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# 2012 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest QRM

Enjoyed my first WPX, good learning curve, some good DX worked with new countries for me . . . **2E0TCC**. Troubles with my antennas, with the normal high QRM levels, with the normal wide signals, made for a difficult contest again this year, but I beat my score for last year. May I have some more wallpaper for the shack please? :) 73 . . . **2E1FVS**. We had problems with our computer network. QSO numbers are as given. TNX! . . . **3V8BB**. I love this contest! . . . **3Z6V**. I enjoyed the contest . . . **7M1MCY**. I was able to enjoy this contest. Tnx for a fine contest again . . . **7N2UQC**. I enjoyed very much the contest. Thanks to every station with QSO . . . **8J10SAI**. Nagoya Kougakuin Calege 60th Anniversary Special Station . . . **8J2NDP**. It was very hard with this special call. People expect letter after 9A2 and it was very confusing for many to have 2 more numbers like 07. Otherwise it was lot of fun. Propagation was good on all bands. I was on for 16 hours of pure fun. Had some very nice pileups on 80 & 40 meters . . . **9A207T**. Unfortunately work interfered with contesting! . . . **9J2RI**. All said this was a very enjoyable contest . . . **AA6K**. This was my first CQ contest and was a lot of FUN . . . **AA6WH**. First licensed 22 December 2010 — Egad; I'm still a few days shy of my first day on HF, and here I am spending the weekend contesting. Nice improvement in propagation over recent weeks to commemorate the anniversary . . . **AB1OD**. First contest since 1963, in fact, first time operating in almost 50 years. Just got rig up in time for start; what a great time! . . . **AB1QP**. Discovering that I need more practice. Licensed in 2011 after a 50 year absence! . . . **AB3MO**. 15 meters was Wild and Crazy . . . **AB5XZ**. Fun Fun Fun!!! Had some nice runs going at times but 20 meters was sure packed. Spent most of the daytime on 15 meters where there was a little more room . . . **AC0B**. I became a ham on 2/17/2012. I just finished setting up SSB capability after having built the radio. I was mostly using the contest for testing purposes. These were my first SSB QSO's ever! Getting people to notice you when transmitting SSB at 0.8W is tough! . . . **AC0ZG**. Great experience for first time at contesting as a single operator! . . . **AC8GX**. Great contest as usual. I missed any 10M opening to Europe, but other than that the bands seemed in great condition. This may be the last voice contest I do without a voice keyer - HI HI! I am really hoarse the day after . . . **AC9S**. Very part-time effort, an hour here, an hour there. 15m to Europe seemed much better Saturday morning than Sunday. However, I was still hearing a couple of TM stations from France well after 15m had opened to JA Sunday afternoon. Biggest surprise was to work V55V on four bands. There never seemed to be any pileup. Thanks to everyone for getting on the air. WPX is like a world-wide costume ball — you never know who may be behind the mask! . . . **AD1C**. Finally broke 1,000,000 for the first time ever. Improved on operator technique, vertical grounding, and sitting in the chair more. The latter I think probably helped the most HIHI. I was disappointed at the propagation on 80 and 10 meters. I was very upset when my HeilPRO headset dismantled itself in the middle of the contest as I was rotating it out of my face area. I had to spend an hour figuring out how to glue the microphone back onto it without ruining it. Counted that as a break time. Now looking for a better solution. Looking for a "real" headset that also has the great audio that the Heil does. Other than that a great contest and very happy with the score at the end . . . **AD5VJ**. Improving conditions are making this event more interesting . . . **AD7UP**. I had

a pipe to Argentina on 10M! . . . **AF6GQ**. Wish I had time and voice to spend more than 14 hours in the contest! Great to hear the bands so busy . . . **AG5Z**. Poor condx, but plenty of participation. Fun for all . . . **AH6KW**. This contest gets better every year. 73 Doug . . . **AI3G**. Had a lot of fun. Being in the FCG has proved to be a great motivator! AD A LOT OF FUN . . . **AJ4RW**. Two boys and an SO2R station. W1UJ did most of the operating . . . **AK1W**. Is my first WPX SSB, 73 from Cuba . . . **CO2MS**. Great contest. We all had a good time operating in this contest. No problems at all in the contest. Wx was great, sun was shining for all the week and no wind at all . . . **CR3A**. Fine conditions on 40 mtrs! Managed to work all continents from Portugal . . . **CT1IQI**. First licensed in 07 of May of 2009. Again fantastic contest. Cu next year . . . **CT2KFA**. IZ4UEZ, first licensed 23 Nov. 2010 . . . **D4C**. Many thanks for the Qs. Hope to meet you all again soon . . . **DA2C**. A Prefix-Hunter is feeling better if the bands are free of splatter. TNX and vy 73 de Manfred . . . **DC9ZP**. Nice condx but Phone is not my mode :) . . . **DF1LX**. Good conditions, so I had more operating time than last year. 73 to all stations in the contest . . . **DF5BM**. I was forced to use only wire dipoles from 80m to 10m, hanging under a tree. What a difference from 2010, when I was able to use a tribander for the higher bands. So I heard a lot of nice DX stations I was not able to put in my log . . . **DF7EF**. Many thanks for another nice WPX contest with good propagation to the Far East and North America. CU next year . . . **DG2BHB**. Hopefully in the near future all hams notice that the prefix DG is a legal German callsign! . . . **DG3FK**. Mr Murphy was here, 3-band beam out, worked only vertical and dipole, not lucky with the very nice propagation that we had. So I was not very long on the radio. See you next year again . . . **DJ1ER**. Just a few hours of operation enjoying reasonable condx . . . **DJ2QV**. Just for fun multi 2. The 2e trx was only there for couple of hours in Saturday for the rest off the time other obligations . . . **DJ5AN**. QRP during SOTA with FT-817 at 5 watts . . . **DJ6TB**. I heard nothing from USA and Canada . . . **DJ6TK**. Contest was fun as always. 73! . . . **DK5AI**. Was a lot of fun . . . **DL0H**. Mni tnx for nice QSOs . . . **DL1MHJ**. Very good conditions, also 10m was open. I had a lot of fun . . . **DL4JLM**. Some nice QSOs on 40m to JA, VK, HK and V5, despite 100W possible . . . **DL5RDP**. Thank's for the points! . . . **DL5RU**. Nice contest . . . **DL9LF**. in the afternoon nice condx on 10m to South America. Had a lot of fun . . . **DO1NPF**. Nice Contest ;) Vy 73 de DO6PS, Philipp, 14 years old . . . **DO6PS**. Imagine what would be possible if nobody ran more than 300W . . . **DR2Q**. Excellent conditions, enthusiastic operators, and ready equipment provided for better scoring . . . **DU1HR**. 20M was not good Friday night so I worked 40M & 15 . . . **DU1UGZ**. Bad propagation day time . . . **DU4JT**. This is my first time in CQ WPX contest. I heard many big signals around the world, great & fantastik! . . . **DU7HF**. For working reasons I just have been at the nearly final moments of the contest to give a new multiplier on Top Band. Hope next time will be better . . . **EA6SX**. Really fun! Next year more and better equipment for sure. Thanks to all the people who called me during the contest. Mni 73 de Pedro . . . **EA7EU**. Sorry for delay. I had many difficulties and limited help in understanding the Cabrillo format . . . **EA8CZT**. My first participation in the SO AB Category. Very happy with my results . . . **EB3CW**. Hi! My 1st CQ WPX and very satisfied with the results; a lot of new prefixes and some New Ones. My new Force12 C3SS antenna runs

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very well. 73 for all the stations on test and tnx for organizing it. 73 & GL de John . . . **EB3WH**. Very and interesting contest as usually good propagation on Sunday and many OMs. Really good! . . . **ED3B**. Thanks all contacts for report. Ham since August 2010 . . . **ED5A**. We've never tried a M/2 entry before, but decided it would be the best category this time because we had some extra visitors with us. It sure was the right decision because we had a blast and thoroughly enjoyed the chaos that ensued! Conditions were a bit of a head-scratcher: 15m was fabulous to just about everywhere although at times it felt like the MUF was only just there; 40m was amazing (e.g. opening to VK/ZL well after we thought the band should have closed); 10m provided fascinating late-evening TEP/backscatter although it never really opened properly; 20m and 80m seemed a bit down, but still not bad; and of course 160m suffered from WPX-syndrome (it might have been good, but no one was there). About the call: EI100T We were lucky to be allowed to use the special call issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the last (and first!) sailing of the *S.S. Titanic*. At EI7M we overlook Cobh harbour, which is where the last passengers embarked before the ship's fateful journey across the Atlantic. If anyone visits this area, there is a wonderful heritage centre in Cobh ([www.cobhheritage.com](http://www.cobhheritage.com)) with all sort of displays and information about the *Titanic* and its sister ship(s) – well worth a visit! More information about EI100T found by searching for the call at QRZ.com. Many thanks to Pete, Steve and Mike for traveling over, and of course to everyone on the air for a great contest . . . **EI100T**. This is my first WPX Contest. Very enjoyable . . . **EI3CTB**. It's sometimes quite tiresome to pass a report as a little pistol, but it's an advantage to have a prefix many are looking for. 10m was open but propagation was not really good (at least I had lot of problems to be heard from all the big guns). I can remember the times when I easily worked the world with 100W and a 10m folded dipole on the balcony back in 1989. 20m was the best band, 15m was not bad at all. 40m with 100W is quite difficult but possible . . . **EI7JZ**. Very good contest . . . **G0AZG**. Thanks to everyone for a good contest . . . **G0D**. Bands very poor . . . **G0DCK**. Enjoyed operating on 10M for a short time. SD Logger used for the contest. Had no problems . . . **G0FPU**. I used a Kenwood TS 440 and simple dipoles about 5 mts above ground level with 90w output. I just go up and down the bands and try and give points away when time allows . . . **G0TRB**. Excellent conditions this year! . . . **G2W**. Rather crowded band! . . . **G3TDH**. Prizes for the widest signals on the band go to 9A7A then S53F and OH6LI, all measured at over 5.5 kHz. Good fun but not able to make a serious effort due to other arrangements! . . . **G3VAO**. Condx were not as good as anticipated. Was good to hear 10 open to Caribbean. 160 disappointing . . . **G4AFJ**. Good cndx, nice to hear so many KH6s . . . **G5E**. 1st submission of contesting log . . . **G6ENY**. Great contest, good band conditions. 19 New DXCC for me on multiple bands . . . **G6VMR**. Enjoyed contest, conditions were fairly average . . . **G8AFN**. Good fun but a newcomer to 10m. I still have a lot to learn, good fun all the same. Disappointed that there was no G – NA propagation at all. Next year will see my antenna at 12m AGL so hope for better results next time. 73, John G4ATA (aka G8DYT) . . . **G8DYT**. Excellent contest, more QSOs than 201 . . . **G8ZRE**. Due to delivering amateur training and work commitments only managed what I made. Maybe one year will be able to do more . . . **GM4UYZ**. First serious attempt at the contest. My thanks to Chris GM3WOJ for the use of his station, supervision and numerous cups of tea . . . **GM7V**. Part-time 80M only activity due to other issues this weekend. Heard contacts made in the contest (plus others) from GW4BLE at [www.gw4ble.dxlist.co.uk](http://www.gw4ble.dxlist.co.uk) . . . **GW4BLE**. It's a pity conditions on 10m were not as good as they were last autumn . . . **GW4EVX**. Band conditions poor due to strong aurora . . . **GZ5Y**. Another great WPX Contest. Operating as assisted you keep running after the multipliers and forget the importance of building up high

QSO numbers which costs you in the end score . . . **H22H**. TNX 73'S Gyuri . . . **HA5JI**. Tks to all for this fine Contest. Conditions were not so bad. Big stations from US heard during the night on 21 MHz. I hope I can participate next year again . . . **HB9MXY**. Is the Best Contest . . . **HB9RJG**. Nice contest! 73 . . . **HG0R**. Conditions were better than last year . . . **HP3FTD**. Enjoyed the limited time I had to play in this one. Thanks to all for the contacts and to CQ for sponsoring . . . **HZ1PS**. Absolutely fantastic propagation! But the merit for this work was certainly also of my other OMs for their work and their efficient stations. It was absolutely wonderful! . . . **I5KAP**. Sea food and good wine in big quantity makes this contest a success! See you next year . . . **I19K**. I decided to work this very nice contest and even if I've chosen LP I enjoyed very much the time spent in radio. 73 and to the next time . . . **IK1BBC**. First club WPX content . . . **IQ0RM**. I had to fix some problem with one element of my Yagi. However I had a lot of fun on 15m. The propagation was bit strange during first day and accomplete emlosion during Sunday. 73s to all . . . **IR8M**. Personal commitments prevented me from participating for the duration of the competition, but only for a few hours . . . **IR9Z**. Fun and exciting contest, my 1st participation, worked only 5h on Sunday evening due to job busy, but interesting QSO with South America . . . **IS0BGL**. 30 years ago my first CQ WPX Contest. Thanks! de Fabio, IT9GSF . . . **IU9T**. TNX. Good propagation, good contest . . . **IV3BCA**. Tnx to all see you next time . . . **IW0HBY**. Thanks for all the fun! . . . **IW7ECJ**. My first CQ WPX ever. Given my basic setting I decided to go only for the band that, so far, awarded me the best DX performance. I had fun, and worked some new countries. Will try to go for both days next year. Thanks to everyone for making it special! . . . **IX1CKN**. Operating from the Marconi Memorial Station IY4FGM, in the backyard of Villa Griffone in Pontecchio Marconi, where the young Guglielmo Marconi made his first experiments on wireless communications, has always some magic in it. For the second year our team activated this very special station trying to improve our previous score. We had great fun together this year too and we all hope we gave a little of that magic to each one of you. On behalf of the IY4FGM team, thanks for calling us and see you next year! . . . **IY4FGM**. Very fun contest . . . **IZ0EUS**. Thanks to all. Beautiful contest! . . . **IZ2WFL**. Fun 'n relaxed. Propagation okay, good to meet friends and to test the inverted delta loop . . . **IZ5MOQ**. I'm a little Italian pistol but I believe in fair competition ! Tnx and 73 . . . **IZ7PDX**. The conditions were not good. The opened time was short though I heard . . . **JA1JLP**. Tks for the nice contest . . . **JA1TMG**. As usual this year, I participated in the WPX contest and enjoyed so much. I would make more contacts next year . . . **JA7LLL**. Great contest! . . . **JA9CCG**. This is my first submission on this contest . . . **JE1HTV**. I QRV on 80 single band low power. The condition was very good in this year. The condition between the U.S.A. and JA was very good, but only for West Coast. I wkd with 2 South America stations (LU & PY). We had a very heavy winds in Tokyo Japan. I used my fishing rod antenna on my balcony of my condominium . . . **JE1SPY**. I enjoyed the WW WPX Phone contest. I can do many QSOs with DX stations . . . **JF1PYJ**. As usual, enjoyed it. Thanks to all. I used TS-480 and Inverted Vee . . . **JG5DHX**. I got license last November. I'm 9 year old boy. I enjoyed this contest very much . . . **JH1CVJ**. I enjoyed the contest. Thank you . . . **JH1DYU**. I enjoyed very well. I will join next time . . . **JJ5HUD**. TNX for pick up my QRP signal . . . **JL6LTB**. I enjoyed this contest on 20/15/10m bands this year . . . **JM1LRQ**. I'm very glad to have many QSOs. The maximum output power in the contest was five watts . . . **JR1NKN**. Participated at Mobile Car Shack from Iwakura-city Aichi-pref. Output power 50 watts . . . **JR2AAN**. I enjoyed FB condix . . . **JS3CGH**. I participated in the DX contest for the first time. My voice thrilled with joy! . . . **JS6SRY**. See you again next contest. 73! from Mongolia . . . **JT1E**. First contest after being

on the air for 55 years! . . . **K0MBC**. Thanks to all for a fun time! . . . **K0NEB**. Thanks for the contacts . . . **K0RH**. It was a pleasure . . . **K0STP**. Love this stuff! . . . **K2JF**. Thanks to hams worldwide for a great event! . . . **K2MFW**. Very enjoyable. Decent propagation. Lot of fun! . . . **K3CWF**. Propagation was fantastic. This was fun . . . **K3EQ**. 15 meters was very busy. 10 meters was quiet . . . **K3FS**. Band conditions were excellent for QRP . . . **K3TW**. Had fun! . . . **K4DKE**. Great conditions this year . . . **K4DMH**. Great first WPX contest – had fun . . . **K5HEM**. Nice contest. Great band conditions . . . **K5KDX**. Interesting contest. I'd hate to have tried it without my Elecraft K3 with the P3 panadapter . . . **K5LAD**. Nothing like having a complete power failure in the whole neighborhood to mess up a good contest. Oh well, maybe next year! . . . **K5ZCJ**. I need a voice keyer! :-). . . **K6ATZ**. This event ended with 306 points over my previous best score from 2010 . . . **K6CSL**. My first contest with /Mobile. It was awesome . . . **K6VHF**. That was fun! . . . **K7EMI**. Variable condx coupled with feeling under the weather made for an event that I didn't invest much energy into. 15M and 40W were good when I was on with condx to EU Fri night best I have heard in a while. Tried to use a club call (NN7NN) but I just couldn't wrap my brain around it and abandoned the idea, KB! . . . **K7XC**. Rookie, first licensed 1-21-10 as KD8MWY . . . **K8PGJ**. All bands were good, but 15 was red hot! . . . **K9DXL**. Heard D44 while experimenting and wanted for Diamond DXCC . . . **K9JU**. Used the Yaesu FT-857D for this contest . . . **K9WWT**. First time in the WPX. Really enjoyed it and looking forward to next year! . . . **KA1DBE**. My first contest after getting licensed a month earlier . . . **KB1WUO**. All contacts were made mobile! . . . **KB3JQQ**. Worked as a tech casually, awesome contest to listen to as well as work! . . . **KB3SQV**. Great fun as always. Wish I had more time on the air . . . **KB8KE**. A very early arrival of spring in New Jersey means that outdoor work must take priority over contesting (sad, but true) so there wasn't much time for one of my favorite contests, WPX. It was fun while it lasted! Thanks to all for the QSOs . . . **KC2LST**. First time with logging program, first time in this contest . . . **KC8UNR**. Only able to operate for a few hours on Sunday. 15m seemed in great shape! . . . **KC9QOJ**. Part time effort . . . **KD2JA**. What happened to the bands in the middle of Sunday? Everything seemed flat . . . **KD3HN**. Good fun even with noisy bands and low Solar Flux. Great to hear many new stations on the air . . . **KD3TB**. Bands not as good/open as last year. Still a lot of fun . . . **KD7DCR**. Another great contest weekend! Had a blast! . . . **KD8SQ**. Absolutely fun contest. Thanks for the experience. I was licensed in 1994 as a no code tech. I have been out of the hobby for a number of years, however, I kept my license current. Last year I decided to upgrade, partially because the code portion was no longer required (currently working on upgrading to Extra and also learning the code.) This is only my second "serious" contest. I would have entered as a rookie; however, I was licensed in 1994 and don't think I qualify. I look forward to next year's contest . . . **KE6MRG**. Rookie, unassisted, first-time contestant. Barefoot FT-950 w/G5RV(jr) . . . **KF7KXV**. If there's any contest more fun than WPX I don't know what it is! . . . **KG0F**. Was working from Clingmans Dome in the Great Smokey Mountains 6600 feet elevation QRP portable . . . **KG4CDL**. I thought 10 was a daylight band. There were good conditions to EU at night and bad conditions to USA during the day . . . **KG6DX**. 20 watts on solar charged battery. Thanks to those who listened . . . **KG7P**. Had fun! 100 watts and a mini beam . . . **KG9Z**. Thanks for great contest . . . **KH6QJ**. My first contest . . . **KH6SAT**. Great first contest . . . **KI4YIK**. Fun contest! . . . **KI7N**. Was my third WPX contest; had a lot of fun . . . **KJ4KVC**. My first CQ WPX contest . . . **KJ6MQM**. Little time to play. Stuck with one 10m on one antenna. For some reason all propagation was N/S. I had one EU and one US contact. Odd stuff. Was there really someone on Navassa Island, or did I break that call? . . . **KK1X**. Outstanding

contest, wish 10m would have opened! . . . **KL7AIR**. Family commitments and working on a 10 GHz project took away some of my time in the contest, but it sure was good hearing everyone. I plan to be on longer for next year's . . . **KO0Z**. First WPX contest from my QTH in this class as multi-operator single transmitter. Best of all that the second operator was my son Marcos NP2KM on in his first contest ever. This was the best way to celebrate his amateur license upgrade. Too my surprise he manage the pileups like a pro. We did a parttime operation due to work. Thanks to all who contacted us during the contest. Til next one . . . cq contest de KP2BH . . . **KP2DX**. Had a hard time getting past the heavy guns; could there be a designated band segment for low-power users. The side-by-side competition of high-power with low power users effectively restricts the latter to fewer contacts and only those in his immediate vicinity. Forget contacting Asia, South Pacific, etc. Only some contacts in North America, South America and some DX clubs in Europe. How do the QRP folks manage? Even if all competed at high-power, the local splatter would still limit readability of DX stations. Let's study this before we table it again. It's not like I have any dreams of winning, but just picking up more QSOs for my log and related awards. Thank you for reading . . . **KP4RAY**. Could not work Sunday. Watching Tiger win! . . . **KQ6X**. Conditions seemed down in 9-Land! . . . **KS9K**. Thunderstorms in NC Friday night changed my operating plan slightly causing off time while lightning passed over. Horrific QRN both nights as bad weather prevailed in my area. Lots of fun in this contest being a mult. Grayline is your friend! CU next year . . . **KU4V**. Working with low verticals and 100 watts most of the time. I guess you would call this a half-hearted effort. The weather was just too nice! . . . **KW4G**. My first full time effort at a single op entry. Also the first time participating using my own station. All in all things went well. Other than not being able to get WriteLog and my radio to communicate, all the station equipment performed very, very well. Very crowded bands led to some very tough exchanges. Hope to make it thru the log check in good shape! Thanks to all who worked my station. You made this weekend a lot of fun! . . . **KW7XX**. Just a few hours S&P; worked only multipliers . . . **KZ1X**. Had to QRT after 17 hours with operation due to a very bad neck! Had a lot of pain and had no chance to finish! . . . **LN3C**. LN7H callsign on air for the first time. A minus: Linear collapsed Saturday evening. Had to work the rest barefoot. A plus: Managed to come on the internet Sunday afternoon and had benefit of cluster spots for rest of the contest . . . **LN7H**. Only operate abt 12 hours. Hope be full time next year . . . **LV5V**. It was a wonderful sunshine weekend. In LX propagation condition not super . . . **LX1SG**. Due to technical problems I was not able to operate 36 hours . . . **LX7I**. Thanks Alex LY1R for letting me use his QTH and antennas again. 73&CU! Gedas LY9A . . . **LY1R**. Call LY22A was used to present 22nd anniversary of Lithuanian independence restoration . . . **LY22A**. Excellent Contest! This is the first time I worked with QRP in Balkan area . . . **LZ1/TA2AHS**. TVI here. 73, thanks to organizers . . . **LZ1FJ**. Great condx in view of low SFI and SSN . . . **M0MVCV**. First time from home. Great contest. Shame I didn't have more time . . . **M0ZIF**. Excellent contest, very enjoyable. Shame 10m wasn't in better shape . . . **M1JJK**. 6-hour QRP operation with G5RV and barefoot FT817 . . . **M5AEF**. Lots of Far East in the morning. Lots of SA in the afternoon/evening. No NA at all. Eu only via backscatter. Thanks to all who worked me . . . **MM3T**. Unusually warm in Missouri. Beautiful weekend for contesting . . . **N0ZC**. 4th CQ WW WPX SSB Contest . . . **N1NN**. The amp is the AL 1200. The antenna is a 3 el quad on an 18 boom at 35 feet. I did not bother to crank it up all the way. Although conditions were not good the first day it was the best part of the contest. My 13-year -ld granddaughter Georgia was making her first contacts since getting her license less than a month ago. After she watched me make a few contacts she was off and pouncing. We

had about four hours in which she could contest before I had to get her home but she did make nearly 200 QSOs. We were unable to get a run going due to poor conditions and noise. She did a great job and had great fun finding stations on the band map and then posting ones she found on her own with me sitting next to her tuning the amp and making sure we stayed in the bands. In all she made almost a third of the contacts and I believe has the motivation to pass the General exam next month. She has all the makings of a real competitive operator. She caught on very quickly and had no problems with the DX accents. The bands were much better Sunday and I was able to run a few times. I would like to have seen Georgia enjoy that experience but there will be a next time. We have a great GOTA operator now ready for Field Day . . . **N2FF**. My goal was to beat last year's score, and number of QSOs. The conditions were good, but not great. I was able to almost double the number of QSOs from 2011. Modest station includes Icom 746, and Imax 2000. 73 . . . **N2SLO**. My second-best claimed score in WPX SSB in 11 times doing it starting in 2000. My 1.365M points this year was close to the 1.409M I claimed in 2010. The main reason I did better in 2010 was that I operated 24 hr. then vs 21 this year. 15 m was very good this year: I got roughly twice the QSO points and twice the mults as I found on that band in 2010. In contrast my low-band numbers were down this year, partly due to p-static the second night. After that second night, I was considerably behind where I had been in both 2010 and 2011, but I made it up with excellent runs of EU stations Sun. morning on 15 m and Sun. afternoon on 20 m. And, I found a great many QSOs and mults in S. America on 10 m Sunday afternoon . . . **N3UM**. Fun first effort with new Flex 3000 into 22ft flagpole . . . **N4FP**. Very modest effort, but more fun than a man should be allowed to have . . . **N5BLY**. Hah a good time, part time contesting . . . **N6VOH**. Limited operating time available, but had fun . . . **N6ZE**. Wish I had more time, could have worked DXCC very easily . . . **N7AME**. Nice contest . . . **N7ESU**. CQ WPX SSB is a great contest for a "Little Gun" like me. I had a blast! . . . **N7MZW**. Had a lot of fun. See you next year . . . **N7VPN**. Fun contest. Working China well after local sunset on 15M was a trip. 73! . . . **N8AGU**. I've never run QRP before. 4 out of 5 stations called never responded, however the 1 out of 5 successes were awesome! That caused me to stay in QRP mode just to see what was possible with 5 watts. Was fun to see the N1MM logger displaying the results and calculating score after each success! . . . **N9LB**. Thanks for sponsoring this. More than 1/2 the contacts were not in the USA . . . **N9WL**. Conditions were really up and down: poor to Europe in early morning both days, but better in afternoon. Sunday afternoon turned out to be very good. After 30 years of exclusively running QRP I'm still amazed at what 5 watts can do on a clear frequency. But when a skilled operator with good filters can pull me out of the horrible splatter on 20, that is impressive! Thanks to all the patient and persistent DX operators who hung with me to complete the Qs! I had hoped for better conditions (and openings on 10 to EU and JA), so I could beat last year's score and maybe even hit a million points, but it was not to be. As always: "you don't have to be crazy to contest with QRP... but it helps! . . . **ND0C**. Great contest as always. Can't wait for the CW version. See you all then . . . **ND3R**. I mostly used a ladder-line fed 40 m dipole at 130 ft which I got operational about 24 hours into the contest. It was the first time I spent any real time on 40 since the band limits were changed. 40 was an incredible zoo even when listening on the 2100 ft Beverage to Europe. Still, 40 was fun and productive. The other bands seemed too easy after that! . . . **NE5D**. Missed my goal of 1000 prefixes and 5M points but still had a great time. Should have managed my time better and would have exceeded my goal. 10 meters was "OK." There was an interesting opening mid/late afternoon into Europe which surprised me. 80 meters was very noisy here with local storms on Friday night and continued on

Saturday night. Thanks to all who called . . . **NF4A**. This was my last contest as a KH6 operator. I am moving to W5 in May 2012. I was looking for new DXCCs to work so I might attain DXCC on 15 meters soon and I more than surpassed my goal of 10 new ones! . . . **NH7RO**. Great fun again and again and again! . . . **NN0Q**. Tried a new multi-band doublet at 30 feet. Seemed to work okay. Certainly not with the big guns, but just joined in for the fun . . . **NO2D**. 10 good to SA, 15 opened slow in the a.m. to EU. Had fun. Better score than last year so I was happy camper. Thanks to all for the fun and Q's . . . **NR7DX**. Enjoyed the contest and the contacts . . . **NR8R**. It's a challenge running low power and a vertical that can't operate 80 or 160 but still had lots of fun. Looking forward to working the CW portion of the test and maybe I can operate more than 24 hours . . . **NX0I**. Wow!! That was fun. Thanks to Brian for the use of his call again. Condx turned out to be better than predicted except for 10 meters. Still some Europeans on skew path. Lots of activity and hard to get up out of the chair . . . **NX0X**. Been on satellites for the past 3 years. No HF. Had forgotten how fun contesting is . . . **NX9B**. Lots of fun for the time on spent! . . . **NY0T**. Lots of fun! . . . **NY4O**. TNX for nice contest! HPE to CU 2013 . . . **OG3P**. Nice contest. Many thanks for every QSO. Many thanks to EI5DI for SD . . . **OH3DP**. Licenced 01 April 2009. Had fun like always. Next year again and hopefully conditions are bit better then . . . **OH3FOG**. I prefer CW so take part only for enjoy and change . . . **OK1ARO**. Very good contest. I managed to make more QSOs than ever before. Also made a lot of interesting DXCCs, including KL, KH6 and ZL. See you in CW part. 73! . . . **OK1CLD**. Good contest with many stations. See you again friends . . . **OK2SWD**. I lost Back to the fine art of contesting: QRP! Rig: IC756Pro2, KT34A @ 16 mtrs 2 Diawa power meters. Original plan was 15 meter but condx were a positive surprise this time! . . . **ON6NL**. Just did S&P with intervals . . . **OP4A**. First time on the air with a new contest call "OU8A" quite a improvement from "5P0O" - the number of calling errors decreased dramatic. The prefix "OU" has not been so active in many contests, so I got many requests for a Roger on the call :-). Being a small guy (power wise) I rely on the big guys to tell me who they are, and it seems that the most active ham is called "QRZ". I would like that the rules said that you had to say your call before or after each qso; it will be a small minus for the big station but a large plus for the rest of us, especially non-assisted single operators. I'm looking forward to hearing you all on the band next time OU8A/5P0O, Steen . . . **OU8A**. A very enjoyable contest. Thanks to all who called in, especially a very well-behaved EU pileup on 15 Sunday morning. That was 4 hours of delightful dx-ing! 73, Andy AE6Y . . . **P49Y**. Very nice contest. Good participation. Lot of fun . . . **PA0EMO**. Pleased to find 28 MHz open for some time, but not enough to go for the planned single band entry this year. Also the XYL insisted in going to the Bach Mattheaus Saturday night, greatly digging into my operating time and of course a happy XYL is a resource which cannot be over-esteemed, hi. This secured a lot of service on the Sunday so not feeling hungry after the test, hi . . . **PA0MIR**. Just some time spend to give away a multiplier, with a special callsign it is not always an advantage, many only copied PA1 and it took a lot of time . . . **PA100NOM**. From my QTH difficult to work USA on 10 meters. But good openings on 10 meters to South America Enjoyed working with SD logging . . . **PA2CHM**. Great contest 73 de Henk . . . **PA3FMC**. Nice to be in the contest. Due to technical and personal trouble we managed to participate. Till next year to all . . . **PA5W**. For the first time we joined this contest with a group of young hams. We survived the weekend with contesting, eating pizza, and some drinks. Also our homebrewed amplifier survived the contest. Till next year . . . **PA6B**. Operator's restricted Netherlands Novice class amateur and QRP station . . . **PD0PMS**. Tnx for the very nice contest . . . **PD7BZ**. Nice to work you all in QRP with 5 watt and dipole antenna, I had some nice DX this year.

All bands were open for me . . . **PE2K**. I enjoyed the contest very much. I participated in a relaxed way, with several daytime breaks because of the beautiful springtime weather! . . . **PG1R**. Great show again! . . . **PG2AA**. Congratulations for organizing the contest for PP5BB . . . **PP5BB**. My 1st ever contest. Tnx to PP5EG to let me use his station . . . **PU5ADX**. Thanks to all stations for the patience to listen to me! See you in next season . . . **PV2P**. Thank you all! . . . **PW5G**. Tkanks 73s . . . **PY2TEL**. My first contest . . . **PY3ZK**. TNX FB contest! . . . **R2AD**. MNY TNX for the Contest! CU next year. 73's . . . **R3LC**. Tnx for Contest! . . . **R3NA**. TNX 73! . . . **R3RK**. TNX fer contest! 73! . . . **R3ZV**. Nice contest! . . . **R6CW**. TNX for contest . . . **R7FO**. Very nice CDX, but score made UFB also ! (The four of fours) . . . **R7MC**. TNX 73! . . . **R9OAZ**. RA/KE5JA is an awful call for a contest. Not only is it long, but most also think there should be a number after the 'RA' and I have to repeat the call many times . . . **RA/KE5JA**. TNX 73! . . . **RAØJBL**. TNX 73! . . . **RAØUBI**. Thank you for the exciting contest! . . . **RA3BQ**. Nice contest . . . **RA3OA**. The best WPX!!! . . . **RA4ACX**. Tks for nice test! . . . **RA9SF**. Gopod contest . . . **RK4HYT**. Thanks to Eugene OH5DA for technical support . . . **RL3A**. Nice contest. Thanks! . . . **RL3QCQ**. Good contest . . . **RN4HJQ**. TNX nice contest 73! . . . **RN7F**. Nice contest . . . **RT5K**. Thank you for the contest! . . . **RU3FN**. Tnx fr contest. 73! . . . **RU3FT**. Thanks for DX QSOs . . . **RV6ACC**. Good contest . . . **RZ4HC**. It's always nice to give some points to the nice guys who answer QSLs via the bureau and who don't pollute the bands with splatter . . . **SF7WT**. YL operator . . . **SI3A**. My first contest, vy fun cuagn 73 de Leif . . . **SM3L**. Laptop broke, PA not working. Only 80 watts . . . **SM6FJY**. Many thanks for nice contest . . . **SP1DMD**. I am downsizing the radio stations in my house and it's been a long time since I enjoyed a contest so much. See you next year, SV5FRD . . . **SX5P**. Glad to have 10m open on contest weekend! . . . **T6MO**. I enjoyed this WPX Contest with 50W & dipole antenna . . . **T88TW**. Thank you all for calls. That was our first Multi-Operator event. We had fun, hope you too. 73 de TA3HM . . . **TC3C**. Very fun contest with great difficulties. Learned a lot being a new contester . . . **TF1CY**. I had great fun, operating partly as S&P and partly on the frequency. Not much to USA but some to SA and Asia. Thanks for organizing this great event . . . **TF3AM**. Condx on 15m, were not good this weekend. Even running almost a KW into the vertical, did not help for hours . . . **TF3AO**. Fine . . . **TF3SG**. Wrong decision for me . . . 10M was terrible this weekend . . . **TF8GX**. Not satisfied at all with my 20m contacts, 10m saved the score. More than 80% of QSOs on 10m with nice openings to USA . . . **TO7BC**. Tnx . . . **UAØACG**. Very nice contest ! Thanks . . . **UAØSIK**. Thanks for great contest. Got tons of pleasure. Hope to see all in next year. Best 73 . . . **UA1CBM**. Nice contest. 73! . . . **UA3AKI**. Tnx for FB contest! . . . **UA3YAA**. Thank for you contest! . . . **UA6HHE**. TNX for test! . . . **UA9XBJ**. Very nice contest, but very bad callsign :-). To practice such a call sign was not easy. But tried to give a multiplier as many of the operators . . . **UE85DRK**. TKS for Contest . . . **UR5EFL**. Thanks for nice contest! I'm have new one DX QSO during contest. My power is between QRP and LP and is difficult to work with DX. Condx second day better than 24.03. Tnx agn and cu next contests 73! . . . **UR5FCM**. Good contest! 73! . . . **US1MM**. Tnx FB contest! Vy 73 . . . **UT7LA**. Portable operation in the field. Strong wind on the second day broke down the mast with Spider antenna . . . **UX2U**. Great contest enjoyed very much . . . **VA6UK**. Sad to say I had limited time at the radio. I worked some new ones in the dying hrs of the contest but from what I heard the conditions were good. Oh well there is always next year . . . **VA7HZ**. All the equipment worked perfectly! Watch out next year, we're already planning strategy sessions . . . **VC3B**. Operating at VE6JY . . . **VC6Z**. Mostly did this contest for fun, as I had some other commitments. I had to go pick up a Yagi about 4 hours away, and so used the time to operated VE1ZA/M. However I could not log the contacts . . .

**VE1ZA**. Thank you for this great contest . . . **VE2EZD**. TNX for nice time . . . **VE2KY**. At the contest start QRN and SWR high - added water to antenna counterpoise - second night it rained - ground radiation was then at optimum performance - an SWL, LYR1289 rpt-I was 59 in Lithuania. Not bad for using only a 100 watts and a homebrew mobile SD antenna . . . **VE3EDY**. All QSOs on a wire antenna on the balcony. Thank you! . . . **VE3TL**. We had a great time this year. We added two new operators (we used VE3BK last year): Andrew VE3RIA & Scott VE3QU. They were the operators that did the majority of the contacts. I appreciate them coming out, and participating. Poor Andrew, never slept much throughout the contest, even though he tried, but he showed us all how to contest . . . **VE3WBT**. Tried 20M only (except warm up on 15M) at 500 PEP watts and Windom. Heard a few more YLs this time —go ladies! Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, CQ, and hams worldwide . . . **VE4KZ**. We had a lot of fun operating in this fun contest. We had a few new hams try their hand at contesting . . . **VE7NA**. This was my first contest as a single operator! I think I did reasonably well for the few hours I put in . . . **VE8NE**. Used SD logging for first time - went OK. Bands from VK 1st day acceptable, 2nd day early OK, later shocking A lot of fun & will be there next year. Operators mainly excellent, a few a little impatient . . . **VK3NRW**. There was a huge amount of stations around this year. It just shows the cycle has come in just fine this year which is great news. Thanks for another great contest again. Cheers . . . **VK4ATH**. CQ WPX SSB a fun contest, as always. Icom-718 & stealth wire vertical. Better score than last year. Most QSOs on 20/15 meters. The patience of many operators got me their logs. Thanks. 73 till 2013 . . . **VK4BL**. Great contest ! Did not do calling, only answered some calls. Conditions on my 3 bands were great 73 . . . **VK4FATT**. Enjoyable contest as always - our best result ever . . . **VK4NM**. Had a good time. Liked using SD . . . **VK5UE**. An enjoyable contest, good propagation helped, and a LOT better than the handful of contacts I made last year on 10 watts. Didn't have lots of time, but the time spent was great fun. Thanks for a great contest! . . . **VK6MAB**. Limited activity just to hand out some numbers . . . **VK6WX**. Ten was very variable - better farther north in VK but still fun here! . . . **VK7GN**. Only able to operate approximately 16 hours this year but enjoyed giving out VP52 for a New Prefix for everyone. Thanks for all the Q's . . . **VP52V**. It was interesting to participate in the contest . . . **VU2JOS**. Like I do each year, WPX SSB is the time for me to try QRP. As usual I realize yet again that it is not fun from out here! Thanks to the 65 sharp ears that picked up my 5 watt signals. I was time limited on the second day and for QRP from out here we need to work EU stations before they start hearing each other :) Hope to see you all in the CW leg. 73 de Prasad VU2PTT . . . **VU2PTT**. One more CQWW WPX test enjoyed . . . **VU2UR**. YL . . . **VU3LMS**. This is my first WPX contest . . . **VU3NXI**. I am 14 years old. I got my licence a few days before my 14th birthday in Dec 2011. This is my first major participation DX contest . . . **VU3TMO**. Fascinating band conditions this year had fun. . . **WØCEM**. After move from Va., first time in 4 yrs. Just for fun . . . **W3MGL**. I just let the clock run and jumped in and out of March Madness . . . **W3TZ**. 15 Year Old Ham, first single op contest. 100Watts from Kenwood TS940 into a 26' DX-88 Vertical Antenna. Quite challenging. Looking forward to next year . . . **W4DTB**. It was fun to do a search and pounce to work new ones and send in a check log. The next year, we will participate. Hopefully . . . **W4VKU**. Always a great time . . . **W6RGS**. This is my first WPX contest; Rookie, licensed first 2009 Oct 16 . . . **W7DXW**. Have worked CQ contests for about 1/2 century (age 93) . . . **W7YVK**. Vacuum tubes forever! HF=Collins . . . **W8JMF**. I had a lot of fun, did way better than last time. Bands were pretty good here in the Midwest. I worked some new DXCC entities and lots of familiar calls. Hope to see you again next time . . . **W9QL**. Lost my 55' tower and Force 12 beam 3 weeks ago so

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was using an all band vertical at 8 feet. Too much like QRP . . . **W9VQ**. Operated in Search and Pounce mode only. It was fun! . . . **WA4GIF**. Pleased to see 15 meters was hot! 10 meters was not . . . **WA5SWN**. Had a blast as a first-time entry. Licensed 53 years and finally had time to work a few stations during the fantastic propagation on 15. Will be back next year and allow more time to work more bands. Ideal contest for new hams to work a lot of DX during the lightning fast exchanges. I worked a few new ones like Cape Verde, Croatia, and Martinique! . . . **WA6GFR**. Improved my score to over 1.3 million points and worked Dodecanese for DXCC #289! . . . **WA6KHK**. Wotta blast! Mild weather required I get some yardwork done so, I only "plinked" at it on & off and did search-and-pounce. Europe, Asia, and West Africa were worked many times, even on 80m. I'm looking forward to getting my tower + Force 12 C-4XL Yagi up and having even more fun! . . . **WA7PRC**. Fun and good experience . . . **WB4MNK**. My first ever WPX contest. Great fun! See you in May for the WPX-CW! . . . **WB4OBF**. Great contest. Fun time . . . **WB9LRK**. Had a great time! Just a casual effort, wished I had more time! . . . **WC2L**. Noobz contest club is really coming together and having fun with operating contests on a small social scale. New loop preformed great and only at 10 feet! . . . **WC5B**. Fun portable/ mobile operation from Watertown, SD using a 20ft whip tuned with MFJ tuner.. Thanks for the Q's and great ears, 73 . . . **WD0T**. Even though I had the weekend reserved on the family calendar, I got ambushed. My mother-in-law's birthday and a nephew's birthday party just happened to be scheduled at noon on Saturday in Ft Worth (a two hour round trip away). So that meant missing almost all the EU openings on Saturday morning. By the time I got back, this old man had to take a nap. So basically all of Saturday daylight hours were shot. All that being said I still had a good time as usual. I just have to do something about 40 and 80 meter antennas. Something on 160 would be a real plus. But on this postage stamp lot it is tough to do. Someday I will come up with something. It's hard to do when the XYL would really appreciate less wires and more open spaces. Hi. Heard some outstanding scores! I'll be back next year... Tom K5IID . . . **W15ID**. Another great contest. Thanks for all the contacts . . . **WK1J**. This is the third time in the last four years I have operated the CQ WPX phone contest as a serious unassisted high-power single-operator from the K5NA/K5DU contest station. Richard was very enthusiastic about my operation, even with his medical problems. Thankfully, the station is fairly mature at this point and takes little effort to get ready for a contest. I can (almost) just walk up, put on the headset and go. I had my best start ever in this contest, coming extremely close to a 200 QSO hour in the second hour of the contest. It seems like being on 40 meters is always a struggle at times on the first night, but by 0900 UTC I was still around 200 contacts ahead of my running total last year. My lead over the 2011 me shrank slightly over the course of Saturday and Sunday until late on Sunday, when I pulled it all back and then some in the final 2.5 hours. I took a little different off-time strategy this year. I studied the 2011 rate sheet from my contesting mentor, K5TR, and decided to follow his basic strategy, and try to adapt to conditions. Last year, George operated the first 19 hours straight through before his first off-time. Initially, I planned to do the same thing, and I felt like maybe I could pull it off, but then I hit some slow rate in the 0900 UTC hour and around 0930 UTC decided to take a couple of hours off. My next off-time was from from 0200 UTC to 0500 UTC on Sunday, which may have been too long, but coincides with the time when I really struggle getting a good frequency established on 40 meters. And I was really tired by that point. In retrospect, I probably would have been better off with maybe a one-hour break then and a longer break later in the morning. My worst clock hour on the air was 1200 UTC on Sunday, when I only managed 33 contacts. Unfortunately, I think the really optimal off-time strategy in this contest is a lot of 1-hour breaks, and

it takes some real mental fortitude to give up that much sleep. Early Saturday afternoon, Susan came into the shack to tell me that she was taking Richard to the Emergency Room due to swelling in one of his legs. On his way out the door, Richard told me to keep operating. Hours and hours later, Susan came back to the house while I was sleeping during an off-time and left me a note. They had found blood clots in Richard's leg and he was admitted to the hospital and would probably not be out until Tuesday or Wednesday. She had gone back to the hospital before I woke up. I had brought all my own food and drink this time around, and the station was working perfectly, so I kept going, and tried to just focus on the contest. Richard and I exchanged a few text messages during the day on Sunday, including one from him suggesting I should aim for 3200 QSOs and 1200 multipliers, both of which I thought were impossible at the time. The contest really ended with some huge rate. After my final off-time, I focused on 20 meters, where I was still a little light on contacts and I knew I could still pull in Europeans. I got some good long-path to southeast Asia and Australia during this time, and the rate kept gradually going up and up. In the last half hour, in particular, I'm sure my rate was well over 200 QSOs/hour. I think my best minute in the whole contest was 2359 UTC on Sunday, when I made 7 QSOs. I'm convinced now that operating those last two hours of the contest (rather than taking them as off-time) is the way to go. Before the contest, my only real goals were to make 3000 contacts and 1000 multipliers, which I'd not been able to do in the same contest before. On Sunday afternoon, I decided that my previous personal bests were within reach, so I adjusted my goals to beating my previous best QSO total I was able to break all three personal records in the final two clock hours of the contest. The first one to fall was the claimed score and the last one to fall was the QSO total. Susan was back at the house right as the contest ended, taking care of this and that, and we shut down everything as quickly as we could so she could drive back to the hospital to be with Richard. I grabbed a quick bite to eat and then stopped by the hospital on the way home. When he wasn't being poked and prodded or being visited by his fighter pilot friends, Richard had been using a laptop and an internet-connected HF receiver in Virginia to listen to me operating. He told me he really enjoyed hearing me send the 3200 serial number with just about half an hour to go . . . **WM5R**. Great Ham radio contest! One of my favorites. Five new DX entities . . . **WM7Z**. Conditions were average, but 10 meters brought its surprises! . . . **WP3GW**. With no amp we were low power for our first multi-single . . . **WS7V**. A nice contest, but this time only I was searching and pouncing looking for new countries and give to friends a new multiplier . . . **XE1AY**. Nice contest, lot fun and many QSO's on my log, best 73's . . . **XE3N**. ANT.MOSLEY TA33 . . . **XR11**. Orari DXpedition 2012, Ohoi Ew Island, Kei Islands, OC-221 . . . **YB8Y**. Tnx for nice contest. Sri for short time in the bands . . . **YO2LIM**. Wonderfull contest, very nice propagation,73! . . . **YO2MHJ**. Excellent contest . . . **YO2MKT**. TNX for your participation! . . . **YO3JW**. 73! Best DX . . . **YO4AUP**. Poor working cond's, poor results; see you next year! . . . **YO4US**. Thanks for the contest! . . . **YO5KTK**. The condition was good. Tnx for the org. of CQ WPX Contest . . . **YO9IXC**. TNX for good contest! . . . **YO9XC**. Lot of activity but was my busy weekend so only few hours of action but very pleased with my score, see again next year . . . **YV6BXN**. A pleasure to work from ZA once more . . . **ZA1TC**. Thank you to Ken ZL1AIH for being such a great host and allowing me the use of his station . . . **ZL/VO1AU**. Thanks to Wellington ARC for the trx and my wife for the time . . . **ZL2K**. I had fun . . . **ZS6EE**.

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