
2006 CQ WW DX SSB Contest

Expanded QRM

DX QRM

2E0ATY: Good contest. Did better than expected with 50 watts and limited time. **2E0TGS:** Maximum power used was 50 watts. **2E0TLB:** Great fun. This is how contests should be. **2E0ZEO:** My ICOM IC-7000 was set to 5% power throughout the contest. It was hard going! **4N6FZ:** SO HP single band on 40 meters. Home call DD5FZ. **6W1RY:** Big surprise was the opening on 10 meters at this point of the sunspot cycle. Pity that I worked so few JA stations. I miss their excellent operating skills. **6Y1V:** Unfortunately we had no time to put all the programmed antennas on the towers. We operated with two monster antennas, one fixed to U.S. and another one to Europe. Another 4-element SteppIR installed in one 8 meters high mast, we used as multiplier station. The QTH is really marvelous and for sure David, KY1V, next year will have a super contest station at a perfect QTH for NA. Was a great pleasure to work and to be with old friends in Montego Bay. We had a problem also with the logs and probably lost dozens of QSOs. Best 73, Oms, PY5EG. **8P2K:** What terrible conditions. Still it was great to work lots of good DX. **9A1P:** Great fun, FB contest! **9M6DXX:** Very difficult to be heard in Europe especially on 40 and 80. Very frustrating to call stations for whom you are definitely a multiplier and possibly a double multiplier and not be heard. Some stations were 59+20 on 40 and 80 but could not hear me at all. **9N7JO:** Very difficult RX due to very high line-noise (city noise). **9V1RH:** Had a great time on 80 meters but missed 3V6T. **9W6RAY:** My first CQ WW contest. Had fun, though my vertical has big ears but small mouth. Heard lots of stations but most didn't hear me. Will be back next year. **AH6JR:** Friday night band wasn't too good, but Saturday night wow. Until the antenna melted, at legal limit! Really! **C52T:** Great signals from all parts of the world on all bands. Shame I couldn't get heard with my low power. Good openings on 10m. Spent all of Sunday running from a battery with just 50W out. **C6APR:** Our second operation from Crooked Island in the southern Bahamas. Due to problems with the airplane, we arrived later than expected and were not on the air until one hour into the contest. Lost our amp and the rig. Only put out 90W but verticals on the beach,

along with the C6 call made it an enjoyable contest. 90W vs 250W is not much of a handicap on 40m, 20m, and 15m, but on the rest of the bands we suffered. The Crooked Island Lodge, Pittstown Point, Crooked Island, Bahamas is a ham friendly resort. **CE2LS:** Yaesu FT-920 with 75 watts only. Cushcraft A3S with 40 meters kit antenna. Very poor the propagation towards Chile. **CE2SQE:** Very poor propagation towards Chile.

CN2R: Noisy on the first night. **CT1ETX:** No propagation. Bad luck for the contest, so see you next year. Good luck for all. **CT1GGO:** Nice contest. See you in CQ WW SSB 2007! **CT3YA:** The Madeira team would like to give a special thank you to each of the stations that came to our QRG to work us or at least tried to work us. We improved from last year on antennas and the overall setup of the station. The contest was running pretty good until we went on the second night when a big thunderstorm with strong lightning completely ruined our chances of keeping the rate we were getting by that time. With three electricity faults, one of them of over 11 minutes, the low bands with the noise of the thunderstorm and lightning sound, we couldn't manage to do more than was made over that night. We would like to congratulate all the teams that made the CQ WW DX SSB a great contest. **CT4GO:** Fine to catch new ones for 5B DXCC. **CX9AU:** 40 was very hard to work low power, but listened to the world and Europe not hear me. First day and K3LR was the only USA station caught and VE3RM from Canada. Used SD Logger for the first time and was good.

DD1JN: IC-7400, Acom 1000 vertical. Only S&P just for fun. **DF6WE:** Sunday my neighbour came and said I was making TVI so couldn't work Sunday evening. Station gp, pa 100W, two liters tea for my voice! **DH2RTW:** Nice, had fun. **DH8BQA:** Despite a few QSOs on the higher bands please put me in the 160m single-op low power category only. That's what I've been playing more seriously :) **DJ3GE:** Originally I planned to work some QSOs on 160m QRP (<5watt) only, but I noticed that the 10m band was open. Then I tried to make some new band points with low power (~60 watts). It was a very nice contest again in spite of my short participation. **DJ3WE:** I am only using a single dipole of 65.6m length and

11m average height, bent several times in all planes for all bands, so you can't really expect a lot in view of that antenna restriction. I am quite happy with the results especially on the low bands. 10m and 15m were a nice surprise with above average performance in these lousy days of low sunspot activity. My impression was that (a) the big guns from the U.S. (K1TTT, W3LPL, K3ZO, W4ZR (to name just a few) were a lot weaker than in previous events and that (b) the number of big guns is dramatically increasing year by year all over the world (W, UK, F, I, DL, JA and especially to the east of western Europe). **DJ6XB:** Unexpectedly nice conditions on 15 meters, especially on Saturday. But, much to my regret, I could spend only a few hours this fall.

DK7FP: UFB condx on 15m and 10m even near the minimum. **DK8AX:** Poor condx, even on the low bands, resulted in a larger share of QSOs with European stations. **DK8JB:** Happy with vertical dipole. What could a vertical beam do!? **DL1NUX:** Super condx on 10m reminded me of the last sunspot maximum. I enjoyed it. **DL1XAS:** I didn't take part for more than 15 years, and I had a lot of fun testing my new QTH. Perhaps next year with beam to get more countries. My little son, 6 years old, enjoyed listening to what papa did. Propagation was not so good mostly. See you next year. **DL2OBO:** Not much time, sorry. Comments from K1TTT about blizzard made me afraid. **DL5SWB:** Mobile operation with FT-847 and Atas 120. **DL6DCD:** Had fun! 73 to all contest OMs! **DL7FA:** TS-570D and vertical antenna. I had fun with this contest. **DL7UMK:** Nice contest with gd condx on 10m. The low bands were overcrowded with high power stations, made themselves impossible to hear many low power stations. All in all it was beautiful. See you in CW and next year. **DL8WAA:** Just checked several locations for the next 10m contest. **DL9ZWG:** Enjoyed using SD. This logger does a good job.

DO9ST: German novice amateur radio station. **DP6A:** Multi Two forever! **DQ4W:** We enjoyed the great condx on Saturday very much. Too bad 15m was way down on Sunday. We only could work five W's on Sunday on 15m. Unfortunately we didn't hear any station from Zone 1 the whole weekend. **DQ5T:** Lessons learned on what to improve, Win-Test did a great

job. **DS3HWS**: My first log submission to CQ WW DX contest. Really enjoyable time and reasonable QSO counts. CU next year. **E21EIC**: Nice to hear signal from Laos by XW1A, Larry, show up in CQ WW after I gave him info. I think he could have made high score for his first time in CQ WW contest. I heard many new Thai hams show up on the band, including E20PFE, E27EK, HS5FAI, and HS9JSQ. Also I heard more HS/E2 hams in contest and were E20WXA, E21YDP, HS0ZBS, HS0ZCW, HS0ZDX, HS0ZEE, HS6MYW, HS8KAY, and HS8KGG. I could not forget HS00AC, RAST HQ station in M/S operated by HS1CKC, HS0ZDJ/W2YR, and HS0ZCG/KL7ENY. Thanks for showing up, HS/E2 calls. I missed Zones 1, 2, 6, 7, 39, and 40. Thanks to CQ magazine for supporting contest and thanks to all QSOs. CU in CQ WW CW from XU7ADE. **E21YDP**: Nice to work stations from SA and Caribbean: LU7HN, OA4WW, YV4A, and 5K4DX. Also nice to work Larry Jr., XW1X, from Vientiane. Tnx for all QSOs.

EA1FDI: First CQ WW on 15 meters. Excellent propagation the first day and terrible the second. Anyway I am happy with the result, with only two elements and 600 watts. **EA3EJI**: For sure, despite forecasts, the CQ WW made its own propagation! Ten meters became glorious! **EA4DXP**: This year I have problems with my rig. See you next year! **EA8ARG**: This is my first contest operating QRP. Low power is a very different manner to operate, and it is very frustrating not getting copied, despite the strong signals from other stations. Anyway, I enjoyed the contest very much. Many thanks to all the fellows who tried to copy me, and they couldn't. Thanks to CQ for the contest, and I will copy you in the next contest! **EB3EPR**: 10m was really good on Saturday. Sunday was not so good. **ED2WW**: Nice contest, poor conditions with USA, nice opening on 10m to SA Saturday afternoon. **ED3SSB**: Great conditions on Saturday with 10m band open for 4 to 5 hours, but Sunday was little bit harder with 20m absolutely crowded.

EI2JD: Great contest, great conditions on all bands. **EI4CF**: 15 was marvelous on Saturday but not so on Sunday. **EI9HX**: Good contest. **F4ETG**: Great contest, great contesters! Waiting for next year! What a good time. **F5FLN**: I was very happy to make QSOs during the CQ WW SSB. Lots of stations in the QRM, many U.S. stations in split. **F5KSE**: First participation in CQ WW DX, and not the last. Many thanks to F5KSE Radio Club for loaning their station. See you next year with more QSOs. **F6BNH**: Not too much

time to spend but enjoyed to give some points. Tried new receiving antenna on 160m and it seems it will be good for CW next month. It seems that many DX stations normally on for this contest were not, maybe because of propagation. 10 meters opened a little bit. Good surprise to ear North American stations on 10. Thanks for organization. See you next year. **F6FTB**: Rig K2 from Elecraft plus 100 watts into a 2x20m doublet. Due to family commitment I had only one day to spend on the CQ WW SSB so I chose to stay in the monoband 80m class in order to have the full afternoon to prepare the family QSY to the French Riviera. To have a swim on October 30 in a sea at 23°C is a good compensation for missing the CQ WW SSB!

FG5JK: Very difficult to start runs or to keep a calling frequency for a long time period in low power mode. The most difficult band was 20m. The height of the FB32 (2-el tribander) at 6m was too low for 20m and 15m. Even European stations calling CQ were not able to hear my call. Tks to Gerard, FG5JK, the station owner, we had a nice family holiday. **G0EYO**: Few U.S. stations heard this year but good fun. **G0KDS**: Handicapped with no antenna for 40m and 160m, only a low vertical for 15m and 20m shielded by trees and building. But as usual enjoyed it except the last 4 hours. **G0VDZ**: First entry in CQ WW Topband only. Very hard work. **G0VOK**: Good activity on 15m but conditions to North America were poor. Great fun. **G1T**: Great to see 10m opening well this year. A very enjoyable contest but 40m was poor. **G1VDP**: Had to be the hardest yet. Only worked U.S. on Saturday and a few South Americans. Worth losing sleep over and looking forward to next year already. **G2B**: Our first attempt at CQ WW SSB and we enjoyed ourselves greatly. We had a few dramas, like a PC crash, which lost rig and SteppIR control. Maybe a few mistakes there. Our FT-1000MP went wrong at 2235 UTC. The final QSO was not an entry so entered a known dupe to zero score!

G3KWK: Frustrating at times. Did 27 hours. **G3RAU**: Hard work but good fun as always. **G3TXF**: 40m single band is not a "fun" category for an occasional SSB operator! However, having access to 7.1-7.2 does ease the spectrum pressure slightly. **G3VCQ**: SD is the ideal software log for contesting = superb! **G3YBY**: Casual entry only; just 16 hours operation. **G4ADJ**: Propagation less good than last year. More contacts and more bands used but score lower! **G4DDL**: Lots of good QSOs but some of the big guns seemed to have big TXs and no ears. It was nice to meet many old pals. **G4DFI**: Very

enjoyable. **G4LDL**: Just could not get heard on 80m so packed up trying. Only able to operate for about 15 hours. **G4MKP**: My technique improves every year. All I need for next year is a 200 ft. tower for me and two weekend tickets to Paris for my XYL and daughter. Outstanding contest. Thank you. **G4NXG**: Conditions not so good for mobile DX but lots of activity nevertheless. Great to see 10 meters open to Europe.

G4OCO: As always CQ WW makes its own propagation. My first HF contest in several years. Must improve my LF antennas. See you next year. **G4PIQ**: No time to prepare main station for serious entry this year. Found a few minutes here and there to work a handful of stations from home. **G4SLE**: Really great to here so much activity. **G5W**: Great contest again. Good conditions on the Saturday deteriorated on Sunday. Just a two-man effort this year. It was going to be an SOAB entry until two days before the contest! **G5X**: Only worked contest for a short period. **G6CSY**: Wow! 15m was the icing on the cake! **G6SFP**: Excellent contest, great fun. **G6UBM**: Saturday seemed the more active day. Very poor audio from some stations. A number of stations just calling QRZ with no callsign. **G7RTI**: Great contest, enjoyed. **G7T**: Overall conditions not too bad, bearing in mind we are at the sunspot minimum. Not easy to compete when using only simple wire antennas but it was a lot of fun! G7T is the contest callsign of the Square Bashers DX group. **G8ITB**: First time entry in CQ WW. I really need a beam! **G8ZRE**: Best score to date. Next year hopefully more. Hard going to USA and Canada.

G14AAM: Time on air low due to arrival of new grandchild. **G14SJK**: Lots more time this year even though I had to work on Saturday. Worked mostly Europe with very few W/VE stations on 15 and 20m worked. 10m was open which was a change. Great fun but very tiring. QRM was very heavy. **GM0B**: Number of Q's down this year. Condx on 160m down, condx on 10m up. Added two more inverted L's for 160m and an NVIS for 80m. Changed logging software from CT to WinTest and tried the use of stub filters on our 40m station. WX was lousy with Thursday being very wet and windy during setup. **GM0IIO**: Great contest. Crowded bands for such poor condx. FT-1000MP with 100W. Antenna 40m extended Double Zepp at 40 ft. **GM2T**: Enjoyed the contest as always. Great to see Foundation license holders, some of them entering a contest for the first time having a real go and coping with heavy QRM. Weather very "wild" over the

Saturday night/Sunday morning. No real problems apart from a burst guy and faulty connector on the 15m Yagi. Network ran extremely well, as it was the first time of using WinTest in a major contest. Did have a couple of instances of RF problems but were solved with ferrite rings.

GM3WOJ: Great contest, but condx not good to USA from northern Scotland. **GM6NX:** Thanks to all GM6NX members who helped set up the stations and kept them running during the day. **GM6TVR:** Great contest, great logging programme. **GM7TUD:** Antenna problems on Saturday morning took a little while to resolve, then rotator packed in on Sunday. Still enjoyed the contest as usual and good to see some nice band conditions. **GU4EON:** CQ fun! **GW0DCK:** Contest site not good. Antennas two phased dipoles. Could hear very well but needed amp, lol. CU all next year and thanks to all. **GW0TKX:** Great contest again. **GW0VQR:** I tried for about 5 hours in the contest. Five watts into the miracle whip was not enough on SSB. See you next year. **GW3VQO:** My first operation from Wales, just four hours total. **GW3YDX:** Very hard work on Sunday. No USA at all! **GW4BLE:** Broken radio on Saturday cost me time, QSOs, and mults. **HA2QW:** My amplifier broke down before the contest started. I had to go low power. **HA503DMF:** Didn't have enough time to participate in the whole contest. Good conditions and good activity. **HA8BE:** Nice contest! Next year agn! **HB9BLQ:** Very nice team and despite low SSN we were able to get quite a good number of multipliers. Thanks to all for the nice weekend with a lot of sun and high temperatures above 20°C. **HB9TQG:** Two-el SteppIR, 40m dipole, lowband sloper. 90% S&P, but first time little runs on 20 and 40, so score increased! I had to play a concert Saturday night, was hours away from radio, but still no sleep, so Sunday very tired!

HC1JQ: First time all band low power. I see you next year and thank you. **HI9L:** Many problems with energy and static. **HQ4R:** Activated NA-060 Tigre Island. Thanks to Javier, HR2J, for his great hospitality! 73's EW1AR, NP3D. **HQ9R:** Great contest as always. **HR2RCH:** Tnx fer nice contest and allowing our radio club to participate. Tnx to all the stations that make this contest so great because of the pile-ups. **HS0AC:** Lots of fun and the 10 meter openings were a surprise! **HS0ZDR:** Magic (?) band dead daily and full of DX for CQ WW SSB! Fun as always after 49 years of CQ contesting as KN4PHY, K4PHY, DL5IX, K4PHY/YV5, TJ1AW, G5BAU, GC5BAU, SV0CT, KH6/N4CT, T5CT, N4CT, HS0ZDR. **HS0ZDX:** Good to see lots of activity. **HS0ZEE:** First day

pipeline into Japan all bands. Second day was mostly flat early morning, two hours of dead bands. Contest great.

HZ1IK: I did not have too much time for the contest because of QRL. Therefore, I decided to just distribute some multipliers and try to get some new ones. The propagation on 10m was not too bad compared to the usual conditions. Therefore, I decided to send the log as 10m single band. See you in the next contest. **ISKAP:** Fantastic propagation for very nice log. **IC8POF:** Fine experience again despite the bad propagation on Sunday afternoon-evening. See you next year. **IO4T:** Our best WW DX SSB. Nice team, good Es openings on 10 and 15 Sunday. **IQ5GR:** Linear amplifier mechanical problem, cluster off line, and rotator control box broken by the lightning transient. **IR3Z:** A good contest for me this year. **IR4B:** It was a fantastic contest for me. Enjoying the new FT-2000 transceiver, new antenna, nice 20m prop summed up into a higher score (op IK4UY). **IW0HOU:** My first CQ WW SSB. Definitely an exciting experience. Only 506 QSOs but a good start for the future. **IW1FPK:** First time in the contest. Big fun! **IW1QN:** A very good contest. I participated only some hours. **IW2NSE:** Operations stopped too early because of TVI. **IW3IKX:** First time in this contest. Only a few QSOs but a lot of fun! **IW7EGQ:** Superb propagation on 10m.

IZ1DGG: Power reduced by internal regulation not modifiable at 4.7 as showed by Bird wattmeter. Very good propagation but for short skip only. **IZ2EID:** Due to antenna problem only 200 QSOs. Better luck next time! **IZ5ICH:** Good propagation and good DX. **IZ7AUH:** I worked for three hours only. Fantastic propagation on 20m in all times. I think to 2007 edition and make a fantastic team, for a fantastic experience. **IZ7EDQ:** Thank you to all! Good contest for me. Next contest 2007, ciao! **J42WT:** Thanks to all for a great time in this contest. See you next year! **JA0AVS:** I enjoyed my first CQ WW DX contest. **JA1BUI:** Cool time. Thank you for QSOs. **JA1CP:** Had an enjoyable time. Thank you. **JA2TTH:** I enjoyed the contest. **JE1ALA:** Am 3rd licensed in JA, using IC-706MK2gs (only 10W output) and whip antenna up about 13m. Mni tks 4 ur works! love only 10 meter band. 73 es GL in test. CU all around the world, 10m lovers. **JE1LCK:** Operated from JD1/M Minami Torishima. Maximum power output was less than 5 watts.

JE1NSA: Thank you! **JE1SPY:** I was QRV on 80 single band. In this season our JA station was damaged. Very heavy QRM (OHT radar) from south island on 75m. Its signal strength is S9+ over 10 dB!

We cannot receive DX signals on this band. I called CQ in this contest. I was called by XF4DL on 75m band. I was only barefoot! I could not QSO with him because of very heavy pile-ups before the contest! It was very lucky! A blessing to me! **JF3IYW:** Running 50 watts and antenna is short dipole. It was hard to operate 40m band. **JF4GWA:** Quite happy with the results, because my antenna was a very modest one. **JH4UYB:** Great contest. **JIBUR:** Rig Yaesu FT-850, output power 50W. A very exciting test. **JJ1MZH:** It was enjoyable even with conditions in such low sunspot number period. **JK1TCV:** Rig output power used less than 5W. **JM1LPN:** The propagation was better than expected on 15m on Saturday. Sunday was poor with the path to the polar areas very limited. We do not remember working so few stations from Scandinavia during the CQ WW.

JR1NKN: I'm very glad to have many QSOs. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts with FT-817 transceiver. **JR1VAY:** I enjoyed the contest. **JR3NZC:** Good contest. **JR4FLW:** Tnx nice contest. **KH7U:** Good conditions. It was great running stateside in the morning and having FG5FU break through, then a few QSOs later, 6W1SE. **KH7X:** Very poor conditions; only four EU's worked, all via long path (KH6ND). **KL1V:** Great openings into the Pacific, but where was the rest of the world? **KL2R:** Didn't break 500 QSOs or 100k points, which became my adjusted goals after a dismal night and morning session on the bands. I had originally hoped for double those points and contacts after a good start to the weekend. However, this is quite a respectable performance, considering the station was put together quickly and with domestic (ARRL) contests in mind for this year. No more tower climbing until late spring. **LA1K:** Trouble with aurora all the way. **LA8GK:** Not too good condx especially when using an indoor longwire.

LU8SAN: My first entry log in CQ WW. I'm blind and automatize with a pulser to take QSO time to record in tape. Some LU hams helped me to write software that permits logging more easy in real-time QSO-logging. I'm very happy. New doors were opened and enjoy this moment. **LW3DC:** It was great to participate again. QRP is hard but fun. **LX6T:** Had again a very good time. Worked many countries this year, but some good mults were missing. Couldn't worked KL7 and KH6 this year. **LX7I:** Nice contest again. I spent too much time on working multipliers. Need to improve my number of QSOs. Thanks to all for calling me. My new call is now LX2A (ex-LX2AJ). **LY2BOS:** Thanks for the nice

contest! **LY6M**: Nice condx on Saturday, poor on Sunday. So it seems to concentrate more on 15 and 10 the first day was a good choice. Nice Es opening on high bands. 80% of QSOs were with Europe. 45 hours is the most I have ever operated in SSB contest.

MØOIC: Conditions were excellent this year, thus providing plenty of activity. I did not work all stations, as trying to work as many countries and zones as possible, so this is more of a check log than an entry of course. **M2H**: Band conditions much better than expected. Only four ops but it was great fun taking part in this great contest. Thanks once again to the organizers and adjudicators for all their efforts. **M3NDP**: First time entering this contest. Great fun. See you next year. **M4A**: A very fun contest entry with a large team made up almost entirely of current students or recent graduates of Cambridge University. We had our fair share of problems, such as melting two baluns during the weekend, which left us with 80m for much of Sunday evening, and we also had only one 14/21/28 MHz antenna, so the mult station could not use these bands while the run station was on one of them. Nevertheless, we improved on our score from last year and felt that conditions weren't as bad as they might have been. **M4U**: Very good conditions and activity levels. Amplifier failure on second day limited hours of the 48 possible. Very enjoyable and trx to the organizers.

M8C: Great team effort in the Cray Valley Club's 60th anniversary year. Plenty of members turned up to help and to operate. One of our members, G3SXE, usually joins a Canadian team in Zone 2, but this year it was the turn of Bob, VE3SRE, to join us. He couldn't get over the lack of snow! **MIØLLL**: Conditions on Saturday were great, starting off with being able to work 1.5h before daylight, which continued to a nice opening to the U.S. shortly after midday GMT. However, very few Zone 3 stations logged. Day 1 finished off with 1410 Q's. Day 2 was a different story; conditions were way down and therefore spent most of the morning chasing much needed mults. Midday opening did not happen and not one U.S. station was logged at all on Sunday. Only the East Coast big guns could be heard weak via the direction of South America later on in the day. Finally around 1500Z the amp had had enough and threw in the towel, forcing full-time S&P mode. Thanks to all who made it through. **MMØGOR**: All QSOs with 5 watts only!

MUØGSY: My best contest to date! Looking forward to next year. **MWØRZC**: Enjoyable. **NP2B**: Always a pleasure to

host a first-class team of guest ops (K5KG, WD4R, N4BP, and W4DTA) and this certainly was no exception. A bit ironical, but the host (me, N4BP) lost his voice about a week before the contest! **OE2S**: First SSB effort in M/2 category with our little M/S station. Result was a damaged six-pack and three destroyed antennas (and as a result a lot of "cable-confusion"). Interference did not allow us to use the desired bands. Nevertheless a lot of fun with the good condx and much room for improvement in the future. **OH1F**: I broke TS-850SAT after a few hours operating. The rest of the contest was run with TS-2000 without DVK. Propagation was very poor, but some interesting openings happened, like working K3LR and W3LPL on 10 meters at 2100Z. Absolute contest highlight was nailing XF4DL at 2200Z on Sunday on 15 meters. **OH2LZC**: Spent the weekend shouting zulu-charlie.

OH2RA: Just a short effort this time. **OH2TI**: Demonstration of contesting at club. Also first little bit of proper contesting in ages. Had fun. Must start to do this more often (OH5JOC). **OK1BLU**: A good contest. Hope cu agn next year. **OK1KT**: For the first time in my life I enjoyed the contest. Thanks to the N1MM software. CU next year! **OK1TC**: Excellent propagation on 10 and 15m in this minimum sunspot activity cycle. **OK2SWD**: Good contest. See you again, friends. **OK4DZ**: I am newcomer, having one year ham licence now. First time in CQ WW for a few hours. Excellent propagation. **ON3TO**: First CQ WW contest as QRP with 5 watts. I enjoyed it and hopefully see you next year. **ON5SV**: Very nice moment spent at the radio! **ON900BE**: Bad conditions but very fine contest. **OQ4T**: First time in contest with my new vanity call-sign. Tnx a million to all, and see you next year. **OQ7T**: Only could spend a few hours on contesting due to family obligation. Great fun. See you next year. Tnx.

OR7Y: Just had some fun in between work. **OT6L**: New location in the fantastic shack of ON4HIL with lots of new operators. Had a lot of fun and learned a lot, especially what you are allowed to work as multiplier station in MOST class! **OT6W**: With better antennas we get better results. **OY1CT**: This mode is fairly new game for me. I apologize for the delay in picking up some of the calls. There sure are some strange phonetics out there. **OZ7TTT**: 10m was surprizingly open some hours both days. Condx on other bands fair. **P40A**: Awesome contest with conditions better than predicted, again! **P40W**: Had fun. Hope others did, too. Nice to work EU on 10m this year. **PAØFAW**: For my low power and indoor antenna

quite a nice contest. Heard 10/15 open deep in the night but cannot use SSB during the night here in order not to wake up the neighborhood. **PAØIJM**: A lovely contest weekend. Nothing to complain about the band conditions. **PAØMIR**: Sunspots low but activity high meant good number of contacts on 28 MHz for the club score anyway. **PA3FMC**: Enjoyed working this contest. I used my new FT-2000 this time. Was nice to have some good filtering because of all the strong European stations. My antenna is an end fed 20 meter wire antenna with auto tuner.

PA3GNZ: It was fun to be in the contest for the first time. Some QSOs made with 500 mw. **PA7MM**: We had a great time. All went well this year. **PE2KP**: It was great DXing with my 4.5 watts QRP and working a few new ones on 160 meter band. All the bands were open for DXing. What a great time before my birthday the next day. **PG2AA**: Again had a FB weekend! **PI4COM**: After a few years back to multi-operator contesting. Our mix of experienced and new contesters sure enjoyed this contest. CU in the next one. **PI4ZI**: Special thanks to PB1WB and YL (Marianne) for the catering and Mariska for acting as "barmeisje" (bar maid). Thanks to PE1BR for the support. **PI4ZOD**: We had a nice weekend and we learned a lot, so we got the goal! **PS2T**: Great pleasure to have the young generation operating the station. Thanks Oms, PY5EG/PY2OMS.

PV8IG: Great to work with SD program. I left from hospital. I was sick for 10 days, but I had phisician's permission to enter this contest. Was wonderful. **PY2XC**: Conditions were exceptionally good on 10 meters. Unfortunately had to vote for president on Sunday. **PY2YU**: Poor conditions, but much better than last year of course. I heard about 5 or 6 countries that I couldn't work, but I'm satisfied with my mults result. Congrats to my friend Juan, LU1HF (Chapolin) for his big score. **RK4HYT**: Nice contest. **RV3NA**: Tnx for contest! **RV6LFE**: Unfortunately lost electricity at 16Z Saturday. It was back in more than 24 hours but my contest spirit was already low, hi! Sorry till next year! **RZ3DO**: This contest was hard work. **RZ6MO**: Very big surprise, good conditions on 28 MHz after 5 years of silence. **S50D**: Team of youngsters led by op S59D was introduced into world of contesting. **S51NZ**: A lot of fun and new experience. Thank's to all for contacts. See you in next contest. **S9SS**: This is my final CQ WW SSB contest as S9SS. I don't normally submit a log. I hope I didn't botch it too badly.

SEØW: From Muskoe Isl. EU-084.

SE5S: Much fun on first day when 10m and 15m were open. I got many new DXCC in this contest. Thanks to all who heard my "Swedish call"! 75W works okay! **SM3AGO:** Enjoy participating in these contests whenever I find time. Tnx and 73! **SM6WET:** Was leaving same day for 5Z4 and 5H1 so just played for an hour in the middle of the night and for once did a single band entry. **SM7UQH:** My first CQ WW ever! **SN1X:** Next year will be better. Sunday without NA and SA was just like tea time. **SP1DTE:** For 160m I have been using only 10 watts output because I haven't an antenna tuner. On rest of bands I have 100 watts out. Very good contest, 73! **SP8HPW:** One of my favourite contests. The only problem is a conflict between time for job and time for contesting. **SQ9FCH:** It was good fun working in CQ WW 2006. **SV9COL:** I really enjoy the contest.

T6EE: This was my first CQ WW; it was not my first amateur radio venture into Afghanistan. Fortunately, two years earlier I set up an amateur station to mark Afghanistan's first presidential election. I had to renew T6EE, and thanks to Mr. Nadir Shah Arian, Director, Department of Spectrum Management, Ministry of Communications, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan there were no problems. In 2004, I requested and was granted a license by the ministry for a special event station. The department issued a temporary license ("...until mission completed"), assigned a frequency of 14.2 MHz, and designated the station T6EE. Director Arian signed that license, the first issued to an amateur by the ministry. Antenna strung between a tree and a roof top; a barefoot FT-897D with both internal and external batteries with both connected to chargers to use AC. Available. power out from the station varied, then as now, from 20 to 100 watts depending on battery condition. The lack of a "JJY" or a "WVW" was met by synchronizing my wristwatch with GMT provided from time to time by Iranian television. Logging in that environment, with barely enough power to run the station, was by hand and in a shorthand I use for contesting. 73 de T6EE (KE6GFF).

TA1HZ: During the contest my power was always 5W. **TF3AM:** Operating on 12V batteries as before. Conditions were fine on Saturday, but got worse and then terrible during the night and on Sunday. Aurora looked great during the night, absorbing all signals. My 300W did stay up there. As always, great fun. Thanks, guys. **TF4M:** The magnificent aurora made conditions very difficult. **T15N:** I was amazed at how my QRP signal still got plenty of responses to CQs at the bottom

of the sunspot cycle. It was nice to have 3V6T and 5B/AG20 ask me to change bands for them. That never happens with my home call! **TM2Y:** We spent many hours on Friday to fix most of antennas hit by a violent wind 5 days before. It was nice to enter this unmissable event! **U1BA:** Anniversary contest. My first CQ WW phone was in 1956 (club station UA1KBB). **UA4FEL:** Very fine contest. I am very glad! Thank you!

US7IGF: Nice contest! **UZ2M:** Thanks for nice contest! See you all in 2007! 73 to all! **V31HK:** Murphy, Murphy, Murphy. First the transceiver I brought along with me from Germany didn't transmit. Another transceiver which I got from V31PC (tnx) stopped working except on 20m two days before the contest. Hence no all-band participation as scheduled, only 20m! Had fun anyway! **V49A:** We were doing well until 3 PM Saturday when the power went off due to local line maintenance. We remained off the air until after 5 PM. We would have been prepared with a generator had we known. An announcement had been in the local newspaper but nobody told us! Murphy strikes again. **VA3RGR:** First CQ WW. Great fun. Unable to work as long as hoped. Conditions fair. Thanks to all. **VA3RKM:** FT-817, 5W, vertical and dipoles. Tough going for QRP and simple antennas, but fun. **VA3RNJ:** First time trying this contest. I had fun. **VA3TPS:** Another great contest. Band conditions made it interesting. **VA3TTU:** Thank you! Several new ones! **VC3R:** I had a great time operating with a special callsign from my cottage in northern Ontario. I have a few projects to do next summer to make it more effective but a great experience anyway.

VE1SLL: This is the first time I've spent any amount of time contesting and we had a blast! **VE2DXY:** Field Day type operation in which we bring everything up to zone 2 in Canada. Two days of driving through beautiful country to get to our location. A storm Saturday night brought strong winds, sleet, and lightning. Poor band conditions resulted in an interesting contest with a good Q rate, but our inability to work into Europe, Africa, and Asia resulted in a low overall score. We did get some good runs on Sunday afternoon into the U.S. and were surprised with the opening in to the Caribbean on 10m and worked ZL and VK on 40m. **VE3CX:** First contest from the new QTH. Just an absolute blast!

VE3DC: The main thing was having fun working DX. Mardy got to work Australia for the first time. Murphy seemed to have his way with Fred's amp, so no amp for station 2. Everyone had a turn at either

radio doing mostly search and pounce. Some of the operators are still getting their feet wet with contesting. Wet feet . . . wow did we have a lot of wind and rain, even a bit of snow that melted away, giving us about one to two inches of water all over our contest site with the creek overflowing. Everything dried up enough for us to leave on Sunday and everyone was able to move their vehicles out without getting stuck. Band conditions seemed to be great and everyone had a lot of fun working the ones we could, and ragchewing amongst ourselves was almost as good as working all that DX. We all had a great time even though the trailer was rocking in the wind. Thanks to all who worked us. Hope to see you next year. **VE3MGY:** You could actually hear the aurora in the headphones and signals were down by a factor of 20! It would have been an excellent weekend for the CQ WW VHF contest! **VE3SS:** Only a part-time effort. Strictly S&P when time permitted. I had a lot of fun nevertheless. Thanks to all who worked me.

VE3SY: This was a weekend of mixed experiences. Starting off two of our team got caught in a major traffic jam and arrived several hours later than planned. Also Paul, 3SY, was just getting over laryngitis and was only able to operate for 20 to 30 minutes before losing his voice. Fortunately with M/2 we had an extra op to fill in so we didn't miss a beat. At the start of the contest 40m was a zoo, which really held down the rate on that band, but 20 managed to fill in with a higher rate. Between the two bands we held a rate of about 100/hr for the first 5 hours. Conditions seemed to vary considerably over the weekend. There were hours when calling even the stronger stations was difficult and other times when we could do no wrong. We really hated to resort to S&P but at times there was little other choice when running yielded few results. Sunday morning before sunrise a blizzard blew through and for an hour or more the snow static was so high we could not operate. Then the noise dropped in and out over the next hour. So for several hours we made virtually no contacts and at the prime time for some sunrise DX. We networked WriteLog between the two stations and had frequent network drops. This was surprising as we used the latest release of WL and both computers ran XP. What also surprised and annoyed us was the loss of a number of contacts when the network crashed. I have never see that happen before in years of using WL, and the contacts could not be found on either computer nor on the ADli file used as temporary storage by WL. On the bright side

this was the best score achieved at VE3SY in M/2 operation. This, no doubt, was the result of three new operators this year, but who were not new to contesting: Nick, VE3EY, Peter, VE3NWA, and Steve, VE3SMA, in addition to Paul, VE3SY, and Don, VE3XD. We made a great team and everyone filled in to operate and give pointers and assistance as needed. Another highlight was the meals prepared by Paul and Don's XYLs, Marg and Barb, respectively. We all very much enjoyed the results of their culinary talents and are looking forward to doing this all again next year, hopefully with improved conditions.

VE3ZZ: Still the greatest contest ever!
VE5RI: A short burst into the Far East the second day, as the A index rose. Not much outside of North and South America but we ran the Q numbers up with lots of USA stations. Relatively good action on 40, 80, and 160 with some very nice DX. Good friends, good food, good beer, and good condx considering the state of the sunspots. **VE7HRA:** My first contest. **VE7KPB:** Contacts were harder this year than last year. Propagation was not as good this year. More work for fewer contacts. **VE7NA:** We did not have a great turnout for this contest but those that came out had a lot of fun. **VK1AA:** I am 9 years old and this was my first contest. My dad and I operated from the car, running 60 watts to mobile antenna. I liked it very much. **VK2BJ:** Enjoyed the contest. First entry in over 40 years of ham radio. **VK2IT:** First time entry, very enjoyable. Be back next year! **VK2KRM:** This was my first CQ WW DX SSB contest. I had a blast. I only obtained my Advanced operators license in July 2006. **VK2TZA:** Thanks for the great contest!

VK2WL: Could only spare a small amount of time on the contest this year, especially with the XYL running around and hassling me to get off my backside and do something constructive. Perhaps a better effort next year when I've also made some improvements to the antenna farm. **VK3FY:** Heard many many multipliers but was not able to get through. Everyone was surprised to hear a mobile station working the contest. Wish I had more time on the air. **VK3TZ:** A very tough contest to work low power with S9 noise and some antennas in dire need of maintenance. Highlight was to work 5Z1A on the long path and some very brief 10m openings. Amazing that 20m was open to NA, SA, AF (lp), AS, OC, and EU (lp) at the same time around 0500-0600Z on Sunday. Some very nice signals from South America. Excellent to work into EU on 40m lp with a Ripplettech vertical and 100W. Truly amazed. Nearly all QSOs

were search and pounce and I doubt I worked anything that was not a big multi station. Excellent signals on 80m from USA on Sunday night (Sunday morning USA). **VK4CZ:** The amount of effort is not truly reflected in the score. **VK4EJ:** Had a fun contest. Low power and low sunspots and single band can be frustrating! CU agn next year. **VK4HTM:** I am sorry I have no idea of how to claim my score.?? **VK4NEF:** Had a ball. See you all next year. **VK5UE:** Had a great time.

VK8AA: My first use of a 40m monoband beam in any event, 5 elements full size at 65 ft. with about 200 watts. It took me a day to learn about its behaviour, and the second day to do something serious with it. **VK8AV:** Empty vessels make the most noise confirmed yet again. **VP2MHX:** Lots of ash from volcano! **VP2MQD:** This was my first trip to Montserrat. We ran low power with limited antennas. It was tough on low power from the Caribbean, but I enjoyed the contest. **VU2PTT:** This was a dry run for the CQ WW CW, which is my favourite to see how band conditions are at the current sunspot low. Running a barefoot IC-746Pro and the tiny Force 12 Sigma-5 vertical dipole on my roof. The antenna works well (of course, it's no beam), as I was able to work everyone I called and punched through several pile-ups in less than three calls. 99% was S&P, with a very few CQ's. Highlights were being called by VE6JY on one of my very few CQ's on 20m, the very nice opening into Europe on 10m, big sigs out of South America on 15 and 10m, hearing VK9AA crunching the band on 15m, and the nice multipliers flowing out of Africa. I could CQ on 10m and find new multipliers out of EU, the Far East, and Africa! Limited operating time. No antenna for 40/80m due to space restriction meant fewer QSOs and zones. It was good to hear many familiar calls out of the past, as I have been off air for eight years and back only a couple of months ago. Will hope to see many of you in the CW section in November.

VY2LI: Another great CQ WW but strange condx. One-way propagation, no-way propagation, and other challenges. Due to family illness, missed most of the 10/15 meter opening on Saturday and Saturday night was so tough that I packed it in early. No 40m antenna, so lost a lot of ground there. Managed a few mults by loading 80m vertical, but barefoot didn't cut it with a mismatched antenna. Sunday brought high winds, rain static, and lightning, but at least didn't lose power like some stations. Miss the action/comradarie at old VY2SS contest site. Thanks for the Q's and hope we got into your log.

VY2ZM: Solar minimum low band condx not optimal but reasonably good. Nice to see so many old friends. **WH2X:** Band conditions were fair. **WP3GW:** What "bad" propagation. In the afternoons the bands opened pretty good, so not so bad after all. Missed a few countries, but leave it for next time. **XE2S:** Thanks to all of you who gave me the chance to QSO and hope to see you next contest. **YB6LD:** Current working conditions did not allowed me to fully participate in the contest. CU all next year. **YC0BCU:** Good luck in the contest! I am waiting for the next contest event.

YC1TJ: I'm happy to join this contest. **YC3MM:** Have two important things at same time: job and CQ WW contest. Sorry, I must choose the job. Sorry for not full participation. **YE0X:** Nothing special at this one. We have problem with our linear amp on 15m. This contest is always the best. 10m was dead. Thank you for all who were QSOs with us. See you next one with better conditions. **YI9QJ:** Dipole in a war zone. **YL2PQ:** Tnx for contest! 73, and God bless you. **YM0T:** After 2004 and 2005, this year a better score and record of more than 80k. This year I used a wire vertical antenna with a bottom coil and 8eight surface radials. **YM125ATA:** It was very tiring to work with 10-character call-sign. It was a pleasure for me to remind everybody about Turkish leader with YM125ATA/4 special call-sign during contest. Ataturk had served the peace in Turkey and all around the world. Also for me the CQ WW DX contest is a meeting place. I had missed my radio amateur friends. **YO2BPZ:** Very nice and strong contest! I'm sorry for very short activity! **YO2IS:** Pleased to find 10 meters wide open, not too many participants. Was running my "Retro-Rig," GU29 (Russian 829B) PA, 75W and trap gp.

YO3JW: Hope for more next year! Thanks to all who called me. **YO4SI:** Second day evening no propagation with North America! **YO7AWZ:** Mni 73 for all and cu agn! **YO9BXC:** Very hard with only 5W, but my A3S Yagi did a good job! 73's and see you in 2007 edition. **YT1V:** Nice sporadic-E opening. **YV5IAL:** My first contest as QRP. Very hard but very interesting. Five-watt QSOs? Yes, it is possible, incredible. **YV7QP:** FB contest! **YZ500A:** Unfortunately I couldn't finish the contest, because the heavy storm broke my antennas 6 hours before the end of the contest. The 80m vertical fell over the 80m inverted-V, and also the beverages became unusable. The storm crashed them down. Maybe next year I'll have more luck. Thanks to everyone for contacts, and for calls. See you next year. **Z35T:** I hope that next year will have "no

breaking week.”

Z36A: The goal was to make as much as possible QSOs, but from the house of Z36A this result is good, when you know all the problems we had during the contest. Anyhow we enjoyed the contest. Thanks all for calling us. See you in the next one. **ZL2AWH:** Conditions not good. Had trouble getting stations to turn their beams down under. SD worked well and easy to set up and use. **ZL3AB:** Great fun. Nice to work some new countries. **ZL6QH:** We planned to set a new ZL record in the M/M category but conditions were just not good enough, especially on the higher bands. But as always it was still a lot of fun. It is likely that we will have to dismantle the ZL6QH infrastructure in 2007 to make way for a wind farm. However, we are hopeful of being able to rebuild the station in the same area and be back for CQ WW in future years. **ZM2M:** Enjoyed our first as ZM2M operating from a farm workshop with two wires and two Yagi antennas erected for the contest. **ZS1JY:** Another difficult contest using a non-optimally installed, sloping half-size G5RV. I need to straighten out this G5RV before the next contest. **ZS9X:** First M2 from the new ZS9X contest station!

USA QRM

AA10N: FT-920 (100 watts) plus a three Yagi QTH. Work assignment to Hong Kong means CQ WW from Zone 24 this year. A lot harder to work 3 point QSOs from this part of the world! **AA5RO:** First time for most of the operators. **AA6K:** Conditions were better than expected for the bottom of the sunspot cycle. **AA6KN:** Sure sorry I missed B7P but the big boys were too numerous. Oh well! **AB3EF:** First time for me. Loved it. **AB7E:** Wow, what a grind. Operating low power with a dipole on 40m in an SSB contest is an exercise in perseverance. Lots of calling, lots of time between contacts, and all S&P, at least here from Arizona. Fun, though, in a twisted sort of way, and it looks like I have a shot at the 7-land record until someone else gets serious about the category. I think I could have done better except for the large mountain directly west of me (check the picture on my listing at qrz.com) that blocked any low-angle paths to Asia. Looking forward to the CW event in a month; much less strain on the ears and voice.

AC5ZS: Thank God for 10 meters! **AC7GL:** First contest from new QTH. **AD2H:** Very new to this. **AE6RF:** First voice contest outside of Field Day. **AF7DX:** Just changed my call from AH6RF to AF7DX as I am moving to WA soon. Boy, was it a pain to sign “portable

KH6” for the contest! Guess this will be my last CQ WW from Hawaii. Thanks for the fun! **AK9I:** Work limited operating time. Station located in living room, which irritated family (have to get the basement cleaned!). Voice keyer helped a bit with family. See you next year from the basement! **ATØD:** Had excellent conditions to Latin America on 10m and to Europe on 15m. Used electronic logging for first time. **KØDD:** They say I have awoken from a 15 year coma. **KØEJ:** Tnx to Jeff, K4JNY, and Scott, W4PA, for letting me play with their toys. Only fried one amp (my AL1200 – bandswitch). **KØGEO:** Always a great contest! **KØIZ:** Surprisingly good band conditions. Five more multipliers than last year. Using my Collins vintage station adds a fun element to contesting. **KØLDS:** 15 meters was open for me for the first time in a long time. Thanks! See you next year. **KØOU:** About 21 hours S&P and 1/2 hour calling CQ. **KØSR:** This was fun until 2300Z Saturday when conditions went south. **K1RV:** Very limited operation due to being in the midst of moving to a new QTH and only antenna was sloper.

K1TC: Signal got blown away with 70 mph winds! **K2CS:** What happened Sunday? **K2HN:** QTH had snowstorm and power outages which limited operations. Special thanks to all the stations that took the time to pull me out of the noise (5W). **K2MFY:** Contest off to a good start: first QSO was B7P! **K2PS:** I like to think about the propagation as being half-full. Yes, Sunday was pretty bad. But we got much more than we could have expected on Saturday, with a terrific 10 meter opening. Tried running with little success, maybe 30 QSOs that way all weekend, all 20 and 15. I spent a good deal of time before the contest putting up a 160 antenna (low Vee), but it was hardly worthwhile. 80 and 40 were pretty much like they always were. Congrats again to Ed, N1UR, who, even with the power problems, put up a nice score. If I had known that, I might have operated more hours! **K2YEH:** Almost 13 hours, much of it calling without success. Some DX stations 20 over S-9 and didn't answer USA big guns. Missed many countries and some zones; lots of fun anyway. Low power on 80 is not for the faint of heart in this contest.

K3MD: Murphy attacked 5 hrs Saturday morning. **K3MQ:** My first SSB DX contest. Great fun! But some ops spoke so fast I thought I had picked up a RTTY signal! **K3ZT:** Lots of great DX contacts on 15 meters! **K4GOP:** A few contacts were made from my car at my work QTH. **K4VX:** Started out to make a few QSOs, but got carried away! **K5BDL:** First CQ WW contest submission. I cannot wait until next

year! **K5LAD:** Come on back sunspots . . . please! **K5RX:** 80 meter signals from Europe way below normal. Heard no Scandinavia at all. Big surprise to be called by 9M6DXX. **K5ZD:** Semi-serious effort (slept both nights!). Enjoyed chasing the competition while watching the on-line scoreboard. **K6CSL:** Boy! Friday night was a bust! I really enjoyed the rest of the contest. My first DX test with my new computer. **K6HRP:** First time for our club to participate. We enjoyed it! **K6JAT:** Very tough condx this year on 15m. Could only hear one station from Europe, RU1A. **K6LRN:** Plagued with noise, I could only work stations at about 80 to 130 degrees. **K6QK:** I had a good time operating the contest. My station did have problems with RF getting into my computer and locking up Writelog so I had to go to low power on 15 and 10 meters. Twenty meters worked fine and was the band of choice for the majority of my operating. Conditions were better than I expected.

K6SE: Oh, well. I tried! **K6ST:** First contest with 3-element SteppIR and beam on rotator from this mountain QTH. **K7ABV:** Good time again. Conditions were not bad, even though Sunday AM looked bleak. **K7ACZ:** Heard some Asia stations S&P but not running. Would have loved to log them. Thanks to 3XM6JR for asking for the West Coast, otherwise would not have been able to get through to him past the East Coast curtain. **K7QB:** Good propagation to U.S., but not very easy to find a free frequency. **K7XC:** Using 80W into simple/low antennas in an SSB contest is a humbling experience. Each contact was hard earned! **K8THU:** Great contest! Wish I had more time to spend on the air. **K9BWI:** Just testing a new contest program, not a serious entry here. **K9GY:** Glad to see some 10m action. **K9NW:** Great fun as always! Special thanks to Laurent, FM5BH! **K9TRV:** First real contest activity. **KA1C:** Wow! The first contest I worked where I was able to make contacts on all bands, 160 through 10m. Nice to see 10, 15, and 160 open on the same weekend. **KA2KON:** Score might have been a little better if I didn't have the tower lowered to 25 feet because of the winds on Sat./Sun. You can work a lot more with the tower at 75 feet. Still had a good time, especially working Hawaii a few times and the South Cook Islands (on 80 meters).

KA5BQM: 15 was a boomer. Wish 10 had stayed open longer. Lots of fun. **KBØFHP:** Oh, I wish I had had a couple of more dB! This was undoubtedly the hardest time I have had in a contest, low power and on 80m, using only a cheezy wire vertical strung in the trees, with only minimal radials. I think I got really tired of

"again again?" I want to thank everyone who was patient with my puny signal. The first night was fair, with the big guns battling it out. The second night was much better, with quite a few new countries. Next year some RX antennas and phased verticals! **KB1CJ**: Only on for short periods and band conditions not great, but still able to work a few. **KB3KYZ**: Heard many stations, worked as many as possible. South America was strong into Delaware. **KCØPQJ**: Great contest; best DX contacts yet! **KCØRQH**: I didn't get to work as many hours as I wanted, but I made my first contact in China and New Zealand, so it was time well spent! **KC1F**: Our third consecutive father/son M2! The last two were from dad's house before they moved to a retirement home and his station was disassembled. This time was from my house with a smaller station! **KC6MZY**: Thank you for the interesting contest. Hope to be back next year. **KC7WDL**: Didn't have much time to operate but when I did, conditions were terrible!

KC8IMB: Things were going decent until laptop hard drive crashed. That was early Saturday morning and pretty much took the wind out of my sails. Got back into it late Saturday night. Can't wait for the sunspots to come back! 73 and thanks to everyone for putting on a great show! **KC9ECI**: Working QRP was a brutal, masochistic thing to do. As Dr. Smith from the old "Lost in Space" television show would say, "Oh the pain!" **KD6PQF**: Nice openings on 20 in the afternoons, but where was VK land? **KE6GFI**: An example of a little bit of fun: 3 countries, 3 continents, 3 zones, for 3 contacts. **KE7FKX**: Got on a bit to make a few contacts. Thanks for the QSOs! **KG2AF**: A lot of fun! 100 watts with a "crappie antenna" on my fire escape. **KG4VPC**: My first CQ WW contest ever! Had fun and worked a lot of new countries. **KK3Q**: The peanut station here got clobbered on 20, although I did sneak around with S&P for some 20 meter contacts. Got better results on 15 and even a few on 10. No matter the score, it was fun and I got to add a few points to the FCG scoreboard. **KM4RK**: Thanks to the Caribbean and South America for the numbers!

KS7T: Not bad for a ground mounted vertical made out of RadioShack TV mast 16 ft. long and working on all bands, fed with RG-8U and a constant S9 noise level! **KU1CW**: Part-time effort. 40m was not so hot this time. **KU4V**: My tree wires seemed more directional and gray-line dependent than I anticipated. JH4UYB and V73RY were surprises as much as hardly no Europe! Oh well, something to work on for next year. **KY6LA**: I love this contest. I only wish I had more time to play

at it. 10m was open and lots of DX contacts during the supposedly low sunspot cycle. **KZ1M**: KZ1M, Jim Dalterio memorial station. **KZ5OH**: I had a good time. One of my best contests. **N1ORK**: My first CQ WW DX, lots of fun. Nice to see 10 and 15 open and being used. Plan on getting more next year. 73 all! **N2HMM**: Wild fun and controlled chaos. Band conditions better than expected. First time I put in a healthy effort. Going to be healthier next year. **N3GE**: Propagation condx poor. Arthritis unbearable. **N3UM**: QSOs in 5 hr., tedious, but 20m was quite good to EU from 11-13Z, and then (surprise) there were 3 good hours on 15m. 20 m was again pretty good to EU 17-20Z. Saturday PM/Sunday AM the low band noise was not as bad as 24 hrs. earlier, but hard to find new stations to work, especially on 40 Sunday from 13-16Z, but half as many Q's as in the same hours Saturday. Used a horizontal. Many QSOs as my previous best on 80. Overall, got 63 more QSOs than in 2005, but 32 fewer total multipliers, so overall claimed score down 3% from 2005.

N4DXI: Next time an amplifier and tribander! **N4GG**: Enjoyed it as usual. Sorry I only had 13 hours to spare. **N4JF**: Great fun and relaxing. **N4PN**: Missed all of Friday night and only got on Saturday night for short opening before band died. Operated Sunday but condx not good. Never heard any of the "garden variety," like G, SM, GM, PA, etc. Still was fun as all CQ WW contest are. **N4RV**: Enjoyed CQ WW in multi-single this year. We had a smaller team, so we chose to enter multi-single. 15 is still our best band. The runs were shorter than previous years. A few more sunspots would be nice. **N4UH**: Saturday was wall to wall Europeans on 15m. I used h/p. Sunday I wanted to run Europe on 15 m but could only hear very southern European stations weakly but got a lot of South and Central American stations. Weird. **N5AW**: Some problems this year. Bad line noise to west. Couldn't interface my DVK and mic switching to the Orion, making SO2R nonfunctional. Conditions great on 15/20 the first day but then they went in the tank. **N5KDA**: Wish I could have worked all of the contest. **N5KEV**: Wish the band was better, but it was fun. **N5TEY**: Good contest. Sorry couldn't work more stations.

N6AR: Lousy conditions here. Too many multi-multis running and expecting a free 5 kHz either side. **N6GK**: Could only contest 2 hours, but worked some new countries, so very happy! **N6WK**: Had a great time this year considering the poor band condx. **N6XI**: Just playing around, demonstrating station to a ham neighbor.

N6XT: Oh I wish I had a couple more dB! This was undoubtedly the hardest time I've had in a contest, low power and 10-80m folded dipole using it strung in the trees. with no radials. I think I got tired of "again again." I really appreciate everyone's patience with working my weak signal. The first night was fair, with the big guns battling it out on 20, 40, and 80 m. Next year I hope to have better antenna system up. **N7KQ**: Great contest! **N7VS**: Band conditions surprisingly good. Hope to be back next year. **N8IE**: Bands were very good. **N9ML**: First contest entered in 25 years. **ND4V**: Whew! I concentrated on 15 meters this time and it did not disappoint. **ND6S**: Thanks everyone!

NE1RD: High winds and a couple of power brown-outs threatened but did not affect the weekend's operation. I was able to sneak up a G5RV at 55 feet and make it a flat-top (instead of the inverted-V like last year) and that helped considerably. QRP phone is still a challenge, especially with wire antennas, but that's what makes it fun! I put 100 more QSOs in the log than last year and learned a great deal in the process. Thanks to all who pulled out my flea-powered signal. **NE4M**: Great fun as always! **NG1G**: Despite weeks of preparation we were constantly plagued by numerous problems, including two bad headset cables, a disintegrated foot-switch, a balky Telnet connection, two power outages, a deaf web cam connection, an ornery amplifier, and a bad case of "got." One of our team members basement flooded, and later a tree came through his roof. Through it all we adapted and overcame, finished relatively unscathed, and still delivered a respectable score. Thanks to Bill, N1HRA, and Patty, his XYL, for putting us up (and putting up with us!), as well as all the team members for their contributions. Thanks also to everyone who worked us, especially the DX! **NG2X**: Three elements on 15 was just not enough aluminum this time! Still an awesome contest though! **NI7T**: Great bottom of the cycle contest.

NJ9Z: Very challenging conditions with lots of QRN/QSB. Being able to bust through a few pile-ups with low power and a vertical made it all worth it. **NN3W**: Decent conditions for this part of the cycle. Looking forward to real 10 meter openings! **NN7SS**: This was multi-operator from my "new" Vashon Is. QTH with the members of the Vashon-Maury Island Radio Club (W7VMI), many of whom were brand new to CQ WW. We had a single radio (no mult radio) and an occasional dial-up connection for spots. Goals were to earn a bunch of points for the Western Washington DX Club cumulative trophy

competition, and have a good time, so all goals were accomplished! Only a BC filter smoked, leaving the important radio, amp, towers, and antennas working. I'm really pleased we made a DXCC on 20m in one weekend, and had some good activity on 10m. **NS2P**: Didn't have a lot of time to operate this time.

W0AH: First CQ WW phone from SC. Wow! It's sure fun to be able to work DX with low power with my uni-gain antennas (rotatable trap dipole for 10/15/20, 160m fw loop at 20 ft. for 40m and 160m, sloping vertical with 12 radials for 75m). Being on a hilltop helps! **W0CEM**: No joke, DX was pretty good. **W0ETT**: DX signals still pretty good despite solar cycle at its lowest. **W0RUN**: Good condx. Sorry I had to quit just as Africa was opening up on Sunday. **W1CTN**: 20 meters was like a knife fight in a telephone booth, no quarter given. **W1JQ**: Man, this one was brutal! Eleven years before I go through that again. **W1NR**: Conditions were awful. I don't think I ever worked this hard for this many points. Please bring back the sunspots! **W1SD**: I thought I'd get on for a few hours and have a little fun but got caught up in the fun for more than 12 hours. **W2LU**: Conditions not too bad considering cycle. **W2RZS**: Nice to have some activity on 15 meters! **W2VU**: Bottom of the sunspot cycle is not the best time for a station with 100 watts and a vertical. But there's a new cycle in sight! **W2XL**: Conditions much better than expected! **W3BGN**: As I enter my mid 60's, it is so hard to stay awake, not to mention my embarrassing hearing failure. I apologize to those I couldn't hear. **W4AMP**: Great 15 and 20m openings to Europe and Africa. 100 watts and a clothesline. Wee! **W4CEO**: Hit my goal of 200 Q's. Not bad using Hamsticks on the car in the driveway. Highlight was working the FK8 on 15m. **W4FEG**: Had a good time. **W4NTI**: Amazing conditions. Are we sure we are at the bottom?

W4SWT: Great contest. **W4TAA**: Nice 10 meter opening. 15 was great. Lots of Asia. Guess I did okay with 4-el SteppIR with one element knocked out by lightning and a G5RV. Great contest! **W4TMN**: The conditions were terrible, but it was still fun. Bring on the sunspots! **W4WLC**: Didn't get much time to operate, but enjoyed the contest. **W4WNT**: Nice conditions for the bottom of the cycle. **W4WS**: First try at M/2. So much fun, yet so different in terms of strategy from M/S. If you can have this much fun at the bottom of the cycle, then there is no doubt this is the best contest out there. **W5UW**: Old school DXing, Hallicrafters SR-2000 "Hurricane." **W6OAT**: Our thanks to Brad, K6IDX, for

letting us use his great station. **W6PU**: Contesting since 1954. I just entered this for fun. I did not call any CQ's. I only listened and answered others calling "CQ Test." Considering the low sunspot number conditions were quite decent and I worked most stations on 10-15-20 on the first call. As usual I had to fight the east and mid USA on 160-75-40. My QTH is on an isolated 20 acre hilltop at 6000 feet elevation. View to horizon of 50 to 75 miles in every direction. Power lines underground. No neighbors. No man-made QRN. Very quiet location.

W6RFF: Wind damaged rotor, antenna due west. **W6SJ**: Almost one multiplier per contact! **W6VLD**: Blew amp fuse; yelled too loud on 10. **W6YI**: Thanks to everyone who called in. We had a great time in spite of S7 noise from the Santa Ana winds. Our best hour was 293. Everyone on our team did an outstanding job and celebrated with a steak BBQ afterwards. **W7FP**: 30 years in a row CQ WW SSB test as W7FP, VP2MBA, AD7J, WA7AR and one of three in 1980 at KH0AC. Nice to work double mult at tail end of test. OH the ones only heard due to low power. **W7HJ**: Lots of fun from my CC&R QTH! **W7IZL**: Good propagation first evening but changed dramatically Saturday evening with very little propagation. Stateside stations were down as well. **W8KNO**: With 12 minutes to go, reached my goal of working all continents. My log may not have all the contacts others claim that I made, but it appears that stations using software enter your zone and are calling CQ before you are finished with your exchange. I did enter them as QSOs. **W8VE**: Do to weekend commitments I did not have much time to devote to the contest. Five watts QRP signal. This is the first SSB contest I used my Heil headset with my K2 and it worked well. **W9LYA**: Could only put in about 2 hours. Thought I'd try 160 only for a change. IC-746Pro, 200 ft. long wire antenna, about 20 ft. high, sprung in a U around my suburban lot.

W9LYN: Was great to see 15 meters so good near the bottom of solar cycle 23 that one could catch VK4CZ with 100 watts to a 160 meter inverted-L. **W9RE**: Missed the European opening on 10 meters first morning! Atmospheric disturbance conditions! **WA0KDS**: 40m is great with a beam at 65 feet. I heard stations that I never knew were on 40m when I was using a 40 ft. inverted-V. **WA2ART**: Only had an hour or two but it was so exciting just to see what the propagation was allowing. **WA3OFC**: Surprised that 10m opened up on Saturday. Sunday not so lucky. **WA4ASJ**: I had a good time. I wish I had more time to play. **WA5IYX**: Rather

good conditions for solar flux near mid/low 70s at solar minimum. 40m EU productive for me the first night (no 80m antenna back up yet). 15m well into EU to late Saturday but nil on Sunday due to magnetic activity. Keeping track of late (local) Saturday VHF Es through 94 MHz bit into good 15m condx into far Pacific (DX6, YB, 9M6). U.S. F2 paths on 10m to W1 and W7 on Saturday somewhat of a shock. Freqs entered manually from CT-9's note file. One of these days I'll get a decent headset boom-mic vs the very crude haywired apparatus that I use. I used a recently acquired ancient (1997) Toshiba laptop for logging in this event for the first time. All Q's this time were tune-and-pounce, so how that'll work out in runs remains to be seen (trying to rapidly type with its "smaller" keyboard).

WA7LT: In spite of very spotty conditions and some weak signals, this may be my most accurate log yet. Still great fun after 58 years of QRM. **WB8JUI**: Brutal, but fun. Tough going with 100 watts amongst all the kilowatts and SSB splatter. Thanks to all who pulled me out of the mess. 10 was wide open Saturday afternoon and sounded like 20 with all the activity. Unfortunately, I had to pull myself away from the rig for most of the opening to watch the Ohio State Buckeyes game. **WC4D**: My first Multi 2 contest, and first multi from my home QTH. Total contacts 736, total QSO points 1980, and total multipliers 340 all from search and pounce operation. **WD4DDU**: Everything was going well until my headset went out on Sunday morning. PTT with a hand mic is no way to run. Had fun anyway and conditions were not too bad. **WD5JNC**: First time I got to try out the new beam in a contest. Just wish I had more time.

WF3C: Fairly good conditions couldn't overcome my inexperience. Many thanks to the Platinum Coast ARC for the kind loan of their shack, AF4Z for doing last-minute repairs the week before the contest, and K4AW for the loan of the amplifier. **WJ2D**: 10 meters wasn't there for me but had a great time anyway. **WN3R**: My first contest from new QTH known as "Ham Heaven." Score would have been better if the beam directions were not set by the 40 mph winds. **WR2G**: Great fun as usual. **WS4V**: Missed most of the contest but got on enough to get a few new band countries. Had fun, but with Windom and 100 watts it is hard to compete! **WU9B**: My best effort so far from my little pistol! **WW4LL**: Difficult to get a run going. Frustrated that I could hear several stations that did not listen up. Tnx to all of those I did work and those who tried but couldn't work me.