

# 2012 CQ WW DX CW Contest QRM

## DX QRM

It wasn't a serious effort from me. I did manage to finish off my WAZ on 40m and bag a few new DXCC. Tnx to the organizers and to all those who didn't give up on my weak sigs. 73 . . . **2E1FVS**. Best wishes to all and best 73! . . . **4K6FO**. Managed to install 160m antenna and put 4U1GSC on the air full 48 hours. Great fun, despite the CME effect on propagation on all bands. Sleeping is for non-contesters! (9A3A/E73A op) . . . **4U1GSC**. We arrived at our QTH on Saturday afternoon when the contest was running for many hours. After setting up first station we decided to play in the contest. It was very limited operation, as antennas were shared with other 5T0SP operation positions. However it was a great pleasure to operate and give new multiplier to so many stations . . . **5T0SP**. Great contest. Great to work 37 zones, but not my own! . . . **5X1NH**. On November 24th from 1313 to 1422 UTC we noticed failure of station on 40m causing higher 2nd harmonic. Problem was solved with replacement of FT1000MP with another one . . . **9A1A**. Beautiful fun with Icom IC-746 and vertical . . . **9A3LN**. Thank you for the efforts of the contest organization! . . . **9M2BDX**. Thank you for organizing the contest every year. :-) See you in 2013! . . . **9M2JKL**. Partial time operation . . . **A65BR**. Hope it was new Asia record. GL es 73 . . . **A73A**. TKS nice QSOs. See you next contest . . . **BA4SD**. Cha Mountain, Foshan City . . . **BA7JS**. Very enjoyable, plenty of activity and DX. Downside was band closing very early, well before sunset. Only 17 useful hours over the 2 days. With low power it was great to log almost 600 Q's in a 4 hour run. Cndx were better on first day. Made an error running EU too long on Saturday. Band died before I could S&P Caribbean/USA, so I am disappointed with mults to the west. I missed zones 1, 2, 3, 6, 34 (was anybody there?) & 40. I guess northerly stns had a tough time on this band. I heard only Z2 who was very weak here. Does every male citizen in DL have a ham license? They just kept coming and coming; they were endless. Thanks guys. Not too many dirty or wide sigs this time; folks are learning! . . . **C4Z**. Even worse interference from something industrial or HV line; device from 270 deg often well over 59. Due to that probably our last operation from C5A. Our "field day" setup could not really compete with big gun stations like D4C – our congratulations. Will meet next year from somewhere for sure! . . . **C5A**. Had fun. Carrying everything on the plane is getting tougher with age! . . . **C6AQQ**. It is my second time with SDR in CQWW contest. Very nice radio. Lot of fun. Nice propagation. CQWW is the best contest. See you in the next . . . **CO8DM**. A fantastic experience! Thanks to the Radio Arcala team . . . **CR2X**. My 11th CQ WW CW from Portugal! Tnx to CT1DVV, CT1ESV, CT1YQM & family . . . **CR6T**. Sorry no reliable Internet with me on Madeira. So had to transfer the file when back in DL! . . . **CT3AS**. Better condx on Saturday. Wonderful contest as usual . . . **CX7CO**. Hello Murphy! . . . **DC4A**. Since more than 30 years my dream, first participation in CW. 40 wpm is really challenging for me, ED9Z for instance . . . **DD0VS**. Did it just for fun and to test my equipment . . . **DD7NT**. Good condx in north DL. See you next year again. 73 . . . **DF4XX**. Good fun with my QRP SO2R setup: KX3, K2; ant: 3-ele, dipole, vertical . . . **DF5RF**. My first CQ WW CW, just some hours but was a great fun . . . **DH5YM**. TU to all ops, fb QSOs with KX, 5 watts & vertical +2-ele quad . . . **DJ2IA**. For a guy who is not good in CW still some fun. Big surprise Saturday morning E2E and XV1X on 10m. Wife woke me and told there was work to do . . . **DJ5AN**. K2, is hard to work with a 2-el Yagi only against the big guns . . . **DJ6TK**. A lot of fun has made again, with aeriels under roof and QRP. Thanks for the patience! . . . **DK1IZ**. Rather flat conditions especially on Saturday. Sunday was a bit better but far from what we call a solar cycle maximum. Nevertheless, the 2

x 3-ele DK7ZB Yagis performed quite well . . . **DK1MAX**. What a beautiful contest with 10m wide open. See you all next year! . . . **DK5AI**. A nice contest again! Thanks for QSOs! Hpe cuagn sn! Vy73 es gl! Dieter . . . **DK5ZX**. My aim was to work more than 100 QSOs on each band. In 21 hours I could reach it. I was happy about band openings to US on higher bands. Nice to meet old friends . . . **DK7AN**. My 5th CQ WW. 160m and 80m better than last year, the upper bands worse. Some more QSOs, but much fewer points. Not quite sure why; my setup was the same, and operating time 5 hrs less. Seems it can't always go, but it was great to break the 1000 QSOs limit again! . . . **DK8NT**. Many thanks to Toffy, DJ6ZM for let me use his fb station . . . **DL1A**. Operating from friend's garden. This time the setup was somehow not very good due to big noise of the power supply when transmitting and the antenna counterpoise used was too short and needed to be fixed in a not properly RF good way. But still scored as the latest years when operating from the friend's garden. Was still fun. But need to fix the power supply ;). And the next time more likely to operate with a team or at DB0RC again . . . **DL1KSE**. Good condx, fun with QRP. I need a vertical on high bands . . . **DL1RNN**. Tnx fer nice contest. See you 2013! . . . **DL1THB**. This year I was unfortunately not available to contest station. I had work from home, this means small transmission power 100 watts. Used to calling the contest in the most active period for which it was very troublesome at low power with Windom and ground plane antenna . . . **DL2F**. Rig 5W, Ant 10 m wire, straight key, hand log. Some loud stations were difficult to work . . . **DL2LFH**. My first CQWWDX. I worked from DL5WW station. Thanks for all nice calls . . . **DL2NOM**. Enjoyable contest . . . **DL2YAK**. Strange condx the first day on 10m, nearly without propagation on the northern paths. Sunday was much better. In the end it was big fun again! . . . **DL4AAE**. I had much fun on the contest! . . . **DL4FAP**. That was fun! Not so good conditions like in SSB, anyway not bad . . . **DL4JLM**. Saturday conditions bad, Sunday very good, 73 . . . **DL4UL**. Enjoyed working from home with my refurbished Triple-Leg Vertical and 100W. 73 to all participants and especially for the big guns, who were patient to listen . . . **DL5FAB**. Changing condx between very good and nothing on Saturday night. Compared with last year's CQWW 30 percent less at same expense. Thanks to all for picking me up. I had fun. 73, "Jo" . . . **DL5KUD**. 10 Meters was open on Sunday. Nice! . . . **DL5KW**. Started with LP, but was frustrating, 73s . . . **DL7BY**. Nice contest agn, good conditions on all bands, but early close of the high bands. Beautiful opening on 10 to NA on Sunday afternoon. Worked with verticals and 80/40 dipole. Everything worked well. See you next year. 73 de Manfred . . . **DL7UMK**. Just for fun! CU next year again . . . **DL7VRG**. Bad conds in northeast Germany, nevertheless lots of fun. 73 de Peter . . . **DL7YS**. Great contest with many DX on my favorite band 80m . . . **DM7C**. Only a few hours/all bands. Hope cuagn in 2013! . . . **DQ1V**. Many thanks to all for the Qs. We had some fun . . . **DR1D**. Just the last 1.5 hours to give out some points. Nice pile ups with RBN-users . . . **DR4W**. My second time in CQ WW CW, great and fantastik . . . **DU7HF**. Entering QRP 5 watts with 10 meter dipole with RF choke. Good propagation to VK, ZL and DL . . . **E20YLM**. Fair contest, fair DX propagation. Thanks all participants. 73, see you next year . . . **E770**. FT817 with 5 watts out. Charged multiband dipole. Fun!! . . . **EA1AER**. Nice experience with only a remoted TS480 and Windom! . . . **EA1NK**. Excluding rigs and amps, a homemade contest station . . . **EA2EA**. First time as QRP participation, enjoyable experience testing my new K3 + P3 setup, conditions excellent and great participation. Thanks to all for the effort to pull my signal from the QRM! . . . **EA2LU**. Great conditions on 40m and unbelievable openings at unusual times! I had great fun! . . .

**EA3NT.** Good contest! . . . **EA5ARC.** Lost 2 hours calling RI1ANF, no way. Anyway band closed too early and not much fun really. I need this kind of antenna that broke propagation. Thanks for QSOs guys. 73s . . . **EA6SX.** For my first contest CW I'm very satisfied. Best regards . . . **EA7AN.** Nice contest. The Best . . . **EA7GTJ.** Nobody answered my CQs. Very hard with QRP 5W and GP. Had to call all stns . . . **EA8/SA6G.** Thank you very much to all the stations I worked and patience that all had. 73 . . . **EA9CD.** A great experience again! Thanks to you all for calling! . . . **EE8L.** Best receiving ever! . . . **EF8S.** Just a few hours to give points away, enjoyed it . . . **EI1DG.** Good fun. Two things stuck out about this contest, my first spent entirely on 15m from band open to close on both days, firstly the number of local (EU) stations I worked long path, the second the number of big station sigs travelling all the around at least once! . . . **EI4HQ.** It's been a long time since we tried any sort of serious CW contest, so it was nice to give this one a go. Firstly, congratulations to the eastern European guys for their grand scores! It seems the two solar impacts on Saturday were perfectly timed to ruin any chance for us to do well. The early one killed our LF runs on Saturday morning, and the later one closed HF for us on Saturday afternoon. With our perennial problem of working mults from this far west in Europe (we worked almost all we could hear), we had no chance to compensate with greater QSO numbers. Luckily, Sunday was a lot better and proved to us we can do ok if conditions allow! As the French say, "c'est la vie" - the important things are that we had fun, we did as well as we could this time around, and we learned a lot for an improvement next year. Thanks to Dave, G3WGN, for traveling over and the great craic, to our CW team, to Neil '3JE for a huge amount of preparation work, and to John '8IR for hosting us. Mark '3KD . . . **EI7M.** TNX for FB contest . . . **ER2RM.** Hope next time better . . . **ES3X.** Very fun contest as usual. Unfortunately it was not possible to do all 36 hours, but still, I'm very satisfied. I used rig Kenwood TS-2000 with a tribander JP-2000 and a delta loop for 80m, power was less than 100 W. On 80m even much less because of bad SWR. Meet you on the air, 73! . . . **ES5TF.** Tnx for contest . . . **EU1AI.** What about those stations running high speed pileup who never never give their call? Not everybody competes in assisted category and I think it's abnormal losing my competition time waiting 15 minutes or more to know these stations call sign . . . **F5JY.** Had fun with 350W and a GP. Magic WW DX CW. The only weekend you can contact PJ4D, 6V7V and PJ2T in 60 seconds exactly. Tnx to KH6LC for KH6 on 40. See you next year. 73 de Phil (ex FO8RZ) . . . **F5PHW.** Fantastic propagation this year! I never had so much good results than these two days! Same antenna as before (vertical whip 30 feet long, installed 96 feet over ground) but I used two transceivers, the 1st one a Genesis G11 with 5 watts, the first day and the second a Elecraft KX3 the second day also 5 watts. They are both at the same level; maybe the KX3 having a better reaction to keying than the G11. Both offering the same ease of receiving. Both a very nice setup for reception of very low level signals! . . . **F5UL.** 10 was a disappointment. Better luck next year. Just a causal contest from home. Very comfortable to operate from home for a change. Many good operators . . . **F5VHJ.** Wish I could stay awake longer! . . . **F5VKT.** After a CQWWCW QRP in 2011, this year I participate with my TS850S and a vertical 18HTS with 96 radial on the ground. I am a just man who walked on bands by answering the CQ. It is another way of participating in the CQWW . . . **F6CWA.** The basis of this activity 160m single band was looking for new country, my score is 89 DXCC. One was available this time: Turkey, contacted through the contest TC3M station located in zone 20. I made 118 QSOs for a total score of 5980 points, with 7 CQ zones (5, 14, 15, 16, 20, 33, 35), 39 DXCC countries whose Europe (34), North America (2), Africa (2), Asia (1) TA. Only six North American stations were removed from the noise the 24/11: three U.S. stations contacted successively located in the state of Maryland (MD), W3LPL at 03:02z, NN3W at 03:34z and W3KL at 03:41z and a Canadian

station VE1ZJ at 03:45z, then another U.S. state of Georgia K4PI at 06:10z then K3CR Pennsylvania (PA) at 06:54z who answered my CQ, a half hour before sunrise to my Paris. No North American station was heard on 25/11. I missed the zone 2 with VE2EKA not heard.. Also note any station Caribbean heard (FM5CD, KP2M, PZ5T) but I heard for the first time Colombia (HK1NA) on 160m. Mad I heard without contacting stations in Russian Asia zone 17 (RX9CAZ) and 18 (RA9Y), Kazakhstan (UN4L, UP2L), Lebanon (OD5NJ), yet in the area of less than 4,000 kms but there mystery in this direction. I have not heard yet reported of such EL2A 160m (Liberia) and C5A (Gambia). In total, a good time spent with always a boundless admiration for operators such as D4C, ES5TV, 4O8A operating in telegraphy speed of light in the midst of monstrous pileup. Best 73 Laurent . . . **F6GOX.** I had S9 + noise in the hotel so could not hear anything with my fishing rod vertical . . . **FK/VK6DXI.** One more weekend of pleasure. See you next year! . . . **FY5KE.** The usual madhouse, but well mannered . . . **G0EFO.** 80 Watts to dipole at 25 feet just doesn't cut the mustard. The Assisted category certainly makes life a little easier for us aged operators. Great fun as always. Heard China and Japan but no QSO's. Maybe next year . . . **G1N.** Good contest as ever. Conditions good with bands lively SD used for logging . . . **G2HDR.** Good conditions . . . **G3GLL.** Good conditions - particularly HF. Bad - those CQ'ers who never stop to listen for callers . . . **G3IAF.** Band essentially only open during daylight. Propagation to North America notably better on Sunday. Significant number of strong key clicks . . . **G3IZD.** Condxs not so good as last year. Saturday very hard going for QRP, but Sunday was great with good Stateside opening up until 18:00hrs then no good for QRP. As always a great contest much enjoyed. CU next year . . . **G3LHJ.** Saturday: Strange conditions, LF bands noisy in evening, rain static too. Sunday: Better! 10m good. Strong echoes on 15m. Never ceases to amaze me that so much can be worked from a noisy urban QTH with 100W to a low wire antenna when up against so much competition. Great fun! . . . **G3NKS.** Great fun again. My CW RX a bit rusty, my antennas are the best ever. Thanks guys, see you all again, 73 . . . **G3R.** Disturbed conditions on the first day, but well compensated for by good conditions towards the end of the contest on the Sunday afternoon, including an enjoyable five-hour non-stop run into USA/Canada . . . **G3TXF.** Only limited time to play . . . **G3VKW.** Spent the early hours using traditional S&P aided by my own local Skimmer, no internet spotting. System worked well, local Skimmer ineffective when running. Nevertheless by the end of the contest there wasn't much around that I hadn't worked. All in all very satisfied with 104 countries and 31 zones although not as good as last year's effort which earned me 20th in the World in this category. Apologies to all who came back to me as F3VPW; need to investigate linear TX/RX timings or contact bounce with the letter "G" on first transmission. Spent about an hour mid contest playing with TX lead times in K3 menu and my Microham II keyer into dummy load and listening on a separate Rx. Many thanks to Bob, K3EST, for all your past years of effort with CQWW; you have earned a well-deserved rest!! . . . **G3VPW.** Good condx, best for years!! Tnx all contacts EI5DI great K1EL Winkey great . . . **G3VYI.** Not a serious entry! Just came on to give out a few points. 10m conditions pleasantly good, better than I had expected . . . **G3WRR.** Our club is open to the public. So much for the visitor who claimed "no one uses Morse code these days"! Thanks to all who took part . . . **G3YNN.** Enjoyable. 80m and 160m severe S9 QRM all the time. This has deteriorated very much since last year! . . . **G3ZGC.** Amazing what can be done with 80w and a bit of wire at max 28 feet crammed into a yard 24 x 24 feet as inverted L. New QTH, new aerial. Used N1MM for first time, very pleased with the prog. Hope to use the less basic features in future . . . **G3ZRJ.** Elecraft K3, 5 watts output, Vee dipole and doublet antennae. Real struggle on Saturday with QRP. Sunday better condx . . . **G4DBW.** Lots of fun but a bit slow at the end, all S & P, conditions not as good as last year

. . . **G4DDL**. Very busy and found 15 and 10 very productive even late into the evening. Most enjoyable and I was able to operate more hours. One station was wiping out 20m with QRM for me . . . **G4DDX**. Two contrasting days with Sunday having far better conditions. Band closed early on Saturday but lasted until 2000 on Sunday . . . **G4FKA**. Good conditions on bands most of the time . . . **G4IUF**. Only operated for a short time due to other commitments . . . **G4RGK**. Great contest, but some serious key-clix. Conditions generally good, although long echoes on 20/15 made Sunday morning tough. LF good (low static) but high attenuation, meaning not as many Zones as usual . . . **G5W**. Running QRP 5W from an IC-7400 to a ground-mounted trap vertical in VERY wet soil! Heard lots of midwest W's that they could not hear my QRP above the noise levels. Had the same problems with the usually workable UAØ stations. Almost every contact was in zone 15 or 14. Working zone 16 was considered exotic DX! . . . **G6CSY**. Not my usual mode but enjoyed the time I could spend mostly in Zone and DXCC chasing . . . **G8APB**. 27 hrs. Had a cold. Lots of fun anyway. Glad to give several 6-banders . . . **GJ2A**. Thanks for running the contest. . . . **GM4HQF**. Top band QRP is hard; you hear many stations and no one hears you. It's the D layer I am told; well once the D layer dissipates it's all go . . . if only I could keep awake. Thanks to all for their perseverance in extracting my weak sigs from the noise, 73 . . . **GM4UBJ**. Due to family commitments could only spend a short time in the contest . . . **GM4UYZ**. Awful conditions on Saturday, heard only 2 USA stations. Better Sunday but missed lots of easy EU mults, no SM, LA, OZ, or OH! Never even heard any. Still roll on next year. . . . **GU4CHY**. My first attempt on 28 MHz and a real struggle. Pleased to get a few new countries in the log. Thanks to all those that managed to copy my QRP . . . **GWØVSW**. Part timer! Hear audio at [www.gw4ble.dxlist.co.uk](http://www.gw4ble.dxlist.co.uk) . . . **GW4BLE**. Hard going on Saturday but much better conditions on Sunday . . . **GW4EVX**. My time was very limited to operate this time. Many thanks for Q's. See you next time . . . **HA2MN**. Great contest, good activity on 15 M. My 100 W is not enough from me to KL7, KH6, T8, etc. (big pileup on each spots). Thanks for Q's to All. Best regards from me to members of CQ WW Contest Committee . . . **HA3UU**. Top band is magic as well! . . . **HA6NN**. Tnx Contest! . . . **HA6PJ**. Condx were definitely not as good as last year, especially on the first day which impacted the expected score to quite some degree. Nevertheless we had some very nice runs, primarily into NA. We'll certainly be back next year . . . **HB9CA**. Due to family duties not so much activity possible this time. It seems even more from year to year to me that with many stations tx-power is increased to max+ but the rx maintains the same. It would be better in the opposite direction, less power = less qrm and better rx! Elecraft KX3, vertical h-pol . . . **HB9CEY**. Wonderful contest and great conditions this year. My 5 watt signal reached almost all corners of the earth! Thanks to all who copied my weak signal. Will be back next year. 73 Bruno HB9CBB . . . **HB9F**. Heathkit SB-102 (1974), max. power 100 Watts . . . **HB9HQX**. Very good propagation but 10m and 15m suffered from strong backscatter, making it sometimes impossible to copy call signs. As we only had 2 operators part time, the overall operating time was only 20h48. We enjoyed the contest very much and will show up next year with full power and 48h operating time . . . **HB9LL**. The contest activity was very nice. Best 73/DX, Zoli . . . **HG4F**. VY happy time in 2012 CQ WW Contest. CU AGN next contest. GL, 73 . . . **HL5YI**. Finally managed to work two stations on 160 meters outside my local area - first time ever! . . . **HP3FTD**. Great contest as always. High atmospheric noise here and multipath at my sunset . . . **HSØZDR**. Good propagation - made some new contacts in relation to last year. I was totally not ready to the high rate of departure, but I enjoyed it anyway. Very much I tried a new RXTX FT847 with antenna for receiving "Loop - single band" - the old HT18 Hy-Gain is fantastic . . . **I4JEE**. We still have to learn but we are improving ops' skill and station. It was nice to have as guest Robert, S53R. We enjoyed very much. See you in the next CQWW with more antennas. Nice to work

KH7X long path on 10 meters! . . . **I19P**. I used only 5 watts maximum output power from Icom 736 to vertical antenna (R-7000). Best regards! . . . **IK1ZOF**. Propagation not at its best, but I enjoyed the time devoted to this year's contest. Just before it started I repaired my simple loop antenna and during the contest I repaired the tuner. This is life. I hope to be present next year when I'll be 77, a nice number . . . **IK2AIT**. Always a lot of fun! . . . **IK2RLS**. Short time for this contest, but nice QSOs with my new antenna OB11-3 and only 100W . . . **IK2XDE**. I operated only part time, but it was nice to try CW QRP on 10m, for a few hours (8h), tnx to my friend for the loan of a nice KX3 Elecraft. Quite a challenge and many miles per watts were achieved with a compromise, a longer time due to more calls to get multipliers. KX3 was very pleasant to listen to without fatigue. Wattmeter used LP-100A, ant 3-el Ultrabeam dynamic antenna . . . **IK4AUY**. It's nice returning to CQ WW CW after four years away . . . **IK4EWX**. Maximum power output used was 5W. I have a lot of fun with my QRP equipment that was FT-817. Antennas were 3-element triband (10-15-20m) and homemade dipole for 40-80 meter bands . . . **IK4OMU**. See you next year es tnx. Op. AL . . . **IK6DIN**. This year I am happy because I have (I think) good score, for more time in the contest. Always Big Contest! 73 . . . **IK8GYQ**. It was many years not seen such a good ionospheric propagation. It was great to connect with so many countries with a simple wire dipole for 20m and 100 Watts . . . **ISØXDA**. Good Contest! Good luck and thanks . . . **IV3BCA**. Very good test. Until next CQWWDX Test Vy 73's Salvatore . . . **IV3DYS**. Thanks to everyone for their participation . . . **IW2FUT**. Limited time, so took the 40 meters option, given I was away for the best moments on higher bands. Always lots of fun. Congrats to everyone involved! . . . **IX1CKN**. 5W with my new Moxon was fantastic! . . . **IZ2JPN**. Great CW contest and very good operators. I made 500 QSOs only with my Flexradio 3K, a vertical trap antenna and a short-wire with autotuner (CG3000). See you next year . . . **IZ2OBS**. Just for fun, nice to work some interesting ones on 160 and 80 . . . **IZ5MOQ**. Heard EL2A on 10m, but couldn't get him . . . **JA1ANF**. We had a high hope of making more than 3000 QSOs as we did last year, but the propagation on 10m was way down and the geomagnetic disturbances from CME did not help, either. We improved our 80m antenna, which increased our score there, but definitely this was not enough to cover up the deteriorated propagation on 10m . . . **JA1BPA**. Cannot attend in full but enjoyed very much . . . **JA1CTV**. Ten meters very fine . . . **JA1FGB**. This contest was in good condition, so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest . . . **JA1HFY**. I enjoyed the contest . . . **JA1LJW**. I enjoyed the first CW contest . . . **JA1TBX**. Thank you for the always pleasant contest. 10m condition thought that it fell from last year. 40m and 15m were still more sufficiently good condition. 80m and 160m were our failure. We call you again also a next contest. Thank you. de JA1YPA/JA1PEJ . . . **JA1YPA**. Thanks for the nice fun contest . . . **JA2MOG**. I came back on HF band . . . **JA2XLV**. Poor condx. I need Zone 8 . . . **JA3EGE**. I enjoyed the contest and the typhoon! . . . **JA4OPW**. I submitted my log for the first time for WW CW contest. Condx for 3.5 and 28 were vy gud . . . **JA7AUM**. I enjoyed the contest with a simple wire dipole . . . **JA7CPW**. I enjoyed the contest in good propagation. However, there were some intervals any signal could be hardly heard . . . **JA7LLL**. Thank you for the nice contest . . . **JA7MJ**. My QRP power is 1 Watt . . . **JA8CXX**. I enjoyed the contest . . . **JA8DIV**. I am low power DXer and very glad to put contest log as first time. Tks to management of CQ-WW contest to yours . . . **JA8KSW**. I QRV on 160M single band. I used my MV (Micro Vertical antenna) 12m high on my balcony + Elecraft K3 transceiver & FT-1000D. This year the conditions on 160m band was very poor. I could not QSO with the exception west coast U.S.A. stations. But I got a little more points than the last year. I used K3 with very heavy QRM, and I used FT-1000D with no QRM & very weak signal . . . **JE1SPY**. I had no time for job. I did QRV only night time . . . **JE4CIL**. I enjoyed the CQ WW CW contest. I can do many QSOs with DX stations . .

. **JF1PYJ**. I enjoyed the contest with small loop ant . . . **JF1VNR**. Enjoyed on 10M. Worked many African stations, but no Caribbean . . . **JG1AVO**. I enjoyed the contest. MaxPower: 5w . . . **JG1CMT**. I enjoyed good condition on 15m band . . . **JG1FKT**. Wires on balcony at a condominium shack. Great fun! . . . **JG1OWV**. Operate at 5 watts output power as always. I enjoyed the contest by QRP . . . **JG3MGG**. As usual, enjoyed WW CW. Thanks to all . . . **JG5DHX**. Thanks for my first time in contest . . . **JH1EIG**. Thanks for the QSOs in the contest . . . **JH1FNU**. I challenged the contest with the 2.2m long mobile whip at 45m high. I was very surprised and satisfied that I could contact over 200 stations. MNI TNX FB DXers FER picking up my weak SIG . . . **JH1OES**. I worked 2012 WW CW (SO Assisted 21MHz Low) but my PC is down for contesting afternoon of Sunday. PC did not start. Hard disk seems to crash. Sorry cannot take out Log data from a PC. Approximate QSO Data Q/Z/C 680/33/80 I wish the station which did QSO with me does not become disadvantageous . . . **JH6JSR**. 2nd time participation in CQWWCW! I enjoyed the test! . . . **JH8CLC**. It is not JS8, but JH8. QSD? QBT? . . . **JH8CXW**. I enjoyed the contest on All Band . . . **JJ1KZZ**. I enjoyed very well. Many Thanks . . . **JJ5HUD**. Thanks to pick up my weak signal . . . **JK1VOZ**. Condx wasn't so good, but I enjoyed QSOing with some country operators. Tnks to all . . . **JL1UTS**. Condx was fairly good. I enjoyed contest very well! . . . **JO3PSJ**. High band propagation becomes better! . . . **JP1SRG**. Thanks. I enjoyed the contest . . . **JR0BUL**. The condition was very good. I enjoyed having QSOs. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts . . . **JR1NKN**. Portable: Midori-ku, Sagami-hara City, Kanagawa Pref. QRP: 2.5W . . . **JR1USU**. I enjoyed the contest at the mountain (abt 4500 feet) near my home QTH. TU . . . **JR2VRN**. Thanks for perfect competitions. CW is One World & One Language. See you again in the next contest! Dear my radio friends . . . **JT1E**. Good, enjoy contesting. 73! Yoshi . . . **KH2/JK2VOC**. Operated from Ala Moana Beach Park QRP . . . **KH6CS**. Only worked the first nite because my Battle Creek Special went bad in the morning and I couldn't fix it before the second night . . . **KH6DX**. That was fun. Despite the poor forecast and some moderately challenging conditions at times, propagation was incredible at other times. Last night 40 was simply amazing and open nearly worldwide. I even worked Europe in their daylight hours on 40. Picked up a couple new countries for DXCC, too. I didn't want to kill myself this weekend and resolved not to work more than 24 hours, but gosh this was addicting. I had trouble tearing myself away. I think this is a personal best in terms of score and QSO count. At least it is from KL2R. Saturday night I thought there was no way I was going to make 2000 QSOs, but by Sunday morning it seemed a real possibility. Just missed it! Another 45 minutes, and I could have. :- ) I did a LOT of S&P. I had a few good runs for an hour or hour and a half from Friday to Sun AM, but I was mainly looking for mults and 3-pointers. It paid off. At times my S&P rate was 90-110 per hour, so the point accumulation was pretty good. . . . **KL2R**. Not only could I hear the effects of the CME on radio signals, I could see it outdoors with the Northern Lights dancing overhead! I managed to beat my last year's score but not by much. I had hoped 10 meters would produce BIG this weekend but it never did. The weekend may have been weak on multipliers but it was heavy on fun! Thanks CQ for another great contest experience! . . . **KL8DX**. Just 2 or 3 hrs looking for multipliers., only on 40 meters . . . **KP2BH**. Great Fun! Glad to participate again . . . **KP3W**. Good condx except for 10m which was erratic. Extreme number of stns, extreme fun! And large number of rare DX, easy to pick! Will be back next year, health permitting! . . . **LA2AB**. First CW contest, great fun! . . . **LA3LJA**. Only 80 m this year. Some nice DX and some new DX. Hope to cu all next yr. 73 de Olaf . . . **LA3RK**. Just fooling around to see if any interesting callsigns show up. Limited time, just 5.5 hours activity here . . . **LA6CF**. Quite good conditions all over, except South Africa and ZL/Pacific OC from Norway. It is early dark this time of year in Scandinavia, so the bands 10-20m closed already at

approx. 1700 GMT - completely dead! . . . **LA9WDA**. Did some testing during this weekend with my Top Band Doublet. Got the opportunity to test effectiveness in different configurations with lots of stations on the band all day long - HI . . . **LB2TB**. Very nice contest as usual. Propagation changing for moment to moment, from very very good to near nonexistent. Too few time to compete, but very fun indeed! . . . **LU8EHR**. S&P just for fun . . . **LX1ER**. Thanks Albertas LY5R for letting me operate again his nice station. Unfortunately, arrived CME here at 56 degrees north latitude competing against my southern rivals made impossible . . . **LY9A**. TS-130, 60w, Windom, N1MM, 1000m asl. TKS, see you next year with better setup . . . **LZ1GEN**. Part time with small 6m loop, TS2000 and Wintest with Winkeyer . . . **M0CKE**. Just for fun to get some DX . . . **M0KIS**. First time ever entering a CW contest having only just started learning the code in earnest about 4 months ago. Very impressed with the many good ops that could pull my QRP signal out of the noise and make sense of my CW. Looking forward to the next one. A great incentive to continue with CW!! . . . **M0KLO**. Good conditions on 80/40/20m . . . **M0NQN**. Hard going with only a trapped dipole. Wish I could get a beam up. Lots of fun though. See you next year . . . **M3C**. Condx were FAB. Pity about my 19hrs 54mins off. NOT sleeping, had to lower tower Saturday night as gale force winds ripped through the valley, not good! New rules are OK here! . . . **M3I**. I had expected conditions to be better. They were almost identical to two years ago when I previously entered 15m single band. I was much warmer this time as my shack has been refurbished! . . . **M3W**. CUWS's M4A contest station, operated by Thomas M0TRN for first 20 hours of contest. Other operators who were penciled in could not make it for various reasons, so this was all, but still submitting this as Multi-Single to indicate that this contest station is a team effort, and to be consistent with the future entries. Hopefully next year we will have a full roster of ops! . . . **M4A**. Severe power disruption due to high winds on Sunday . . . **M5AEF**. A lot more absorption than when I last did this in 2008, but still fun. I had a lot of trouble with wide unstable sidebands but generally most stations sounded cleaner than I recall from the past . . . **M5O**. Propagation predictions went out of the window this year! . . . **M6W**. My 2nd CQWW CW and first contest with shiny new callsign. My target was to reach 2000 QSOs and beat last year's score. I managed both. I did 36 hours in total. I had to stop on Sunday evening about 20z as I was really struggling. I decided to lie down for 15 minutes and woke up an hour later! When I went back to the shack, I was like a zombie and I could hardly decode any callsigns, even S&P. It took me another hour before I would dare run again. I have no idea how folks manage 48 hours. I got the new call on Friday so it isn't in any Super check files yet. While I was S&Ping, loads of stations worked me first call then asked me for repeats when they never found it in their lookup :- ) . . . **MM2N**. The radio control from rig to PC failed at 1808z and it went unnoticed for about 45 minutes. I fixed it but it failed after 2 QSOs and wouldn't work again so I closed early . . . **MM3N**. Nice to see 10m back in business. Far East in morning, through Africa in the afternoon, to west coast USA in the evening. Lots of backscatter contacts resulting in unusual headings and a warm rotator :-). Thanks to all who worked me . . . **MM3T**. Band was a disaster on Saturday, made a great comeback Sunday afternoon . . . **MU0FAL**. Had fun. Good CW practice . . . **NL7V**. Was prepared for 15m SO High Power, BUT after 40 (!) QSOs the PA failed (xformer). Did continue with K3 barefoot. So it's up to you how you rate my entry as LP or HP. Antenna used 8-ele LPA at 25m and vertical for diversity tests. TNX for another fb CW weekend! . . . **OE3GSA**. To be hosted by OE3DIA is a wonderful experience. Condx were impacted by the M-class flair, especially first day. Otherwise more would be possible. Great operation from around the world, the most fascinating thing in this contest. The reason to stay in chair for 48 hours. At the other hand, it would be contribution to healthier living & better sport image of contesting if SOAB gets a time limit to 42 hours. Thanks to all for an exciting weekend

and special thanks to the WWCC taking care about evaluation and adjudication of the logs, a hard job to be done. 73 Suad . . . **OE3K**. A lot of struggle with my poor conditions and the poor propagation . . . **OG6N**. This entry should be setting a new M/2 record for OHØ! . . . **OHØV**. Nice contest but a bit bad conditions on Saturday due to CME . . . **OH1F**. I had the pleasure of being test pilot for Jaakko's station. OH1TX has 4el KLM Yagi on a rotating tower and a fixed 2el Yagi to EU direction. FT5000 and Acom 2000A. There was plenty of time to do S&P because OH1 call did not create any major pileups. I was listening often to Indian Ocean and Africa but did never hear zone 34 or 39. One CE6 was hot but I did not get thru. Band conditions during the weekend were quite challenging, sometimes aurora got so strong that even European signals were suffering. On Saturday/Sunday night aurora turned so bad that I took a good 4 hours' sleep at the moment when we usually have good NA runs. Southern Europe continued with NA DXes. That little frustrating moment was well compensated by the excellent after contest sauna with an outdoor bath. The "trademark" of Jaakko's exotic QTH . . . **OH1TX**. We operated from the site of OH5Z together with OH5WH. He ran SOSB 40 and I did SOSB 15. Unfortunately the station was a bit handicapped since we could not rotate the stack tower at all. I did some 80% of the operating with a single tribander driven by my old Drake L4B workhorse delivering huge 700w. The conditions were very challenging to say the least. I just never got a pileup going and I spent much time on S/P. On Sunday 15 minutes after the sun set the signals dropped by about 30 dB just in less than a minute. I have never experienced ever a drastic change. The band just did not recover anymore. Nevertheless it was again a nice contest as CQWW always has been . . . **OH5TS**. First contest with the new antenna . . . **OK1AWZ**. I tried for several hours to take effect improvements antennas to the east . . . **OK1DQT**. Rig "K3" + 3-el tribander, 100W out. Not so good condx on 10m. I cannot wkd many hrd stations, that each test more and more stations wkd used KW and more and is problem between 10 or more guns on each multiplier succeed. Many stations give long time (more as over 15 QSOs) not own call. It's not correct . . . **OK2QX**. Good contest. See you again friends . . . **OK2SWD**. Good contest with many friends. See you again . . . **OK5SWL**. Despite sleeping both nights, my son explaining the cool features of my brand new smartphone, and watching the Sao Paolo Formula 1 Grand Prix, I managed to work over 1,000 stations leaving me pleased with the results of my humble 100 watts . . . **ON4CAS**. I enjoyed myself very much . . . **ON6LO**. Just hunting some of the DX due to an attack of the flue! . . . **ON6NL**. Great fun! The best contest ever! . . . **OO4O**. Great fun. Only wish that some people would stop calling blind and start using their ears a bit more . . . **OY1CT**. Thanks to all the fb ops that make this contest so enjoyable. Hard work, but very exciting, even LP . . . **P49Y**. Excellent contest . . . **PAØWKI**. Thanks to Ronald PA3EWP and Kees PA3BWD in their support getting the station ready. Glad the repair of the Gamma Match survived the extreme windstorm on Sunday . . . **PA1AW**. Not 48 hours, but lots of fun! Good conditions on10, that was long ago . . . **PA1BX**. Thanks everybody for all the very nice QSOs! 73 . . . **PA1HR**. Nice contest; many operators and good conditions . . . **PA2CHM**. Ham radio from below sea level was a lot of fun, 80m only, low, NA Vy crowded 80m. so missed some DX. K2/100 with twin delta loop. CU all next time, vy 73 Eric . . . **PA2REH**. TNX All . . . **PA3CJP**. Equipment used Yaesu FT 2000 and G5RV antenna. Many thanks . . . **PA3FMC**. First contest in CW giving points is a learning curve. Hope to work you all next year as a CW gun. ;-) Sorry, I made 2 contacts on 40 Mtr in a segment I am not allowed to work. I have a terrible fist you write a G in state of a P . . . **PDØNMF**. Tnx fer the very nice contest . . . **PD7BZ**. Great to meet so many contest friends again during this weekend! Good conditions here with good paths to USA and Asia/VK. Running QRP is a pleasure during the CQWW. This year exploring 15m and seems to be a good option. Heard some station had big pile-

ups and still copied my 5W signals. Amazing to hear your call come back from very big V26K, PJ4A pileups! Last stations on the band here when 15m closed were KQ2M (S7), K9NW (S5), W3LPL (S6), K3LR (S4) and KQ2M (S7). Cuagn next CQWW . . . **PG2AA**. First time M/M setup with 10 parttime operators. Setup 6 K3 + PA. There were more LCD screens (14) than ops but have a lot of fun this year . . . **PI4CC**. The 10m monoband antenna put up a couple of hours before the contest consisted of 5 pieces of #16 wire, a matching coil, a telescoping 33 foot fiberglass mast, and some bungee cords – the same as last year at VP2EAT. "Priceless"! . . . **PJ7/VA3RA**. Stealth wire antenna inside roof . . . **PP5AX**. Have no seen propagation like this in the last 10 years! . . . **PS2R**. Nice Contest! . . . **PT8CW**. I could only operate in the last two hours of the contest. I hope to do full time next year. Thanks to stations that challenged me . . . **PY2VM**. I had so many technical problems that sometimes I thought to myself I'd rather stay at home than contesting this weekend. But, the fact is that I LOVE THIS GAME! 1st the radio (Elecraft K3) lost its setup, out of the blue. I couldn't hear anything on the band. I spent 3 and a half hours trying to fix it with no success at all. Then, I arranged another radio (Yaesu FT 1000 Mark V) but I couldn't configure the Microham interface and I had to work the contest keying with the right hand and type with the left. I spent more than 10 hours doing this, right in the middle of the best propagation time to EU. My right arm was hurting a lot. When I finally fixed the interface setup, 2h later there was an explosion in the shack and I lost the power amplifier. Well, many things went bad for me, but I don't regret anything. Unfortunately I couldn't beat my last year's score, but I'm glad to spend a good time along with some other good Brazilian contesters and in spite of all these bad things, we laughed a lot. Hope next year I have more luck. One big thanks to Mr. Oms PY5EG for letting me operate once again from his marvelous station. 73 de Paul . . . **PY3DX**. Tks FB test. I see you next year . . . **PY7OJ**. No competition - just for Fun! Great time! . . . **R3BM**. TNX for the nice contest! CU next year . . . **R3LC**. Thank you for the nice test. 73! . . . **RA3XEV**. TNX for CQWW! 73! . . . **RA5FB**. TNX for test es 73! . . . **RA9YUI**. Thank you for the contest. We expected better radio propagation. However, we got a lot of good emotions . . . **RC9YA**. Good Contest . . . **RK4HYT**. It's a pleasure to take some hours in the contest. Great contest but much QRM on 80! I wish you all the best . . . **RK9AWT**. TNX for technical support to Eugene, OH5DA/RK3AD . . . **RL3A**. Thanks for fun! 73 . . . **RNØJX**. Very nice contest! . . . **RN3AAB**. Tnx for contest! . . . **RN3DMU**. Great contest! . . . **RW4WM**. Fine contest! . . . **RX3ASQ**. Thanks for the Great Contest! 73! Vlad . . . **RX3DFL**. 73 and GL all Hams! . . . **RX9DJ**. CQWW committee will have to consider problem of not giving the call sign for more minutes as a violation of the rules since QSO should have exchange of calls and reports. With SDR recording it is easy to check this anomaly upon the information from the public . . . **S50A**. Even worse conditions as I expected. Some strange openings in different directions, unexplainable result difference compare with some neighbouring stations and not enough operating time. Next time see you on all bands! 73 . . . **S50R**. Working from home location. Not all the time by radio, because of family duties. Very dull experience to do it from here with LP into multiband vertical, but HAM RADIO is fun! . . . **S51J**. Always a pleasure to give points to the guys who like to exchange QSLs via the bureau . . . **SF7WT**. Great condx this year! . . . **SI5Y**. CQWW is the best, this was really fun! . . . **SJ2W**. Mostly trying for my 40m WAS. It is not easy to get new states! . . . **SM4TU**. I worked Search & Pounce all the time, no CQ calls at all! . . . **SM5CSS**. Nice prop on 80m with half sloper and 500W . . . **SM5ENX**. I had to work during the weekend and therefore was on air during off time, mostly when it was dark outside. 73 . . . **SM5S**. It was an operation done from the station of SP4POB/SO4M Club under the contest call of the SP5PBE DX Club. The station is maintained by Mirek SP4MPG. Equipment was: FT-1000MKV + PA and 2x6el monoband Yagis. Great contest as usual! I expected to

place the score somewhere in top ten for Poland but overall it was possible to achieve quite a nice final score. It was a great pleasure to operate in CQWW CW this year. Good luck to new Contest Director, Randy K5ZD . . . **SN5W**. Very nice contest . . . **SP4JFR**. Great conditions for QRP on 15 meters. Many surprises like zones 32 LP and 10SP. Very short opening for zone 3. Failed with zone 6. Many thanks to all who picked my tiny sigs . . . **SP5DDJ**. WKD only partial time due to family reason . . . **SP6A**. Since 1957 SP2LV, from 1997 SP6LV. Age 81 . . . **SP6LV**. Very poor conditions first night and second afternoon . . . **SP6OJE**. Always a good challenge! . . . **T6MO**. I spent some 21 hours in the car, including driving to and from points of salt water advantage. I did casual search and pounce as usual in this contest, slowly tuning over a band. This time I eventually covered them all 160 m to 10 m, running 100 w to a 4.8 m whip . . . **TF3DX**. The station was operated by an international team of operators who all had a lot of fun. The contest welcomed us with auroral propagation with near blackout conditions for the first 17 hours. Fortunately the bands came back and we had a nice 10M opening on the Sunday (Nov. 25). The new Buenos Aires Rhombic proved a valuable asset. It is clear that Thor's preparation proved invaluable . . . **TF4X**. Changed at last minute from intended QRP to LP category – or so I thought. Using K3 & K2 I simply cranked power up to maximum. Both radios read something like 110 watts. I was thinking LP power level was like in Field Day 150 watts – and that I wasn't anywhere near max. Then later, having realized the 100 watt dividing line between LP & HP, I checked on external watt meters: Regardless of the K2's metering, it puts out only 95 watts but the K3 was putting out 111 watts, so this is now a HP entry. So, even though 11 extra watts made no real difference in the signal it did make me FEEL louder – and that is half the battle. So this is now a HP entry . . . **T15A**. TNX for FB Contest 73! . . . **UA0ZAM**. Nice contest! CU AGN. 73! . . . **UA3AKI**. Thank you for the contest! . . . **UA3PP**. To All TNX and 73! . . . **UA4PN**. Thank you for the contest . . . **UA4UBW**. TNX FB test! . . . **UA6GX**. Trx for contest! . . . **UA9WOB**. TNX for TEST! . . . **UA9XBJ**. TNX for test, 73! . . . **UN1Z**. Best wishes from Kazakhstan! . . . **UN2E**. Thanks for the fine contest! 73! . . . **UN8CC**. TKS for Contest . . . **UR5EFL**. Thanks for the nice contest!! . . . **UR5FCM**. MNI trx fr nice contest . . . **UR5IHQ**. TNX good contest . . . **US5ELM**. TKS and 73! . . . **UU7JD**. My poor setup performed better than I expected. I even had a couple of runs. 10 metres was very good, but I was disappointed by behaviour in a 15 metres run. I just went back to S&P. I was not serious and when operators called without listening, I stopped. It was still fun with my tin can and taut string setup. Good to see old friends . . . **V31JP**. I enjoyed the contest . . . **V63JX**. Worked my 100th QRP DXCC! . . . **VA2BBW**. I had a great weekend. Thank you for all the QSOs. The conditions were great especially for QRP signals. Patience, perseverance and the right timing were key elements to put stations in the log. I was thrilled to get new countries in the log, especially ZD8W and ZS1EL . . . **VA3AMX**. Well that was really fun. Friday night conditions were poor, but managed a few contacts. Saturday was really good and managed to hold a few runs. The grey line openings were fantastic into JA and Asia; many thanks to E21YDP who called me through an EU pile up for a new one!! I had to point the beam north to get best signals to USA stations due to aurora!! I was able to make 20m DXCC in less than 21 hours – a first for me. As usual, two new zones and many multipliers in the last hour of the contest. I wish I had run more, next time. Also heard were a handful of QRP stations – congratulations. I need a new chair and a new behind!! Cheers, Tony . . . **VE1ZA**. Thank you for this great contest . . . **VE2EZD**. Being introduced to radio before personal computers, I have always done Unassisted (LP) and always wondered how much of a difference going Assisted would make to a “small pistol” (or, in my case, to a “BB gun”). Late on Friday I made the last minute decision and this weekend for the first time ever I used cluster spotting in a contest. I was not very good at it, learning along the way. (I suggest reading N1MM

manual before, not during, a contest.) I agree that it may be useful for DXing “21st century style,” but not for me (no SO2R here and my only radio is Ten-Tec Jupiter which does not do easy SO2V either); it provides more of a distraction than an advantage in a contest. And most importantly, it makes for an entirely different game. Contesting “Unassisted” is like a game of chess; with spotting built into your logger it is a “whack-a-mole” at a country fair. To each his own, but next year I am back to Unassisted and REAL fun! . . . **VE3BR**. Always the king of contests, thanks to all . . . **VE5KS**. A casual effort starting late Friday night. About 12 hours op time. Since 80 and 160m were so poor, decided to just run 40m. Only S&P. I had a lot of fun participating in this contest with my venerable old FT-757GX & Classic 33 antenna. This contest is a great opportunity to work all corners of the globe. I think I worked a New One in Oceania. 73 Gerry . . . **VE7BGP**. Conditions not too bad from CN89. With 100W to a 20M GP and dipoles for 40/10 (I used the 40M dipole on 15M) you have to dig for the contacts. Enjoyed the contest . . . **VE7BZR**. Great fun, wish I had gotten serious . . . **VE7VQ**. Several equipment issues caused a shorter participation than expected. Good excuse for a new radio . . . **VE7VR**. Always fun to put a few in the log. Cheers . . . **VK2CA**. Always great when you are able to search and pounce (chase) fills on 10 metres. This weekend you could certainly do that . . . **VK3FM**. Thank you for a wonderful weekend! Lots of surprises with excellent condx . . . **VK3TDX**. Just a bit of fun for a few hours enjoying some fantastic conditions and good DX . . . **VK3TZ**. G'day to others in test . . . **VK4TT**. Had to vacate shack for a couple of hours on first day due to lightning! . . . **VK6LW**. Conditions average but enormous fun was had . . . **VK6VZ**. First time ever on CW. Apologies for bad key technique! Very happy to have worked HK and PJ. Not heard often here. Used the straight key of Des, VK6ZJ (SK). FT-100D (90W) and trapped dipole at 5 metres. Limited time on air due to family reasons . . . **VK6WX**. Just a casual effort . . . **VK7GN**. QTH: Lord Howe Isl. Australia . . . **VK9/OH3X**. Many thanks for all the QSO's. See you again in the 2013 CQWW CW Contest . . . **VP5CW**. The 3 element beam antenna for 20-10 helped!! Noise level on 40m, 80, 160m was S9+ . . . **VU2BGS**. Power 5W; dipole antenna . . . **VU2GUR**. Nice to participate in your contest again . . . **VU2JOS**. This was a part time operation this year due to social commitments. I was also not in a complete state of mind to operate as I just lost my father in October, and he was my motivation to operate this year as he always encouraged me in every walk of life. He supported me with my amateur radio activities and was keen to know about the developments in the hobby. Operated about 8 hours in all. See you guys next year with a full-fledged effort. See you on the airwaves. 73 de Pai . . . **VU2PAI**. The story began last year when I decided to put in some full efforts at least in CQWW CW as family time was cutting in heavily into most of the other contests. THE reason to drop out of the WRTC leader race. The days before the contest were not too good hearing and reading about the CME that was expected to have a big effect on the WW weekend. I was hoping this would work the other way around and provide some interesting propagation too :) I had the SO2R station going, a second SB-200 on loan from VU2LBW went on the second rado and things were set until the morning before the start of the contest when the tuning pot on the low band 160/80m N6RK loop decided to go bad. No time to go and buy one and I was very suspicious if the same Alps 50K linear pot would be readily available. A bit of scrounging around found me a 10K pot from an old Norcal-20 kit saved the day and the loop was up running finally, but on peaks it was giving me a lot of noise. The 80m quarter wave vertical with the attenuator switched in seemed to receive better, so left the loop to troubleshoot another day and decided to get a few hours of sleep considering I would be doing the iron man routine of the full 48 hours at the chair at age 48 :) The contest started at 5.30 AM here and as usual the first 2 hours was spent going around picking up mults on both radios on 80, 40, 20m. Moved to 20m for a small run at

0300 and then the 2nd radio showed 15m was hopping with signals, so made the QSY there. Any run over 100/hour in this part of the world is quite good. Small runs on 15m peaked to a 133 hour between 0600-0700 when the 2nd radio showed 10m come alive. The 0700 hour was spent there with great 178 hour and this continued with 100+ per hour runs on 10 and 15 until 1300. 1500-1900z gave another 3 hours of solid 140+ rate hours on 20m and after the first 24 hours the log had around 2,100 QSOs, nearly the same number as the entire 48 hours delivered in the 2011 edition of the contest. The late nights are not the best out here due to running just a inverted-vee on 40m and a full size 80m vertical with insufficient ground plane. These two points have to be addressed by next year maybe with a shortened 2-el 40m beam and finding more ground plane for the 80 m antenna made of wire on a 18m Spiderpole and mounted on top of the 2nd floor roof of the house. Day 2 certainly was not that great as I saw only 4 hours of 100+ rates and a few hours with rates under 100/hour. There was a noticeable auroral type of flutter on signals in the evening and seemed to have been affected by the CME or could be my perception after many hours of sleep deprivation :) I could not turn my bean as the rotator is still not functional but there seemed to be both long and short paths open on many signals. Had a lot of fun as my only strategy this time round was run, run and then run some more whenever possible. Many of the pileups were deep and zero-beat, I had to hunt around the edges of the pile many times to keep the rate up and increase speed to 38-40 wpm. I was keeping a sharp ear out and it was terrific to hear the rare mults call into my pileup, too many to list all but they played a big part in my score including ZF1A, EL2A, C5A, 6V7V, JW5E, ED9Z, TO7A and many others. I even owe ZD8W a few beers for moves to 3 bands ;-). Thanks guys for using your 2nd radios so well unlike mine. I had only about 22 real mults on the 2nd radio when last year I had only 9, that's a 300% increase ;-). Hopefully will make it better next year, but the 2nd radio was invaluable in checking the other bands and finding a clear spot to QSY on to the next run band. The only additional weapon I used to motivate myself was a copy of Athena running real time statistics graphs on a large 42-inch monitor showing my progress on each band against VU2PAI's log from last year when he made close to 3000 QSOs - looks like the tool played its part well and kept me from sleeping at the desk. I did manage to do this 2 times for half hour or so each :). Hope to see you all next year. It was great fun and big thanks to all the guys who go around the world to make this great show happen for us house-bound types. CBS Stats are below and the SH5 Stats are at this link: <http://www.qsl.net/vu2ptt/CQWW/2012/index.htm> If anyone has a recording of my pileup I would be happy to receive it. 73 de Prasad . . . **VU2PTT**. The almighty sun is always favouring weekend contests. The whole of 24 hrs of Saturday was excellent, and hence my QRP worksheet. 5W to verticals and inv. Vee . . . **VU2UR**. This was my first competition but I really enjoyed it and learned a lot! I will better this score next year! . . . **XE1/AA0AA**. I was very busy this time and I couldn't participate all the time that I wished . . . **XE1AY**. Output power 100 W . . . **XV2RZ**. First CW Contest. Nice Condx. A lot of fun . . . **XV4Y**. Tnx fer all stations, band 10M vy poor but enjoyed in contest CQWW ok hpe cuagn soon 73 88 ciao . . . **YC3TKH**. Rig Softrock RXTX homebrew, PWR 5 W ANT 80m band vertical with elevated radial system Was great fun after 20 years break in ham radio. Thanks to all for contacts. Special thanks who listen me again and again under noise level . . . **YL2QN**. Use wire antennas only. Propagation was good. Because very old computer - Compaq 4/25 lose 5 QSOs at least around 10 UTC on Saturday. Excuse me to respondents for that. Anyway it was fun to take part. TNX for opportunity to take part in most Popular Contest. 73! Janis . . . **YL3AD**. Many thanks for all QSOs, 73! . . . **YO2GL**. Glad to meet again many old friends. 73 Szigy . . . **YO2IS**. Thanks for participating station operators! . . . **YO3JW**. Tnx nice contest mni73 . . . **YO4GVC**. Nice contest. . . . **YO4SI**. See you in 2013! . . .

**YO5PJF**. Fine condx! . . . **YO8RIX**. Tnx to everybody for participation . . . **YO9CWY**. A lot of fun in 160m, a lot of new countries for me! Great contest! Congratulation! 73! by Pet . . . **YO9RIJ**. Very nice contest ! Ant. long wire . . . **YT2PFR**. Enjoyed S&P at QRP level using 5 W and G5RV . . . **Z35M**. We dedicated our Z38N 2012 CQWW CW operation to HA1RS "Paff" (Laszlo Sipos) who died in the age of 45 just a week before the contest. He supposed to be a member of the team like in 2006 when he was the real "ENGINE" of the expedition. We lost a good friend. RIP "Paff" . . . **Z38N**. First 26 QSO made from Z61AA in Gnjilane, the rest from Gracanica . . . **Z6/S56A**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest . . . **ZC4LI**. Good fun. See you next year . . . **ZD8W**. Conditions good first day, but deteriorated on the second QSO count down on last year but still good fun. Only two of us operating in turn, we use only one transmitter . . . **ZL2J**. The ZM4T team set out to achieve a record score for ZL. We knew it was possible. To win a team must have a perfect combination of quality operators, equipment and antennas. It happened for us this year. Everything went right for a change. We didn't blow up any amplifiers or radios. Our computer networking worked perfectly and Murphy visited somewhere else this year. Even though we were apprehensive about the new rules we set the record. Oh what a feeling! . . . **ZM4T**. Much better this year, conditions and my shack as well. Learned a lot! Next year should be better with more time available. This year had visitors and a Christmas carol event to attend! . . . **ZS2NF**. Good conditions on 10m . . . **ZS6A**. Thanks to Oms, PY5EG to let me use his excellent station. Note that, because of Mr. Murphy I was without CAT during approx. first 50 QSOs. Much better propagations on Saturday, thanks for all great contacts . . . **ZW5B**.

## USA QRM

A Multi-Two distributed effort between myself and my good friend and W3CC who, until recently, lived less than 500 feet from me. We have done a number of Multi-Two efforts and decided to try again in the XTREME category . . . **AA3K**. Conditions were OK but not as good as last year . . . **AA6K**. Great activity despite high A numbers . . . **AB1QP**. I had a lot of fun. I did not have time to really work this one the full amount of time. I met one of my goals and exceeded another. Conditions seemed pretty good from my location. 73 Alan . . . **AC8AP**. Best score ever for AD4ES. Great team work. All had lots of fun . . . **AD4ES**. A lotta fun - now a year to wait till the next one! Good levels of activity and lots of rare DX on the air . . . **AE5X**. Thank you for the fun DXing! . . . **AK7O**. Another exciting weekend taking Battleship New Hampshire to sea. Crazy conditions threw me off my game plan and made first day really hard work S&P. Station performed magnificently. Woody, WW1WW, had added a second (phased) Delta Loop on 80 and reconfigured the 160 verticals, both to good effect. The real piece de resistance was the addition of his prototype homebrew solid state amplifier which made band changing a dream - just like operating two 1500 watt transceivers. Congrats to Alex, K3CR & Doug, K1DG on great efforts in the manly SOABHP category. Thanks to Woody for his incredible dedication to excellence and hospitality. The battleship is fully combat ready. Only the crew needs more work . . . **K0DQ**. Fun contest! As always, thank you for pulling my LP signal out of the noise . . . **K0GEO**. I just do this for the DX contacts, not the points. This was my first CQ WW Contest. I am 73 years old. Thank you! . . . **K0GK**. Running QRP in a DX contest from here is frustrating . . . **K0OU**. Wonderful contest. Good conditions on 10 and 15 helped a lot . . . **K0TC**. 100% of score to Yankee Clipper Contest Club . . . **K1KP**. A new 40 meter beam was the first antenna improvement here in more than a decade. It was fun to play with something new . . . **K1ZZ**. Two new ones on 160, the rest was just seeing what I could work . . . **K2EUH**. The most contacts ever in any contest! . . . **K2JF**. The Sunday EU opening was much better, of course, but the absolute worst was Sunday afternoon. People talk about Sunday and Sweepstakes, but this was more painful. The only stations available to work

were South Americans, and there weren't nearly enough of them. I was down to a single-digit QSO rate the last four hours. Shoulda watched football! 73, Pete, K2PS/3 in DC . . . **K2PS**. Rig malfunctioned (broke!) after 2 hours. Got it fixed but family time precluded further operation . . . **K2SQS**. Holy Cow! All bands open and great ops to share them with. This must be what Ham heaven is like . . . **K3AU**. Day 1 condx difficult. First time in test. Better luck next year . . . **K3CWF**. Great weekend, tnx all . . . **K3JGJ**. New personal best from this QTH – loads of fun . . . **K3NK**. Great condx! . . . **K3TN**. Band conditions were exceptional for QRP. I had a run of JAs on 40m with just 5 watts and a dipole antenna! . . . **K3TW**. Were we SA & Caribbean? . . . **K3WGR**. I entered mainly to just work some more QRP DX and didn't really go for a big score or to win anything. I thought I would submit my log anyway to perhaps show other hams just what QRP and simple wire antennas (indoor random wire and dipoles) can do. John, K3WWP - NAQCC #0002, FISTS #2002 . . . **K3WWP**. I thought that your call sign was required on each transmission. Too many big guns running stations without giving call sign. Hard to tell if you need that station if there is no call to check and you don't have time to wait for 7 or 8 contacts before you hear the call . . . **K4LM**. QRP single band entry with Max power 5 watts. QRP on 160m? Why not just repeatedly hit myself in the head with a 5 pound sledge hammer! TU to the stations who pulled me out of the mud . . . **K4ZLE**. Mainly wanted to see how some new antennas worked in the pileups, so did not run very much . . . **K5RX**. My first ever try at the Assisted category. Didn't plan to operate so much, but was having too much fun to stop. Didn't know whether I should chase countries or focus on the score! . . . **K5ZD**. Very disappointing. This year's score is 58% of last year's station record score. This year I ended up 6.5 hours less operating time, due to several necessary interruptions due to a death in our family on Thanksgiving eve. This year has not been a good year. I'll hope for better, next year . . . **K6CSL**. I was running 150 watts output. SO2R . . . **K6JEB**. All in all bands were good, but not much Europe on 10 meters. Enjoyed working a string of JA ops early Saturday morning on 160 meters as well as many more on other bands. Great contest . . . **K6NR**. Great weekend, loads of DX on the High Bands made for good time. Thanks to all for the fun Q's and my new FTDX-5000D did a good job . . . **K7ABV**. I love the thrill of contesting. I love how ops travel to rare DX locations and get on the air a few days before the contest and put out new modes and the WARC bands. I love the thrill of listening to a DX station making a run just before the contest starts and working them to be sure the conditions are there and my station is working OK then he will say STAND BY STAND BY and on the hour starts sending CQ CONTEST and the freq goes wild and I try to work them again for the contest points and mults. Then during the contest the thrill of busting the pile up to work a rare DX. Then there is the thrill towards the end of the contest where in the last 10 minutes or so you try to get that last JA in the log that you have been passing by looking for a new mult and now just want to get a few last points before the end of the contest . . . **K7ACZ**. Murphy took out the vertical low band antenna so it was down to the high bands only. It still was fun . . . **K7DD**. First night was very poor to Europe. Seems we had solar disturbance. Didn't realize that there were good 40m dx conditions much before sunset until checked by chance 90 minutes before the end of the contest. Often had to struggle with computer problems. Will replace computer with dedicated contest computer. Next time these errors and problems will be corrected! . . . **K7NJ**. Being able to hear D4C on 80 meters . . . **K7QBO**. Interesting outing. Between CME's and the disturbed geomagnetic field, I found the conditions down from expectations. Lately I've had more success with 10 and 15 m, but not this weekend. 20 m was my workhorse. Less QSO's and therefore less raw score than last year's outing. Thank you to all who answered my calls . . . **K7VIT**. Nice conditions 20m band. Good luck all. . . . **K8FZY**. The bands were certainly messed up by the solar event. Fortunately 20 meters plowed on! Thanks for

a great one! . . . **K8GL**. First year had an S7 noise level for about 35% of the contest . . . **K9CJ**. Enjoyed the test, lots of good ops. I may have a LoTW DXCC now. 73 . . . **K9FO**. For the first 12 hours or so, condx were very strange with flutter and echo on most signals from Africa and Europe. Then when Asia and Pacific started to roll in condx improved and remained excellent for the duration. My objective was to re-set the W9 Low Power Single Op 40 M record which I set last yea. It looks like it will be very close! Given the slow start with the condx we had, I'm satisfied I did my best and of course had a GREAT TIME as always!! FT-1000 MP @ 100 W — 40 M Vertical with 77 quarter wave radials on a hill top. Looking forward to this contest next year already! 73 de V . . . **K9UIY**. Great conditions on 15, especially! . . . **K9XE**. All I can say is WOW! You guys are fast! . . . **KA1DBE**. Friday night 15m into Asia was a lot of fun. My best two hours! Saturday morning 15m polar path into Europe was fun as well, however Sunday was different after the arrival of a flare. Overall, several new entities went into the log and I'm looking forward to next year. 73! . . . **KA3DRR**. Great fun and great job by CQWW CC. I ran a KX3 #085 at 250mw to a PAR EndFedz antenna from the shore at Kure Beach, NC. I only played a few hours but was pleased with conditions and the little radio and antenna setup . . . **KB4QQJ**. TU all CQWWCW agn de yr es 73 . . . **KB9YGD**. Had a good time using QRP with my travel EFHW antenna and home-brew PAC-12 vertical on 20M. 20M much more productive than 40M, even in early evening . . . **KC2KME**. Turned on the radio in the last 45 minutes. Made a few contacts. 160 not that bad! . . . **KC8IMB**. CW copy still needs work . . . **KD3HN**. I have never gotten to work DX on 40 and 80 at the same time as working on 20 and even 15! This was awesome and except for the fact that everything over the pole this morning (Sunday) was distorted by auroral flutter, the bands felt like they were in pretty good shape. I do have to say that I don't really like the packet cluster. I do my hunting on the bands, not with a gun in the fields looking for deer. I came across RI1ANF on 15M just as I was trying to read the call right and right before I sent my call, he called CQ twice. Then it seemed like the world came crashing in! I did get him, about an hour after I first heard him when he must have gotten spotted. Low power and short towers cannot compete even with this kind of propagation. Thanks to HK1NA for 6 bands! My 24 QSO's on 160 is really good I feel, but it pays to have a SO2R search and pounce on the low bands to use both radios to "hunt". I don't read CW well on the fly but I did manage a few QSO's trying to run at low power and only 22 wpm. My FT990 was flaking out, it actually shutdown a couple of times when I was transmitting, but I have to have it. The receiver is much more quiet than my DSP FT-2000D No digital hash in it. The homebrew K9AY needs some work, no NW so I had to listen on the vertical wire. 73, Craig KD9MS . . . **KD9MS**. K3 running 5 watts to two switchable broadband dipoles 75 ft long, up 50 ft and fed with ladder lines and Johnson Matchboxes. Had many DX QSO's on 15 and 10 meters, thanks for the fun . . . **KE0G**. Joined up with Foster N3KCJ at the AK7AZ Compound in 12-Toes, Arizona. Beat last year's AK7AZ score from last year by a comfortable margin. Special thanks to the JA pileups on 10m thru 80m. Thanks to the Outlaws at EL2A, PJ2T and VP2V/AA7V, as well as all the other DXpeditioners who travelled so we could have some excitement on the bands! The propagation gods must have diverted the CMEs effects, noticed some perturbations over the poles on the high bands, but overall great propagation! AK7AZ plans call for new and improved antennas (and a head!) for next year!! CU in the pileups! . . . **KE7DX**. My new Long Wire Antenna at the new QTH would only load up on 40 Meters, thus a Single Band Entry . . . **KE9EX**. 10 meters not as good as in SSB weekend . . . **KF2O**. Since family time cut into radio time, put in 24 hours at 500W just for grins. Good to see 10 meters open . . . **KJ9C**. My first CW contest. Absolutely blown away by the skill of ops who can run a freq with CW. Amazed I could be heard in Japan with a 15m dipole up only 15 feet with 95w. Definitely looking forward to next year . . . **KK4CIS**.

Less than 5 watts output, end-fed wire antenna . . . **KN1H**. Part time effort . . . **KN4Y**. Worked a few more hours but finally broke the 70K barrier . . . **KQ6X**. Icom 756Pro3 100W and extended MFJ Balcony antenna 4th floor condo a lot of polar flutter both days just missed my objective of 100 countries. Best contest on the bands . . . **KQ8Z**. It was fun to only work one band. 15 M was great . . . **KS4YX**. Great show by the Africans – big sigs here on all bands including 40 – don't think I ever logged so many AF stns in a row on 40 like I did in this contest . . . **KS7T**. 5 Watts to wires and a dipole does amazing things . . . **KT8K**. Spent two hours putting up a temporary loop antenna for 15 and 10 meters. It was well worth the effort. But, I shot myself in the foot when I went to take a one hour nap Saturday night. I set the clock for 12pm rather than 12am! Needless to say, I woke up well rested from an eight hour nap with no alarm. Call it another golden moment. Oh well. it is what it is. I still had fun and already am looking forward to next year when I won't sleep so long. Thanks for all of the good ears out there . . . **KV8Q**. Thanks for a great contest. Was much fun working DX with just 2 Watts . . . **KW4M**. The bands seemed to be in great shape, despite the CME earlier in the week. 80m was especially good on Saturday morning. I was concentrating on working new ones and finishing off my Diamond DXCC, which I did, but not with a contest QSO. I saw VU3WIJ pop up in the spots on 20 SSB, and dashed up the band to grab him for #100, and a new one overall . . . **KX7L**. 80M & 15M – SUPER!! . . . **KY9KYO**. Sure would be nice if DX stations would ID every once in a while. Lots of time lost waiting for station ID . . . **KZ5J**. What a great time! I improved my station this year and I worked many more distant stations. I know I need to make more improvements to be ready for next year! . . . **N0HJZ**. Ran QRP fixed mobile around noon local on 10M Sunday using a stock Radio Shack CB mag mount whip and tuner, FT-817 radio. Amazing what you can hear with a 3 foot long antenna on the car roof! Most stations worked first call. Was pleased to work EL2A. They were not loud, and I know I was really weak, but they stayed with me and in the log! Thanks Voodudes for a “new one!” . . . **N0JK**. First timer . . . **N0NC**. WOW!!!! Look what 100 watts and a 40 meter dipole at 50 feet can do using the FT1000MP tuner. I'm still working to get things back to normal after Sandy and then a nor'easter that left a foot of snow. Still working to replace 8 feet of mast that was bent 45 degrees with the 100 mph winds we had. It was amazing how many stations heard me. Simply amazing. I managed 3 JA's on 40 meters. Sunday morning was great on 40 and 15 and 10 were good all weekend. Is there a category for four bands using the same wire antenna. (joke) . . . **N2FF**. First Ever Contest Log Submitted . . . **N2HSY**. Ran 1 watt and had a great time! . . . **N2JNZ**. A casual effort. However, these were my first-ever contacts on the 10-meter band, running 5W to a long wire that, according to my tuner, isn't any good for 10 meters. I got in all over South America and Canada, plus one QSO with Spain. I was pleasantly surprised! . . . **N2NLY**. A great contest as usual. So many signals, so little time. Quite a few pileups and they were hard to break (with 100W). I had a great time and thanks to all you ops for the QSOs . . . **N2SO**. Conditions were all over the place, from nice and quiet with long haul to a lot of noise and not much happening. Good Asian openings for a nice change here. Heard and worked more than in quite a while. Had RFI problems on 40, not sure what was locking the computer up. Thanks to all involved in making this a fun event . . . **N2WN**. Had computer problems early on but got it fixed for Sunday. Thanks to all who worked my small signal. 73's . . . **N3JNX**. This is as good as it gets. Kept one frequency for over four hours on Sunday. Lots of Chinese stations and most very strong. Thanks to CQ for again sponsoring the best of the best!! . . . **N4PN**. First CW contest with a real antenna. Wished I had more time this weekend . . . **N4YHC**. Enjoyed operating QRP. Hope to be able to spend more time next year . . . **N5HOT**. Only able to do Saturday night after a long drive back to Dallas from Atlanta, but it was really fun doing single band 80M. The condx on 80M were really quite good. Hope

you enjoyed 80M too . . . **N5JB**. Just a few for club. No time this year. 73 . . . **N5PG**. Started Friday evening with only four QSOs logged by the time I felt like the band was totally closed about an hour after sunset. Saturday morning tried running EUs, but not much rate. Mostly had to S/P and was able to run EUs for several hours Sunday morning. There were plenty of JAs to run both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Mainly operated this contest to test some new antenna improvements which worked really well. Thanks to NX5M for letting me operate from a station which hears so well and for me to get some more practice with my CW skills with multiple callers while running . . . **N5XJ**. Several new ones. Great fun! . . . **N6HE**. Operated Field Day style from Riverside County, California . . . **N6MI**. First thanks to all the stations that heard my 100 watts! I injured my neck between the ARRL CW and Phone contest last year and it has affected my fist! I did not know it until this contest. 40 meters on Saturday night was incredible. We will probably never see it that good again! The band was quiet and there were Europeans every 200 Hz. I believe that conditions were down in general. 10 meters was not like last year or even last month. The number of QSOs is more evenly distributed across 40–10. That means in general conditions were poorer. People were moving all around the bands and not running to 10 meters! Sunday there were plenty of rare ones to snag. D3AA was calling all alone with few takers! Someday I will remember to look for the Middle East and Indian Ocean on 20m. Maybe next year! . . . **N6RV**. Had a blast operating The Big One from home . . . **N6XI**. Great 10 meter openings. Lots of Fun . . . **N7YQ**. Enjoyed contest but solar K=4 on Friday night was bad. Never even heard Scandinavia or Russia. 73! . . . **N8AGU**. Went all out and left nothing on the table at the end. I would have probably broken 1M, but spent 15 minutes towards the end of the contest trying to run JA's on 15 using a 160 vertical before I realized I was not using the beam. Switched to the beam and did a LOT better! . . . **N8ET**. I had more fun than I thought I would this year . . . **N9BT**. Excellent band conditions. Started out intending to make this a minor effort, but as the weekend progressed I put more effort into it. Rates improved. Very fun! . . . **N9OK**. Great contest. Amp woes wiped out a lot of time the first day . . . **N9RV**. I am so glad and thankful for SUNSPOTS!! Playing in a contest with low dipoles and low power is not for the faint of heart!! My intention was to play only on 40 and 80 to fill in needed DX in those two slots. I still need DXCC on 80m for 5BDXCC, so that was the focus. Unfortunately, my low hanging 80m dipole developed intermittent SWR problems Friday night with the gusty winds we were having. I hung in there until around 3am local time Saturday morning, and then called it a night. Very little time to operate Saturday during the day, but I did have time to climb the short tower and check out the feed point of the 80 dipole. Did not see any visual problems. Will have to take it down to access at another time. Only played Saturday night until about 12:30am Sunday morning. I wanted to be up around 5:30am local time Sunday to catch grey line sunrise. I was happy I did. 40m was hopping to Asia/pacific. Worked JA's VK,ZL,KH2, KH6, heard T8, DU and BY loud but not in log. 80m was really noisy and only worked KH6. Faintly heard JA but was in my noise level. Morning was calm, so SWR OK. All antennas are dipoles. 10-40 is a Cushcraft D4 at 37' on the tower mast and 80m is a dipole at the 34' point on the tower, broadside NE/SW. 15m was simply awesome! I was having absolutely no problems working anything I could hear. Strolled up and down the band many times working new ones. Busted a couple of pileups, but lost in a few others! Heard some artic au flutter on some stations way up north in OH and SM land off and on Sunday on 15. Heard lots of artic au flutter, or really distorted signals on 20m late in the afternoon Sunday into SA. Had a lot of fun. Interesting conditions. I am really happy with the performance of the D4 on 40m. This antenna is a huge improvement over the lower fixed dipole I used for several years. It's great to be able to rotate the antenna broadside to a signal. Now I just gotta get that 80m wire fixed! . . . **N9TF**. Actual max

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output power 100W 9 Hour part-time effort (Saturday UTC only) Worked some great DX including China and several South Pacific Islands . . . **NA4CW**. Had fun, but it was a slog this time on all bands with QRP – not just the low bands! Conditions weren't as good as last year and this was more of a grind this year. QSOs came harder on all bands. I did have some decent luck on 40 with my good ol' inverted vee, and even worked a couple JAs on 80. I really tried to focus on getting mults early and tried to milk 10 meters on Saturday with the anticipation of conditions falling apart due to the impending geomagnetic storm . . . **ND0C**. Great Contest. Propagation was excellent here all weekend. Had a blast. See you all next year . . . **ND3R**. Nice to hear 10 meters open . . . **NE4M**. Struggling through a lot of pain after a major spinal surgery earlier this month. Difficult to spend much time at the radio. Figured I would just do low power on 10M . . . **NG7Z**. Simple goal: Work 100 countries QRP. First three hours got me 35 countries. I didn't venture onto the low bands. The first morning I got many of the European countries, but only 20m. 15m barely opened to Europe, and 10m never opened to Europe here. The rest of day was South America, followed by Pacific. At my sunset I had reached 105 countries. The A index (already high) was rising, so again I skipped the low bands. Sunday morning had much worse conditions. I could barely raise a European on 20m, and only a whisper heard on 15m. So, I took it easy, just checking now and then for anything new and loud enough to be QRP-workable. I heard at least another dozen countries that I just couldn't work QRP. There were spots for another two dozen countries that I couldn't hear . . . **NN7SS**. Thanks for hearing my QRP signal 73! . . . **NQ2W**. This is always such a great contest! 76 countries, 24 zones running 5 watts. I wish I hadn't napped so much . . . **NU4B**. Could only operate a few hours but great fun QRP! . . . **NW6V**. Not really a serious effort this year, too many "Honey Do's" got in the way but the 85 contacts I did make were all good ones . . . **W0EB**. Operated a couple hours on Sunday pm from my mobile while my XYL was driving in western Virginia. DX stations from SA seemed a little louder on the east coast than from the home QTH in CO. Best ears award goes to ZM4T who took extra time to hear my weak signal for a QSO . . . **W0ETT**. Strictly a S & P this year. Band condx were very good and open all over the world . . . **W0RAA**. 4 watts and 40m dipole up 30-ft! Sigs from all over the world. Ionospheric paths seemed narrowly focused at times - 1x1 call or nothing! Great time! 72, Ade . . . **W0RSP**. Best effort in a long time - QRP can be tough, but fun too! KX3 is a great rig!! . . . **W10H**. Worked RK0LWW, Zone 19 on 80 for my next to last one for 5BWAZ. Now all I need is Zone 24 . . . **W1RM**. K2/100 @ 30 watts Antennas: F-12 C3S @ 35', 40/80 dipole @ 30' . . . **W1ZK**. Great fun! Simply using the search & pounce method I was able to break into many pile ups using K2/100 & HF6V vert with many radials . . . **W2BEE**. 160m was like 20m on Friday nite, outstanding! . . . **W2CCC**. Pete (KU2C) and Doug (W2EN) did most of the operating while I was in NC for the beginning of the contest . . . **W2CG**. Some interesting propagation paths despite the high A index during the contest . . . **W2YR**. Congratulations to everyone who made it through this contest. It was fun, but it was also hard work. My ears will probably never be the same. The good news is, scores seem to be only about 10 percent down from last year. Not bad, considering for example that I had more or less exactly half the number of Qs on 10M this weekend that I had then—my claimed score is only down about 7%. About halfway through this contest I was about ready to pack it in, because of exhaustion, band noise, relatively low rates, and various other small things I won't gripe about here. Instead, I took my one 3-hour nap about 2 hours early, just after 0500z on Sunday morning. Didn't really have a choice, because I was barely functional at that point, but by sheer dumb luck I

missed some low 40m and 80m rates (the first night and last afternoon were much better) in favor of some nice early morning mults on 40 and 80. And given the Sunday rates on 10, 15, 20 and even 40, boy am I glad I stuck with it! Juicy DX abounded, and I managed to improve on my zone and country scores for a best-ever mult total. There's just nothing like the feeling of finding those few extra double-mults in the final hour or two of the contest. Seems they just kept showing up where I was looking for them. A special congratulations to the V26K operation for getting on the air after the house burned down. We don't know how good we have it sometimes.... 73 and see you round the bands, Maury . . . **W3EF**. Fun weekend 100 watts on a 273 ft horizontal delta loop . . . **W3SA**. Enjoyed working the CQWW from your side of the pond . . . **W4/G3LIK**. Thanks to the big guns who let this little pistol get a few contacts. DX stations also worked hard to pull in my weak signal - thanks, guys! . . . **W5LEW**. In my opinion, 50 wpm doesn't save time. Not identifying often doesn't save time . . . **W6JTI**. All S&P. Missed Zone 34 . . . **W6OAT**. All QSOs were made with 4 watts QRP except LZ9W at 100 watts . . . **W6SIY**. 10M is as fickle as the Sunspots which rule it! . . . **W7AT**. Worked some cool stuff from the West Coast like EL2, D4, C5, R11. Condx not quite as good as last year. Had to leave operating position for family matters both days early in the West Coast to Europe "window." Still great fun with 100w to bi-square antenna . . . **W7XZ**. Rotators went down. Backup monopole performed better than expected . . . **W8CZN**. Station ran 10 watts into an inverted "V" dipole for 20M . . . **W8GOC**. Great conditions this year! Best score ever (in 51 years of contesting) . . . **W9MS**. Greatest operators and greatest contest! You need to send your callsign at least every 3 Q's . . . **W9RE**. First contest since mid 90's. Computers sure help with logging!! . . . **WA2TVU**. I worked CW while we were on our way to Evansville, IN Hamfest We used 5 watts with a KX3. Great Fun..oink oink . . . **WA4PIG**. Brief (2.5 hrs) operation, but lots of fun . . . **WA5RML**. Excellent band openings on both days. Need more power and directivity to compete with the big boys, but it was still a blast! . . . **WA5ZKO**. First contest using the SB-220 amp. It worked like a charm. I only did about 35 hours so I decided to go single band entry for 20 meters CW. We managed to do a 'DXCC' with 101 countries worked. Good openings to Europe and Africa on all bands. Good luck to all! . . . **WA6KHK**. Good condx, had fun. Wish I could've spent more time in the chair . . . **WA7PRC**. Had a great time! Finished completely modifying my attic antenna farm Friday evening so I was excited to see how well they performed. Looking forward to the winter contest season now. 73, John . . . **WA8HSB**. Best condx ever in CQ WW! 15 was as hot as Ol Sol. TNX the QSOS . . . **WA8REI**. Great turnout, Thanks . . . **WB0PYF**. Was QRP but got frustrated and kicked 'er up to 12 watts! . . . **WB6HVH**. Definitely a fun contest. I was able to just dabble in the contest for a bit. I can't say too bad because family and granddaughter were up for the week - much fun also. Thanks for the Qs . . . **WB6JJJ**. 100W maximum . . . **WB8BZK**. Put a new inverted-I up for this. It worked great with 100W on all bands except 80m. Thanks to all for the QSOs. 73, Chris . . . **WB9G**. This was a portable operation from Alameda, Ca. - a block from Crown beach. The main radio was a Yaesu FT-900, with an ICOM 7000 as backup, both into a ground mounted HF2-V Vertical. I was amazed & disappointed by the propagation. African stations were plentiful, while few European signals made it to this QTH. I was amazed at the lack of Asian signals heard. On the other end, VK/ZL signals were quite plentiful. Running only 100 watts, the secret to my success was sneaking the WQ6X callsign into the quiet moments between pileup pandemonium. Thank you to all the DX stations who actually listened rather than blindly calling CQ all the time . . . **WQ6X**.

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