2011 CQ WW DX CW Contest QRM

DX QRM

Nice to be able to join this worldwide contest . . . 4L1MA. Really have a hard time tryng to work stations with 5W. Tnx to all that heard me. See next year ... 4M6CQ. Nice contest and I am very glad about my participation ... 4S7KM. I used MRP40 to decode and Wintest to send. Did just for fun to give points away . . . 5B4AIF. Well done. 10M, great contest, put all my eggs in the 10M basket and it went well. Some prety horrible operating from continuous callers. Used SD, worked well until my keyboard packed up . . . 5X1NH. I enjoyed the contest . . . 7M1MCY. I found QRP can also be very enjoyable in the international contest 7N4CPT. I enjoyed the contest 7N4NCM. I enjoyed the contest . . . 7N4QCQ. Nagoya Kougakuin Calege 60th Anniversary Special Station. Thank you 73! Yoshi (opJK2VOC) . . . 8J2NDP. QTH Muskoe island Loc JO99BA . . . 8SØW. Kenwood TS-450s with Ground Plane Antenna. Age: 70. 9A2DI. Thank you for organizing the contest :-) . . . 9M2BDX. Many thanks to the organisers. 73 from Borneo to all participants! . . . 9M6XRO. Thanks to Juma for last-minute guest op invite! What a great contest! . . . A71EM. Antenna is OB9-5 just 3 ele on 10m Radio is FT-2000 Power limited to 1500w from DX2-sp 2 weeks before the contest I made an order for 7 ele 10m monobander for this activity but when I called the company they said that it will take long time to make the antenna as long as it is not available in the store so I decided to use the OB9-5. The target was to make more than 3000 QSOs but I'm still happy with this results, also the best rate was Saturday about 204 Q/h. On Saturday the band was open from early morning till about 3 hours after sunset but Sunday opened very late and closed early just after sunset. Moments: worked 9N7DX @ 16:39 worked J39BS @ 14:51 long path. GL to all and see you in other activities. 73 de A71BX . . . A73A. Thank you for your calls . . . AHØKT. I have never worked 39 zones in one contest before. I was very excited when I found VE2EKA (Zone 2) and got a call from JW1CCA (Zone 40) in the last hours . . . AH7C. FB propgation, vy nice contest, except my poor antenna on 20m band . . BA1SN. Operated 1 day only due to business commitment. W/VE east coast was still difficult to work from Taiwan even if the condx was pretty good . . . BX100. Whoopee!! What a blast! 10m was rocking! Don't we just love this hobby and especially this great contest. No equipment issues and SD is a great logging prog for simplicity of use, avoiding keyboard messups . . . C4Z. Great contest! Despite I missed several common multipliers from AS, OC, AF and even from EU, I enjoyed the competition as always. Hope propagation improves next year. Will see you all then! ... CO8ZZ. My 10th CQWWCW from Portugal! ... CR6T. We worked with single element loops for 10m/15m/20m/40m and a 20m high gp for 80 and 160m. This was an antenna test of our IOTA expedition setup . . . CS2W. Being an SSB operator, this was my 1st experience in CW contesting. Glad! ... CT1BOL. Always a pleasure, after some years of absence, in spite of a very modest setup ... CT1BQH. Some of the high profile stations did not identify for several minutes. It is guite annoying having to wait on a frequency for up to 10 minutes before the station discloses its callsign. I gave up on a few of them and probably lost a few multipliers . . . CU2JT. Unfortunately DL8RDS got sick. So he was only available for a short time. Hours were lost for sleep. We had to close some hours before the contest end. But personal record for DL1KSE in result for this contest. Many thanks for all the great hospitality by the very friendly operators of DBØRC . . . DBØRC. Nice conditions on all bands . . . DC4A. Big condx. 99.9% S&P - 133 DXCC overall - Fun! Great test and gd condx! . . . DF2PH. Good condx on 10m . . . DF4ZL. Good condx = More Fun = More

QSO's = Better score ! Thank you all for the QSO's ! Till the next contest, 73 . . . DF5BM. Thanks to sunspot activity nice dx contacts ... DF7JC. TNX for cContest see you next one ... DF8XC. Best result ever, doubled points and QSOs, special fun on 10m as there more stations as on 20m and gave me some extra band points and new ones . . . DG7RO. Thanks for big contest.VY 73 Richard . . . DH2URF. What propagation. As CW is not my preferred mode, I was only few times on the radio to search new ones for me, but with all the people on the bands it was realy nice to work more than I imagined to do. CU all next year again, and for me, I hope to learn a bit more CW:-) . . . DJ1ER. It was great to work on 10m with good condx also for a QRP-station. Many thanks to the QSO-partners for their patience to copy my weak signals and also to the organizer . . . DJ3GE. Lots of fun, especialy 10 and 15m . . . DJ5AN. Conditions were much better than in 2006. With basically the same setup 100% score increase. But will need even better conditions to beat DK3GI's German QRP record from 1991 (and less sleep...). Again VY2ZM copied my QRP signal first call on 160m! Again a lot of fun, meeting many old friends and finding several rare DX stations not spotted in the cluster, ready to come back on first QRP call! Dispite the SO2R setup nearly all QSOs were S & P, only about 40 came back on CQ . . . DK5WL. Thanks for ufb contest and QSOs! Hpe cuagn in the next! Vy 73 es gl! . . . DK5ZX. My 3rd CQ WW DX, and (for me) incredible condx on the higher bands. These, plus a new 4-band triple leg and thorough cluster observation, helped to more than double my last year's result - a quantum leap never seen before in my contesting career. All went smoothly, except for a 6-hrs birthday party, and a phone call from a neighbour enquiring if their TV image problems might be related to the new stick in our garden. Thanks a lot to all who I was able to work, and to those who will spend their time processing our logs. CU next year! . . . DK8NT. A great contest as usual! This year I was unable to participate all weekend, so I decided just to enjoy in the contest. Thanks to DLØOV's Crew, proud to be a member of DOK G03 :-) 73 de Zrinko (Zik) DK8ZZ, VE3ZIK, YT3ZZ . . . DK8ZZ. Good conditions, enough operators and a new all time high in QSOs and points for us ... DL1A. Good contest on 10m for QRP! . . . DL1AQU. Super Contest. Many DX Stations and QSOs. Thanks ... DL1FMG. Good propagation let it be a real ALL BAND contest . . . DL2MDU. Had a good run on 40m the first night, after all I regret not reaching the 500 QSO mark. Too busy in my hotel this weekend :- (. but having fun! . . . DL2OBO. Thanks to all participants. Took advantage from super condx on 10m and 15m + worked lots of new DXCC band points there . . . DL2SWN. 10 m came to life - and what fun it was! . . . DL4AAE. Very fine condx!!! . . . DL4EPM. Very good conditions especially on 10m . . . DL4JLM. I stopped operation on Saturday evening, because we faced strong wind gusts on the Baltic Sea coastline . . . DL4LAM. Thanks for patience with my signals . . . DL5KUD. Mni tnx fer the nice contest, cugn in 2012 . . . DL5MEL. Super condx, but only limited time, so no chance to make abt 800 possible QSOs. It was great fun again. 73s . . . **DL7BY.** Nice conditions on the upper bands, but only one QSO on 160 to NA. The equipment was running well. Lost a lot of time waiting for the call sign of some DX stations. Most of the hams are non-assisted; they have to give it every two or three QSOs at minimum! ... DL7UMK. All contacts made from home QTH in Leipzig City Using only 10 watts and R7 vertical antenna! Thanks to all who picked up my small signal . . . DL7URH. Vy good propagation ! 73, see you in the next contest ! . . . DL7VRG. No CLX, no Internet, MS-DOS-based logging. A contest like it was in the early 90s . . . DL7YS. Propagation was very good, so spent more time with this fantastic event that I planned before. Had really a lot of fun! . . . DL8ZAW. Tnx to all for pulling my 5W QRP signal out of the noise and grm ... DM2M. UFB contest, unfortunatly not so busy on 80m like last year . . . DM7C. All OK, mni fun! . . . DO2MS. Thanks to DJ4MZ for the opportunity to operate @ DLØTUM . . . DP5W. First time full-time participation in CQ WWDX CW - a nice experience . . . **DQ1V.** Only 2 watts amd vertical antenna. Gppd conmditions on the bands. Thanks for the test ... EA1BYA. Thanks for contact with us! See you the next year! 73 de EE2W Ondarroa Contest Group . . . EA2EA. First of all thank you so much to my wife for taking care of our 3 kids all weekend for me to work the contest. I highly appreciate it. It was a great pleasure having the 10m so very busy. I was unfortunately too tired to work over night but enjoyed very much day time activity. I had a lot of fun and look forward to copying you all next year. Thanks for your QSOs . . . EA2IF. Good propagation this year, great fun! Hope to see all you next year! . . . EA5URS. I have a stopper on ears (sorry guys If I ask you to repeat too much), and must take care of my son as my wife had to work all the weekend. So I dedicate much time to look for multipliers. Anyway it was not bad at all really . . . EA6SX. In this test, my focus was to complete my QRP DXCC, so I only worked stns that weren't in my logbook. I got it! Well, I worked some very nice prefixes too :) I guess I could made many more contacts due to the excellent conditions during the test if we compare it to last year. Working condx: FT817@5W to a INV L 10m long antenna with 2x5m radials and coupled with LDGZ11Pro Thanks very much everybody for the good ears, you are the best!! . . . EA8BVP. Never had higher score on 10m than on 20m. That says something about the conditions and compensates the bad low bands result. The highest score ever and I guess it will be difficult to beat later . . . EA8CN. Compared with last year: 20% less QSOs but 25% more multis, same score ... EA8OM. A blast. Best performance I've ever put in breaking the 1000 gso barrier for the first time. Great to see the higher bands open though condx were not as good as the SSB leg . . . EI4HQ. Storms the weekend, tower nested, lots of noise but great conditions and mega fun ... EI6FR. SO2R was a lot of fun. Computer crashing three times during the contest gave me anxious moments, thankfully no data lost. Thanks to all who copied my QRP signal . . . EI8FH. TNX for FB Contest . . . ER2RM. I had this time no access to the shack, so I operated all the contest remotely, using just CW Skimmer and made contest myself as CQ WAZ CW ES5TF. Good condition during all contest . . . EU1AI. Good condx! Have a fun, tnx! ... EU1TX. 73! and CU next year ... EU6AA. Nice test! EW2EO. ew2es@mail.ru . . . EW2ES. Great contest and good propagation ... F5MPN. My amplifier failed again at the beginning of the contest, like last year ! But afterwards I had a good time as always! . . . F5RAB. Thanks to all who worked me. See you again in 2012 . . . F5RD. Very nice propagation for 40m band! I did not expect it to be so good! ... F5UL. Thank you for the contest and all for the gsos. With my grp signal it was mainly a European party. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the contest and hope to participate again next year . . . F5VBT. Sunspots sure made this contest fun. Lots of activity for all to enjoy. Had to limit operating time but next year will spend the whole weekend playing radio . . . F5VHJ. This is the first time that I made a contest in QRP with a goal of making at least 100 QSOs by band; the top band has been the most difficult even if I am very familiar with this band on 80m. I was surprised to make a few W with my vertical and 5w output ... F6CWA. This year very very good condx on 20m. Many stations on the air and very appreciates the ham spirit. So hope again nect year to meet you again. Good health and good luck for all and good luck for contest manager with for sure a big big work! 72 ... F9KP. First serious CQWW CW experience from the DX side. Great fun. I can't wait for the 2012 edition ! . . . FY5KE. very good event . . . GØAZH. Sunspots + CQWW = enabling everyday folks with suburban stations to pretend they're at KC1XX or K3LR for the weekend . . . GØMTN.

Excellent workout for the new K3. Did OK with 100w and Butternut. CU next year in the biggest, baddest and best CW Contest...GØWAT. Good contest. Exceeded the score I made last year. Conditions seemed worse on the Sunday. SD used for logging, it worked faultlessly...G2HDR. Nice conditions... G3GLL. Great to do a Single Band 10M for a change - quite a challenge, condxs super during the day but closed at night, very enjoyable as usual. Lets hope 10M will the same next year... G3LHJ. Some very nice conditions especially on HF bands. Nice to hear most parts of the world coming through. Good to have SD for logging...G3LIK. Just a part time entry this time, but glad to see the HF bands in such good shape!...G3NKC. Not a serious effort as I had other commitments over the weekend ...G3PHO. Very windy and could not put tower up till late Sunday

... G3R. Ten metres has finally woken up again after its seven or so year hibernation! . . . G3TXF. Going in for SOSB 40m HP assisted category again but NO Cluster or RBN, using LOCAL skimmer with an SDR-IQ and my K3 + P3 combination. Can't get out of the habit of S+P so despite having Skimmer still spent a lot of time doing traditional technique (Skimmer certainly didn't find everthing, in particular the expeditions !). Also had plenty of good runs just going at a steady pace, the local Skimmer came into its own toward the end of the contest in parallel with traditional S+P. At one stage had over 300 stns in the WinTest bandmap list all worked ! An amazing site at the end of the contest, opened up the span on my P3 to show the whole of the 40m band and watch the RF spectrum fill slowly disappear, took about 2 minutes!! Great fun again . . . G3VPW. Great condx! Good to hear all continents. Thanks for all the QSO's! ... G3VYI. Not a serious entry - just popped on from time to time to make a few QSOs. Great to see 10m back on form; long may it last! .

G3WRR. An enjoyable weekend, and conditions are much better than in the past few years. Even on QRP there was plenty to keep me busy . . . G3YMC. 40 20 15m half size G5RV up 18ft. 10m Gound mounted vertical. Excellent. Even my poor antennae gave great QSOs. Highlights a TF/M on 80m, First ever Ja on 40m, and getting 5R on 10m with ease! ... G3ZGC. No time for serious effort, could not find any multi's doing anything so decided on a seriously non-serious playabout from a suburban QTH! Bands were in good shape and it has been many yrs since 10m was so good, brought back memories! Some really great rates to be had even with our small tribander station. Mult score handicapped by lack of mult station. (True Multi-Single really :). Roll on next year, keep them sunspots coming! Thanks to Tony for hosting at his QTH and XYL Arlene for the good food. Even the living room floor was comfy :-) . . . G4A. Great to have 10m working again . . . G4DBW. Really good conditions made this great fun. Once again my best ever totals. My first time over 1000 QSOs too in only 30 hours Great contest with some good DX . . . G4DDL. Wow, what conditions. So many bands open it was hard to decide where to be. My best result ever only S&P until the end. My keying hand refused to obey my brain at the end so computer keying used. Visitors also lost me time. I used SD, which as always worked perfectly . . . G4DDX. Great conditions and a very enjoyable contest. Band open from around 0700 to 2000 both days with good propagation around the world. Fantastic to work so many countries and zones with a simple station. Some interesting propagation effects including multi-path reflections and auroral distortion over the North Pole. Hope the good conditions are here to stay ... G4FKA. Just playing and having some fun - not a serious entry ... G4HHJ. Good contest with excellent conditions on 10m. Thank you ... G5D. Running QRP 5W from IC-7400 to a trap vertical. Had hoped to work some nice DX on 10m, but nothing happened here. Concentrated on working W's on 40m for CQ-CA counties. Several times heard kW stations coming up on top of weak DX stations and start calling CQ . . . G6CSY. Just came on to give some points away and improve my CW skills . . . G7DDN. Great fun! ... GM1F. Holiday operation from the Isle of Skye in storm

force winds. The 40m fibre glass vertical soon became an inverted L when it snapped in two. Great fun running the K3 with 10w to an ever shortening antenna! ... GM1J. Limited time this year, so just giving points ... GM3WUX. Thanks for running the contest. Thanks also to all stations who struggled to pull in my weak signal. I used SD for logging Great logging program ... GM4HQF. Wow! 10m was alive right up to 28150! Conditions superb. You could not tell who was QRO or QRP. Every station I c alled replied and me only running 5 watts ... GM4UBJ. Managed a few hours and enjoyed what I did. As 10M now back to life decided to do a single band entry. 10M what a nice band to work on GM4UYZ. Even though I was unnassisted and not using the Cluster I knew when I had been spotted! Great to be called by ABØHT early on. Missed GU though. Must get a licence for the cat!... GU4CHY. Great contest as usual!... GW4EVX. Fantastic propagation! I enjoyed all the minutes of the contest. Unfortunatelly I spent most of the time at my work place . . . HAØHW. Outstanding propagation helped me out from the handicap of poor antenna and low power. The contest was guite fun and enjoyable with many new to log stations this year. Thanks for Q's, see you next year! . . . HA2MN. My life is too short for LP. CUL in 2012 with HP The condx was much better in SSB part. Best regards from me to members of CQ WW Contest Committee . . . HA3DX. Good conditions . . . HB9AYZ. Great fun as usual. And the very nice conditions on the higher bands helped to boost QSO number and claimed score! Hear you all again next year, vy 73, Stephan, HB9DDO . . . HB9CA. Thanks a lot again for an interesting contest time . . . HB9CEY. Only a few QSOs before leaving to DL-land . . . HB9CSA. This year I operated from our local club station near Berne using the Club call HB9F and 100 Watts output. Propagation was fantastic - all bands. Enjoyed using the short callsign instead of my own. Great contest - see you next year. 73 Bruno - HB9CBR . . . HB9F. DRAKE TR7A (Power 100 Watts) ... HB9HQX. A big thank you to HP1XX, HP1JRA, HP1AC, HP1CQ, among others! HP1WW. Great fun as usual! ... HQ5X. Surprised USA so strong at start of contest 21 MHz . . . HSØZDR. Good contest mostly on 10 meter, but 80 open to Japan at times ... HSØZEE. Enjoyed the contest,. Thanks to all for the contacts and to CQ for sponsoring ... HZ1PS. SSB leg without voice, CW leg without a rotor! A lot of fun anyway ... I2WIJ. Always a good Contest, Fantastic esperience - on Low Power Single Band . . . I4JEE. Great perfomance, improved the previous result, a total of 30 hours, work at night, resting during the day. I am very happy . . . IC8FBU. Hundreds of stations on TB: Who said that traffic is moving on higher bands? . . . IKØHBN. Fantastic contest . . . IK2QIK. First time in a CQ QRP WW DX very very difficult with normal antenna and 12 meters above the ground . . . IK3OII. Great conditions and fun. Loads of stations on the air, we cannot ask for more . . . IK4UNH. Always Big Contest! No more time for me, but I am however happy. Thanks to all ... IK8GYQ. Just a few hours only in the contest, but enjoyed every CW QSO ... IR4B. Pround to have participated in the contest with conditions as single ope from condominium. See you next year. IR4E / PHILIP IK4ZHH GL . . . IR4E. A tribute in memory of my good friend contester ISØOMH Gabriele, SK some weeks ago. Many tnx to all es hope cu next year . . . ISØRDY. First time CW. I hope not many errors hi hi! . . . IZ2JPN. Great cw contest. See you next year :-) . . . IZ2OBS. TNX for all! ... IZ3GFZ. Very nice contest as always. Tested out the Xtreme Multi Op category and did have great fun. The result in term of score can and must surely be increased but it has been a nice effort all together. Nice conditions in all bands, especially the higher ones. See you next contest de IZ3NVR & Crew . . . IZ3NVR. Primo contest in CW . . . IZ8FFA. Operated 38 hours with only 15 Watts from location far from the Djibouti city center. Conditions were amazing without usual noise, especially the second evening . . . J28AA. I could detect three AF stations on 20m by virtue of good propagation condition JA1ANF. First serious M/S effort in several years at JG1ZUY.

The propagation on 10/15mb was much better than the year before, although 10mb was not as good toward Europe as it was during the SSB leg. With very limited low band antennas, we had expected a rather boring night, but 40mb turned out to be a pleasant surprise! We had decent runs throughout the local night on 40mb until the sunrise . . . JA1BPA. Submitted for the first time . JA1BVY. I made my best score in the contest . . . JA1HNW. I enjoyed again this year 80 meter band. This contest is big event my ham life. Thank you very much everyone . . . JA1SKE. My dear friends! We seemed to be much good condition. The high band was an especially good condition. After a long time, we enjoyed contest operation. We have got only the small point, however we have big satisfactory feeling. And we always appreciate the contest sponsor and volunteers. Let's see in a contest again! JA1PEJ/JA1YPA Thank you ... JA1YPA. Vy Nice condx. ... JA3VUI. TKS FB Contest ... JA7ARW. Thanks for the nice Contest. Condx not so good, but I had a very good time in the Contest . . . JA7MJ. It was a very good conditions on the high band so guite enjoyed contest. Thank you to everyone who participated in contest. 73 . . . JE1KNT. Excellent conditions on 28 MHz band! ... JE1NVD. I QRV on 160M single band. I used my MV (Micro Vertical antenna) 12m high on my balcony + Elecraft K3 tranceiver & FT-1000D. This year, the conditions of 160m band were very poor. I could not QSO except with the west coast U.S.A. stations. I got a little down points than the last year. I used K3 with very heavy QRM, and I used FT-1000D wiht no QRM & very weak signal ... JE1SPY. I enjoyed the contest very much . JG1WKM. I had a lot of fun! Thanks for all . . . JG5DHX. I enjoyed very much a contest. Thanks to every station with QSO . JH10ES. Great contest . . . JH4UYB. TNX FB QSO es CU AGN! ... JH7IXX. First time entry for CQ WW CW ... JH8CLC. I enjoyed very well. I will join next time. Maximum power is 50W JJ5HUD. 1st time to entry CQWW. I enjoyed the contest . . . JK1THE. Thanks to pick up my weak signal ... JK1VOZ. I tried CW 1st time today in 14 years CW licence. It was very high speed, but TNX for pick up my poor QRP signal. I used FT-817ND output 5W and dipole ANT 6mH ... JL6LTB. High band propagation becomes better! ... JP1SRG. I'm very glad to have many QSOs. The maximum output power in the contest was five watts . . . JR1NKN. I participated at MobileCarShack from Iwakura-city Aichi-pref. I enjoyed the contest . . . JR2MIN. Good condx, lots of fun . . . JR2SCJ. 10M single-band entry. Max Output 50W. Mny tnx. I am a beginner of DX contest ... JR2VRN. 100W ... JR3BOT. Good propagation ... JT1CD. Best 73! from Mongolia ... JT1DA. Thanks for perfect competiton. CW is One World & One Language. See you again in the next contest! . .

. JT1F. It was nice to meet alot of old friends again on 10 meters . KG6DX. I enjoyed the contest . . . KH2/AH0S. I will remember this CQ WW CW Contest for years to come! I did not want the weekend to end. Like so many others, this was my best effort yet. Perfect propagation, an unlimited flow of callsigns, and the return of the high bands. This is what contesting dreams are made of! Yea, it was CW alright, a Continous Wave of propagational fun! Big fun in the biggest contest of the year. Thanks CQ! . . . KL8DX. Just a couple of hours of operation. just an inverted L for 160 and 95 watts . . . KP2DX. First time in CQWW contest for me. Great fun! Cu agn nxt yr! ... LA1TV. Excellent conditions on all bands Really enjoyed the contest! Unfortunately we were unable to work more than 34 hrs . . . LA2AB. Nice test, nice conditions. Reasonable result considering low power and limited antennas. 80 meter band was very productive with new DX in log . . . LA3RK. Only S&P. Power outage Sunday morning due to hurricane . . . LA9Z. Great contest! My first attempt at 48 hour SO2R. I did it but need much more practice. CUAGN . LN8W. Congratulations! Enjoyed this contest . . . LU4MHQ. Superb propagation, stations heard at times and with strengths long since seen before. Very much fun. Propagation very close to 24 hours opening, have experimented long path openings to Europe, even worked the elusive New Zealand. 73 . . . LU7HZ. Some of the planned operators could not join us this year and we had only a small team this year. After a few years of M/2, we made a first try in the M/S class. We had some failures and lost some time in repairing or exchanging the equipment. Some improvement needs to be done on the setup and we are looking forward to the new setup and new antennas next year. Thanks for the calls, 73s de Philippe LX2A / LX7I . . . LX7I. Nice Contest. I'd love to spend more time on the air, but it's not easy to do it at the age of 92 . . . LY1BX. Rain and very strong wind during all contest . . . LY5G. Great contest! Crash with my PC and flu I catched allowed me to play only 32 hours. See you next year . . . LZ2FQ. I broke down 4 hours before the contest end. Are there so many "Super Humans" among the amateur radio operators!? Thanks to everyone who called and my excuses to those who I could not copy especially at the end - when I was not quite sure what I was doing. At this time I felt as in a dream. I knew that something was going on but I was not sure what exactly. I could not concentrate on the signals that I had to copy. I was feeling as if someone else was operating the station and I was just listening without even understanding what I had to do ...:) I am missing at least the last 100 contacts - I have no memory of them :) Thanks again guys - See you in the next crazy event ! 73 , Krasimir Latinov LZ1GL . . . LZ5K. Had fun, thanks to all who slowed for my QRS . . . MØKIS. Great contest - good conditions re all bands . . . MØTJU. My first entry in a major CW contest. I was first licenced in December 2010 as M6TTH and got full licence and current call on April 28 2011 . . . MØTRN. What propagation especially 10m. Saturday band close early just after dust, Sunday was open much longer. 20m was a bit disapoining. Noisy here and signals not very clear. What a weekend. Regards...Ken GØORH with M3I contest call sign ... M3I. Approx 4 hrs operating time lost. 2 hrs at peak time when high winds broke the antenna loading coil. 2 hrs late missed on Sunday for niece's 6th birthday party. Overall an enjoyable contest (and party) . . . M6W. Super conditions but not as good as the Phone leg at KH7X! Missed Zones 19, 39 and 40 although they were no doubt around. Lots of multipath and echos during the midmorning making copy very difficult at times . . . MD4K. It was very good propagation and very clear signals but a lot of QRM from another stations. I got a lot of DX first time. Thank you for great contest! . . . MIGGTY. First CQWW CW when I have had the nerve to run. Was great fun except for a few times when my brain suddenly couldn't decode simple clear Morse. About 3 times, I had the other station slow right down to help, except it didn't. When my mind went blank, it really did go blank. HSØAC must think I'm mad for replying with S50AC. But loved the contest and didn't want it to finish. And, I'll be better next time 73 Gordon . . . MMØGPZ. Good condx makes dirty signals louder. Effort severely curtailed by key clicks. Frustrating to be able to hear the DX call back in between massive broadband splatter. Simply impossible to keep a run frequency . . . MM3T. Great fun as ever! . . . MW5B. Great condx. Unfortunately my linear broke on Saturday evening. But could repair it next morning . . . OE2BZL. A just for fun entry using my modest home-station from a city lot . . . OE2LCM. Late start as antennas out of resonance due to heavy RIME ICE ! Last night poor condx on 80. CU next year hopefully . . . OE3GSA. Some problems with ice on the antennas and a tired operator, but it still was fun . . . OE4A. If someone says "CW is dead" then just look at the great activity CQWW produces year after year. Great fun again to be part of the crowd . . . OE5OHO. Just some QSOs to test RXantenna . . . OE9MON. Great contest, suffered a bit from the solar radiation storm. Many thanks to Seppo OH1VR for loaning his station! . . . **OG1M.** Despite of my badly aching hand I managed to put in a decent hours to give out some points . . . OG6N. Thanks to all directiors. Super-thanks to Juha OH1JT . . . OHØZ. The condx were guite nice during the whole contest. JAs were coming through nicely both days. NA propagation was just average from here. Both days the band closed quite early. During

Saturday and Sunday evening a couple of US stations were audible but I was not able to get any runs going. KH6s and KL7 were loud the whole night! The best moment was to work ZK2V in the middle of the night! . . . OH1F. Nice test, a lot of good multipliers. Worked some hours just for fun, but bad Sunday WX gave more ham shack time, so I decided to work 100 QSOs/band, excluding 160m where I have no antenna. JA and A4 were good multipliers on 80m . . . OH2KW. Pretty nice to have all bands from 160 up to 10 m in workable condition after a long "dry" period ... OH3OJ. Very modest attempt this year due to my bypass surgery just five and a half weeks ago. Hopefully next year will be full scale again. Spent only 14,5 hours operating with low power. Some mults took almost half an hour to get, many just could not hear me. The rig is a K3 with a 204BA at 24 m. Rotor control was broken, no direction reading. Had to go by ear. But it was still fun . . . OH5TS. Lots of fun! . . . OH5Z. I liked the contest a lot, managed to make 250 QSOs (100 more than in any CW contest before!), 50 DXCCs (7 new - Afghanistan, Angola, Djibouti, Liberia, Mosambigue, Nicaragua and Uganda) and 27 CQ zones. Have to practice Morse code to be better next year. 73! . . . OK1CLD. Condx good but slow going with low power. Most QSOs in S&P.Total operating time about 16 hours. Missed the morning openings to AS . . . OK1CZ. 10 meter band is magical . . . OK1FAI. My power is 100 Watts. It was a pleasure to take part in this contest . . . OK2BTT. Beautiful contest! . . OK2BUT. As every year, also this contest excellent, especially with very fine condx for high bands (in the SSB part was the same). Sorry, that in the last time more and more GUN stations give not own call on the end of every QSO! ... OK2QX. Thanks for award 2010 SO LP 10M CW . . . OK2SW. Good contest with many stations. . . . OK2SWD. Recreation style operation . OK2ZO. Nice condx on 15m + 10m = more mults then last year, Skimmer + CLX help me very and boost my final score ... OK3C. After many years of poor condx I enjoyed high activity especially on 10mtrs very much . . . OK3M. King of contests . . . OL4M. Prima contest!! . . . OM3BA. Thanks for a nice contest! What we can say? The CQWW is and will be always "the" contest!!! 48 hours of fun like usual . . . ON3ND. My best CQWW CW ever! My goal was to make 1,000 QSOs and - if possible - finish close to the 1,000,000 points mark. Joined the fun and ended up with over 1,600 QSOs and a claimed score of over 1,700.000 A great way to celebrate my 50th birthday hi . . . ON4CAS. Fine contest with much activity and 10 m was open. So I enjoyed the contest and the logging with SD. Till next year, 73 . . . ON5WL. Nice to see 10m was open . . . OP4A. Great contest ! . . . OR2A. Only a 80% effort this year! 10m was a good decision! Antennas and equipment worked fine. Great fun! ... OT4A. Antenna broke in storm Sunday morning - 1 hour break :o) Best 73 - see you next year . . . OU2I. Did not have time this year for contest and just had an eye operation. So went for a few hours on ten meters and that was fun. Had to lower my TH3MK4 beam antenna to 25 feet due to a new neighbour saying it does not fit in here. Now they are going to vote if it is too big! Used my old IC-775DSP the TH3MK4 and a Carolina Windom which performed very good and sometimes on par with the TH3MK4. It is a big difference lowering the antenna 8 feet . . . OV3X. Severe storm, but antenna stayed up. Good ears in US hearing my QRP signal in pileups ... OZ8A. Fabulous conditions again on 10m! ... P3J. Real madness those 40 to 50 wpm guys!! . . . PAØCYW. Very nice contest, had some very nice contacts despite only longwires. Bands were busy although at the end there was plenty of space left for ordinary gso's. First time I had so many contacts ... PAØ-FAW. Enjoyed the openings on 10 meters, therefore BIG FUN . PAØFEI. Set out to do SB 10 m this year but due to high winds antenna did not work stable on that band and had to resort to the 15m band. Only home on the Sunday because of family matters so this year no high score unfortunately. Well my tribander has need of an overhaul evidently, did not make the DXCC this time . . . PAØMIR. Gd propagation but lot of Murphy - bad

storm antenna . . . PAØO. 73 from Holland . . . PAØRBA. On Saturday I used the lowest possible power in each QSO. On Sunday went for the highest QSO rate. I made 284 QSO's with 2.7 W down to 18 mW, using an attenuator. I made about 170 more than 1000 miles per watt QSO's. Ant: Inverted Vee. Thank you for the activity in the contest . . . PA1B. Great activity and good band conditions. Worked a few new DXCC! and new bands! SD works great for this contest ... PA2CHM. Was fun, all thanks fb qso, vy 73 . . . PA2REH. No antennas for 160-80 and a bad one for 40 meters. Neighbours complaining about tvi . . . PA3AWW. Nice to work a lot of stns on 80m and also some good DX on that band! . . . PA3GFE. Enjoyed the contest. FB conditions and a perfect discipline on the bands. All stations tnx fer the contact es best 73 . . . PA3HK. Super condx on 10 meters did make me stay on it for a long time . . . PA5GU. Participated on 160m only, with little to no preparation. First night I had an inverted-L only, with no radials. Second night I had one 220m Beverage towards US and an improved earth system. I used this contest to 'warm up' for the CQWW 160m contest in January 2012 . . . PA7FA. Nice contest. All worked with my new FT 817 - 5W- and Hy Endfet ant . . . PA7PYR. 1st time in CW, only little time spent, but a lot of fun . . . PD5JFK. Tnx fer the very nice contest . . . PD7BZ. Dear OM/YL, I had some nice QSO's on the bands . . . PE2K. Didn't make that much QSOs but had great fun ... PE4BAS. Preparation for this contest from my home QTH was very bad. Had to prepare the Bonaire contest station at the Radio House for the PJ4T and PJ4A teams as station manager in between. Unless low dipoles for 40 and 80, enjoyed taking part in CW. Could not use 160 Inv L, because of bad radial system. Improved my skills and results due thrue all the hughe pileups when comming on the air, that slowed down my speed. Those good conditions on the high bands gave me the spirit to go through as long as I could. Thanks to my wife for the support on drinks and food. Thanks for calling me so many times .

PJ4LS. Good condx on the high bands this weekend. With 4342 QSOs I achieved a new personal record on my retirement tour but had to contribute 3 hours of sleep to the age :o)) I will be back next year from anywhere else in the Caribbean. This time I worked "high power" with 400 W into a HF9VX vertical and inverted L for 160m. The score is probably not good enough for the top ten - hard to compete with W3LPL or KC1XX as well as the well equipped Caribbean stations. But I had fun and that counts. Good DX de PJ5G - Gerd (DL7VOG) . . . PJ5G. Good DX . . . PJ7I. Fantastic condx on 20m, I was amazed ! But my wire-antenna no helped (hi) . . . PP5VX. Thank you so much Sergio, PP5JR/ZX5J for letting me use your 10m station! . . . PW2D. I was pleased to participate in the CQWW CW, after years away from the radio, was a good return. The difficulty I feel was that no one wanted to make contact with me for me to do the multiplier 11 (Brazil), after a long time, I made a contact with a colleague from the South, I thank you kindly . . . **PY2ZW.** Again a fantastic contest. A true celebration in CW! Many thanks!

... PY4FQ. Tks FB test. I see you next year ... PY7OJ. TNX for the nice contest! CU next year. . . R3LC. Great conditions, but my call causes much confusion! . . . RA/KE5JA. Tnx for the nice contest. 73! ... RA3XEV. This is my first SO2R test!!! ... RA9A. Thanks for nice weekend! . . . RKOW. Good contest . . . RK4HYT. TNX for technical support to Eugene, OH5DA/RK3AD RL3A. TNX for BEST Contest! 73!!! ... RM9U. I'm wkd with DXCC new one #316! ... RT3M. We made before CQ WW CW new project - 5/5 el yagi 40 mtrs . . . RU1A. SO2R operation. Just a few QSO's . . . RU4SS. Thanks for Grandiose Contest! 73! . . . RX3DFL. Good Contest . . . RZ4HC. Very nice contest, spiced with a few problems with a balloon elevated vertical antenna and keyer. 73! ... S53AR. My first WW Contest, nice Contest ... S58KA. As usual very enjoyable. Managed to make QSO with TO3A for a new country! ... SMØBDS. Thanks very much indeed, for another CQWW CW. This time, my first attempt at op. in a contest with a remotely controlled stn. A TS480SAT +

the famed SM2O RRC-1258MKII and an 8 el QQ fixed to NE or a 12 el LPDA fixed to W. Assist by a DX cluster. Interesting and FUN the few hrs QRV! ... SMØBYD. Thank you for the contest in good dx conds ... SM4TU. Nice prop. on 80m with half sloper and 500W . . . SM5ENX. At 06.20 UTC failure of the transmitter and it was the end of the contest . . . SP4GFG. Great conditions both days, but windows for QRP are not so long as used to be 10 years ago. Many thanks to all who picked my Morse whispers . . . SP5DDJ. Tnx for super contest! . . . SP6ZC. FB contest ... SP9JZT. First contest from Helmand Province! Great to break the 2003 SOAB-LP T6 record! . . . T6MO. The SO2R setup with six verticals feeding Six Pak was ready 4 minutes into the contest, so no rest time at all, moving my non-sleeping hours counter to 66 out of the 68 hour period . . . T70A. What an excellent event. I just wish I could have participated longer! ... TF2JB. Tnx all fer test, 73 . . . UA0ACG. Very good propagation on 10 meters! . . . UAØSBQ. TNX for FB contest 73! . . . UAØZAM. Many old friends in my log ! Great fun ! . . . UA9MA. TNX for contest! ... UA9WOB. TNX for TEST! ... UA9XBJ. Thanks for the nice contest . . . UN1F. Best wishes from Kazakhstan! . . . UN2E. TKS for Contest . . . UR5EFL. Tnx for good test. Condx is very good at this year. I'm have more QSO's and points than 2010 year. 73! and cu in 2012! . . . UR5FCM. MNI TNX FR NICE contest . . . UR5IHQ. Very nice contest! 10 meters booming! . .

. US7IB. Finally broke 1K Q's in a contest. Running non-assisted is a challenge when the big guns only throw out their call every month or so. 18 months of Morse Runner, 10 minutes a day gave me the ability to finally run in this contest successfully. Special thanks to Alex, VE3NEA for his software. It is incredible! . . . VA3EC. First time doing a CW contest. What a great way to improve your skills . . . VA3MW. Outsatanding conditions! . VE1ZAC. Thank you for this great contest . . . VE2EZD. Murphy's strike came early: a couple of hours into the contest I lost my trusty DX-LB+ shortened dipole. I started hearing severe on-and-off random "white noise" bursts and signal attenuation, and discovered corresponding incredibly high VSWR kicking in stochastically. Operating on 40 m and down became "challenging". Less low bands meant more sleep. Other than that it was "business as usual": Metric tons of "big guns" running and not signing their calls for eternity. (Relying on spots, I suppose, and leaving out the unassisted guys totally). "Power plant bullies" trying to push me out of my CQ frequency. (I survived a 2 hours run on 20 m with 5 long lasting deafening "tenants" moving in to my humble abode.) My nasty incurable habit of wasting too much time on "juicy" multipliers with no return on investment. (That some of them actually hear me is what fuels the underlying illusion of being able to break through the pile-ups.) "Another day at the office." Looking forward to the next year. Oh, I almost forgot: great conditions! . . . VE3FDT. First contest ever to make1000 QSOS, first to break 1 million points, first to spend 24 hours in the chair! . . . VE3GFN. Lost 4 hours on Sunday when rotor jambed on south. Lowered tower, threw line over SteppIR element and yanked hard, heard big snap, rotor working again, may no longer have brake. Glad I did not give up. Also happy it was 50F and not 32F. Other than this little problem, contest was fantastic.. Thanks CQ . . . VE3MMQ. Amazing Band Conditions, goodbye flat bands, hello new cycle! ... VE3OTL. My first CQWW CW . . . VE3XK. Nice to be able to use 10m. I wish I had more time to operate . . . VE4EA. There is so much to learn about contesting . . . VE5AE. Exciting and we worked well as a team . . . VE6SV. I had a lot of fun participating in this contest this year again. It was a wet windy day Saturday and quite a nice day Sunday here. Again my venerable old FT-757GX did a great job for me. Saturday evening I had to get a few on 75 & 40 with my newly obtained FT-901DM classic Contest Rig. I worked 10 or 15 with that rig, ... VE7BGP. Running 200 watts to a vertical makes for a lot of work but always a great time in CQWW. I am a member of a team: Team Orca - CW Pod . VE7VR. Had Zone confusion with USA and Russia. Zones didn't match the call area. Perhaps making them sign ***/area would help (and slow 'em down). Being over 80 I decided to go single band and maintain my beauty sleep! Wasn't 10 great - just like the 50's (if you can remember that far back) ... VK2AYD. Contest stations seem to be hearing much better this year, seemingly managing QRM levels much better, probably due to modern high performance transceivers, like the K3. My transceiver was the Yaesu FT950, which also performed surprisingly well, although we, in VK land don't have anywhere near the high QRM levels as in EU or NA. Thank you all for the gso's, 73's until next contest, from Ron ... VK3IO. G'day to all other ops in test ... VK4TT. Tough being a minnow (100w and 10m of wire in the trees) but so many stations about on 10m. Enjoyed the challenge even though not one station heard me when I was calling. I could only work stations by S&P. One day I may have a beam again!! . . . VK5DC. Great to hear 20m back in shape again, excellent openings to EU and US, both long and short path . . . VK6LW. The noise level was S8-9 on all bands! Work also kept me away for long . . . VU2BGS. 10M condx were great. Tnx CQ fer a great contest es tnx N1MM for a super logger ... VU2HFR. As always this contest was a blast Murphy notwithstanding and I had my highest score in CQWW ever. The plan was to target at least 3,500 QSOs and do well for this area in the SOAB HP category. But Mr. Murphy had other plans. During the contest weekend we had a guite a number of power outages and low voltage right through - the amp would give out 100 watts but did not want to fry the tubes completely, so ran barefoot much of the time. I ended up by really using around 200 watts on 40/80m for about 4 hours of the contest. The rest of the time I was running 100 Watts barefoot from the rig after dumping the amp and for at least 8 hours of the contest at peak times I was running with about 50 Watts from Mr. Car Battery floating on the DC line of Radio 1 during frequent power outages. So mine is a SOAB HP entry although I was mostly LP. Many of my small runs were from the car battery @ 50 watts! It all started well, but 80m where I started did not sound very good - just a few QSOs and I was off to 40m to pichk up NA mults like VY2ZM, K0DQ and a string of Europeans. Around 0100 I went back to 80m to pick up VY2ZM and I knew the new 18m Spiderpole was working. Back to 40m to work more NA and EU while checking 20m on the 2nd radio and working a few NA. Finally around 0130 started a run for over 3 hours around 14008 to NA and EU while using the 2nd radio on 40m for NA. EU and 15m to pick up East Asian mults - my first baby steps in SO2R and it was quite and experience. Around 0400 found 10m to be opening up and moved there to run until 0600 when I moved to 15m and started a run there. All this time the 2nd radio was active but not very many QSOs I must admit but I was getting the hang of SO2R. Years of reading about it and planning for it - well the real thing was a great experience and hope to keep practicing. Back to running on 10m at 0800 and with a few 2nd radio QSOs interleaved it was suddenly 1200z and time to start thinking about 40m sunset openings and 20m as well. Was around 1000 QSOs at the 13z mark and was feeling good about hitting the target of 3500. But within a couple of hours our friend Mr. Murphuy struck with constant power outages and low voltage, The next 12 hours brought in only around 500 Qs and 80m was not good through the night with just a handful of EU stations and a few other mults from Asia. Around 23z was when the Carribean, Africa and NA started coming through on 20m and I was going around picking up mults on both radios which may not have been the best thing to do. 40m was food till 0200z when I moved to run on 20m and using the 2nd radio on 15m to pick up more Asian And Pacific mults like the previous day. Maybe I should have changed strategy on the second day and strated running on 15m. I started up on 15m only around 0400z and then moved to 10m at 0600z. Around 0800z I was back to run on 15m which was one long one - close to 300 Qs but with Mr. Murphy still playing his part making the amp unusable most of the time and having to run @ 50 watts many times.

Things were taking its toll on the QSO counts and score. 11-12z was back on 10m but never had the long 10m opening that VU2PAI on the west coast enjoyed. The final difference was that he had about 500 QSOs more on 10m than me. It was back to picking up mults and and few short runs as Mr. Murphy was active after sunset and finally ended the contest with a felling I had under achieved. The second radio brought in only about 38 mults but that was a start at least. After the CQWW SSB at K9RS I was really smashed to work two of my mates from that operation during the CW leg - VP2V/N3DXX and W2ID - that was really cool :) Some more automation of the station left to do and maybe try to get hold of a second C3S to stack and pull out for mults - a new amp may not be in the budget for now but I will certainly be back next year with more SO2R experience :) 73 all and see you on many bands given the great propagation. This was the first contest I heard intermod artifacts on the radio for the close in rock crushing signals! Congrats to VU2PAI for another terrific score from out here and hope to get closer to that . . . VU2PTT. Taking part again in this fine contest . . . VU2UR. TIN-IAN Island . . . WHØE. First time trying CQ WW CW, really enjoyed it . . . WL7BDO. I had a little time in this contest. Friday was a bad conditions but I enjoyed the countries that could hear me . . . XE1AY. Despite the burglary at QTH before the test, I managed to to get the best score ever on this category! ... XE2B. Many thanks to Hector, XE2K, and his family for their help in making this operation possible. It is thrilling to see that all 40 zones were available on 10 meters this time around and that a

to work on 20 meters only, unfortunately the band not open well ... **YB1AR.** Tnx fer all station es vy enjoyed on 10m/6 ele Yagi beam monoband. Greetings from Surabaya City 73 ES 88 HPE CUAGN ON 10 M ... **YC3TKH.** Excellent conditions and good activity, a nice gift for my seven decades! Had fun using the 'liliput' setup, IC-7000, H.M. trap GP and the TR4W. 73 Szigy.

few stations found them all. Congratulations! . . . XE2GG. Tried

... YO2IS. 73 & tnx your calls or reply! ... YO3JW. I am born on November 26 1941 !! 73s for ALL HAMS in CQWW CW 2011! YO4SI. TNX EI5DI! YR30DP. Very few stations. No opening to USA! ... YV5IAL. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest . . . ZC4LI. Great fun being a rare mult in this contest. Good pile-ups on 10m and 15m, 20m was difficult and 40m impossible. Thanks for the QSOs - 73 Chris ZK2V / GM3WOJ . . . ZK2V. Conditions much better this year. Great to have 10m so active. Worked a high number of dupes - surprising, our call was sent very frequently ... ZL2J. First time I have experienced 10m like this. Great fun! ... ZL3AB. Much better this time thanks to N1MM logger (thanks!), 5 el OWA yagi on 10m and better conditions on the bands. Nothing on 80m though. I had a slight accident with an angle grinder working on my rotator, couldn't finish it in time, so the Yagi had an armstrong rotator with ropes and the beam was only 5m high! Seems to have worked pretty well however ... ZS2NF. Had great fun! 10M band was in good shape **ZS6A.** Another great opportunity to mingle with good friends and get together for one more time. Special thanks to PY5EG's family whose hospitality and care with hosts are their trademarks. Doing contest from their house is just like a paradise on Earth. Also a big thanks to PY5KD, PY5IP, PY5CA and PY5WD for their huge support, especially with computer stuff. Nevertheless, unfortunatelly I received the visit from Mr. Murphy who knocked the station down for almost 2 hours right in the middle of a strong NA-SA opening, on Sunday afternoon (local time). PY5KD and PY5IP were my angels in solving the problems and sending Mr. Murphy away. Thanks to Mr. Oms for the chance to keep my self up and running from his fabulous station. I did my best, sir. Finaly, I congratulate all contesters for this great party and say that PY stations are popping up on thebands, showing how fast this sport is growing in this shining land and asking you all to turn your antennas down here next time.

You won't regret it. 73 de Paul, PY3DX . . . ZW5B.

USA QRM

First CQ contest a lot of fun! . . . AA6AE. My first CW only contest. A fun effort!! . . . AA6K. Wow, 15 meters was fantastic! Sunday morning found activity up to 21.150 MHz. It has been years since I have made CW contacts in the old US Novice subband. Rig used was my Ten-Tec Argonaut II at 5W to an endfed wire. Maximum power output used was 5W . . . AB8FJ. Ten meter band only . . . AD5MN. A lot of fun with less than 80w and a vertical . . . AD6D. I operated portable from the salt marshes near Port Penn Delaware . . . AE3J. A lot of fun, as always even more so due to the great conditions on 10 & 15 meters . . . AE5X. Great conditions! . . . AI9T. Excellent 10 Meter propagation . . . AJ4CG. What fun! Incredible conditions! Great competition! It occurred to me late in the contest how blessed we are to have a hobby we can enjoy into our later years. Where else can you be approaching or past the biblical three score and ten and be competitive at the national and international level. Congrats to Doug, K1DG, Randy, K5ZD, Alex, K3CR and whoever else comes out of the woodwork over 10 Million. CQWW CW 2011 turned out to be the shakedown cruise for the newly commissioned New England dreadnought? The emergent WW1WW contest superstation launched and christened BAT-TLESHIP NEW HAMPSHIRE. (I know. That metaphor would make KC1XX, W3LPL, K3LR, et al Aircraft Carriers. I can live with that.) Summary The station performed extremely well . . . The operator not quite so well, although an honorable effort. Two personal goals were achieved but much room for improvement remains. BATTLESHIP NEW HAMPSHIRE. The station and the shipbuilder (WW1WW) Those of you who stayed awake at the contest dinner in Dayton will recall KC1XX had introduced me to Woody, WW1WW. Woody was a seasoned DXer with a great DX Station. He'd never operated in a serious contest but was a superb engineer (both electronic and mechanical) who welcomed the challenge of building a standout contest station (while retaining superb DX capabilities, meaning, inter alia, a dislike of fixed antennas!). Woody is a driven perfectionist who won't settle for second best. This was a marriage made in heaven! The first outing was last February in ARRL DX. A good outcome (#1 US) ensued but it also illuminated several shortfalls, which Woody set out to overcome in the next eight months after the snow melted. Working feverishly, Woody cleared land, put up a third 200 rotating tower, designed his own version of wideband Yagis (diamond drive?) and proceeded to build 13, count em 13, rugged, long boom Yagis totaling 74 full size elements on four bands. Additionally, he put up a second 120 vertical for phasing on 80 and 160. Inside the shack, he built his own rugged phasing boxes (think (Stackmatch)) which would likely survive inadvertent hot switching and high-power bandpass filters. The net result was the ability to shoot in multiple directions with significant gain as well as operate SO2R on any two bands with minimal interaction. In the event, the hardware performed as advertised. The only outside issue was the failure of the commercial phasing box for the verticals on 80 & 160. As a result, we ended up with one vertical on each band with no gain on either 80 or 160. The last hardware phase occurred in the week before contest inside the shack. That involved setting up the station and automation. As is often the case, getting the computer and all the radios and accessories to talk to each other consumed about eight hours. In the end, changing two numbers (hex address of radio, antenna detail in bandswitching 8 Pak) brought everyone on to the same page and made bandswitching a matter of entering the frequency and retuning the manual finals (AL-1500s). The initial plan was to use two IC-7600s so as to have similar radios in each position. When one of them suffered a fried output stage, Woody picked up an IC-7700 on Friday and we ended up installing it, a few hours before the contest began. The final setup included: Tower 1- 200 rotatable: 4 over 4 on 40 meters; six stack of 6 element Yagis on 10 meters. The true 16 inch guns. Tower 2. 200 rotatable: 6 over 6 on 20; 6 over 6 over 6 on 15; 6

over 6 on 10. Tower 3 .20 rotatable: 3 el 40 @ 187; 6 over 6 on 20, 6 Over 6 on 15 (ten to be added) Tower 4 60? 14-30 Mhz home brew Log Periodic (used as south antenna on 10). Two verticals: 1/2 wave on 80, 1/4 wave on 160. Lots of ground plane. Inside the shack: Radio 1: IC-7800 x AL-1500 Radio 2: IC-7700 x AL-1500 Win-Test 4.9.1 (with N6TV scripts for TRLog-like SO2R functionality) DX Doubler, plus Array solutions 8 Pak for transmit antennas, 6 Pak for receive antennas, Filter Max BPF & Bandmaster band decoders. THE BATTLESHIP CREW. KØDQ: Mrs. Admiral gave me a get out of jail free pass to miss Thanksgiving with the family so I was cleared to operate the first CQ WW from stateside in over 25 years. I set out with three objectives: 1. to break 5000 raw (physical) QSOs (believed to be a first on CW from US) 2. to break 10 million points 3.to win Objective 1: 5000 raw QSOs - Achieved. In 1973 as 6J9AA I had the first ever 10K raw QSO contest as a single op. Looking back at logs, it appeared no one had made 5000 QSOs in a CW contest from the US. Thought it would be nice to do that. In the event, QSO #5000 turned over at 2141Z on Sunday when OK1BLU called in. Final raw was 5182 QSOs. I had a ton of dupes on 40 Sunday afternoon. I suspect I had been incorrectly spotted; either on day 1 or 2 (won't be surprised to find a KØDX spot). After dupes I ended up with 4981. I'm still kicking myself for not hitting the numbers more in last hour. Objective 2: 10M points -Achieved, sort of. The 10 million point mark rolled over with 2 or three hours left in the contest. Nice to see, but that will obviously fall to the UBN slicers and dicers. Objective 3: Winning for US. Although conceivable, that looks doubtful in the extreme. Doug and Randy are past masters at this and I suspect their UBN reports will be cleaner than mine. In retrospect, that 4+ hours off for sleep looks increasingly like a bad idea. About 12 mults or 84 QSO?s would have put me about even with Dougie at 10.5M (who took only 2 hours off) and half that would have pulled me close to Randy at 10.4M (3 hours off). Who knew? Maybe there's an extra hour or so of operating in these old bones. Then again, I could have called out the SEALs for both of them. GENERAL COMMENTS: Overall, I was pleased with the outcome. There are a few more minor things to be done with the station and Woody already has plans for those. But most of the possible improvement will come between my ears. Propagation: All propagation is local. While I had done well from Woody's and Jeff, VY2ZM's, in recent ARRL DX contests, this was a completely different contest with high sunspots and 10 meters. Although I had done some research, I never felt I was ahead of the curve in anticipating propagation. Man machine interface: This is only my third contest with ICOM radios and the first with an IC-7700. I?ve moved beyond the basics but still have a lot to learn. Also, the new complexity of the antenna matrix is bit challenging, but a nice to have problem. Finally, I continue to learn about details of Win-Test and will make a few more tweaks. That said, by the second day, I had the 2nd radio process working pretty smoothly, even at rates above 150. Need to match the strategy more closely with that capability (e.g. probably spent too much time running on 10, resulting in fewer 2nd radio mults there). Also, I only remembered too late in contest to check for the easy mults and ended up missing a few, like a G on 160 and several of the easy DXpeditions. Strategy. I think I psyched myself out on 80 and 160. I knew Doug had the salt water advantage on 80 and 160 and Randy had a 4 square on 80. I tried to establish runs both nights with minimal success on 80 and zero on 160 so tended to avoid them in favor of the heavy artillery on 40 (2K QSOs). In the end, my mult total suffered on both the low bands, although I did find I was able to break pile ups fairly easy the second night. Rates. Interestingly, although rates were steady, I didn?t have any big hours. I had a 213 hour in ARRL DX and expected bigger numbers in CQ with its shorter exchange, but the zero beat pileups slowed things down. Social. It was nice to see some old friends and meet some new ones. Fred, KK1KW, and his wonderful wife Mary included us in their Thanksgiving family dinner. Great food and fellowship and a pie table the likes of which you've rarely seen. Matt, KC1XX, and his lovely bride Christine hosted a great brunch Monday after the contest for some of his operators and Woody and me. It was especially nice to meet and finally talk with Bill, K1GQ. Bill had been KH6RS in the early 1970s when I was in Mexico and we competed head to head in many contests. Finally, and most importantly, thanks to Woody Beckford, WW1WW, for the privilege of being part of the BAT-TLESHIP NEW HAMPSHIRE team. Blessings, and thanks for the QSOs Scott, KØDQ/A92Q . . . KØDQ. Part time effort in between holiday celebrations. Great fun as always. Thank you for the QSO's and 73 . . . KØGEO. DXCC on 3 bands in 2 days ... WOW! ... KØKL. 10 meters was amazing! ... KØLDS. Tough contest. The solar flare made it challenging to work on Saturday. 40 and 10 meters were hot for me this contest. My low band antennas are still not working so nothing on 160 and limited QSO's on 80. I have a headache from this contest, listening to hams incessantly send their call especially while the DX station was transmitting . . . KØMD. Added a few more contacts to get to over 110,000 score . . . KØNM. Couldn't get a run going on Saturday. Prop was better to EU and JA on Sunday with a couple of runs to boost the score. Caught some new ones. Fun contest! . . . **KØPK.** Been trying for a new zero-land M/M record for many years ... KØRF. I took advantage of the recent higher levels of solar activity and spent the entire contest on 10 m. It was nice to hear the band open again after a long solar minimum period . . . K1MC. Tnx to all guys from South Florida DX Assotiation to support me and warm hospitality at K4FK Club station. de K2FWA/RV2FW . . . K2FWA. Ten meters fantastic, but could only spend one day in contest! ... K2MFY. Conditions were fantastic! I enjoyed the contest and look forward to 2012's CW events. 73 . . . K2NPN. Another terrific 10M weekend! . **K2PS.** Personal best from this QTH — loads of fun . . . **K3NK.** Thanks to all for pulling my QRP signal out of the noise . . . K3RLL. Tough work week (#%^) - Fun contest weekend! . . . K3TC. Working DX on 160m with 5 watts must be the ultimate QRP challenge! ... K3TW. Operated using Heathkit SB 220 and packet cluster. Had a ball working stations in the Far East on 10 meters ... K4EDI. 5W maximum power 10 meter single band . **K4GT.** Lots of fun with such great conditions, Thanks to all 73 . . . K4ORD. Great contest. Operated when I could during a busy weekend K4QD. Only spent abt 6 hours in this one K5BZH. My best contest effort so far. All search and pounce with K3/100, verticals, and 15 meter Moxon on a painter pole, Skookum Logger on a Mac. 10 meters was packed early, so spent my time on 15 with the Moxon where people would answer my call. Crossed 250k points by working 6V7V. Several new countries in the log. Really enjoyed the contest ... K5ND. Wow! Amazing conditions across all bands. And amazing rate with a personal best hour on CW. This contest should rewrite the record book K5ZD. Best QRP propagation in years K5ZE. Station and personal best, reflects the improvement in band conditions and the addition of a 4th stealth antenna to my invisible antenna farm . . . K6CSL. Planned to do an all-band again this year, but 10m was so good that I never went to any other bands! . . K6CU. Ten meters was a real blast this year ... K6KQV. Great contest as usual. CW is where the action is. 10 meters not as good to EU as I had expected, but fine. Thanks for the Q's again this year . . . K7ABV. Very nice to see 10 meters open. Made many QSOs to Europe and Pacific . . . K7ACZ. Nice to have KL2A as guest op . . . K7BG. Good band conditions. 10 meters very exciting, used my 70 fty wire vertical and did excellent . . . **K7CS.** Strange propagation. The bands were OK but not what they were a few weeks ago. It was still fun to hunt new countries. My favorite contest . . . K7DD. Very part time, with marginal conditions on Sunday. What has happened to Zone 39 activity? . . . K7JA. My first contest using N1MM Logger. Still climbing the "learning curve". Next year will be better ... K7NJ. Good, but not great conditions. Lots of activity on all bands. All

"Click and Pounce" using the bandmaps in N1MM Logger. K7XC. Thank you much for the great contest! Thank you 10 meters! 4BDXCC was great. Some real sharp ops out there. The real sharp ones are the ones who sign often . . . K8GL. Broke away from work to get on Sunday for 9 1/2 hours. Sure good to see 10 meters back . . . K8IR. Another really enjoyable contest this year with plenty of activity! My single band 40 low power effort with good to amazing (at times) conditions was surprising since I expected lower activity since conditions on the higher bands would take away somehow from the lower bands - not the case at all !! Looking forward to next year already!! ... K9UIY. My first ever single band entry and I enjoyed learning about propagation. I followed the grayline starting with Europe then through Africa into South and Central America ending in Asia. I'm looking forward to next year possibly competing on 15m as a single band entrant. Thanks for a stellar event! . . . KA3DRR. Another wonderful time! ... KA9A. 10m was fantastic! Best DX was 8Q7 in 40m. My best score in CQWWCW ever . . . KB1T. Lots of fun, may help me make DXCC I hope . . . KB5JO. TU all fb cgww cw de yr es 73 de kb9ygd . . . KB9YGD. Wow! What a weekend one for the record books for sure! . . . KC1XX. Great conditions, Great Operators, everybody polite and courteous . . . KC4ABC. Sunspots made for difficult choices. Sometimes 4 bands were open at once. My highest CQWW score ever! I worked my first DX on 160 ever using my 43ft vertical and several new band/countries on 10/40/80. Now if I can get them confirmed. hi . . . KC6X. CW is still challenging and alive! . . . KE1R. Great to get T7 and 9L for New Ones ... KE9EX. I hadn't planned on working this contest too much, but the condx on 10M were great, drawing me back in whenever I stepped away. I did S&P only, and had a great time . . . KFOUR. My MFJ vertical seems to play well on 40m but I do miss my tower. Hopefully next year it will go up. I did not have enough oomph to get into Malaysia and China but was happy to work an all time new one in this contest. Thanks to all for a great time. See you next year! ... KF6A. No luck on 160M from this QTH . . . KG9Z. Usually do LP in CW tests, but wanted to watch football this weekend and had family functions as well. So an abbreviated stint using the AL80 running a powerful 500 watts . . . KJ9C. Had a great time as a single band 40m entry! Already look forward to next year!! ... KO8Z. Missed T2T. Was he working? Buried under the QRM I'll bet . .

. KQ6X. Great fun. I still love CW after 36 years as a ham operator . . . KSØM. I had a great time . . . KS4YX. Murphy struck linear so operated barefoot on 10 for first time in a long time and was amazed that could get through pile ups to Africa with 100 W out. No big score to rack up but sure was fun getting those new 10 mtr countries in log! . . . KS7T. After a last-minute failure knocked out all of my wire antennas (80M wires, 160 vee, multiple "south" antennas), I did the entire contest almost completely on one antenna (SteppIR DB-36) - down to and including 160 meters, where it was good for a few contacts . . . KU2M. Ran a max of 100w on 40, 20, and 15. Was limited to 50w on 10. What ever happened to my ability to copy contest CW? I felt like I was a novice again! Thanks to all for pulling me out of the noise. Ron, KU7Y . . . KU7Y. WOW!!! What conditions!!! I put up a temporary loop antenna for 15/10 meters with the feedpoint 8ft above ground. It worked great on those two bands. My other antennas are a 102ft G5RV at 40ft and a K6MM 27ft vertical for 160 meters. I can't believe the results with that antenna farm and low power. Tons of fun with a bunch of great ops other than the few who wouldn't ID. When you S&P like me, you don't want to wait around two or three minutes waiting, and waiting, and waiting. Thanks to those who QSY'd to help with my multiplier count. It's hard to get tired when you are having so much fun. See you all again next year ... KV8Q. MNI TKS to all hams! ... KY9KYO. Loaded up my attic 6m dipole on 10m to hand out some points in the contest. CT3KN was very loud on 10 . . . NØJK. I had limited time I decided to run QRP single band only. Still had fun! NØSO. I wasn't going to miss another contest! With my radio

computer dead, I slapped together a contest computer almost at the last second. Did not get rig control working until almost 3 hours into the contest. Also unfamaliar contest software gave me fits! . . . N1API. 7th CQ WW DX CW Contest . . . N1NN. Monday, the day after the recent 2011 CQ WW CW contest Larry, W2AX passed away. Larry was my contest mentor. He had been in poor health for the last four years. He had Woody, W2UU, take down the station and the beams and towers and told no one, because he did not want to be talked out of it and sold the Vermont house. It was sad to watch him go down hill that way. But we have some some pictures and great memories of times we had contesting in Vermont. Sadly his wife wanted a family only service so we did not yet get a chance to say goodbye. I just hope they put him in that bright canary yellow sports jacket he wore to some OWL dinners we attended a few years ago. He was a first class CW contester who loved to send and receive QTC's. I hope he sees all our logs . . . N2FF. Lots of fun! . . . N2JNZ. Great contest! ... N2UC. This contest is dedicated to my great friend Larry, W2AX (SK) . . . N2UN. My buddy KB7Q had a great time with the pileups. Apologies to NR5M, my mind heard cut number 9, thought I had a nice new one in 9R5M hihi. Got a cool dual band double heard YS1GR work D4C on 15, he moved him to 10, caught YS on 10 and D4 on 15 in a minute . . . N2WN. Wow. Sunspots are back. In every contest my goal is to do better than I did last year, but I did not expect to claim 1.97 M points this year, blowing past my previous best of 1.57 M points claimed in 2010. Essentially, the difference was 10 meters. In the 4 years '08 - '11 inclusive, I made 837 to 902 QSOs on 15 and 20 m. combined. The difference this year was that about half those Qs were on 15 m. vs 7-10% on that band in '08 - '10. BUT, on 10 m. I made 320 QSOs and 88 mults this year vs 48 QSOs and 31 mults last year. Not since 2001 and 2002 have I gotten comparable numbers on 10 m. My low-band results were down a few tens of QSOs this year from '09 and '10, though guite comparable to '08, but the slight dropoff from 2010 was buried by the avalanche of 10 m. results. My best one-hour rate was on 10 m., 102 QSOs 15-16 Z Sun. Whenever I CQ'd with 10 open to EU from this mid-size station in a common zone and country, I was buried in a screaming pileup. I worked 264 EU stations on 10 m. vs. NONE last year. And, 10 m. yielded mults far and rare: 9J, KH2, JA, VK, ZL. The sunspots also served up mults not heard much in recent years on other bands: 5H, BY, KH0, VU, and VK on 15 m., and HS, KHØ, VK, VU, and YB on 20 m. Even 40 m. yielded 4J, A7, and ZD8 . . . N3UM. After 2 years of learning CW, this was fun! . . . N4EWT. Had lots of fun but limited op time this year . . . N4KH. Hamsticks Rock!!! . . . N4LZ. Fun ... N4MJ. Thanks Tom, W8JI, for letting me use your great station. It was a fun time. Condx went from great on Friday night to not so good Saturday night. This is still the best contest of the year. Thanks CQ for sponsoring the best . . . N4PN. 160 activity down - M/S stations not going to 160 to run . . . N4TZ. Great conditions. My best effort thus far! Thanks to all ... N5XE. Lots of fun with 10 so open. Sure wish we could hear the rest of Asia like the West Coast hears Europeans!! . . . N6AR. "No Antennas" QTH. QRP 5 Watts. Ant: 20 foot End-Fed Wire out the window. Op about 16 hours, goal was to beat my last year 15m effort on 10m. I doubled it! Had a blast on 10m. Awesome QRP fun! Thanks for the Q's! GO ARIZONA OUTLAWS! . . . N6HI. Operation was Field Day style in Monterey County from n6mi.com van . . . N6MI. A vertical was a better option, signals were coming from all directions at once. Nice to see 10 M open, ... N6PE. What a blast! So many bands open at once and it was hard to figure out which one to be on! 40 was a surprise! Until next year, stay well and thanks for the QSOs! . . . N6RV. Contest within a contest with Kurt, W6PH. 30 Hour time limit using WRTC qualifying scoring for our SOAB(A) HP vs SOAB HP categories . . . N6WIN. Very happy with conditions and results, as only had 12 hours to operate . . . N8DE. Had a blast, but I REALLY need to get enough nerve to call CQ! ... N8HP.

Every contact, with exception of US, was a great challenge and a great thrill! Has been about 30 years since last participated in CQ WW DX CW Contest . . . N8LA. What fun. Vertical antennas and more points in the last 20 years . . . N8MZ. Great 40 meter opening from Iowa to Japan on Saturday morning! . . N9HDE. First DX contest with the Montana station finished. Glad the sunspots cooperated! Looking forward to many more . . . N9RV. What a good time!! I was only planning to play on 40 and maybe 80 for DX fill ins needed. Then I checked 10m Saturady morning for grins, and was hooked! All S&P with DX spotting close at hand, looking for needed DX, or just trying to bust a pile up. All casual operating for 16.5 hours, in and out of the shack. 80m was bust for me with high noise level. Made one contact there for a US mult! 40m was fun at night and 10m was a blast during the day. 20m went long path Sunday night for JA's and Asiatic Russia. Brazil stations had very strong distortion and polar flutter on 20m during the last hour or so of the contest, interesting. Fantastic band conditions, and lots of new band fill ins for 10 and 40 and even a few on 20 . . . N9TF. Ended up operating longer than originally intended, since the conditions were so good and the bands were "multiplier-rich". I was even fairly successful on 40 with 5 watts to a wire, but 10 and 15 were great. Most operators are really good, but a few go for a minute or longer with IDing - very frustrating for those of us that are unassisted . . . ND'C. Best conditons that I remember in many years. JA's were sounding like locals on 15. Great fun, thanks to all who worked me ... ND4V. Ten is coming back! ... NE4M. Got in from deer hunting in time to get on for almost 2 hours at the end of the contest. This was opening weekend of deer season and it always conflicts with the CQWWCW . . . NF4A. My first CW contest . . . NJ4F. Simple goal: Work 100 countries QRP. Should be easier than it was on SSB, but we'll see. 10m and 15m didn't last very long at the start, but 20m was open worldwide. By the end of the second hour I had 40 countries. Rather than suffer on the low bands QRP, I slept. At sunrise I could start working Europeans on 20m. Quick runs up to 15m and 10m showed many more stations but many too weak for my QRP. By 20z I had 86 countries, and took a lunch break. I often had to turn off Skimmer spots, as they were just flooding the bandmap with calls I couldn't hear. "Human" spots seemed plentiful enough. The afternoon provided all the usual Caribbean, South America, and Pacific/Asia - Thanks! I ended the day Saturday (24Z) with 116 DXCC countries, same as my TOTAL on SSB weekend. So yes, I can work 100 DXCC countries QRP in a single weekend - in fact in just the first 24 hours! I took it easy after that, just checking now and then for anything new and loud enough to be QRP-workable. Sunday morning had a big wind and rain storm, bringing extra noise, and I hard time working new stations - or maybe I already had all the "easy" ones. I managed a handful of new European countries. I heard at least another dozen countries that I just couldn't work QRP. There were another two dozen countries spotted that I couldn't hear if they really existed. Final total: 126 unique DXCC countries while QRP! NN7SS Burt WA (K6UFO op) 10,15,20m: C-31XR at 71ft, C-3 53ft, 3el Steppir 40 ft One Yaesu FT-1000MP turned down to 5 watts Writelog software and microHAM controller . . . NN7SS. A great contest on a busy weekend. When I had a chance to sit at the radio there was always someone to work. Thanks to everyone that heard my 5W QRP signal. I wish that stations that work a QRP entrant could get more points for the QSO. Since that's not yet in the rules, a hearty thank you will have to suffice. Hope to hear you all again next year ... NQ2W. I ran a K2 at 5 watts with a windom and HF5B. Great conrest and condx. I worked several new band "countries". You can't do better than the CQWWCW - best contest on the planet ... NU4B. Great operators to hear my signal with a dipole at 20 feet . . . NU4Y. It was interesting that many signals on 20m, 15m and 10m were strongly multipath with differential delays, but both the primary and the echo were equally loud, causing a significant blurring of fast CW. It really sounded like two ops transmitting on exactly the same frequency! These stations were from all over the place. Interesting ionospheric conditions indeed! ... NU6N. 5 watts . . . NW2K. Only two stations this time; still recovering from Hurricane Irene. Condx superb! ... NY4A. Special thanks to those DX ops who sent their callsign after every QSO or every other QSO! ... W'ETT. Fantastic conditions. 14 EU on 40m with 5w. and dipole up 30-ft! Sigs from all over the world (missed China, Hong Kong, S. Korea, but they were all there! Great! ... W'RSP. Great high band openings with plenty of choice DX. Very pleased to work DXCC+ on 10, 15 and 20m each using low power to my new Hexbeam up at only 35 ft. Maximum power output level of 100 watts . . . W1WBB. Great condx, wonderful time, new countries . . . W2BEE. Great contest, filled in a lot of band countries and was most enjoyable . . . W2DEN. I operated this contest to improve my limited CW skills, gather some new countries on CW for my DXCC hunt, contribute to the PVRC score and get one million points. I achieved all of these except for the personal score but I was close enough to be pleased with my effort this year. Thanks again to all those who helped with the construction of my new tower and antennas and with the legal defense of the permit at the county Board of Appeals . . . W2GPS. Computer logging is new for this old-timer who has used pen and paper logs. It's the way to go! ... W2HTI. I am still in shock about this unbelievable score. It's an even better feeling than I had at T32C in October when we broke the DXpedition record. Far exceeding your own expectations is what it's about, I think. Everything clicked. (OK, the alarm clock, or whoever set it ;-), failed and lost me an hour of the Sunday morning dawn run, and the mult radio remote control overheated and was inoperable for the last four hours of the contest —but I'm not complaining!). More or less the entire station, including the 6-el 10m beam at 136' (my highest antenna) that has been inoperative due to an underground cable fault since it was installed almost 3 years go, was up and running - a first! And both 10m and 40m to Europe were, as K1VR likes to say, bottomless. I missed a lot of zones — 24 (heard many times), 23 (heard once), 26 (not heard), 28 (heard twice), 39 (not heard)... but I also managed to catch a fair number of the zones in all the expected places, without many gaps. 160 and 80 were, well, pitiful — or maybe my antennas or technique there need help (not a new feeling). But there was plenty to work for most of the contest, including a great first night on 40 and 20, which stayed open the whole time. And 10 was, well, BACK !!! I could not believe that at the 24 hour mark I was already at 2.2 million, which was already close to a personal best. The final score, obviously, was also a personal best and with luck may be a record-breaker. N1UR and K1BX probably also broke the LP record — good company and great achievements all! For those who look at this score and say "what did he do differently from before?" the only thing I can offer (besides condx and that 10m beam) is my SO2R technique, which just keeps improving. It's like a language that I continue to learn, even 10 years on. And N1MM helps a lot — if you haven't tried it, try it! Many thanks to the organizers and all the participants! 73.... W3EF. Another fun contest . . . W3SA. Max power = 100 watts into an R5 vertical and a storm damaged G5RV . . . W3SM. Great condx on high bands for a change! Almost forgot how much fun 10M can be! Thanks to all who put up with my low power sigs . . . W4RYW. Great band conditions and lots of stations working. I really enjoyed to contest and made many contacts in new places. I plan to be back next year I just hope 10 meters is as good as it was this year. I just hope to improve my operating skills a bit! . . . W5FIT. Rake leaves, work CW, blow leaves, work CW, fix anten-

na, work CW . . . W5XB. Thanks to CQ for the great times! Oh, the anticipation! I was a little guy with a big heart. 24 section championships, 4 records. I was so lucky and blessed.God bless you guys in the world that I was so lucky to meet. Press on. Greatest hobby ever. ... W5ZO. Enjoyed the contest ... W6FA. Many thanks to the Europeans who worked hard to copy my 5w after it passed through the auroral zone. The path from northern CA to EU was not good this weekend . . . W6JTI. First time in ages I worked all 40 Zones in one weekend . . . W6OAT. Biggest thrill was working A71EM on 20 with my 5 watts. But it was also nice to get XE1IM in my log with about 60 seconds left for a double mult on 15! ... W6QU. Too many interruptions, socail things, and duties to put full time in. Hearing JT5DX at 2300 in the afternoon was a big surprise. Conditions were great and as always a lot of fun . . . W6XI. First year with no snow, rain or mud. Good spot opening to EU the first night. Second night a bust at 01:45 UTC with SID. Thanks to all the JA stations that filled the band on Sunday morning helping me make a personal best effort. You have to love this contest, the second night is brutal. 73 ... W7RH. Incredible . . . W7VJ. Great fun on 10 meters over the weekend with 100 watts and two wire antennas-bi-square and inverted-L. Condx very good . . . W7XZ. Started the effort just trying to fill in holes in my DXCC standing. On that score, I did tolerably - 35 or so were on the air that I needed, and I netted about 15, between the 'test and the week prior. I put in an hour or two here and there during a weekend of trying to tie up loose ends on unfinished projects. A few projects did get finished, and when I hit QSO #200 and got over 100,000 points at the same moment, I figured that was good enough for not really trying, hi. But spotted Scotland on 15 and had to go get him. TS-850SAT, Heathkit amp at 700 watts, and a moss-covered HF9V with a mostly broken-by-fallingtree-branches elevated radial system. For a station that's experienced "delayed maintenance." I felt it did a good job. It was a lot of fun, particularly the last two hours, when I saw the rate meter, for ten minutes, bump up over 100 a few times - I didn't know I could S&P that fast! 73 Dave . . . W8NF. Rotor went defunct last afternoon . . . W9NGA. A 2 element 40 at 70 ft and a lot of butt in the chair produced a pretty good score. Still I think W2EG beat me out again, Ahhhh, well let's see what next year brings WA1FCN. Less time to operate than in past years, but my best score ever. Lots of fun! . . . WA5SOG. Managed to improve in all areas including working over 300 countries and over 130 zones. I even won an lambic Bencher keyer on eBay 45 minutes after the end of the CW contest!!! . . . WA6KHK. I had a small score but had BIG fun! . . . WA7PRC. I wish everyone wasn't sending 100 mph, but I had fun . . . WA7YUL. Ten meters was really open like not seen since Cycle 23. Great fun!

... WB8RFB. Waiting for zero hour, listening to Big Guns rev their engines. GO! Grab the paddle for the first contact and ... NOTHING! My keyer's battery chose that precise moment to die ... WB9JPS. Great band conditions! Tks to all! ... WC9C. What incredible conditions. I LOVE sunspots . . . WE9R. Threw up a low dipole at "grandma's" house for Thanksgiving and brought the K3. It was pretty tough being heard . . . WE9V. I found myself house sitting this weekend so I mounted a Butternut HF-2V on an umbrella stand and wound the radials around the yard. Being only a couple of blocks away from the beach made for some excellent conditions; especially into Asia and South America, although I was amazed at the "pipeline" I had to west Africa. Friday night condx. were awesome; especially on 40m. A solar storm took out 40m on Sat. night. 40m & 15m were awesome bands, as was 10m. Where was 20m this year? My biggest beef is stations who make 10 - 20 QSOs w/o ID'ing . . . WQ6X.