## 2009 CQ WW DX SSB Contest QRM

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A 40m LP effort this year. "Ran" successfully during the day, but 50w gets you nowhere when the skip lengthens and the band gets so crowded, so reverted to S&P. . . . 2EØRCV. 50 watts output . . . 2EØTQR. Nice to be able to participate in the CQ WW SSB contest during my honeymoon. Thanks to my wife Valy! I was really happy to try my first contest alone from a foreign country, even if my TRX was not able to give me more than 50w in peak. I had to work with 3 little local electrical shut down cuts. Great surprise on 15 & 10m bands. I enjoyed a lot the pile-ups. I wish to come back to Senegal once again! Seb, 6V7Q (F8IJV) . . . 6V7Q. Thank you for nice contest. . . . 7K4XNN. I enjoyed the contest. Thank you to all stations. . . . **7L2PDJ.** Struggled to be heard with 100w and a ground plane . . . 8Q7EJ. This was a very fun contest. All bands open and a lot of activity. . . . 8SØC. 10 meters is back! Worked assisted and was too much chasing DX cluster spots, so have lots of mults but at least 500 QSOs less if I haven't done that much mults chasing. Big pile-ups on all cluster spots, difficult at times to break some of those. Had some nice runs on 80 and 15 meters. Conditions were very good on 15 and 10, but lousy on 160. Lost my Titanex vertical on Saturday, so no QSOs on 160 on Sunday. See you all in CW leg. . . . 9A2EU. Dear friends, first day I had problem with my PC, so I lost few QSOs. Second day I had problem with electricity power lines so I stopped earlier. I hope that next time will have more luck. VY 73's Matko 9A3VM . . . 9A3VM. This time 9A5D had heavy storm troubles, and linear amplifier disaster. Next time will be better. Hope that this couple of QSOs help to give points to other respected friends. Regards from Croatia, 73's. . . . 9A5D. I rarely operate in SSB contests but got into the swing of it with this one. It is also the first time I have made a single band entry in any contest. 15m dropped off a bit on Sunday but was still lively enough to keep it interesting. . . . 9M6XRO. Great conditions the day before the contest, average on the Saturday, and terrible on the Sunday! Solar noise wiped out 15m for long periods of time on both days, and the Chinese radar wiped out 40m most of Sunday. Some surprising openings on 10m with big signals from the antipodes (PY). . . . 9M8Z. Having decided to do a high band this year after all those years on 40, I got my share from Mr. Murphy. Saturday 16:59 UTC, after only a few hours of operation, my QSO #709 (with HZ1PS) was the last one for this contest. The amplifier shut down and was not repairable with the material available on Tobago. It had to go on the workbench in Trinidad. Well, I will try again next year, likely with some backup equipment on the side. . . . 9Y4W. Just gave out some points. . . . **A65BB.** A great weekend with great friends!! Nice to take part in CQWW with most of the active operators in A7 land. The team did a great job this time and the schedule for the operation was good enough to keep the station running all the time. I cannot say more about 15m and 10m this weekend (just look for any opening at any time). 15m was open most of the time, and some signals reached 20 dB over 9 on 10m! We did not work zone 6 at all, but 14, 15, 16, 17, and 21 on all bands. Hope to cu in CQ WW CW and 73 de A71BX. . . . A73A. This is third time to join WW SSB for us. We very much enjoyed, especially high band coming back! Please see youtube.com/AHØBT Thanks . . . AHØBT. Back to SSB this year. 10m disappointing again. Need more work on 160 system! . . . AH6XX. Nice contest. We've set up the station from scratch after a strong storms last January. Amazing propagation in 10m and15m. Welcome 24th solar cycle. . . . AM3SSB. The special event station to commemorating the 11th National Games of the People's Republic of China (Oct. 16, 2009 - Oct. 28, 2009). . . . BD4JWU. My first

CQ WW . . . BG4FFM. The special event station to commemorate the 11th National Games of the People's Republic of China. BT4NG. First time for MS by BY4DX. We are the fresh club station from 2009/Oct/18. We will try to get on air every weekend from now. Thanks for the great DX contest! . . . BY4DX. Testing out our WRTC setup. Good fun with 100W! . . . C4W. Fantasic band cndx with 20/22 hours good propagation over the weekend. Unable to break piles for many needed mults. Congrats to those who made circa 150 countries. Hope for similar cndx in the CW leg. Logging with SD, smooth as silk. . . . C4Z. 10m was very gud . . . CN2R. I had to stop working the contest because I had to go to my work. I hope to see everybody next year. . . . CN4P. Great weekend, despite the noise. I enjoyed it! Will see u all next year! . . . CO8ZZ. Moved house and no antennas yet istalled, only a 40m inv-V with an AT and my old IC-720, hi. I participated but it was very very dificult with this setup. Many thanks to all of you guys for your patience to get me out of the QRM. See you in the next one. 73 Jose. . . . CT1AOZ. Great fun. I will be back. . . . CT1EOD. Nice contest, it was my first CQWW in SSB. Everything was working well. Cu next year! . . . DB3BX. Tnx to all who picked up my weak signal. . . . **DB9UH.** Good condx. First time SO2R in CQWW Phone. . DC4A. Tnx for the contest. . . . DC9ZP. Converted from .ALL by W5OV via DL6RAI . . . DD5JK. Sometimes it was really hard to be heard with my K3 and 100W. I'm looking forwarded to CW! ... **DFØBV.** The best DX contest of the year. Tnx all participants! ... **DF2PH.** IC-7800 11 ele. beam dipole. ... **DF3IS.** Thank you for the contest. See you next year with more activity! ... **DF5BM.** With a solar flux index of 76 the contest stood under good stars this year. The bands were burning! Also the propagation on 15 meters was very reliable for DXing. Normally had the intention to join the contest only sporadic, but the propagation held me in my shack. Sometimes there was no space on the bands, so I had to call the station I wanted to work partly because there were 2 or 3 stations on the frequencie at the same time. My setup: FT-2000, Ameritron Linear, 700 Watts, G5RV. Yes! CQ WW is a really great party for nearly every ham. Had a lot of fun! . . . **DF5LR.** Great contest. Loved the activity on 15 and 10 meters. See you in next CQ WW .... DF7JC. Had a nice time on air. Good conditions to North and South Americe on 20m and 15m. CU . . . **DG2BHB.** Sri, a little log, but first try in 160m with Lantenna (8m+11,5m) and 100W ... DG8FAY. That's great radio! Second participation in CQ WW DX SSB. Working S&P only. TNX all stations who picked me up through pile-ups and QRM. TS-50, 100 watts, 150 ft. Doublet up 39 ft. . . . DH4PSG. Power out, 80 Watts Maybe you can offer a certificate for all participants to self-print as PDF file . . . DH5MM. Very limited time for the contest. Amazing conditions on 15m and 10m . . . DJ2QV. QRP 5 watts, FT817, tuner Z11, inductivity, Windom antenna FD3 (21m long, 8m high). A hard job to make some QSOs with QRP. Thanks to all operators and best 73s. . . . DJ3GE. Just a few QSOs with 100W and dipole. . . . DK3YD. Yaesu FT-1000 MK V Field, Drake L7, antennas FD4, Sommer XP 707. . . . DK5IR. Rig Elecraft K2, power 10W, antenna 20 m Doublet. . . **DK6NF.** Three hours activity to say hello on the upper bands to my contest friends . . . **DK7AN.** UFB 15 m condx. . . . **DK7FP.** Many stations ignored the IARU Band Plans, especially in the 40m band. Some were running well below the phone segment, in some cases as low as 7,020 kHz, which is reserved area for CW DX window in Region 2. In this way they have gained an unacceptable advantage over those who complied with the band plan and had to endure the usual QRM on the band. This behavior not only violates contest rules (and Ham Spirit), but also ruins a large segment of the band for those who are not taking part in the contest, trying to run QSOs in CW or digital modes. . . . DL1EAL. My first CQ WW Contest . . . DL1HBD. Small participation, you may use it as a checklog . . . **DL2GBB.** Thanks for so much fun. After long time we had better condx on 10m and 15m. 73 and cu next year! . . . DL2SWN. Again a great weekend! Vy 73! . . . DL5JH. ICOM-756proIII, ant. TA33M, FD4 . . . DL5ZB. It's every year a pleasure to take part in CQ WW! Vy 73. . . . **DL7JAN.** Nice contest and nice conditions. Sunday evening just after working N2ZZ, I had 1443 pts, 307 DXCC, and 78 zones. The software showed the nice score of 555555 hihi! Cu in CW! . . . **DL7UMK.** I received a lot positive experiences. Also I had many fun and the chance to work stations which out of reach under normal circumstances with TS-120 and dipole under the roof. 4L1FP and UA9CLB on 20 double, listened but not counted. Sorry! . . . DL9HB. My first contest. I've just an education. . . . DN1SJ. First try. Great! . . . DO1DXX. Super! . . . DO2MS. DP1POL is operation from Neumayer Station, Antarctica. A few stations were surprised about receiving zone 38 from me, but most seemed to have updated their country files before the contest. Conditions were worse than expected due to increased activity of the geomagnetic field, but 20m had good openings to both Europe and North America, so I decided to enter the contest in the single band category. There was a snow storm around here during the contest weekend which caused a bit of static noise, and the band was guite crowded, so it was difficult to maintain a running frequency for longer periods of time. Nevertheless, it was fun to participate from Antarctica for the second time (first entry as DP1POL in 2003) and hand out the CE9/KC4 multiplier to fellow contesters. . . . . **DP1POL.** CQ WW DX Contest vy fun. . . . **DS5FNE.** My first stab at contesting after being away for over 30 years. Excellent propagation made for fun contesting. 73 and good luck to all. . . . **DU1VHY.** Always good fun! . . . **EA1BP.** A big fun with a wire antenna. . . . **EA3ATM.** Thank God 10 and 15 open many hours even in the afternoon. Propagation not bad. Many points from S. America. ... **EA3FF.** I cannot listen any Japan station, any stations speak too much speed. . . . EA3KT. My first CQ WW DX Contest. . . . **EA4FSL.** Good openings on 10 and 15 meters. Glad to hear so many EA's. That means we are on the right way. Next year more and better! 73! . . . EA5BY. Nice job on 15 meters only with rotative dipole. . . . **EA6AZ.** Nice to be on air with all of you guys! C6APR rest in peace. . . . EA7EU. Fantastic weekend, conditions super here, from 10m to 80m, no antenna for 160m. I tested new QTH very isolated and without power yet. So I worked QRP 5w with G5RV up to 33 feet and vertical TW2010. Never before in QRP, so I needed to take to be very patient. Can be frustrating to call a VR station that is coming in 5-9 and had no reply. Want to thank all the stations that took time to hear me between QRM. Now time to practice more in CW for next CQ WW CW. 73 to all. . . . EB3EPR. Used HP on 15 and 20 to break in to pileups, rest LP . . . EB6AOK. At last, 15 and 10m wer open during the contest many time, not some hours as last CQ WW. Greats pile-ups in both bands. Only worked during the day, at nigth to sleep with the familly. I think is a new type "Married-Op Family-Assisted, hihi. . . . **EE5J.** Thank you! . . . **EI2CN.** Great contest, enjoyed it immensely. . . . El2KA. 20m was so busy, I ended up on 15m for most of the day. Another astonishing display of Radio Sport! ... El4GNB. Thanks to everyone who called me and answered my call. Target was 900 QSOs and 110-120k pts. Conditions were much worse than last year, so I am very happy with this clamed score. Didn't belive when ZL4U called me! It's second time in my life! This QSO and LU2DKT were the hardest ones. Special thanks to John (EI8IR) and his wife Hillary. Also millions thanks to Neil (EI3JE) and Jerry (EI6BT). Without all of them my operation in test would be not possible. Hope next year we will come back to our normal entry Multi-Single. 73! and see you in test, Dan, LY3MM/EI3JZ. . . . EI7M. TNX for FB contest.... **ER2RM.** TNX all! 73!... **ER4LX.** FT-817 + OCF dipole. Extremely challenging on 40m with my QRP setup, and I had to call many stations 20+ times to be heard, but it was exciting to sometimes hear my call back. Couldn't work Estonia (my country), but worked OHØ twice! . . . **ES1WST.** Transceivers Kenwood TS-2000 (radio 0) and Yaesu FT-897D (radio 1). Antennas Tribander JP-2000 (radio 0) and 80m delta loop (radio 1). Output power of both stations was 100W. Nice contest, good propagation on higher bands. First CQ WW for all of us, first contest at all to ES5URM. All of us enjoyed it very much! . . . **ES5EC.** Great contest! . . . **ES5RY.** Great as usual ! Much fun. . . . **F4ETG.** Power 100W, Grid Locator JN18EV. Located on 8th floor's balcony (E+W) in Paris F-75018. First participation in CQ WW DX Contest SSB. . . . F4FBP. Very hard the QRP on 20m with my FT817.... F4FLQ. Fine contest on 10m and 15m.... F4FSB. Wonderful 10 m open from sunset to sunrise during the two days of this contest. 240 QSOs on this band. It never happened to me before. I had a good time in this contest with my old 80 watts transceiver. 366 QSOs in all. My antennas are multiband dipole 2 x 20 m for 80m to 15m and a 3-element Yagi 5m up on 10m. Thanks to all who worked me. See you again in 2010. . . . **F5RD.** Just for the fun. This contest is the best one in the year. . F6BNH. Best contest in the world, great fun and good conditions. . . . GØAZH. Enjoyed the contest. Not enough outside of EU this time. Some good 40 meters but I'll work harder next time. 73s all. . . . **GØCER.** Less contacts but made a better score. . . . GØCPA. Many contacts on 10m. SD so easy. . . . GØFPU. Please use only 80m band contacts for the entry, all others are check log. I intended to concentrate on 80m but 15m and 10m condx were so good that I made more QSOs than intended, but would still like to enter the 80m single op single band category . . . GØHVQ. C6APR added as a mark of respect after 2 minutes. . . . GØVDZ. Frequencies so busy that I didn't log a few contacts due to not hearing the confirmation by the other station before they worked the next contact. But good fun as always! . . . G1FON. Nice to have 15m open . . . G3LUW. Better than expected cndx made it enjoyable test. Used SD, great as always. ... G3RAU. Sunday afternoon signals on 15m sounded like the good old days when things called "sunspots" existed. Or was it just the impact of so much CQ WW SSB Contest generated activity and RF that melted the ionosphere into submission? . . . G3TXF. Transceiver FT817, 5W output. Antennas tribander + loops. Not available much on Saturday. - XYL's 60th birthday party! Great to find 10m & 15m open. However, 20m and LF bands getting ridiculous with strength and poor quality of some signals (not to mention the manners of operators)! Hard to work even the strong guys because 5W signals drowned by intermod and crud! . . . **G3UFY.** Just operated 15m and 40m search and pounce. Effectively two SOSB entries. . . . G3VPW. Condx not so good here! Very strong eastern EU sigs! . . . G3VYI. Casual effort to work a few new band slots. Condx seemed excellent at times on 15m. Here's hoping condx remain good for the CW leg. . . . **G3WW.** Casual part time entry to get my country score up on this band. QRM levels unbelievable at times . . . G3YBY. A really good contest with lots of noise and QSB. A real eye-opener for some of the club trainees who had not experienced a good HF contest before "boy that station has a pile-up" only to find the pile-up was across all bands! . . . G3YNN. A very enjoyable contest. Conditions fair and a few sunspots made a big difference to 10m. EI5DI SD logger was a great help with the scoring and checking. Look forward to next year's event. . . . G4ADJ. Certainly my lowest ever CQ WW score! . . . G4BUO. Can't believe how some of the loud ones don't hear me! . . . G4CWH. Elecraft K3 5 watts output. Rotary vee dipole and G5RV antenna. First effort on QRP SSB. Very hard work. Much more fun on QRP. CW great to work stations again on 28 MHz. . . . **G4DBW.** Conditions a bit better than last year. Managed to work a few stations between household tasks. Lots of fun, nice to meet some

old friends. . . . G4DDL. Nice to find all bands open, but some very wide signals from some stations. Had to give up at 200 Q's as I lost my voice! One major advantage of CW. I enjoyed the contest as usual and used SD for logging. . . . **G4DDX.** Thanks to all . . . G4FSU. Mainly giving a few points away but made some good contacts. Thanks for the points. Only a wire trap dipole and a verticle were used during this contest. . . . G4JSR. Some of the 1kw, 59+40dB stations need to buy an RX! So many calling them they don't hear. ... **G4KIU.** It was great to get PJ2T for a new one on 80 metres! Who needs sunspots when you can work a VE8 and a VK8 on 20 metres from the mobile during the same weekend? . . . G4NXG. The CQ WW gods brought us sunspots with lots of activity and even the wife allowed me to play radio! . . . G40CO. Very hard work. Conditions far from ideal. Deep QSB but managed to work DX on the peaks. Antenna polorization seemed critical. Southern EU stations seemed well behaved for a change. . . . G4WPD. Good experience with great conditions on HF bands, just like old times! Let down at last minute by lack of operators though. Will improve for next year! . . . G5D. Problems with intermittent high SWR on 40/80m so only giving points away! . . . G6CSY. An excellent weekend, good company, and good teamwork. . . . G6MC. DX seemed lacking but first into B7 good near conditions for 10m. Enjoyed the contest . . . G6UBM. Very enjoyable contest. . . . G7BRZ. Why oh why do things blow up just at the start! . . . G7NKS. Enjoyed the contest in spite of the QRM! . . . G8DYT. Highest number of QSOS in CQ WW. Enjoyable contest. . . . G8ZRE. Great contest as always ... GA2MP. No wind problems this year and nothing (substantial) broke for a change. . . . GMØB. Much better condx than last year, but 20m seemed to be wall-to-wall KW stations. Big radio died, so used the FT-857D, no filters, and a PAR EF-20 vertical. Great fun again, and can't wait for the CW section. Thanks to all for the QSOs and 73 to all. ... GMØIIO. Another contest over. As always thoroughly enjoyed the event although we all were extremely tired. Major incident this year was that we lost power at 03:00 GMT just after the contest started and had to wait till 07:30 when we could disturb the people in the house to restore power. Technically all ran reasonably smoothly with one or two issues to sort out over the 48 hrs. Again this year we had some new Foundation Licence holders in the team. A baptism in the CQ WW contest. I must admit I must give them 100% on how they took to and dealt with the massive pile-ups. They are now hooked on contesting and cannot wait for the next one. Makes it all worthwhile. Great contest so keep up the good work. . . . GM2T. Again a major contest and again I had to drop my mast down to 5mts because of the high winds on Saturday eve ning. Sunday night no wind thankfully so managed another few contacts. Not a high score but the big stations generally were good listeners Thanks to all. . . . **GM4UBJ.** The club station was spotted by some members on the cluster during the test in error by a nonoperator. The issued was disclosed on discovery. . . . GM6NX. Great contest. Had a couple of technical hitches with the 2nd RX and lost time at the start correcting this (and nearly lost the front end). Some massive signals on the band. Couldn't hold a frequency in the USA General licence and GM common licence band 7175-7200. Ended up lower down the band. Very busy, lots of QRM, hope the CW leg is less stressful. Thanks for all the QSOs, 73 Jim, GMØNAI. . . . GM7R. Not entered CQ WW for years but had time this year XYL visiting kids. Got a copy of EI5DI log which is a snap to use. SD program made the contest easy and fun. I am only a little pistol but still got 78 countries in flat conditions, working hard digging out DX and slots just made my weekend. . . . **GWØANA.** 100W to a mobile whip/vertical in salt water. . . . GWØTSM. Took first minute out in remembrance of the C6APR Ops: Pete W2GJ, Ed K3IXD, Randy K4QO, and Dallas W3PP. RIP guys. . . . GW4BLE. Very enjoyable contest as usual. . . . GW4EVX. Rig homemade transceiver 5 Watts ouput. Antenna GPN4B vertical for 40, 20,15, and 10m. . . .

**HAØGK.** There is a big problem with my antenna. But the contest was very excellent! . . . HA5BA. Operator 1: Klara Nemeth (HG5-538 SWL age 14). Operator 2: Angela Nemeth (HG5-545 SWL age 12). Our first CQ WW contest operation. . . . **HA5KID.** Mother sun showed some mercy at least. . . . **HB9AAP.** Just at this weekend the propagation raised. Good conditions on 10m and 15m. 25% of QSO were DX. . . . HB9CIC. We used a single 154m delta loop at 20m, fed with ladder line as antenna for all bands and it worked fine. Murphy was with us: The power supply of our Drake L7 PA failed on Sunday morning, with a big BANG. . . . **HB9LL.** TX: FT-920 + PA, 1400W, RX: 2 x FT-920 RX1: for TX freq RX2: for split freq and for continous band scanning for multis and QSOs RX1+2: with an audio mix box by HA5IW to receive RX1 or RX2 or RX1+RX2 together (e.g.: CQ and band scanning in the same time, or listen to USA on split freq and EU on TX freq in the same time). Ant: 2-ele Yagi and 2 x Beverages. It was great! . . . **HG5A.** Back in HK. Lots of fun. I'll come for more on CW. . . . HK1KXA. This year I decided to work on 20m and check the performance of my TH6 antenna. At the start of the contest, there was no communication between my rig and the Win-Test program but I did not try to use another one. By the time I managed to make it work, I could not pull anything out of the noise from the people calling. I searched for a free spot in order to call; there was none! I started working South American stations but could not hear any North Americans. Time was flowing and I was very surprised when VK and ZL started calling me; a little pile-up was building. Never in my ham radio career have I had such pleasure of being called by well-organized VKs and ZLs. Even though I did not work any new country, I was pleased to reach almost 300 QSOs just on 20m. Thanks all for answering my calls. What matters is the quality of the contacts, not the quantity! . . . **HK3W.** Propagation was much better than last terrible years. I could hear and work many stations with simple vertical and 100 watts output. Thanks to all great ops who picked up my flutter signal! CQ WW is always wonderful amusement for me! . . . HL1VAU. QRP a new experience. Not many QSOs but a lot of fun. . . . HQ2W. Pse turn ur beams to SE Asia! . . . HSØZCW. Heard several HS stations on 21 MHz. Weird no KH6 heard but did work 4 CA stations. . . . **HSØZDR.** Excellent prorogation first day on all bands, especially 10 meters. Second day 10 meters not so good. Propagation to North and South America opened on my sunrise, just half an hour before contest ended. . . . HSØZEE. Good contest again. Beat last year's score. Conditions bad on 20/40 from Thailand. HSØZHC. Had a very enjoyable contest. Nice to have 10 and 15 mtrs open throughout. Thanks to all for the contacts and to CQ for sponsoring. . . . **HZ1PS.** Started with K1EA software that failed. After the contest I inserted all 160m QSO by hand! What fun! . . . I1EIS. At long last a fantastic propagation in 10m . . I5KAP. CQ WW SSB really nice. After many testing this year I had great satisfaction to use a new system of two vertical spaced 1/2-wavelength, switchable between 0° to 180° (broadside and endfire). New system with the help of Jay WX0B (array solution) and W9AD, system has shown better than 4 square used last year during the cgww 2008 tnx to those who have worked me 73 lou IG9R... IG9R. Very few hours on ,90% S&P, great condx, almost impossible to run with just 100w.CU in CW leg . . . IKOYVV. Check log to celebrate 55 years from first ever cq contest in October 1954 as i1ycz/Trieste 154 qso no W, I think no Sun spots. Rig Geloso sets, windom ant. This year FT 817 low dipole one gso every 15 stations called. . . . IK2AIT. As usual the CQ WW SSB is better than 100 sunspots: all the world was onair. I enjoyed the weekend. . . . **IK2MLS.J**ust a few QSOs after I came back home from visiting IR4X team . . . IK4AUY.Nice contest with good conditions every time. At next year...Tony . . . IK60IN.In my LOG not quantity but quality! . . . IK8YFU.First M/S experience with a lot of fun and lots of ideas for next year.

... IQ3RK. A good contest for IR3Z team with only 2 OMs. To next year! . . . IR3Z. It was the first presence in this contest! It's a very hard contest. Our presence it was not sure to the last day. There was some trouble during the contest. The hardest were homemade linear amplifier (by IT9INO) out of use on Sunday and The Battle Creek by IT9INO out of use on 80m and 160m on Saturday night. But the strong propagation helped us. Hi! Many thanks to the "mago" IT9INO. See you in the next SSB contest! . . . IT9DFI. Uuexpected nice propagation on 15! Good number of stations present. . . . IT9RYJ. Second presence again with 500W max, Windom x 80-40 and rotary dipole x 20-15-10. I got a little improvement due to an untimely cold and relevant trouble for the sore throat. Anyway it was stronger the will to be on air! . . . IWØGTA. Thanks to all. Propagation was fantastic on 10m. . . . IWØHBY. Good propagation but in QRP condition is very difficult to be heard by DX stations. Kenwood 570D with power fixed at 4.7W by international regulation non-modifiable. . **IZ1DGG.** More difficult to contact EU stations than outside. . . IZ1JLF. Vy gud for B.F.T. Bergamo Team! . . . IZ2FME. Beautiful experience, lot of hams, congratulations. . . IZ2NZZ. Really fun propagation on the upper bands! Interesting results with my new setup: triband delta loop, 2-ele Moxon 40m. For the next year I will set up good antennas for low bands. . . . IZ7KHR. Bellissimo contest, molto affoliato. . . . IZ8HUJ. Good propagation also on 10 meter band thanks to sunspots. Great contest!. . IZ8MBW. J68JA, operating from St. Lucia. A tough job but someone had to do it. . . . J68JA. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JAØAVS. What a wonderful contest! . . . JA3VUI. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JA4EZP.1 5m band was vy nice opening to WW. Thanks to the nice sunspots. . . . JA7DOT. This was a second or third attempt for SOSB 20m since 2004 (JA8RWU) or 1994 (KH2V). No zones 22, 35, 36, 37 even searching carefully or CQing for those areas but in vain. Anyway condx were so-so and enjoyed CQ WW as usual. CQ WW is CQ WW and CQing continuously wide for the world as long as I am! . . . JA8RWU. I QRV on 80 single band low power. We have very heavy QRM jamming from BY or P5 direction. The condition was not as good as a last year. The conditon between the U.S.A. and JA was not good as a last year. I got the self best score last year. But I could get only half points of last year. . . . JE1SPY. I enjoyed very much. . . . JF1DMY. I am DX beginner from last month. I enjoyed the contest. . . . **JF1MAD.** Enjoyed the contest. . . . **JF1SEK.** Rig FT-1000MP, antenna/power 400W PEP 40m ANT. Brown ANT home made. 6m long 6m high with Center Loading. 20m ANT. 2elements YAGI home made 15m ANT. 2elements ZL special home made Condition of 40m band was very poor, But I could enjoy the wonderful contest. . . . **JF9KVT.** I enjoyed the contest. FB DX . . . **JG1GCO.** Enjoyed it. Many thanks to all participants. . . . JG5DHX. Why 75m only entry? My MonstIR could not be rotated as the rotator was destroyed by the 18th typhoon. My setup was IC7800 + TL933 and an end-loaded vertical dipole using a Spiderbeam 18m fiberglass pole. I also used RX antennas; 300m Beverages to Eu and NA and the phased verticals beaming toward north. It was parttime casual S&P only. . . . JH3PRR. Great contest. . . . JH4UYB. Very nice contest! . . . JH6FTJ. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JI1LET. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JI3CJO. I enjoyed the contest. Thank you very much for picking out my weak signal. . . . JI3OGI. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JK8NIP.I enjoyed the contest. . . . JM1RQS. I enjoyed the contest. . . . JO3EVM. I'm very glad to have many QSOs. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts. **JR1NKN.** My second contest and I enjoyed it a lot! . . . **JY5CC.** Nice to see 15 meters coming back to life. . . . KG6DX. Best contest I have ever played in. . . . KH7XS. Pretty good propagation on all bands here in the Virgin Islands (St. Croix). Just work 12 hours. . . . **KP2DX.** Dipoles and amp did not work half the time. Next year! Love this program . . . KP4US. We dedicated this CQ WW SSB contest to C6APR Team (W2EJ, K3IXD, K4QO, and

W3PP). Died in a tragic aircraft accident on their way to Crooked Island, Bahamas following their passion for this great hobby. L73D Team. . . . L73D. Callsign LA1TPK is only in use when we are out working in field. Antennas are made in field almost every time, up in the trees or on some of our masts or towers. We are not contesters. We only enjoy radio out in the fields. . . . LA1TPK. Just fooling around to see if any interesting callsigns showed up. . . . LA6CF. The aurora sucked the condx at night but still a very nice weekend . . . . LN2T. Crazy climate here in the south and with much snow in late October! Many times I needed to stop transmission because SWR was too high and TS-850 antenna tuner was not enough. . . . LV5V. IC-775DSP, antenna 80m long Double Zepp at 15m as my contest place was not available. I did some QSOs from home QTH. I lost many points on 15 and 10, because using only ann 80 meter long Double Zepp antenna, and also my location is very bad for this band. So hope to do better next year. . . . LX1ER. In memory of C6APR team. . . . LY80. This is my first CQ WW SSB. I worked in the new Xtreme category with my remote-controlled station through Internet. I was working 220 kms away from my shack. It was great fun with so many stations working. . . . LZ2NKM. This is the first time I have taken part in a contest . . . **MØNNH.** Just working for check log this year . . . MØOXO. This was the first CQWW contest for this callsign. M3W had a mixed reception. I don't think that it helped that the call was not in SCP. I had lots of "Mike Three Whisky - your full call?" I operated from home, which is in a conservation area. I used two FT2ks, with amplifiers, SO2R, but with only one aerial for 20, 15, and 10. Most contacts were S&P but the 2nd radio helped as I could be searching another band while trying to break a pile-up. My aim was to make over 1,000 Qs with over 500k points, which I managed in the final hour. The higher bands were great, especially 15m, so I expect scores will be good this year. . . . M3W. The annual entry in CQ WW from M4A has two aims: to improve our score from the previous year and to introduce new students to contesting (hence our very long operator list!). Both of these objectives were fulfilled yet again in 2009, so it was a successful contest for us. There were no major problems this year, although we were hindered by a lack of aerials which meant that we could not have the radios on 15m and 10m at the same time. Thanks to all who contacted us. . . . M4A. Great fun. Thanks for all the QSOs . . . M4U. Elecraft K3, ACOM 1000, 80M Doublet, 40m GP. Great fun, nice condx on 10/15m for a change. K3 helped dig DX out from EU QRM. Thanks to all who persevered to work me. . . . MM3T. Was fun to use SSB after a log break . . . MUØFAL. Entry for 15m. Other band QSOs submitted as a seperate check log. Good prop on 15m this year. Used SD for logging. . . . MUØGSY. Good contest. Only able to operate short time . . . MWØRZC. Cracking contest this year. People still operating right on the band edge though! Not as good as 2007, but a pretty good effort nonetheless. Best DX Thailand and got WE3C on 40m split! First time I got US on 40m. Have heard it done, now I have! TX ICOM 7400 with 100w (about 50w on 80m) with Heil ProSet IC, antenna Hustler 5-BTV. . . . MW1MDH. Most active bands into my area were 15 and 20 mtrs. Very difficult to do contacts on 40 and 80 mtrs. Maybe I needed high power to break the wall of stations active on those bands. Very rare to hear only few of the big guns from the Caribbean this time. . . . **NP3CW.** Nice time and happy with 10 m opening ... OA4AHW. Great condx on 15m and more than 100 countries on 10m. This is CQ WW DX Contest again. . . . **OE2S.** Lots of fun, as every year. This year 10 meters was open for short skip inside Europe. . . . **OE3DMA.** Now they are coming, the sunspots. I saw that on the conditions on the higher bands. 160m was also a pleasure this weekend. . . . OE5JKL. Finally could motivate enough (4) club members to try SSB contesting, including one newcomer. Some antenna problems: 80 not QRV, 160 died after 10 min. of operation. Good to meet so many friends on the air. . . . OE5T. License since 12/08. My

power was 10W, low but not. . . OE6HLF. My Beverage antennas had a breakdown during the contest (the antenna switch did not work well). So it was very difficult to read the callsigns. It's a pity, a lot of multipliers are working below 1843. Our band plan (IARU Region I) did not allow to run SSB in that area. . . . OE9HGV. Mostly S&P during Saturday but the good propagation turned me on and most of Sunday was spent just running. The highlight of the contest was the nice propagation on 15m whereas the lowlight was the poor low band conditions. . . . OG6N. Rig FT-757 GX, ant. Hustler GP 5-BTV, input 100W, age 77. . . . OH2LP. Good contest. See you again friends. . . . **OK2SWD.** All the ops excluding of course one of the owners were there first time and were just getting familiar with the setup. We did what we could. There are still a lot of reserves especially in LF receiving in multi environment, I will work on it until CW leg. Also 80m is very far from optimized; hopefully something will come up until next autumn. . . . OL4A. As always the CQ WW was magi!... **ON3ND.** Very strange condx on 10 meters. Enjoyed very much my first participation in this event. . . . ON3RPL. Great fun again . . . OQ7T. Just having fun, as didn't have much time this weekend. . . . OR2A. This was our first test with our new station, and we did well! Had a great opening on 15 meters towards the US. . . . OT2A. In remembrance of the C6APR team, Pete W2GJ, Ed K3IXD, Randy K4QO, and Dallas W3PP. . . . OZ6OM. I only participated 19 hours because of car accident 9 days ago, 7 broken ribs and 1 broken clavicle. Band conditions fairly good, but no real openings to JA and US West Coast. My 3 different 3-ele fixed quads, up 35-45 meters, all of which can be switched 180 degrees worked very well. Hope to participate full time next year. . . . **OZ7X.** Great conditions on 15m and 20m, but a broken 40m beam and poor low band conditions lessened my score. Still it was great fun as usual. . . . P40A. Great contest as always, good propagation on 15m. I really wanted to try out my new FT2KD in a major contest to see how it would hold up. Radio performed magnificently, one of my better scores on SB 15m . . . P43A. Splendid activity on all bands! Cu agn in 2010. . . . PAØFEI. Good going for the team but wanted to beat last year's score on the 21 MHz band which I did, although it is a far cry from earlier results on that band. Somehow lost the 28 MHz antenna on the Sunday, which is strange for a tribander, so will have to check everything before the CW part, which is no fun in the autumn rains here. . . . PAØMIR. Very nice contest. Participated after many years of other priorities. For the first time 80m only non-assisted and I was surprised at the good conditions. Worked 6 continents on 80m and a total of 58 DXCC and 12 zones. For me many firsts on 80m. Very appreciated! To everyone worked thank you very much. Will be there in the next year SSB and CW on 80m. . . . PA2REH. Working Kenwood TS850S and openline dipole 100W. . . . PA3GEO. Great show during this solar minimum! 10m band did show some life! . . . PA60I. Very nice conditions. All our equipment worked well. We especially liked the good contacts on 160m & 10m. Our thanks to all the stations who worked us. 73 from the whole crew of PA6V (contest station of VRZA Division Kagerland/PI4KGL). . . **PA6V.** Nice contest only too little time to compete the whole time, hi . . . PC2F. This was a nice contest with lot of different QSOs. . . . PDØOYF. My first CQ WW SSB. Hopefully next year more time and less QRM. . . . PD2WR. My first mode is CW but I like SSB 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. Many thanks for the nice contest. Good activity. Till the next time. . . . PE1LTY. Some nice openings on 10 and 15 meters. Did manage to work some new DXCC so that doubled the fun. Hi. Thanks for pulling me out of the noise. . . . **PE2KM.** Very nice to have a new record of 550 QSOs made in this contest with QRP power. Never done that in 25 years that I am active in ham radio. . . . PE2KP. Nice contest and nice condx this time! And, fortunately, 15m and 10m bands

open! . . . **PG1R.** Nice conditions since long ago . . . **PG2D.** Too bad, we tried to operate with more members but unfortunately time was too short to make better log, so now single operator. Maybe better next year. . . . **PI4DIG.** It was a pleasure be active in this contest. We hope to be active with our group in many other CQ WW contests. . . . PI4RCK. This operation for the club station with a very limited operation. Would have liked much more operators but everybody was very busy so stayed at the 100 QSO mark. . . . **PI4WLD.** Again we worked with the motto education and fun . . . PI4ZOD. My first CQ WW. A lot of fun for just few hours of activity. Thank you all. . . . PJ7MF. This was my first participation in the category of QRP. What folly! But it is a good exercise in patience and expertise in the operation. The spread was very good here in the region and managed to make interesting contacts. I managed to explore the transmission system. It was a good experience. Thank you. . . . PU1KGG. I am 15 and it is my third contest . . . RA1AUW. Linux forever. . . . **RK4FAD.** We operated with 3-el Yaqi on 80 mtrs full size. Condx were terrible but made more than 100 USA QSOs. . . . RU1A. Just try a high power entry! Well, my low power scores were much better! See you next year! . . . RV6LFE. Thanks for the nice contest! . . . RWØCV. Good luck! 73's! . . . RZ3ABC. Tnx for very nice WW DX Contest. . . . RZ6HX. Terrible madhouse in some pile-ups. Some people repeat their calls over and over. Happy to work the Neumeyer Antarctic stn, DP1POL . . . SM5BRG. Just a few Q's from my balcony wire ant. Next year will be fit into new QTH. . . . SP5BYC. Alinco DX70TH, 100W, antenna Inverted L + 16 radials. . . . SP5CJY. I had to go QRT at several intervals because of QRN due to heavy rain showers at my region. I didn't manage to break my personal record of number of QSOs but it was really fun after all. Maybe next year! ... SV3AQR. We managed to double our last year's score. Thank you all for stopping by. . . **SX5P.** We tried just to play. Our club gained two new operators. . . . SZ1A. Guests coming in for the weekend, house chores, etc. That was all I could manage! . . . TA1HZ. This was my best CQ SSB contest so far, with more Q's and higher score than before. Distance champions this time were EK8WA/Armenia, AY4D/Argentina, and 9K2K/Kuwait. A lone Japanese station, JH7XMO, was heard early Sunday morning. My neighbour OX2A/Greenland came strong. My balanced autotuner gave up early Sunday morning so I took down the 80 and 40m dipoles and re-adjusted for 15m and 20m. Only 3% of all Q's were from USA and Canada, perhaps because of strong Northern Lights. And G4IIY rang the zone bell for me each time, what fun. Thanks for organizing this great contest. . . . TF3AM. Nice to work 4 KH6 and 1 ZL late Saturday evening. Doesn't happen everyday here. . . . **TF3AO.**V ery good. . . . **TF3SG.** Conditions better than last year. Even 10m was a little alive. . . **U1BA.** WW is the longest contest. Rotating a knob non-stop for 48 hours is a very hard work. My idea is to add some more categories with a shorter active period in the contest (for individual categories). In WPX there are 36 active hours out of 48. My proposal is to have a "24-hour-active" period in both WW and WPX. The reasons are: It is almost impossible for a man to sit 48 hours in active mode. From the medical point of view it is even dangerous for health. Maybe it brings delight to the contester (and it does, otherwise what for he spends so much effort?) but it certainly tells negatively on his body and health. Most of the contesters are not young and unfortunately their average age increases from year to year. Active 48-hour period becomes too much for them. Many contesters have families. Being away from their families for 2 days very often causes problems. We see many divorced and singles because of that. If we have a chance of "24-hour-active" category a contester can plan the weekend to meet his family's needs. Those contesters who live closer to the equator always have an advantage on HF bands (10m/15m). When the "24-hours-active" category is in power any

contester can use his best antenna most of his active time and

so there won't be big difference between the results from different zones. The contest will become more interesting and really attractive. The number of participants will only increase because a "24-hour-active" category won't influence other categories. It will be as an additional item to the existing ones. My proposal is to shorten the working period for Single Ops and have an additional "24-hour-active" category in WW (and inn all the long contests as well). Best regards to all the contestmen. Thanks for the QSOs in the contest. Good luck to the organizers and see you in 2010. 73! . . . **UA3BL.** Low power 100 watts, IC-7000. Mny tnx for the contest! CU next year. . . **UA3LHL.** To me of 13 years. The call sign was received 5 years ago. Very much I love this contest. . . . **UA9XLC.** Best wishes from Kazakhstan. . . . **UN2E.** Nice contest and great 10 meter opening! Thanks to all who answered me! I was not ready for the serious competition, but had lots of fun :-) . . . **UR3IQO.** Thanks to everyone who made this trip incredible! The pile-ups were so much fun! . . . V31MW. To my dismay I had acute bronchitis and had a problem speaking without coughing. This log is really just a check log. I hope for better luck next year. . . . V51YJ. Thank you for the great contest! . . . **VA3TTU.** Work all weekend left only a little time to play! . . . VA3XH. Only had about 2 hrs of operating time. 20m very busy. Lots of American stations but not much else. . . . VA7CE. Great contest. This is my first entry. Super conditions, but not so great on 80/160. 15m was open for a good portion. . . . **VE1ZA.** Great fun . . . VE1ZJ. This was our 8th year traveling to Zone 2 for CQ WW SSB. We bring all of our equipment with us and set up along the St. Lawrence Seaway. Our travels this year included a blinding snow storm during the drive up and heavy rains that pulled apart some of our antennas during the contest. We set them back up again in the rain and wind. We had a small opening on 10 meters on Saturday afternoon. Our 160 meter, although performing better than last year, did not perform as well as modeled. We can attribute our improved performance to the increased sunspot activity, our use of Delta Loop antennas, new Elecraft K3 radios, and two additional operators. We hope everyone put Zone 2 in their logs. It was great operating and fun for everyone. . . . VE2DXY. Surprisingly good conditions for this near-permanent sunspot minimum. I've never worked so many BYs! Thanks to VE3FU for the loan of his station. . . . **VE3AAQ.** What a great contest once again. Bands were better this year than last it seems, as our score increased over last year's by many QSOs. This contest is becoming even more popular and we had fun working all that DX. I want to thank everyone who participated in this contest; you make it better, and especially the ones who worked VE3DC. Participation was high indeed as one of the group could not see a clear spot on his display on 20m to call CQ most of the time. Great fun for all. Hope to see you all next year. 73 Rick VE3BK. . . . VE3DC. Tough band conditions. QRN was tremendous and signals were very poor. Great to work some zones other then just 4 and 5. Highlight for me was working EI7M during the few last hours of the contest. I had expected better band conditions, but satisfied with my score, I used my homemade mobile screwdriver antenna with only one ground radial again this year. Being diabetic limited my operating time to only half of the contest period again this year. But the resulting headaches were worth the time spent chasing the DX on 160m Top Band. Thanks to all who helped me make this an exciting contest. . . . VE3EDY. This year was sheer frustration and proof that one way propagation is more than a myth. I heard so many and just could not get out to them. Constantly asked for repeats and many times just not making a contact. The positive: it can only get better! ... **VE3FDT.** Planned to do SOSB 80m QRP, but ended up with 50W instead of 5W because I forgot my new 2000W tuner scale is 0-200W on the low power setting, not 0-30W as on my old 300W tuner! Glad I caught my error before score submission, but my apologies to all who gave my "QRP" signal great reports. Sorry. Still my old TS-140S and higher 80m doublet at 50 ft did wonders. Thanks to CQ for great contest and to all the EU ops who pulled me out of the noise. . VE3FRX. First entry in this contest. Lots of fun. . . . VE3LKV. Condx very noisy first night. Much better Saturday night. Sunday morning surprised at final score after first night. . . . VE3PN. 15 meters was fabulous, best in years. . . . VE3VID. Only a few hours to play this year. Nice to work some DX despite relatively poor DX opportunities from VE5-land. . . . **VE5CPU.** Our usual semi-serious effort. The emphasis was on fun and good fellowship so when the condx went blotto when a solar event occurred. we shut it down and chatted. Ditto when "one-way" skip condx happened. When the bands favored us, we went at it. Thus the fun parts took priority over the drudgery of simply rolling up the score. And we broke in a brand new contester, VA6GWS, so it was a good weekend. . . . VE5PV. Too bad the 80m band was wiped out by a coronal hole discharge. First time tried this contest from home QTH. Quite intense! . . . VE6FN. One hour of great fun! . . . **VE6KK.** It was nice to finally see some activity on 15m. . . . VE6LE. Very good condx plus many stations equals great contest! It's too bad that all paths to Europe stopped at the Missouri River, though. One-way propagation is the bane of being north of 50 degrees; I can hear them but can't work them. . . . VE6ZC. VE7EAR VE7WES . . . VE7CML. We had a lot of fun using our Vintage Yaesu FT-101ZD and FL-2100.... VE7NA. Worked the contest portable from Broughton Island (NA-091) and had fun on the higher bands. Thanks to all who could dig out my weak signal. . . . VE7RSV. A very good contest with good openings on 10m. It was hard work at times with only low power. I used SD as the logging program and that worked fine. . VK2BJ. Good propagation on 10 meters. . . . VK2PN. Due to illness, I only could do search and pounce. 40m band was the best, but theothers were bad at times. . . . VK3IO. Hard going like the WPX but throughly enjoyed it. I'll be back! . . . VK3LM. Welcome back 10 meters! Not long openings but at least signs of life with late afternoon openings to EU from VK. Chinese radar really hurt on 40 below 7100. . . . VK3TDX. Great that conditions are improving at last! Thanks for running the contest as usual. . . VK3TZ. My second year in this great contest. Still 100 watts, no beam and wire antennas only, but this year lots more wire in the trees and time on the bands. Very happy with the results especially on 15/20 meters Thanks to all who took the time to work me and all who put in the effort to organize it. . . . VK4BL. A thunderstorm, lightning stike along the ridge here, intermittent coax on 10m (I did say I was going to fix that 12 months ago!) and then blowing a tube in the amp (found spare and installed it, back on in <45 minutes) all makes for a fun contest! . . . VK4CZ. 15 meters was the big surprise this year. Even 10 meters came to the par. Great fun here. . . . **VK4EJ.** Awesome conditions. This is why I became a ham. . . . VK4HG. Great learning weekend. . . . VK4IU. We had a few problems with the computers, but the sun shone and the beer flowed! . . . VK4KW. A few hours to play. Nearly got DXCC on 20m, 99 countries! Ten-Tec Orion, 5-el Yagi. . . . VK7GN. Thought I'd just have little fun but I got serious after a few calls. As well 10m was open so I worked a few there for the first time. All in all I had had a ball but should not have worked morning shift before the contest. . . . VK8HPB. Had a great weekend. See you in the CQ WW CW. . . . VK8NSB. With 100W from VK this was a search & pounce effort except for a short JA run 1st night & nice Euro run 2nd night. Spent lots of time chasing new DXCC countries. Not much luck with N. America though. Lots of fun and thanks to all when I had to repeat my call lots of times ,73s. . . . VK8PDX. I love this program. Yes without question. . . . **VO2NS.** The new 55-foot tower was a big improvement. 15M was outstanding!.... VP2MDG. My station used two 90Ah batteries charged by solar panel. VR2ZQZ/p contest activity left zero green print on the Earth. . . . VR2ZQZ. C6APR we will miss you guys. RIP. I was working through the weekend, not on the radio but office work! Felt like a contest too

:). Just tuned around a bit, but a serious operation was not in the cards with the C3S antenna down for repairs. Used the 40m dipole for 15 meters and the Force 12 Sigma for 20m. At one time practiced some high speed S&P by spotting stations on on the cluster on 15m. Must check my dial spin rate on that :). Congratulations to VU2PAI for a great show, especially on 15m; he had close to 4 million points in total. 73 and see many of you in the CW leg. . . . VU2PTT. Limited time to operate but fun on 15. . . . VY2LI. Condx seemed down a bit on Friday night, but improved Saturday/Sunday. Nice to work many old friends. CU in the next one! . . . VY2ZM. Great conditions on the band. . . . WH2X. I can attest 15 meters was king! More than 100 contacts. 4U1UN was the only new one (and "badly" needed). . . . WP3GW. This is my first experience with this type of event, but it was interesting because in the morning the power went out here at my house and I had to go ingenuity to be on the air, pace 2 hours to get the battery until light to the area. Indeed it was a unique experience that I would not miss the next year. . . . WP4NEG. Propagation was not useful. But I had fun. With low power it is not very easy for others to copy you. But with my antenna A3S beamed to the north I heard very strong HSØ land. Tnx all of you who answered my call. Low Calories Group, 73. . . . XE1AY. My first contest, enjoyed it very much . . . XE2AUD. Several things showed up last minute and just allowed less than 12 hours of fun. . . . XE2K .I enjoyed the contest. See you next contest . . . XU7FMZ. My transceiver is Yaesu-920. Max power in the contest is 100W. My antenna is R5 about 20m high above the ground. . . . XX9AU. Nice contest! Full enjoy and happy. . . . YBØBCU. Waiting Zones 2 and 13 but no copy. CU next year. . . . YB1TJ. CQ WW DX Contest is the best contest of ham radio. Tnx to all stations. 73, hpe cuagn next. . . . YB3IZK. Good propagation on 10m . . . YC9MDX. Very good propagation. Kenwood TS-430 S; triangular loop. . . . YE1ZAL. This was big team with 17 operators. The goal was new World Record Multi-Two category. . . . YE2R. Nice contest like every year! . . . YO8RIJ. Nice propagation in 15 and 10m! . . . YO9FNP. 80 mts band conditions were poor. Band was crowded with real weak signals. I will look for better low band antennas for next year. . . . YV6BXN. My first international contest. Very interesting. Thank all of you. See you on next year 73 . . . YY5APA. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest. . . . ZC4LI. Didn't have much time but did enjoy making a few QSOs. Whilst not a competitive log it should help the checking. . . . ZL3PAH. We set ourselves a difficult target this time and exceeded it with our best score ever. New antennas and more focused operating made the difference. Our history of amplifier failures still continues. The high spot of the weekend was great propagation on the higher bands with 10m opening for good runs. . . . **ZM2M.** QRM, QRN, etc., etc., what a battle. . . ZS4U.

## **USA QRM**

Tough to operate while the C6APR plane tragedy was so fresh in my mind. A terrible loss of these four hams. . . . AA1K. Finally some activity from the sun, and actually made contacts on 15. Not easy to do with only a single 43 ft vertical. Even made one contact on 160 but didn't try 10 at all. Still could not hear JA on 40 but VK was audible. Only ZL I heard on 40 was out of US band. Had a great time, logged 13 hours. . . . AA4D. Thanks to all the DX, especially all who travel to be DX for us. . . . AA8LL. Great contest again. It sure was wonderful to have sunspots and 15 open. Last year I hoped for 10 to be open next year and I hope for that again! This has got to be the premier contest. . . . AC9S. My 1st CQ WW SSB Contest. . . . AD7XV. I worked this contest casually, using mainly selective S&P. The goal was to get some new DXCCs in the log. I was amazed at the amount of activity on 15m and spent alot of time there tuning through the band. It was very nice to get 11 new DXCCs on 15m, and a total

of three new ones in the log (Senegal, Ceuta & Melilla, and Montserrat). Finally, got up to 100 DXCCs on 40m by picking up five in this contest. Hopefully a few more new ones will make it into the log in the CQ WW CW contest that is coming up. I witnessed some great DX ops who really knew how to handle the pile-ups. The conditions on 15 were phenomenal. 40m was a mess and was really tough on my reciever with so many stations piled into the lower part of the US voice band. 10m was disappointing, but what can you expect with these solar conditions? The flux of 76 for most of the contest surely helped on 15. Thanks to everyone who dug me out of the pileups and the noise. Running a Yaesu FT950, 100 watts, with a Butternut HF9V ground mounted vertical antenna. No amp, no tower, no beam. AE5PW. 15M was great all through the contest. What a treat for someone who has just gotten back into ham radio after a 40 year absence! . . . AF6NI. Absolutely wonderful contest. Had a blast for the time I was able to work. Looking forward to next vear. . . . **AJ4JD.** Best score ever! Wish some of the stations would slow down to make sure the exchange info is correct. I (and they) will have a few deductions because they are in too big a hurry. . . . KØJJM. This contest is a great chance to contact countries that are not normally available from this location. The last thing that I want to do is cause them a "busted" call. Here is my check log. Thanks! . . . **KØKZA.** Oh to be a big gun during this contest. My 100W couldn't quite get everyone I was hearing. . . . **KØLDS.** My first CQ contest, a trial run this year. Watch out for me next year. Thanks for the contest. . . . **K2AMP.** Nice to see 15m working once again. Now just waiting for 10m! **K2CS.** Just to get away from the horrendous 20 meter QRM, splatter, and noise. I rested my ears on the silence above 14350 kHz! . . . **K2MFY.** Nice to hear fairly good condx on 15 meters. Hopefully a sign of things to come. Thanks to all for the contacts. See you next year! . . . K2Z. Lots of fun. . . . K3EST. First CQ WW SSB. Lots of fun, even with 100 watts and a dipole. QTH is overlooking the Pacific, so the "ground plane" helps a lot to the west. 15m was amazing, working from Malaysia to Morocco. Some of the "big guns" should listen to themselves — too much processing! I heard one that sounded like he was talking inside a huge trashcan. Lots of echoes echoes echoes. Makes it hard to copy even though S9+10. . . . **K3FIV.** One of the most exciting DX contests in memory. Solar flux 76!... K3MD. My 96 ft vertical could not cut the mustard on top band. . . . K3TC. TS 850 to Windom at 45 feet The ether seemed to suck the energy out of the low bands on Saturday and squirt it into 15m on Sunday. . . . K3TN. It was a challenge to work DX on 160m SSB with low power. . . . **K3TW.** My first submitted log [I think] for this contest. I had a great time and enjoyed making many contacts with DX stations I have never worked before. Everyone was wonderfully courteous. . . . **K4ALE.** Beat last year's score and '07's. Still having issues getting across the pond. . . . **K4GOP.** Did this one for fun and fun it was, with a very nice 15m opening and a SF of 76. Truly astronomical! . . . K4XD. First time operator in this contest, fun. . . . K4YRK. Started out very slow but this one was great fun. It'll feel even better after about 24 hours uninterrupted sleep. . . . **K5LAD.** 15 meters hasn't been this good in years. Getting my tribander back up didn't hurt on my home made hazer. . . . **K5MV.** My only antenna is a 3-el SteppIR Yagi with 30m/40m driven element and I only work 10m thru 40m. 15m was great this year. . . . K5RQ. In memory of W2GJ, K3IXD, K4QO, and W3PP . . . K5WW. Had surprising QSO with YO4ATW on 10 meters. . . . **K6GEP.** Had a great time on the air for operating 13.5 hours at N6XI Truckee QTH. . . . K6ST. Good contest with nice opening on 15 meters for once. Thanks for pulling my call out of the pileups . . . K7ABV. Had fun even though band condx were poor . . . K7GIM. 15m was a big surprise and a real treat. Was hoping for a good 10m opening but didn't hear it. Maybe next year. . . . K7QYY. For my contact with TO7A I mistakenly sent zone 5 (I haven't operated this contest for years and forgot my zone), so I hope you don't penalize him. I don't care about my own score. I entered the contest just for fun. . . . **K7RB.** Only did about 9 hours, but interesting propagation. Worked a lot of 15m, and a hint of 10m. 15m was fun, not as many overdriven multi KW stations up there. . . . K7RFW. Great contest and as always, great contests create their own propagation! . . . K7WM. Nice to see some life on 15, although the northern paths were tough for a LP station. Sorry I didn't have more time. . . . **K8IR.** It was good to see the solar flux above 70! ... K80Z. Good contest! Thank you CQ! ... K9CHP. How about a new class: "Zero Gain Antennas," as that's what I had with a 5BTV! . . . **K90M.** We only had time to operate 16 hours and really enjoyed it and will try to mount a bigger effort next year . . . **K9SG.** This was my first real contest entry. I had a lot of fun and learned a lot. Making changes here and looking forward to next year. . . . KA3FZO. Great QRP fun though QRM and QRN was a challenge! . . . **KCØJBU.** I didn't have much time to spend, and antenna problems popped up, but I sure had a lot of fun. . **KCØREY.** Lots of fun until I hit my usual powerline QRM. . . . KC2KTZ. Very nice contest, just not enough time with working the weekend shift. . . . **KC4MYV.** First year for the New Mexico Tech school club (in recent history anyway). We'll be back next year! . . . **KC50RO.** Super propagation. Had a blast with Elecraft K3/10 using 61 ft EFLW at 10 ft above ground and HB tuner. . . . KC5WA. I had to do the CQ WW without an 80 or 160m antenna. The big surprise was 15m. Nice west European and Far East openings on 15m from here on the West Coast. Even worked 5H3EE! Too bad 10m didn't follow. I tuned up there several times and heard almost nothing. 20m was S-9+ wall to wall for many hours. Tough to make headway with just a tribander. Having 2 elements on 40m made things easier but there were plenty of deaf Europeans. Why were some transmitting in the US Phone band below 7200 and listening above 7200 blocking 2 frequencies in a very crowded sub-band? I beat last my last year's score even without 80m so I don't feel too bad. See you next year when hopefully 10m will show some real signs of life. 73! . . . KC6X. Only had a few hours to work the contest, but had fun while it lasted. . . . KD2MU. Great contest, great format. . . . KD5RXN. This was my first attempt at a major contest other than Field Day & SKCC. . . . **KD6HTN.** Bring back the sunspots. . . . **KD6PQF.** Special thanks to Sam (K9SD) for pre contest help, great friend. Thanks to my wife for all the great meals and all her help before, during, and after the contest. As always, thanks to my sons John, Dan, and Matt. Great contest. Propagation was not very good here in the "Black Hole". . . . KD9ST. Always fun to join in and play a bit. . . . **KE6GFI.** Low band conditions improving. Still no 10m signals here in Michigan, but 15m was best it's been in a couple of years! . . . **KE8FO.** KF5DKS is the new call of QCWA's Chapter 141 (Amarillo). The operator of KF5DKS was K5BZH. . . . KF5DKS. It's been a long time, but with 100 watts and all wire antennas you can still contest. . . . KG8CW. Full size dipole on 80m really shines over the 1/4 sloper. Had fun. Picked up a few new ones for 5BDXCC. . . . **KG9Z.** Getting my feet wet. First contest. . . . KI4EBD. Just tuned my antenna and made a couple contacts . . . KI4GRW. First contest, had fun, still much to learn. . . . KI6DRN. Had lots of fun. . . . KI6FTT. Surprisingly good conditions for this contest. Final 73 to my fellow SK club members; W2GJ, Pete; K3IXD, Ed; K4QO, Randy, all of the contest station C6APR. We'll miss you guys. . . . KM4RK. Put up a new 200 ft wire at 90 ft just before the contest. Sure beat the heck out of my vertical! Had a blast on 15 meters. . . . KN7S. New Delta loops on 15m. 20m. and 40m at 35 degress made Europe, Russia, and over the pole contacts from North Carolina much easier this year. With the Windom theoretically at 90 degress, for the first time I had directivity and selectivity, a real pleasure, since I cannot have a tower/beam and only have a small lot, trees, and wires to work with. . . . KU4V. Great test considering the lack of sunspots! Tnx to all who participated. . .

KX5RW. 10M was wide open Oct. 24 to Central and South America. HT2N was 59+ on my mag. mount mobile whip. . . . **NØJK.** Although I've been a ham for 35 years, this is my first time contesting and turning in a log. It was fun and I'm looking forward to the next contest. . . . NØZC. Just a short time operating, but wanted to send in case anyone else needs it for checking his log. Good fun, and maybe next year I'll have a free weekend to put more hours in. Thanks for organizing it! . . . N1GFS. Another CQ WW SSB is now behind us. What started off to be a very frustrating Friday evening from the propagation perspective ended up being a much better than expected finish and weekend overall. The goals we set were quite simple: to work over 3000 Qs and score over 4 meg points. In the end, we realized both goals, but in the early hours of the contest the probability for success of the journey was questionable. The frustration, mostly with 75 and 160, was caused by being able to hear much more than we could work. We kept calling the EU stations with few responses. They were working midwest, southwest, and western states. So trying to get a run going was out of the question. Some consolation was realized when the big gun east coast stations were heard calling and calling and also not working them. In this case misery did not enjoy the company. This continued for much of Friday night and into Saturday morning. When this frustration was combined with the S9+ static crashes, on both 75 and 160, our pre-contest goals seemed quite distant. Saturday night was better, but not much. Our final Q count and Mult counts on 75 and 160 were 10 percent under 2008. Salvation was to come early on Saturday morning in the form of both 15 and 20 meters opening to Europe early. 20 opened at 1018Z on Saturday and 1044Z on Sunday. 15 opened shortly after at 1159Z on Saturday and 1128Z on Sunday. These times are when Multi-Two is fun. We stayed on 15 and 20 all day Saturday and finally moved to 40 and 75 well after dinner. Yes, the occasional check of 10 meters occurred but not much success on Saturday. Sunday on 10 meters was better but we did not catch the EU opening. Our Q count break down on 10 meters ended up being SA at 79 percent and NA at 21 percent. At the 16 hour mark we finally got ahead of our 2008 totals and never looked back. The gap continued to build for both Q count and multiplier count and when the final bell struck we were successful in beating both of our original goals and, at the same time, improving on our 2008 total score by 43 percent. Our Q count was up by 19 percent and our mult count was up by 8.5 percent. Even the equipment all cooperated without any failures. We did drop our logging software network a couple times, but this was the first time we ran wireless. Not sure if that was the cause, but a quick reconnect and all was well. As expected the two K3s made the crowded band conditions bearable. Another thank you to Elecraft. Imagine all this while spending a weekend with good friends, good food, a few favorite teams football wins including Duke, LSU, the Patriots, and the Texans. The team members were W4KAZ (Kaz), N4YDU (Nate), KA1ARB (Rob), K4CZ (Barry), a new team member and hopefully a regular at future events, N4TCP (Ken), Laurie (N1YXU), and Bruce (N1LN). . . . N1LN. Didn't get to participate too much, just a couple of hours here and there. . . . N1SZ. Can my suburban station play as well as the country one? Answer: No, but it was fun anyway. **N2BA.** This was a low power assisted effort. Unfortunately the rules make no distinction between high and low power in assisted. They should. I sure would like to be able to see how I stacked up with other low power assisted stations. That's my real gripe about the rules for this contest. I love everything else about the contest. I had more QSOs that I thought I would as I was not running at any point. Twenty was very crowded and noisy so I probably spent more time on 15 than I should. At the moment I have no 10 meter antenna. There are 10 meter loops on the quad but not enough positions on the antenna switch. I really do not think I missed much there with the SFI as low as it has been.

But I am sure there will be some urban contest legends about the guys who had big mono-banders at 200 feet working/running EU for a half hour. With 94 countries on 20 and 88 on 15 l may possibly have worked more than 100 countries on the weekend. I will check that as it has been a number of years since that has happened in the CQ contest. I will be on the CW contest and I hope to do a lot better with LP on 40 then. Thanks to all the lads with good ears who managed to hear my peanut whistle. . ... **N2FF.** Nine years old ... **N2PKP.** This seemed to be a tough one for me running only 100 watts, but enjoyed everyone's participation and look forward to hearing all next contest.... N2RRA. My favorite contest. I only wish I had more time to participate this year. . . . N3GL. Conditions were very good. Nice to see 15m come alive to Europe and Asia. . . . N3MX. Started a bit slow, because first-night low-band conditions were only fair, with mediocre signal levels and rain static. Also, 160m antenna broke at junction of vertical wire and top-load wire just before contest. so missed the 18 mults I got on Top Band last year. The two days and the second night were O K, but still came up just a bit short in QSOs, zones, and countries on 80, 40, and 20 compared to 2008. The bright spot: 15 meters is back, and 10 meters showed a faint pulse. Got a bit more than twice as many QSOs and 21 more multipliers on 15 and 10 than in 2008. But, not quite enough to make up for my so-so results on low bands and 20, so I wound up with a claimed score 7% below that of last year, and a new "personal worst" in the 8 years since 2001, and just over half my claimed score from 2002. So, I'll hope for more sunspots and a functional 160 meter antenna in 2010.... N3UM. This one was fun. I spent most of my time on the low bands, and in doing so, added several new countries, especially some band totals for 80m. I worked roughly 0500-0900Z on the 24th, then on the 25th 0400-0600Z, and an then spent an hour or so near the end of the contest to add some 15 and 20m contacts. I worked all continents except Asia. I could hear the Central American and SA stations working JA's on 15, but I could not hear them. I did not get the vertical up (all those DXEngineering boxes still in the garage, unopened) so the G5RV, flat-topped at 35 feet or so did all the work. I continue to be pleased with the TS-690. I added the Heil boom mic, and this was my first contest with VOX. I am hooked now. . . . **N4DTF.** 15 meters was a winner! . . . **N4DXI.** Nice to see 15 meters open. . . . N4LZ. Great to see the SFI at 76 and fairly low A-index. Was not planning on even getting on this weekend after just getting back from being gone two weeks to K4M/Midway Island. Good conditions took care of that. . . . **N4PN.** QRP 5W, 160m horizontal loop . . . **N4RP.** Harder to work Europeans this year on 160m with kilowatt than last year with 100 watts! Still a lot of fun. . . . N4TZ. I started off as SOA until my XYL had station troubles and joined me. So we had to switch to M/S. . . . **N5AA.** Always a great way to spend a weekend on the radio. The activity is always high and we contesters seem to make our own propagation. . . . N6AN. My First CQ WW Contest ... N6AQ. Unfortunately several times during the contest I heard the three words that strike terror in any DXer: "Daddy I pooped!" ... **N6FD.** Well it is the bottom of the sunspot cycle and the low bands were not that great here. That may be a sign that we are on the upswing. It was like pulling teeth on 40 and 80. 160 was there but ... thank goodness 20 and 15 were hopping! Even 10 showed some life with weaker than dirt signals on a quiet band. Next year I will be ready! . . . N6RV. Had a blast. This was our first outing in CQ WW. . . . N7BT. First serious effort from this QTH. Did better than I expected. 15m was open to everywhere late Sunday! . . . N7VM. Our most fun WW SSB ever. A great privilege for us to work such amazing operators and stations. Thank you for the QSOs and see you in 2010 ! . . . N8AJN. 15M was its best of the year or nearly so for the CQ WW; sigs were booming in from Scandinavia and worked 6 countries in Zone 32! Trip with dog to vet cut out 3 prime EU hours! . . . N8II. Trying out the new station this year. Summer was busy, putting up the

tower and installed 3 monoband antennas 10-5, 4-15, and a 4-20. Put 60 some radials on the vertical. . . . NC7M. Nice to see 15 meters open and even got a few QSOs on 10, amazing! 40 and 80 were rough though and the QRM on 20 made it challenging for just 3 watts. . . . **NDØC.** I participated in the contest via the N2JEU internet remote base. I was physically located in Austin, Texas, while the transmitter was located in Canastota, NY. I do not, therefore, qualify for one of the standard categories. Also, I did not make prior arrangements to be included in the Xtreme category. I figure I participated in the contest rather than competed, and have sent in my log to serve only as a checklog. Thanks. . . . NI5W. Very good propagation on 15m this year. It was nice to have the opening. Another great contest, thanks. . . . NJ9Z. Almost not worth submitting the log, but I had fun and want to make sure that those I contacted get credit for these contacts. Don't often work SSB, so I have a lot to learn! . . . **NO2D.** A lot of fun. Much better score than last year. . . . NR4C. 20M only lets me sleep longer . . . **WØCEM.** First time for this contest and first contest for my new FT-2000D. I had a great time. . . . WØELT. Place to be was 20m with 15m a close second. It was surprising how good 15m was in all directions during certain times of the day. We even had a few Q's to So. America on 10m to add some frosting to the sunspot-less band condx. Heard some DX on 160m but they couldn't hear my LP for the most part. . . . **WØETT.** Nice to see some old friends as well as some great new ones! See you in the pile-up! . . . **WØRIC.** I expected 7125-7200 to be a royal mess and it surely was. Never worked so many VK's/ZL's in my life! Thanks to you folks and all the FB Asian DX who make this contest fun for us in the western US! . . . **WØUA.** Great contest as usual. Enjoyed the 15m activity and 20m openings to JA! . . . W1DX. Casual very part-time effort focused on Top Band. It is tough going there with low power and a small aerial on voice! Nice to hear 4U1UN on 160m for a new one. Thanks to all who pulled out my LP sigs with compromised low vertical antenna. I handed out just a few Q's on the other bands too. Seems 15m was swinging pretty well. Hope to see you in the log this contest season from here in RI. Back to CW as my preferred mode. . . W1WBB. Very noisy conditions first night, followed by very good propagation! . . . W2YR. First big SSB DX contest for AA4YL. Great fun and look forward to next year with more power and better antennas. . . . **W4HOD.** Where was Europe? . . . W4QNW. I'm a little fish in this big pond, but having some fun. Dedicating my entry to the C6APR team. We'll sure miss working you guys. 73 and God bless. . . . W4SUL. Yee Haw! Sunspots just in time! . . . W4UDX. 40 phone should be allocated the entire band . . . W5RI. Good to hear 15 meters open . . . W6FA. First time for all of us. We had a ball! . . . W6KA. After being a QRP entry at contest stations sucy as TI5N and NØKE it takes a real change in mental attitude to return to my home station with its low tribander and struggle for each Q! But my score was better than last year. I think we have finally passed the bottom! . . . W6QU. W6SAI is the Bill Orr Legacy Radio Club, operated by K4CWW for CQ WW SSB. Thanks to all during the contest who expressed fond memories of working and/or knowing Bill, and appreciation for the call being kept active. . . . **W6SAL** As everyone has said, 15m was a huge surprise! This was my first contest with the K3, constantly juggling the main and sub receivers without the "RX MIX" feature as I was used to with the FT-1000D for many years. N1MM logger keyed the DVK in the K3 flawlessly, per suggestions by N6ML. There were many more JA's than I can remember in recent years on CW. Europe was open well, except for UK area, northern Europe, northeastern Europe and eastern Med. On the west coast, European mults are always difficult to find during low cycle periods. Listening to 5H3EE and ST2KSS for hours on end was proof that the increased SFI was right on. I only hope the CW contest will be as good. I played leapfrog with 9J2BO as he moved along calling other stations, but never connected. No Zone 36. Never

heard Zones 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 39. I use a 4-el Yagi on a crankup tower, on a city lot, with a rotary dipole element on the same mast that can be phased with the Yagi for bidirectional broadside use. It was very, very helpful. Great to see so many impressive scores! . . . W6YA. The four of us had a good time. We noted that propagation was improved and had some good contacts on 15 meters. . . . W7KZO. Are we having fun yet? The 15 runs here in the NW were the only fun part of the whole contest. We all look forward to CW.... W7VJ. We had fun getting together for a Multi-Single to test the new antennas and set a new Vashon Island record! We used the Vashon-Maury Island radio club call, W7VMI. We pushed for 100 countries, so we're pleased to have reached 128 total unique countries. The new (and old) antennas worked well. We didn't use the Mult station much, since usually only one band was useful. Our numbers were a bit low on the low bands, perhaps due to the unsettled propagation. 40, 20 and 15 meters took up the slack, with pleasing numbers. We listened often on 10 meters, and never heard a thing. We managed to move a local hero for the one double-mult. NØAX seemed happy with the updates to his ole' QTH, and he managed QRM while K6UFO caught a nap to power him through the overnight. N7LKL lured NØAX away from the radio with cookies, and got to CQ for JA's on Saturday evening. W7NNN came over Sunday morning, and worked Europeans during the too brief morning peak. . . . W7VMI. This was our first operation as a Multi-Multi with 3 rigs, networked logging. Everyone had fun! Can't wait to do it again. . . . W8BI. Unable to work Asian and Pacific areas. Way too much QRM to drag them through. Some of the stations worked were courteous enough to ask for calls by the numbers or by zones, making it a little easier for those of us without big antenna arrays to make a contact. . . . W9FW. Thanks for another fun contest. I did a little better than last time, with more time to operate. Conditions were not too bad, which also helped. . . . W9QL. Marginal conditions on 160 and 80 but 15 made up for that a little. . . . W9RE. There were two silent minutes at the beginning of the contest in memory of C6APR.May they RIP. . . . WAØMHJ. Reached my goal of 1000 points and I'm happy! . . . WA2ART. Only my second contest and hooked! . . . WA3ERQ. Good conditions and great fun. Working on increasing skill as contester. Will be back next year. . . . WA5WFE. Got a couple of new DXCC entities but missed working 9K2K in Kuwait! The contest was lots of fun! ... WA6KHK. Should have a mid-range power class, over 100W, under 600(?). Much of world has 400W limit by license and not all can run 1500W, either from financial or population density consideration . . . WB2KLD. Always fun to work the CQ WW in spite of my modest station. Nice to have a good 15m opening during this low sunspot count. 10m also opened for a while. . . . WE6EZ. Lots of fun this year; propagation was decent from the "Black Hole." . . . WE9R. Hard with not many European contacts and the poor condx conditions on 10 meters, lower score than last year. . . WI7F. This was my best effort yet! The bands were packed with new ops but unfortunately some of the regulars were missing. . . . WJ2D. Not much time to operate, just getting my feet wet, using Ten-Tec Scout at 50W to a 35 ft Inverted Vee. . . . WS1V. 15m was great this year. Maybe the new beam helped! . . . WX7B. 15 meters was more than I was expecting. Sweet. . . . WY1H.