LAK, UB5KCE) participated in CQ WW CW in 1957, and the 50 year old certificate for the 1st place all band in Ukraine is still decorating our shack. So, our result over 4M points in WW 2007 has been a good celebration of this anniversary. Thanks a lot to everybody for QSOs. See you next year! ... **UT7L**. I am a student of university. I had no time to participate in this wonderful contest. Thank you very much ... **UW1I**. Thank you for nice contest. I had a lot of fun ... **UX3IA**. Good contest, thanks ... **UX4E**. Tnx for the FB contest! 73! ... **UY0MM**. Thanks for nice contest! See you all in 2008! 73 to all! ... **UZ2M**. Had not planned on QRP but the main rig failed in early October and then 21 November the 706MKIIG became a door stop. All I have left is the IC-703 and a G5RV flat top at 60 feet and a lot of salt-water! Rather than "hunt & peck" I picked a freq. and would call until someone noticed me, then the fun begins! Difficult to manage QRM as the 703 only has one filter so it was a challenge. I often had to QSY when high power stations squeezed me out. Still I am thrilled with the QRP results! Yes, it does help to have a rare callsign too! I might run QRP next year too, except with the 746Pro's receiver! ... **V73NS**. Propagation was a bit strange but improved on Sunday. Lots of familiar calls. Great to see so many stations from Africa. Had a great time. Keep up the great work. See you next year. ... **VA3SB**. TNX to all

who have good ears and were able to hear my QRP. Some great ops out there ... **VE1AI**. Not a serious effort, just looking for new band countries ... **VE1JS**. Always a pleasure to use the contest as an excuse for me to get on 160 -meters and make a few QSOs with the gang! I hope they all appreciate the "VE3" DX multiplier whenever they might hear and work me! hi ... **VE3CUI**. Low power and a simple wire antenna. Is the glass half empty or half full? Is it "you pretty much work all you hear" or "you can't get no satisfaction"? Still undecided ... **VE3FDT**. This was our 8th year (Durham Region QRP Club) and were only able to get two operators out, VE3REP and myself. Condx appear to be improving, over last year. We had a great time, as usual ... **VE3QDR**. Had to work on the roof and then lay new hardwood flooring the next day. Low score, nice floor! ... **VE3RCN**. Packed up my QRP station and antennas and visited friends in Lake Echo, NS, 7 km from Atlantic for a new CQWW experience. I now have incredible respect for those who undertake a major DXpedition. Great fun as always and thanks to all who copied my puny signal with much patience ... **VE3RSA**. Condx much better on Sunday. This was my first fully computer-controlled contest. Used SD + Winkeyer USB and liked them both very much. Discovered that VE3 is "fresh meat" late in this contest. Got a monster pile-up when somebody spotted me on 15m. Lots of fun! ... **VE3UW**. First time I have entered a CW contest. It won't be the last ... **VE3ZZ**. I got a little more serious about this contest to improve on the last two years efforts. Friday evening and Saturday I used my FT-757GX I inherited earlier this fall. Sunday I used my IC-751A with the FL-53A narrow filter to get more serious. I still had a lot of fun. You don't have to have the latest rigs to have fun contesting. The QSK on that FT-757 blew me away in the contest. It's that nice. ... **VE7BGP**. Only dabbled in the contest but it was fun ... **VK2BJ**. Lots of activity on 40. 20 was poor, 15 was OK, 10 dead here, and 80 always a struggle with my antenna. But, thoroughly enjoyable ... **VK3FM**. Great 20M opening to Europe! Glad to help give VK multiplier on 80 to many! Great to see CW alive and well! Great contest! ... **VK3TDX**. Only a part time effort. Some good openings but my CW skills are far from competition standard ... **VK3TZ**. G'day to all I met in the contest ... **VK4TT**. Best ham weekend of the year! ... **VK6HG**. Last year had assignment in VR2. This year just visiting. QTH Fanling New territories. Conditions not quite as good as 2006, but still a blast ... **VR2/JAA10N**. A very fine contest where even the slow operator has a chance. many DX ops gave me a QSO in slow speed. That was very fine of them ... **VU2LYX**. This was planned

to be a very serious effort for the full 48 hours at least on 80 through 10m. However business pressures did not let me put up an 80m vertical. Also lost 18 hours of prime operating time due to the same reason. All that was left was to have fun and I did, The new beam here, a used C3S, played well (with intermittent jumps in SWR) but 10m was dead most of the time. 15 was quite good with a host of great signals and some nice little runs, the highlight being SU8BHI calling me on my run frequency for Zone 34! My 20m band was killed by hash from the switch mode power supply; I had to switch it off and run on the backup battery which made the difference between night and day. Apologies to many who may have felt I was an alligator there. 40m was the magic band and I even managed to hold a run frequency for an hour with my puny 100 watts. Great signals from all around and I think I worked most of the Caribbean mults, including Kenny, C6ATA, whom I managed to miss last year. Being called by KH6, ZL, PS2T, and a host of good mults on my 40m run frequency made me feel loud with 100 watts. Hopefully next year I will be able to operate the full 48 hours and work all the mults I missed this year. Those that got away include 3X5A and as usual I still have not worked Zone 6 in a CQWW, the eternal challenge ... **VU2PTT**. Enjoyed the contest again. It was nice to work with the many old friends from the world over ... **VU2UR**. I am not a CW op. That is, I am not a CW tester. Just ask the 30 stations who worked me. However, this may have been a baby step, thanks to Robby, VY2SS. Outside of a feeble effort in a RAC Winter contest, I have never entered a CW contest. We'll see where this goes ... **VY2LI**. Tough condx up north operating in a fog bank! ... **VY2ZM**. In remembrance of Phil Goetz, N6ZZ, I was part of the "Friends of Phil, N6ZZ" team. I miss you, OM! Conditions not great. Nothing heard from zones 17, 20-23, 29, 34, 39, 40. Thanks to Hector, XE2K, for hosting me. Returning to the USA after the contest was a test of patience. We waited three hours in a 1.5 mile line to cross the border. Hard to do after sleeping three hours of the past 60 but it was worth it! Thanks for another great contest! ... **XE2GG**. Everything working very well, but I was sick b4 and during the contest !! ... **XW1A**. This was mostly a S&P operation, good condition on 40m. I wanted zone 2 for my WAZ on 40m, and 10m, but 10m was closed, not one QSO. 15m was not the great either. Missed HC8, and SA stations, but great to worked 3X5A on 40m and 20m, 6Y1V on 20m. I went QRT at 21 Zulu, 3 hours before end of the contest, so 40m was still opened anyway. Thanks to all for the contacts. Had a lot of fun. All contacts were made from my IC-756, 100W, 7-element logperiodic and a 40m/80m rotary dipole

antenna ... **YB0DPO**. From Karimujawa Island OC-186. We did QRV from the camping ground on the south of the island. There was a high and long hill on the north, resulted very difficult contact with EU, NA, and JA ... **YB3MM**. Tnx for contest QSOs! ... **YL1S**. Thanks for the nice contest. This year better score than in 2005 with the same efforts and rig/ant ... **YL2VW**. Pleased to make the contest again on the Top Band. Had to share my time with the ARRL-EME contest, which I ran in parallel. Very changeable conditions and lot of noise in my downtown location. Thanks for the awards from previous editions ... **YO2IS**. Very nice contest! as all the time! See you agn in 2008! ... **YO8RIJ**. Excellent contest! ... **YO9HP**. Had a lot of fun on my first WW CW contest expedition! ... **YS/K9GY**. 4O3A is a new country and of course a new multiplier, but the program CT 10.03 which I had used ignored it! ... **YU5T**. Good propagation in all bands. QRM on 160m ... **YW7A**. We had a lot of fun and in this Macedonian-German Contest Team. We Germans enjoyed it very much to be guests in Macedonia. The hospitality was overwhelming ... **Z37M**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest ... **ZC4LI**. Erratic band condx with fluctuating sigs and short openings was a challenge. Usually take part as a ZM1A team member, but illness of team member resulted in no participation for the 2007 event from ZM1A ... **ZL1BHQ**. Grateful thanks to Les for the use of his QTH for the weekend. Very poor condx for the first 12 hours or so, then much improved, but deteriorated again towards the end. Never a dull moment!! As part of the ZL6QH gang we had to be there come hell or high water! ... **ZL2AGY**. 80m is fun, even without sunspots! ... **ZL2IFB**. I've had my eye on the South African CQWW SOAB LP record of 582,920 points for a while. I came close in 2004 as ZS1AN with wire antennas but wasn't able to mount a proper challenge in 2005 or 2006 due to our relocation from Cape Town to Johannesburg. Now with an 18m tower, C-31XR tribander, and OB2-40 40m beam (installed a week before the contest), I was determined to break the record at last! I started late, at 0130Z (3:30 AM local) due to a violent hailstorm that damaged my rotator. Fortunately I was able to turn the antenna using the CW and CCW controls, but the direction reading was random so I had to run into the garden to see which way the antenna was actually pointing! So I adopted a simple "follow the sun" pointing strategy: Asia in the early morning, Europe during the day, and North America at night. Conditions were much better than anticipated. 40m was rocking, and the new two-element beam made a huge difference. Previously, 40m has been a very frustrating experience from here, consisting of spending literally

minutes at a time calling the same station until I'm eventually heard, or give up and move on. Now all of a sudden it felt like 20m, and I was able to S&P effectively and even run occasionally. After a break for another thunderstorm (fortunately no hail) in the early morning, I was able to run on 15m to Asia and Europe almost nonstop from 10 AM until 8 PM, averaging over 100 QSOs per hour. Who needs sunspots? I must admit that I didn't even look at the other bands, as my SO2R ability currently stops somewhere short of the 60 QSOs/hour rate. That evening I added a few on 20m and 40m before taking a nap. Starting at 3 AM local again on Sunday, I was hoping for a repeat performance. After working 40m and 20m for a few hours, 15m opened again at about 0800Z, although conditions did not seem as good as on Saturday. This gave me time for some SO2R, S&P on 20m while running on 15m. At about 0930Z I idly checked 10m on my S&P radio. I heard a few stations, and when I called them they came back to me, so I switched my run operation to 10m in the hope of picking up a few more multipliers. The propagation was sketchy, with lots of fading. A station would be S5 one minute, gone the next, and back again a moment later. However I managed to run on 10m for about 2 hours, picking up 228 QSOs, mostly to Europe. In retrospect, looking at the DX Summit spots database, I see that ZS4TX was also active on 10m on Saturday, so I should have been more vigilant. 15m closed earlier than on Saturday, and I spent some time S&P on 20m to address the imbalance in my band scores. I had worked many stations on 15m and 40m, but few on 20m, and didn't want to overlook some easy mults. Then it was back to 40m, with some S&P and some runs, although running was hard due to the crowded band (can't spread the pile-up), weak signals and local band noise. I eventually quit at 2230Z (0030 local) as I had to go to work the following day, and in any case the dits and dahs were no longer joining themselves up to make letters as they are supposed to. The bottom line is that everything went well for me. Thanks to my wife's infinite patience I was able to spend the whole weekend contesting; I had my new antenna up; and the rotator problem had no significant effect on my score. So no ifs, buts, maybes, or excuses, this was my best shot. Next year? I'll strive to better it, of course ... **ZS6AA**. Just few stations turned their antennas to the south ... **ZS6CCW**.

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Highlight was having XW1A call me at 1405Z on 15 meters the second day. Wasn't expecting that kind of opening the way conditions have been ... **AA1K**. I was on a camping trip and set up the IC-703

and made a few QRP QSOs, 5W maximum ... **AA4Q**. Lots of DX diversity, lots of fun ... **AA7IH**. Difficult going on low power with wire antenna but great fun ... **AC4TT**. I had all my antennas working this year! Homebrew vertical for 160/80/40 and KT34A for 20/15/10. It really helped to have my directional back up! This was first serious contest effort with new 756 PRO3. Worked great. Only operated about 14 hours because of holiday guests, but it was fun ... **AF4OX**. Great band opening on 40 meters in early morning. Worked only a few hours but had a ball working DX all over the world ... **AF4Z**. Thanks for organizing another great contest ... **AK1Q**. Great conditions! Rig was FT-2000 with Hy-Gain Hy-Tower. Toughest it out as an 80 meter SOLP ... **K0PJ**. A good warmup for some spots next year ... **K0RF**. I entered this test Single-Op Assisted, Single Band 160 meters mainly as a warm-up for the ARRL 160 test next week. My main goal was to stay up all night and make more points than last year. Regarding the first goal, I failed. By the end of the European opening each night, I was unable to maintain momentum, even after a 2 hour nap. Both nights I got up at 0930Z and checked the packet cluster to see what I missed, and then went back to sleep. I've never been an all-night person. I suppose I could multi-op, but K8ND keeps running off to the Caribbean, and one can't enter as a multi-op in a single-band category. Regarding the second goal, I succeeded. About 33% more Qs and about the same number of multipliers makes a bigger score ... **K1LT**. First time doing a semi-serious M2; given the conditions, best use of manpower. Another good one, thanks! ... **K1RX**. Bad line kept me from being competitive. Still, it was more fun to operate than to not operate ... **K1ZZ**. Argonaut V at 20W to an 88 ft doublet up 20 ft. Conditions seemed unusually good for this part of the cycle ... **K2EKM**. Pretty good condx on 20m during a sunspot minimum. Guess the DX "salts" the ionosphere! Good to notice that some rare DXers were operating with a small split TX/RX frequency. Too bad most of the pile-up wasn't listening! Why is it near the end of the contest each year there are always a few new DX/multipliers that come on, create all sorts of chaos for awhile, and then QRT? ... **K2MFY**. No problems from Murphy here, just a problem with the alarm clock (the Murphy Bed)? Overslept two hours Sunday morning, missing a good part of the EU opening, an inexcusable lapse for an East Coast station. Fell short of last year's totals, and I could blame the difference in 15m propagation, but I probably would have matched last year but for the alarm clock. Oh well. I was a bit more enthusiastic about the contest this year since the perennial winner Ed, N1UR, was off

somewhere on the other side of the world, so not competing in the SOAB LP class. But alas, there's a new kid in town, K1BX, who managed to beat N1UR in SSB, and who looks to take the CW title as well. Congrats! ... **K2PS**. Virtually all S&P. Could not sustain a run. Went to bed Sunday wee hours with high Q expectations, but dreams shattered in AM. Spent the day discovering lots of mults instead. Most fun was busting some pile-ups on first call. Still my favorite DX test ... **K3AU**. Band conditions were good for QRP ... **K3TW**. I entered mainly to complete the NAQCC November challenge, but after I finished, I was having so much fun I kept going. The sunspot minimum certainly made it rough compared to when I was making 500+ QSOs at the maximum. But I'm happy with my results with my QRP 5 watts and simple wire antennas. I enjoyed working CN2FB on 80m for a new band country and SV9CVY on 20m for another one. Also a thrill to work New Zealand on 40m thanks to ZM3A's good ears ... **K3WWP**. Because my beam is stuck pointed southeast, I was limited to 40 and 80 with a Gap vertical. It was fun anyway ... **K3XO**. I'm glad I did the Assisted. Helped me with trying to understand the CW that was too fast for me. I at least knew what to listen for... **K4DGW**. 15m was a true daylight band... **K4FJ**. First night was good but the second was terrible. Very few QSOs. Bad QRN... **K4PI**. All but a couple of Q's were S&P. Set a goal of 1M points in my second CQWW CW and was pleased to reach it. 80m and 160Mm antennas had high SWR with more than 200W so somewhat limited results there. Nice to have 10m open and to work 3X5A there. 31.5 hours in the chair is not much by ironman standards but it was a grind. Thanks to all who participated who made it 31.5 rewarding hours!... **K4XD**. Used 20 meter dipole that was tacked to the eaves of the house and a 40 meter dipole up 20 feet... **K5BZH**. Conditions really difficult. Thunderstorms in area kept me off 160 and very few contacts on 80. 10 was almost dead and 15 not very good. Everybody was on 40 and 20 so they were pretty busy. We had rain all day Saturday and Sunday. If it was not for the contest I would have had everything unplugged and watched TV (ugh)... **K5EWJ**. Too much line noise!... **K5RX**. Even at the worst conditions, this is still the best DX contest!... **K5ZD**. Worked what I could of the contest. Since we're having an open house this weekend, I could only participate part-time... **K6JEB**. Bands were better than expected, plenty of stations to work (other than on 10). 80 was great to Europe Friday night. Operated the whole contest remotely using my station located 80 miles away. Fortunately the network and control equipment cooperated this time. Worked HC8N, KH7X, and KH6LC

on 6 bands ... **K6NR**. Good time, way too much QRN on all the bands. Gotta work on that. Slow on Saturday; Sunday was fun even at the bottom of the cycle ... **K7ABV**. First contest with my new F12 C3SS antenna. Poor prop from Nevada to Europe. Very few EU zones in the log this year. Better cond to AF than EU ... **K7ACZ**. Used the contest to test a new Tokyo Hy-Power Amplifier and look for DXCC entities on 160 meters ... **K7CMZ**. New antenna that didn't get fully installed, new software that I never used before, limited time to contest, reworked the shack the day before, and mixed band conditions made for an interesting contest. Missed the guy in Hanoi but worked my first Laos station with a few minutes left in the contest. I can't wait to do it next year! ... **K7DD**. Making Q's was like pulling teeth. Awaiting higher SFIs! ... **K7GQ**. What A blast! I'm getting hooked on CW! ... **K7XV**. Great contest. Need more gain on transmit! ... **K8AQM**. Had more fun than expected with QRP during the sunspot minimum. Dave's antennas compensated for the lack of propagation. Uli, KK8I ... **K8CC**. This was my first QRP DX contest in 40 years of ham radio! Had a lot of fun, and my thanks to all the big guns who took the time to dig my weak signal out of the muck. An attic dipole and 5 watts is challenging, but rewarding beyond comparison! See you next year with better antennas and more time in the chair ... **K8CN**. Two men and a truckload of dipoles. Great fun! ... **K8DO**. Wish I had more time to operate. Nice 10 meter opening Sunday morning. Happy to get 100+ countries on 20. Zone 33 stations need to sign their calls more. Great expeditions: 3X5A, D2NX, CT9L, 5JØA, 5X1NH, D4C. Some of these folks can REALLY send code. What an art form! Thanks to CQ magazine! ... **K8GL**. Lots of QSB on Saturday. Could not spend enough time due to family commitments ... **K8OT**. I almost forgot to work my own country! ... **K8WV**. Thank you for hosting another WW CW contest ... **KB7N**. Tnx all for the wonderful time ... **KB9YGD**. 40m was the shining star this year. Quiet condx and I'm amazed at my total there. 10m was as bad as I've ever seen it. You would've never thought there was a major contest going on. No EU opening on 15m and the 20m one was weak. Where are the sunspots?! ... **KC6X**. Had a great time! Thanks to all who put up with me! ... **KC9GQN**. My first DX contest. It was good to hear all the DX come out of the woodwork ... **KC9HGW**. Tough band conditions, with short openings ... **KD3TB**. What a blast! Wish I had a few more daytime hours to commit to operating, but could only get away mornings and late evenings. Nice to have 15 open the second day a little better. The new tribander at 30 feet is working surprisingly well. Got through several pile-

ups in one or two calls. Very happy to work into Zone 36, 37, and 39 on 15m. Also nice to work so many mults on 40 and 80 with only a low (20 feet) dipole on 40 and an HF2V on 80. Had both radios on all weekend, but no true SO2R operating. Just setting up the second rig for band change time. Can't wait for next year (and for the sunspots to return)! ... **KE1FO**. I would like to thank whomever runs the RADAR that sits on the low end of 40 in this part of the world for moving it for the contest weekend ... **KG6DX**. Worked RWØA for my last zone for 5BWAZ. Thanks WB9Z! ... **KG9N**. Great contest, good band conditions except 10 meters was lazy. Plenty of DX stations to keep me awake ... **KN4Y**. Less than 6 hours to operate. But it was fun and a good contest ... **KSØM**. Sure wish ZS4TX would have called more than one CQ on 80. Heard him 599 in MT but by the time got him tuned in he left the freq without QSOing anyone. At least V51AS hung in there and many and myself got a nice QSO there! ... **KS7T**. Always my favorite weekend of the year, regardless of sunspots ... **KT1V**. S&P the entire weekend. Conditions were decent on all bands. This is the first effort from the Delaware Amateur Radio Association (DELARA) as a club entry. (That's Delaware County, Ohio.) Surprised that I didn't hear much of western EU on 40. No G's in the log at all on 40 meters. Strange! Got them everywhere else. Thanks to everyone who pulled this little peanut whistle out of the QRM. See ya'll next year ... **KV8Q**. It seems like operator quality is significantly decreasing. The big multi-ops (K3LR, W3LPL, K1AR, and many others) continually call stations seemingly without ever listening. DX ops miss excellent low-band opportunities for high point Q's by never listening outside their continent. This is something the committee really needs to address before next year's contests. Poor operating needs to be eliminated! ... **NØFW**. Big thrill was working 102 countries on 80 from far NW Wisconsin ... **NØIJ**. My tower and monoband Yagis are gone now in a necessary sacrifice to moving to a really wonderful retirement village. But they let me string a 40-meter dipole as an inverted-V from my 4th-floor balcony down to some trees below, using nearly invisible #26 wire. It works quite well too and it has been up for a year now with no repairs needed. An antenna tuner gives me all bands 40 through 10 meters! ... **N1AU**. My first contest (and contacts, for that matter) with my brand new FT-2000D and DMU. What a great rig! I love the audio scope for tweaking the DSP! I will have this radio for a VERY long time! ... **N1MD**. This was my first CQWW as a QRP. S&P effort this weekend. Thanks to all who listened for my QRP signal. Big kudos to ZM3A, 6W1RW, and 3X5A who took the time to

listen for my call in the mass calling! Thanks for the new one guys! IC-756Pro, 5W and 100 ft of #24 AWG at 20 ft... **N1SZ**. In memory of SK Tom, K2TA, and Earl, K6SE. Missed hearing ZL6QH, hope things go quicker there. The Pacific opening left much to be desired here. HZ1Ex first call on 160 LP! ... **N2WN**. Conditions stunk. New antenna did not! ... **N3KN**. Tower workers got the brand-new SteppIR 3-ele on the tower mid-afternoon Friday. Worked okay with temporary controller hookup at base of tower, though some hint of an intermittent RF cable. I worked until sunset in fading light hooking up permanent control cable to shack. Just before 0000Z, found SWR high on all bands. And, I had not re-hoisted the 80m dipole after the SteppIR installed. So, no operation possible on any band, and too cold and dark to check outside. Tower worker came back Saturday AM. While he switched RF cables and put in new RG213 rotation loop, I checked control wires. Oops! I had cross-connected brown and black. With both problems fixed, finally got on the air Saturday afternoon, only 20 hours late. Rates only fair on 20, 40, and then 80m. Sunday AM, condx. good to EU, and I was fresh meat. Starting 1200Z, my hourly rates were 59, 93, 86, and 84. Worked 500 EU on 20m, including 89 DLs. Found 9 JAs on 20. 15m was good for only 62 QSOs but 52 mults including ZL, not bad for cycle bottom. Given my late start, I didn't even try 10 m, figuring it would take away limited time from 20 or 15m with their good rates ... **N3UM**. Try and try again ... **N4DXI**. E enjoyed it very much. Nice meeting old friends and making new ones ... **N4JF**. Thanks, Tom, W8JI, for again letting me operate from your great station. Thanks to you and Marsha for the great hospitality. Everything worked to perfection again except for this old operator. It was just simply great! ... **N4PN**. Called 4LØA a thousand times. He never heard me for Zone 21. Got bored and quit early; fairly poor condx here. Did not match last year's score ... **N4PSE**. First contest using electronic logging (N1MM). Hope this works! Beam was stuck on VK6 for the entire contest ... **N4TX**. Competition makes contesting interesting. I didn't seriously believe that just because N1UR said he was leaving the country that a non-New England station would win. But, just to be sure, I prepared like it. I installed a NE and a SE Beverage "just in case." Boy, was I glad. Normally, I listen on my transmitting antennas for 160 & 80, but Thursday I was shocked to find S9+ QRN on both 80 & 160 in the morning hours, when the normal S-meter reading should be about S2. The noise was about the same level in all four directions with the four-square. I tried shunting the feedpoints of all the verticals with 1/4-wl shorted stubs in case it was some kind of corona discharge, but it did-

n't seem to make any difference. With the Beverages, the QRN was only S5. I was unable to find the source and it was with me until Monday. So, I would have worked virtually no stations on 80 or 160 if I had gone down my normal path. Conditions were really poor here in 9-land. Last year I worked more stations on 15 with one antenna which didn't turn than with 3 rotating Yagis this year. My best hour "running" on 20m was 56. Of course my SMC comrades 150 miles away tell me how good I had it. Some idle chatter, 199 band changes between QSOs. I'm glad I got that 6-pack fixed! Running out to the tower to change bands last year really got old. 11% of QSOs were with Canada, thank you! The three Africans I heard on 10 (D4C, 3X5A, V51AS) were all S9 for about 30 minutes Saturday; never heard any on Sunday, nor any sign of Pacific stations at all. Heard N5AW calling CQ on 10 and figured Marv may have had a run going, and therefore probably had great 15m stats, but I would have been wrong. Keeping the second radio on 10 all day almost certainly cut down on my 15m totals, but I didn't want to miss the band if it opened for an hour like in October (it didn't). You guys in New England are on notice that I'll still be here with my single tower when the sunspots return. So bring your A-game or don't come ... **N4TZ**. Submitting check log only. Had fun, but not in the running to win, just to see who I could work as QRP. Power used was 0.1W to 5W ... **N5ESA**. Always fun operating from NX5M. Wkd a few AFs, ZL, and VK, no JAs or EU. Thanks to everyone for the QSOs ... **N5XJ**. Is 8N1420T/1 a callsign or a part number? Copying it correctly should count a double mult ... **N6TV**. This turned out to be a much better event than I had expected. In spite of zip sunspots and somewhat noisy bands, the DX just kept coming. It was great. At times it seemed like shooting fish in a barrel. I would call, and get an immediate reply, like no one knew I was QRP :-). If this is how we do with no sunspots, who needs them! I had six different hours where my S&P rate was over 10 QSOs per hour, including band changes. The weather stayed dry this time, allowing me to concentrate on operating and not on trying to get wet 450 ohm feedline back in matched condition. My (in)famous WimpyWire antenna system was on its best behavior this weekend, allowing me to get around the bands quickly, looking for new stations. I even worked three Chinese stations. Wow, the first and only time I've worked China before was back in 1998. All in all, a great weekend. Hope you had as much fun as I did. Hope to see you all in the next contest. 73, Bob, N6WG, The Little Station with Attitude ... **N6WG**. This is one of my favorite DX contests, and this time I used a 3-element beam on 15 and 20, a 40m

vertical, and a G5RV on 80. Always great fun working Japan. See you next year ... **N7EIE**. Lotsa fun!! Kudos to all who made a special effort for the contest ... **N7IE**. We were hit by massive flooding in August this year, so I did not get the time to do the usual antenna maintenance in preparation for the CQ WW CW test, so I did not do my usual all band QRP effort. This year I used the local radio club's new Orion II and amp with the 5-element beam to run a single op assisted 20 meter effort. It was a bit different than QRP, but a lot of fun! ... **N8ET**. I didn't have time to make a serious contest entry, just made a few S&P Q's to apply toward 80m DXCC/5BDXCC ... **N9FN**. No time to really operate this weekend. Just popped into shack once in a while to see what I could work. I was going to try and focus on 80 CW in evenings, but high noise level and weak signals to my low wires made 80 all but useless. Mosy all contacts required multiple calls. 100 watts to low wire and mini beam antennas was a real challenge at sunspot bottom. I heard lots of EU on 40 but they could not hear me. I even had to make many repeats on 20. I heard AH2R and KG6DX on 20 during the last hour of the contest and tried in vain to break through the West Coast wall, but no luck! At least the Chicago Bears won! ... **N9TF**. No good conditions on 10 meters. It would be interesting to know how many QSOs were missed due to 40-45 wpm operators. Canadian operators were more than willing to slow down ... **NA4C**. I had limited time to operate due to other commitments (like stripping wallpaper and painting, fun!). Tough going with only 3 watts and modest antennas from the upper Midwest. No JA and very little EU on 40; none on 15 but it was nice to see 15 open and even squeaked out a handful of QSOs on 10! Very frustrating to call stations pegging my S-meter and they keep CQing in my face! See you in the next one, hopefully with more time! ... **NDØC**. I only made a few QSOs during the contest but it was a great way to shake out the two Elecraft K1s I assembled this month! ... **NE1RD**. Fun as always ... **NE4M**. Last time I did a concerted effort in this contest was in 2001. We were living in a small condo and I was using small antennas and low power. I logged 411 QSOs with a score of 184K. Looking at that log, I had nearly 70% of QSOs on 15 and 10 meters. This year those bands made up for less than 18%. Oh, for the sunspots to come back! But nevertheless, even with much better antennas nowadays, I should be thankful I can make DX contacts at all. EU did not open up much either day. It was rather odd to work several Finland stations Saturday morning and not hear much else from EU. Missed most of Sunday due to church duties and got on for the last hour and a half. Let's see, 320 Q's in 14 hours, that

works out to an average rate of 23 Q's per hour and I treasured every one of them. Highlights were working South Africa (always a treat to hear them in the PNW), working Guinea on 20 and 40 (I love this 40m beam!), and Palau on 40m Sunday morning. Beat out a big pile-up too! Loudest station heard, N2IC on 40m. That monster beam of his rocks! Thanks for the Q's ... **NG7Z**. After putting in so much effort to prepare and operate the two Sweepstakes, I was not highly motivated for this contest. Then, equipment problems kept me off for the first half-hour! Another couple adjustments and I finally got going. CQing was unproductive, so I was 95 percent search and pounce. I set my goal to work 100 countries ("a DXCC") and managed a total of 101 countries. Worked KH6LC, KH7X, and E51A on 5 bands! Got up at 09Z each morning for an hour of low bands. Was really, really hard to work Europeans on 20m and 40m, and none worked on 80m or 15m. Nice to hear all the locals, and even handed out a few USA/Zone 3 multipliers ... **NN7SS (K6UFO)**. Had the best luck on 15 meters running QRP. Europe opened up on 20 meters on Sunday morning, but then I went up to 15 when 20 meters went short. Lots of fun in my favorite contest. Thanks, CQ ... **NO2D**. Best effort to date. Low bands were outstanding. High Bands were pretty poor ... **NQ4I**. Best effort yet. Revamped antennas helped ... **NZ9R**. Money band was 20m with openings to all parts. 40m was mostly SA, AF, and Asia, little EU here. Fun to work EU, Caribbean, KH6, ZL, VK on 80m. Even got 3 JAs, CN2R, CN2FF, and Caribbean on 160m thanks to those who have great ears to hear my 100W and 65 ft vertical w/45 radials on the ground. Thanks to DXpeditions who put many countries on in AF, SA, and Asia! ... **W0ETT**. Wish I had more time, but out of state visitors take preference. See y'all in WW RTTY ... **W0RAA**. Susprised how well my 100 watts and 80 meter half-wave antenna worked on all bands ... **W1ECH**. Like hitting my head against the wall; eventually, the wall breaks ... **W1JQ**. My first time operating single band (80m) low power. A challenge for sure, but although I was in "casual operating mode," I'm still pleased with the results. The added benefit is that I wasn't away from my XYL and son for the entire weekend. Next year I hope to get an earlier start and take more advantage of gray-line propagation ... **W1NK**. On my way to NE3F for the contest my car blew a water pump. Once home, I had a few hours to prep my home station. Thank goodness I just put up a new 40m dipole that covers N/S. That dipole performed FB and really helped raise my rate on 40 from previous contests. I heard nothing on 10m this time but 15m did okay. I did the most I could do here at home with the kids running

around and almost reached my goal of 100K in points. Go FRC! ... **W3TUA**. Great burn-in test for new amplifiers and other stuff. S9+ power noise killed several productive hours on high bands, and cost us a couple of hundred QSOs. Hope next year we'll do better ... **W3UA**. Seemed like activity was down this year and 40 meters was my best band ... **W4DEC**. Wish contest was 24 hours ... **W4OJC**. Operated as I could while daughter's family was visiting. Had to visit with them ... **W4UAT**. Thanks to Bryan, W5KFT, for the use of his excellent station. And thanks to Robert, K5PI, and Ken, WM5R, for some of the counsel and preparation work. This was my first effort SO2R for real and it is not as easy as it sounds. To all of you guys who have mastered this, hats off to you. This was also my first SO effort in this contest. Lots of screw ups in plans and a little issue with Murphy and Telnet. I went SO not SO Assisted. Now that was different but very neat in many ways. Found stuff or stuff called in instead of being stuck in packet pile-ups. And sometimes tuning the second radio and not getting stuck DXing (well, I screwed that up too!) was truly different. I operated a lot more than I thought I would (N1MM says 40.7 hours) but there were quick breaks here and there it did not catch. Finding a spot on 20m was tough, but 40m here was nothing short of incredible. I wish that I had stopped and fixed a few tweaks in N1MM's configuration that slowed me down a little, did that later too, but running a bunch of JAs and some other great Oceania was great. T8 called in, and I can't even remember breaking that pile-up from New England. Many double mults were found just tuning or called in. Stumbling into a rather lonely ZL2 on 10m late in the contest was nice. Being called by CE0Y/OE2SNL for a double mult after calling CE4CT unsuccessfully for a long time (one of my DXing moments) was memorable. Z12 seems rare sometimes. All in all it was very cool. Operating SO was a hoot. Spots may have helped the bottom line, but not sure how much it would have distracted. So much to learn. But this was a real hoot. SO2R had so many knobs and switches for me to play with that it was distracting in a way. But it sure is obvious to me that if one can put an SO2R station together and get proficient using it that you will open a whole different aspect to contesting. It clearly takes some practice. Thanks to everyone who called and for all of the Q's. WW CW is still the best of them all. Good luck to all, may the log checkers be kind. CU in the next contest ... **W5KFT**. This was the first CW contest I didn't touch the key in. Very strange feeling for a CW op ... **W6XI**. It was a bit of luck to have the S0 noise level on 15m during the entire contest. With propagation 71/13/3 there were

many areas that were missing. Multiplier was much lower than ever before, and well below the worst 15m year of the last cycle bottom (1995). The band closed before sunset; on Saturday it opened about 40 minutes after sunrise and closed about 1.5 hours before sunset. Despite this it was amazing to hear 5H3EE with a great signal during one opening. From W6 the band was never crowded. After 15m hours lots of Europeans were heard on 80m, which produced three new countries (4O3A, ZB2X, OH0R). 40 LP was great fun as always. We all look forward to more sunspots and the return of European pile-ups on 15/10m from the West Coast! Thanks for the QSOs! ... **W6YA**. No Spots, No Problem, No 10 Meters, No Kidding. It'll all be better next year! ... **W7AT**. Good conditions and good participation ... **W7JI**. Search and Pounce from Arizona Ranch using 100W always presents a challenge to both new and old members of the contest. Conditions this year were as good as they can get. ... **W7RH**. Excellent fun! Many thanks, gang ... **W7SW**. Casual participant, first contest, thanks ... **W8EJK**. First time on 160m in years! Got antenna up 45 min. before test ... **W8TN**. All-time record for us. Had a very good time ... **W9NGA**. Last time I entered all band category was in 1998. I do believe I will be back next year same time same category. Hi. I really am pleased with 160 efforts. Now that I live in the country I have plenty of room for antennas ... **WA1FCN**. Tnx FB contest. Next year better skywires ... **WA2EMF**. Friday evening/night was decent on 40 and 80. I was actually surprised I was heard. Saturday was ok on 15 and 20 but conditions were really bad for me on 40 and 80. During the day on Sunday it felt like the SS duldrums until dropping down to 40 during the last half hour of the contest. I was pleasantly surprised to find 40 open to Europe. I probably should have gone there earlier. Overall, I tripled my score from last year but spent more BIC time, but after operating Saturday night I felt like I ran into a brick wall. No running, all S&P ... **WA2MNO**. With fair conditions few Europeans were heard except for 20 meters, but there were big local problems: (1) Very strong power line noise to the NE, (2) Remote relay box failed, so we ran 250 ft. of coax at night for the 40 meter antenna, (3) Bad QRM from close-by 50 KW BC station really hurt 160 meters, (4) Ten minutes in the local RF packet node transmitter failed ... **WA7LT**. Operated all S&P mostly after midnight when my neighbors with TVI slept ... **WB4SQ**. Even 10 meters showed a bit of life! ... **WB8JUI**. Conditions were just okay, but fun as always! See you next year! ... **WK0P**.