

Results of the 2012 CQ WW DX CW Contest

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The 2012 CW World-Wide DX Contest CW once again delivered the magic of wireless communication to all participants. Reading the comments in the 7,227 logs submitted, it seems that it was the best weekend of radio ever, or the most difficult. I guess it all depends on where you were and what times you were on.

A solar belch in the form of a CME impacted the Earth just as the contest was beginning. Europe and the northeast USA were driven immediately to the low bands. The USA West Coast and Asia enjoyed some openings on the high bands at the start before they too were hit. One bright spot during the first night was nice conditions on 160 and 80 meters. There were only limited openings on 10 meters during Saturday. Many logs reported multi-path echoes that made it impossible to separate dots from dashes! For those operators who kept at it, they were rewarded with a second 24 hours that provided some thrilling conditions. Forty meters was open far and late. Ten meters finally opened and provided some decent rates overall, but most the northerly paths.

It was different to the south. VK3TDX reported "Excellent weekend with the best conditions in memory. In VK3 ten meters was open until almost midnight both nights..." The PW7T multi-op was only one country away from 5-band DXCC at the 24-hour mark.

And then there's the ever present visitor named "Murphy." It seemed as if stuff was breaking everywhere. Rotators quit turning. Rigs quit hearing. Amplifiers went bang. Coax connectors failed. Antennas became dummy loads. The wind was a gale. Cows got into the antennas. You name it. Despite all the issues, there was always an attitude of perseverance. Find the problem. Fix the problem. Keep operating. The CQ WW CW comes only once per year and can't be missed!

Perhaps the CQ WW should be sponsored by an airline or a tourist bureau. Despite enjoying a game that can be played from the comfort of our own stations, there is something about being the hunted that gets operators packing their bags and heading for far-off islands, even if it means carrying all of their gear, working outside in heat or cold to set up antennas, and then operating for hours in spite of fatigue and jet lag. It's all because the magic of CQ WW only happens once per year and can't be missed!

Is it the activity that brings out the rare DX? Or is it the DX that brings out the activity? Regardless of the answer, we have to thank the operators behind these calls that travelled far and wide to fill our log books with some exciting moments and new multipliers: 3A2MW, 3B8/SM6GOR, 5R8IC, 5T0SP, 5W1SA, 6V7V, 7P8D, 9H3TX, 9J3A, A52SV, AH0DX, C5A, CR2X, D3AA, E51TLA, ED9Z, EL2A, FK/VK6DXI, GJ2A, J28AA, J75Z, JW5E,

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P33W, P40F, PJ2T, PJ7I, PZ5T, T6LG, T8NS, TC2M, TI5A, TG9IDX, TO7A, V26K, V6A, VE2EKA, VK9/OG1M, VK9/OH3X, VP2MMM, VP2V/AA7V, YN2CC, Z38N, Z60WW, and ZD8W. There were contacts with 218 different DXCC entities in the logs we received!

Only 39 of the 40 zones were active this year. Zone 34 was not heard on the bands, but there was an active operator there. Andrey, RW3AH, was in Egypt on business, but could not obtain a local license. He operated a remote station via the Internet and made over 1700 contacts from New York using the callsign KL1A/2. Even though he sent zone 5, that call caused lots of confusion on the bands, as people thought they might be working Alaska. It is somewhat ironic that the elusive missing zone 34 was active, but with RF emanating from far away in zone 5.

Single Operator All Bands

The top single operator all band scores were all made by travelers. The winner was Jose, CT1BOH, one who always finds his way to a DX location for CQ WW. This was Jose's seventh world high finish; only N6AA and OH2MM have won more times. Alex, UA5C, travelled from Moscow to the Canary Islands to take second. Yuri, VE3DZ, suffered with the flu and then an 11-hour flight delay in Miami before arriving at PZ5T in Suriname. Valery, RG5A, was another Moscovite seeking the sunshine and travelled to P40F for the weekend. Kim, OH6KZP, stepped into the Radio Arcala station CR2X in the Azores for his first experience of DX operating. He did rather well! Dave, N2NL, put up another big score from his station in the jungle on Guam. His eighth place finish was also a new Oceania record.

Think DXpeditions are all fun? John, W2GD, visited his station in Aruba to find one of the towers had corroded and fallen down. He made repairs, had the station ready to go, and then attended Thanksgiving dinner with P49Y, P40F, P43A, and P43L. When he returned, the amplifier refused to turn on. He was up most of the night trying to make repairs. Eventually he had

Recent History Solar Indices for CQWW DX CW

2012:	SFI=118	A=6	K=2	SSN= 84
2011:	SFI=135	A=4	K=1	SSN=139
2010:	SFI=78	A=2	K=1	SSN= 22
2009:	SFI=73	A=2	K=1	no sunspots
2008:	SFI=68	A=2	K=0	no sunspots

to borrow an amp from one of the locals. Just three hours before the contest, the computer hard disk failed. He was able to borrow a laptop and load the N1MM logging software, but there were no serial COM ports to communicate with the radio or drive the keying. The next 48 hours were a real throwback to the early 1980s. John operated the entire contest manually, sending every dit and dah of every CQ and every callsign by hand, with no memory keyer assistance of any kind. That perseverance earned John 10th place in the World standings!

The top low power scores were also by travelling operators. With Aruba already well represented in the high power category, Andy, AE6Y, debated doing a single band effort before choosing to go low power all bands as P49Y. Good choice, as it resulted in the world high score! Close behind was a remarkable effort by Bud, AA3B, operating as V26K. Bud is a perennial winner in the low power category, but he overcame a number of obstacles this year.

Just days before the contest, the station on Antigua was badly destroyed in a fire. Bud described his arrival: "We arrived at the station on Wednesday. It was an awful sight. The building was gutted. The fire had burned through the roof. I saw the charred remains of multiple control boxes, FT1000MP and MLA2500. All the cables going into the shack were cut and some were melted. It struck me that it was amazing that Roy Carty, V21N, had survived." Roy got access to an unused apartment nearby and began setting up the station. Bud "located the remnants of the coax cables for nine antennas, labeled the cables, and installed connectors on the ends. [He] also found several pieces of

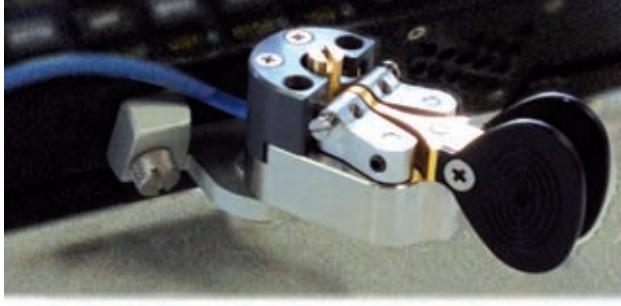


If you worked Aruba in the contest it was probably one of these three guys (left to right): P40F (Valery, RG5A), P49Y (Andy, AE6Y), P40W (John, W2GD)

2012 WW DX CW TROPHY WINNERS AND DONORS

SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND WORLD	SINGLE OPERATOR, SINGLE BAND World - 28 MHz	Asia
CR3E (Opr.: Jose Carlos Cardoso Nunes, CT1BOH) Donor: Vibroplex	PT5T (Opr.: Simone Candotto, IV3NVN) Donor: Joel Chalmers, KG6DX	RW0A (Oprs.: RA0ALM, RA0AM, RU0A, RW0AR, RZ0AF, RZ0AT, UA0AFL)* Donor: Steve Merchant, K6AW
World - Low Power P49Y (Opr.: Andy Faber, AE6Y) Donor: Slovenia Contest Club	World - 21 MHz FY5KE (Opr.: Laurent Haas, F6FVY) Donor: Lew Sayre, W7EW	Carib./C.A. ZF1A (Oprs.: K5P1, K5WA, K6AM, N6AN) Donor: Kansas City DX Club
World - QRP LZ0M (Opr.: Boyan Mitev, LZ2SX) Donor: Gene Walsh, N2AA	World - 14 MHz EA8CUU (Opr.: Markku Rantala, OH6CS) Donor: W2JT Memorial (North Jersey DX Assn.)	Europe OM8A (Oprs.: OM0WR, OM2KW, OM2VL, OM3BH, OM3GI, OM3RM, OM7JG)* Donor: Bob Cox, K3EST
World - Assisted LP1H (Opr.: Ramon de La Rue, LU5DX) Donor: Robert McGwier, N4HY	World - 7 MHz IH9R (Opr.: Emilio Borea, IZ1GAR) Donor: Alex M. Kasevich, 8R1A	Oceania - Pacific Rim AH2R (Oprs.: JE8KKX/AH2K, JG7PSJ/KW2X, JI3ERV/NH2C, JR7OMD/WI3O) Donor: Junichi Tanaka, JH4RH
World - Assisted - Low Power VP2MMMM (Opr.: Alan Donziger, N3AD) Donor: Lyubomir "Leo" Slavov, OR2F	World - 3.5 MHz OL8M (Opr.: Pavel Pok, OK1DRQ) Donor: Fred Capossela, K6SSS	South America LT1F (Oprs.: LU1AEE, LU1FAM, LU1FJ, LU1FKR, LU2FE, LU4FPZ, LU5FF, LW4EU) Donor: Araucaria DX Group
World - Assisted QRP Zoltan Nemeth, HA1ZH Donor: Steve "Sid" Caesar, NH7C	World - 1.8 MHz EF8S (Opr.: Mauri Lepala, OH2BYS) Donor: Kenneth Byers, Jr., K4TEA	Canada VY2ZM (Oprs.: K1ZM, N2NT, VE1RGB) Donor: Eastern Canadian DX Assn.
USA K3CR (Opr.: Alex Avramov) Donor: Frankford Radio Club	USA - 28 MHz William R. Tippett, II, W4ZV Donor: dxcoffee.com	Japan JA0QNJ (Oprs.: JA0QNJ, JH0USD) Donor: Madison Jones, W5MJ
USA - Low Power Maury A. Peiperl, W3EEF Donor: North Coast Contesters	USA - 21 MHz Dave Patton, NN1N Donor: Bob Naumann, W5OV	MULTI-OPERATOR, TWO-TRANSMITTER WORLD
USA - QRP Bill Kelsey, N8ET Donor: W3ZZ Memorial (Andy Blank, N2NT)	USA - 14 MHz Brian Edward, N2MF Donor: Northern Illinois DX Association	CR3L (Oprs.: DJ2YA, DK7YY, DL1CW, DL5AXX, DL7JV, DL8WAA, UA9MA, UA9ONJ, UA9PM) Donor: Array Solutions
USA - Assisted Randy Thompson, K5ZD/1 Donor: John Rodgers, WE3C	USA - 7 MHz NR5M (Opr.: Bill Bradford, Jr., K5GA) Donor: W6AM Memorial (Jan Perkins, N6AW)	U.S.A. N3RS (Oprs.: N3RS, N3RD, W8FJ, WA3LRO, NA3D, NG7M, W3FV) Donor: Tom Horton, K5ID
USA Assisted - Low Power James P. Bowman, KS1J Donor: LA9Z/LN9Z Leia Contest Club	USA - 3.5 MHz Robye L. Lahluh, W1MK Donor: Bill Field, NG3K	Europe EA2EA (Oprs.: EA2AYD, EA2EA, EA2ET, EA4KD, EA4KR, EA7TN, EC2DX) Donor: Aki Nagi, JA5DQH
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USA - Zone 4 Steve London, N2IC/5 Donor: The Society of Midwest Contesters	Europe - 28 MHz ED3T (Opr.: Josep Gene, EA3AKY) Donor: Jay Pryor, K4OGG	D4C (Oprs.: IK2NCJ, IT9BLB, LY2IJ, LY9Y, YL1ZF, YL2BJ, YL2KL, YL3DQ, YL3DW) Donor: K2GL Memorial (Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q)
Europe CR2X (Opr.: Kim Ostman, OH6KZP) Donor: W3AU Memorial (Pete Raymond, N4KW)	Europe - 21 MHz CS2C (Opr.: Jiri Pesta, OK1RF) Donor: Robert Naumann, W5OV	K3LR (Oprs.: G4BUO, G4TSH, K3LR, K3UA, K5GN, K19A, MODXR, N2NC, N3GJ, N3SD, N6TV, VE3FWA, W2RQ) Donor: N6RJ Memorial (Bob Ferrero, W6RJ)
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Europe - QRP Aleksandar Tomic, YU8W*	Europe - 7 MHz Ivan Mastilovic, YU1LA Donor: Ivo Pezer, 9A3A	KH6LC (Oprs.: AH6RE, KH6KM, KH6LC, KH7Y, KX7M, N6DA, NH7O)* Donor: JA9SSY Memorial (Tack Kumagai, JE1CKA & Masa Sakurada, JR2GMC)
Europe - Assisted ER4A (Opr.: Serge Rebrov, UT5UDX) Donor: I4IND Memorial (Claudio Veroli, I4VEQ)	Europe - 3.5 MHz Emil Tafro, E71A* Donor: K3VW Memorial (Frankford Radio Club)	Japan JA3YBK (Oprs.: JF3NRI, JF4FUF, JG3KIV, JG3MRT, JG3WDN, JH4NMT, JI3OPA, JR4ISF, JS1PWV) Donor: Masahiro Kitagawa, JH3SPRR
Europe - Assisted - Low Power Kristjan Koderma, S50XX Donor: Alex Goncharov, R3ZZ	Europe - 1.8 MHz Algirdas Uzdunas, LY7M Donor: Pat Barkey, N9RV & Terry Zivney, N4TZ	CONTEST EXPEDITIONS V26K (Opr.: Bud Trench, AA3B) Donor: Friends of Phil Goetz, N6ZZ
Africa EF8M (Opr.: Alexandr Gimakov, UA5C)* Donor: K5KA Memorial (Ralph "Gator" Bowen, N5RZ)	Asia - 21 MHz 4X2M (Opr.: Artur Avrunin, 4X4DZ) Donor: Coconut Wireless Contest Club	World Multi-Operator EL2A (Oprs.: A65BD, AA7A, EL2DT, G3SXW, G4IRN, N7CW, KC7V, KV7M) Donor: Carl Cook, AI6V
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South America P40W (Opr.: John Covelli, W2GD) Donor: Dave Farnsworth, WJ2O	Canada (21 MHz) Dave Goodwin, VE3AAQ Donor: John Sluymer, VE3EJ	CLUB World SSB/CW Yankee Clipper Contest Club 478,430,080 Donor: W1WY Memorial (CQ magazine)
South America - Southern Cone - High Power CW5W (Opr.: Jorge Diez, CX6VM) Donor: Dale Long, N3BNW	Japan - 21 MHz Akito Nagi, JA5DQH Donor: Bob Wilson, N6TV	Non-USA SSB/CW Bavarian Contest Club 385,825,731 Donor: N6AUV Memorial (Northern California Contest Club)
South America - Southern Cone - Low Power Cesar Escobar, LU5FR Donor: LU Contest Group	Japan - 14 MHz Syuichi Sato, JA7FTR Donor: Chris Terkla, N1XS	
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Japan Masaki Masa Okano, JH4UYB Donor: Phil Yasson, AB7RW	U.S.A. K1LZ (Oprs.: AE2W, K1LZ, K1VR, K3JO, KB1RDZ, N8BO, W1UE) Donor: Douglas Zwiebel, KR2Q	
Japan - Low Power Nobuhiko Iwasa, JH8SL Donor: Western Washington DX Club	Africa ED9Z (Oprs.: DF4SA, DL2CC, EA9LZ, HA1AG, HA3NU, N5OT) Donor: Harry Booklan, RA3AUU	*Awarded to second place finisher

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RG213 that had survived and built up a single piece that was long enough to reach from the apartment to any of the antenna feeds scattered about the property." Bud continues, "All the work was completed approximately 1800z on Friday. The apartment was set up and comfortable. I had working antennas for all bands and working rotors for 10m, 15m, and 20m. Band changes would require going into the field and moving the coax and rotor extensions from among the various feeds, taking approximately 10 minutes to complete. The contest was a blast." Such is the attraction of the CQ WW!

The competition among the top USA single operators was just as intense. Alex, LZ4AX, broke through for his first win operating as K3CR. Very close behind was Admiral Scott, K0DQ/1, operating from the "battleship" station of WW1WW. (*Watch for an article by Scott on the planning and construction of "Battleship New Hampshire" in an upcoming issue, or two, of CQ—ed.*) Last year's winner, Doug, K1DG, could only muster 3rd place in the face of such stiff competition. Dan, K1TO/4, put up a great score from down south in Florida. Steve, N2IC/5, did a fantastic job to make the top 5 from New Mexico.

The USA low power race was as close as it gets. Maury, W3EF, finished just 12K points ahead of Ed, N1UR. Ed had more contacts and Maury had more multipliers, but it was log-checking accuracy that ultimately determined the winner. Honorable mention goes to Bob, WA1Z, for pushing wires and a tribander at 30 feet into the third spot. Marv, N5AW, did his usual fantastic score from Texas chased by Terry, N4TZ/9, in Indiana.

Single Bands

The top high power single band score was on 15 meters. Laurent, F6FVY, operated from FY5KE near the European Space Port. He was followed close behind by Bernie, ZS4TX. Thomas, PY2ZXU, visited ZW5B for third and Jiri, OK1RF, operated from CS2C in fourth. The top four finishers were from four different continents! Dave, NN1N, easily captured the top USA score and just missed breaking the USA record.

On 10 meters the spotty conditions favored stations to the south. In a remarkable event, CN2R didn't win. It was Simone, IV3NVN, operating as PT5T who had the winning score. Jim, W7EJ, operating from CN2R, finished a very close second. Another traveler was Dale, VE7SV,

who enjoyed his new CE2AWW callsign in third. Nodir, EY8MM, fought the propagation challenges to finish fourth. In the USA, it was a reversal of the order of finish from SSB. This time Bill, W4ZV, managed to outscore Tom, K1KI, for the top spot.

Twenty meters offered a little bit of everything. The winner was Markku, OH6CS, operating from EA8CUU followed by Alan, CE1/K7CA. Third overall and top European was Timo, OH1NOA, operating in his 11th CQ WW CW from Portugal as CR6T. The USA winner was Brian, N2MF. Once again the top four scores came from four continents.

Xtreme Category Results

By Doug Grant, K1DG

The Xtreme category allows stations to experiment and test leading-edge technology within the CQ WW DX Contest. Scoring is based on final contest score combined with an innovation score. Seven stations entered the Xtreme category this year. All used at least one remote station.

In the single-operator section, Andrey, RW3AH, sitting in Cairo, Egypt (Zone 34), linked into the W2RE station in northern New York and managed over 1,700 QSOs and a 1.6M point score as KL1A/2. Other single-op entrants included LA9GY, OH2XX, and OM2DT.

In the multiop section, AA3K's long-time operating partner W3CC had moved about 10 miles away and they still wanted to do a multi-two. Using the N1MM logging software configured via Windows Networking over the Internet, they were able to operate both stations despite the physical separation, and racked up almost 900k points. The Z60WW operation in Kosovo, with a team of operators led by Martti Laine, OH2BH, had planned to operate from one QTH, but discovered severe noise problems on the low bands. They moved part of the station to another QTH 3 km away and continued, ultimately running up a 5.25M point score and 58 Innovation Points. They used a real-time scoreboard system with a display in a public area to promote radiosport in Kosovo for a "social innovation."

The top score, with 5.31M points and 68 Innovation Points for a total Xtreme score of 168, and winner of the K3TUP Memorial Trophy, is the YR1C team (YO4NA, YO9GZU, and YO4NF). The station was located at YO4NA's holiday house, while the operators were located three separate sites up to 200 km away from the station. A well-planned and executed mix of purchased and homebrew hardware and software allowed full control of radio, amplifier, rotator, and even a noise-cancellation system.

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Forty meters continued the pattern of top four from four continents. Emilio, IZ1GAR, gave everyone a new multiplier as IH9R. Paolo, YV1DIG, put the YW4D call in many logs. Ivan, YU1LA, worked over 1100 USA stations and 470 Japanese stations to finish in third. Ivan missed setting a new Europe record by less than 1K points! Bob, N4BP, carried his radio and some wires over to Bermuda to finish fourth. The top USA score was by Bill, K5GA, piloting the big stacks at NR5M.

On 80 meters, it was Pavel, OK1DRQ, operating from OL8M with an impressive 2130 contacts and 119 countries! Robye, W1MK, was tops in the USA and experienced a rare 2 hours of propagation to Japan on Sunday morning. On 160 meters it was EF8S, operated by Mauri, OH2BYS, winning the world.

2012 WW DX CW TOP SCORES IN MOST ACTIVE ZONES

Zone 3		W2FU (K2TJ)	5,800,860
W6YI (N6MJ).....	5,609,560	VC2T (VE2TZT)	5,770,534
VE7SV (VE7CC)	5,243,168		
K6XX	4,382,315		
K7RL	4,091,612	CR2X (OH6KZP).....	11,839,500
K7GK/6 (@NGRO)	4,049,720	CR6K (CT1ILT)	9,858,906
W6PH	2,630,595	DJ5MW	6,186,348
VA7ST	1,821,952	SJ2W	5,926,944
K7KU (K0KR)	1,644,275	NL8W (LB1GB)	4,478,599
K7QQ	1,569,308	EF5F (EA5FV)	3,744,900
KG7H	1,553,040	DK9PY	3,481,068
Zone 4		*EF3A (EA3KU)	3,135,995
XL3A (VE3AT)	7,892,633	M7A (LY4Y)	3,077,762
VE3JM	7,265,271	G3XTT	2,982,287
N2IC/5	7,034,265		
W9RE	5,788,320		
WX0B/5 (AD5Q)	4,615,824		
N5RZ	4,479,234		
K8GL	4,139,386		
K0EJ/4	3,961,113		
N9RV/7	3,850,137		
K0EU	3,764,218		
Zone 5			
WY2TT (K6LA)	10,365,486		
K3CR (L24AX)	9,875,565		
K0DD/1	9,607,806		
K1DG	8,630,788		
K1TO/4	7,088,315		
K1ZZ	6,965,514		
K1RX	6,589,375		
K1KM	6,426,168		
Zone 6			
UU7J (UU0JM)	4,653,684		
UA6B	4,044,418		
UA4W	3,766,467		
RM3F (UA3DPX)	3,346,460		

*Low Power

The single band low power competitions were dominated by big efforts from southerly locations. Niko, S53A, put 9J3A well ahead of everyone on 10 meters. Nick, 5X1NH, set a new world record on 15 meters while making a lot of people happy with the zone 37 multiplier. Mike, K4RUM, travelled over to C6AUM for the top score on 20. Fabian, DJ1YFK, operated from DJ6ZM in Munich to win 40 meters. The top score on 80 meters was by UN2C, but because the log was received after the deadline, the win is awarded to Victor, LY2T. Tops on 160 meters was Stewart, GM4AFF.

Single Operator Assisted

There were 2,658 logs received in the Assisted category. The race for top spot in the All Bands High Power category was extremely close between Martin, LU5DX, operating from LP1H, and Randy, K5ZD/1. Martin's 700 extra QSOs made up for a deficit of 100 multipliers to give him the world championship. Randy took home the new USA record in his first try at the Assisted category. Yuri, RG9A, finished in third. On the low power side, Alan, N3AD, traveled to VP2MMM in Montserrat for a commanding win.



BY7KTO is a primary school amateur radio club. The 10-11-year-old operators were in their first CW contest. Yang is operating while Su watches.

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On 10 meters, Carlos, CX7CO, was the leader. Paul, PY3DX, overcame multiple equipment failures to finish a close second. Zeljko, K2SSS, had the top USA score on 10 meters. Oli, F1AKK, operated from the big club station TM6M in western France to win 15 meters. Ali, A71BX, used the call A73A to set a new record for Asia in finishing second. The USA race on 15 was between Laurent, WØMM/5, and Paul, N4PN. Sebastian, F8DBF, used the contest call TM5Y to win 20 meters over a very close three-way race among PR5B, TF3CW, and NP3X. Sebastian was less than 5K points from breaking the world record! Colin, KU5B, was the USA winner.

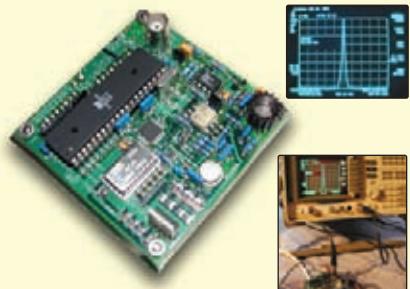


Operating team at the ZF1A multi-single (left-right): Bob, K5WA; John, K6AM; Robert, K5PI; and David, N6AN.

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The low bands offered some very close races. Only 3,368 points separated UW4I (op Victor, UY5VA) and second place Karl, S52AW, on 40 meters. Victor worked 39 zones and 145 countries! The top USA score and 7th overall was Preston, N6SS/7. On 80 meters it was all Europeans in the Top Ten led by Olaf, DL7CX operating DM7C. The top USA score was Doug, W3NO. Silvo, S51V, had the high score on 160 meters, but his log was received after the deadline. This gives Andy, RX9CAZ, the win.

QRP

"Being a QRPer under these conditions is like the scraggly dog going from garbage can to garbage can, looking for any leftover scraps." — KX9X/1

There were 456 entries in the QRP category this year. The top all band score was earned by Boyan, LZ2SX, operating as LZ0M. He made 1550 contacts and 311 countries running just 5 watts! Close behind was



The 10-meter position at multi-multi K3LR. Ed, VE3FWA (left), is looking for multipliers and George, N3GJ, is manning the run station.

EUROPE TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
CR2X	307/14/54	846/21/80	1516/31/109	1403/34/112	1489/34/119	1648/31/111
CR6K	265/13/51	849/22/85	1614/34/108	1220/34/105	900/35/117	1393/30/113
403A	540/17/69	782/20/79	1943/33/109	1171/28/88	1535/28/95	993/28/97
OE3K	336/11/44	774/19/69	1399/30/92	1210/30/87	1182/31/75	750/28/79
S53MM	178/11/50	762/18/63	1475/31/84	925/30/85	1036/30/89	496/30/69

EUROPE SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED ALL BAND

ER4A	360/15/61	1132/23/94	1121/32/120	1274/34/115	991/34/121	314/33/103
S59ABC	107/13/54	476/22/83	1278/37/131	932/35/121	961/38/130	224/34/112
IR2C	136/11/55	482/22/92	1116/37/111	634/36/116	708/39/133	723/35/117
YP9W	66/10/44	561/15/69	1647/33/123	850/34/111	1248/33/120	214/32/103
SN7Q	217/14/55	597/25/95	881/35/104	976/36/118	862/37/131	324/33/120

EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

OM8A	207/22/85	940/31/129	1920/39/146	1769/38/153	1696/38/149	658/38/150
IR4M	84/20/81	1053/29/116	1838/37/142	1726/38/151	1224/38/143	741/36/141
E7DX	196/20/78	768/29/114	2004/35/136	1759/39/147	1346/38/144	625/35/145
UZ2M	444/25/90	951/31/123	2321/39/150	1755/38/137	1271/37/142	435/35/135
OM7M	193/18/78	806/30/118	1636/39/147	1558/37/151	1280/38/146	562/38/149

EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

EA2EA	180/17/71	1768/29/111	2289/38/133	1732/38/139	2160/39/146	1142/34/131
9A7A	301/15/63	1634/31/108	1989/37/140	1822/37/133	1636/39/152	867/37/134
ED1R	259/15/71	1278/27/109	2231/38/139	1381/38/140	1809/39/148	1198/36/135
HG7T	405/15/62	1660/31/124	1747/39/132	1526/37/134	1259/39/145	562/37/138
YT2W	417/13/56	1551/23/90	1797/36/127	1558/37/115	1734/38/143	740/36/124

EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

9A1A	1530/23/92	2263/32/126	3139/38/149	2440/39/151	2122/39/149	1173/37/143
DR1A	1197/20/84	2202/33/128	2747/39/151	2703/39/152	1683/39/158	1615/36/157
LZ9W	1144/19/72	1873/32/124	3463/39/151	2449/38/148	1870/38/147	1130/38/149
Z38N	1339/18/72	2424/27/103	3126/37/140	2525/36/132	2458/38/139	1477/35/141
DF0HQ	926/17/73	1889/29/111	2634/39/154	2119/39/157	1735/39/153	999/36/146

EL2A to fourth place in their final effort. (See *G3SXW's article on the VooDudes elsewhere in this issue*—ed.) They disposed of their large, ageing stock-pile of equipment, with much of it donated to the Liberian Radio Amateur Association. They vow to return to CQ WW from somewhere else in the world using newer, more lightweight gear. Well done, boys!

The team at K3LR duplicated their USA victory on SSB with one on CW. This is only the third time K3LR has won the Multi-Multi category on CW in 20 years of trying. W3LPL was nipping at their heels.

Club Competition

The Club Competition gives clubs of all sizes an opportunity to encourage members to get on the air, work DX, and have fun. The top club score for 2012 goes to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club. Its 259 entries generated over 478 million points! The top DX club score was once again won by the Bavarian Contest Club of Germany. Its 284 entries were the highest of any club.

Final Thoughts

There were many comments about the fun and excitement of live scoreboards during the contest. The most popular scoreboard site was www.cqcontest.ru. Stations post their score in real-time during the contest. The scoreboard removes some of the isolation of contesting by letting you see how others are doing. It can be motivational to chase down your rival—or try to stay ahead of them! The Radio Arcala stations CR2X, OH8X, and OH0X augmented the live scoreboard with audio and video streams so you could see and hear the operator. According to OH6KZP, "This is a trial exercise in openness and transparency that I think is very good for radiosporting ... the scoreboard also adds a new dimension of in-contest excitement."

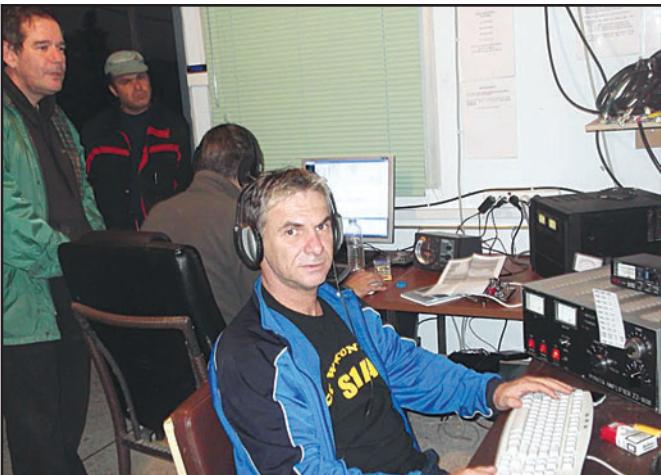
It seems to be an annual topic of complaint

about stations not sending their call enough. Running stations are happy to send TU to finish a QSO, leaving everyone listening to wonder what their callsign could be. More and more there are calls for rule changes to require signing the call as part of each QSO. Perhaps it would be better if these ops offered a little courtesy and sent their call more often. They may find dupes go down and score goes up!

Bad signal quality was another complaint. Bad tone, wide fuzzy signals, or key clicks ruin the fun of others. Now that the SDR recordings are in place we are considering disqualifications for those stations that show poor sportsmanship with their bad signals.



This impressive antenna farm at PZ5T was used in the single operator category by Yuri, VE3DZ.



Vassilis (SV1DPJ) is operating the run station at SZ1A while Takis (SV2FWV) and Panos (SV1HKH) look on.

CQ WW CW 2012 on the Web

SZ1A photo album: <https://picasaweb.google.com/114195421952141682894/ContestCQWWCW2012>
PJ2T photo album: <http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/CQWWCW2012/CQWWCWContestAlbum/cqwwcw2012.html>
P40F photo album: <http://r5ga.com/photos.php?id=5>
One and half hours of CQWW DX CW in eleven seconds: <http://youtu.be/D4P9ZIDMIQA>
CQWW CW 2012 Activity as seen from New Zealand: <http://youtu.be/n4K2KvIDJ5I>
Interview with OH6KZP operator of CR2X: http://www.contestclubfinland.com/documents/PileUp2_12.pdf
Best QSO rates: <http://rate.pileup.ru/qso.php?contest=CQ-WW-CW&year=2012>
LT1F CQWW CW 2012 LU1FAM: <http://youtu.be/YCP5sq4m4FY>
LP1H CQWW CW 2012 SOAB (A) op. LU5DX: <http://youtu.be/-zQ0V3zaYno>
K9CT CQ WW CW M/2: <http://youtu.be/qF8NtdPezXQ>
ED1R - CQ WW DX CW 2012: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbtmsO-xLCRo&feature=share&list=PL2C9F29413E837A32>
HK1NA - CQ WW CW 2012 @HK1R Jumanji Field Contest Station: <http://youtu.be/XEPJwDMjq5U>
CQWW CW 2012 - EI2KC on 80 metres: http://youtu.be/x-FO9_pJ57o
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HF8N CQWW CW 2012: <http://youtu.be/rymfeLRkELY>

