2012 CQ WW DX RTTY CONTEST QRM

DX

This my first attempt at a QRP entry which I really enjoyed and look forward to doing again . . . 2EØTGS. Finally I enjoyed the contest despite the choice for a single band. 20m was open for me all the time. This allowed me to work 35 hours and helped for the score. Thanks to all participants and contest team. I hope to see everybody next year. 73's de Mohamed . . . 5C5W. I enjoyed this test ! . . . 7M1MCY. Member of EPC #11986 . . . 7M4OOS. I was able to enjoy this contest. Tnx for a fine contest again. . . 7N2UQC. I enjoyed the contest . . . 7N4QCQ. Nagoya Kougakuin Calege 60th Anniversary Special Station. Last operation . . . 8J2NKC. Great to hear 10m wide open again . . . 8P2K. Thanks all for QSOs. See you in 2013 . . . 9A5MT. Great condx to NA. 10% of all my QSOs were with North America. Thanks for all the QSOs . . . 9M2CNC. TKS 2012 CQWW RTTY . . . **BA4SD.** Very good contest. The propagation helped us a lot. There were also many stations around the world, so we enjoy edmuch of the amusement .. = Greetings from Cuba . . . CO2IZ. ler Contest Iera Categoria. Very good contest . . . CO2RVA. RTTY tests are better & better, and more and more crowded band. Huge signals. Hard to be LP with 80W from a Kenwood TS-570 & 2 element old Mosley tribander. Enjoyed all the Q's for sure. Many thanks to all! . . . CT1EEK. It was a dream to participate in a CQ WW DX contest since I started ham radio in 1981. Now it becomes true . . . **DDØVS.** FB Contest! . . . **DF6JF.** Very nice contest, wide open 28 MHz with incredible contacts, great show . . . DF6YC. Only a short 3 hours part time activation. RTTY is not my favorite mode . . . DJ1AA. Hi, best result for me by very good 10m condx . . . DJ6TK. Big Fun! . . . DK1LRS. My first RTTY contest ! . . . DK2AT. My first try in RTTY . . . DL2RCH. CQ WW RTTY Contest is the best, thanks for a great weekend. See you again next year . . . DL5HF. 75 watts and dipole up 10 meters only, Thanks for picking up. 73 "JO" . . . DL5KUD. My first RTTY CQ WW, only few hours for testing . . . DL7CX. Initially I didn't want to be so long in the contest. I had a lot of other things to do but then I got hooked. Condx on 10m were outstanding good (at least the first day). My score is not even worth to mention, but I am satisfied. I worked PJ2 as a new RTTY country and a few RTTY band slots. I had a lot of fun chasing the guys with pileups with my 400W "high power" rig. Until next time and a big thank you to the organizers and the evaluation team for their big efforts . . . DL7VOG. Just for fun! . . . **DL7VRG.** Thanks for my first RTTY . . . **DM7C.** Tnx fer fb job the 15 meter band is open :-) 73 . . . DO4TP. My first contest with directional 7 elements. Great contest . . . EA1GT. Very good contest, to next year . . . EA5XC. It was nice to take participation, 73 . . . EA7AHA. I like this RTTY contest and enjoyed so much. Thanks a lot for a nice weekend . . . EA7ZY. My first experience in QRP mode, very fun but somewhat complicated by the great signs . . . **EA9CD.** Thanks for an enjoyable contest, I spent too long sleeping on Saturday and ruined my hopes for 2k QSO's, but there is always next year . . . El2GLB. Not much time , but nice contacts, see you next year . . . F/LX1ER. Enjoy this contest, see you next year!!! ... F4AGR. 1st participation ... F4LKJ. Due to a big thunderstorm we had to disconect all equipment and make a two and half hours stop! . . . F5JY. Waouh! Beautiful sigs. What a pleasure to make QSO with NH2T, KL7, K7, K6

with only 200-300 watts and a GP antenna. See you next year ... F5PHW. Great conditions on all bands for this contest. I had a lot of fun this weekend. Unfortunately, I had many things to do out of contest and I didn't took part as long I wished. Thanks to all who worked me. See you again next year . . . F5RD. Thank you for the contest and especially for the QRP category and all for the contacts. Hope to meet you again . . . F5VBT. Another year but as usual not without its problems. This year it was the lack of preparation led to the inability to use FSK. The contest was enjoyed by all and we will be better prepared next year . . . GOBRC. Great Fun, Thanks! . . . GØMGX. Running QRP 5W from an IC-7400 to a very wet ground-mounted trap vertical. Very pleased to work the large quantities of EU stations on 80m, but unable to get to east-coast W/VE stations with QRP. 10m only opened for a short time to UT/UA, but 15m proved to be fantastic, even through the night. Didn't get to spend enough time on 20m, so band total very low . . . G6CSY. Spent too long engrossed in watching the Ryder Cup to make a decent score, but nice to make a few QSOs after repairing a longtime switching problem to the 15m Yagi. Many thanks to GIØNWG for fixing that for me and many thanks also to everyone who called me. The QSOs are appreciated . . . GI6K. Many thanks for great weekend . . . GM1BSG. Finally - decent band conditions that coincide with a contest! Great to see 10m so nicely open, and 15m was good too. 40m worked for me, but 20m was poor. I spent most of the time running around 60-70 watts out, which kept the rates constant. I also managed to get 3 new band-slots in the contest, which was very pleasing. Thanks to all those involved with running the contest . . . GUØSUP. Great contest as always. Tower down right now so had to enter single band 40M and just give away some points on the other bands. Pity .. 10 looked great from here! . . . GW4SKA. This weekend was very busy for me. Maybe next year I will have more free time to join the contesters. :-) ... **HAØHW.** Great fun ... **HAØNAR.** Very fun contest. Better conditions than last year. See you next year ... HI8PJP. Good propagation this weekend. Special thanks to my family for providing good food and drinks, to Miguel, HI7MC to help me with the antenna setup. 73 to all, see you next year . . . HI8PLE. I enjoyed it, only 70 watts, powered by a Kenwood TS-890s and a 3 element Yagi antenna. For me it was just too fast the contest, wanted more. Best propagation to Japan, North America never disappoints me. I was not expecting zone 22, thanks for me. Europe, where are you? Far from my expectation. South America a little above the usual. Thank you very much to all. I'm counting days for next September . . . HK3TY. Once again enjoyed the contest but work cut a lot of hours out of the action. Thanks to all for the contacts and to CQ for sponsoring and the Contest Committee for their efforts . . . HZ1PS. Few hours just for fun. . . . I2WIJ. Always a fantstic contest - but few time to dedicate . . . I4JEE. Nice contest, only 100W with my IC-738 and a new antenna OB11-3 . . . IK2XDE. Nice contest. Hoped to work more hours . . . IK5ZTT. Operated on and off but with a lot of fun. Thank you for your work . . . IN3JJI. As always a lot of fun! Great conditions on 10 and 15 meters . . . **IT9BLB.** The II9K Team partecipates as IT9HBT to this contest. Very nice results thanks to the new MonoBeam antennas and new tower installation. A good running test before the CQWW Phone . . . IT9HBT. Beautiful propagation. Big station to large

40 and 80 meter impossible. QSO TNX and 73 . . . IV3BCA. Good test! Ciao!! . . . IV3DYS. Tnx for many QSOs on 15 mt . Great opening with JA area both on Saturday and Sanday mornings great opening with USA area, but the best condition had 10 m. I was hoping for a closure of 10 m in order to reach my target of 1400-1500 QSOs, this year for me it was possible 73s. ... IV3TMV. Great contest! ... IV3XZG. Just few QSOs due to a busy weekend. I'll be there in the next year, of course! . . . IWØHLG. 73,GL . . . IW1QLH. Good contest . . . IZ2ABZ. Wide openings on 10 m band! Nice contest as usual! CU next year . . . **IZ3GOM.** Wonderful . . . **IZ5IOS.** This is my first participation of the CQ WW DX RTT Contest, and it was very interesting, see you next year. Ciao! . . . IZ7WWY. Good propagation! . . . **IZ8BGY.** This contest was in good condition, so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest . . . JAØNFP. Enjoy contest. TNX!! . . . JA1AYO. Because typhoon came to my location on Sunday, I decided to participate the contest as a part time effort. Used maximum output power 100W . . . JA1BJI. A big typhoon hit Tokyo area on Sunday night (local time) with winds gusting up to 80mph. I had to miss the European opening on Sunday evening (after 0800 UTC) and most of the remaining contest. Before the typhoon stopped me, the propagation was nothing like I had ever seen for years. There was a long opening toward both the East Coast of North America and British/Irish isles, which are the most difficult areas to reach on 10mb from the Far East . . . JA1BPA. This RTTY contest was my 1st entry for RTTY test . . . JA1GQC. This contest was in good conditions, so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest . . . JA1HFY. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA1IKA. Very good propagation high band. Enjoy contest especialy 28 MHz. I'm using Kenwood TS-940S 100W and 3 element Yagi, dipole Thank you very much everyone . . . **JA1SKE.** I was entry 1st time in the contest. Vy enjoyable, Tks JA1TMG. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA2ATE. Thanks nice oontest... JA2AXB. I enjoyed the contest... JA2CCV. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA2HBK. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA2HOL. I enjoyed the contest. Thanks . . . JA2MOG. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA3AHY. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA3JND. I enjoyed the contest and the typoon!!! . . . JA4OPW. This contest was in good condition, so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest . . . **JA5SUD.** I enjoyed the contest . . . **JA5XPD.** The band condx on 28 MHz was so good . . . JA7COL This is the first entry in CQ WW RTTY contest in my ham life, and enjoyed so much . . . JA7LLL. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA7RQK. TNX FB Contest ... JA7VEI. I could enjoy the contest ... JA8CEA. Tnx for the CQ WW RTTY DX Contest 2012 . . . JA8EIU. This contest was in very good condition, so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest . . . JA9LX. End to operation by a typhoon . . . JE9MBV. The condx is good, but so far the "east cost" . . . **JF1DMY.** I enjoyed the CQ WW RTTY contest. I can do many QSOs with DX stations. . . **JF1PYJ.** An antenna was broken by a typhoon . . . JF2XGF. Thanks for a nice contest! I will be back next year . . . JG8IBY. It is a contest to be in . . . JH1LNL. I enjoyed the contest . . . JH1QQN. Great contest! . . . JH4UYB. I enjoyed the first CQ WW RTTY contest . . . JJ3WPX. I enjoyed very well. Many Thanks . . . JJ5HUD. I enjoyed CQ WW RTTY Contest very much! It was very interesting time for me . . . JO3PSJ. See again in next contest. 73s . . . JT1E. Conditions good to USA and EU but I had limited operating time this year . . . KG6DX. Band conditions were very good from Alaska with simultaneous openings to Europe on 20-10 at times. We used this opportunity to test drive a new station configuration, which proved very effective. Sunday activity was limited largely to S&P due to the CME impacts, which caused the Kp to fluctuate wildly . . . KL2R.

Wow!! A high band, log bursting, epic weekend, ending with a double CME impact. With the return of 10 Meters, it received most of my attention. Another RTTY contest for the record books and once the dust settles, I'm sure a few records will have been broken. What a great way to start another contest season! . . . KL8DX. My 'first' RTTY contest so I don't claim any score's. Just delivering this log as check-log. On The Sideline: Very proud of my new home-brew Bazooka-dipole! (mono-20mtrBand). Used 75 ohms coax for the antenna construct. Hard to solder the braid, but with a special technique, it is fully doable. Have been reading couple of articles on this one, and I found this antenna very intersting. (Specially I like the concept that it is DC-shortened.) Wide band-width, no tuner! Despite I'm using the Bazooka 'indoor' (city mansion), it seems to work very well. Best Regards . . . LA3EPA. Best ever propagation. Only problem was no rotor on 15m Yagi or a GOOD 10m Yagi. Not full-time effort due family obligations. Thanks for RTTY QSOs and to the organizers . . . LN50. TNX nice contest! . . . LY2CG. Station setup is as usual, K3, wire on flag pole with ATU. As expected, good opening on 10m. I felt Saturday was better as strong signal from JA and several west coast stations. Lack of Es opening on higher band so missed lots of EU mult and number of Qs. Because of this, 40m Qs is greater than any bands. Connected to RTTY Skimmer network. Although nice flow of spots, not really useful for my setup. Most of time I was turning VFO knob rather than click or control-up/down arrow. I found lots of multiplier on higher fregs like 28150 where Skimmer station did not monitor. :-) Thanks for nice activities! 73 de Kazu MØCFW, JK3GAD . . . MØCFW. First real bash at CQ WW RTTY, very pleased with conditions on 10m, didn't get time to explore 20m or lower. Next time though! . . . MØPCB. Equipment K3 P3 and SteppIr vertical Microham MKII. Excellent conditions but surprised to find 40M seemed best QRP band. Too much high power competition on 10M and 15M. Would have preferred 10 watts QRP limit. Many thanks to those I worked for their patience and persistance. I'll be back next year but with an amplifier . . . MØVAA. TNX CONTEST MAX POWER USED 80 WATTS . . . MOZRS. Was a pity I was away on Saturday until Sunday lunch time but the band was hummimg with DX. Notable DX was KL7, KH8, plus a few other choice DX calls. All in all a FAB Sunday . . . **M3I.** Please note that I do not contest but just give the points away to stations that require them. It is fun and a pleasure to operate but I do not wish my log to be awarded or to collect any points for the test. Very 73 . . . M5LRO. Beam had high SWR on Sunday. Discovered on Monday. I had blamed condx! . . . M7W. 29 hours was all that was available this time and some nice openings in fast changing conditions. See you next year again . . . **OG30OJ.** Just trying to learn how to run RTTY with Wintest. Had a lot of fun with only 400W . . . OG6N. Tnx for nice contest . . . **OK1BA.** Sorry, I could not participate full time this year because our daugters with grandchildren visited us. So I only gave some points to others. See you next year ... OK1VRF. Good contest with many stations. See you again friends . . . **OK2SWD.** Fb contest, thanks! . . . **OK4AS.** Good contest, see you again friends . . . OK5SWL. Only for test RTTY equipment . . . OK6RA. Nice contest with superb CONDX on high bands, new OK records. Thanks for all QSOs . . . OL7M. Thanks for nice contest . . . OM6RK. Thanks for a nice contest! . . . OM7OM. Nice contest . . . **ON2AD.** Happy to see the propagation on the higher bands was back as in the good old days. Have enjoyed the contest and will be back next year . . . ON4TO. Excellent condx on 28 MHz. WorkingQRP 5 W with mobile whip on balcony of apartment . . . ON8NT. Nice condx. It is difficult with special callsign, and some stations did not wait for the end of my transmision so that it was difficult to correct or identify if they all had ok. Wanted 150 QSO's but fell asleep in the last hours, hi. ... PC12WSF. Tnx all , I worked new states . . . PDØJMH. Nice contest . . . PDØLFJ. Tnx for nice contest FT-897-FB33 . . . **PDØME.** Nice contest . . . **PDØROC.** Thankls for all, everybody. It was a nice time! . . . **PDØRXP.** Tnx for the nice contest. This was my first contest in RTTY and I did enjoy it very much . . . PD5JFK. Dear OM/YL, the best score ever made by me in QRP . . . PE2K. Very nice propagation on 10m again. Unfortunately not enough time to work everything heard . . . **PE4BAS.** Thank you for the nice contest. Good propagation on the 15m. I used FT-890 tranceiver, power 30 watt and on the balcony magnetic loop antenna. All the best and I hope to see you in the next contests. 73! ... RA3XEV. 73! ... RA6XB. 73! ... RA9JB. Thank you for the contest . . . RK3DXW. TNX 73 . . . RK4S. 73s . . . RK9AK. 73! ... RN3DKE. Thanks for contest ... RU3TC. Good contest! See you in the next year! . . . **RV3LO.** Only halftime on the air due QRL obligations. It was funny to see many who did not belive their decoding programs when getting our callsign even with the perfect print. Soon into the contest we figured out that S&P this time would be mission impossible with tons of repeats. First impression is that if your callsign isn't listed in the databases and because of that your callsign isn't painted with a variety of beautiful colors then you simply do not exist specially in the RTTY contesting world. Nice to print old friends on wide open bands. S55CERKNO special event callsign is in use to mark the 55th radio club Cerkno foundation anniversary. Please find more with QSL info by browsing our site at http://www.s50e.si CUL Dan, S5ØU . . . S55CERKNO. Not serious, just part time operation. There could sometimes be mistakes and errors because of my bad eyes! RTTY is very hard for my old tired eyes . . . S57DX. Very fine to meet old friends on band.... SNØRVG. Thanks for nice contest, 73 from Crete Island ... **SVØXCC.** First operation of the Tango Fox Radio Foxes club, with our new call TF2RR. We were hosted by one of the members, Georg, TF2LL, using his great Optibeam 18-6 beam antenna, as well as the Optibeam 1-80, 80M dipole. Even though the Aurora "kicked us down" for the last 6 hours, we are happy with the results . . . TF2RR. Fun contest, did some part time because of family activities, besides some antenna problems. Thanks to all for those QSOs and fun pileups . . . TG9AJR. Tnx for contest! . . . UA9WOB. Best wishes from Kazakhstan! . . . UN2E. TU nice contest . . . **UN5C.** This is my first CQ WW RTTY Contest. Thank you all. Best 73! . . . UN6QC. FB test . . . UN7CN. Condx is maybe good at this weekend and have many new ones on RTTY mode. TNX and cu 2013!... UR5FCM. Good contest **UX4E.** Tied up Friday and Saturday, then spent a good deal of time on Sunday getting my new Win7 computer working. Managed to make 125 contacts on 10m to break it in. Thanks everyone . . . VA3PC. I enjoyed the short time that I operated. See you next year . . . VA3SB. Didn't get to do much this year, plagued with some RF issues suddenly and also some family issues so I likely won't place like I did last year, but it was fun and there is always next year . . . **VA7HZ.** Again unable to have any decent runs on 80, 40 and 20; seems that the "brute force" nature of RTTY does not co-habitate well with low power. 10 and 15 worked out, though. Guess I will have to consult RTTY gods about that. Again an improvement in my CQ WW RTTY score: another personal best. Despite that I liberally took breaks from operating throughout the contest. Why? Mostly because after my spinal surgery last year I (still a "recovering paraplegic") have serious problems with remaining "in the chair" and simply need to get up and exercise (a.k.a. "do something") for short whiles every now and then. Plus, truth be told, RTTY cannot yet (as in: "Are we there yet?") keep me motivated to the extend CW does ... VE3BR. Condx Fantastic ... VE3FJB. Good conditions, lots of activity, lots of fun . . . **VE3GTC.** Just assembled the station in AFSK for giving away few points. It was great to hear that all bands were full:-). I should set up my station for one of the RTTY contests . . . I like it . . . **VE3NE.** Another part time effort (9.5 hrs) 100% S&P only as time permitted. Conditions were great and lots of activity make for a great contest! Thanks to all who worked me . . . **VE3SS.** Good contest with very good conditions for a QRP operation. I was able to get an end-fed 20 meter dipole mounted in the attic which worked guite well. At least it provided a weekend of contesting fun. Thanks for all of the contacts VE3XD. Operating from VE6JY ... VE6WQ. I had a lot of fun this year participating in the RTTY contest. I used the first IC-751A I bought 12 years ago. Band conditions were great and 10 was open into Japan & South America . . . VE7BGP. Great to have 10 open . . . VE7BSM. Best band conditions on both 10 and 15 metres for very many years. It took ages to S&P my way through 10 metres, a wonderful (and totally new) experience. And worked five new entities on 10 metres, digital modes . . . VK3FM. Wonderful propagation. A wonderful weekend. Thanks to all who called me in the pileups. Every QSO was appreciated! 73 Steve ... VK3TDX. Great contest again DX on 10 meters with my little station, Wow! Thanks to all . . . VK4BL. First RTTY contest, difficult conditions, not often heard but had fun . . . VK4MN. Worked through the contest with the rotor stuck at 340N and the 40M wire dipole crashing down from the top of the tower. Had to break away due to other commitments too. 10M was fun, better than last year. Good to see VU2PTT, VU2UR, VU2ABS and VU2NKS in the contest . . . VU2LBW. A part time effort only, daughter falling sick and being hospitalized meant no time for radio! Hopefully will be able to do more next year. 10 Metres was roaring to all parts of the word and I made many of my QSOs running a remote desktop session to the shack from my dauhter's bedside. Due to this I did not use the SO2R configuration and amplifier to keep tihings under control . . . VU2PTT. Enjoyed another RTTY contest with more QSOs in the Oow Power Category. Repeated calls were required to get QSOs... VU2UR. Great contest! I was unable to break my last year record, however. It was great, though . . . XE1EE. Lots of fun! . . . XE2B. Tried to participate inspite of my lovely sounds wedding party. . . YB1AR. Tks for contest, 73! . . . YL2IP. Was lucky again to find excellent conditions on 10m and so to improve my 2011 score. 73 . . . YO2IS. 73! . . . YO3CBZ. I do again! Thanks for reply to callers! . . . YO3JW. 73 de Romeo . . . YO4RST. Thanks for a nice contest! I will be back next year . . . YO5BYV. Many station tnx to all, 73 . . . YO50HY. Nice contest . . . YO5TP. Wonderful propagation this year. Good luck to everybody! . . . YV8AD. Managed to get a few hours in. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest . . . **ZC4LI.** Good fun again! . . . **ZL3JT.** First outing for the Quake Contesters Group, had a lot of fun but low power from ZL is very hard work and will be making a high power entry next year . . . **ZL3X.** I did not log some calls when they appeared to have my callsign wrong . . . ZL4AS. 73 good luck and good DX! . . . ZP5TNT. Propagation was very good, especially on 10m . . . ZS1JY.

USA

My first single band effort in many years. 15 meters was in good shape nearly the entire weekend... **AA5AU.** Fewer QSOs than last year (-100), fewer hours (-7), higher claimed score (+50K).

I underestimated how good 10 meters would be, by a long shot. It got interesting in the last couple hours, skip shortened up and I picked my first of many Zone 4 stations (and a handful of new states). I could not keep motivated Saturday and took a couple of breaks. Near the end of Saturday night, I decided to just emphasize 15 meters on Sunday, to try to get close to DXCC. Regardless, I still spent a lot of time on 10, and hit 20 at some odd times to pick up a few good mults (like YB4IR). I did not work a SINGLE new country on 15m until 7 minutes before the end (J35X followed by TG9AJR). My only QSOs with the local club stations were both new states: KO7X in WY, and WØRAA in CO. Activity has really grown, with stations all the way up to 28170. Whereas there used to be a break on 40 meters between about 7055 and 7075, that seems to be gone also. I would love to try this from a real station some day . . . AD1C. Great to be back in the action again with all my RTTY friends - new gear, new location, new excitement! . . . AK6R. Nice contest, 10 and 15 wide open. Who said RTTY is dead! . . . **KØBX.** Wonderful fun to make several QSOs in WW RTTY 2012. Especially enjoyed the nighttime conditions. As always, thanks to those of you who picked out my little pistol signal. 73! . . . KOGEO. Fun contest. Good high band conditions . . . **KØPK.** Great propagation! Good ops. Lotsa fun as usual . . . K3CWF. Wow. I had forgotten what it could be like near the peak of a solar cycle. With my usual 100W and a wire, and not very many hours to play. I just ignored the points and multipliers and tried to work more countries/ states/zones for RTTY mode and also for 10M. 10M was pretty amazing. Worked a VK. Next contact an EA. Followed by a PY. All in a span of a minute or two. Band was open all the way from Europe to Australia. CQing, got answers from lots of DX too. All with just 100W and a wire dipole, so you know the band was doing great. Lots of great ops, lots of room with many bands simultaneously usable . . . K3FIV. 10 Meters was good. Enjoyed working an active 10 meter band. Looking forward to next year . . . K3FS. Nice to see band packed with activity . . . K3NK. Enjoyable contest. Thanks to all who were kind enough to work me. Bands were great. Even the lower band noise levels were low. There are going to be some very good scores . . . **K4GMH.** This was my first RTTY contest. It was a lot of fun. I need to have an applicable log program next contest . . . K5LY. Enjoyed the contest! . . . K50MC. Great fun as always. Nice to see 10 and 15 open so deep. Had a personal best hour in RTTY of 176! Running on 10 and 15 meters at same time on Sunday morning . . . **K5ZD.** Bands were decent, actually got some DX and two new countries! . . . K7RFW. Found out the benefits of a good ground by not operating with my ground disconnected for the first few hours. No RF burns, just a little frustration, lots of noise, and some poor performance. When operating low power, one must get all the signal going in the right direction. Thanks to all who answered my calls . . . K7VIT. It was nice to run EU and JA on 10M . . . K8MM. After a rocky start with a noncooperative logging software, I had a great time! 10m was its good old self again, finally, with good strong signals up and down the band. It was amazing to see how early in the morning the band opened up here. (06:45am) 73 and see you in the next contest! . . . KCØDEB. Cheers and 73 . . . KC2SYK. I guess that blows the Curious George Theory! . . . **KC8IMB.** Great conditions on 10. Band open to EU late both days. Some EU had arctic flutter on signals Sunday morning. Good timing for the contest. Bands dead the next day . . . KF6HI. First contest running QRP. Had a great time . . . **KG2U.** Tons of activity and great band conditions. Thanks for a good contest. Sorry I could not spend more time on the air . . . KG3V. First CQ WW RTTY Contest . . . KJ6MSG.

This is my first RTTY contest, and I just started using RTTY a day before the start of it. I did not record the zone exchange I got, but I did give a proper response to everyone I talked to. I hope that this will help with your contest checking. I will promise to do a better job next time! . . . KK7JS. The magic of radio! I never can get over it. I worked 15 DX stations with 5 watts RTTY, snagged four stateside stations at over 1,000 miles-per-watt, my best being NA4M in Texas at one half watt (985 miles) ... KV8KV. More fun than a barrel of monkeys! Friday night was a bit disappointing, with lots of QRN on 80 and 40, even in the wee hours. But 10m made up for it on Saturday and conditions that night were much better. Highlight was working 7Z1SJ for a new one! Thanks for all the Q's! . . . **KX7L.** How about a new contesting class for guys living under HOA restrictions and forced to use all indoor wire antennas? I was delighted to do this well with just dipoles in my garage and attic. It was loads of fun! . . . NØEF. What a blast! A tribander at 33 feet and a small vertical produced a lot of fun! . . . **NØHJZ.** Nice to see 10M so wid open on Saturday ... **N2WK.** Great to have 10 open! ... **N2WN.** WOW, 10 meter RTTY was a blast! Good to be back in the contest saddle again even if it is limited . . . N5SMQ. Had a blast! Operated 28 hours. high power, but with 25-foot-high dipoles (felt like I was running a sprint carrying a suitcase). The "Screw-Up Fairy" visited me a few times, but Murphy only ate an audio filter this time, so no complaints. Saw my call spotted a couple of times (this NEVER happens!) so I thought the software was having problems. Har! Favorite thing: Seeing a guy send Suggestion to CQ-ing stations: Please send your TU or QSL to me before my call, not after it. I know you're talking to me, and all I need is the TU/QSL I know.Tnx! . . . **N6HE.** No computer used; just pencil, paper, 'phones, paddle and K-3. Cumulative time on was just over 12 hours. Lots of fun! . . . N6VI. First serious RTTY contest. Hope I did not make too many mistakes. Still learning program . . . N7VPN. Wish I started earlier . . . N9BT. Just put in a few hours here and there. 10 & 15 were in great shape all weekend . . **N9FN.** Lots of great operators. Some of the DX was hard to believe. Looking forward to next year. 73, Bill . . . NC4MI. Conditions pretty good this year. Was nice to have 10 meters open. 15 was smokin' here on Friday night . . . ND4V. First half serious RTTY contest, just part time. I think I'm hooked! . . . **NF4A.** Wonderful contest again! . . . **NK7Z.** As Huey Lewis says: Takin' what we're given', cuz we're workin' for a livin'. I was called in to work a few times but I worked the contest when I could. I enjoyed the good openings and worked several stations in Japan. I also worked a few new countries. I am looking forward to the next contest! . . . NR4J. CQ WW RTTY is one of those don't miss contests for me. As a long time RTTY addict, dating back to the 1960s, my call has rarely been missing from the fray. In the 1960s I was then WA2YVK and entered the for-runner of the CQWW, the CARTG contests. In the mid 1970s after upgrading to Extra I became N2FF. So for some 40 plus years the call has been in the contest with few exception, one exception in 2008 when the family went to Jamaica. I was in the contest that year and won for Jamaica with the call 6YØFF. I was the only station on from Jamaica! Now in 2012 the call used was NY2GB. my granddaughter Georgia Belmont's call. She is 14 years old and licensed less than a year. In four months she went from Technician to Extra. She was only 13 when she passed the Extra. Needless to say I am very proud of her. She has no station at home as she lives with her sister and her parents in a two bedroom apartment on Roosevelt Island in the middle of the East River. She has a spectacular view of Manhattan and the river from her fourth floor apartment and an even better view from the

roof. But no antennas, unfortunately. Georgia's main interest in ham radio is contesting. She has been watching me contest for years. When she was only four but able to read and would stand between my legs reading the countries on the screen while I operated from England in the December OK RTTY DX Contests just before Christmas as M/N2FF from Littlehampton, in West Sussex, England. The contest goal this September was to make 1000 QSO and over a million points. We came close! Conditions were spectacular on Saturday morning. We woke up with less than 100 QSO in the log to a wide open ten meter band full of European stations before 8 AM. It has been years since I started out on ten first. A little after 8 AM I turned Georgia loose. When given the choice to pounce or run, she took run. She is a very competitive teen. We switched operators now and then. She went shopping with her grandmother and sister for a bit. By 24:00 UTC we had more than 500 QSOs in the log and by the time we hit the sack we had almost 600. Our goal was in sight. But Sunday we and the bands seem to have run out of steam. She had a number of thrills. One of the biggest was Georgia getting called by a ZS station in the middle of a run. Then there were a number of times when she called into a pile up with our 100 watts and saw her call print out on the screen. You don?t have to be a teen to be thrilled by that. (Right guys?) I asked Georgia to write a few words giving her reaction to the contest. Here are her comments: The contest was going great on Saturday. We were running for a while and we got lots of QSOs. Saturday was the best day by far. I contacted lots of people from Europe, they were on all day and night. Even when I swung the beam I could get them off the side and back of the beam, conditions were amazing. Something that was very amusing was when I went to work a guy, and my computer system said that he was an Egyptian station. I was so happy and I was also very excited. I clicked on it again, and he was from Spain. I was kind of disappointed. My grandpa, N2FF, found it very funny. Sunday was a little disappointing because we had some trouble with the conditions. There must have been a blackout or a flare because the bands were all kind of out-a-wack. Other than that, this was a great contest for me, better than my 1st one when I got all of 3 contacts. As Arnold says, We will be back!? . . . NY2GB. Wow! Fantastic band conditions. Ten meters was wall-to-wall QRM with CW everywhere. Love it! This was my best showing in this contest. I was rested and felt good and was able to stay in the chair for longer periods, even though I only put in 15 hours, it was great. I know I didn't win anything but I had a blast. I hope the whole contest season is like this. Welcome back TEN! I hope so anyway. Thanks to all who gave me contacts . . . WØRAA. First time using a computer log for this contest. Thanks . . . **W1RO.** Condx were better the first day. Amazing what 90 watts can do on RTTY. Thanks for all the fun ! . . . W1ZD. Great time with my daughter Anna KØANA using her great grandfather's

callsign. Fantastic conditions . . . W2MZV. Some local thunderstorms but otherwise a perfect weekend . . . W4AAA. Great band conditions. First big contest with 10 meters in such great shape. Installed new tower and 3 element tribander just in time for contest. Thanks for the contacts! ... W4HOD. Thank you ... W4JHC. This was my first CQ WW RTTY contest. Thanks to those operators who put up with my sometimes awkward exchanges! 73. . . W4SDJ. I went into the contest needing only four states on 10m to complete a 5B-WAS on RTTY. I got RI and OR, but missed ME and MT . . . W6OAT. After 25 years of QRP contesting, this is my first RTTY effort. I am delighted to see a major RTTY DX contest finally include a QRP category! . . . W6QU. WQ6X says: This was my 1st WW RTTY Contest so I was fortunate to operate from N6GEO's location in Brentwood CA. George (N6GEO) is a seasoned RTTY operator although I did most of the operating (about 95%) while N6GEO test-drove our CQP antennas. The radio was an Elecraft K2 front ending an amplifer that gave me 25w (on 10 meters) all the way to 300w (80, 40 & 20). No smoke appeared this weekend, making this weekend a comparative-success. Because of the 6BTV's poor location, sigs from Asia were limited and virtually non-existent from Oceania . . . W6R. Had very limited time operating this year. With school and family obligations, I had to operate during the late evenings, focusing on 80m primarily. Tried 10m and managed a few Q's, but had to stop as the computer kept locking up on me. Alot of stateside action, wish I could've been able to work during the day! . . . W9KVR. I felt conditions not as good as last one, though my score very close to last year. It took more effort and a couple more hours to achieve it. I always enjoy the JA opening and I thank all of them for calling me (110 of them!). Antennas here 2 el 40 at 70 ft. Th5 at 75 feet and a loop for 80. Mucho time in the chair sure shows my age but it does payoff. 73 . . . WA1FCN. Ran with 50 watts and wires. Glad to see that 10 meters opened up for us little pistols! . . . WA1N. Thanks to all, 73 . . . WA8HSB. First CQ WW RTTY Contest . . . WA8KHP. Gads, was I rusty when I started. Still, lots of fun and I was able to pick up a couple of new countries on RTTY. I had some time last night and this afternoon to play radio. Many stations on this weekend, even 10 meters was full to the brim. Thanks for the Qs. . . WB6JJJ. Had fun! . . . WB7CYO. With 10 meters open, it was a blast with 35 watts and an end-fed random wire up 14 feet! . . . WB8JAY. FT-857 at 100W to a G5RV, had a ton of fun! ... WQ3C. Had a lot of fun. This was my first RTTY test. Used N1MM and MMTTY. Took guit a while to get everything working correctly. But, now I am good to go. Hope to improve my score subtantially next year. Worked on my 480 foot horizontal delta loop for the majority of my QSOs. Glad to have that back working as well . . . WR7Q. From an H.O.A. location with hidden Aantennae. Got late start and had to catch up on Sunday. Great to have 10 meters open . . . WU6W.