
2017 CQ DX Marathon Contest QRM

Started off great for the first couple months and then things slowed down. Missed a couple of Pacific operations when "Irma" came by. Will give it a go again in 2018...**W4JS**. Great contest...**K1SND**. 2017 was a better year than 2016. In September I ventured into FT8 where I worked 128 countries, all on 5 watts. Although the higher bands are not as strong as they used to be, there are still plenty of short openings on some very long paths...**K4AR**. Thank you for your Marathon efforts. I enjoy doing it every year...**NU8Z**. I tried FT8 wherever possible to show how big a game-changer it is for VK hams that struggle with DX...**VK3GA**. I reactivated my station after a several year hiatus. A winter storm took down my antennas and tower 5 years ago. Just put up the 43' vertical. Looking forward to 2018...**K2JL**. Thanks for sponsoring the competition which really generated some keen interest from our Willamette Valley DX Club members during 2016...**K7VIT**. I will change my antennas to have better results, even with the minimum Solar Cycle...**PP1CZ**. Enjoyed the Marathon, looking forward to 2018...**K5TF**. Even if conditions are going down, always a nice incentive to work DX...**VE2BR**. 2017 was both fun and frustrating, as some "easy ones" hid from me all year. KL7KK and I had a good run this year. He stepped up his game and dominated the second half of the year. I found it tough to compete with a guy who is retired and can be on during the day while I'm at work...**AL7KC**. Thanks For DX Marathon 2017...**YB4NY**. It was a good year for a 40-meter entry. I worked a lot of nice DX. This is my best single band score so far. I missed some countries that were active...**9A2EU**. So many DXCC entities have been missed due to a lot of company affairs and travel...**A65CA**. I missed several garden-variety ones. A tough year, and next year promises to be tougher still. This is a really a great program for keeping operating interest up...**AC7P**. This is the first time I am entering this Marathon...**ZS6AI**. Bring the bands back...**N4ANV**. Just 7 months of operation this year due to construction and to assemble a new tower and antennas. Nevertheless it was fun as always...**CT1IUA**. First time participating in the CQ Marathon, just started at the end of August. It was great fun to chase any needed DX. I will see you again in 2018...**DL6DH**. DXing is tough from Antarctica, but I always try to work as many entities as possible on a simple wire antenna...**DP1POL**. My first year in the Marathon. I felt encouraged by my friend Oscar Luis, EA1DR, and his presentation at our national convention. I will see you next year...**EC1CT**. First entry having missed the deadline last year...**G4PDF**. I tried to participate in the single-band, 6-meter category, I enjoyed it...**I4EAT**. A great competition...**W9ILY**. I

participate in the Marathon digital mode since 2009 and every year is always more beautiful. I have already started the 2018 competition...**IK5FKF**. Propagation for 6 meters was worse than last year but I had more points thanks to the new digital modes...**IW2CAM**. First time entrant...**IZ8JAI**. I missed a lot of entities due to low SSN...**JA0DAI**. Band conditions are no good. Hope I can get more DX in 2018...**JO7KMB**. Just found the DX Marathon thanks to a post on the DXLab group. Sounds like fun and gives a modest station like mine something to work towards. Hoping for better result in 2018...**K1FR**. Thank you *CQ Magazine*, and John, K9EL, for hosting and managing the 2017 CQ DX Marathon. This was a better year overall than 2016...**K4AR**. First year participating in the Marathon. All QSOs made on my 160-meter inverted V dipole...**K8AC**. Conditions during most of the year were very challenging — missed a lot of relatively easy stuff due to poor propagation. SE Asia and the Middle East were particularly difficult this year, still a fun contest...**KB0EO**. First time entering, I am 15 years old...**KM4SII**. First time contestant. Need to work harder next year...**N5KAE**. FT8 really changed the digital QSO numbers...**N5ZY**. All QSOs made with JT65, JT9, and FT8 modes only...**NN6NN**. Conditions made it a bit tougher this year. But fun as always...**NU8Z**. Thank you for the DX Marathon and your good work for us DXers...**TF3DC**. Please accept my entry for digital modes only...**VK3LDB**. Another enjoyable year of chasing DX in the waning sunspot cycle...**VK4CC**. A great experience...**W9C**. Another great year. I had a lot of fun in spite of poor conditions...**W9KNI**. I lost 3 months after lightning damage in my shack. Conditions seem to be worse and noise higher as last year...**IN3FHE**. I know SWLs do not participate in the Marathon, but it is a very good contest. 2017 was my best year...**HA0001**. Thanks for a great year long contest — keeps the DX fires lit. Bands were not great but did get a few good ones this year...**WA4JQS**. 2017 was a great year. Overall conditions weren't the best, but quite good for this spot in the solar cycle...**WE6Z**. Hopefully conditions will be better in 2018...**YD0RXA**. Hope to see you again in the DX Marathon in 2018 with more countries and zones...**YG5YUD**. It was a very big effort for me to chase DX and contact them with only a multiband vertical antenna but I really enjoyed it very much. It was a very agreeable challenge for me...**YV5EN**. A tough year for me, with less time for radio, worse conditions, and more time spent idly filling digital slots on FT8 instead of chasing new ones. Don't know how I missed Zone 2...**ZL2IFB**.
