
2009 CQ WPX RTTY Contest Expanded QRM

DX QRM

Many tnx to all for the points. Great to work some good DX with the 5W QRP ... **2E0ZWW**. Our plan was to participate as M/S with the call A71BX but somehow we faced some problems to set up the station and to connect both stations together and we could not fix it since it was first time for us to work in RTTY contest. However after 3 hours of the contest finally I decided to participate as single operator all band low power and A71BX agreed. It really was a good experience for me and I had a lot of fun on 15m when there a big pile-up on me. Also I was able to make some QSOs on 10m and 80m. I believe we are going to do better next year ... **A71CV**. Very glad to play the RTTY WPX game first time! ... **BG4AHF**. Great activity and loads of fun ... **CF3DX**. It has been a very exciting contest. Thanks a lot ... **DC9ZP**. First contest in RTTY. Was fun, but I like CW more ... **DF1HF**. QRP, 2.5W via Tuner Z11 from Yaesu FT-817 to Windom FD3, 8m high 21m long, used on 80, 40, 20m. On 15m 2-ele mini Yagi fixed to south shows that it is possible to work QRP on 4 bands also in RTTY. Lots of fun. Thanks to the patience and receivers of the Big Guns. ... **DJ3GE**. All QSOs worked with a FT-817 running 5W QRP into a trap dipole ... **DL6ABB**. Thanks for this contest, great for DX ... **DO6GZ**. 80m, fantastic test. See you the next year. 73 ... **EC1KR**. I am very happy with this contest to work many new stations in all bands. Opening with JA and USA, the propagation will be again on? ... **EE5J**. Tnx for nice contest! ... **ES4MM**. First time entry in WPX RTTY great fun! Problem with trap on tribander slowed things down on 20m ... **F5VKT**. Enjoyed the contest, thanks ... **G0CER**. RTTY contesting can become addictive and great fun, too! ... **G3TXF**. Second year for my son and me to enter. Excellent fun. Shame 10 was not open for us. ... **G6BOX**. I wanted to beat last year's total of 852 Q's and 1.16M points but that wasn't to be. Conditions were just not good enough to make use of the higher bands, so it was all 20m and down. Nice to see so much participation from "new" calls to RTTY, too. All done with 100 watts or less to wires and a 2-ele mini-beam at less than 20 ft ... **GU0SUP**. Fine contest! ... **HA50MM**. Enjoyed the contest very much. Conditions good on Saturday on 15m not as good on Sunday. Left mainly with 20m and 40m with some good runs on 20m. Thanks to CQ for the contest and all for the Q's ... **HZ1PS**. Big surprise operating my R7 on 80 meters. Nice contest but few QSOs on 15 and nothing at all in 10 ... **IK2SAI**. This contest was in good conditions, so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest ... **JA5SUD**. I could enjoy the wonderful contest ... **JA9LX**. Many thanks for a very good contest ... **JG5DHX**. I enjoyed the contest ...

J11UDD. Nice contest as usual. Condx seemed poor but at this side vry quiet bands especially 40 meters. I really enjoy the contests. Best 73 to all ... **LV5V (LU5VV)**. Good fun, but conditions not very good ... **M2X**. Very fine condx, at last! ... **MM0RKT**. 40m I really enjoy for this contest. Next year I in agn ... **OH6GAZ**. Thanks for nice contest. See you next year on band. ... **OM6RK**. Some local problems but I did like to give some multipliers away from Belgium ... **OO5D**. Nice contest. Still not very good propagation, but very nice openings in all directions. ... **PD7BZ**. All thanks for contest, cul 73 ... **RD3DS**. Very interesting contest! All the best and best regards! 73! ... **RD4HD**. Nice contest, tnx! ... **RL3WL**. Thanks again for nice contest with many DX best 73 ... **SM3LBP**. What a great contest. This time, I raised my 40 ft. telescopic pole and pulled up dipoles for 80m, 40m, and 20m. As before I had 20m vertical dipole with 600 ohm open feedline. First night gave a lot of Q's on 80m and some 40m, and then 20m was ok, but the real thrill was on Sunday when I kept the frequency for 4 hours until my IC-7000 switched off because of heat. It came back and I was able to continue. After dark was bad. Altogether, only 5% of all Q's were from NA which is unbelievably low. Distance champions were HZ1PS from Saudi Arabia and KH7X from Hawaii (which was my last Q). Thanks for organizing this great contest ... **TF1AM**. Tnx for FB contest ... **UA0ZAM**. All contesters TU and 73! ... **UA4PN**. Many thanks to all sending DE before and white space after their call and 599 in front of the serial number so my computer could recognize it faster than I with my mouse and typing ... **V31YN**. In short, a lot of fun! ... **VE3GSI**. Looked like a good weekend for a RTTY contest. Lots of stations and good conditions made for a good time contesting! ... **VE3SS**. Lots of "one-way skip" on 20 and 40 meters. Much of the time we could hear the DX stations very well but they couldn't hear us. Sometimes the condx changed and we could work anybody, no matter how weak their signal. Weird! Our first time with N1MM and the MMTTY RTTY engine. Pretty steep learning curve but fun. I think we may scrap our old DOS computers and migrate to N1MM. Wireless networking and a second monitor on all computers is the way to go. The score was not too impressive but this one was a learning session and social event combined with a contest ... **VE5PV**. Always enjoyable, but finding workable stations to S&P upon was hard from my QTH ... **VK3FM**. Well, the entry class may say SOAB but for most of the contest it was single band only after we got hit with freezing rain Thursday prior to the contest. 80m was the only functioning antenna after the storm passed through damaging the 40m array and severely icing the tribander, leaving it unusable.

Coupled with the flu bug I was pretty well out of commission until approx. 16:00Z Sunday, when the tribander came back on line. Then it was a sprint to the finish line on 20m. Lots of business on both sides of the pond until around 18:00Z, when someone turned the switch on Europe. There was, however, lots of business left in the Western Hemisphere to keep this flu-racked body busy to the end. Thanks CQ organizers and hope we got into your log. 73, Bill ... **VY2LI**. First contest with new callsign. I was XE1ZVO for 14 years. Great contest! ... **XE1EE**. Great contest! Suprised at good 15m openings but couldn't get anything going on 80m. Can't wait for the next one! ... **XW1B**. Good propagation to EU, but could not reach SA ... **YB3MM**. Thanks! ... **YO3GW**. Nice to be in this contest ... **YO3JW**. Many station, tnx to all 73! GL de Zoli ... **YO5OHY**. See you in 2010 edition! 73's Florentin YO9BXC ... **YR0WL**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest ... **ZC4LI**. Conditions were quite good! I installed new dipoles for 20m and 40m, which outperformed the G5RV I normally use! QSOs on 40m with US stations was a first for me! ... **ZS1JY**. A contest of two extremes: good conditions on Saturday, rotten conditions on Sunday! Satisfactory outcome though, largely due to a personal best 40m tally! ... **ZS2EZ**.

USA QRM

Great contest! We were not able to operate in 2008 so it was nice to get some of the Florida boys together and operate this year. Conditions were good and there were many prefixes to work on all the bands. 40 meters was the band that was a big point maker and we were able to run on a frequency for hours. We want to thank everyone who worked us and made this a very enjoyable contest. ... **AF4Z**. 40m seemed much better than last year. Tnx for all those who dug out my signal on 80m. Definitely a fun contest. ... **AF6T**. First WPX for this call and it worked well. Had good runs on 80, 40, and 20. 15 was open a little Saturday and much longer Sunday. Our final score was our best effort to date. Thanks to all who worked us. ... **AK4K**. Fun contest. With low sunspots it was nice to work everyone! ... **K0BX**. Someday conditions will be better, right!? ... **K0GEO**. After enjoying the CQ WW RTTY test last September, I thought this one might also be fun. I put in a full-time effort with the exception of: taking care of the children while my wife was out of town, chasing K5D and FW5RE, sleeping off my head-cold, examining a thorny computer configuration problem that kept my phased array from working, looking for that noisy fan in one of the computers, and laundry; netting 10.5 hours on-the-air. I don't see how I could do any better next time. ... **K1LT**. Enjoyed the contest but wish the bands were in better

condition ... **K4REB**. Great signal and a lot of fun. Thanks to all for QSOs. ... **K5DKH**. Old-fashioned effort. One radio, no packet. ... **K5ZD**. Great time ... **K7QMM**. Didn't work the whole time and just S&P. ... **K8OT**. What a contest! I had a great time, even though I came down with pneumonia just two days before, got the flu on Sunday, had a family visit Saturday afternoon, the computer virused out right at the start time, and the mouse stopped working Sunday AM. I made more points than ever before, even though my Q's were not as high. Thanks to all who worked me. You're a great bunch! ... **KA1C**. First RTTY contest. Lots of fun figuring out things but had fun anyway. Thanks for the contest ... **KC0ZHF**. Spent a little time with my daughter this weekend working her favorite mode. Lots of signals on the band and as usual work kept us from doing a full time effort. ... **KD0S**. Great fun. Lots of new contesters, which bodes well for RTTY! ... **KK1X**. Good times! ... **KK5JY**. Worst conditions in KL7 in recent months. I was lucky to make a handful of contacts. Always next time! ... **KL2R**. Alaska is about extremes and this was extreme contesting! High solar wind, geomagnetic activity, high local winds made for a challenging RTTY contest. With all that, it was still a blast!! ... **KL8DX**. This was only my second score-keeping RTTY test in the past four years and had a lot of fun. ... **KN4LF**. Pretty good propagation on 15, 20, 40, and 80 meters. 21 hours of operation. ... **KP2BH**. We had a great time and demolished last year's results. All equipment worked flawlessly. ... **KT1I**. I'm not a RTTY regular, but thought I'd give this one a try. Glad I did. Conditions were great, and had a lot of fun! ... **KX7L**. I really enjoyed this contest. I can hardly wait for next year and hopefully better propagation ... **N0YO**. All contacts made with indoor antennas ... **N2MH**. Excellent contest and we beat last year's score in spite of 15m being dead! ... **N2WK**. Really had fun with this contest. Made more Q's than I expected. Thanks for all the contacts. ... **N5RN**. Casual effort but did better than I thought I would. No K5D and I don't think I worked any new ones. Missed the 40 (which I need) ...

N5UWY. My first real attempt at using RTTY and I love it! I tried 30 years ago with the chunka-chunka-chunka mechanical system and it drove me nuts. This is a blast! ... **N6HE**. This was my second RTTY contest, and I enjoyed myself working this new (to me) mode. For a QRP'er, I'd say it falls between CW and SSB in terms of difficulty in making QSOs. There were RTTY QSOs I made that would not have happened on SSB, and there were RTTY QSOs that I was unable to make that I would have made on CW. So it adds another dimension to contesting for QRP'ers. I've heard that there is a lot of DX that only shows up on RTTY. I was hoping to work something new, but nothing heard. Just the usual suspects. But I'll keep trying. There were a couple of hours when I thought someone might have called a recess and I didn't get the word. My rate was even lower than one would expect for a QRP station, given the other hours I had been operating. Maybe everyone decided to take their hour breaks at about the same time. I'll remember that when planning mine for next year :-). When the contest was over, I discovered that only one side of my 450-ohm window line feed was connected for my 20m antenna. My ATU matched it just fine, so I didn't realize there was a problem. And yet I managed 108 QSOs through that connection. I wonder if I could have worked 216 if both leads had been connected :-). Very heavy rain during the weekend. Could really hear it out in my garage shack. Had to rematch my antennas a couple of times, as window-line impedance changes when really wet and lying on a wet roof. Thanks to all for digging me out. I'll try to do better next time. 73 and thanks for the Qs. The Little Station with Attitude ... **N6WG**. Great contest ... **N7ESU**. I am checking myself into rehab. I had two blondes and a brunette who wanted to go riding in the Corvette this weekend. No, I had to call CQ Test on 10m for 20 hrs with an A index of 30. What was I thinking? I need to make a change of plans or something! ... **NA4W**. This score beats my all-time high as a single op. The highlight was having HZ1PS call me on 20m. Got to work my friends at NP3U on 4 bands. What a great con-

test! ... **NG1G**. WPX RTTY doesn't have a QRP category, and I sure missed it. But with no sunspots, high A and K indexes, and operating from the Pacific Northwest it seemed a lot like operating QRP! Contacts were 75% from North America, even though I tried and tried to work some DX. 20m barely stayed open for the start of the contest and a handful of Pacific stations. Then it was slugging it out on 40m for the evening, but never managed to work a European, only NA and SA. I even got up at 3 AM local time to work the JAs on 80m and 40m. Got 23 of them in one hour and went back to sleep. The mornings provided only two dozen Europeans on 20m. 15m was only for South America, and didn't bother with 10m. I finished at about 75% of my hopes, but that leaves me room to improve next time. A few overdriven signals, a few rude frequency stealers, but many good ears and great ops. Thanks! ... **NN7SS**. Equipment trouble kept us way shy of our 15,000,000 goal, but the hard work and effort kept us going. Go CTR!! ... **NP3U**. Forty & 80 were miserable here. Only persistence got me 81 Q's on 40. Where are those Sunspots? Maybe next year ... **W0RAA**. Great contest! Little shaky during the daytime. Good at night. ... **W4HOD**. Had a good time even though I couldn't operate during the entire of the contest period. Listened up on 15 meters and was surprised to hear a few stations. Nothing heard on 10 meters, however. Can't wait until next year. ... **W4OTN**. QRP 5 watts. First time in contest. Sure would be nice to have a QRP class ... **W5GHZ**. Had a wonderful time! As usual, did not get to operate as long as I would have liked. Broke in my new K-3 and it is an awesome RTTY machine! Many signals and pretty good propagation, a good sign that RTTY is growing. Thanks for putting on this great event. How about 4 times year? ... **WB4ROA**. Valentine's Day weekend, lots of local noise, three computer crashes. I Loved It! ... **WD4PDZ**. Enjoyed this as always. Ran SOSB on 80 this year just for fun. Thanks for all the Q's ... **WF4W**. First RTTY contest. I'll be back. ... **WV2ZOW**. Operating from W8JI. Once again, Tnx Tom! ... **WW4LL**.
