2009 CQ WW DX CW Contest QRM

DX QRM CW

Great contest! 4L1FP. The contest was good. It allowed me to contact distant stations at a time when working them is very difficult. . . . 4S7NI. Thanks to all calling Holyland in this contest! . . . 4XØG. I was using onnly a very simple 30m longwire and 80 watts. It's enough if somebody needs a new multiplier. . . . 4Z4KX. As a "Non-Contest CW Ham" I participated in this contest just for fun and to distribute a rare multilpier. ... 5WØKH. 160m is really tough down there even in the best of all contests! . . . 6W1RW. The Young Ham Contest Program was a huge success this year. These four young men are fantastic operators as can be seen by the score. ... 6Y1V. Thank you for the nice contest. 7K4XNN. Cu next year! ... 7M2GCW. I enjoyed the contest. ... 7N2JNN. Thank you to every station for contacts with my weak signal during the CQWW DX CW Test. ... 7N4CPT. Great fun, thanks to Peter 8P9NX . . . 8P9SS. Vy good contest. . . . 9A2BW. Nice to work in the contest, but I haven't enough time. 73, see you next contest. ... 9A2WJ. Many greetings from Croatia. . . . 9A5DU. Great 40m condx. I will try a new 80m antenna next year. ... 9M2CNC. Hard with 5 watts and a wire 9M2MRS. My time was limited this year so went "Assisted" to find the DX! Condx only fair. ... 9M6XRO. All logs except 40M are only for check log . . . 9M8YY. Another African adventure! . . . A25NW. 50% of contest points to Bavarian Contest Club and 50% to Rhein Ruhr DX Association . . . A31A. 20 Meter, single band only. Please use other QSOs for checklog. . . . AH6NF. AM3A is a special contest call sign. Operator EA3FHP.... AM3A. It was my first ham contest and looks like some kind of "rehearsal." I used my FT-817 with 4.5-5W output, and Buddipole set up at the edge of my balcony, a retired straight key used to be military equipment. The score is not exciting but the experience realy is. . . . BG4EZU. Great contest! Great fun. See you next year. . . . C4W. Aim was to make the world top ten in the SOAB low power section. Spent 3 prior days improving If antennas and adding a 160 ant for first time ever here. 2 hours into the test I got migraine. As a result I spent only about half the allotted hours in the chair. Seldom able to run as due to blurred vision I couldn't read the screen when I typed. Next year seems a long way away! C4Z. Condx were very poor except for 40m . . . CN2R. First known M/2 operation from Uruguay, but certainly not the last!! Thanks to all for the GREAT time! ... CW7T. A few hours operation. Great contest, great operators. . . . CX1AA. Due to missing sleep I fell asleep after some hours and had some technical problems as well as an important appointment on Monday morning. So I stopped. . . . DC4A. Wonderful contest. . . . DC9ZP. A short Sunday afternoon intermezzo only. Unfortunately 20m broke down so early: nothing to work after 1530z. However: tnx 2 all fer qsos es hpe cu(agn). Vy 73 es gl de Sascha DD1IM (member of DARC) ... DD1IM. Icom IC-7700 ACOM 1000 horizontal loop always fun . . . DD1JN. Thanks for nice contest. Hope to meet you again next year. . . . DF1HF. This was my third CQ WW DX CW competition. I had not very much time this year, so I picked some stn who I have not in log. Thank you to all for the work. . DF2OK. Nice contest, but strange condx. 10 meters dead all time. 15 and 20 meters closed rather early. See u next year. . . . DF7JC. Tkanks for the contest. . . . DH2URF. Due to condx for Windom and low power this year only single band. Reached all continents, but JA with 100 W impossible . . . DH6DAO. It was a lot of fun again. Conditions were quite good but 10m was only open on the first day. ... DJ2SL. QRP 4.9 Watt via tuner Z11 to off center fed dipole for 7 MHz (21m long, 8m up). The contest brought me one new European country. Many thanks to the Big Guns who were able to copy my weak signal and for their patience. Nice contest again. ... DJ3GE. Tnx to JA5DQH for calling me so late . . . DJ6TK. RIG: K2, 5 Watts out, ANT: 2x 31m G5RV@18m GFK-Tower. CU AGN with better antennas next year . . . DK1YY. First day bad condx on upper bands, 2nd day good condx on lower bands. CU next year. . . . DK3WN. It was the first that I reached all 40 zones! Unbelievable pileup around new multipliers. ... DK3WW. Even with only 100W and a dipole@16m a lot of fun, CW forever! . . . DK3YD. After having worked from different Multi/Single, Multi/Multi and own small DXpeditions activities during in the last years, I decided to work Single Op this year. Due to the fact that I am not really satisfied with my own location at home and a recently installed 5-ele beam at our club station, the choice was easy. Getting a better chance for more QSOs, 20m was the band of choice. After a relativly good start on

Saturday, the rotor was suddenly disabled for some time. Therefore I couldn't turn the beam for getting all mults during the day. Some hours later the beam appeared back to life and I could turn it to NA. Band closed early on Saturday, so I got enough sleep to be ready for the second day. Having had only a very few JA's on Sunday, I tried to turn the beam to another direction and got a disappearing rotor for 1-2 hours again. Anyhow, for the rest of the day the rotor worked about 75% and we should check the end of the cable and the rotor before next WWDX, hi. I missed most multipliers in the Pacific as well as in Europe. So there is enough room for improvement before next WWDX. Anyway, it was fun again. ... DK8FD. Great fun despite poor condx on high bands DL1A. Nice contest, cu next year ... DL1ALN. This weekend was full of engagements, so I had only little time to participate, mainly in the late nights when the family was asleep. Condx were fair to moderate, 10m band was dead all time in DL. ... DL1EAL. Operating from friend's garden. . . . DL1KSE. Tnx fer nice contest! . . . DL1THB. VY 73 & best DX . DL1VJL. It was big fun once again. Many thanks to all participants! ... DL2SWN. Operated portable style from the meadows about a mile away from my home using a K3 and a simple delta loop antenna. Wow! What a relief! Two S units lower noise level and a gently sloping terrain made it possible to work more QSO's and multipliers than last year. Had a ball! ... DL4AAE. Many tnx to the many DXpeditions and the organizers!... DL4FDM. I had only a few hours time on Saturday and Sunday, so I decided to operate 20 mtrs only. . . . DL4LAM. Lots of fun with the QRP K3 and my mini-Zepp. Great condx on 40 ... DL4MAQ. After 12 hours of operating, the transceiver had a failure which forced me to go QRT! ... DL4MCF. Better than 2008. ... DL4UL. Unfortunately QRL on Saturday. Good condx on 15 mtrs. ... DL5AWI. I worked my QRP Kit "Blue Cool Radio" running 5 watts into a doublet ... DL6ABB. Great contest I work some new DX and new band points . . . DL7FA. Only a few QSO's this year but fun was already there! ... DL7JAN. Too many non-contestant pile-ups. I feel many participants use DX clusters, because some clg stns only rarely send their callsign. ... DL7RV. Suturday I lost two hours on 20m by working with the 160/80m vertical. Nice Rx signal, but only few QSO's because of outgoing QRP power. It was a big run to regain lost time. Low bands rescued the result. . . DL7UMK. Great job from stations who listening to my weak signal, thanks a lot. 73 and good luck from Klaus . . . DL8TG. Nice contest. Antenna here only a cap antenna COBRA 40, so good ears who heard me. . . . DM3F. Great Contest! . . . DM7C. DP1POL is operated from Neumayer Station, Antarctica. The CW leg of CQ WW contest takes place after the start of the Antarctic summer season, so I could basically only operate at night, as the days are quite busy now. My amplifier developed a problem with the band switch just before the contest which meant that I had to do some soldering to change bands. Polar day has begun, and we always have daylight which results in much longer band openings on 20m. It's always nice to hear "TNX MULT" every now and then! Now I am looking forward to returning to Germany in 2010 after 14 months in the Antarctic. ... DP1POL. As we are always short of operators, we would like to volunteer for next year's CQ WW CW station inspection. Please send G3SXW to us next year :-) ... E73M. This year I wanted to create a valuable result and I made a 80m GP from fishing rods (looked impressive), but it was too sticky tape that was "cancelled" after the first drops of rain on Saturday morning. GP broke exactly in the middle. Maybe I should continue on 40m, Hi. Unfortunately I couldn't fix the antenna so I continued to work with dipoles. I am pleased, but had to be better. Next time will not be sticky tape or will be better quality! Thank you all for QSO's and points. See you again. . . . E77C. Again I had to work both days, great fun anyway, 73, Ariel IC740 2 fixed 2-el wire Yagis + ground plane vertical ... EA3GXJ.I enjoyed using SD programs ... EA3KT. Not too much time to spend on contest and not too bad for QRP and a wire hanging from the window. Thanks to all STNX who made QSO with me and congratulations to winners. ... EA4DUT. My first entry in a CW contest in 21 years as a ham. ... EA5ON. Another heavy wind storm just one week before destroyed almost all HF antennas, one more time. So the only hope was on 80m with my 1/4-wave sloper and a dipole. Was a double effort here, as I have to take care of son on my Saturday sleep time. Just 6 hours sleep all contest (sorry guys for stones hears, and thanks for your patience). Fantastic conditions really. Even work KH6 which is not easy at all here. I spent a lot of time with multipliers, maybe was my fault, but really great, as DXCC and WAZ were worked in just a contest, with a modest station . I enjoy a lot. ... EA6SX. Very nice test ... EA8CQW. A fabulous contest is my second participation, this year more seriously, but could only be a few hours in radio. I promise to improve my telegraphy next year and compete much more prepared. I could add many new countries due to the contest. A greeting and we listen in another contest. ... EC1KR. Thanks very much to Julen EB2BXL and family for his support. ... EE2W. 160m was not that good this weekend and terrible on Saturday night. So bad I went to bed. It picked up again on Sunday night. Thanks for contest. EI2CN. My first CW contest ... EI4GXB. CQWW CW magic! Good propagation made for a great contest . . . EI4HQ. Been 19 years since my last effort on 80m. Operated with a similiar antenna and power as before. Good to see I've gotten a bit better over the years, Hi.Great fun, won't be leaving it another 19 :-) . . . EI6FR. SD software worked perfectly. Many thanks to all stations who copied my QRP signal especially on 160m. . . . EI8FH. TNX for FB contest. . . . ER2RM. TNX for FB contest. . . . ER5DX. Thanks fer nice contest. 73. . . . ES4MM. Condx were very good! ... ES5RY. Very poor conditions on 15 meter band . . EU1AI. Nice test! EW2EO. Good test! EW2WW. Great contest CW . . . F5MPN. Good propagation and many stations on the air. Very best contest. . . . F5NKX. Burned the balun of my beam so had to go QRP. . . . F5RAB. Thanks to the magic of CW, and although I used a non-rotatable, trapped dipole on the roof of a building in the Paris suburb and 100 W, I've been lucky enough to work some nice DX.... F5SGI. Thanks to the organizers for the contest and all of you for the contacts. Conditions were guite noisy due to weather conditions. Heavy storm destroyed the 80 and 160 m verticals during the first night. The 160 m could not be repaired for the second night and the 80 m was damaged a second time and could only partly be repaired just to work some more European stations, unfortunately no more DX. Highlights were certainly JA5FDJ after a long struggle on 40m (tnx) followed by JS3CTQ who came back on the second call, great. VK6AA went 'en passant' in the log (tnx) and not to forget ZY7C on 80 and 40 m (tnx). I had the feeling that there were much less North American stns workable than last year. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the contest and hope to see you again in 2010.

.... F5VBT. Difficult weekend because a lot of QRN by rain and storm in south France. But I am always very happy to make CQWW. . . F6CWA. Running 100w to a vertical trapped dipole for 10/15/20 m and a short wire for 40/80m. It was fun to compete against big guns to log HC8 or KP2 stations. . . . F6DSV. Murphy was in Martinique this year, and believe me, he was very active! ... FM5CD. Excellent contest and my favourite of the year. Can't wait till next year . . . GØAZH. K3 barefoot and a temporary 10m vertical among the wet trees and shrubs at my QTH outside London. Family and other commitments made my participation less focused than originally planned with 20 hrs on the radio. It was fun as always but also challenging when doing low power among the big guns. Good propagation and plenty of skilled operators made the contest enjoyable but the cluster mob drives me nuts. The only way to work DX when you run low power is to find them before they are spotted and the click and shout mob descends. Mayhem breaks out when the guys with QRO amps call furiously and continously.... GØCKV. had QRM from a local TV timebase, but great fun. Thanks for all. Hope to see you all next year, 73. ... GODCK. First time entrant. Great fun! SD worked fine! . . . GØEFO. Condx on 15m made it hard going, especially with the local QRM here from PLAs, etc, etc. 40m was fun! ... GØHDB. Really enjoyed the contest this year. A special thank you to all those CW ops who slowed down to 16 wpm for me even when they were running at 30 wpm! Will certainly be taking part next year GØRPM. Enjoyable contest, as usual. Conditions not too bad. SD worked perfectly, as it always does. ... G2HDR. Enjoyable as always. Some zone 33 stations were excessively long in between callsigns - very frustrating ! If you like a challenge try having a neighbour with a Plasma TV; beats any other QRM! . . . G3KKP. Originally intended a SOSB 160 entry, as last year but the band wasn't a patch on 2008, so spent most of my limited time on 80m, with a couple of hours on 15 and some fill-ins on the other bands. I was mainly chasing non-EU and so the mult totals suffered somewhat. ... G3LET. Hard going this year. Also had to contend with low antennas due to gale force winds over the weekend but had a great time and picked up a few QRP new ones. CU next year. . . . G3LHJ. Had lots of fun when able to participate. Sorry 15m was not so good on Saturday. Great to hear a lot of familiar callsigns. Great to have SD for logging ... G3LIK. I'm getting a little too old for 48 hour contests but I thoroughly enjoyed CQ WW. SD logger and keyer worked superbly. Heavy rain on Sunday caused much QRN. . . . G3MZV. Who would ever deliberately miss CQWW CW, the best CW contest on the planet? . . G3TXF. A smaller than usual effort, due to birthday celebrations (mine) and other family commitments. Condx also disappointing. ... G3UFY.

Mostly S&P until the last couple of hours. The band died almost comletely around 20:00 UTC on Sunday, but perked up again seriously from 22:00 when I tried 'running' on CW. this was something new for me. It's very hard to stop hitting the paddle and send manually! Was using N1MM logger for the first time and soon realised the advantages of band maps, master look-ups, running score, etc. Been a 'more traditional' op until now. Got a lot of hands-on experience with what appears to be a very sophisticated program. Thoroughly enjoyed my 31 hours operating. Also managed to pick up six new 40m DXCC countries. ... G3VPW. Condx not great from here. Must get up on Sunday earlier! . . . G3VYI. Not a serious entry, just popped on between weekend chores to make a few QSOs. Conditions seemed generally poor. Only heard one signal on 10m and couldn't work that! ... G3WRR. Can 10m get any worse? ... G3WW. Conditions still pretty dire, very little in the way of DX worked. Nice opening to US on 15m on Sunday, nothing heard at all though on 10m. As usual hard going on QRP, but better than I had thought. . . G3YMC. Very noisy band with some technical issues. The K3 selectivity came home to me . . . G3YXX. I noticed no difference running 100w instead of 200w. No openings on 10m at all. 15 poor with half G5RV. Sorry no exact frequency readout in the log. Mostly search and pounce. An enjoyable contest. ... G3ZGC. Lots of fun. ... G3ZHE. WOW! What a real treat for a Little Pistol to be able to work DX without calling, calling, calling. Best score I've submitted for many years. Did think of a single-bander, but decided I'd enjoy all bands rather than go for wallpaper.

... G3ZRJ. For personal reasons I could not commit much time to this year's contest but I enjoyed doing it in a more relaxed manner, just 15 hours in the chair. Very pleased to be called by 9L5A on top band on Sunday evening, and B7P on 15m long path was a surprise. ... G4BUO. Great fun, nice opening to the US on Sunday afternoon . . . G4DDL. Enjoyed the test. Lots of stations but not a lot of DX for me. managed more time, hence my best score ever, though lost 3 hours when both my neighbor and daughter locked themselves out of the house at the same time. I used SD as usual. ... G4DDX. First time entry. Operating method search and pounce. Thoroughly enjoyable contest. Hope to take part again next year Logging prog used SD by EI5DI ... G4RYV. Running 5W to a trap vertical, and a top-band wire. Shame that 10m did not do anything here. Very pleased to pick up some new CW DXCC on 160m, but all inside Europe! ... G6CSY. The best solo effort I've ever made. Here's to next year! ... GA3WUX. Excellent contest. Had a good amount of time and great to see 15m open with lots of DX about. . . . GI4SJQ. Decided to go in the LP section this year to see how we would do. Good fun but harder work with no amp! Best moment, worked HC8GR on 15m with 15w when nobody else calling him. CU next year. ... GMØEGI. Too far north to get any good propagation on 15m and 10m. Great fun though!

... GMØF. Great condx ... GM4FAM. Enjoyed CQWW again especially on Sunday when I had a good run on 21 MHz. Seems like years ago since that happened ... GM4SID. 80 mtr QRP entry this year. I found the best time for operating was just at grey line and then after about 21:00Z, just too much noise before and no one could hear me. QRP can be difficult some times! Thanks to all who worked me. See you next time 73s Bill ... GM4UBJ. Only managed a few hours due to other circumstances but I enjoyed what I achieved. ... GM4UYZ. Great contest as usual. Good opening to JA. W openings disappointing from this far north. Thanks for all the QSO's. 73 Jim GMØNAI ... GM7R. Great fun as always. A few unexpected exciting long path QSOs... GM7V. Another great CQWW contest. Short skip was difficult. I didn't work amy G's or any GW, GI or ON! Had some fun though and looking forward to some sunspots next year. ... GU4YOX. First attempt at major CW contest.

GWØRYT. As always an enjoyable contest but tough going this year. Thanks to everyone who worked me. . . . GWØVSW. Very enjoyable contest as usual. ... GW4EVX. A part-time, daytime only effort. Set up to do a 15m LP entry since there is none yet posted for GW but got bored after several hours of struggle on a flat band on Saturday. I just wanted fun and some action so I turned on the amp and moved to 20m where I spent the rest of my time over the weekend. 20m was lively enough up until about 1700-1800 on both days and I had several hours of much needed practice at running contest pile-ups. Excellent fun and in contrast to operating M2 at GWØGEI for the previous 3 years. I didn't lose any sleep or meal times and even watched the rugby! GW6W. Nice contest and good activity. 73s to all! . . . HAØNAR. Just gave a try to condx. Thanks for Qs! TS-530SP, end-fed wire, 21 mtrs long above roof ... HA2MN. Mni thanks for the nice contest! ... HA5LZ. It is unfair to rush so that many stations do not identify themseves for long time and keep waiting the callers! . . . HA6NN. Nice contest, thanks for all! . . . HA8BE. Very nice contest! ... HA8JP. Exciting how good the 25m longwire with the 1:10 HF transformer works. . . . HB9AYZ. Another CQWW with lots of emphasis on the low bands. Some technical improvemnents

and a (hopefully) better tactic gave us a lot more DX QSOs and some more multipiers. Everyone enjoyed the contest a lot and we'll be back next year. Vy 73, Stephan, HB9DDO. ... HB9CA. Good conditions this year. More than 500 contacts with 5 watts/QRP! Sunday around 1500z 15m was wide open; every US station could be worked in an instant. This lasted about 30 minutes. Thanks to all who took care of copying my weak signal.... HB9CBR. Again enjoyed the contest very much. Thanks to all! ... HB9CEY. I had not the free time to participate the whole contest, so I tried my new little antenna built the day before at new QTH. Ten meters was open during the time I was QRV or on 15m. .Dondx for DX were somewhat good on 20 and 40m. No DX on 80 or 160m! HB9QA. The band propagation was good but short. Best 73/DX! . HG4F. It was good! ... HG5A. New callsign is much better for tests. VY GUD. ... HK1A. The hard is always the best. Nice contest. No Europe, Asia, Oceania. Thanks to the sun. ... HK3CQ. Tnx for a great contest . You will find fun at this contest. ... HQ2W. Conditions were much better on Saturday compared to Sunday. A lot of good DX worked even though conditions not that good. No USA except KH6 heard/worked. Always a great contest and lots of fun. ... HSØZDR. Good contest HSØZEE. Enjoyed the contest very much. Great propagation on Saturday but noise increased on Sunday. Thanks to all for the contacts and to CQ as sponsor. . . . HZ1PS. Lucky to have been in contest. 12WIJ. Al prossimo anno! Questa volta bene per l'antenna. FT 890 ai 6/10 della sua potenza per relé su alimentazione decotto. Mancanza di resistenza (fisica) hi, hi. . . . I3MLU. Lot of stations and bad antenna, hope better next time. 73s es GL ... IC8POF. I celebrate 55 years from my first participatiion to the CQ WW CW. It was end October 1954, my call I1YCZ/Trieste, and propagation must have been down as it is now ... IK2AIT. SDI is the best logging programm for me! ... IK2CFD. My first DXCC WW Contest. Poor prop. sed vy FB with USA es Ja. Mni tnx and I hope better score in next 2010. Cuagn es ciao. . . . IK3IUL. Just a few QSOs after I came back visiting IR4X team . . . IK4AUY. Great participation, as usual. Worked some new ones and have had a lot of fun. It was my target! . . . IK4UNH. My first on 160m for test. ANX all OMs. . . . IK7FMQ. I enjoy using N1MM Logger . . . IK8TEO. Very nice contest. First test with the Small Wonder Labs SWL40+ QRP RTX. IK8YFW. My little log. Contest with straight key, Windom self-built es TS 450 (70w) . . . IN3AEF. Operated with an 11 meters wire out of my balcony house, matched with an homemade L-tuner, for just one hour about. No time for a serious contest this time . . . IRØI. After 30 years of CQ WW contesting it was our first without Francesco I4IND. He was a great friend and a great CW operator. ... IR4X. Worked with a Kenwod TS480, wire 9 meter long over a fishing rod and automatic antenna tuner CG3000 . . ISØXDA. Mi sono divertito 80 metri nella mia possibilita. Radio Kenwood TS570D, dipole 40/80. . . . IT9IMJ. In the 15 meter band the phenomenon of "One-Way Skip Propagation" was very evident during the contest. I communicated with African and North and South American stations (non QRP) with very weak signals. . . . IV3AOL. Very little signal propagation and low. However, remains an interesting contest, too bad not to participate! First time to partecipate, because I'm very novice in CW. . . . IW1QN. Vy good SD . . . IZ1CLA. Poor propagation. I turned my VFO for long time without any result. Vertical antenna, Kenwood 570D with power fixed at 4.7 w by internal regulation. . . . IZ1DGG. Only for fun! . . . IZ1DXS. My first CQWW DX CW Contest. Very hard for a novice as me, but see you again next year. Best 73 to all. ... IZ1GIP. Big signals on the air ... IZ1GLX. Simply the best! ... IZ3ALF. TNX 73 de Michele IZ3KSO. Only few hours to search and pounce, some interesting DX. ... IZ7KHR. Well done with vertical gp of 11 mtrs. Very pleasure to make QSO with the BY1 stations! ... IZ8FAV. I enjoyed the contest.... JAØUPW. Expected new US States or new Entities but found it is a hard job.... JA1ANF. I enjoyed the contest.... JA1EMQ. Condition was in a bad state, but it was time when it was happy. Thank you. . . . JA1FWY. I enjoyed the contest. ... JA1HMK. Enjoyed the contest especially on 40m with 13m longwire with center coil JA1HNW. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JA1IKA. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JA1UCC. We participated in the M/M section after a long time. Although it was not able to say that the cycle 24 was functioning, we were able to enjoy 40m mainly. 15m was slight. 10m is completely useless. Although our equipment worked well in 20m and 40m, 80m was out of condition. Probably, we have to improve the 80m because of a low score. I am thankful to you of the contest committee, and you who called us. de JA1PEJ Tama. JA1YPA. I enjoyed the contest. ... JA2TFU. I enjoyed the contest. JA3HIL. I enjoyed the contest. ... JA3RAZ. What a wonderful contest! ... JA3VUI. I enjoyed the contest. ... JA4AVO. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JA4DQX. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JA6BWH. Although carried out by condition not being so good, I was able to enjoy.... JA6FFK. TKS FB Contest ... JA7ARW. QRV QTH 37Kokinbata Koikawa Mitane

Yamamoto Akita ... JA7KQC. The condx was not so bad, I enjoyed the nice contest. Thank you. ... JA7MJ. First time effort for SOSB 20m in CQWW CW and enjoyed very much under zero sunspot. The band was open almost all day long on the first day but the second day was not good. So could not reach 2k QSOs but could have a good sleep before leaving a remote contest QTH for a home by a long distance drive. Missed and never heard zones were 2 & 34. Did not break the JA record but made the new JA8 record. . . . JA8RWU. I QRV on 160M single band. I used my MV (Micro Vertical antenna) 12m high on my balcony + Elecraft K3 tranceiver & FT-1000D. This year, the conditions of 160m band were much better than the last year's conditions. First night we could QSO with more 10000Km pass W4, W9 stations. And we could hear many EU stations, but we could not get answer from them. I guess it because of QRM in the EU. And second night, we could not hear U.S.A. stations but we could QSO with many EU stations. I got 20% up points than the last year. I used K3 with very heavy QRM, and I used FT-1000D with no QRM & very weak signal. ... JE1SPY. I enjoyed the limited number of QSOs. ... JE1TSD. I enjoyed the contest. ... JF1MAD. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JF1NZW. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JF1QQK. Part time operation ... JF1SQC. Thanks for many QSOs. Running 50W into long wires with ATU. ... JF3KQA.RIG. Many thanks for a great contest. I hope to meet in next year. ... JG5DHX. I enjoyed the contest.... JH1HTQ. Great Contest.... JH4UYB. I enjoyed the contest.... JH8DBI. I enjoyed the contest. ... JH8DBJ. Great Contest! Condx was no good for high band. . . . JI1ALP. All 80m QSOs were made with 40m dipole! . JI1CQA. I enjoyed the contest. ... JI2VLM. That's 2nd time for me. Thank you very much for picking out my weak signal.... JI30GI. I enjoyed the contest. ... JI3MCM. I enjoyed the contest. ... JI4JGD. Thanks for the nice contest. ... JI7VBW. After the sunset, conditon was very poor in western Japan area on 20m. . . . JJ6TWQ. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JK1LUY. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JM1RQS. IC-706MK2 (50w) with wire ant. Low Cost Low Return, Hi. . . . JO1WIZ. I enjoyed the contest. . JO3EVM. I enjoyed the contest. ... JO3RCK. I enjoyed the contest. I hope condition will get better. ... JP1EWY. I was running 5 watts into a dipole on my apartment balcony. There was zero sunspot, and the band conditions on 15 meters were very poor. But luckily, I was able to work Zone 8 (6Y1V) and Zone 33 (IG9X). In addition, surprisingly and unexpectedly, I was able to work Zone 5 (W3LPL) at unusual time (0532 UTC). Thanks to all the stations I worked for receiving my very weak signals. . . . JQ2UOZ. I'm very glad to have many QSOs. The maximum output power in the contest was five watts. . . . JR1NKN. I enjoyed the contest. ... JR2AAN. I enjoyed the contest. ... JS6RRR. See you again next contest dear radio friends JT1DA. Nice to see 15 meters coming back to life. Hope we see 10 meters do it next year. . . . KG6DX. Doing this solo, I opted for single-band entry in order save headaches on the low bands. I anticipated poor propagation from Fairbanks on 40 and 80m. However, KL1JP proved me wrong and reported excellent conditions on Friday night with guite a few contacts made with QRP. Never mind. Good fun on 20, and I look forward to doing it again. . . . KL2R. Finally, very good band conditions for most of the contest! Mostly CQ'n with a side order of S&P for the multipliers. When the dust cleared, I was able to beat my last year's QSO number and score! I'm already looking forward to next year! Thanks CQ for another memorable contest. KL8DX. Very good conditions on 40m and 20m in my area. . . . KP2B. This was my first contest ever in 23 years as ham, and enjoy a lot. Maybe few mistakes with the contest software but really happy. Now I hope to participate in more contests. ... KP4QY. Bad condx on 15m, very bad condx on 10m ... LA2HFA. My first CQ WW test. Licensed since 1968. Good test of my newly acquired K3. . . . LA3RK. Fun as always. Who said sunspots were necessary? ... LA6CF. My first contest ever, very exciting! ... LB1KF. Happy to participate another year, withstanding winds of 120 k / h, bad conditions, thanks .- ... LU1XS. Great prop openings on high bands. Vry happy to hear so many CW stations on the ham bands ... LU2DGZ. Enjoyed this contest again. ... LU4MHQ. Coded Words Team - CWT from LU8YE Radio Club de los Andes, San Martin de los Andes, Neuquen, Argentina. GACW - Grupo Argentino de CW operation. Many thanks to the LU8YE crew for friendly support. Condx average, heavy QRN and rain. ... LU8YE. Sorry for the dupes. It's not an easy task to remember all 500 callsigns while logging p&p at my age of 90. 73 &CU next year. ... LY1BX. Just some hand-logged QSOs for fun. . . . MØCEF. Power used 5W. Very much enjoyed participating. My first CW contest ... MØGBZ. Highs this year: being called by R1ANB on 40m and working HC8GR on 160m (not simultaneously). Lows: no QSOs on 10m although some stations almost readable and some deliberate QRM from contest protestors. Aerials here are dipoles for 160, 80 and 40, plus a 2 element beam for 20, 15 and 10. Radios are FT2Ks with amplifiers. . . . M3W. A non-serious local day time only entry from

a couple of members of the Cambridge University Wireless Society, using the club shack. We both had good fun and enjoyed improving our CW! The first half of the Saturday was operated entirely on the paddle. Apologies to those stations subjected to self-corrections! M4A. Because of the wet weather I could not fly the Helekite with the 60 metre Vertical. So had to use the low Dipole at 35 feet. The best DX was SV and 5B4. Hard going with 100 watts. I logged DL3ARM but was unable to get back to him as the WinKey was playing up, so put zero points by the QSO. Great fun, hopefully the WX will be better next year. ... M4T Poor choice of band this time. Should have done 80m! The band opened late and closed early on both days with Saturday being the worst. MD4K. This was to be a fun, single band effort only; we got into IOM at about 9:00 am Friday morning. With the antenna work completed easily, I assembled my station, only to find our ACOM 2000 had developed a fault. So it was to be that I decided I could only enter the Low Power section (100W). I was surprised what I managed to work with just 100W, but then again a 4-ele Yagi at 60 feet helped a lot! ... MD6V. A busy weekend for me, so just worked on and off over the weekend. The station used FT-2000D into TH7DX, 3el 40m, gnd vert's on 80m. ... MIØSAI. Elecraft K3, 3 element mono-band Yagi. Casual entry, good condx on 10 . . . MM3T. Great fun but when conditions dived on Sunday I ran out of stations to work . . . MUØFAL. Good conditions on 15m Sunday PM. SD for logging, short check log only ... MWØIDX. Only able to operate very short time. Good contest. . . . MWØRZC. Difficult propagation at 60 degrees North! Frustrating to hear stns running 3 pointers that I couldn't even hear! Great fun, as ever. ... MZ5B. Only a parttime effort this year, but great for learning to use the MK2R+.... OE2S. Great condx but long periods with slow QSB like top band this time. No hardware failure, unbelievable. TNX for great fun. . . . OE3GSA. The conds were bad on the contest weekend. No DX from my location in Austria. . OE5JKL. Worked all zones, set a new record and had fun! . OE5OHO. A lot of fun! . . . OG1M. Checked if 40m antenna works. It does! . . . OHØJJS. Positive thing the numerous JA calls in the log. However, missed some multipliers also from east. Even BY was very difficult this time. Hope to get more stations from the east in 2010. . . . OHØV. Thanks for Qs all. Hoped for better conditions but they were as poor as last year. 80 was excellent but 160 weaker. 20 was difficult and relatively a disaster for me. . . . OHØZ. Just picking up band points . . . OH1EB. First contest using EI5DI SD for logging. Amazingly easy piece of software to install compared to anything else I've tried. . . . OH3BU. Congrats all who heard my 5 watts, good ears. ... OH3RF. Again, this contest is the king of them all. . . . OH4A. They always come back! . . . OH7N. Thanks Radio Arcala Team! ... OH8X. Condx for QRP very bad. . OK1AIJ. Testinng new antenna only. . . . OK1ARO. Thanks for the contest . . . OK1BLU. Hi contesters, I worked with my new rig IC-7700 during this contest. I bought it and received it only 8 hours before contest. My idea was 2500 QSO but in fact I wasn't successful. Otherwise great participation in this contest. I noticed that on Sunday belt to JA opened later than on Saturday (on Saturday were better conditions to JA). I used IC-7700, PA OM Power OM2500HF, 1,5 kW OUT, 3 el. Yagi M2 18 m above ground and Inverted Vee about 13 m above ground, computer with N1MM log. Thanks to all of you for QSOs and sometimes for patience because I had clear frequency without jamming only seldom. Congratulations to winners and to all contesters who participated on the whole contest till end. See you again in CQ WW 2010. 73+ DX, Vladimir OK1DKZ. . . . OK1Z. My first taking part in CQWW. Was an exciting event! My age is 77 yrs . . . OK2BTT. Nice contest, thanks for all QSOs. ... OK2BUT. Better condx than in previous year. Many new operators are not experienced, but worked as 'big guns' and make extreme QRM. Especially on the good DX stations on lower bands, called full time over QSO. . . . OK2QX. Good contest. See you again, friends. OK2SWD. Good contest, friends. . . . OK5SWL. This was my first attempt to do the really best effort in this contest. There was a good warm-up round, the OK/OM-DX contest two weeks before this event. OK7U. Completely portable operation from my car . . . OL3R. Third Multi efort from Brezina - OK1RF/OK1RI QTH. There was some improvement of the station (inside) since SSB and I hope it was visible on Low Bands. We did horribly on mults on 40m. Once a lot of reserves. Let's hope it will be better next time. We still had a lot fun and hope to be in some contests as Multi next year. ... OL4A. Have only one 40m ant for al bands. My age is 83. . . . OL4M. Prima contest to me! . . . OM3BA. I was testing my CG-3000 ant. tuner with a random length wire. It was usable on 40m and 80m. . . . OM5NA. It was vary nice contest . . OM7SR. Fine contest with many stations, My power was 5 watts. . . . ON3AD. In spite of the poor condx it was (as usual) the best radio weekend of the year. Fun, fun, fun! ... ON3ND. Nice contest with good activity and pleasant to work. Till next year. 73 ... ON5WL. Not full 38 hours

on the rig. It was buzy on lowband . . . **OP1A.** Poor conditions on 28 MHz. Strong winds during the contest period affecting the antennas behaviour. Sometimes my new vanity call made confusion, people being sure that they have a contact with Faroe Is! They must check the DXCC/WPX lists from time to time! Lot of fun! . . . **OQ3R.** Great contest!

OR2A. Enjoyed taking part in the CQ WW CW again this year! ... OT4A. As LYNGBY RADIO/OXZ closed down ALL HF transmissions on 1st October 2009, we asked the manager if it was possible to use the antennas for the CQ WW contest 2009. YES, you can use what is left of the antennas at the time when the contest begins! Went to the site and tested out the antennas we expected still to be there at the beginning of the contest. WOW! Some very good big rhombic antennas, direction Japan and New Zealand, one for Singapore and Australia, one for Europe and Africa, one for South America, one for Central America, one for North America, and a log periodic antenna covering NA and Pacific out to Hawaii. All that plus a Marconi Conipole vertical covering 1.6-30 MHz. All antennas worked from 1.8-30 MHz. - They also had an Ameritron ALS-600 PA giving us 500 watts. The antenna switch was HUGE 2.5 x 6 meters and driven by air. Had to bring an airpump and one tech made a remote control so we could change antenna within a second. Used an IC-775DSP as we only had ONE feeder for ALL antennas. We soon learned that we could hear almost anything on the bands, but it was hard to make a QSO. Sometimes we should use a nearby rhombic for the best signal instead of pointing directly to a station. Think it is because different band giving different radiation from the given rhombic. On 160 meter OZ5DL soon found out that we had a very good antenna in the Marconi Conipole. Before the contest he made a QSO with TX3A and in the contest he made HC8 - zone 10 and zone 3 with no problems. The only problem we faced was when the coast radio station was making broadcast on 1704 kHz, half hour transmissions, then we had a very high noise level on our RX. We then switched to the rhombic for RX and the Conipole for TX. It was so exciting being there and we thank the people of Skamlebaek Radio for their hospitality and pray that they will leave the Marconi Conopole for a last sign of an era. They started transmissions from this site in 1927. The spots on the computer and finding and working the multipliers slowed us down and we did not work as many QSOs as we had planned for. But we had a fantastic weekend. ... OV3X. With a Yaesu FT-897D, 100 watts it was hard going all the way! Antennas: 20m and 40m inverted vee; 80m inverted L . . . P29CW. Major station renovations were a success. Looking forward to the years ahead. P40W. Only my second ever all-band attempt. I was trying for 6000 Qs and made it (counting dupes), but would have done better with fewer Qs and more mults. Oh well, it was a hoot! . . . P49Y. Condx not too bad but not shocking, nice activity, noticed CW activity to over 7100, 14170

PAØFAW. Good activity on all bands! CW is sure not dead at all! Big fun to participate, therefore cuagn in 2010. . . . PAØFEI. Bad planning made it impossible for me to participate longer on the Saturday, so did not guite reach the 1000 QSO goal but overall not unhappy with the final result. Too bad 28 MHz did not deliver the same show as in the SSB part. . . . PAØMIR. FB Contest. . . . PAØWKI. Had great fun with QRP and QRPp. In most QSO's I try to use the lowest possible power to answer CQ. I used 5 watts down to 50 mW (hi). Thank you for the great activity in the contest. ... PA1B. Only a few hours, but with great pleasure. Thanks to all of you! . . . PA1BX. Always a pleasure to take part and to work new DXCC! ... PA2CHM. Search, listen, and pounce. With my Elecraft K2 and using all the memories it worked great. Thanks to all stations for answering me. . . . PA2REH. Many complaints from neighbours abt TVI and BCI. ... PA3AWW. Great show again! Worked the world with simple dipole and 40W. Sunspots or no sunspots as long as the CQ WW is running we can have a lot of fun! ... PA6OI. Very nice contest, like all the other CQ WW contests. ... PA9CW. My first mode is CW, but I like RTTY. Also pse cfm all QSOs with QSL cards they are new dxcc in this mode now. Tnx. ... PD5CW. Tnx for the nice contest. Licenced 2006 . . . PD7BZ. I did make some QSO's in this contest, after the wedding day of my daughter. Nice to work all stations with QRP. . . . PE2KP. Participated just for fun . . . PE4BAS. Tnx for the nice contest.

... **PI4CC.** Getting PI4COM back to Multi-Operator contesting sure is fun. A pitty good CW operators are hard to get these days....:-(... **PI4COM.** It was a rainy day and we were all very wet when we built our antenna. We had a nice weekend with much experiments and much coffee We used a TS-515 abt 100 Watts The antenna was a horizontal delta loop abt 10m up 100m around ... **PI4ZOD.** Conditions in this part of the world weren't remotely as good as for the SSB contest last month. The 10 meter opening Saturday was brief and thready. Sunday was better, but we were only able to work the States and a few Caribbean and South American neighbors. Murphy also arrived in the form of power line noise that had been completely absent for the past year and a half. We lost

hundreds of QSOs, particularly to the States on 20, because of the S8 line noise. Time to get the gloves and sticks and try to do some selfmaintenance. (In this part of the world it's hopeless to get the utility companies to assist.) ... PJ2T. Nice contest ! ... PP5VX. Great contest, as usual. A lot of great DX. ... PY1KN. Back to competitions after exactly 9 years QRT. This was my first international contest in the band of 40 meters, but I only participated in 10 meters, which was the technical condition that my old station had allowed me. I really enjoyed the time of propagation for monoband competition. I started with a few minutes late and ended two hours before closing due to dinner with my wife. (Already renewed her license for the next contest, hi hi hi). The radio which I have done this contest is not suitable for competition but still managed to improve it. I became expert on the AF GAIN, hi hi hi. The antenna used is not only appropriate but also was out of time hurting very reasonable reception. Coaxial cable too long, without much quality, finally had a huge loss. I was constantly confused with Ricardo (PY2EL), several times I had to repeat the letter "G" at the end of the call. I think that my callsign was removed from CALLSIGN MASTER database. I hope the next is already there, it gives the greatest work. The major difficulties than those cited above were the static crashes, one that also sound like a turbine aircraft; stations operating on phone over the stations on CW; the lack of selectivity (filter) because I was constantly interfering stations PY QRO. In closing, with all the negative points for me the end result was extremely good. Great, to be exact. All my personal goals were not only met but were overcome. I am really very happy because I entered the contest hoping 30 contacts . 100 contacts would have been as much and yet managed to go further. I believe that these trials will be worth me in future competitions. Special thanks to Vitor (PY2NY) the preliminary information, Enio (PY2ZR) to be possible to go again to the radio, and David (PY2VZ) on Monday night who encouraged me to call CQ. Considerations for the warmth USA HAMs, simply the best in technology and ethics, very friendly. I like to be challenged by them. Until the next contest. ... PY2ELG. TKS for all the QSOs. It was a great contest. Unhappily my working conditions were limited and it was impossible to be better. ... PY2WB. TKS FB TEST. ... PY7OJ. TNX FB Contest. . RAØFU. It is my favorite contest! Thank you very much! ... RA3OE. Thank you for the nice contest. I got very good pleasure from that contest and I had very good weekend. All the best and I hope to see you in the next year. ... RA3XEV. November 27 Andrey Golopurov, RU1AO, rode the train to participate in the CQ WW CW. The train was blown up by terrorists. Andrey was killed. ... RK9XWA. My best 73! de: Igor . RN2FQ. Thanks all for nice contest. ... RN4AO.ICOM 756PROIII_100wt ... RN4SN. FB TEST! ... RN6FA. First day we had problems with our main H-frame 4 x 5 el 10m Yagi, so this came to zero QSOs then. On the second day when propagation was much worse we managed to get just 26 countries by 7 el Yagi and missing some 33-35 in first day. RU1A. Exellent! Good luck! . . . RU3UM. Thanks for the contest. 73! . . RV4LC. Just try a Single band 40m this year. Good luck 73! RV6LFE. Only 20 watts PEP. Last 6 months my TS850D is broken. So hard work! ... RV9CX. Prop was poor as 2008. All QSOs were too hard. . RW4AA. TNX for contest! ... RZ6HWA. Tnx for the very NICE CON-TEST! 73,GL! RZ6HX. GL! 73! . . . RZ9HA. Good contest, my 73! RZ90J. I used SD for logging; it's great. Condx this year OK. . SKØTM. Decided to give low power a chance (did participate just half day). Very nice, worked QRP for the first time and must say it was less difficult than expected to work with less than 5 W. On the other hand without the 4 el Yagi it was not been that easy. . . . SM5BRG. Condx this year OK. ... SM5CLE. Nice prop on 80m with half sloper and 600W. ... SM5ENX. Enjoyed the contest! ... SM6DHU. No amplifier for 160m and no antenna for 15 and 10m. Could use the 40m wire vertical so so on 15m. All wire antennas working from my uninsulated summer house in the woods spending lots of contest time filling up the furnace. Did have fun and god some new ones in the log. ... SM6WET. Radio Elecraft KX1 (4W out) + homemade HF power amplifier (40W out). On 2009-11-28 at 17:45 my amp broke and the rest of the time I worked with the power of 4W. Antenna vertical Diamond CP5 . . . SP2SWI. Just a few QSOs from my balcony wire ant 10 m long & 15 mh . . . SP5BYC. Very poor conditions on 20m. Had three deltas full size and couldn't make any score. . . . SP5DDJ. Strange cndx . . . SP5ELA. Operation 100W and R7 vertical. Reminds me of the ancient style of operation. Antennas were broken. Good school of patience..... SP5ES. Nice Contest ... SP6BAA. Many thanks for patience with my weak signal to all of my contest friends. . . . SP6QKP. Nice contest. See you next time. . . SP8HPW. Fb contest. ... SP9JZT. A great contest and good fun! I would have worked more countries if everybody switched to QRP... SP9NLI. It was my first contest 73 ... SV2HWR. Although this year CQWW happened to be right after a month with lots of travelling (DR1A, XRØY,

TC1AB), I just couldn't miss it. So I was lucky enough to sneak into SV2BFN's station and share it with SV2BOH in the morning (who competed as SO-15M) who passed me the paddle when it was dark, so I checked in for 40M only while I worked a few QSOs on other bands too. Good luck guys, it was fun and cu soon agn! . . . SV2KBS. Will need more CW operators next time! However we really enjoyed the "no sleeping" weekend doing what we like to do. First time using N1MM with T48K., It's a great software! Will see u all next year! ... T48K. Due lack of antennas and free time I was not able to be involved in contest a lot. However always great to participate in CQ WW CW, tks. ... T6AG. Actually TA2KK located at Asia part of TURKEY ... TA2KK. Once again a contest operation from Thor's (TF4M) fantastic station. This being the first CQWW with TF4X being active. The TF4X is a special call issued to the TF4M station. The latest addition, the phenominal Arctic King 160m antenna, took us by surprise. Almost as many QSOs on 160 as on 20. Numerous new Beverages and zero noise level on RX. The strength of the station is displayed by low band performance. First time JA pileup for us from TF on 160m in CQWW. Propagation was relatively good as we had little aurora and definitely better on the Saturday. According to the raw score the 29 year old M/S record from TF was broken by 1.1 million points during a sunspot minimum. ... TF4X. The goal was to test the 160m station's set with the first attempt with shunt fed antenna on the 21m tower. I was busy on Saturday morning and I left the station at 6 GMT, best time. Good conditions, except Sunday evening with heavy static and electric fence noice. But nice to see N4RJ's comments on DX Summit: "blasting here and 59+" ! So, for sure, I will be back next year. TM4Q. Tnx all fer Contest, 73. ... UAØAKY. TNX QSOs! ... UAØS-BQ. TNX! 73! ... UAØSDX .TNX for fine contest. ... UAØZAM. TNX & 73 to all!... UA4PN. Great contest !... UA9MA. Tnx for FB contest!. UA9WOB. TNX for FB QSOs! 73! . . . UA9XBJ. Best wishes from Kazakhstan! . . . UN2E. Special thanks to Svetlana (my wife) for very tasty coffee and other eats. 73! UN7PL, Alex. . . . UO1P. Nice contest, unfortunately the bad conditions were not good. Thanks to all who called or answered me! See you in the next contest! ... UR3IQO. TNX for contest ... UR3LTD. Tnx for good contest! Cu 2010 year! ... UR5FCM. MNI TKS FR CONTEST. ... UR5IHQ. TNX for nice contest. ... USØITU. TNX for nice contest. . . . US4IXT. TKS for FB contest . . . UT1IM. Bad conditions were this season.... UT5UQV.RIG(s): Good Contest ... UT7NW. Radio: TS-50S, 100 W Antenna: 5-EL QUAD . . . UW7W. Tnx for contest ... UX5TQ. Pleasantly suprised by the brief 10m openings to North and South America on the second day of the contest V51YJ. First time operating in a CW contest. Thanks to all who had the patience in making contacts with me. Hope to try again next year. . . . VA3RNJ. Great contest. I started out just wanting to work a few stations but got caught up in the fun. Worked a few new countries. Most fun was bagging ZM1A on 15 meters at their sunrise, as well as special Olymic station VG7V. First contact on 160m. It was a lot of fun ... VA7HZ. Wonderful time. 100W into a 20M dipole up about 7 feet, 6 new countries and more fun than should be legally allowed! Hope to CU all next year.... VE1GW. Two hours into the contest had to shut down due to thunderstorms in November! Hurredly disconnected my antennas and then of course forgot how they were connected! Took till Sunday to reconnect and get back into contest. Great conditions on 40 and 20. . . . VE1ZA. Always a good time working both new and old friends on 160 meters CW! Conditions seemed to be all one-way to Europe this year, however; i.e. all one-way for Europe to North America, that is! There were some VERY loud EU stations calling CQ, but it was TOUGH to work them! ... VE3CUI. Much like the SSB part: confusing and frustrating long periods of "one way" propagation. One moment, even with my low power and mediocre antennas, I am able to run at a decent rate; the next it takes ages to get through to the strongest station on the band. As my mamma always said: "Contesting is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're gonna get".... VE3FDT. Used the Elecraft K3 with the TR4W logging software for the first time. Great to have the rig talk to the software! This was intended to be a "dabble," but I really got into it, my first WW contest in about 6 years! VE3GFN. First contest from a new rural QTH. The antenna is a 80 folded dipole only 18 ft above ground. I have almost no floor noise on the rig and could hear many EU stations, but only a few could hear my station with the low antenna. . . . VE3GSI. Condx strange 1st night, lots of fast QSB here but better 2nd night ... VE3PN. I had a lot of fun participating in this contest. Contesting is fun whether you use the latest and greatest high-tech rig and computer sending CW for you, or taking my approach using a Classic FT-757GX that is 25 years old and my refinished '54 Blue Racer Standard Vibroplex Bug. . . . VE7BGP. Missed too many 40M QSOs. New 40M antenna next year. .

... VE7BZR. Lots of good DX ... VE7JKZ. Not much time to work the contest; getting over surgery hi hi! ... VE7NI. 200 watts and a vertical

plays pretty well. ... VE7VR. Phenomena: On a dead band NR5M (S-9), EA8URL and SU9HP (S-7), no other signals. Who is messing with the ionosphere? . . . VK2AYD. Operated from a traffic island in the middle of Pacific Highway. Due to the various sources of noise it was hard to operate but was very pleased to see that 5W was enough to 'reach' UA1, SP, ES, and other Europeans some 16,000 kms away. VK2CCC. It was fun. Surprise was Sunday night (local) 20m EU like the "old times" VK2PN. A good opening to EU on 15 SP on Sunday and 40 the other good band. Little activity in VK3 on t10 metres yet, but the signs are there! ... VK3FM. Thunderstorms caused QRN on low bands but great condx on 15 meters. Nice to see some 10 meter openings this year. Thanks to all in EU who turned toward VK to hear us! ... VK3TDX. Had 100 kph wind/rain/lightning storm interrupt contesting! ... VK4AN. Loads to work on all bands. Didn't want to go to bed. Summer storms cut power to spoil my personal best,. Can't wait until next year. . . . VK4EJ. G'day to all Ops in tTest. Used SD programme by EI5DI, worked vy FB ... VK4TT. I enjoyed the contest. ... VK5SW. Mni TNX to the Northern Corridor Radio Club (VK6ANC) in Perth for letting us use their fine contest station. ... VK6AA. The best I've done yet. Good contest. VK6HG. Bands are dead, then contest comes along and lots of signals!! Do we make our own propogation? ... VK7GN. Enjoyed the contest with the limited time. ... VK8AV. Where do we go next? ... VK9XW. Just for fun . . . VK9XX. It was a pleasure to work in the contest again. Glad that others could hear this small station ... VU2BGS. Ennjoyed one more CQ WW Contest. ... VU2LYX. Conditions were not that good. Miss the sunspots! ... VU2PAI. It was great to work Dick N6AA at 4LØA and Jim N6TJ at KH6ZN. No US West Cast QSO this year, although I worked W6 and XE on the long path 2 days before the contest. We had a lot of activity from VU2 this year and that is very heartening. I counted at least 10 stations very active. Lost about 11 hours of prime operating time due to social engagements and sleep. This is fast becoming a habit now ;-). Station improvements made the night before the contest: completed assembly of a 2 radio x 6 antenna Six Pak antenna switch. This was the first contest where I did not unplug or reconnect a coax. N6ZZ says I am ready for next year :). . . . VU2PTT. Enjoyed the contest. My congratulations to all the organizers. 80M condx seemed down compared to last few years. Nice to work many old friends again. CU next year! ... VY2ZM. Good contest I have won to myself with the new record in points and QSOs. But very bad that big guns transmit next to you with full power. Tnx all answer my call. . . . XE1AY. Many thanks to Hector and his family for making my contesting experience possible. Unlike 2007 when we spent three hours waiting in the car to cross the border to the USA, this time we walked. It took less than 20 minutes, including scanning my K3 suitcase and hand inspecting my laptop. I was giddy with joy at having crossed so easily. ... XE2GG. Just looking for new entities ... YB3MM. 40m was high noise and rainy season here, but I got a lot of fun joining CQWW. YB3TD. First time in contest. YC3TKH. Always fun to be D ! ... YN2GY. TNXfor fine contest. 73 and GD DX. ... YO2AQB. Pleased to run again on TOP band with the recent TR4W logger. Variable conditions and less participants than in 2009. . . YO2IS. Today the 1 point for own continent and 3 point for DX is unfair! YR1C made 2387 QSO/40z/146c resulting 739.164 points in 40 hours of work CT3KN made 2408 QSO/34Z/123c resulting 1.127.417 point in 27.5 hours of work. About double! One is in eastern part of Europe, second is in western part of Europe, but it counts to Africa So many want to move in other places. Please think to change the points made just from nearby other continents! In the past we didn't have computers! YO3JW. Nice contest, mani stations on the air YO3ND. Tnx to everybody. Best regards YO4CSL. YO50IF is the special call of 50 years of amateur radio by the YO9IF. ... YO50IF. Very nice and big contest. The propagation on 160m good. YO5AJR. Many stations, thanks to all,73 GL. . . . YO5OHY. Nice contest like every year! 73! GL. . . . YO8RIJ. Very nice contest ! . . . YT2PFR. Really hard work through the QRM and high power ones, but I really enjoy it. ... YV6BXN. This operation tested the new Yagi design by M² which performed well ZB2X. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest. . . . ZC4LI. This year I decided to have a reasonable serious attempt in the Single

This year I decided to have a reasonable serious attempt in the Single Op All Band category from my suburban QTH in Wellington city. The station consisted of an FT1000MP radio, AL80A amplifier and a series of wire dipoles for 160M to 10M, all supported by a 13 metre tall pole located in the centre of my 1000 sq metre property. Compared to my previous experience at ZL6QH, it was considerably more difficult to make QSOs from the home QTH. The limitations of a small backyard antenna farm, a high level of local man made QRN, and a steep uphill slope on the western side of my property were all contributing factors. The uphill slope effectively blocks the short path for signals from Asia and Europe so the majority of my QSOs were made in the opposite direc-

tion - towards the short path to America and the long path to Europe. It was frustrating to hear other ZL stations running Europeans via the short path that I could often not even copy. I ended up operating for about 41 hours over the 48 hour period, including a 1 hour nap on Sunday afternoon and meal breaks. The nap definitely helped me to stay awake and reduced the severity of the hallucinations that normally kick in on Monday morning! Propagation on the low bands was only average on the Saturday and well below average on Sunday. There were also high levels of lightning QRN on both nights. The best DX on 160M was N7UA and AD6C. Fortunately, the higher bands were in much better shape, with 10M producing a good number of QSOs to Asia and North America, and some excellent runs to North America on 15M. I made 150 QSOs in one hour on Sunday morning, which was getting close to ZL6QH rates. The biggest thrill was being called by EA8URL and EA8TH on 15M over the long path during the middle of the day (when the band is normally closed to Europe). I did not make any 6 band QSOs but it was good to catch K1TTT and K3LR on 5 bands. It was a lot of fun. Thanks to the contest organisers and everyone for the QSOs. . . . ZL1AZE. Lower bands noisy, but great to have action on 15m, and even on 10m. Thanks to Les ZL2JU for hosting our operation again. ZL2AGY. Doubled our score from last year. Good to find 10M open at times but 15M was often slow going with 20M providing the most QSOs for a change. QRN was bad on the low bands. ... ZM4T. Just put up a tree supported 15m ground plane antenna and went for it with my TS50S and a hand key! (sorry guys). Haven't been active now for some years (used to be ZS1NF and before that ZS5NF) and have now moved out to the country with 3 acres and a few blue gum trees (for antenna supports!). Getting back into it now and hope to do more in the future. Conditions were surprisingly good considering the low sunspot numbers (I always get the impression that all the contest stations kind of warm up the ionosphere and conditions improve during contests!). Just worked a few hours on the Sunday as had a wedding to attend on the Saturday. ... ZS2NF. Best effort so far from the ZS9X station! ZS4TX. What a blast - 15m on Sunday till late! ... **ZS4U.**

USA QRM CW

An older radio, a multiband vertical, and a song in my heart. It's good to play with DX. ... AB3IC. We had family over for the holiday (brother-inlaw) so I declined an invitation from KØRF and tried to work the contest from home during "off hours." This resulted in a 24-hour effort consisting of Friday from the start of the contest until midnight, Saturday and Sunday mornings from about about an hour before sunrise to noon, a couple hours before dinner on Saturday and the last few hours of the contest on Sunday. Despite the limitations (and poor conditions on 15 meters compared to the phone weekend), I far exceeded my expectations. DXCC in a weekend from Colorado running 100W to a vertical! I worked more Europeans on 40 than I ever have since moving here. The vertical antenna definitely helped here. 40 meters to Asia/Pacific sounded better Sunday morning than Saturday, with really loud (and plentiful) JAs. However, DU1BP who was booming on Saturday had only a so-so signal on Sunday. 9M8YY was also loud on Sunday, but I could not get through. I was disappointed that T88CI and VK9XW didn't make an effort to get on during our sunrise, as I need those two all-time on 40 meters. At least I got VK6AA for the Zone 29 multiplier. It was disappointing to see how early 20 meters closed to Europe both mornings. It was nice to work some of the Scandinavians on 20 Sunday afternoon well after Europe had presumably disappeared. 15 meters to Europe was only slightly better on Sunday morning than Saturday morning. I worked nothing on the continent except EA, EI and F (technically, EI doesn't count). It was easier to work the various DXpeditions to Africa like 5R, 9J and 9L, as well as ZS. 10 meters consisted of the usual zone 11 and 13 South Americans (plus HC8GR, USA and VQ5V) when they popped through on Saturday, only a few more PY/LU on Sunday. One surprise for me was working the Pacific so late on 20 meters Friday night (around 05z, 10 p.m. local time). The band normally sounds dead here at that time. The biggest surprise, however, was working three different countries in Zone 38 (A2, V5 and ZS) on both 40 and 20 meters! 9J and C9 (both on 40 meters Friday night) were all-time new zones for me from Colorado. Friday was a great night on 40 meters for southern Africa, the best I've heard since moving here; 3DAØTM was on SSB with a good signal. This year I made notes when I had a marginal QSO. It will be interesting to look at them again when the UBN reports are published. I'm disappointed by the stations who log me even though I'm sure they didn't copy my report. Then when I call them again later, they say we're a dupe! One guy even took the time to tell me what the time of the previous QSO was (he wasn't in my log, of course). Just work the station

and move on, enough of this QSO-B4 nonsense! Thanks to everyone who got out and got on. This contest is the best of the best. ... AD1C. Getting better each year. . . . AD5MN. Did the best I could with the time I had ... AE4EC. Used 5 watts for all QSOs. ... AE5KM. This was my first CW contest. I had problems with RF in the shack on 15m, so I had to keep the power down to about 33 watts on that band. I did turn it back up to 100 for a few stations. Working 80m and 15m was great fun. I will be back next year. . . . AE5OV. My goals were to get 200 QSOs and two new DXCC entities. Both were accomplished. Thanks to FO8RZ for Austral Island and to 9L5A for Sierra Leone. I ended up with 10 new first entity-band QSOs, mainly on 15 meters. It was nice to see a few stations on 10m mainly on Sunday. My entire operation was S&P only, and very casually between other obligations. Thanks to everyone who dug out my 100 watts-to-a-vertical signal. Station is a Yaesu FT950 with a Butternut HF9V ground mounted vertical with the 160m add-on kit. Again, I am amazed at what you can do with a 27 foot tall vertical! ... AE5PW. A ton of fun! Bands were in better shape than usual and several new ones were added to the log. . . . AE5X. I had a personal goal to score 100,000 points and made it with 3 minutes to spare! ... AE7CC. All I want for Christmas is some solar flux. . . . AE9F. I had fun. That's what it's all about. ... AF4Z. CW, bronchitis and prescription medicines don't mix well. ... AK9N. 80 Meters was a bummer. 20 was wide open all the time. CW is not dead. ... KØBX. Always such fun to work some QSO's in WW CW ! . . . KØGEO. Great operators, good time by all . . . KØKL. Almost all S&P. Appears no one could hear me unless I answered their CQ's ... KØOU. Fun contest as usual! Low band conditions were poor but 15 and 10 showed signs of life. Mostly S&P here. Had one good run on 20. . . . KØPK. I started the 2009 CQ WW CW contest with the goal of exceeding last year's single op single band 160 assisted score while operating unassisted. However, parenting workload (single parent of a 5 year old, now) and sleep management problems conspired to rob me of the will to keep going in the middle of the night. The first night beat 2008 by about 35% more QSOs (didn't calculate points or compare multipliers). I was able to sleep for 2-1/2 hours and get up for the sunrise JAs. Conditions were good but not outstanding. The second night seemed to be quieter in that signals were fewer and weaker. The low rate made motivation low and just after midnight I was too sleepy and disorganized to keep operating. I went to bed and slept through sunrise, mostly to arise on time to get the child ready for Sunday school. Although the QSO count was still about 30% ahead of last year, the multiplier count was down by 10. The third night (last 2 hours of the contest) provided a few more QSOs and two surprise multipliers, PZ5X and IS9Z. Again, activity seemed lower than last year. So, the station worked great, the phased array heard remarkably better than the Beverages, but the operator is in need of a drastic overhaul, or at least some parenting relief. Equipment: IC765, ETO-91B (loaner from K8ND, thanks Jeff!), 65 foot "T" with 75 radials, 13 Beverages, 4 element broadside array of 2 element end-fire arrays steerable via software radio (see Dec. 2009 QEX), and tired old man. ... K1LT. Line noise hampered operation. ... K1TO. Who needs sunspots? Great conditions on 20 meters! ... K2MFY. Good fun. Happy I checked 10m! Most mults I've ever achieved. I'm impressed by the really great Ops out there. Glad to see it's as hectic as ever. K3AU. On top band I'm a sappling among mighty oak trees ... K3TC. TS-850 to Windom at 45 ft K3TN. The disturbed band conditions made lower power DXing on 80m very difficult. ... K3TW. First time contestor. Next time will be better! ... K4EOR. TS-2000 and dipole antennas. Always a great contest. ... K4MM. Very poor condx. Score way down from previous years. Found new competition for myself within the contest. Seeing if I can work as many zones and countries as the stations using internet assistance. Found I can match most on a single band. . . . K4PI. Is it that antennas REALLY are working so well? Is that BIG SIGNAL all in your amplifier? Crank it down to 5 watts and see what you can do. . . . K4RV. This operation may go down in history as the world's smallest Multi-Multi. After much deliberation about how 3 ops can muster the best score and have the most fun with a single transmitter and limited antennas, we decided to go multi-multi. Admittedly, we largely decided to do this to avoid the 10-minute rule! The three ops, K1CC, K8NZ and K5KG, were successful in keeping the seat occupied for the full 48 hours. Overall, condx seemed to be pretty good. We had no noise to speak of, largely due to a cold snap in the wx. The high bands were poor during the daylight hours on Saturday; we thought there might have been a flare. By Saturday afternoon and evening, however, things picked up, and we had excellent runs on 20 and 40. On Sunday, we cooked along with good rates throughout the day. The low bands were a struggle due to our limited antennas. I don't remember the band or the DX station we were calling, but I do remember the thrill of beating K3LR in that pileup! A good time was had by all. 73, George, K5KG. ... K5KG.

Good test. Wish 10 mts had been open more. . . . K5MV. Line noise to the east of me, line noise to the west of me. . . . K5RX. New K3 arrived just before the contest. The whole weekend was a great learning experience. The K3 receiver did its job on the crowded bands! . . . K5ZD. First 11 QSOs were made with an FT-817 and EFHWA on a tricycle beside the San Francisco Bay. The rest of the QSOs were made at home with an Elecraft K3 and a Buddipole antenna. Thanks for the contest, I had fun. . . . K6BBQ. After starting the contest, found out I was using the "old" version of CT logging. Had to constantly re-set the times. I'll do my upgrading BEFORE the contest next year! ... K6CU. Great time again. This is "the biggie" and tons of fun. Even had 10 meters open for a change. Thanks to all for a fun event . . . K7ABV. Good prop on 20 Sunday morning. . . . K7CS. Another great contest . . . K7GIM. I love the new rules - especially the one where the "run" station need not identify. Also the scoring change where zones 3, 4, 5 may work each other for serious points. . . . K7GQ. K7W log is to be used for check Log only. After 2 huors into contest the team decided that the special call sign was causing confusion with both DX and stateside stations so we started over with the call sign W7VV.... K7W. Very psed to work several new countries . . . K8AQM. The highlight was a great opening to Africa Saturday morning. ... K8IR. Forced into the Assisted category since looking specifically for VK9XW during the contest. . . . K9CJ. 160 was poor, other bands OK. Need better TX antenna on 40. Thanks for having the test. ... K9FO. This was more an experiment in how well (or not) some old Drake transceivers would operate than an all-out effort. My score shows that! ... K9JU. Fantastic conditions for my single op/single band 40 low power effort. Already looking forward to the 2010 edition !!! . . . K9UIY. New antenna done good on 20M . . . KBØR. My 1st CW Contest. Check log. . . . KBØVE. Effort hampered by two trips to hospital with wife, and a faulty rotator turning the X7 in unknown directions. Work on the MA160V radials and matching network made a big difference on top band. Overall still my best score in DX CW. . . . KB1T. Wish I had more than 2 hours to operate :(... KB3LVH. Really enjoy working CW. I'm slow so thanks to all for the patience. Looking forward to doing more CW. . . . KB8M. No sunspots but great conditions on 20m and 40m this year! Maybe 80m/160m too but I don't have an antenna for them. Maybe next year the gods will favor me. 73! ... KC6X. Is there a special bonus for working the contest while taking care of a four year old and a six year old? It's always fun to see what 5 watts will do! . KDØR. Great contest. New 3 element delta beam worked great. . . KD3RF. My 1st DX contest in some time. Was glad to get as many as I did. TNX for all the Q's. 73. . . . KD5JHE. It was nice to hear 10 meters being open. . . . KE1F. F2 excellent! Stations following copied my 5W on 10m dipole! ... KE4WBO. 40 was great, worked 34 zones, as many as 20. but 10 was very poor even for low sunspots . . . KF2O. No joy on the Force12 Delta240 despite my best efforts and I will have to sort that out later. Only managed a half effort and all S&P from rusty CW. Picked up a few all time new DXCC entities. Need to fix TVI on one television when on 15m. Managed to make it fairly quickly through the unruly mobs cutting each others throats in A25 and ZD8 pileups on 20m, so the close tribander stack seems to be playing well. Need to start a philosophical movement to send your callsign after 'TU' for the benefit of mankind. KF6A. Beam broke so I had to use G5RV on 20 and 15 ... KG1D. I had a great time even though I had limited operating time. . . . KG1V. Used an Elecraft K2, QRP, to a 10 ft. by 10 ft. copper pipe antenna in my townhouse attic. Thanks to all for a fun contest. . . . KG4HTT. Lots of stations, lots of fun. I used all "wire" antennas, including Beverages. Did mainly S&P, but also had a few small runs. Lots of super CW ops = great fun. . . . KG4W. Nice to see 10 meters coming back!! . . . KG7H. Just part time.... KG9Z. Great Contest! I'll be back next year.... KI7N. Infinite SWR after 3 Q's, besides working 26 hrs out of the contest period ended any thought of investing 3-4 hrs of play time. Some awesome scores. CU next yr! ... KM9M. Good contest, good signals, good band conditions, with a small touch of lousy CW, good snacks, and cheer. What else is there? ... KN4Y. I was AMAZED to work more than 100 countries on 15 with 0 sunspots in a part-time effort! Tnx for the Q's! 73.

... KQ2M. Score up 9% from last year. First time ever to work JA on 40m from NJ with QRP and also first time ever to work ZL long path on 20m with QRP. Unable to snag VK6, but happy to then find R1ANB and R1ANC on a "dead" 20m band for zone 29.... KR2Q. Another fun contest. I was able to put in about 10 hours. Propagation was fair to poor. I found calls as high as 14120 kHz. My thanks to all who worked me. I will be back next year.... KSØM. No winning score and no African prop here on 15 like there was during the SSB contest but wow sure was on 20! TNX 5R8ZO for picking me out of the crowd and sticking it out through the QSB!...KS7T. With low power and a hamstick antenna on the balcony of my apartment, it was a challenge to work DX stations on 40M

only. . . . KU6T. After having to not operate this event last year, it was fun to get back into one of my favorite contests. I'm always amazed at what 100 watts with very basic antennas can actually accomplish in this event. In the past, I've not been able to operate on 160 meters due to lack of any half-way decent antenna. K6MM's helical vertical for 160 which he described a recent QST, took care of that problem. Easy to build, cheap, and worth 29 Q's and 17 mults. What a deal at twice the price!!! I've always had issues with folks copying my call as K4ZQ and many other combinations. This year, I setup a function key to send my call slowly with lots of space between the letters. That seemed to help. When folks called me K4ZQ or KVØQ, I hit that function key and that took care of the issue quickly. I always hate to see folks get dinged for copying my callsign incorrectly. I never felt loud this weekend so I spent all but one hour S&P. Had a decent run for me in the high end of 20 Sunday morning into Europe. It was nice to hear 15 open up both mornings for a change with the sunspot number of a whopping 19. It was nice to pick up a few new countries and bump into old friends. See you all again next year. ... KV8Q. Flu forced me to sleep through the heart of the contest. ... KX1G. Got on to give HC8GR a QSO. Worked them on 15, 20 and 40M with a CB whip and tuner. CN3A had a great 40M signal.... NØJK. Just trying for some new QRP contacts.... NØRU. Glad to see 15 meters open again. . . . NØXM. Another great time. Thanks to all the ops who put on these DXpeditions to activate all those multipliers. ... N1DG. 5th CQ WW DX CW Contest ... N1NN. Not a lot of time for this contest. The WX for the past few weekends has been garbage, so when this one turned out nice, it was time to do all of the yard work that I had put off. Not a lot of Qs, but at least I got the garage organized, the basement cleaned up and the leaves removed from the yard! :-) . . . N1SZ. This was my first CQ WW although I worked CW SS two weeks ago. Wow! What a difference. The speeds were amazing. The DX was great. Worked South Africa and Australia using only a vertical. My only disappointment was not hearing all the JAs that everyone else did! Majority of contacts on 40 and 20 although 15 was great Sunday around noon time. The band was virtually noise free. Dito for 10 although not many QSOs. Great fun and Txs to all of you super operators. ... N2SO. Great contest ! . . . N3JNX. Not guite a contest station: 2 watts from a Icom 718 (w/Collins filters) into B&W AXS-160 shortened dipole up abt 25 ft as a flat top (3:1 VSWR, too low). Still had fun making a few contacts! Will get the ant up to 40 ft as inverted V for next time, 73! . . N3RIK. Claimed score this year was my second-best in the 5 low-sunspot years 2005-09, bettered only by my 2006 score, when conditions were excellent on both 160 and 15 meters. I actually got 5 more QSOs than in '06, my best-ever QSO total in the 10 years '00-'09 inclusive. 40 meters was outstanding: got 34 more QSOs than ever before '00-'09, and 3 more mults. ZS, VK, TA, TF, and 5B all called me on 40 meters, the only band on which I worked those countries. I decided to not evey try to run on 40 in those first 3 frantic hours of the contest, and that worked well: more QSOs than in those first 3 hours in '06 or '08. In contrast, 80 meters was not nearly as good as it has been for me in recent years: I got only about half as many QSOs on 80 as I got in '05, '06, and '08, and even slightly fewer than I got in '07 in one night (time limited). Got my best 20meter QSO total ever this year, though found slightly fewer mults on 20 than last year. The first-day run on 20 gave 384 QSOs in 4 hours, an average of 96/hr., and the second-day run 321 QSOs in 4 hours, only 80/hr average. I worked 172 DLs on all bands, over twice as many as the second-place total of 82 OKs. By staying on 20 for those two long fast EU runs, I missed the chance to run on 15 m. and rack up lots of QSOs there. But, I found lots of mults on 15, including 5N, 6W, 9L, A2, J7, and ZL, plus many SA. . . . N3UM. Late, late start due to other commitments! ... N4DXI. Very good conditions all bands ... N4GJ. Had Fun! ... N4LZ. Better than expected conditions first day. Second day nnot near as good. Pleasant surprise call-ins included CP1WG, CU2JT, GJ2A, P29CW, TF8GX, TF/GØTSM, VP2E, V51YJ, ZC4LI & VP8NO. Thrill working B7P and 3W1M LP over South Pole Saturday morning. Great hearing Mike @ A25NW. Also great openinf from TX3AALSO, GREAT OPN FROM TX3A duo. ... N4PN. Worked first JA I ever heard on160. Thanks! . . . N4TZ. Seems to me that the CW speed was up a notch this year. There were more persistent callers in the pile-ups, too. . N5JB. Part time, few hours here and there. . . . N5KF. Great condtions. Teally was a WORLD WIDE contest this time.... N5PO. Conditions good to Asia/SA but never heard Europe in the limited time I had to operate. ... N5ZE. Whoo-hoo! The bands are coming back!!! ... N6HE Operated 7 hours, end of the contest. Worked CN2R with 1/2 Watt just because I figured I could, and needed CN for my "half watt countries list." All others at 5 Watts. Antenna 20 foot end-fed wire thrown in a tree out the window. I have decided that "real" antennas are better. ... N6HI. I lasted through the first night and took a nap at midnight the second

night. The nap turned into six hours of sleep! I missed most of the Sunday European opening! Not many Europeans on 15 both days. This time I remembered to turn the antenna north in the afternoon. I caught several zone 16 stations. Also heard EY7AF almost all Saturday night. I could not raise him but did catch Khazakstan with my 100 watts. The not signing your call at every QSO virus is now a pandemic! I decided if someone doesn't sign their call I will work them and not worry about the dupe. The low bands were great and I have to compliment all the stations that worked me. The untuned loop for 40/80 actually performed well. Good to hear some activity on 10. Hopefully next year more stations will frequent the band. ... N6RV. Just playing around in C&P mode (Click & Pounce). Station played well; rotor healed itself without human intervention. Note to self: Need 160M antenna. Need more sunspots. Need more time. Need more snow ... oops! That's for another soapbox. . . . N6XI. This was my sixth try at the CQWW CW, and I was using my new FLEX-3000 SDR for the first time. I had a great time, and did the best I have ever done. CU next year! . . . N7EIE. Nice to have a 10M opening on Saturday.... N7QS. Great 40 and 20 conditions. 160 and 80 appeared down from last year. First CW DX contest with the K3. Used it on 20 and 40. Loved the narrow CW filter. Three or four 6 banders and JA on four bands. Spent about 90% of the time in S&P mode. A few wicked packet pileups and a ton of busted spots. . . . N8BJQ. Low power, limited hours, vertical antennas, but satisfied. ... N8DE. 15 meters is back! N8KU. 300 Watts with dipoles and vertical. What fun. ... N8MZ. Power

was 100 Watts. Glad to have more sunspots. 15m and 10m were open. ... N9BT. Conditions were OK. I expected to hear a lot more stations on the low bands. But the 4-square 80 meter receive array proved that If I could hear them, I could work them. ... N9BX. CQ WW with a poor 80M transmit antenna and minimal time can be a challenge. Next year will see some emission enhancements and more commitment!... N9RE. I had a great time operating only part time. My main focus was searching for needed DX on 40m. I was originally only going to work 40 for single band but then I ventured up to 20 and 15 and then even 10 to knock off a few more needed DX band fills! Also put up a new lazy sloping inverted L for 160m the day of the start of the contest. I wanted to shake down before the 160 contest the following weekend. First night was with no radials. Didn't play much better than my short loaded dipole at 35 ft. Saturday I spent time laying and burying five, 50 ft ground radials. What a difference those made. 160 was still poor conditions, but signals were definitely better now on the lazy sloping inverted L. Had lots of fun playing CQWW CW. Now looking forward to the top band season with a little bit better antenna! Working conditions. . . . N9TF. S8 line noise throughout the contest. Great sigs from East Europe. ... N9XR. Time limited by back pain and need for sleep. I'm gettin' too old for this, but it's too much fun to retire yet! ... NA4CW. Most enjoyable ... NC1C. Just played around a little looking for new ones, using the spotting network to help me find them (for the first time ever in a contest). I did manage to get several new ones for my 2009 CQ DX Marathon as it closes down. Although using spots does help to find the "choice ones." the pileups that result from the packet hordes make it about impossible to break thru with QRP. So I check it out, see how it sounds and usually check back in 30 minutes or so after the dust clears. As always, thanks for the great ears (and patience) out there. Special mention has to go to PZ5X who really hung with me to pull my 40m signal out of the noise Friday night - thanks! . . . NDØC. Had alot of fun. See you all next year. . . . ND3R. Operated barefoot at 200W and with a rotor stuck at 45 degrees. Great for EU but not so great for Pacific. Seemed to me that conditions were very good. There was no QRN on 40. Thanks to all who worked me and upload those Q's to LoTW! ... ND4V. Bands seemed to be marginally better than last year. ... NE4M. Thanks for the Q's ... NG7Z. Thanks to computer readouts and spot nets, good FUN!!! SD is amazing and makes contest logging FUN! I do NOT have a PC-controlled radio (yet), still FUN !!! . . . NJ1T. Another great contest. Glad to see 15m open again. We had good propagation in the Midwest the entire weekend. ... NJ9Z. 111 countries on 20m with zero sunspots was the highlight of our weekend. Nearly 100 on 40m! . . . NN7SS. Hoped that 15 meters would be the bread & butter band for QRP, and It worked on Saturday. 15 did not live up to expectations on Sunday. Fortunately, 40 meters played well both nights. 20 meters is a rough place for QRP, with all the big guns. It was lots of fun! Output power was 5.0 watts per K3. NO2D. Great contest with great friends. What more could one ask for (sunspots?)! . . . NR4M. Great fun! . . . NU4I. 20m was the place to be in this one with 40m next best. Even 10m helped with openings on both days to SA and the Carribean/Central America. Many thanks to the many DXpeditioners who put on many DX countries and some very rare ones. Tks for hearing my LP sig. . . . WØETT. 5W and a wire isn't very competative. Nothing like a beam. . . . WØNV. I wanted to participate more than I was able. We had a situation here at home that prevented my participating. I'm lucky I was able to get in the time that I did. Even with limited time, I still had fun. I'm looking forward to next year. . . WØRAA. Couple hours S&P on 10, 15, and 20M. All propagation seemed to be north/south/transequatorial on Sunday afternoon here; no European sigs ... W1OH. I concentrated Fri/Sat nights on Top band. Quiet band condx but EU sigs were weak here. Hence, not many Q's or pts on 160M. Handed out some Q's during daytime hours just for fun on 15, 20 and 40M. Great to hear the terrific CW ops all around the world each year during this fine contest! Just 100 W and wire antennas at this QTH. . . . W1WBB. Lot of fun with 100W and a bit of wire, 132 ft center fed with 600 ohm open wire ... W2BEE. Strange propagation. W2CCC. Gale force wind storm prevented cranking up tower on first day! ... W2YR. Well, that was some contest. I've long been more interested in ARRL DX than CQWW, but that is starting to change. This is, after all, the big one. And since I made it as high as 5th in SOLP USA last year (but see below), I redoubled my efforts this time. Despite 80 and 160 being significantly worse than last year, I managed to better my results on all the other bands, for a total score nearly 50% above last year's. No complaints there! Best moments were the 10m opening on Saturday - a total of 8 zones and 15 countries, compared to 2 and 2 last year - and the 20m/15m run on Sunday, working both bands together. It would have been better with my top antennas (see below), but it sure was good. Best DX was 9J, A2, BY, R1ANB, KHØ, V5, Z2 and ZD8, plus JA, P3, TF and ZS on 80. 6Y1V was my only 6-bander, but a welcome one. I also found out why we use stacks. We use stacks because when one of your antennas is out, there is (usually) another one available! This was the case on both 20 and 15 this weekend due to windy weather having interrupted some antenna work. The work was on the top 20 beam, but when I noticed that the gin pole was still in place, and blocking the rotation of the upper 15, it was too late. Oh well. Another handicapped contest. By now I am more used to these than to the other kind (is there one?). The big scare came in the middle of the Saturday PM run, when I QSYd to 10m, worked a station, heard somthing fizzle, and lost my WinKey functionality. With visions of manually keying both radios for the rest of the contest, I disassembled and tested the relevant bits, found nothing wrong, reassembled everything, and presto, it all worked flawlessly right through to the end. Some days you just get lucky. From an operating effectiveness perspective, I continue to learn and improve. This time it was about continuing to increase the percentage of time I used two radios, as well as my speed and accuracy with exchanges and the use of Super Check Partial. N1MM Logger has evolved into a truly superb piece of freeware; if you are not using it (and all its SO2R features) then you are losing points, period. I say this as a convert from WinKey (also excellent, but not quite as excellent) and a very late arrival to the fold (last contest season). I expect I will not be a truly expert user for at least another year, but it will have been well worth the effort. Last year I managed a fifth-place finish (best ever from this station). At least, that is what my certificate says. This year I am hoping to improve on whatever it was, but who knows. Congratulations to all the winners, especially N5AW whom I very much wanted to beat but seems to have just edged me out, and many thanks to everyone who entered, and to all their families - especially mine - for the sacrifice! Best 73. ... W3EF. Light operation. Selected stations only. ... W4AEJ. 15 meters only with 50 watts out. ... W4DL. Outstanding contest and conditions are improving! ... W4HYT. Squeezed in a few hours between family obligations. Surprising conditions on 15 and 20. It was fun. . . . W4ZYT. Operating from K6IDX station . . . W6OAT. Had lots of fun, but score way down from last year's. Contesting since 1953; think I'm getting too old. Switchable wire beams worked wonderfully! . . . W6PU. Better conditions on all bands but 80 meter antenna was not up to the task. Too far north and west to be without an array on 80! ... W6XR. And a great time was had by all! Even a little 10m this year. Wish I had the 200 ft tower annd 8 kw! If two tubes are OK, then four must be better! Some of you should slow down to 30-35 wpm so us mere mortals can copy! W7PP. As a casual single op on 40M only with an old Ten-Tec Triton IV and a Force 12 vertical dipole, I had a great time. Since I usually operate with a straight key, it was challenging to break out the paddles and keyer and crank up the speed. I look forward to next year and I plan to improve my station to really enjoy it even more. Thanks CQ and contestors for some fun! ... W7RIP. Newly acquired IC-756PROIII (to inverted-L antenna) performed admirably; definitely a "keeper." First try at CQWW with computer; operator still has much to learn. W7XZ. My first attempt as a single band entry 7 MHz. I used a full size vertical here in "The Black Hole Region" HiHi! CW contesting is the best! ... W8GXT. Very pleased with my results for 100% S&P. Thanks to all the contest DXpeditions! ... W8HC. Thanks to my friend Phil, NØKE, for the use of

his station in this contest. For an hour on Sunday morning I thought I was back at the peak of the cycle with every European I called coming back to my 5 watt signal on the first call! ... W8QZA. As always lots of fun. Maybe next time I'll have my low band antennas back in service. WA5SOG. We need more DXpeditions to get involved! ... WA6KHK. Operated from the Hurricane Mesa Test Facility using 2 element HEX Beam at edge of 1200 ft. cliff overlooking Zion Nat'l Park. Also used 40 meter inverted-V supported by 35 ft. flag pole and HF-2V vertical with elevated radials on 80 meters. Station was K-3, Alpha 76A, and Writelog. Band conditions changed from day to day but excellent opening to EU on 40 on first night. Thanks to everyone around the world for the Qs. WA7LNW. Great contest ... WBØRUR. I didin't have a lot of time to play. Mainly chased bands slots and had fun with that. Thanks for the fun! ... WB6BFG. This is my very first contest. ... WB6TMV. Was a good contest, worked a lot of new countries with just 100 watts and vertical and dipole.... WB8LZA. Not bad for 75W and a dipole at 25 ft... WB8MIW. Too many family obligations. Not a lot of operating time. WB8TLI. First CW WW . . . WB8TSD. My first CQ WW CW contest in 36 years licensed. Even though I have a modest station and had limited time, I had fun and worked several countries that were new for me. WB9MDS. 160 and 80 were poor but 40, 20, and 15 were good. Condx were very different than last year. It's still fun WI8A. I had a great time on 40 this year! ... WJ2D. Love CQWW 40 Meters. Just wish it loved me back! Tough go on 40 until Sunday morning but Sunday

it loved me back! Tough go on 40 until Sunday morning but Sunday turned out very good. Lots of noise on Friday and Saturday nights. See you in 2010 from, hopefully, a more remote location! . . . **WKØP.** Just a couple of hours to see how 160 was doing. No surprises. . . . **WO9S.** First test from home with the new tower/antennas. . . . **WW2DX.**