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# 2009 CQ WW WPX CW Contest

## Expanded QRM

I was using for this contest a 4-el OWA Yagi but condx were very very poor. Most of the time I was listening to 20 meters waiting for band opening on 15. ... **3G1X**. It was my first serious operation on CW I was very happy with the 563 Qs! CU next year. ... **3V8SS**. Radio finals got busted due to old age. Although SWR is 1.2 to 10-40 meters. ... **4D1N**. Must contact more stations next year. ... **4S7NI**. Working Australia 10,000 miles with only 2 watts. That's wow! TNX, mate. ... **5Q8A**. FT-840 (50W), whip at 11-floor balcony of apartment. Cycle 24 may be started slowly! ... **7K1EQG**. I enjoyed the contest. ... **8J4P**. QTH Muskoe island Loc. JO99BA EU-084 Op. SM0NJO. ... **8S0W**. Excellent propagation on 40 meters, but with lot of statics. ZL stations were workable at least 3 hours after sunrise and 3 hours before sunset. ... **9A7T**. Rain, rain, rain? Sunday much better but too late, hi. Will be better next year? ... **9A8A**. Nice contest and great fun with new rig. ... **9A9L**. The bands were much better than they have been recently. 20m was open almost round the clock and there was even a good opening on 10m. Many thanks to the organisers. 73 from Borneo to all participants! ... **9M6XRO**. Better condx than the SSB portion. ... **AA6EE**. 40m seemed to be the DX band here in the Central US. ... **AB0WR**. A good contest. ... **AD5MN**. Great contest. Was able to participate more than I thought I would and less than I would have liked. ... **AE5X**. Had a fun time. I wish I'd had more time to participate. ... **AF9J**. Condx were not so good, but enjoyed doing contest from tropical island. ... **AH0AA**. This contest got me back on CW for the first time in 21 years. ... **AI5G**. Started out with no plan. Just wanted to operate. Got hooked and then couldn't stop. ... **AK1W**. Great Contest. Glad to be back in the pileups! ... **AK6R**. Once again, thanks to Roberto, CE4CT, and all who worked me. ... **CE4CT**. I had to work Saturday morning so I missed a lot of time. However, I gave the prefix and enjoyed a good weekend. See u all next WPX! ... **CO8ZZ**. One more contest by LZ3ND. Cu agn in the next! ... **CT/LZ3ND**. Poor conditions but a lot of fun on 10 meters! Nice to hear a lot of DX friends. WPX Contest still one of the best DX contests in the world. Please keep on maintaining the contest and the ham spirit. I will be back next year, perhaps on another band. ... **CT1BWW**. My second CQ WPX CW. Glad to see all the bands

open. My goal was to increase last year's score. Goal achieved! Thanks to CQ for organizing amazing contests. ... **CT1ENQ**. Many thanks for the chance to practice a bit more the CW. 73 all. ... **CT3EE**. Another excellent contest. I had great fun doing contest despite my modest setup. Next year I will be again and with better setup, I hope, hi. ... **CU3HQ**. This time only for a few hours with my spare transceiver IC-735. Hopefully next year with new transceiver for full time. ... **DA0I**. RF goes mystic: S9 stns didn't answer, S0 did. Never must I call so often, hmmpff. Don't understand. Worst performance ever since 2004. Had a bunch hrs for another local CW contest. Some all-time new countries wkld. Yep, RF goes mystic :-). TU all agn 4 every contact. ... **DD1IM**. My first WPX test. I had fun. ... **DF3OL**. Great contest. Used the chance to check my rig and get used to contest software. Next time I will be on to challenge :-). ... **DF7JC**. Thanks for contest. 10 and 15m was poor. All best friends. VY 73. ... **DH2URF**. QRP 5 watts on 160m is a hard job. FT817, tuner, inductivity, coax, Window antenna, 21m long, 8m high. Thanks to the Big Guns who were able to copy my tiny signals. Best 73s. ... **DJ3GE**. First time ever more than 1.5K QSOs in a contest with just one single wire dipole antenna. Almost 70 years of age: Who says you are beyond the prime of your life, hi. Thanks for a great contest, enjoyed it a lot! ... **DJ3WE**. CQ Contests are the best WORLD WIDE! ... **DJ5QK**. Sorry, no more time. I went to the beach for relaxing. ... **DJ6TK**. Nice test for my new Elecraft K3 with Microham CW Keyer and Win-Test logging software. ... **DK2LO**. Strong thunderstorm on Sunday evening and night. ... **DK3WW**. Nice contest, many multipliers. Decided to jump in quite unprepared, and once running, decided to stay on 40m to keep things manageable. Despite my still lousy antenna (folded Window, 1/4λ up) I'm content with the result. See you next time! ... **DK8NT**. 60th Anniversary of SOS Childrens Villages. ... **DL60CHILD**. I used only the Kent Paddle, ears and brain and SD log. ... **DL0VLP**. Sorry, no time for full time take part in WPX contest, hope next time more, tks and 73's. ... **DL1AZK**. Worked from my holiday QTH, dipole 2x15m with 50m feeder. Thanks for the nice contest! ... **DL1BUG**. Tnx fer nice contest. ... **DL1THB**. QTH was in JO60LR in my garden. My first participation in CQ

WW WPX CW Contest. ... **DL4JWU**. This year worked from my home with only 100W between the QRL. Hope to have time to work from the contest location next year. ... **DL5AWI**. Very strong KL7, KH6 on 20 but high noise levels on Saturday PM, sporadic-E 2&3-hop for good 15/10m QSO. A new region with 5 sunspots observed on Sunday brings new hope. A fun full weekend at radio with N1MM's toys. ... **DL5KUD**. I joined mainly to try out my new TX. Rig was a homemade TX with 2W out into an up and outer antenna cut for 40m. RX was an old Yaesu FRG-8800. Even with this limited station it was a lot of fun. ... **DL7GEM**. Had really fun to take part to the CQWPX again. Some openings on 10m but on 15m I expected a bit more. But anyway there will be better con DX in the future for sure. vy 73 de Jan,DL7JAN ... DL7JAN. Nice contest, all bands open but only few DX on 15 and 10 meters. CU next year. ... **DL7UMK**. QRN by static, QRM by family. ... **DL8QS**. Homebrew trcv K2 and antenna MP-1. QTH Northsea coast, Buesum, LOC JO44. ... **DL8TG**. Fine contest. Sorry to all who had trouble getting my special event callsign. QSL comes automatically via buro. Wkd high power only during night time. 73 until next year. ... **DR800GRZ**. Radio got busted. ... **DV1UBY**. The reason for my stay in E7 was not contest, unfortunately, but a sad one. Anyway, more than 12 hours I was playing around with pwr of 500W and a CW filter-free TS690S on upper three bands; the most time on 20m. The guys of my club (E71EZC) have set up new shack, and it looks fine. But we still miss and need so much equipment! Antenna check for E7HQ (in IARU HF Championship) was done, well, X7 and TH7 are ready. See you soon in one of the next contests. 73, Suad, DK6XZ/E77XZ. ... **E77XZ**. First participation. Very good operators and very fun contest. ... **EA2BVV**. I only worked the contest during some hours. A lot of activity on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, great! Always S&P because of condx Condx: TS-480SAT@50W, Mini G5RV@5m above ground, Laptop Medion Akoya and YFKTest-0.0.9. ... **EA8BVP**. It has been a very fun. Thank you very much. Hope to hear them all again. ... **EA8MQ**. This was my first WPX CW and I worked many new DXCC on all bands. See you next year. I hope to learn and study more CW because now I'm a poor CW operator. See you in other con-

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tests. ... **EC1KR**. All kinds of propagation around, wonderful. ... **EI4CF**. Thanks for contest. ... **ER1RR**. TNX for FB contest. ... **ER2RM**. Nice contest for QRP work. ... **ES1CR**. TNX FER FB contest! ... **ES4MM**. Poor conditions on 80 meters band. ... **EU1AI**. Rig FT-840, pwr 100W, ant Delta Loop. Thanks for the contest. 73 and CU next year. ... **EU6AA**. Nice test. ... **EW2ES**. Thank you for the contest. ... **EW7BR**. I broke my rotator antenna on Wednesday evening! Very hard during the contest with my antenna NORTH! ... **F5PAL**. QRP entry (5W), mono-band (20m) dipole located under the roof, and a lot of QRN. Anyway, great time during this contest even if 99% of my Qs are European ones, which turned my WPX CW into kind of WAE! ... **F5PBL**. Part time entry only. Good to hear some good openings on 15 and 10. Use of too many cut down numbers actually slowed things as caused repeats. ... **F5VKT**. Sadly had little time to get heavily involved. I did find some of the abbreviated serial numbers confusing. Isn't it easier just to send the long CW number codes? Otherwise, very enjoyable in the short time I could come on air. First time in this contest, by the way! ... **G0MLY**. Someone turned on a switch somewhere. Are the good times back? ... **G0MTN**. Callsign aired in memory of late Henry Wiggins, a milliwatt operator. ... **G2CP**. Enjoyed the contest, as usual, despite poor conditions. SD worked well as it always does. ... **G2HDR**. Enjoyable contest CondX a bit tough for QRP working but could have been worse, good to have 10/15M open, but very little Stateside propagation. ... **G3LHJ**. Good to see 10m open but activity appeared to be down. ... **G3PSM**. Conditions very average, more sunspots needed! ... **G3RWF**. Watching the score accelerate every time you work a new prefix multiplier is part of the fun of the WPX CW Contest! ... **G3TXF**. Surprisingly good total for "spare time" effort in such poor conditions. ... **G3VQO**. A good fun weekend and worked more than I envisioned in the current lousy conditions. Good sporadic-E on 15m, but 10m was a bit of a disappointment. Otherwise conditions were lack lustre and I never really had a good opening to the USA on any band. But that is what comes of operating QRP! ... **G3YMC**. Sorry, ill health prevented me taking a full part in the contest. Thanks very much for all your efforts... **G3ZRJ**. Quite relaxed and enjoyable. Wish I could have spent longer operating! ... **G4BXT**. Elecraft K3, 5 watts QRP, Vee dipole antenna. ... **G4DBW**. A bit of fun trying out SO2R techniques. ... **G4FAL**. Joined to give others a chance of points. Family commitments did not allow full participation. Conditions were up and down in

QSB. Difficult with lots of QRO stations from Europe. Great to have SD as the logging programme. ... **G4FOC**. Great to work stateside on the Saturday. ... **G4IUF**. K2/100, 100W, Twisted G5RV, one leg @ 8m, other round fence Just a few QSOs from home. Worked last 6 hours of contest at M6T as well. ... **G4PIQ**. Running 5W from an IC-7400 to a trap vertical. Logging and keying via DXKeeper and WinWarbler. 3V9A was an all-time-new CW DXCC, as well as two new band/mode slots. OGØR [aka 'Shrek' in my mind] gave three new band/mode slots. Increased last year's QSO total by 10%. Perhaps a 40m only entry next year? ... **G6CSY**. Good band conditions this year. ... **G8MIA**. Using straight key, no computers! ... **GI4BQI**. 40 and 20 still the money bands for now. ... **GJ3WW**. Improved my score from last year despite pathetic conditions on Saturday. Impressed by the performance of my Bi-Square allowing me contacts into PY and LU using just 5 watts. 10m was dead most of Saturday and Sunday evening only coming to life again at 11:50 PM. Typical! ... **GM4UBJ**. Enjoyed what I managed. Beat last year's score so really happy. ... **GM4UYZ**. Just a few hours operating due to the normal weekend commitments: shopping! ... **GWØRYT**. My first WPX for a long time. Difficult with just an indoor antenna and 5 watts but great fun. Nice to work some new QRP DX. Thanks to all those who logged me. ... **GWØVSW**. First airing of the new contest call for the Dragon ARC here in North Wales. Decent conditions on Saturday but very quiet during daylight hours on Sunday; things really opened up after sunset however and the final 2 hours of the contest were buzzing! ... **GW6W**. First 24+ SO in 8 years. ... **HA1AG**. Enjoyed the contest very much though the claimed score is much less than it was last year. Maybe the propagation can be blamed and me, having not been on the top, too. Many thanks for Qs, see you next time! ... **HA2MN**. Yaesu FT-2000, 100W, Vertical 18AVT-WB up 40m. Many thanks for the nice contest! ... **HA5LZ**. First license issue date 12 February 2009. Low power, 25watts, single band, vertical antenna with 13 radials. ... **HA8AAA**. Nice contest! Next year agn! ... **HA8BE**. Considerable problems again here with a mean, nasty EU call faker and QRMer. In contest this time only little QRN. First day better prop to NA. Being 40m SBSO the long night openings on 20m diverted a lot activity from 40m. Rig: Flex 5000C, Acom 2000A, 26m high 40m dipole, N1MM. ... **HB9CVQ**. Few QSOs this time regarding conditions and few hours operating for an emergency trip. Anyway fun as usual. ... **HC2A**. Hard work with my homemade balcony antenna, hi.

UCX log very good. ... **HE8CSM**. Good contest. 10m was open and many DX stations around the world were active. My Elecraft K3 with 5 watts worked excellent and my antennas worked good. Cu agn next year (I am now 70 years) HB9DAX. ... **HE8DAX**. I could listen and work stations from East Coast with 5 watts QRP + short mobile whip (Lakeview 20m Hamstick on mag mount)! Propagation was amazing! Nice weekend with small QRP TRCV. ... **HL1VAU**. Many tnks contest. Cu agn next contest! ... **HL5YI**. I could listen and work stations from East Coast by 5 watts QRP + short mobile whip (Lakeview 20m Hamstick on mag mount)! Propagation was amazing! This was a contest expedition to Honduras by UA3AGW. ... **HQ2R**. The usual tropical thunderstorms caused QRT numerous times. 10m openings to EU were surprising. Maybe there is hope for this cycle after all. 80 was disappointing with very high noise levels. ... **HSØZDY**. Worked a few East Coast USA stations but very weak and difficult to copy. Heard several stations on 160 meters but all too weak to read any calls. 80 meters did only slightly better. 73 Sheridan (Don). ... **HSØZEE**. Very nice contest. Sunday poor conditions but Sunday was better and many, many stations worked.. ... **I2AZ**. WRTC qualifications are over, so I relaxed and didn't have defended my last year 1st place All Band Europe Low Power. It is always fun to participate. ... **I2WIJ**. Some problems about my 80m equipment. I make some QSOs on 10m during the day. ... **IK2SND**. Very nice contest. First time SOAB full time, great fun! ... **IO4T**. My first time on CW contest. I'm very happy to participate. Very sorry for my QRS but my key is a vertical. I try in future for good manipulation key. TNX everybody. ... **IT9ZTX**. Very gud test, ciao & 73. ... **IV3DYS**. My first WPX contest. Very hard, but big fun. See you next year! ... **IZ1GIP**. Great job! Even if propagation was not excellent! 73'a de IZ2FME, also KD7YNT. ... **IZ2FME**. My working conditions are: FT-840+HM MOSFET amplifier with 250-450W output. I had 3 antennas only. Two separated wire verticals on fishing poles, stand on the ground for 40/15 and 20 metres, and an Inverted Vee dipole for 80/10 m with its centre at about 8 mh. It was a great fun! ... **J48HW**. I enjoyed the contest. ... **JA1EMQ**. Enjoyed very much. Thanks! ... **JA2CUS**. I operated from Awaji-city in Hyogo Prefecture using IC-756PRO3/IC-PW1 with 2-el HB9CV. ... **JA3YAA**. TRX: Yaesu FT-2000, ANT: SteppIR 3-ele up 14 meters. I was able to work more stations than I thought due to good propagation for Europe. Thanks to the stations worked with me. ... **JA6DIJ**. I really enjoyed QSOs as well as the SSB con-

test in series. ... **JA7LLL**. The condition was open for Europe from evening in Japan. I'm very pleased to be able to contact with European hams! ... **JA7YCCQ**. Enjoyed part time effort for straight ten hours. ... **JA8RWU**. I participated in this contest in 160m low power section. The condition between the U.S.A. and JA was not good. We could only hear NR6O was calling CQ CQ and many JAs called him. But we could not get answer from him. He was calling only CQ CQ. His signal was 599. I guess that he had a very hard local QRN. I use M.V.(Micro Vert) antenna for 160m in this contest. It was very FB. Its gain was nearly equal to full-size dipole. And I used a transceiver K2 and K3. I compared these two transceivers during the contest. It was an interesting experiment. ... **JE1SPY**. I enjoyed contest. Thank you. ... **JE4ICX**. Enjoyed the contest. ... **JF1SEK**. Thanks all for QSOs. It was a great fun! ... **JF1SQC**. 50 watts with IC-726 into a long wire + ATU only! Thank you for the QSOs. See you all next time. ... **JF3KQA**. The score increased vs 2008. Thank you for picking up my wave. ... **JG2CNS**. Many thanks for a very good contest. ... **JG5DHX**. Part time participation with S&P only. Mostly 200W and 800W only when required. Glad to work some EUs on 10m and Gs on 15m. Hope more sunspots are back soon! ... **JH3PRR**. Thank you for a wonderful contest. ... **JH3PTC**. Great contest. ... **JH4UYB**. Poor condition, see you next year. ... **JI1UDD**. I enjoyed the contest. RIG:IC-756PRO AMP 500W 4-el Yagi. ... **JK1LUY**. Good conditions on 20m band. ... **JK2VOC**. Tnx, my small wave received many friend s. ... **JL7FBV**. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts. Thank you for the QSOs. See you all next time. ... **JR1NKN**. Good contest ... **JR3NZC**. Great opening 0200Z Sunday over the pole to many UA and UA9 stations. Just like fishing in a barrel! ... **K0BX**. Really fun WPX CW, especially enjoyed 40m late! ... **K0GEO**. Recent antenna work paid off with my first million-point raw score. ... **K0PK**. New antennas worked great, had a lot of fun. ... **K0RU**. What a pleasant surprise: condx were OK! Was able to run with low power. Lots of sharp-eared ops. ... **K1HI**. This was my first CW WPX contest. Normally, the contest collides with my annual Memorial Day weekend activities, but not this year. Perhaps the contest should be permanently delayed by a week. Since I could almost dedicate the whole weekend to the contest, I decided to make some antenna improvements prior to the test. Since financial constraints continue to enforce my unofficial "all verticals all of the time" policy, I decided to make use of the 1200 square foot metal roof of my pole

barn. I drilled a hole through the peak, and poked an aluminum tube through the hole, U-bolted to the rafters. To the pole I mounted an old Hy-Gain vertical bracket with enough tubing to make a quarter-wave 20 meter vertical. I had an FT-240 left over from some prior experiment with a 5:6 ratio transformer wound on it, and that seemed to produce an adequate match on 20 meters. Since I now had a dedicated 20 meter vertical, I took down the ground-mounted 4-BTV and put the full-sized 40 meter vertical in its place. I finished these tasks just minutes before the contest. Although conditions were poor, I was pleased with the performance of the 40 meter and 20 meter verticals. The 40 meter vertical also performed reasonably well on 15 meters. I frequently used my Beverages for reception on 20. I think I need a better feed line to the 40 meter vertical, as 15 meter signals were all rather weak. There may be as much as 3 dB of loss in my ancient pieces of RG8, although I'm just guessing. Late in the afternoon and in the evening of both days I was able to have modest runs on both 20 and 40. In fact, stations were still calling me right up to the end of the contest. Radios: IC-765 (needs trimmer caps replaced), ETO-91B (thanks, Jeff!); Antennas: 160 - 65 foot "T" with 75 radials 80, 2 inverted-L wires attached to 160 vertical feed point 40 & 15, 32 foot ground mounted vertical with 32 radials 20, 17 foot roof mounted vertical over metal roof, 12 Beverages 500-900 feet. ... **K1LT**. Entire contest with the Elecraft K1 QRP rig! ... **K1SM**. My last hurrah from this QTH. Moving to DC but without the tower and antennas, so you'll have to dig me out of the mud for that DC mult. And to N1UR, W3EF, N5AW, N4YDU, etc., you won't have K2PS to kick around anymore in the LP battles unless I can find some kind station owner down there to put up with me. I don't usually participate in this contest, the weather generally being so nice this time of year in NJ, but I got special dispensation in this case. And it was a fun contest! It's nice when there is always someone to work, although my rates didn't match up to the Big 4 DX contests. The 36 hour limit was perfect, as I generally operate at about that level, and so this time I didn't feel guilty about getting my beauty rest. Thanks to all for a great run. 73, Pete ... **K2PS**. 10 meter E-skip opening was a nice surprise. ... **K2TV**. After 30 years on the air this was my first contest entry. Great fun! ... **K3EL**. Six-foot black snake crawled in radio room at 11PM Sat. nite. Very exciting! ... **K3MJW**. The Russian UA/RV/RW stations really saved the day. ... **KC0MO**. Where were all the oddball prefixes? ... **K3TN**. I had a great time working all continents with just

5 watts! ... **K3TW**. Had fun, thanks for the contest. ... **K3UK**. New K3 on May 4th. Getting station back on the air after almost a 20 year hiatus. Other than FD, first contest in that many years. It's good to be back! ... **K3WJV**. Limited operating time but enjoyable ... **K4CQW**. Had a great time playing this weekend. We need sunspots! ... **K4SV**. Lots of weak signals. QSB ate a few QSOs. My first full contest. Worked on station ergonomics during the contest. ... **K6EEP**. Highest score/QSOs ever! Now I can retire. Done on R8, 20m loop and HF2V. ... **K7CS**. Good 15 meter openings ... **K7GIM**. Best contest format ever! ... **K7ZZ**. Great contest as usual! Had trouble with storm static on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to all the stations who gave me a repeat. Too bad my VE3DO loops were down for grass cutting! ... **K8GL**. I did a Single-Band 80 WPX CW entry because it was a chance to see how the homebrew 80 meter vertical worked under springtime propagation and weather conditions (lightning, QRN, and atmospherics). ... **K8OQL**. First WPX contest and a QRP entry. Used an ATS-3B for the first time and loved the experience of < 5 watts to work 130 QSOs. ... **K9JWV**. Great time! ... **K9NW**. Fantastic conditions into Europe and South America! ... **KA6SGT**. I used Dad's station (N0AC) for a few hours. Had lots of fun. ... **KB0JSH**. Portable operation; Alinco DX70TH G5RVjr at 20 feet. ... **KB8X**. Tnx all fb WPX agn this yr es 73. ... **KB9YGD**. The Russian UA/RV/RW stations really saved the day ... **KC0MO**. Terrible condx on 10m and 15m as is becoming normal for contests of late. 20m was not especially the first day. It was open to midnight into Eastern EU. 40m became the mainstay overnight. I managed to get a bunch of QRO EU and JA stations. I made more Qs and points than last year so I won't complain. 73! ... **KC6X**. Conditions really funny. No Asia, No OC, No Caribbean. Only heard 3 SA stns. ... **KC7UP**. Thanks as always to John Evans for letting us invade the farm. Europeans on 20, I didn't expect that! 15 was better than I expected too. It's a good thing 20 was open most of the night Friday, given very bad QRN on 80! Thanks for all the QSOs. ... **KD4D**. 40m seemed very good. Only on for a short time. ... **KG9Z**. I'd like to thank all the ops who took the time to get a QRP station, especially ZW5B and AY5F, who patiently pulled my numbers out of the ether. ... **KI6OFN**. Great contest. Had a bunch of fun and learned a lot. Also greatly improved my skills. ... **KJ4HYG**. Thanks to CQ. This was truly as good as it gets. Forget worrying about sunspots. Worry about something else. Condx were outstanding and how long has it been since 20m stayed open 24-hours a day?

Thanks, Jay, N4OX, for the use of your club call. ... **KR4Z**. Here in MT 20 meters in May and June was only open to Europe all day and night during this contest with many signals really S9 or better! From the day after the contest to end of June have heard only a handful of EU. signals and sig levels way lower than contest. Only big signal S9 or better on 20 from DX has been 9K2GS! ... **KS7T**. As usual, lots of fun in this event. Had some good success on 40 picking up lots of 6 pointers. Too much QRN on 80 to do any good there. 20 was its usual self. 15 opened a little bit but not anything to Europe from this station. Ten was a bust, 2 Q's there. If we get a few sunspots next year, I'll have to change my strategy. Thanks for the Q's and I'll see you all next year. ... **KV8Q**. Who needs sunspots anyway? Maybe it's just a new antenna, but this is my best score ever with QRP. 20m just wouldn't quit in the evenings. It seemed easier to work the Europeans than to get a response from domestic CQers. ... **KX7L**. Operation from K4TD ... **KY4F**. I Enjoyed this, my first participation in this contest. Maybe I'll put more effort in competition next time. ... **LA1EK**. Summer opening for 10 and 15m bands made contest more enjoyable. 80 and 160m bands were a disappointment. All in all: Very enjoyable! ... **LA2AB**. Took part only the last 14 hrs of contest. Only S&P operation. ... **LA8D**. Enjoyable and exciting contest again. Super Dupe was a great support. ... **LU4MHQ**. The intense and continuous industrial-made noise in my station, impede me to improve my score. My regular callsign is LU1EWL, but this time I use the special callsign LW1E. ... **LW1E**. All QSOs were made in QRPp mode: only 500 mW output and internal batteries. I was able to participate only a couple of hours but had a lot of fun. Propagation was just horrible. ... **LW4DYI**. This contest is dedicated in memory of our Silent Key LY1C. ... **LY3V**. Thanks to organizers and all participants for this nice contest. 73! Boyan LZ2BE. ... **LZ8E**. Rig 5 W, Ant 22 m wire. Hand-typed log. Just some QSOs for fun. ... **M0CEF**. 400 QSOs, 53 DXCCs. Of note 6W1SJ Senegal worked on 1st call; CU2X; ZY7C. I worked K1, K2, K4 areas and 2 VE and 4 JA stations all with 2 watts QRP FT817 and G5RV! Great Fun. ... **M5AEF**. Pretty last minute effort. Mainly to test and get ready for WW. 40m seemed pretty good. Thanks for Qs. ... **M6T**. Single op entry this year. LY4L could not make it. Operated portable from Cockerham Sands, same in 2008. FT1000D plus 400W PA into 2-el phased verticals. Big thanks to Newton le Willows Amateur Radio Club for support. Special thanks to G1HIP and LY3QP. Contest started well, but lack of North American stations first

night made it clear that antenna was not positioned well. Made some changes on Saturday. What a difference 15 degrees could make! Much more like it on Sunday morning. Good openings to the West Coast kept the adrenaline running high. Unfortunately, the operation had to be cut short due to generator failure, six hours left to run. Another mistake was to enter Assisted category. Cluster added very few contacts and even less mults. Why did I use it? Remains a mystery to myself. Great contest, enjoyed every minute! Happy with the result, but could do better. C U next year! 73! ... **M7A**. Just trying to play on the highest band open at any time. ... **MM0GPZ**. Lots of activity made me have a v y gd time. tnx to all. ... **MM0YEC**. Elecraft K3, 100W, 1/4 wave GP with elevated radials and 80m doublet at 40 ft. Great fun, some local QRM but struggled on regardless. WX was fantastic so cut operations short. ... **MM3T**. This year's operation was from Guernsey using my K2 and a short vertical antenna. ... **MU/OZ7BQ**. Family commitments meant part time activity. Was great fun though ... **MU0FAL**. Finally got my station back together a year after moving to a new QTH! This is a great contest format. Lots of fun being able to work the local contacts as well as the worldwide contacts, lots of multipliers, and I love the overlay category for us guys with simpler antennas. I'd like to see another version of the same contest that runs 24 hours! ... **N0SXX**. Second CQ WPX CW Contest. ... **N1NN**. In 8 years doing WPX CW, my third best score. Since my two best years were '05 and '06, back when there were sunspots, I consider it a moral victory to claim 2.1M points this year vs 2.4M and 2.3M claimed in those years. Also, this year was much, much more fun than my last outing in 2007, when I got only 1.3M claimed despite operating 1 hour less than this year. QSO totals to EU this year were much more like '06 than '07. Also, I made special efforts this year to chase W/K multipliers when EU rates were poor, such as early Sat. AM when 40m to the west gave much better results than 20m to EU. Even worked 2 VKs on 40! One feature of the quiet sun is good condx over the pole: I worked 22 JAs, 11 UA9s, an HL and a 4K, all on 20. Even made 25 QSOs on 15, mostly SA, my first since getting 11 in the '06 WPX CW. ... **N3UM**. Great contest, enjoy using simple wire antennas and low power. ... **N4ARO**. My lucky A3S tribander worked a lot of new countries! ... **N4DXI**. Although the Carolina Windom was acting up for me again, it still was a great contest. I even ran quite a number of stations on 10m (if you call one Q every one to two minutes a run)! Glad conditions are improving slightly and can't wait until

next year. ... **N4HXI**. Fun part-time effort. ... **N4PSE**. Got on to give PJ2T some points. Ended up making almost 500 Q's. No computer contest program, paper log. Didn't even have a dup check sheet until I was forced to make one up after about 100 Q's. ... **N4QQ**. Wow! Europe QRP at the bottom of the sunspot cycle! Cool! ... **N6RV**. This was my seventh try at this great contest, and I always have a great time. 20 meters even opened to western Asia for a couple hours. CU next year! ... **N7EIE**. Openings on 10 and 15 meters proved interesting. ... **N7VS**. Great fun. Enjoyed the contest. ... **N8WXQ**. Seemed like more DX heard here this year. They were not strong, but they were workable. ... **N9BT**. Was planning more time to operate Saturday night in the hopes of finishing off WAS CW for triple play. As they say "best laid plans"! Due to a very busy day Saturday, my body decided it was more interested in sleeping than operating! I was very happy to work CU2X with 100 watts and low hanging short dipole. What a tremendous signal from the CU2X station, copied at 10 dB over S9, congratulations! Station conditions: ICOM ProIII 100 watts to Alpha-Delta DX-DD at 35 ft. ... **N9TF**. Expecting the contest to be Memorial Day weekend I had already made plans for the actual contest weekend. This limited my operating times. I'll pay more attention to the dates next year. ... **NC6V**. Had a lot of fun. Can't wait 'til next year! ... **ND3R**. Had a Blast! ... **NE4M**. Very loud signals from all over South America on 80 meters. ... **NE5D**. What a great contest. I wish I would have had more time to take part!! ... **NE8J**. Good conditions for QRP operating. My best ever for QRP in a contest. ... **NF0N**. Was plagued with line noise on all bands and QRN on 80 and 40. Thanks for all the repeats. Great to finally get two-digit numbers in the 10 meter column! 9A, S5, E7, YU seemed to be a 10m hot spot for me Sunday morning. ... **NF4A**. Some day I hope to be able to devote more time to this FB contest. ... **NF5T**. First time using a paddle, apologies to my first contacts! CQ WPX was a lot of fun. Many thanks to TDXS and K5EWJ for getting me going. ... **NG5NG**. First contest from new QTH after about 7 years! It was fun! ... **NG7M**. I knew I wasn't going to have much time available for the contest this year. So I made two simple goals. Break 200 Q's and get at least one contact on every band. Total time on was 5 hours. Sometimes in two minute increments. I carefully went through my log and saw that there were very small operating increments. Sometimes in the two to ten minute periods. The weather was absolutely perfect here in the NW so that I just couldn't justify sitting in front of the radio for hours

and hours. We don't get a lot of warm weather here and I had to take advantage of it. We have a large piece of property in the woods and my wife and I like to work in it. So I just made as much time for the radio as time permitted. But in the end, I made both of my goals. Next year, hopefully, it'll rain on WPX-CW weekend hi hi. ... **NG7Z**. Best opening over the pole in a long time. ... **NG9T**. Thanks for a great contest. I finally managed to work Republic of Georgia! ... **NI4/KH2AR**. Still too quiet on 80,15, and 10. Pretty much a two band contest. ... **NJ1T**. Great condx this year, but limited propagation to the Far East and Asia. ... **NJ9Z**. I had a great time in this contest. ... **NK6/NP4IW**. Thanks to Scott W4SO for the use of the NN4N callsign. It was a lot of fun! ... **NN4N**. Yes, no sunspots and QRP from the Pacific North Left. As usual with QRP, CQing was not productive, so almost all contacts were found by search-and-call, call, call. After the first 3 hours, there was no way I could compete on 40m, so I went to sleep and got up at the more productive 07Z and 11z for low bands. I had a difficult time on 20m each morning, and soon as possible 15m was better for me. I tried 20m each morning for Europeans, but I worked more of them in the afternoons. North America was 73% of my contacts, followed by Europe and Asia. Don't know how I missed so much South America. Some notable DX (for QRP left coast) was 3V9A, 6W1SJ, and JT1CO. My 500 QSOs and 260K points would have made 5th place QRP for USA last year, so I'll keep my fingers crossed that I make the top ten this year. Thanks to all the good ears who listened for me and kept trying until the QSO complete. Much appreciated! **NN7SS** (op K6UFO) ... **NN7SS**. Lots of fun, not much time! ... **NN8UU**. Not much time to operate, and not many heard my QRP signal. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the contest, and look forward to doing better next year! ... **NO2D**. The 2009 WPX CW found my XYL and me in transit with a flight from Boston to New Orleans on Saturday followed by a drive from New Orleans to Houston on Sunday. We had planned to operate some on Saturday evening from the mobile but the call of a New Orleans seafood dinner won out. So we didn't get on the air until about midway between New Orleans and Houston on Sunday morning when I turned the driving over to the XYL. Once I moved into the passenger seat and got the mobile set up, I managed to break a pileup on an ES9 followed shortly afterward with an OG9; this was going to be fun! While in the mobile we mostly did S&P until arriving back in Houston around 2000Z when we put the "big station" (3 wires at 25 ft) on the air and worked the

contest until around 2100Z when it was time for a Tex-Mex break. Finally we got back to the contest at around 2230Z. About a third of the contacts were from the mobile, all of them on 20m, which seemed to be in good shape. So it was definitely a part-time effort but a lot of fun and interesting to see how the mobile would fare. 73 es thanks for the Qs, Chuck ... **NO5W**. Able to do just few contacts. ... **NP3CW**. A great BBQ, plenty of Bud Lights, and oh yeah, a good 10 and 15 meter opening! What could be better? Thanks to "Webmaster Mike" (N2MG) and Scott "The Machine" (NQ2F) for getting us on the board. See you next year! (NQ2F@KD2RD) ... **NQ2F**. Most things that are as much fun as this contest was are illegal! The crew had a great time with one equipment failure. It seems like having the contest on a non-holiday weekend drew out more US and prefixes. Kudos to K5ZD and the cast that supports the WPX CW! ... **NR4M**. Good contest. 20 the main band and Europe signals most of the day. Thanks to all for a good time. CW rocks! ... **NR7DX**. Rig HW-9, Ant Carolina Windom short 80. Rig and antenna were flawless. Operator fell asleep. ... **NU4B**. A big thank you to Ray for the loan of his callsign. ... **NV6C**. This was my first official WPX. It was fun! Operation was from Baker, White Pine County, Nevada. Next time I will have better antennas. ... **NV7E**. This is the only contest that I can get a CW pileup on in 6-land. Thanks! ... **NZ6L**. No serious entry, but some points for BCC. ... **OE2VEL**. We really need some sunspots! Otherwise fun. ... **OE5OHO**. 10 and 15 were open at least on Sunday and that may explain the low activity during the day on 20. Band faded on and off here and got better just during the last hours. A nice chance to operate the special call of the local club station. QSL to OH5AD. All contacts will be verified via bureau in any case. Thanks to all for a nice weekend. ICOM 746PRO Drake L4B, 600 W out, KT34XA, 2el Quad. 73 de Kari OH5TS. ... **OF200AD**. Our target was set to challenge the old OH record in the M/S category which was 8.8M points. We knew that we had a chance to break it even at the bottom of the solar cycle but needed a bit of help from the propagation. Especially Lady Aurora was the one we didn't want to show up during the contest. The conditions were excellent: 20m was open for the full 48 hours, there were intense ES openings on 15m and 10m and even 15m provided some real DX. Time to time the pile-ups were comparable to the ones at the solar cycle peak. We also had exceptionally hot weather throughout the contest. The temperature reached +30 C during the day, which isn't very common in Finland. Therefore the contest was also a

real temperature stress test for equipment and operators when the temperature was peaking at least +38 C in the ham shack. The equipment passed the test successfully with only one minor malfunction. The operators also survived the test :). Actually the operators didn't get enough heat during the weekend and therefore we all went to the sauna that showed about +90 C just after the contest, which ended in the middle of the night towards Monday at 3 AM. We achieved our goal very well; the old OH record was exceeded with a significant margin. After the contest we also realized that our claimed score was bigger than the current European record in the M/S category. However, we knew that there would be others with even bigger claimed scores. Congratulations to E7DX, ES9C, OL3Z, OM7M, and UZ2M for your excellent results. We hope that we finished in the EU top 10 in the very competitive M/S category. Improvement for next time: try to recruit more operators for the M/S team. This time the multiplier radio wasn't manned throughout the contest and operators were not at their best when too tired. Equipment: 2 x Yaesu FT-1000MP + linears; 10m 3 x 4-el mono and 3 x 4-el mono; 15m 2 x 4-el mono and 2 x 4-el mono; 20m 3 x 4-el mono, 3 x 4-el mono and 2-el delta loop; 40m 2 x 2-el mono, 2-el shortened; 80m 2-el shortened + RX antennas; 160m quarter slopers + RX antennas. ... **OG6A**. Due to the limited time and an exhausting week of work prior to the contest I was only having some fun without any score pressures. It was a nice surprise to hear good signals from Asia and NA. ... **OG6N**. Rig FT-897D, power 100W, ant G5RV up 10 meters. Thanks to the organisers and to all those good-eared contesters who heard my tiny signal. All QSOs were made by S&P. Very good activity and many great DX operations with excellent operators. Hope to meet you all and many more next year. ... **OH2LNH**. Saturday condx bad, Sunday good. ... **OK1AIJ**. Thank you for nice contest. ... **OK1BLU**. Excellent condx on 40 and 20m for USA overnight. ... **OK2QX**. Good contest. See you again friends. ... **OK2SWD**. On Sunday was 21 years old! ... **OL4M**. Fine contest. I used 5 watts with GPA30 and GPM1500. 73 and up to 2010. ... **ON3AD**. First time participation. Even in low power it's fun, but it's long! ... **ON4ALY**. Worked a few North American stations on 10m. Wondering if the frequency readout of my rig was erroneous, hi. It's been a long time, guys! Had some family obligations so had to go QRT the entire (local) Sunday afternoon; attended a horse-training show while browsing the DX Cluster on my mobile phone on the sly. Darn, another multi missed, hi. Is ham radio just a hobby? I ain't to me; it's an

addiction. CUAGN 2010! ... **ON4CAS**. Tu to all contesters - 73's QRO. ... **ON5HY**. Condx were not good, so not many QSOs. My last QSO was with LU. He had a strong signal and called CQ for one hour but worked only a few stations because there was not much activity that time. But I enjoyed the contest. Till next year 73. ... **ON5WL**. Great contest! ... **OR2A**. On holiday but could not resist a few QSOs in this contest. Loads of fun. Should have stayed home and done it seriously. QTH Helnaes, Fyn Island, Denmark: EU-172. ... **OZ/G4DDL**. Thanks for a great contest. ... **OZ7RQ**. This year only a small amount of time was available for your contest. Therefore not many QSOs. Maybe better in 2010. ... **PA0FEI**. Contest concurring with XYL's anniversary hampered my participation in many ways but still managed to make some contacts. ... **PA0MIR**. Fine to hear so many FB CW operators ... **PA0WKI**. As a milliwatt enthusiast I had great fun with QRP and QRPP. 66% of the 356 QSOs were made with 2,6, or 5W; 32% with 260 to 980 mW; and 2% of the QSOs I made with 26 to 98 mW Thank you for the great activity on the bands during the contest. ... **PA1B**. The software crashed twice. I do not know why, as I use it for more than 10 years. The software did not allow me to work on 15 meters. My numbering went wrong and I was not able to fix it. I made 125 QSOs and my numbers go only up as far as 103! These numbers are as sent by me, somehow it went wrong somewhere. Sorry for that. It was a nice contest, although I could only compete for a few hours. See you all next year! ... **PA1BX**. Nice and conditions on 15 and 10 meters. Enjoyed the contest very much but some operators are going too fast and so losing points! ... **PA2CHM**. This was the first time I operated from PE1LYV's QTH with a 2 element beam for 20, 15, and 10m. First time also I operated with a beam! (hi). Beaming therefore not always optimal. Lots of activity as always and 20m in fine shape. Double dipole for 80 and 40m (PD0DK) for Field Day next weekend probably gave me a better 80m signal than my 2x 8m inv. Vee which I use at my home QTH. Had family commitments on Sunday and therefore "missed" most of daylight operating 2nd day. Cu in 2010. ... **PA3ARM**. Had fun as usual. ... **PA3EWP**. Many activity! Wrkd just for fun, 100W, dipole. ... **PA3GEO**. Good condx on 28 mcs. ... **PA5GU**. We had fun during this weekend. Running about 40 watts from FT-897 and used TR4W logging this year. Condx during this solar minimum not all too bad. ... **PA6OI**. I like contest. Many USA stations and Russian stations. Tnx all QSOs. See you in the next contest. ... **PD5CW**. Tnx for the nice contest. Nice

that also 10m was open. Trx: Yaesu FT857 25W, ant: Fritzel FB33 and PKW MHF1e40. Licensed 2006, on HF since December 2006. ... **PD7BZ**. Very nice to work for the first time in CW in this contest, with QRP. Station info at <www.pe2kp.nl>. ... **PE2KP**. Bad propagation this year. Never seen such poor conditions. ... **PY1KN**. Tks fb test. I hope see you next year. ... **PY7AEF**. Very pleasant for joining this issue of the WPX contest. ... **PY7GK**. Tks fb test. ... **PY7OJ**. Rig: FT1000 D, 100 W RF output, antenna: 17.2 meter top loaded vertical / type RA6LBS. Thanks for a great contest. ... **R3/SM6LRR**. Nice contest as usual. GL to all! ... **RA0FU**. Tnx for nice contest. ... **RA1TU**. Thank you for the exciting contest! ... **RA3BQ**. Thank you for the nice contest! I used portable field transceiver PFR-3, only 5 watts, and portable antenna G5IJ. Thanks to all hams who heard and worked me. All the best from Russia and 73! ... **RA3XEV**. The best WPX!!! ... **RA4ACX**. All very tnx for good contest! Very nice contest in this year! Cu agn in next contest! ... **RM9RZ**. The license RN3DBA is given in 2008. Born 1996. TRV IC-756PRO3; ant 1.8-7 MHZ DELTA; 14-28 MHz Spider. ... **RN3DBA**. 20m open 24 hours, 1350 NA stations (300 on 40m) from 5200 QSO, 250 JA, 1270 mults. Thanks RU4HP and UA1CUR; they have considerably strengthened our team. ... **RU1A**. Tnx fb contest. ... **RU3MW**. TNX for contest, 73! ... **RU3ZV**. Thank you for the contest. It was my first CW contest. I'd like to be in contest CQ WPX CW 2010. 73! ... **RV3DHC**. Good contest! See you in the next year! ... **RV3LO**. Nice contest! ... **RV3MI**. 20m was great here. 866 Q's include 22 Q's by CQ mode is new record for my QRP. 10m was open here first time this year. QSOed 40 southern neighbours mostly. Enjoyed contest. Thanks for all. ... **RW4AA**. Very nice test. Rig K2 5W, ant LW. ... **RW6FO**. Fine contest!!! ... **RW9UU**. FT-2000, 3-el beam, Inv Vee 40, 80, 160m. Bad weather conditions and pure propagation. ... **S51J**. Part time effort; after few fruitless CQs, 100% S&P with 100W and OCF dipole up 10m (33 ft). ... **S57AD**. Had fun but no full entry due to other obligations. ... **SC3N**. Making just the few to throw in some points. ... **SF6DX**. Some guys refuse to answer a QSL via the bureau. They obviously don't appreciate the enormous work done by all those guys, who devote their time to help us get our QSLs. I have deleted 22 calls from my log. Why shall we spend our time, giving contest points, writing QSLs, and waste money sending our cards to guys who are too lazy to reply? I'm happy if I can give my points to some unselfish guys to improve their score and I hope they appre-

ciate my QSL. ... **SF7WT**. Relaxed style contesting sitting outside in the garden of the summer cabin getting a tan while working some on 10 and 15. Due to poor conditions and boredom I could not help but connect to 20m as well. ... **SM6WET**. Hard work on 10m QRP. ... **SP5DDJ**. FB contest. ... **SP9JZT**. First time on the contest. Worked few hours, enjoyed my few contacts very much. Also enjoyed SD logger. Thank you ... **SV1AAK**. Hello contesters! First participating in CQ Contest from Erzincan city. ... **TA7KI**. When I arrived in Turkey on Monday all bands including 10 and 15 were in excellent shape. Towards the contest weekend conditions turned worse day by day. There was no room for 160 and 80m antennas so I just used the 2-el Yagi and 40m dipole. I am very grateful to Juha, OH8NV and Tefvik, TA1HZ for making this operation possible. See you in contests again - Pertti, OH2PM. ... **TC4X**. Had problem with the logging program. The WinKey did not work so no contest for me this time. Did give some mults. Heard many but got few :) ... **TF8GX**. First QSOs on 10 meter in new solar cycle 24. New step in our growth score when break 10M points ... **TM0R**. Many thanks for nice contest. ... **UA0LS**. TNX contest! HPE CU AGN. ... **UA0SBQ**. TNX for fine contest. ... **UA0ZAM**. Tnx vy much for nice contest. ... **UA1CBM**. Tnx for contest. I am very glad, because I work in it. ... **UA3ICK**. The best WPX!! ... **UA4AGO**. Cool contest. ... **UA4CCG**. FT-897 (90W), ant RR-33 (3el) up 12m. ... **UA9FGJ**. Tnx fer nice contest. ... **UA9UCK**. Best wishes from Kazakhstan! ... **UN2E**. Tks for the nice contest! ... **UN6GK**. Condx was fine! ... **UP4L**. It was a really great weekend! 20m band conditions on Sunday were amazing. I improved my last year result from 1.2 to 1.7 million points. ... **UR3IQO**. TNX for nice contest! ... **US1IV**. TNX for nice contest. ... **US4IXT**. Nice conditions!! ... **US7IGF**. TNX for contest! ... **UT7L**. IC-735, wire @9m, 20/40 vertical @1m, XYL, teapot, 1 bottle of red wine. ... **UU1CC**. TNX for contest! ... **UV1G**. This is my first CW contest. Made very few QSOs and have a slow fist but everyone seemed understanding. Thanks all for a great experience. ... **VA3RNJ**. First time entering WPX CW Contest. With lots of other distractions this past week didn't help the cause. Will be back next year. ... **VA3WR**. Was to operate SO 20m at VE6JY as VC6X but he had amp problems so operated from own residence, limited time. ... **VC6X**. Keeping downwind of big guns. ... **VE1AYY**. Better than last year. ... **VE3RCN**. My first CW contest. The speed, I can't believe it. ... **VE5AE**. I had a lot of fun in this contest. It is the first time I'm entering this contest. I was part

of the VE7NA Club station's participation in this contest in March. I went in this contest casually with my 25 year old FT-757GX and using my '54 Blue Racer Standard Bug I repainted the Base on. That old FT-757 is a lot of fun and that rig has great you are Part of the Pile-up QSK Break in and Shift & Width is a great QRM fighting feature. ... **VE7BGP**. Surprisingly good conditions for a cycle minimum Used SD; works very well. ... **VE7JKZ**. Extremely bad WX on the second day prevented using vertical ant over salt water. Day 1 - 53 QSOs with vertical, Day 2 - 8 QSOs with a dipole. Quite a difference. ... **VK2CCC**. A difficult operation with excessive noise levels of S8+ on the low bands, with low power and a low antenna. A bit of fun and it was great to put another VK8 signal onto HF! ... **VK2GR**. If only some operators would learn to send GOOD code and not just FAST code. ... **VK3FM**. Fantastic conditions, especially on 40. Had a lot of fun. Thanks for all the QSOs. ... **VK3IO**. Who needs sunspots? Very hard for VK to break into EU on 40 through QRM. ... **VK3TDX**. No records broken here on low power but the WPX is a can't miss contest always full of surprises. ... **VK4EJ**. Bands not very kind to me. ... **VK4TT**. Only a few hours available to get on. Conditions very weird! Did feel like I was a long way from the action, hi! ... **VK7GN**. My first WPX CW. Great fun. HF propagation very poor. 10m did not open. Thanks again to EI5DI for SD, a great logger. Thanks CQ for a great contest. ... **VU2HFR**. A very heavy work schedule for several days ensured I was bone-tired before the start of the contest. I had also recently acquired a used IC-735 and decided I would get into a casual operation and try SO2R for the first time. No fancy rig/antenna switching systems just a Sigma-5 Vertical Dipole tied to the 735. Made a few second radio QSOs and now that I have tasted it must have full-fledged SO2R soon. Thanks for all the QSOs and hope to work many more next time and congratulations to Randy, K5ZD, for a very fine cqwp.com website. ... **VU2PTT**. Enjoyed another WPX Contest. Conditions were quite erratic. ... **VU2UR**. Whoever said CW is dead was sure wrong. It's alive and well. It was great hearing the bands open all over the planet. I was elated to make a few Q's on 10 meters. Almost unheard of these days. I didn't work any 80 meters and spent a limited time on 40. Probably would spend more time if I had better antennas on those bands. A vertical is OK, but it sure doesn't do the job my 5 element TH5DX does. Thanks to all who gave me a contact and for a few "new ones." A fun weekend with a limited par-

ticipation due to granddaughter's high school graduation party. See y'all in the next one. ... **W0RAA**. Just too much fun! Thanks for all the QSOs. ... **W0UA**. Cool. ... **W4KAZ**. Bands were not wonderful. No Asia heard in GA. Enjoyed the contacts with excellent ops despite having major back problems. It was good therapy! ... **W4OJC**. Great conditions on 20m, lot of fun! ... **W4RYW**. Conditions were pretty good after all. ... **W6FA**. Lots of fun for my first-ever submission! ... **W6FG**. Sure isn't easy trying to hear the Euros through all that Midwest electrical noise. ... **W6XI**. Wish for more activity. ... **W7DRA**. I used SD with the Winkeyer USB. A really great combo. No openings to EU, but Asia came through. Great contest. ... **W7IJ**. Wonderful CW fun! Mni tnx! 73 de Scotty. ... **W7SW**. Now we know what it must be like to run EU from the East Coast. Incredible conditions on 20. ... **W7VJ**. Nice Saturday evening opening to EU. ... **W7YAQ**. My first WPX! I had hoped to operate the whole 36 hrs, but my family had other plans? Hi,Hi! I'm looking forward for next one! ... **W8GXT**. First CW contest and entered 10 meter only because there would be less activity on 10 and I could follow the procedures better. Thanks to all the stations that could copy my fist and at my slow speed. ... **W8KNO**. Tks to Phil, N0KE, for letting me use his station during his off time for this single band 80m QRP entry! ... **W8QZA**. Wow, so many UA9/UA0. Nice propagation over the poles. Still I long for these conditions on 10/15. Glad I'm young enough (61) to see this cycle peak. ... **WA1FCN**. Operated portable while traveling on business in Atlanta. Amazed at what I worked with a portable antenna set on a tripod! ... **WA2ASQ**. K2 at 5W; MA5V on 15m & 20m; G5RV on 40m; Discouraging weekend. Propagation seemed "flat" at my QTH. Still always enjoy a good contest. Thanks to all who copied my QRP signal! ... **WA5RML**. Lots of fun as usual. ... **WA5SOG**. My amp blew on 20 meters with 3 hours left! I had to crawl to the finish line "bare foot." ... **WA6KHK**. Thanks for the fun! ... **WB6BFG**. First WPX CW Contest ... **WB8TSD**. Great fun! ... **WB9CHY**. First time operating WPX. Had a great time. Thanks! ... **WC3O**. Playing around in test, fun, thanks. ... **WD0T**. Conditions were miserable. I had to ask for repeats often. Had fun though. ... **WD5BJT**. Always a pleasure to work the WPX Contest in any mode. Been doing it for more than 30 years. 10 and 15m wide open for hours, but very little activity. Give it a try guys! ... **WE6EZ**. My "TB-Wires" is a 40 meter dipole, center fed with 450 ohm line Working QRP is fun,

especially with a unique prefix like WQ8 ... **WQ8RP**. My first CW Contest ... **WX7P**. Good fun with the CW contest. Most of the time I use more S&P, because with 100W not always hear you and the big guns are powerful. ... **XE1AY**. FT-1000D, AL80A linear & BiggIR vertical. ... **XM6LB**. Great conditions to EU for a change. ... **XM7GL**. Bad propagation made this contest uninteresting for me. Operating time to time during all the contest. No openig to Asia, only some big guns. Cu next year, may be sun will improve its activity! ... **YL2BJ**. Best score in this contest for me as S/O. ... **YN2GY**. Nice to be in this contest!. ... **YO3JW**. I enjoyed SD in every contest Thanks to Paul, EI5DI for this work. I encourage others to use it ... **YO4BTB**. Tnx to everybody. Best regards. ... **YO4CSL**. Vy nice contest. Propagation on 160m good. ... **YO5AJR**. Tnx all contestmans. ... **YO5CCX**. Vy good propagation on 15 meters. ... **YO5NY**. Many stations, good propagation. Tnx to all. ... **YO5OHY**. Nice contest as all the time! I really had no time 100% for contest but each time I promise myself to spend all time on the bands, I hope next year to be full-time tester! ... **YO8RIJ**. Bad cndx to BY, PY, and JA for me. Vy 73! ... **YR8A**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest. ... **ZC4LI**. Part-time entry during DXpedition. Great fun. ... **ZK2V**. Great contest from ZL2JU's QTH in outside garage. Freezing weather around 0°C, but plenty of signals on the bands to keep us busy. Difficult to break the EU wall from way down under here, but we had lots of fun. Back again next time for sure. ... **ZL2AGY**. 10m condx have been up and down the past month so finding the band quite lively at the start I took a gamble on doing a single-band entry. After a reasonable opening run, it just faded away and after the first four hours I only made 3 more QSOs for the remainder of the contest. HP1RIS was a welcome multiplier and I was impressed to work UZ2M, one of two Ukrainians heard but the only one to hear me. P43something came up briefly (sporadic-E or plane/ meteor scatter perhaps?) but disappeared before I could grab the key. Thanks to those stations who evidently only came on to work me. It would have been even more soul destroying without you. ... **ZL2IFB**. Powerline QRM killed all bands on Sunday morning. Otherwise the bands were quite OK for the rest of the weekend, but my short vertical with AH-4 tuner and 100W was not always up to scratch. I am impressed with the vertical's performance on 40m though! ... **ZS1JY**. The worst 40m propagation ever for WPX. I was beaming to the sun, but no improvement in sunspot numbers. See you all next time in the log. ... **ZS4JAN**.