

# 2002 CQ WW DX SSB Contest Expanded QRM

## DX QRM

I operated as 3G5A, my special contest call. I had a lot of fun. This is my favourite contest! . . . **3G5A (XQ5SM)**. This was my 13th CQ WW DX Contest. . . . **3Z6V**. I do not know the reason, but I always have a storm during a contest. Heavy rain, heavy wind this time, too. . . . **4U1VIC**. Five watts on (2) 4-element beams + equalizer is booming! First time QRP on 21 MHz. Was very interesting and fun! To win only in mind and changing the contest tricks for chasing the mults. . . . **6D2X**. Great contest, unfortunately only a few hours to operate. . . . **6F1LM**. Had a lot of fun. Good conditions except for noisy low bands. . . . **6J2AUB**. Vy tks 4 all the 10m lovers far from JA. Maybe next year we won't be able 2 QSO because of this cycle going down 2 the bottom. CU next cycle! If I am alive. . . . **7K2PBB**. I have spent the summer changing the feeders to 7/8" cables and it has really made a big difference. I have still to install another 3-el for 7 MHz as well as a 4-el for 3.5 MHz and a vertical for 1.8 MHz before my plans are realized. This year's SSB contest had bad condx at the start. I even had problems working into Poland and Germany on 80. I tried to call CQ but no answers. Needless to say, the aurora cut me off from the world for a while. However, an improvement was noticeable from around 7Z when 40 gave me some North American stations. . . . **7S2E**. Four new contesters were initiated during this contest. Special thanks to Harriet, 8P6GI's XYL, who kept us watered and fed all weekend. . . . **8P2K**.

Due to aurora activity band never really opened so missed zone 1 and 31! Anyway was nice fun to run contest with help of DX Cluster; much easier to catch new ones! Thanks to all who gave me QSO points! . . . **9A5Y**. Difficult conditions. Part-time entry but enjoyable. . . . **9M2/G4ZFE**. Tried 20m sideband from 9M6A. Bad move. Absorbion was especially high and everyone was on 10 and 15 for most of the time. Enjoyed hearing "thanks for the double mult" many times. Still had fun as always. . . . **9M6A**. Not many North American stations heard. It was a good contest, thank you. . . . **9V1UV**. I tried QRP section for a first time in my life. I always thought there is no way that I could make any contact with a simple antenna. I have used FT817 (5 watts) and R7000 vertical. To my surprise (it was not easy of course, but . . .) I could work all continents, and some of the stations would reply on first call. . . . a very nice challenge working QRP. Hope to try it again in the future but with better antennas. I admire fellows making K QSOs using this mode. Next year probably as VK6DXI. . . . **9V1XE**. First HF contest. Absolutely fabulous to be swimming in so many DX contacts around the clock from all over the globe! Got 22 new countries, including A61AJ with 100W IC-706 MK-IIIG to a Hustler mobile antenna on an Alpha Delta

outreach outpost tripod! I really enjoyed the time so much that I look forward to more events and DXpeditions. . . . **AH6RH**. The flu did not stop me from enjoying the contest. . . . **BD8TG**.

It was a lot of fun to operate from China! Pile-ups were huge! See you next year again! . . . **BY1DX**. It seems this was my last CQ WW phone from Cyprus before assuming a new post in Italy. . . . **C4A**. First time CE4PBB and CE3NR on multi-one. Thanks CE6EZ/W7, Ralf for technical support. See you the next year. . . . **CE3N**. Just working some interesting DXCC and answering CQs. A3 Cushcraft @ 20m high + dipoles + TS-430S Kenwood (YL station) . . . . **CE4MLN**. I operated as CE4U, my special contest call, rover-style from the country field. My 21 MHz homemade 4-el monobander's gamma match got broken at the start of the contest and I couldn't fix it properly. As a result, SWR was too high and besides, the generator tended to fail all the time, so power output did not exceed 20 watts. That is near QRP. Then I focused on looking for some DXCC entities for my 21 MHz collection. Great ears at HC8A, 9S1X, and FS/AH8DX. I will try on 15m next year for sure: I feel that I've got to do this right. . . . **CE4U**. My home call is CE4FX. I had a lot of fun, as always, but not stable condx from CE, though. I hope that the discrepancy between the actual zone and the one given by CT is fixed soon. I'm already working on improving my station for the next year. I have the impression that 2001 condx were better than 2002. 73 es DX, and many thanks to all for the QSOs. See you in 2003! . . . . **CE4Y**. Aurora, aurora would you please come out to play on another day when it is not a contest weekend! . . . **CK6SV**.

In retrospect I should not have used the special CK9 prefix because many DX operators didn't hear the "C" and thought I was K9FX. . . . **CK9FX**. First WW from Morocco. Hope to do better next time. . . . **CN2R(W7EJ)**. VHF (cluster) radio went QRT just before the contest; laptops didn't communicate; 80/160 inverted-Vee didn't tune; and so on . . . but we all had a fantastic weekend and learned a lot! We'll be back next year! . . . **CS6RPA**. Very good contest. . . . **CX7ACH**. That's my first try from my new contest stn in D4. I'm not ready for SSB contest but I hope will be ready for CW. Thank you very much everybody call me. Thanks to EY8MM, EY8CQ, who helped me lot to build this station. 73, 4L5A, also D4B, D44TT, R3/4L5A ex UF6FFF, RFØFWW. . . . **D4B**. Heavy storm in Europe. . . . **DF2LH**. Condx were poor and not enough time. Hope the form of the results is okay now. . . . **DF6WE**. Homebrew Cabrillo format. Hope all is okay! . . . **DF7IT**. Boy what a contest! We had a storm warning in Germany and had winds up to 120 mph (180 km/h)!! We lost the 160m and 80m GP in the last night and the beam turned itself randomly in any direction. We

had no control over the beam from Saturday morning, No one volunteered to climb the 40m tower @ 100 mph wind—gosh. Never mind the score, it was fun! . . . **DF7ZS**. I nearly lost patience because of crowded band, but it got better and better. My best ever score on 15m. . . . **DF9ZP**. Great contest for me at www.df0cg.de! Good antenna performance and first real test of new FT-1000MP Mark V! Thanks to all who have been calling and see u next year! . . . **DH5HV**.

Again a lot of fun. On second day afternoon bad storm, max gusts 80 mph + the reflector of my beam was turned. The beam was not furthermore useful for DX. . . . **DH8AF**. The new FT-817 did a very good job together with a 3-el Yagi in the 10m QRP single band single op section. Really did enjoy it. . . . **DH8BQA**. Very heavy storms over southwest Germany on the contest weekend. I lost my vertical and my 160m/80m dipole, but still had a lot of fun. See you next year! . . . **DH9SB**. I did not have time enough to operate the complete CQ WW 2002 SSB Contest. I finished the contest during a very strong storm on Sunday at 19:00 UTC. For own protection I turned down my telescope tower with the Yagi down to 12m, but the storm bent my tower tube 45 degrees in the wind. It was incredible and this destroyed my used antenna system. I hope to repair the construction as soon as possible. See you next year in CQ WW 2003. 73, Mirko, DJ1AA (ABØDL). . . . **DJ1AA**. Nice to take part again with not too much time. The bands were busy as usual. First day hard to find a free frequency to call CQ Test. . . . **DKØOVL**.

Lot of fun, great conditions. A weekend with terrible weather outside. See you next time again. Drake TR7A, PA: SB200, ant.: 3-el Yagi 10m up for 10/15/20m, dipole for 80/40m. . . . **DK8NX**. At 1500 UTC here no voltage in my QTH. A big storm here. Seven hours with 120 km/h winds. . . . **DL1KAS**. Heavy storm, trees fell across the road, antennas still okay. . . . **DL4NAC**. A heavy storm bent the Gap Titan over the beam. Subsequently the beam could be turned from 120 deg to 240 deg only. Anyhow, a lot of fun again. . . . **DL8AAE**. Very hard fight to transfer my K1EA .res contest log file into the new cbr—hi. MNI TNX to Larry, N6TW. . . . **DL8AAM**. Best result: Surviving "Jeanette" without major damage. She was a heavy storm that hit Germany on Sunday afternoon! . . . **DL8OH**. DN3YD is training license call of Hans, DK3YD. . . . **DN3YD**. Oh yes, I know: The "good" bands are the upper ones, but I like, and I am at ease, on 80 meters! Note: I do not transmit out of band, but the CT Ver.9t ake as TX the split RX frequencies from transceiver. . . . **EA3ALV**. I thought that this year was harder than 2001, but my expectation was exceeded in QSOs and in points—great. More than 20 hours over 100 QSO/h in monoband. Thanks. . . . **EA3QP**. Operated from a hilltop location,

948m high and 15km from the Mediterranean coast. I had to work a whole lot harder this year to get a similar score to last. Very difficult to maintain running. The vast majority was search and pounce. Worked 8N1OGA for #261 from the mobile. Loved it! . . . **EA5ON**. Great activity on this band, since 21100 to 21450, no place to call, signals are more than 9+20. I like this contest more each year, bt 73. . . . **EA5YJ**.

This is the first time I participate in CQ WW SSB Contest. . . . **EC1DLG**. It has been a great contest. We tested a new antenna for the club (6- el Yagi). SWR 1:1. Good openings to the east and we have a lot of fun working us in the Sunday afternoon. We remembered all the other contesters when we were having dinner on Saturday afternoon eating a special typical meal by EA2MQ. Our special thanks to EA2ANW and his wife who lent us the place for the antenna. See you next year. . . . **ED2WWW**. Had a great time and got a personal best. Stations were wall to wall for most of the time and it was hard to keep a run going with QRM. . . . **EI4CF**. In this contest I did not give any signal report unless specifically asked by other stations. I took this action because (1) the signal report is almost always 59; (2) my software logs 59 sent and received by default; (3) the same thing happens on all contest logging software; (4) you do not cross-check signal reports; (5) no signal report is needed on QSLs for ARRL awards. In these circumstances, signal reports have no value, meaning, or significance. Can I ask you to amend the rules to make the exchange (not the logging) of signal reports optional—at the discretion of the operator. I accept that in not sending signal reports, I am liable to penalty or disqualification. If I am penalised or disqualified, I will expect you to give a precise reason. If the reason is simply that I infringed the rules, I will also want to know why you do not disqualify or penalise operators who break other rules. For example, those who do not exchange or give their callsign in every QSO. If I am not disqualified, I will assume that all signal reports may be assumed to be 59(9) unless otherwise notified during a CQ WW QSO. Thank you for considering these comments. This entry is not to be classed as a checklog under any circumstances. . . . **EI5DI**.

First time single band on 80m with new antenna. We had some bad weather here, and also I had some hardware problems, but enjoyed the contest. . . . **EI8IR**. Great contest. Worked lots of new countries. 10m was hopping! . . . **EI9ES**. Good contest! . . . **ER1OM**. It was our first CQ WW DX Contest. We enjoyed the party very much. Thanks to everybody who made a contact with us. Hope to meet you next year. . . . **EW8ZZ**. Nice contest. Just have some problem with my 14/21m antennas. . . . **F2JD**. Nice contest. A monoband DXCC on a weekend, not too bad. . . . **F5JY**. I had to stop the contest on Saturday because I had a very bad pain in my back. . . . **F5RAB**. Working conditions: K2 from Elecraft + amp at 80 watts output, antenna = 2x20m doublet at 10m high. Good contest as usual. I worked most stations I

can hear on high bands, but much more difficult on lower bands. Many DX stations seem to have problems with their RX. It is not sufficient to have large antenna and high power; good ears and good RX are also important. . . . **F6FTB**. Heard on the air: "I have the sugar; give me the rest." . . . **F8CFE**. Nice contest with a lesson learned: A good antenna, not only two wires in the attic, should really be helpful! An urgent project now. . . . **F8DFN**. Best effort from zone 8 with an all band Butternut vertical. . . . **FS/AH8DX**.

Very high winds forecast for Sunday so I wound my antennas down to ground level on Saturday evening. Several trees were blown down overnight, one only 20m from the shack, but no aluminum was damaged. However, at 06.00 on Sunday just as the band opened the mains electricity supply went off with a bang as a tree went down into a nearby pole-mounted mains transformer accompanied by spectacular arcing. After an hour without electricity I decided to move station to a nearby house where there was still power. Got back on the air by 10.00 with a vertical antenna but made a total of only 5 Qs when the power went off there too. Much gnashing of teeth! Normal supply didn't return for another hour and half. I operated the rest of Sunday with antenna at low height. Guess all this is a good enough excuse for the poor score? . . . **G0AEV**. Enjoyed the contest and felt I did better than in any previous CQ WW contests. Conditions were good for the higher bands but 40 metres was solid QRM plus bad use of the CW section. Suggest miss it out in future! . . . **G0MRH**. Great contest but suffered with storms and losing my voice. Just wait til next time! Great to hear everyone having so much fun on the bands. . . . **G0MTN**. This was my first contest and I had a fantastic time and plan to indulge further in contesting. . . . **G0VXE**. For a QRP station max 5 watts o/p with simple aerials together with an age handicap of 80 years! I still found it a challenging and rewarding contest. Minimum of 12 hours operation. Many thanks. . . . **G3FNM**.

Had to abandon at 04:00 Sunday morning, as 80 mph winds would have brought down 110 ft. vertical. Felt "blind" not using the DX Cluster! . . . **G3UEG**. FT-1000MP + Ten-Tec Titan; IC-735 + Dentron MLA-250010; 15, 20m 4-el monobanders; 40m 4-square; 80, 160m inverted-L. Part-time operation, 30 hours in total. High winds were forecast and we had a 76 mph gust, then the power went off. Power was restored two hours later. Some parts of the country had no power for six days. . . . **G4BUO**. Had to use FT-817 when main rig failed. Hard work but enjoyable. Of course, its the other station doing the work and I would like to thank them for persevering with me software—SD V9.86 and SD check V9.86, author <paul@ei5di.com>, <<http://www.ei5di.com>>. . . . **G4DDX**. Band condx were excellent with some amazingly strong signals. The WX took its toll here in the UK. Storm-force winds in excess of 90 mph caused some structural damage to my house. I lowered the antennas to 25 ft. and attempted to keep going. It

wasn't safe outside! . . . **G4F**. Terrible storm caused too many problems to continue. Have a checklog. . . . **G4UJS**. Great fun but hard work as single operator. . . . **G4Z**.

Much better propagation than from my home QTH in N. Scotland. As usual, the best SSB contest of the year! . . . **GD6IA**. First time for me. Only operated on the Sunday with a few breaks. Enjoyed the contest very much. Rig was TS-450 and Delta Loop with top at 9m. Looking forward to next year. . . . **G14SJQ**. Running barefoot as amp was broken. Beam swinging wildly in force 8 gales. Voice keyer works on other rig which was hit by lightning! Sore throat. I'll do CW in future. Chose to go assisted, not low power to up my country count. . . . **GJ0NYG**. 10m band only, see other files for other bands. . . . **GM0B**. 20m is hard work with 5 watts! Too many big guns and not enough space. . . . **GM0IIO**. We enjoyed the contest although short of operators due to various circumstances. Worked 99% of contest as search and pounce. . . . **GM2T**. Heavy rain and gales flooded the contest site, and my entry had to be aborted this year. . . . **GM3YOG**. At no time did power input exceed 1 watt. . . . **GM4ELV**. Thanks for running the contest. . . . **GM4HQF**.

Our first multi-multi effort as a group and great fun was had by all! A few minor problems with computers/software, stray RF, and the balun on the 10m beambroke on Sunday morning, necessitating a quick repair. It was generally agreed that our report card should read "a good effort but could do better." Roll on next year! . . . **GM5A**. My first SOAB from home in this event. it will be very hard to consider a single band entry ever again! Fantastic experience. Now if CQ could just arrange for some good propagation. . . . **GM7V**. Where do I start! Finished K2 a couple of weeks ago, so thought I would enter QRP section. Weather forecast was for severe gales so I lowered tower to 25 ft. before dark on Saturday, thereby losing 160 & 80. Met office was right for a change and winds gusted to 90 mph! Lost 20 metre reflector and the Butternut. Bit despondent (!) but plodded on using 15 & 10. Conditions pretty fair (I think) but calling CQ a real turn off! Anyway, enjoyed the contest but not the clearing up today! Hitting 73 soon, so bit tired! Let's hope WX okay for the CW leg. PS: Forgot to mention 5 hours of power cuts and tree blown down—exciting, eh? . . . **GW3JXN**. The southern UK was hit by storm-force winds over the weekend, reaching 100 mph in parts. Several people were killed and there was many \$1000s of damage, so this was not a good time for serious contesting! Here I use a crank-up tower, so was fortunate to be able to lower it during late Saturday evening before the storm reached us. However, this meant that my antennas were only around 20 ft. above ground level and they remained there from around 20:00 Saturday through to the end of the contest. I also lost my 80m sloper and 160m antenna (the tower is shunt-fed for Topband). A temporary 80m dipole in a nearby tree survived the storm, although the tree itself lost some branches! . . . **GW4BLE**.

Storm damage meant very limited operation. . . . **GW7X**. Was good contest; beat my last year score! . . . **HA3LN**. First try CQ WW from central Europe. Better than expected. W's on 10 helped a lot. . . . **HB9AAP**. My first CQ WW SSB Contest. . . . **HB9HFM**. Excellent conditions. . . . **HC1JQ**. Our new team slogan: "vaya con diez." . . . **HC8A**. Conditions could have been better. See you from a different QTH next year! . . . **HI9X**. It was really fun. . . . **HL0CAC**. Rough going with a dipole and IC-706 barefoot, hi. Will have a beam next time. First contest from SE Asia. A big difference from other countries I have operated from (TJ1AW, T5CT, SV0CT, G5BAU, GC5BAU, K4PHY/YV5. A lot of fun as always! . . . **HS0ZDR**. Beautiful way to experience a wonderful teamwork. We've just landed on contest planet. See you next time! . . . **I3GWE**. Fine again, many participants on 80 meters. Hope to see all of them again next time. . . . **IC8POF**. I didn't sleep during Friday. I had to sleep some hours just few hours after the beginning of the contest. I am few dozen points over the actual 20m African record. I hope my mistakes don't put my score under it! I always say that I have to sleep during Friday, but the field day location on Lampedusa Island doesn't permit rest because you always have to work before the contest and after the contest for building and dismantling all antennas. We need permission to leave all antennas and towers up. Lampedusa Island is the QTH with most of hardware work in the last years and is continuing in that. . . . **IG9A**.

First effort from a 3 point land (IG9). A lot of work to do since it was a real DXpedition. Nothing was there when we arrived and nothing was up Monday after the contest. Thanks to Fabio IT9GSF (IG9A), Angelo I2ADN, and my YL Silvia for their help. Unluckily, due to local problems I have been forced to use a vertical (20m high with some 100 radials). Big antenna but surely not the best for the rock ground of Lampedusa. Not enough space for good RX system. . . . **IG9V**. Enjoyed very much this test on 10m with unexpected better propagation in spite of forecasts. . . . **IK4AUY**. Wkd only 15.0 hrs. Very good propagation from JA and K/W, my antenna only Yagi 6-el. . . . IR4R. First attempt to build a M/S contest station in Sicily. It will be a school for new contesters. Thanks to Fabio, IT9GSF, for his help. . . . **IR9U**. Very good propagation, nice contest. . . . **IZ0BVU**. Lot of fun even with just a home-built 2-el Yagi fixed to USA @ 20m. See you next year with (hopefully) a more performance setup and some more operating hours. . . . **IZ4AFW**. It was fun in spite of antenna and rig problems and a few power failures! . . . **J37LR**. All in all a great contest, but we see room for improvements. Our target was 10 million. We missed it, but we are already working for next year! We want to thank Manos, SV9ALJ, and all the OMs in Crete for their great help and hospitality. CU next year. (Bob, I2WIJ, on behalf of the 2002 J49Z team). . . . **J49Z**.

This year Saturday calm down, but Sunday is poor, not grow up. hi! . . . **JA1BUI**.

Nice QSOs. Nice contest! . . . **JA4ESR**. Enjoyed Multi-Two category. More efficient than multi-multi, hi. Bands are good but need improvement for low bands. . . . **JA6ZPR**. We enjoyed big pile-up to me in the good cond. . . . **JA7YRR**. Due to work over the weekend, I was a part-timer for WW SSB. Vy disappointing! Hope to do my best in CW for a full-time effort. . . . **JA8RWU**. This is my every year entry into WW DX contest. Really, I enjoyed it very much. Thank you. . . . **JE1PJR**. I QRV on 80m single band. Japanese 75m phone band is very narrow, so I could not call CQ because of many Japanese station's QRM. I desire many USA stations to call CQ outside of JA band and QSX JA band. I attach a photograph of my homebrew fishing rod antenna and my shack. . . . **JE1SPY**. It is great coming back after all 4 years. It's fun. . . . **JE6ZIH**. 21 MHz band is good propagation, but my antenna is only dipole and power only 50 watts. . . . **JF3IYW**. Many thanks for the QSOs! I used only hand-made wire antennas However the conditions were not good comparing the last year I enjoyed a lot in high bands. . . . **JF3KQA/1**. Operating time was limited both days due to work. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts. . . . **JR1NKN**. Condition was still good for 10m band. . . . **JR1WYV**. I enjoy contest under limited situation. . . . **JR4QZH**. This is my first contest. . . . **JT1CN**.

Limited time to participate. Conditions on 28 were great, fairly poor with no path to Europe or Middle East. Polar absorption seemed high. I was overjoyed to find 8 new ones for DXCC in the contest. I used Writelog Ver10.36G. First time i've tried Writelog—easy to use, intuitive, good to have Win software that's good. . . . **KH6/K1ER**. Could only get on for a few hours, but still had fun! . . . **KH6/WA2HFI**. Eight of us came together to share the weekend with KL7Y for his last contest of this world, in a place that he loved to be. None of us, nor our sport, will ever be the same without him. Vaya con dios, Danno. . . . **KH7R (KH6ND)**. Managed to get 15 meter antennas built and up in time for the contest by Friday afternoon. Then took them all down afterwards, but should be easier to do next time if I try it again next year. . . . **KP2A**. Tnx to NP4Z for the use of his station. . . . **KP3Z (NP4Z)**. Many thanks to LU1IV for lend me his station. Not propagation with Europe, thunderstorm during two days and lost electricity for 3 hours. Not good score. . . . **L21I**. Our goal was to improve over last year, but soon realized it would be very difficult because of aurora the first day. After day 1 we had 50% less Qs compared to 2001! We recovered some in day 2, but did not make it. This year we also had an antenna on 160 (tuned 17m tower with TH6DXX on top) and it is the main contribution to more mults this year. Anyway, great fun with lots of excellent operators. See you next year! . . . **LA2Z**.

No good conditions here in north Norway. I think it was too much aurora. . . . **LA9AU**. Only a few QSOs because some non-ham-friends visited me and I showed them how is a radio contest. I believe we will have a

new contester soon. . . . **LW8EXF**. Good to be back on air after a two year break. Had a good time. . . . **LX1KC**. My first time ever 5W QRP entry. Tough but a nice challenge for the little of time I had. . . . **LX1NO**. Due to the strong winds I had to make QRT before the end of the contest. Team a WWYC. . . . **LX7I**. Hard conditions on 40. As usual a lot of QRM but I had fun. . . . **LX9SW**. It was nice to kick LY9A's ass! . . . **LY7Z**. My first attempt and great fun. Next year I will try to tackle the contest more seriously. I was delighted to find such a high standard of operating. Must do something about my antenna; my CQ's weren't answered much. 10m was great but I have a TVI problem on that band. . . . **M0AFZ**. Low power section, Single Unassisted operator, 100 watts, no duplicates worked. . . . **M0BZK**. First time entry in this contest. Amazing 10m openings! I fear many ops are happy to leave an incorrect callsign in their logs. Festina lente! . . . **M0DDT**. What a weekend! The worst gales to hit the UK for over a year. Ran my FT1000MP MKV (low power, 100 watts) into my Cushcraft R6000 vertical for the whole contest which really hit my QSO rate. Saturday evening was fun and the last few hours on Sunday were very painful. Someone switched off 20m in the UK on Sunday evening! happy with my multiplier-score but disappointed with my QSO rate. Let's hope the winds are on holiday next year so I can crank up the tower and go horizontal! Can someone please tell me why more and more stations work split in a contest? . . . **M0LSK**.

Many thanks to the members of the Crawley Radio Club whose hospitality was second to none. . . . **M2W**. Equipment: FTt1000MP, homebrew 4CX1000A linear (blew up on Sunday afternoon), homebrew 3-el Yagi at 62 ft., 5KVA Belle G09 petrol generator (used 44 litres of petrol), 4m pack-link to home QTH in Saffron Walden getting internet DX Cluster spots. Quite some weather to be on an exposed hilltop for four days. I'd checked a few websites for wind speed predictions and was prepared, so I set up the tower at only 62 ft. and guyed it down very tightly. An ear infection kept my left ear blocked throughout the contest. On Saturday the rotator slipped and the beam swung around to the east by about 100 degrees, making pointing the antenna quite challenging. The storm really got rough on Sunday and I lost half of the reflector at about 10 AM; a fishing pole split. At about 2 PM the director spun around so it was nearly cross-polarised. At 3:45 PM on Sunday afternoon the power output of the linear dropped to 200W. There was a burning smell so I switched it off and went barefoot till the end of the contest. By Sunday afternoon the rotator was slipping badly; the thick scaffold pole I used is deeply scored. I just couldn't turn what was left of the beam. Even with just 100W, the antenna damaged (my signals must have been down by about 10–15 dB), and no way to turn it, I managed to work a surprising amount of good DX. Monday morning had a glorious sunrise, the sky was clear, bright winter sun, no wind, beautiful. I

took from 7 AM to 2 PM to tear down the station in a post-contest euphoric afterglow state of mind. . . . **M4R**.

Propagation good especially on 10m. Weather very bad here. Storms, 100 mph wind, so had to abort normal site antennas and amplifiers and use domestic QTH instead, 100W and wire antennas. . . . **M4U**. Winds forecast for 90 mph on Sunday meant that I decided to quit after just 23.5 hours operating, wind the towers down, and go home. A real shame, but maybe next year. . . . **M6T**. Problem with clock on the laptop running CT. We have adjusted the times in the log to be as close as possible to the correct time. This is the first entry in CQ WW for our club, so we hope you don't have any problems with this entry. . . . **M8C**. Heavy storm with more than 90 miles/hr! We had to repair all antennas over and over. On the way back home a truck crashed into the trailer and now I need a new car, a new trailer, and a new contest station (all transceivers, Yaesu MP 1000 Mark V, linears, antennas, towers, computers, and so on). Anyway, a great weekend. . . . **MJ/DL1EK**. 90 mph winds made for lots of antenna fun! . . . **MUØC**. Wish the conditions had been better. Sure nice to use a single band. . . . **MUØ-FAL**. Very tough this year. I struggled to get heard over the congestion. Made up for a low Q count by getting more multipliers. Fun ended Sunday morning when the antenna was blown down. Can't wait for next year. You have to be mad to do SOSB on 40m! . . . **MW5HOC**. Good time, our plan, work very fine the new antennas in OA4O work excellent. . . . **OA4O**.

Unfortunately my omni broke Saturday morning. Got the old Drake line, which I didn't use since years, repaired it, and proceeded just for fun and to work some interesting countries as unlimited. . . . **OE2BZL**. Finally we are on the air again. RF in the keyboard did cost several contacts. CU all again on the air. . . . **OE2S**. TVI. What a pity. There was so much DX coming in on 40! . . . **OE5CWL**. Thanks to multi-2 we had fun on the 2nd station. The low bands have been great! Downside was that average points/QSO dropped significantly by 14% compared to last year. So did the score. . . . **OE5T**. Mr. Murphy beat us big time this year. . . . **OHØZ**. Lots of S&P in the beginning. Just when the band finally started to sound like opening up, complete darkness hit. Spent the third contest hour without electricity. Well, the awaited big runs never really got going; "lady A" had come home again from her most enjoyable WRTC vacation. Mults somewhat reasonable, but some 1600+ Q's missing. Big thanks to Martti, OH2BH, for giving me this opportunity to recall my nice CQ WW 20m SSB 1992 memories. Great station. Unfortunately not quite that great score this time, but the "hunger" is awakened again! CU in CQ WW 2002 CW from EA8! . . . **OH2BH (OH2IW)**. Got the flu. Voice not good for serious contesting! . . . **OH2BR**. I have worked TYØT twice, first 26 day maybe wasn't okay. Second QSO was 27 day at 0900Z, and isn't on log because my log program doesn't accept duplicate. . . . **OH2XF**.

The goals for this contest were just to have some fun and to try to test my new radio, computer network, and my new multiplier antennas and learn how to use them, and of course trying to work many of my old radio friends. My sore throat was not okay for long pile-ups, so a lot of S&P with the help of my voice keyer was the name of the game. The poor propagation also "helped" me in that respect. The weekend was very windy and I often realized that the wind torque had turned my main antennas off the correct direction. It seems that I'll need to figure out some kind of a brake for the main tower. Well, I heard on Sunday from PA7MM that they had force 12 winds blowing there. By Sunday the wind had calmed down in Finland. Saturday was way down from normal with poor propagation (A-index 44). I could not get any decent runs. I was mostly just S&P and searching for mults. KC1XX was heard just faintly on 80m in the morning but no QSO. Then I went to 40m and suddenly the SWR of the 40m beam skyrocketed and I had to change the band again. Odd enough, afterwards the 40m beam worked perfectly. Later when I was S&P on 20m I noticed that N2RM was only 59 + 5 dB when he should have been at least 30 dB over. Because the propagation was so poor it was nice to see that the DX Cluster worked fine almost all weekend. It really made my contest much more interesting. On Saturday there was only a one-hour period when the connection was lost. Later on Sunday we lost the connection at 18Z and it did not come back anymore. On Sunday the propagation improved a bit but it was not too good. Especially the JA's were not coming through at all. It was around 0720Z when I broke 1m points. In the afternoon we had some propagation to USA on 10m but the signals were generally lower than normal. In the evening we also had a brief opening on 15m. One highlight of the contest was when I heard one Italian operator (I cannot remember the call) on 40m calling his version of CQ by singing it in a funny way. Yes, he really was singing. I had to listen to him for a couple of minutes. Fortunately my VOX was switched off at that moment, as I was almost rolling on the floor with my eyes in tears! At 2146Z I finally reached 2m points, well before the end of the contest. The lower bands were just awful, and running 100W on 160m did not help at all. In this contest I had connected my radios first time with my computers. It was a lot of fun to grab the cluster spots without having to turn the VFO all the time. Earlier when I used only the cluster connection, CW keying, and netsr-networking everything worked just fine. Then when I added the rig controls CT crashed more than ten times during the weekend. I'll have to test the radio connections in the future. In the next contests I will also try to test the band decoders to change the antennas automatically. Maybe it was just because of the poor propagation that made it was more difficult to break through the big pile-ups than before, but I also feel that the discipline of the callers has again gotten much worse. Many times the people were just calling and calling with-

out listening. I also noticed some DX that gave their ID very rarely and when they did they were covered by the QRM. Well, this happens in almost every contest to some extent, but when I heard some stations working split or by numbers I quickly spun the dial with disgust. Overall I am satisfied because everything worked very fine and I did work the highest multiplier count ever in CQ WW SSB with such poor propagation. . . . **OH6NIO**.

Bad conditions (aurora) in Finland spoiled my contest, so the score is not what I was looking for. I tried my new antenna setup but still cannot say if it is better or worse than before. I noticed that DX Cluster has a tremendous meaning for this contest because it seems that there are only few who know how to use VFO. I was spotted in cluster only once and that was my only "pile-up," approximately 10 QSO's in a row—that is really not much. It seems that nobody is interested in working Finland anymore. Listening to my own voice (CQ) through DVS-2 made me frustrated. . . . **OH6NJ**. Lady Aurora was messing very much; missed many JA's. . . . **OH7C**. It was a "nice" hurricane on Saturday. . . . **OK1CAZ**. Excellent contest, but gale made troubles with my antennas. . . . **OK1DVK**. I am very lucky to be in this contest every year. . . . **OK1IF**. It was horrible run 40m with 100W and low antenna! . . . **OK1KT**. Nice opening on 10m band. . . . **OK1NR**. Acceptable Saturday, poor Sunday. Fifth attempt on 20m SSB and 300 less NA stations than the worst case! Big surprise was 21 (!!) VU stations. . . . **OK1RI**. Great 10m band opening for a few hours. . . . **OK1TC**. It was beautiful contest. We can make DX QSO with bad antenna. . . . **OK2DU**. Due to wind storm net supply was interrupted and no full operating time was use. . . . **OK2EQ**. Very good contest and perfect operators. . . . **OK2SWD**.

My first CQ SSB contest. I'm just curious to see my UBN and NIL report. Best 73 to all organizers and checkers. . . . **OM1AW**. My first CQ WW contest in SO category. Very nice contest. . . . **OM2VL**. Started on 15m, but I lost my 15m quad the second morning in the biggest storm in the last decade. Had to limit my effort to 20m single band since low band antennas and 10m quad were blown down on Saturday! On Sunday had to leave the remaining quad off, wind all day, to save the rotor and so working USA on the back. After all, glad that I took part and not all my antennas were destroyed. CU next year! . . . **ON4APU**. Loved every minute of this great contest. Super FB conditions on 15m on Sunday. . . . **ON6CQ**. Enjoyed the lovely time I was on; frequently worked with 100 watts on a GPA antenna, but nice conditions sometime till next contest CW. . . . **ON6LY**. For the short time I work different new DXCC. See you in the next contest. . . . **ON6OM**. Contesting is fun! . . . **OT2H**. Very hectic contest with wind speeds up to 90 mph! We had to make some flying repairs to the beams during the test. We had a lot of fun but are making plans to do some big effort next year as it will be our 30th CQ WW SSB! . . . **OT2L**. Looking outside during the

contest during the peak of the storm (winds up to 120–130 km/hr.) was pretty scary, but no damage and everything went well. Thanks to all for a great contest. . . . **OT2N (ON6UQ)**. Poor conditions, so the QSO total is pretty low. Not a single zone 37 station heard, nor seen on the cluster. . . . **OT2T**. We had to stop; heavy storm and antenna broke. . . . **OT2Z**.

Only on air to give OX3HX the multiplier since he did not expect to get zone 40 because of the condx. Such contesting is too noisy for me so I don't participate. . . . **OX3DB**. Poor condx. First 2 hours I could only get through to few stations. But around 0300Z the condx became a little better. I got seven new ones so no complaining. Lots of noise from all sites. CU next year. . . . **OX3HX**. Condx were not the best. On Saturday the best openings were to far east. Sunday had the best openings to the west. However, still needed zones 1 and 3. Never heard the Pacific. So missing zones 1, 3, 19, 30, 31, 32, 34, 40. Funny thing, Sunday at 1154 UTC W2AX logged me as OZ8AE and asked for another OZ station. This was OZ8EA, but we could confirm that it was okay—hi. . . . **OZ8AE**. Just before I left for Aruba I discovered a computervirus that forced me to reload everything on my system. When I set up my station my transceiver didn't work. I had to borrow a non-contest radio from a local, to whom I am very grateful. Murphy still wasn't finished with me. During a band peak I had a rare power failure, causing many missed QSOs. My second week in Aruba went well and I got married there. I was saddened to hear that this was KL7Y's last contest. He will be missed. . . . **P40A**. A continuously increasing severe storm blew away the vertical just 12 hours before the end of the contest. . . . **PA/ZS6IR**.

Very good conditions. 10 m on Saturday wide open. Worked USA on 80 and 40 m (split frequency) for the first time in my ham life! (27 years). . . . **PAØLSK**. Stormy weather mishaps with the antenna; almost hit by falling tile; lower score than hoped for; exactly 100 DXCC on 28 MHz did not beat my score from 2000. . . . **PAØMIR**. Big fun for the first time in this century! . . . **PAØNMH**. Strange, using N1MM logger with no cluster connected; loops, beverages, and a vertical did excellent job; stormy weather, but a nice score. Much QRM between 7054 and 7075 (our band goes to 7100). . . . **PA1TT**. It still is amazing how good the operators are on the DX side in just hearing my QRP signals. Thanks for this job. CU AGN next contest! . . . **PA3ELD**. Bad weather in the Netherlands. Wind speed up to 80 mph. Could not use the FB13 antenna and Sunday at 1700 UTC had to fix the feederline broken in the wind. . . . **PA3FGJ**. Wind speed most times higher than QSO rate. The rain passed only horizontal. Glad we did guy the crank-ups or we would have had severe damage to the towers. . . . **PA7MM**. Big storm on Saturday night and Sunday. We did not turn the antenna. The wind was sometimes 90 to 100 mph. . . . **PA8MO**. Great contest. Good opportunity to work new DXCC countries. . . . **PA9KW**.

Great band conditions but awful weather

conditions with winds reaching 140 km in the Hague! Another good reason to stay indoors and play radio! . . . **PA9ZZ**. Single Operator, All Band, High Power (Assisted), under 21 years old. . . . **PX2W**. Very faith in my signal. Beautiful contest, but not good propagation on 15. . . . **PY3FOX**. My first single-op effort; very good conditions. The best of the best contests. . . . **PY3MM**. This would be my first log submitted for a contest. . . . **PZ5RA**. Two auroras during contest. It's too much for good result. . . . **RU1A**. We are all 15 years old. . . . **RZ9SWP**. It was a great fun. . . . **S51FB**. First SSB club activit. Great fun! See you next time. . . . **S55W**. It takes the mathematician to make such a "standard format"! . . . **S56A**. Last year more USA stations than now. . . . **S57M**. Poor conditions made 160 a real pain. Never again! Next contest another band! . . . **SM4F**.

This time I tried to operate on 40 meters and it was tough! I had been warned by Carlos, SM5KCO (ex-SMØKCO a.s.a CX7CO), but I needed some new countries for the 5B DXCC. I was not good enough to cope with the heavy QRM, which made me quite tired and therefore I slept more than planned. Total operational time abt 33 hours. The conditions were not optimal in my opinion or were my ears just not good enough in the QRM? So I did not do so well as hoped, but on the other hand everybody had the same QRM. I will come back in one month on 40 meter CW. Yes, I have been warned, but I am not a quitter. I have *sisu*, due to Finnish origin. My thanks to SM5KCO for valuable advise and letting me use his FT1000MP. Also my thanks to Vssterss Radioklub for their technical support. However, I wish to emphasize that during the contest, I was alone in the shack, operated the station myself, prepared the meals, cooked the coffee, and also overslept all by myself. A Finnish homemade linear with output 900 watts was used together with FT1000MP. Logging was made with TRlog 6.64. . . . **SM5C (SM5SIC)**. I can have some QSOs that the time is wrong. I forgot the Swedich winter time and change the computer time. . . . **SM5U**. No good conds., still lots of fun. . . . **SM6FUD**.

Broke 1 million points barrier, but conditions were worse than in 2001. . . . **SP5DDJ**. Nice contest, but I have an antenna restriction. My antenna only W3DZZ. . . . **SP7FBQ**. Another nice contest. When finished I felt it worth the effort. . . . **SV1DKR**. I worked only Sunday and few QSOs on Saturday. Excellent propagation on 10m. . . . **SV1DPI**. Vy nice contest! . . . **SY8A**. Next year more countries/zones/contacts than this year. . . . **TA1BM**. Having visible northern lights three nights in a row doesn't help the conditions. We had problems with the dipole for 40/80, so hardly any mults there. Nice to get so many thanks from many stn. just for being on the air. . . . **TF3IRA**. Could not take full part in the contest. Hope I can next year. As usual vy difficult to work lower bands on low power. Have to get better antennas on the lower bands! Hope I made some of them happy with the mult. . . . **TF8GX**. Operated portable from Quepos, Costa Rica. Used

TA-33 beam and various wire antennas, two TS-570s, and one AL-811H amp. . . . . **TI8/K4QFF**. Wow, good conditions. DXCC will be okay just after 7 hours run and mults operation on 15 m, TS-950SD + Alpha 91B + 5-el Yagi @ 18m. . . . **TM7XX**. Conditions were not so good (especially on 10m) as last year. By the way, my first CQ WW phone was in the year 1956 under call sign UA1KBB. . . . **U1BA**. Sorry, only part-time effort. Conditions were much worse here than in 2001. Hope to improve my results in the next year. . . . **UA9FM**. Very fantastic FB contest! 73! . . . **US1MM**. Nice contest, but bad conditions. . . . **US5WMS**.

I worked this contest on the E-H antenna (two cylinders, 50 mm diameter, and 150 mm length plus matching box near the transceiver). Has anybody done it before? Sorry, but had no more than 18 hours free time for the contest. . . . **UT4EK**. With my low power and only one delta loop antenna CQ WW Contest is hard work. But anyway, I have a lot of fun and see you in 2003! . . . **UY7C**. No Europeans would turn antennas this way on 10 meters. Too bad for them! . . . **V73GOD**. Power failure for 5 hours Sunday AM and other commitments only allowed a part-time effort this year. . . . **VA3KA**. Great contest. Enjoyed the QSO opportunities. Looking forward to next year. Many thanks for updating the Cabrillo info. The log was manually created in the Cabrillo format. . . . **VA3TPV**. The KD3TB and KD3RF team joined by K3FMQ this year ran a field day type operation working from a motel room in rural Canada bringing up all antennas, radios, and equipment by car. Everything was set up and operating in 2 hours. The team traveled more than 2000 miles round trip over rural roads and with ferries to get to the location. First time contesting for K3FMQ. . . . **VE2/KD3RF**. On 80m it was a thrill to hear VK6LK long path and JF1IST, both with good signals. It was a delight to work them. . . . **VE2ZP**. I could only operate for 28 hrs but even with poor conditions I had lots of fun. . . . **VE3/VY2MGY**.

Very poor conditions at the beginning of the contest but Sunday more than made up for the slow start. This year was my personal best for the CQ WW thanks to the fine antenna farm at VE3SY. It was a pleasure to work 80 and 160m where I usually struggle to make only a few contacts. Thanks to all for the contacts. . . . **VE3BUC**. Some said, "You are mobile! Just unbelievable." . . . **VE3EDY**. Congratulations on a great score and welcome to Canada "Zulu Mary." . . . **VE3EJ**. CQ WW contests are load of fun. You never know who is going to call you! . . . **VE3JAQ**. Lots of QRN from snow static and limited to a dipole and vertical this year, but still had a lot of fun and nice to hear old friends I have met in over 50 years of contesting. Hope to be back again next year health permitting. . . . **VE4IM**. Poor propagation for JAs and Europe for my operating time slots of South American activity. . . . **VE4YU**. I wish SA stations were allowed to identify more often! . . . **VE5FX**. The usual plague of contesters north of 53 struck again—aurora and all the bad propagation

effects that go with those light displays. In spite of that, we were quite satisfied with our results, and as always, in our happy group, tons of fun, jokes, beer, and operating time. . . . **VE5RI**. We like the M2 category. Joseph, VE6PYJ, at 16 enjoyed the runs on 10 meters. He is becoming a steady operator. Started the contest with three people and finished with four. . . . **VE6FI**. Aurora made 20 meters non-productive for over half the contest. . . . **VE7AV**. Our first multi-op attempt. We had a great time! . . . **VE7OSO**.

This is my first entry in the contest as SO LP 15m. Conditions were poor into many areas. . . . **VE7UF**. Great fun. Would have liked to work all the contest, but work got in the way. . . . **VE9XA**. Great fun with the new M2 class. We vote for it for next year! . . . **VK1JDX**. I had the flu so log provided mainly for checking purposes. Always a great contest. . . . **VK1MJ**. Good start Saturday on all bands. Sunday hard work but really good contest. See you all next year. . . . **VK2FHN**. I received some contacts with incorrect reports from stations not sure what exchange to give. The exchange given was logged but the zone changed to reflect the correct zone. Really enjoyed breaking the Low Power record in VK. Sure hope my accuracy is good enough to retain enough points. Sunday was very poor with very bad propagation. Saturday morning was fantastic. . . . **VK3TZ**. QRPp is a great challenge but frustrating at times. I was happy with my results. Thanks for the event. . . . **VK3VP**. My first CQ WW submission. . . . **VK4BJD**. Thank you for another great contest. Conditions on 10 meters were very good. Local storms provided a challenge for me, with regular trips outside to judge the danger of lightning strikes to antennas. It unfortunately closed me down when propagation was good at times, but I would never miss the CQ WW. . . . **VK4EJ**. Very happy with the number of multipliers as the entire contest was S&P with a hy tower. . . . **VK4TI**.

Darn it! My usual target to get 3000 Q's and 4M points just missed out again! Thanks for the fun. . . . **VK5GN**. Very enjoyable contest. A bit slow early on but pretty good conditions generally. Look forward to next year. . . . **VK6ANC**. Best ever propagation, DX, weather. Easy personal best. . . . **VK8AA**. Hi all; enjoyed the contest although I lost my voice after a short while! Not used to flapping my gums into a microphone! Unfortunately, I will be away from home for the weekend of the CQ WW CW—grrrrr!! . . . **VK8AV**. First time that we participated in this contest from a DX site. We enjoyed it a lot. Never expected that the pile-ups were so big during the total 48 hours. A pity that we had less gain on 20 and 40 meters. The multiplier station had less power also. . . . **VP2MPA**. My first attempt in CQ WW. . . . **VU2SWS**. Enjoyed the contest, poor band conditions, TRX homemade. . . . **VU3DJQ**. Very poor propagation; every contact was "worked"! . . . **VY1JA**. Bands were not in good shape for this contest. I called and called and could not get anything going. Don't forget we are here. Point those beams north. I had fun anyway and looking forward

to SS weekend. . . . **VY1MB**. First attempt at an allband effort from VY2. Looking forward to the next one with better antennas. . . . **VY2ZM**.

Disappointing no zone one stations on 10. . . . **WH6O**. Goal: make 100 countries and 300 QSOs—did 500! Good conditions and happy to be multiplier to so many. Saludos from Puerto Rico. . . . **WP3GW**. Despite early bad condx, best score ever! . . . **XE2AC**. Unfortunately I had a very bad antenna and lot of urban noise. I hope next time. . . . **XQ2PPA**. Highlight: calls from EA6DD, IH9P, A45XR, etc. Lowlight: the rotator didn't work, sore throat, and no QSO with zone 26! . . . **XU7ACD**. My transceiver is Yaesu-920. Max power in the contest is 100W. My antenna is R5 about 20m high above the ground. . . . **XX9AU**. First time experience in contest. Good propagation on high bands. See you next one! . . . **YB0ZDD**. The best run of CQ WW DX SSB Contest of my lifetime! Good luck for next contest. . . . **YB2LAB**. Tried with QRP (3 watts) again. Satisfied! . . . **YC3MM**. Working for the first time using TR logging, but my FT-840 crashed soon. . . . **YL2BJ**. My first CQ WW DX Contest, and yes, done with a barefoot FT-920 (100W) and a vertical antenna. . . . **YO5CRQ**. Very nice contest and good propagation. . . . **YO7ARY**. Hard work, but getting closer. . . . **YV4A**. It was easy to operate with Writelog + soundcard. . . . **Z31GX**.

On Saturday was called at work for 4 hours; on Sunday few hours without electricity. Also was forced to QRT when my 6-month-old son was sleeping. My 6-year-old daughter forced me few hours to walk together in the park. My wife asked me for a lunch in the restaurant. Nobody copied my callsign at first call. On the end only 768 QSOs in my log. . . . **ZA/Z35M**. ZK1JD's first contest. Let him close the contest. Did anyone get the suffix for 8P8P or 9A9A (hi hi). . . . **ZK1CG**. Many thanks to the people of the Tauhunu village who helped make this a great success for Western Washington DX Club. . . . **ZK1MA**. Good fun except 10 not open until 2330 on Sunday! . . . **ZL3GA**. The new Multi-Two category is a lot more fun than Multi-Single! We had trouble finding enough ops so there were periods when we only operated a single station. As usual, a few unplanned events. We lost an hour at the start due to problems with our voice keyers. During the contest we also struck problems with the CT network logging and a fault with the rhombic antenna. Conditions were good on the 1st day but the 2nd day was difficult due to low band noise and reduced propagation on the high bands. Radio 1: FT1000MP + TL922. Radio 2: ICOM 751 + FL2100B. 10m antennas: fixed 6-el Yagis to Europe and North America, Vee beams. 80-15m antennas: Vee beams and rhombic (Europe only). 160m antennas: longwire (highest point 40m AGL), delta loop, Vee beams. Thanks to everyone for the QSOs, the Wellington Amateur Radio Club for the ZL6QH facilities, ZL2AMI and ZL2III (DK111) for the loan of equipment, and the contest organisers for another fun contest. . . . **ZL6QH**.

With all due respect please excuse the tardiness in sending my electronic log, for the simple reason that it's the first time I participated in the contest and additionally I didn't have the information that I just received from another ham. I have participated, not to compete but only to share and increase the number of friends on the bands. Thanks and success. (*TNX for your effort!—ed.*) . . . **ZP9ZPA**. Once again an enjoyable contest. Must ask my father-in-law to move his birthday! . . . **ZS4BS**. My first CQ WW DX phone contest! . . . **ZS4MS**. A great contest! Had to interrupt operations several times due to rig failure. Also had a thunderstorm which closed station temporarily. . . . **ZS6RAE**. This contest was very hard for me, sick and with problem of antenna and the radio in QRP (antenna Yo-Yo) was very hard but very fun. . . . **ZV8I**. First Multi-Two operation from ZW5B. . . . **ZW5B**. I'd like to thank, once again, my dear friend and brother Sergio, PP5JR, that has been my great motivator to join this marvelous contest. Also, thanks to all stations that contacted me as ZY5G. . . . **ZY5G (PP5WG)**.

## USA QRM

Good time running with the QRO bulls! . . . **AA2VK**. Just a few hours on to give my new K2/100 a workout. Unconverted an intermittent problem that I didn't figure out for another week. Hope to operate next year from the rebuilt M/M at NQ4!. . . . **AA4LR**. Tough to schedule operators this year. We greatly enjoyed the new Multi-2 category. Thanks CQ! . . . **AA5NT**. Just testing new radio. Wanted to be sure contacted stations got credit for my contacts. . . . **AB8OJ**. Since you much prefer scores be submitted via internet, I expect you to post the scores publicly on the internet. This will be my last entry until scores are published publicly as the ARRL does. . . . **AK8B**. This was our first Multi-2 in any contest. I really like the category. I tried to get the station ready for action and configured the best I could. The 4-square didn't get up in time. In fact, as I write this a couple of days before the CW weekend, it's still not up. Conditions were pretty bad the first day. Interesting conditions for the rest of the contest. The 40m beam worked really well. Lots of line noise on one of the beverages. One of the beverages causes an ALC trip on the rig. I think I'm going to have to put a switch to turn off the receive antennas when the transmitter is on. Many thanks to all the operators who helped. We learned a lot this time. Can't wait for next year. . . . **K0TV/1**.

This was the first time the station was used as a multi-op. Using one radio, FT1000D and running low power. The antennas somewhat worked but still have work to do to get the phasing correct. Here is the run down on the station: 160mtrs sloper from about 90 ft.; 80mtrs inverted-Vee at 95 ft.; 40mtrs 2-el CC at 107 plus rotatable dipole fixed SE/NW; 20/15/10mtrs three A4's fixed to EU with upper at 100 ft. rotatable on Rohn 45G; 20/15/10mtrs three A3's fixed to JA with upper rotatable on 86 ft. Rohn 25GATB34 fixed to VK/ZL, at 20 ft. TH6'DXX fixed to SA, 20 ft. StackMatch for phasing. Again had fun,

but we had other commitments for Sunday so we did not operate after midnight Saturday and only half a day on Sunday. Hope all the GMCC'er had fun...PTL and God bless. . . . **K0UK (K0UK & WA0RSX)**. Voice keyer quit (again!). Tough propagation first night, wow! . . . **K0XH**. This is my first contest since upgrade to General. My dad K1RC talked me into it. Now I'm hooked on contesting. . . . **K1CGJ**. Decided to do all-manual contest ops, no log program, no spots, paper log, and enjoyed the deja vu! (Maybe I'm a closet masochist to do 40m split ops.) Number of us stations on wrong VFO! . . . **K1EY/4**. Very interesting propagation. Spent a lot of time working Europe with beam pointed south! Got good propagation late Sunday to west. I could barely hear VK's and ZL's but could break pile-ups! Competition gets stiffer every year! I missed being at J3A this year! . . . **K1HI**.

This is my first contest. . . . **K1NOK**. Really enjoyed myself this year. Got to spend extra time in the chair. Band condx were pretty good. I never got an opportunity to fix my amplifier and had to run LP. It's a bit more challenging work, but I did have fun. . . . **K1RV**. Run stations, please ID after each QSO!! It's so frustrating especially at the end to wait in your little pile to see if we have already worked. Bad sportsmanship! . . . **K1TH**. Friday nite was quite interesting. . . . **K2CS**. My first CQ WW. . . . **K2EL**. All QSOs search and pounce. Ten meters was excellent both days with new multipliers flowing in till the end of the contest. 160 meters still presents a problem as a result of the new mandated band plan. Numerous stations both calling CQ and working DX stns below 1840/1843. This new mandate has caused a lot of problems during SSB contests on 160m. The only solution I see would be to recind the 1840 SSB restriction during major contests, which would cause another whole set of problems. Maybe you have an idea. . . . **K2FU**. Worked two new countries. A big thanks to the people who travel to foreign countries to give us low power guys a chance to work more DX! . . . **K2HT/Ø**. Contest started out with terrible condx on 10 meters, and I decided to go single band 15 meters. But once I heard all the 10 meter DX starting in the late morning on Saturday, I decided to switch to single band 10 meters. Smart move—conditions remained quite good for the rest of the weekend! After 35 years of paper/pencil contesting, this was the first time I used computer logging. It's great! . . . **K2MFY**. No antenna for 80/40 this weekend and had visitors so time was limited. Mostly hunt and peck. Wonderful conditions. Hope it is like this for the real contest (CW). . . . **K2NJ**.

The best part of the contest? Meeting so many good friends on the air. A special thanks to Gene, N2AA, at A61AJ for taking the time from the pile-up to chat for a few minutes. I wish I could have been there again with all of you! . . . **K2RED**. 219,705 is score for SOSB (A) 10m LP. Score is to be SOAB for club competition so score that YCCC receives is 784,134. . . . **K2SX**. Wow! . . . **K4BEV**. Stations will not listen in U.S. band.

. . . **K4DN**. Took my first off time at 0700, got a nap and switched my amp back on at 1300. It promptly blew both 20 amp line fuses. Have not determined what failed yet, but the disappointment took some of the excitement away. Continued low power until 2200. Spent some time listening to FS/AH8DX running them...truly amazing. Then decided to pack it in for the weekend. At least I managed to put DXCC into the log over the 12 hours and added some points to the FCG effort. See you again next year. . . . **K4FK (W4SAA)**. My best effort ever even though band conditions didn't seem as good as last year. Very few Asians. . . . **K4IE**. First contest. Enjoyed working all the DX stations that I did. . . . **K4JHK**. Love that single band category. . . . **K4VUD**. It doesn't get much better than this! I enjoyed every minute and many thanks to everyone who made a contact with me! See you all next year. . . . **K4WI**. I am never a serious entry but I enjoy all the good contest operators and try to give out a few points. . . . **K4XG**.

Nice contest and enjoyed it very much. Looking forward to next year. . . . **K5DKH**. Great two days working contest. Hate to see the sunspots go south in the near future. . . . **K5HDU**. First contest. Only operated one day, and then only on and off. Enjoyed every minute of my limited operating time. I'll do it again! . . . **K5JFG**. Got home from office just seconds before start of contest. Promptly blew up amp. Worked on other things until Saturday afternoon. I really like to work this contest. I just did not have the time. Did work two VK8's for final needed zone on 15m. Disregard the 75m W5FO contact. I worked him, but we always start the contest together. . . . **K5RA**. 40 zones on 10 meters were not in the cards like last year. . . . **K5RX**. Was just going to play around, but conditions were so good that I couldn't stop! . . . **K5ZD/1**. Conditions not as good as last year but still fun. . . . **K5ZO**. Operated with 100 watts to an MFJ-1786 loop ant disguised as a TV antenna. See qrz.com/k6acz for my antenna. . . . **K6ACZ**. Greatest contest, first time entry. TNX. . . . **K6CA**. This is a very rough contest for this little station, but I worked three new countries, including the ZD8. . . . **K6CSL**. The high bands were in better condition than I expected. I am sorry I had so little time to devote to the contest! I did make great progress with the "archaeological dig" going on; we're cleaning our garage! . . . **K6GT**.

Rotator gave up before contest; not much action with antennas pointing south...CU on CW!! . . . **K6LRN**. Getting better every year from my all Isotron station. Huge signals from KH7R which was S9 through my dummy load! Sunday PM on 15 meters was outstanding! . . . **K6OWL**. Always a great contest. . . . **K6SE**. Operated from Truckee, CA with an end-fed long wire into a tuner with a Yaesu FT900 running 100 watts. . . . **K6ST**. Not so hot in MT QRL family AGN. . . . **K7ABV**. Only operated about 17 hours due to very poor conditions Friday and Saturday morning. From what I heard it got better Sunday. Oh, well. There is always next year. . . . **K7RI**. Back in the '60s when

operating contest I had big beams up at 100 to 120 feet and it was fun. Now with only 100 watts and a vertical 4 feet off the ground, it was hard. . . . **K7VAL**. Our first multi-op attempt; wait til next year! Great camaraderie with like-minded contesters. . . . **K7ZSD**. No 10 meter opening to Europe! . . . **K7ZZ**. Wish I would have had more time to operate this contest. Hope to be more active in the CW weekend. My biggest complaint: After living in western NY where I could work Europe on 40 during daylight hours, I have now moved to an RF vacuum for the low bands. :- ) I am convinced, no radio waves below 7 MHz reach this area of the planet. CU in the pileups. . . . **K8FC/Ø**.

Great contest and great conditions! This one was loads of fun! . . . **K8FK/4**. I could not work as a serious contestant for I always shave to work nights from 11 PM to 7:30 AM—stinks! . . . **K9HY**. Just S&P. Wait till next year. . . . **K9JLS**. All was going well until the elk took down my 75 and 160m inverted-Vees early Saturday evening! Great contest even with the disturbed propagation conditions. . . . **K9MWM/Ø**. Thanks to those good ears that can here 50 watts into a dipole in the garage. . . . **K9OSH**. First time as Multi-2. Lots of fun mixed with a little stray RF. Worked several new countries. . . . **KA6BIM**. What a blast! Thanks everybody! . . . **KA6MAL**. Only had one antenna up on 10 meters. . . . **KA8ZMY**. This was my first CQ WW contest. I only did casual search and pounce. I got a few new countries in my collection now. . . . **KB1GHC**. Condx were pretty bad first night and we couldn't get much going; add to this a few sick ops and our QSO total was pretty low. EU runs helped a bit, but lost one amp then Sunday AM. Wow all other equipment worked well. Thanks for all of the calls and QSYs. Looking forward to CW. . . . **KB1H**. First HF contest. Hope I filled the paperwork out—hi hi. . . . **KB3FCS**. Wasn't able to spend much time this weekend so couldn't work much of the contest, but decided to submit as a checklog—or? . . . **KB6FB**.

Surprised by all the activity on the bands. Worked from the home QTH and had only my horz. dble. right angle loop and 500 watts. Got a few new countries and met a few old friends; that is what ham radio is about, and until next contest, 73. . . . **KB9KEG**. CQ WW is still the best contest in the whole wide world. . . . **KC1XX**. Great condx on 10m! Stations from 28.3 to 29.0! . . . **KC6X**. Solar flare Saturday didn't help. Ten meters to Oceania wasn't as good during contest as couple days before. . . . **KC7UP**. Strange propagation all weekend. . . . **KC7WUE**. First serious attempt at a contest; had lots of fun! . . . **KC8RAN**. We promise not to drop the beam on jim anymore! . . . **KC9CCQ**. Fun contest, pretty good conditions. . . . **KD6PQF**. First QSOs ever on 40 meters. I like this band. My first CQ WW contest. . . . **KD7IIC**. A lot of fun running the contest with my sons. We had a blast! . . . **KD9ST**. Didn't spend as much time on the air as I would have liked to but had a great time. . . . **KE4KMG**. First time for CQ WW DX Contest submission. . . . **KE6JAC**.

Family "stuff" limited me to 10 hours this year. Always seems to come up in last week of October. . . . **KF2O**. My first solo contest. It was fun and I'll be back! . . . **KF4WXD/3**. The CQ WW—always a thrill to compete! All contacts in S&P mode. . . . **KF8K**.

I didn't have much time to operate, but had a great time! . . . **KG1V**. I love this contest. . . . **KG6NDO**. I had to climb the tower four times to repair jumpers on the new tower, during this first contest with beam antennas, and since I refuse to climb in the darkness, I had only 31 hrs of operation according to Writelog. We are definitely on the downside of the solar cycle. I am making progress if I can keep the same score as last year! . . . **KG7H**. Many thanks to all who dug me and my 40m dipole out of the mud. . . . **KG8ZD**. Just a triband and wires. . . . **KI6CG**. Conditions were the worst I've seen in the four years I've been contesting. There's always next year, though. . . . **KI8IZ**. Lots of fun after an almost ten year absence! . . . **KK4RV**. Great time with the new 3-element Fluid Motion Steppir antenna. The ability to change the direction of the beam 180 degrees almost instantly or to use it in bi-directional mode from here in Florida a great plus. This was my personal best. . . . **KK4TA**. All that participated had a blast. This was our first contest at our new club house, also first contest as **KK5K**. . . . **KK5K**. First log submitted for a contest. Hope I have everything correct! 15m is in great shape. Had to cut short due to local storm. . . . **KK7AC**.

Conditions on 10m were good, but definitely down from 2001. Active geomagnetic activity killed the high latitude paths to the east coast of North America. I heard no zone 17 or 18 stations from central Asia and the evening openings into eastern Asia were disappointing. Nonetheless, it was a fun time to see 10m in reasonably good shape at this stage of the solar cycle. I guess that it's time to get the tribander up for next year's event! . . . **KO4MR**. First all-band HP effort. Amazing how different the contest seems versus LP or single band. . . . **KQ3V**. 1500 watts is too easy; try QRP for some real fun! . . . **KQ4YY**. I won! I won! I won!...right? Working the CQ WW at QRP level is a blast! . . . **KR1ST/4**. As usual, a great time was had by all. . . . **KR6NA/Ø**. Say, can we get astronauts to participate in this contest? Since my signals were going through the holes in the ionosphere and not received by many stations here on Earth, they could have been copied in deep space! . . . **KS7T**. Mediocre conditions, great DX participation, fantastic fun. . . . **KT1V**. It was a strange weekend. The three of us expected more time on, but unpredictable things happened. Fun with good condx though. . . . **KV1W**. Started with poor conditions on 20m. Improved during the contest. Starting late Sunday morning the QRN got real bad on 20. Quit a little early as the noise was getting to me. . . . **KX2S**.

Very happy with increased score over last year. . . . **KY1B**. I had a lot of fun and I want to thank everyone who worked my station. My main goal was to get active on 40, 80, and 160. I managed to do that. . . . **KY5G/7**.

Nice conditions. Had very limited operating time, but worked some new ones using a low wire. . . . **NØNB**. Great time! Work cut into contest time this year but still got several new ones and several new zones. . . . **NØYYO**. It would be real nice to see a "triband only" category. . . . **N1API**. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did. I am already looking forward to doing it again next year! . . . **N1BCL**. Although conditions down from last year, my score was up 10% due to all the activity. Thanks guys. . . . **N1DG**. Ten-Tec Omni 6 transceiver, Hercules II 500 watt amp, wires for 160 and 80 and 40, TH5/MK2 tribander. . . . **N1JP/2**. My personal best operating this contest Single Op Assisted even though I participated on the high bands only. One of the most fun CQ WW contests I have operated save when operating as a multi-op station! . . . **N1MD**. We made 32 QSOs out of band. I have sent the details to <k3est@cqwv.com>. . . . **N1MM**. Didn't get the 160m inverted-L up in time so I loaded a pair of its elevated radials as a low dipole and was amazed to work 4 mults withmy 100W! . . . **N1SV**.

Had fun but could only operate a short time as I had a fraternal visit to make in Connecticut. Looking forward to the ARRL DX contest in March. . . . **N1VI**. Having fun w/modest station. . . . **N1XXU**. We had a great time in the contest. Our biggest accomplishment was working DXCC on two bands and working about 10 new DXCC countries! . . . **N2AUK**. First CQ WW and only worked 40m. What a zoo! Lots of big guns, but timing is everything. Pretty happy with results. Ssleeping in the day, Operating at nite!! Now I have to spend time with the XYL, out to dinner. Must pay to play. . . . **N2KX**. Unable to work longer. Just recovering from major surgery. I enjoyed the short run. See you next year! . . . **N2LQQ**. Moved from Manhattan to suburbia. Nice to hear everybody. Lots of fun. . . . **N2NI**. Only had a very short time on this year but it was much better than nothing! . . . **N2VR**. My first "big" effort in CQ WW. I have dabbled before but this time I planned to spend a good part of the weekend at the radio. Band conditions were tough and my vertical was not cutting it, so early Saturday I put up a multi-band dipole which helped a lot. I am already planning antenna changes for next year! . . . **N3GNW**. All kinds of problems! My computer kept locking up when I played the DVP. My new Orion 2800 antenna rotator misbehaved, so I was pointing the wrong way much of the time. The 250 volt circuitbreaker that the amp was on began tripping off towards the end of the contest, etc. All in all it was not my best contest! . . . **N3HBX**.

Worked at M/M K3ANS for most of the contest. Then had to come home on Sunday and watch my harmonics while XYL went out. This little effort was a couple hours in between babysitting. :) . . . **N3MX**. Antenna feedline failed shortly into contest. Did not find problem quickly enough. . . . **N3OK**. Had a great time in our first ever Multi-2 effort in the CQ WW SSB test. Conditions were spotty at times, but we kept the stations manned fulltime and gutted out some slow hours. It

was great having Walt with us once again. Thanks to all my ops for a splendid job. . . . **N3RS**. Propagation just fair, but lots of activity. Hard to get runs going, especially on 10 and 15. SSB DX on 40 and 80 is hard, but I worked at it and did better than '01. Final score just a bit better than '01. Noticed fewer Qs on 10, more on 20 vs '01, probably slightly fewer sunspots. . . . **N3UM**. Missed at least 15 countries that were not listening up for USA. Limited amount of operating time but had fun anyway. Highlight was new country on 40m...thanks to 4W6MM. . . . **N4CC**. Great conditions. The meager antenna farm (wires in the woods) continues to be a real drag. . . . **N4GG/3**. Carbon copy of last year. Price you pay for no equipment. . . . **N4MO**. Bands were in great shape; really enjoyed the contest. . . . **N4RQ**. Good time was had by all. Despite conditions that were not as good as last year we managed to increase our score. Fantastic job done by the operators. . . . **N4TO**.

The conditions this weekend were down considerably from those last year. Ten closed 2.5 hours earlier and opened an hour later both days than last year. Those of the low power persuasion, whose signals flirt with the noise level, are going to find it hard to keep up the interest when the days of acting like a big gun (running DX) are a distant memory. The declining conditions caused my score to go up this year. Since i was unable to get any runs going, I had no choice but to S&Pp. As a result, I had 54 more band countries and 20 more band zones using the same station and the same amount of operating time. As a result, my score is up almost exactly 10 percent, even with fewer contacts. Sunday was better than Saturday, but still not as good as last year in terms of 10 meters being a great place for a midwestern low power guy to flex his muscles. . . . **N4TZ/9**. Made my goal of 500-plus with good band conditions. . . . **N4UH**. Not many replies to my low power CQ's but TT8ZZ made them worthwhile! . . . **N5AW**. Ten was good. I wish I had more time to operate. . . . **N5KB**. I awoke at 4 AM during the contest and turned on the rig. 20 meters seemed dead, except for one station—ZL7C. I worked them on the first try and then went back to sleep. . . . **N5LF/4**. Great band conditions on 10 meters! Tuning VFO entire contest. Thanks to Bob, NX5M, for use of his impressive station. . . . **N5XJ**. Conditions were strange due to the solar activity. Europeans on 15m had very heavy auroral sound and we W6's could only work some Europeans on 10m by sidescatter. Lots of fun, thanks to good JA operators. . . . **N6BV**. Sorry it was so 10m LP. I am sure I set up the submission that way. For some reason it came out all band. . . . **N6RV**.

One new country. I've got to put my R7 back up. . . . **N6TPT/7**. Equipment: Yaesu FT-1000MP MK V, Cushcraft X-9. Almost all of the contacts were on low power. I had a great time. Tu es see you next year. . . . **N6WS**. Nice to hear 10 meters so busy over the weekend. . . . **N7UK**. Fun all around and yes West Virginia is in zone 5. . . . **N8EMS**. Very good band condx. My first run with

Writelog and the new Mosley tribander. Can't wait for the CW part of the contest! . . . **N8IE**. Just a few Q's to test out the stn./op. I had to work the WW weekend. I broke most pile-ups with ease at the start; it could have been a good weekend. Nice to hear familiar calls. The low bands (75/160m) were awful for an average station like mine. . . . **N8II**. Tough going with the absorption up north. . . . **N8LIQ**. My laptop crashed right in the middle of the first hour. . . . **N8MWK**. Where were the Pacific Rim countries? . . . **N8NYI**. Speed is important, but not with call signs in bad conditions. Listen to DVP's before using on air. . . . **N8SHZ**. Very challenging contest with only 5W using an FT-817. I hereby claim that all contacts made via 15 meters were done at QRP (5 watts). . . . **N8VGY**. Had fun as always!! . . . **N8XE**. With a little help from Lou Gehrig's spirit I was able to see this one through. While certainly not in contention, I was at least in the race. I can't help but wonder how many other physically challenged contesters are out there? . . . **N9LCR**. Had a blast! Only had a few hours to operate, but even with my little station I managed to work 69 countries and 24 zones! I'm really looking forward to the next one! . . . **N9RLA**. First shakedown for all bands for this station. The supply of multipliers was just endless. Have to operate for a week to try to get them all. . . . **N9RV**.

First time ever using more than 100 watts. I think I like it! . . . **N9SE**. Very little time to operate this year. Bands were terrible Friday night; had to work hard for contacts. Somewhat better Sunday but black hole earned its name. Station conditions: TS-2000, 100W TH2MK3 at 37 ft., DX-B 40/80m at 34 ft. Will be more serious in CW test. . . . **N9TF**. Ended up just poking around on this one. Had to do some yard work and antenna repair on Saturday. Worked only about 6 hours total of the contest, mainly Sunday afternoon. Thought conditions were pretty poor. I also had to fight some new power line noise. Guess I have to make a call to the power company! This contest always makes me look forward to the day when we have a universal 40 meter frequency! . . . **NA9D**. 10 meters sure was hot this year. A little over 32 and a half hours on the air. . . . **NC4MI**. Condx bad the first night. Glad they improved on Saturday and Sunday. Great to see all of the stations on from Africa. . . . **NE0P/5**. I'm a new ham and this was my first contest. Wonderful! . . . **NE1RD**. All ops seemed to be much more courteous this year. Most actually waited when specific call requests were made in a pile-up. . . . **NE4S**. Not only my first contest after a 10 year absence, but an all-time personal best! . . . **NG1J**. Not bad considering my home-brew G5RV is up about 30 feet! . . . **NJ1Q**.

The whole event was just a lot of fun from the very first contact to the last one just before time ran out. . . . **NK7C**. Note: There are several duplicate contacts in this log. The score is reflective of this, counting them as zero points for the second QSO. I left them in this log as I am not sure if we are in their log for the first QSO. I can provide a list of

dupes if needed. . . . **NK7U**. Our first multi-multi effort. . . . **NS2P**. I know for sure that I need to put up bigger antennas for 20. I was asked to QSY because a net was about to start! . . . **NX5M**. Enjoyed my first experience with low bands in a major contest. My most productive part-time (50%) effort to date. I upgraded my operating software just hours before the contest and was very pleased to see search-and-ponce run rates that consistently exceeded sit-and-CQ rates. This is the software/packet combination that should have people rethinking their-contest strategies. with an unproven sloper on 80/160. I ended up manually switching to my log periodic antenna to receive 80 meter signals that were lost in noise on the sloper. That was a pain in the butt, but for a first-time experience on the low bands, it was awesome. I was shocked that people could hear me at all on 160 because I was running QRP there because of RFI potential. Many thanks to many operator efforts to get my unusual prefix correct. I hope it doesn't get "cleaned up" in post-contest reviews. Station is FT1000MP, Alpha 87A, M2 log periodic at 20 meters, a wire sloper (aimed west) for 80/160 and Writelog 10.36G. I hope to have better low-band receive and transmit antennas by next contest season. Until then, this will do! . . . **NZ3O**.

Conditions pretty good. Used jst-245 at 100W to 5-el Hy-Gain beam on my hilltop near Pikes Peak. . . . **W0AH**. Great time. 10 meters was best. . . . **W0CBH**. Where was Europe? . . . **W0OR**. I played—didn't compete—or try to, but the bands were generally good. . . . **W0SK**. Wow, lots of activity! Great fun!! . . . **W0RSR**. After contesting for several years at my old QTH with the call NX0I as a multi-single station running high power with monobanders on three 100 ft. towers and phased verticals on 80–160 meters, it sure was humbling to now be running a Gap vertical and 100 watts. It just ain't the same. . . . **W0WG**. Low power is a challenge but was lots of fun. . . . **W0ZA**. Got back from a business trip on Saturday night, and could only put in a few hours. Had lots of fun anyway. Wish I could have done the whole thing! . . . **W1JQ**. CQ WW = still the greatest! . . . **W1ZK**. Worked TY0T, Benin, for a new one. . . . **W2HTX/7**. Not bad after we got through the Friday night flare recovery but still not as good as the last two years. No Europeans on 160. Forty was good with excellent Asian openings. . . . **W2LU**. My goal was 1 meg; that's enough for me. Bring on CW! . . . **W2UP/3**. Worked three all-time new countries—N. Cook Is., Congo, and Niger—so I'm happy! . . . **W2VU**. Conditions excellent, QRM heavy, no time to operate! . . . **W3HDH/9**. Could only work contest for short while. Hope this helps others. Rig Elecraft K2 5W, 160m inverted-Vee antenna. . . . **W4DEC**. My loops are working and the bands were hot! . . . **W4NTI**.

My beam was stuck in the southeast direction most of the contest; this limited my activity. It was nice to see 10 meters open. Wait until the CW contest. It was a lot of fun. Thanks to all the DX stations. . . . **W4TDB**. Our first effort at KG4NEP. We built a five

tower station in six weeks. To re-use an old phrase by Roger Burt, N4ZC, this place is champagne station on a beer budget (really cheap beer). Storage shed turned into a three-position M/S operating shack. Sure had fun! . . . **W4WS**. CQ WW has to be the most brutal contest of the year. Conditions were good for the Mid-Atlantic states. . . . **W4WTB**. Great fun on 10 meters in spite of aurora! . . . **W4ZV**. Low power and antennas cut for low PH made it hard. Fun as always. . . . **W4ZW**. Good band conditions the entire weekend. . . . **W5FL**. Nine hours casual operation. Fun contest! . . . **W5GAI**. Blew an amp. What can I say? . . . **W6EEN**. Lost the first hour because of last minutes to the antennas (big mistake). Then, the logging program just wouldn't talk to the radios. Had to back up and restart with other software. Fantastic contest. Now for the CW section. . . . **W6IXP**. Thanks to the committee for the new category. It was a real blast. . . . **W6KK**.

Terrific propagation! 10 meters was fantastic for the entire contest. I missed the West Coast-to-Europe opening Saturday morning and still managed to work 24 zones on 10 meters running 5W QRP. When the solar conditions are alive and well, there are no meters like 10 meters! . . . **W6RCL**. Conditions not as good as hoped for, oversleeping both nights, and a plumbing emergency during the last two hours of the contest kept me from meeting and beating last year's score. Close but no cigar! Had a great time anyway! . . . **W6SA**. Always fun to go out and get some new countries. . . . **W6ZZZ**. It is tough to work QRP without voice keyer. Unfortunately, no openings to EU from western Washington on 10m. . . . **W7/KH7YD**. Horrible condx, but still fun. . . . **W7DX**. Thought condx were awful here in Oregon. Always there are the few that got away such as the V51 station. Also heard others work 5Z4 and VK8 but did not hear them here. . . . **W7FP**. Disappointing result this year. Only made half of last year's score. Conditions stunk from Oregon. Big aurora and no 10–15m EU runs. Too bad becuz it may be this way and worse in the next several years. . . . **W7GG**. Wow! What a hoot! . . . **W7GTM**. Some bad conditions. 80 meters really bad but still had lots of fun. . . . **W7QF/4**. It sure was great fun to work both types of op: those "going for the gold" and those . . . **W7SW/6**. Lots of fun despite high A-indicies. . . . **W7VJ**.

Working Western Sahara, Senegal, the Galapagos Islands, and Guam was exciting, but the big thrill was Hawaii on 40 meters. . . . **W8KNO**. Conditions seemed to improve as contest went on. Sunday 10 meters was good. Unfortunately I was on 15! . . . **W9RE**. Was my first entry in a contest. I never thought that QRP could be so tough, but I enjoyed it. . . . **W9RPM**. Well, Murphy finally did in my antenna, so I spent most of Sunday repairing beam. At least now I am prepared for CW—yea! . . . **WA1FCN**. Beam stuck on NE all weekend. Anyone in Asia Pacific who heard me has good ears. . . . **WA5SOG**. I didn't intend to be low power. I lost the amplifier just before the contest began, but had a good time anyway! . . . **WA7WA**. I had a ball and picked up a few

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new countries. Thanks. . . . **WBØDUL**. My most favorite contest, even though I don't get to spend as much time as I like in front of the radio. . . . **WB3CJU**. 44 unique countries worked. Insulated wire stealth antenna up 40 feet in heavy foliage trees next to I-75 in downtown Atlanta industrial area. . . . **WB6BWZ/4**. If problems counted as multipliers, I'd be top dog. . . . **WB7OCV/2**. Was more difficult with low power, but no choice. My amp died a day before the contest. Thanks Murphy! . . . **WB8TLI**. This is our club's first CQ WW DX Contest. We had a blast! . . . **WC8VOA**. I finally broke 1 million. I hope the score holds up. . . . **WD4DDU**. Station setup: ICOM 765 and Ameritron ALS 600 amp. Antenna Cushcraft R7000. Used Writelog for contest logging. Got off to a slow start on Friday night. Missed Saturday morning because of family commitments. Got really started Saturday PM at 1630 Zulu. Heard some very good DX operators out there. While this was best effort to date, hope to do better next year. . . . **WF2B**.

Limited operating time due to family commitments, but watching my 6-year-old proudly march down the street with her Brownie troop was worth 100 QSOs easily! (And considering the time involved, that's probably about right!) Also couldn't figure out why Sunday morning my wife was suddenly complaining about RFI & TVI problems (not contest QSOs, was trying to work a JA I heard on 80 CW that I need for 80m DXCC; no, never heard one on SSB). Thought those had been solved a long time ago. Found out at 2300Z, when the finals in the linear died. They made sure they didn't go unnoticed! Moral of the story: Don't interrupt the SSB contest to work DX on CW. The contest gods don't like it! Probably didn't help that I left the linear on to warm up for a while. First complaint actually came Thursday evening while trying to work ZL7C on 20 CW, and I promised I wouldn't use it again. Got caught when the RFI turned on the clock radio, and didn't risk it again till she went shopping. Otherwise, had a blast, despite the limited operating time. Great meeting old friends again; have to be honest and admit I get a kick when someone (especially at an unfamiliar DX station) says "hi!" so either they remember me, or their software is tied in to a call sign database somewhere! . . . **WN3VAW**.

Glad to see so many stations listening up on 40. Will be nice when broadcast stations go away in few years. . . . **WQ2M**. This was my very first participation in a contest and I enjoyed it immensely. Operated on only three bands and for a total of 12 hours. . . . **WR9A**. Perhaps the most fun I've ever had from my house to date! Tested out two new 2-element quads, one for 10, one for 15. Great antennas and they work at very low heights. Also enjoyed great low noise conditions on 40 and 80 meters. Put in about 10.5 hours and had a blast. Very high run rates on 10 meters was the highlight. Now looking forward to CQ WW CW and SS contests. . . . **WX3B**.

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