

Results of the 2008 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest

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On the weekend of March 29 and 30, 2008, over 41,000 amateur radio callsigns were active in the 50th running of the CQ World-Wide WPX SSB Contest. Conditions weren't the best, but that didn't prevent participants from breaking score records or having lots of fun.

The sun tried to do its part to help, with sunspot numbers approaching the 80s, but conditions got ugly as the contest began. The north-south paths were there, but working east and west between the population centers was difficult. At times, the contest divided into regional affairs with contacts only possible between local stations. With one point for contacts between stations in the same country, top scorers could continue to make points even as DX rates slowed.

It's prefixes that make the WPX Contest so much fun. You never know what the next station on the dial will be. Some of the more interesting calls included 9UXEV, 4D75T, 5D5A, 9A50KDE, A73A, HB10DX, HG1848I, LZ05ANT, LZ08IPY, R35NP on a floating ice station near the North Pole, S566D, TB37F, V48M, VQ59W, XR6T, and ZV5K, to name just a few. While it's fun to chase exotic prefixes, working that first W5 or JA7 can bring just as much boost to the score. This means everyone gets to experience being both the hunter and the hunted! The top two hunters this year were multi-multi stations DR1A with 1389 prefixes and AO8A with 1387.

Single-Operator All-Band

Tom, W2SC, working from Barbados as 8P1A, made it three in a row for world high score in the Single-Operator All-Band category. With almost 5600 contacts and over 1200 prefixes, Tom missed breaking his own North American record by less than 27,000 points (that's about one tenth of one percent!). Just a few islands away, a strong second place world score was turned in by Ivan, OM3LA, operating from Guadeloupe as FG/OM3LA. Less than 200k points behind in third was CT9L operated by Helmut, DF7ZS. How bad were conditions? None of the top three made any contacts on 10 meters! Fourth place went to Hrane, YT1AD, operating once again from 3V8BB in Tunisia. AE6Y also returned to P49Y to take fifth overall. Two close races filled out the world top ten. PY2NY took the wheel at PS2T to finish just ahead of PY2YU for sixth, while in Canada, the battle between John, VE3EJ,



Claudio, LU7DW, takes a walk in the snow at VE3RM.

and Ron, VE3AT, operating as VB3E, came down to log checking and QSO points, with EJ taking the win.

In the world low power classification, Andy, KK9A, piloted P40A to a wide margin of victory and a score that would have placed him fourth in the high power category! His 15-million point score also raises the low power world record by almost a million points. Second place was earned by Didier, FY5FY. Ted, HI3TEJ, used his contest call HI3T to finish a close third.

Competition for tops in the USA was intensified by a number of operators seeking to earn qualifying points for the 2010 World Radiosport Team Championship. When all the yelling was over, Jeff, K1ZM, took top honors operating from his Cape Cod location. A little over a million points back was a close race for second place between Ken, K4ZW, operating from NR4M using the call KN1DX, and Alex, LZ4AX, operating from K3CR using the call KC3R (got all that?). Both submitted extremely accurate logs (less than 3.7% score reductions), leaving the margin of victory based on Ken finding a few extra multipliers. Krassy, K1LZ, finished off the pack of top scores in fourth. George, K5TR, in Texas had the top score away from the Eastern Seaboard.

With perennial winner N1UR traveling, the

chase for top low power USA score was between four stations in different parts of the country. Bud, W3LL, operating from Maryland used 40 meters very effectively to take the win. Ed, NX7TT, made a great effort from K0UK in Colorado to grab second. Less than 100k points behind was Terry, KS9K, operating from the station of N4TZ in Indiana. Finishing out the top pack was Thomas, WD5K, located in Texas.

Andy, G4PIQ, operated M6T to the top Single-Operator score for Europe. He used some of his 12 hours of off-time to repair antennas and amplifiers, so it was not an easy weekend. Second place went to OK5R, operated by Jiri, OK1RI, who struggled with difficult conditions to the USA on the first day. Close behind was Felipe, CT11LT, using the call CS2T. Felipe took advantage of his location in the south and west of Europe to find 15 meters open the USA, but not with enough activity to move him up in the standings. Anti, HA3OV, worked single op from the big station of HG6N in order to earn qualifying points for WRTC, and finished fourth. The center of Europe was well represented, with impressive scores from S50A, OM3BH, and HG8R. OG8X and OG6A turned in very nice scores from the top of Europe.

The lower power competition in Europe was dominated by stations from the south.

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from Oms, PY5EG, operating as PP5EG. Both managed to find more than 1000 contacts on what seemed like a dead band. Joel, KG6DX, took advantage of being south of Japan to earn third place. W5PR used the call KJ5W to make 308 contacts and win the USA.

Sergio, PP5JR, delivered a dominating performance on 15 meters from ZX5J. His 4255 contacts and 1242 prefixes raise the South American record by over 1-million points. Second- and third-place finishers Marcelo, PY1KN, and Roberto, PX2T, gave Brazil all three places on the podium. In Europe, 9A5Y and 9A4W had almost identical QSO totals, but it was the extra multipliers that gave 9A5Y (operator 9A3LG) the win. VR1ØXMT beat JA3YBK for tops in Asia. NR5M got past WN1GIV for the top USA score.

When conditions are poor, everyone seems to end up on 20 meters. Stations are stacked two or three deep across the band from sunrise until midnight. Into this maelstrom stepped Jim, W7EJ, operating as CN2R from his well-equipped station in Morocco. After 4429 contacts and 1199 multipliers, Jim captured his fourth single-band world record. Oliver, W6NV, did a great job from PT5A in Brazil, but had to settle for second. Marc, TM1W, and Marko, S5ØK, ended in a photo finish for top score in Europe. After log checking, TM1W earned the win by less

than 30k points. Dan, W7WA, finished fifth overall for another convincing victory among USA entrants. 4Z4OQ was close behind and represented the fifth continent among the top six scores!

As we checked logs from around the world, there was one call that seemed to show up in almost all of them. That call was ZL3A, operated by Dule, ZL3WW. Operating single band 40 meters from Auckland, New Zealand, Dule worked almost 1800 contacts for a new Oceania record. Dusan, YT8A, worked over 2000 contacts to win Europe over LN9Z, operated by Roy, LA5KO. In the USA, NY6N,

operated by Jim, W6YI, broke one of the oldest records in the books—USA single-band 40 meters held by KC7EM from 1995. What's really amazing is that Jim only worked three European stations all weekend!

Eighty meters saw an interesting competition between stations on three continents. With 1696 contacts and 713 prefixes, Chris, SN7Q, took the trophy. Spyros, 5B4MF, operating H22H from Cyprus, made half as many contacts, but took advantage of the higher points per contact to take second place. ZF1A finished third overall, but enjoyed setting a new North American record.

TROPHY WINNERS AND DONORS

SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

WORLD: Stanley Cohen, W8QDQ Trophy. Won by: **8P1A** operated by Tom Georgens, W2SC

WORLD Low Power: Caribbean Contesting Consortium Trophy. Won by: **P40A** operated by John Bayne, KK9A

WORLD QRP/p: Phil Krichbaum, NØKE Trophy. Won by: Antonin Bechyna, OK7CM

WORLD Tribander/Single Element: Helmut Mueller, DF7ZS Trophy. Won by: **CT9L** operated by Helmut Mueller, DF7ZS

USA: Atilano de Oms, PY5EG Trophy. Won by: Jeffrey T. Briggs, K1ZM

USA Low Power: Terry Zivney, N4TZ Trophy. Won by: Bud Governale, W3LL

USA QRP/p: Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q Trophy. Won by: **NAØCW/6** operated by Bill Parker, W8QZA

USA Zone 4 High Power: Society of Midwest Contesters Trophy. Won by: George Fremin III, K5TR

USA Zone 4 Low Power: Society of Midwest Contesters Trophy. Won by: Ed Campbell, NX7TT/Ø

USA Tribander/ Single Element: Paul Newberry, N4PN Trophy. Won by: **KJ4VO** operated by Paul H. Newberry, Jr., N4PN

CANADA Low Power: Contest Club Ontario Trophy. Won by: Ken Tucker, VO1KVT

AFRICA: Peter Sprengel, PY5CC Trophy. Won by: **3V8BB** operated by Hranislav Milosevic, YT1AD

EUROPE: Jim Hoffman, N5FA Trophy. Won by: **M6T** operated by Andy Cook, G4PIQ

NORTH AMERICA: Albert Crespo, F5VHJ Trophy. Won by: **FGØM3LA** operated by Dr. Ivan Dobrocky, OM3LA

SOUTH AMERICA: Andrew Faber, AE6Y Trophy. Won by: **P49Y** operated by Andy Faber, AE6Y

OCEANIA: Phillip Frazier, K6ZM Memorial Trophy. Won by: **9M8Z** operated by Steve

Telenius-Lowe, 9M6DXX

JAPAN: Hamad Alnusif, 9K2HN Trophy. Won by: Masaki Okano, JH4UYB

NORTH AMERICA QRP/p: Phil Krichbaum, NØKE Trophy. Won by: Antonio Handal, HR2DX

SINGLE OPERATOR, SINGLE BAND

WORLD: Steve Merchant, K6AW Trophy. Won by: **CN2R** operated by James P Sullivan, W7EJ

WORLD 14 MHz: Jorge Taboada, EA9LZ Trophy. Won by: **PT5A** operated by Oliver

Sweningsen, W6NV

WORLD 7 MHz: Jorge Taboada, EA9LZ Trophy. Won by: **ZL3A** operated by Dusko Dumanovic, ZL3WW

WORLD 3.7 MHz: Tom Haavisto, VE3CX Trophy. Won by: **SN7Q** operated by Krzysztof Sobon, SP7GIQ

EUROPE 28 MHz High Power: SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: Aleksander Zagar, S57S

EUROPE 21 MHz High Power: SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **9A5Y** operated by Zvonimir Karnik, 9A3LG

EUROPE 14 MHz High Power: SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: Sentuc Marc, TM1W

EUROPE 7 MHz High Power: SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: Dusan Ceha, YT8A

EUROPE 3.7 MHz High Power: SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **S52AW** operated by Karl D. Bucar, S52RU

EUROPE 1.8 MHz High Power: SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: Arunas Vaglys, LY2IJ

SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED

EUROPE: Martin Huml, OL5Y Trophy. Won by: **E77DX** operated by Emir Braco Memic, OE1EMS

MULTI-OPERATOR, SINGLE TRANSMITTER

USA: Steve Bolia, N8BJQ Trophy. Won by: **K3EST/4** operated by K3EST & KT3Y

ASIA: W2MIG Memorial (NX7TT Sponsor) Trophy. Won by: **P33W** operated by RW4WR, RX3DCX, RA3AUU

USA Zone 4: Mike Fatchett, WØMU Trophy. Won by: **NX5M** operated by NX5M, KU5B, AB5K, K5GA, N5XJ

MULTI-OPERATOR, TWO TRANSMITTER

WORLD: Ken Adams, K5KA Trophy. Won by: **6Y1V** operated by KY1V, K6AM, W4PA, WE9V

USA: FCG, Florida Contest Group Trophy. Won by: **WE3C** operated by K3CT, KQ3V, N3FTI, NM3E, NN3Q, W2GD, W3FV, W3PA, WB3FIZ, WE3C

MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-TRANSMITTER

WORLD: Gail Sheehan, K2RED Trophy. Won by: **AO8A** operated by EA8AH, EA8CAC, EA8ZS, N5ZO, TF3CW, ES2RR, OH2MM, OH2KI, OH2ZZ

USA: Rick Dougherty, NQ4I Trophy. Won by: **NQ4I** operated by NQ4I, WI4R, K4PK, K4NV, VE7ZO, WB4A, W5LE, K4BAI, K5KG, KF4GTA, KØEJ, KU1CW

Log Checking Honor Roll

A major goal of log checking in any contest should be to confirm that the winners are truly the winners. This year the CQ WPX Contest used new log-checking software developed by Ken, K1EA. Of the 1,791,048 QSOs reported in the 3728 logs received, over 93% were cross checked against other logs. Callsign errors resulted in a loss of the contact plus a penalty of one additional contact. Errors in copying numbers, band-change violations, or operating beyond the permitted time resulted in a loss of the contact. With so many multipliers, any lost QSO could hurt even more with the loss of a multiplier.

Looking at the score reductions, it should be no surprise that the operators near the top had some of the most accurate logs. The top 20 Single-Operator All-Band entries had an average score reduction of only 4.6% after penalties. The average for all Single-Operator entrants was 11.2%. We urge every competitor to use these results as a benchmark for measuring their personal progress toward operating perfection. Detailed log-checking reports can be requested by sending an e-mail to <k5zd@cqwpx.com>.

Speaking of perfection, there were 289 golden logs—i.e., perfect with no score reductions. The top five golden log scorers (with number of contacts) were K9JE (346), VE3BVA (254), OE3DMA (241), PE1FTV (232), and BG4DVK (223).

It takes two to tango and two stations to make a QSO. There were 134 entries that caused no errors in other logs. The top scores among these golden transmitters were K6GEP (191), UA9CIR (103), OL4W (95), K6VFF (77), and K3ISH (71).

Will we see your call in this list next year?



Vlad, UU5MAF, operating Multi-Operator Two Transmitters at UU7J.

The top USA score was submitted by Karl, ND8DX, who outpaced WI4R, operated by Mark, W4SVO.

Arunas, LY2IJ, spent his weekend calling CQ and listening to noise on 160 meters to earn the top score in the world. It was a close three-station race in the USA with Mike, K9NW, finishing ahead of Manny, W2MF, and Leo, AA4MM.

QRP

What kind of person steps into the poor conditions and SSB splatter while running only 5 watts? Well, there were at least 128 of them who submitted logs in the QRP category. The top all-band score was by Antonin, OK7CM, who finished just ahead of Janko,

S59D. Both made more than 500 contacts and 300 multipliers—quite an accomplishment! Bill, W8QZA, operated NA0CW/6 to just squeak by Eric, N2RRA, and Chas, K3WW, for the top USA score.

Tribander/Single Element

The tribander/single-element classification is designed to compare scores from similarly equipped stations. Helmut, CT9L, took advantage of his island location to easily win the category and set a new world record for the category! Pali, HA8JV, worked as HG8R to finish tops in Europe and second overall. It was a close three-way race among FY1FL, CN2BC, and EA6SX for spots three through five. In the USA, Paul, N4PN, repeated as the champion, this time operating with the call KJ4VO. Close behind were K4PV and NF4A.

Rookie

The Rookie category is for operators who have been a licensed amateur radio operator for less than three years. Newcomer Koji, NH0DX, scored an impressive 2.4-million points to take the lead. Just behind in second was last year's winner, Patrick, OT2A, in his last year to be eligible for the category. IZ1LBG was only 100k points behind for third place.

Multi-Operator Single-Transmitter

Last year, the two-person team of IK2QEI and IK2SGC operated as 5D5A in Morocco and made over 6000 contacts to finish just short of the world record in the Multi-Single category. This year, they returned to try again – working over 6300 QSOs and 1342 multipliers – only to miss the record by less than 400k points. Even so, this is a great score given the conditions. Second place went to the Russian team of RW4WR, RX3DCX, and RA3AUA operating as P33W. Third place was an all CT3 team operating with the special contest call CQ95F from Madeira. ZY7C finished a strong fourth from northeastern Brazil. Multi-Single is probably the most competitive category in the contest with 21 stations making more than 3000 contacts! In the USA, K3EST/4 led a virtual three way tie among WU3A/1, WR3Z, and NX5M.

Multi-Operator Two-Transmitter

In the Multi-Operator Two-Transmitter category, the four-man team of KY1V, K6AM, W4PA, and WE9V operating at 6Y1V exceeded their goals and broke the North American record on the way to making the world high score. The next places were held by two of the most miscopied calls in the contest: 9A60A (operating from 9A7A) beat ES90C (operating from ES5TV) for high score in Europe. The group at C4I took fourth.

A group of ten operators at WE3C finished off a three-year progression where they moved from third, to second, and now to first place in the USA. Last year's winner KD4D (operating from N3HBX) fell back to second.

Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter

AO8A set the standard for the Multi-Multi cat-

USA TOP SCORES

SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND	
K12M	8,316,563
KN1DX/4 (K4ZW)	7,147,845
KC3R (LZ4AX)	6,829,005
K1LZ	6,468,150
NC1I (K9PW)	4,774,728
W1UE	4,478,656
NJ4M (K1TO)	4,130,420
K5TR	3,938,420
K3ZO	3,898,310
NN5J	3,329,405
28 MHz	
KJ5W (W5PR)	100,110
NA4W	21,021
WZ7ZR	6,116
21 MHz	
NR5M	388,440
WN1GIV/4 (N4BP)	259,402
NJ4U	202,032
K0RJ	68,600
WW6OR (K6JAT)	46,443
KC7V	26,414
K0PK	17,177
AA2NA	17,017
W2RR	14,784
W6RKC	6,486
14 MHz	
W7WA	4,054,754
K6HNZ	959,310
W6AFA	656,812
N2RJ	464,457
K4EU	406,747
WX6V	401,128
N0SK (W5ASP)	370,300
W9DX/5	299,398
W6AEA/7	291,248
KG9N	213,750
7 MHz	
NY6N (W6YI)	2,038,192
N4OV	511,144
W0ICT	65,600
N2NS/6	24,612
W6XI/7	20,592
WA2JQK	5,832
N3TXH	4,161
3.7 MHz	
ND8DX	1,026,836
WI4R (W4SVO)	850,212
W3T98T	362,148
W3BGN	335,240
WN20 (N2GC)	241,528
KK9V	168,480
N4NX	163,530
K4KZZ	161,006
K4RDU	81,965
1.8 MHz	
K9NW	108,129
W2MF	99,006
AA4MM	93,019
K1HAP	26,598
WA2AOG	1,716
LOW POWER ALL BAND	
*W3LL	1,234,480
*NX7TT/0	1,167,720
*K59K	1,091,748
*W5SK	1,042,056
*AC0W	909,580

*N5DO	819,680
*N4XL	719,922
*WZ8T	607,986
*W4TMN	521,389
*WB8TLI	516,880
28 MHz	
*WA1FCN/4	2,688
*ND6S	1,482
*W6GMT/0	75
21 MHz	
*ND4X	139,105
*W7UPF	39,558
*K9WZB/7	24,390
*K7MY	13,002
*W9ILY	7,748
*N5DTT	1,512
*N04K	1,196
*W1OHM	987
*W0IE	176
14 MHz	
*KG2RG	546,939
*AD7J	252,800
*W2AW	185,724
*K25OH/4	163,250
*K16LZ	148,176
*NN5Z	78,120
*WB1HBB/4	42,775
*K7ACZ	37,375
*KB5UOK	35,250
*KG1V	33,154
7 MHz	
*NR8U	55,245
*N9ADG/7	12,859
*N9HDE/0	7,502
*KU6T	6,960
*WB8TLH	3,360
*A13G	3,192
*N5DGK	1,768
*NT5HS	130
3.7 MHz	
*KU4BP	60,941
*N7MAL	1,764
*KE7BWN	1,175
*K0CROH	576
1.8 MHz	
*K3BU/2	3,060
QRP/p	
NA0CW/6 (W8QZA)	138,402
N2RRA	130,585
K3WWW	129,789
K3TW	55,272
WA8VV	52,992
N3HU	42,640
N6WG	40,430
AD0NW/4	29,904
KE6K	22,145
KT8K	19,392
WA6FGV	21
K3TW	14
WB7OCV/2	7
SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED	
WY3P (N3KS)	6,660,726
W5WMM	2,646,798
W8MJ	2,282,167
NF4A	2,168,280
N3MX	1,958,535
WB4MSG	1,940,643

AA3B	1,921,362
N2BJ/9	1,759,984
WN90	1,634,556
W1GUS	1,374,080
KE3WM	9,800
K5ZO	487,552
W2IRT	178,688
N3YD	480,585
TRIBANDER/SINGLE ELEMENT	
KJ4VO (N4PN)	2,451,417
K4PV	2,315,936
N2OT/4	1,683,856
WZ4F	1,585,980
KG4W	1,561,230
W6TK	1,391,698
AA5B	1,235,500
WA0MHJ	1,203,288
*W5SK	1,042,056
KJ3X	1,007,820
*WA1FCN/4	28
WW6OR (K6JAT)	21
K4EU	14
W2IRT	7
WN20 (N2GC)	3.7
*K3BU/2	1.8
ROOKIE	
W1GUS	1,374,080
*K14PKV	146,076
KB1MIC	140,399
*K4CX	126,484
KB1OWT	109,890
KB1ODO	109,610
*KB0ARZ	93,810
KE7FBY	76,314
W5YAA	73,538
*K6DEX	70,144
*KS6M	14
*WB8TLH	7
MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER	
K3EST/4	6,347,900
WU3A/1	6,081,120
WR3Z	6,025,790
NX5M	5,893,424
N02F	3,981,516
WC6H	3,751,875
WA7XX	3,098,771
AJ9C	2,412,072
WX5S/6	1,708,643
KT4PD	1,646,970
MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER	
WE3C	12,916,452
KD4D/3	10,680,336
K11G	6,970,000
W1CU/6	6,854,546
NG3U	1,801,534
N2CW	497,280
W7RN	191,800
W0EBE	35,505
MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER	
N04I	12,051,526
NR60	7,176,202
WX3B	4,907,747
NE1C	4,726,400
WC8VOA	211,728
W9VT	163,800

*Low Power



Braco, OE1EMS, was the top European scorer in the SOAB Assisted category from E77DX.

egory this year. An experienced group of locals and Scandinavian visitors made over 8000 contacts on their way to the win. Second place was the well-known German call DR1A. LT1F was a new entrant in the Multi-Multi category of WPX SSB, and they did a very nice job to finish in third place. The top USA score went to the very enthusiastic group at NQ4I.

New Records

Even with the challenging conditions, new world records are available for the right operator in the right location. W7EJ at CN2R was one such combination. Jim continued his growing collection of records by capturing another band—this time 20 meters. He now holds the single-band world records for 160, 80, 40, and 20 meters. Hmm . . . I wonder what band he will work next year? P40A (KK9A) set a new world record for low power in the Single-Operator All-Band category. CT9L (DF7ZS) increased the world record for the Tribander/Single Element category by 100k points.

Congratulations also to these new Continental Record holders:

- Asia, 3.7 MHz, H22H – 2,432,692 points
- Europe, 3.7 MHz, SN7Q – 2,969,645 points
- Europe, 7 MHz, YT8A – 5,197,840 points
- North America, 3.7 MHz, ZF1A – 2,269,344 points
- Oceania, 7 MHz, ZL3A – 8,200,800 points
- South America, 21 MHz, ZX5J – 14,740,056 points
- North America, Multi-Operator Two-Transmitter, 6Y1V – 29,018,014 points

Rule Changes

There are a number of rule changes for the 2009 contest. Our goal was to make the rules more specific, more aligned with other CQ contests, and in accordance with current contesting practices. The new terms of competition address the use of remote stations and self-spotting. Pay special attention to the new definitions for the Multi-Single category. We are now asking single-band entrants to submit *all* contacts made on any band during the contest period in order to help us with the log checking. The club com-

EUROPE TOP SCORES

SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

M6T (G4PIO).....	9,975,816
OK5R (OK1RI).....	9,315,900
CS2T (CT1ILT).....	8,916,812
HA30V.....	7,968,296
S50A.....	6,722,650
OM3BH.....	6,628,692
HG8R (HA8JV).....	6,211,205
OG8X (OH6UM).....	5,841,780
UW2M.....	5,816,635
OG6A (OH6KZP).....	5,266,170

28 MHz

S57S.....	48,444
UU5WW.....	2,760
UA6AK.....	5

21 MHz

9A5Y (9A3LG).....	1,248,650
9A4W.....	991,800
IU3X (IV3SKB).....	796,060
YT7Z (YT7EI).....	526,095
EA5DFV.....	514,206
TM4W (F5HRY).....	491,928
UZ4E (UV5EOZ).....	234,855
RL3BM.....	103,179
Y05BBO.....	68,388
UR5FAV.....	65,037

14 MHz

TM1W.....	4,473,924
S50K.....	4,442,844
R3K.....	3,882,440
LY80 (LY1PM).....	3,454,052
S57AL.....	3,120,816
UZ2M (US0MR).....	3,064,094
YT1BB.....	2,824,326
IT9STX.....	2,415,420
EA5KV.....	2,273,810
DL1Z.....	2,249,468

7 MHz

YT8A.....	5,197,840
LN9Z (LA5KO).....	2,089,542
SP4TKR.....	1,822,266
S56X.....	1,813,089
YU3AA.....	1,561,824
IZ1GAR.....	1,164,096
EA3ATM.....	1,030,806
DJ0UD.....	820,988
AM7M.....	760,914
UT7U.....	444,882

3.7 MHz

SN7Q (SP7GIO).....	2,969,645
S52AW (S52RU).....	2,107,380
OK2BYW.....	1,788,534
9A6A.....	1,684,256
9A3B (9A2VR).....	1,244,740
SP7HKK.....	1,126,428
9A5D.....	956,823
IT9RBW.....	950,137
SN3A.....	937,480
OK1W (OK2WMM).....	817,180

1.8 MHz

LY2IJ.....	669,108
YT6T (YU7CM).....	359,822
DL1SWB.....	204,614
SP1GZF.....	177,480
OM7RU.....	165,436
RA6DB.....	84,597
DF2UU.....	77,437
OZ1AXG.....	42,444
YR8D (Y08DAR).....	35,040
IK2DZN.....	31,088

LOW POWER SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

*I2ZFO5.....	2,706,688
*S53EA.....	2,296,193
*YT1HA.....	1,873,470
*F4FLO.....	1,561,716
*OK1WCF.....	1,534,468
*RV6LFE.....	1,316,714
*S59KW.....	1,316,641
*S51F.....	1,305,678
*IU9A.....	1,262,602
*UA4FRL.....	1,215,504

28 MHz

*IW0HBY.....	32,508
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*EC7AKV.....	17,821
*I28CCW.....	5,500
*FTMJJ.....	1,863
*EC6AUD.....	1,140
*UT1IA.....	644
*RW6CW.....	472
*UZ7HO.....	220
*SQ9CNN.....	198
*YO2LEE.....	192

21 MHz

*SV1UT.....	94,966
*IK2YGZ.....	94,668
*EA5EOR.....	83,172
*SP9DSD.....	71,645
*LZ2PEP.....	68,040
*YT1YV.....	62,918
*YO6CFB.....	59,136
*HA8TP.....	58,176
*UR6IJ.....	56,628
*SP2EXN.....	48,608

14 MHz

*EB7DX.....	2,178,000
*PD1DX.....	1,539,163
*9A50KDE (9A1AA).....	1,513,400
*YU5RA.....	1,183,507
*HG3DX (HG3M).....	847,476
*S57RTH.....	723,008
*YT3MA.....	658,815
*YT5C.....	601,224
*YR8B.....	592,740
*IW1QN.....	515,394

7 MHz

*LZ5W.....	1,057,707
*E77DO.....	780,858
*SN3X.....	690,135
*EC5CSW.....	409,370
*I25DKJ.....	355,946
*EA1JJ.....	310,534
*G7TWC.....	294,465
*S50B.....	293,715
*US0HZ.....	267,534
*LY2MM.....	229,457

3.7 MHz

*YU3A (YT2RX).....	641,346
*OLSJ (OK1RZ).....	558,298
*3Z10UM (SQ9UM).....	541,320
*YU5B.....	528,200
*RV3WT.....	492,156
*F5BEG.....	468,096
*YU0U.....	431,395
*OM7AB.....	409,968
*S57O.....	407,640
*UU2JM.....	374,958

1.8 MHz

*HA8BE.....	229,457
*LY2OU.....	180,648
*S52OT.....	180,389
*SQ9ZM.....	95,445
*Y05PBF.....	93,930
*US8ICM.....	59,356
*OL6P (OK2WTM).....	41,396
*ER3HW.....	36,816
*OK1JOK.....	32,096
*RA6MT.....	13,604

QRP/p

OK7CM.....	A.....	489,342
S59D.....	A.....	402,500
S57SU.....	A.....	333,086
IZ1ANK.....	A.....	213,850
US2IZ.....	A.....	178,176
YP8A.....	A.....	171,105
RZ6MP.....	A.....	140,896
DJ0MY.....	A.....	131,054
RW6HJV/6.....	A.....	123,190
ICBFAX.....	A.....	106,672
ISKAP.....	28.....	11,907
SQ4HRN.....	21.....	26,826
DJ0MY.....	14.....	131,054
S57SU.....	7.....	333,086
US2IZ.....	3.7.....	178,176
RN3ZJJ.....	1.8.....	21,952

SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED

E77DX (OE1EMS).....	A.....	8,715,798
YT2T.....	A.....	4,979,676

RK4FD.....	A.....	4,753,098
YR9P (Y09HP).....	A.....	4,495,568
IQ2CJ.....	A.....	3,701,335
OG5B.....	A.....	3,574,928
YT5A.....	A.....	2,915,704
SV9GPV.....	A.....	2,750,334
YT3M.....	A.....	2,539,176
DL0WW.....	A.....	2,455,164
9A2U (9A3ZA).....	28.....	15,795
Z35X.....	21.....	477,356
IQ2CJ (IK2NCJ).....	14.....	3,701,335
UZ7M (UT9MZ).....	7.....	2,390,166
IR2C (IW2HAJ).....	3.7.....	2,380,644
IC8TEM.....	1.8.....	162,675

TRIBANDER/SINGLE ELEMENT

HG8R.....	A.....	6,211,205
EA6SX.....	A.....	4,284,054
CT1DJZ.....	A.....	3,875,040
S56M.....	A.....	2,388,100
*OK1WCF.....	A.....	1,534,468
UA6UDV.....	A.....	1,534,280
MD0CCE.....	A.....	1,471,927
OH1RX.....	A.....	1,381,788
*S59KW.....	A.....	1,316,641
*IU9A.....	A.....	1,262,602
*EC7AKV.....	28.....	1,821
Z35X.....	21.....	477,356
EA5KV.....	14.....	2,273,810
SP7HKK.....	3.7.....	1,126,428
RA6DB.....	1.8.....	84,597

ROOKIE

OT2A.....	A.....	2,220,288
IZ1LBG.....	A.....	2,115,280
RN3ZC.....	A.....	1,524,772
UA6YIU.....	A.....	1,361,835
*IZ3KKE.....	A.....	702,093
IW3SSA.....	A.....	652,080
UT6EE.....	A.....	495,670
*F4FDA.....	A.....	416,780
LA9LMA.....	A.....	381,628
*EA2COD.....	A.....	274,205
*EC7DZL.....	21.....	8,151
OM7ANB.....	14.....	569,296
*EC5CSW.....	7.....	409,370
IW3SSA.....	3.7.....	652,080
*RK2FXG (RA2FIR).....	1.8.....	11,520

MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

TM6M.....	14,075,078
OM7M.....	9,746,737
S53M.....	9,351,920
EE2W.....	8,202,568
OE2S.....	8,467,888
YO22NATO.....	7,973,688
IO5O.....	7,911,360
LY9Y.....	6,662,782
TM7F.....	6,630,633
EA1EEY.....	6,234,162

MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

9A60A.....	16,471,710
ES90C.....	13,724,640
HG80HQ.....	12,871,896
UU7J.....	11,789,823
OL7R.....	9,949,407
YT9X.....	9,917,964
AM3SSB.....	9,126,700
DA0BCC.....	8,929,620
OL1X.....	6,270,660
PI4COM.....	3,501,924

MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

DR1A.....	22,340,676
OT5A.....	16,285,416
LZ9W.....	14,928,360
LY7A.....	8,371,200
EB1WW.....	7,711,155
SX5P.....	6,530,185
SN6O.....	4,582,080
SN75T.....	1,650,873
SP75S.....	684,648
SF6DX.....	523,083

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petition rules have been modified to match those of the CQ WW DX Contest. Please read the new rules (elsewhere in this issue) carefully! Check the <cqwp.com> website for explanations of the most frequently asked questions.

Final Thoughts

This is a year of change for the CQ WPX Contest, as administration of the contest has been handed off from Steve, K6AW, and Steve, N8BJQ. Both of these gentlemen have done a fantastic job over the years to check logs and help the WPX Contest

become one of the major events on the contesting calendar. They have been a very big help during the transition and will continue to work as members of the WPX Contest Committee.

Special thanks go to Ken, K1EA, for developing completely new log-checking software that enables an unprecedented level of log checking. Any errors that appear in the results are due to me and not the software. Kudos to the following for giving up their time (and in some cases their eyesight) to type in the paper logs and convert them to Cabrillo format: W4AU, K1ZE, WA1Z, K2BB, NJ1F, W1UE, WO1N, WC2L, N8RA, WB1DX,

W1TO, N1NK, W2JU, W1KQ, KM1P, W1KM, and W1ZT. Their work enabled every QSO from every paper log to be incorporated into the log-checking process! Two key helpers in the back office are K1DG, who manages the plaque program, and W5GN, who coordinates all of the certificate printing and distribution.

For expanded QRM of the 2008 contest and a list of multistation operators, go to <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> to the contests section.

The 2009 WPX SSB Contest will be held on March 28 and 29. Conditions are sure to be better by then, so please plan to join in the fun. Rules can be found in this issue of CQ, on the CQ website (www.cq-amateur-radio.com), and on the CQ WPX Contest website (www.cqwp.com). Logs are requested to be submitted by e-mail in Cabrillo format. Send WPX SSB logs to <ssb@cqwp.com>. Hope to see you in the 2009 contest!
73, Randy, K5ZD

CQ WW WPX SSB CONTEST ALL-TIME RECORDS

The contest is held each year on the last full weekend of March. The All-Time Records will be updated and published annually. Data following the calls: year of operation, total score, and number of prefix multipliers.

WORLD RECORD HOLDERS			U.S.A. RECORD HOLDERS								
Single Operator			Single Operator								
1.8	CN2R('07)	1,613,955	399	1.8	K1ZM('95)	327,712	308				
3.5	CN2R('06)	11,849,076	894	3.5	WE3C('95)	1,519,300	475				
7.0	CN2R('05)	14,724,696	931	7.0	NY6N('08)	2,038,192	533				
14	CN2R('08)	15,778,840	1199	14	KK9A('00)	6,621,446	962				
21	ZD8Z('05)	17,129,112	1196	21	KX8R('00)	7,556,250	930				
28	D44AC('02)	15,707,401	1123	28	NY4A('00)	6,006,573	877				
AB	D4B('05)	26,871,482	1271	AB	KQ2M('00)	11,875,240	1066				
QRP/p	HC8A('94)	7,520,562	714	QRPp	KR2Q('00)	2,688,158	649				
Assisted	P40W('07)	15,837,235	1069	Assisted	NB1B('01)	7,463,666	1022				
Multi-Operator Single Transmitter			Multi-Operator Single Transmitter								
D44TD('02)		33,443,856	1332	KM3T('99)		14,091,468	1077				
Multi-Operator Two Transmitter			Multi-Operator Two Transmitter								
AN8A('07)		47,019,528	1444	KD4D('06)		14,535,521	1183				
Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter			Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter								
HC8N('03)		60,703,452	1476	KM3T('00)		29,338,460	1355				
CLUB RECORD			QRPp RECORD			WPX (Prefix) RECORD					
Contest Club Finland ('00)			250,320,141	HC8A('94)			7,520,562	OT0A('00)			1528
CONTINENTAL RECORD HOLDERS											
AFRICA											
1.8	CN2R('07)	1,613,955	399	7.0	ZL3A('08)	8,200,800	816	14	KH6ND('03)	6,493,727	887
3.5	CN2R('06)	11,849,076	894	21	AH7DX('00)	7,645,990	890	28	TX0DX('00)	12,049,422	847
7.0	CN2R('05)	14,724,696	931	AB	KH6ND('01)	15,498,798	1029				
14	CN2R('08)	15,778,840	1199								
21	ZD8Z('05)	17,129,112	1196								
28	D44AC('02)	15,707,401	1123								
AB	D4B('05)	26,871,482	1271								
SOUTH AMERICA											
1.8	*YM0T('05)	486,846	222	1.8	YV5JEA('84)	40,320	63				
3.5	H22H('08)	2,432,692	502	3.5	P40A('96)	1,715,076	426				
7.0	H24LP('87)	5,348,975	503	7.0	ZX9A('97)	10,787,128	814				
14	H2A('91)	6,297,464	758	14	PY0FM('95)	9,660,432	939				
21	7L1GVE('92)	6,848,136	838	21	ZX5J('08)	14,740,056	1242				
28	H22H('00)	9,092,146	931	28	ZX5J('99)	14,405,820	1095				
AB	JY9NX('01)	15,463,485	1017	AB	HC8A('01)	25,180,199	1199				
MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER											
AF	D44TD('02)	33,443,856	1332	AS	5B/AJ2O('05)	28,966,272	1252	EU	9A7A('02)	19,034,950	1306
AS	5B/AJ2O('05)	28,966,272	1252	NA	VP2EC('92)	24,409,580	1115	OC	T33RD('99)	17,778,372	998
EU	9A7A('02)	19,034,950	1306	SA	HC8A('93)	32,502,677	1107				
NA	VP2EC('92)	24,409,580	1115								
OC	T33RD('99)	17,778,372	998								
SA	HC8A('93)	32,502,677	1107								
MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER											
AF	AN8A('07)	47,019,528	1444	AF	AN8A('07)	47,019,528	1444	AS	A61AJ('04)	30,157,650	1255
AS	A61AJ('04)	30,157,650	1255	EU	OE4A('07)	18,533,494	1337	NA	6Y1V('08)	29,018,014	1306
EU	OE4A('07)	18,533,494	1337	OC	KH7X('05)	20,910,656	1066	OC	KH7R('02)	32,806,032	1304
NA	6Y1V('08)	29,018,014	1306	SA	HC8N('06)	46,791,472	1456	SA	HC8N('03)	60,703,452	1476
OC	KH7X('05)	20,910,656	1066								
SA	HC8N('06)	46,791,472	1456								
MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER											
AF	CN8WW('99)	55,151,562	1334	AF	CN8WW('99)	55,151,562	1334	AS	P3A('00)	53,554,592	1456
AS	P3A('00)	53,554,592	1456	EU	9AY2K('00)	42,477,343	1493	NA	WL7E('00)	42,013,215	1395
EU	9AY2K('00)	42,477,343	1493	OC	KH7R('02)	32,806,032	1304	SA	HC8N('03)	60,703,452	1476
NA	WL7E('00)	42,013,215	1395								
OC	KH7R('02)	32,806,032	1304								
SA	HC8N('03)	60,703,452	1476								
NORTH AMERICA											
1.8	VA1A('99)	535,225	271	1.8	KH6ND('07)	26,432	59				
3.5	ZF1A('08)	2,269,344	462	3.5	WH7Z('03)	1,208,900	308				
7.0	T14CF('05)	8,057,479	751								
14	KP2A('95)	7,088,976	912								
21	WP3R('98)	10,167,632	986								
28	KP2A('00)	11,385,710	1046								
AB	8P5A('06)	20,560,452	1199								
EUROPE											
1.8	SN3R('07)	835,884	434								
3.5	SN7Q('08)	2,969,645	713								
7.0	YT8A('08)	5,197,840	860								
14	DJ7AA('00)	7,955,224	1052								
21	CQ1BOP('00)	6,989,997	1029								
28	GM7V('00)	8,305,756	982								
AB	OK1RI('01)	10,844,592	1034								
ASIA											
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OCEANIA											
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3.5	WH7Z('03)	1,208,900	308								

QRM

My first attempt as SOAB and I am spoiled. Great competition; will come back next year. Thank you! ... **4L0A**. Another incredible contest from Morocco! 5D5A@CN3A ... **5D5A**. Sigs from W/VE disappointing. Little heard from western EU too. Quote from K7RI: "Is my frequency clear? I'm not getting many responses." Yes, the frequency was clear. But even K7RI was only S7 ... **7J1AQH**. Very hard conditions especially during the first part of the contest. We worked multi/one with low power and a 2-el 3-band quad on 10 (no QSOs), 15, and 20m. On 40, 80, and 160m we used a multiband dipole. It was fun but we hope that conditions will improve next year. We operated from Skinnskatteberg, JO89UT ... **8S0C**. First time worked in QRP mode contest with Yaesu FT-817 and homebrew 14-element Spider Beam. Mainly worked Asia Pacific region. Surprisingly worked abt 20 contacts with EU on 14 MHz, and one from AF. I am very enjoyable to work in QRP mode. Many thanks for those good-ear stations for my weak signal ... **9M6YBG**. Operated first day from home, then flew to Austria and was able to operate a few hours from OE6MBG. Great fun to work the contest from two continents and hear how different the contest sounds from each place ... **AK1W**. I'm a volunteer paramedic here. Had to respond to some calls during the contest. The dispatchers now know what QRZ, QSL, and QRX mean! ... **AK9I**. This was four stations M/M from EA8AH QTH. Poor conditions and many problems with generators, but we still managed to keep four stations on the air for entire contest ... **AO8A**. I am glad of contacting hams around the world. See everyone next contest ... **BV4VR**. Second day was much better. In memory of Charki ... **CN2R**. SSB contests keep getting tougher. Even with HP it becomes increasingly difficult to keep a frequency to reach a rare stn. I guess it has to do with the fact that for long periods of time one can only use a single band, which then, of course, is completely overcrowded. Still, it's been lots of fun. I thoroughly enjoyed my participation ... **DJ3WE**. Great first experience in the new farm contest QTH. Only time to put a fun dipole on the top of a high mountain ... **EA3ATM**. My goal was to go over my 2007 score. I decided to try the Tribander/Single Element class and I had a lot of fun too! ... **FY1FL**. My first venture with CQ WPX SSB, and it didn't take me long to realize that a 9 foot vertical antenna is not conducive to attaining a high score. In fact I finished early, having worked all I could. Otherwise it was great



Patrick, OT2A, second world high in the Rookie category.

fun and will have another attempt with better antennas ... **G1FON**. Fantastic DX conditions on 80m on Sunday sunrise! ... **H22H**. The Swiss DX Foundation (SDXF) used this special call to celebrate its 10th birthday. The team operated from HB9CA (Letzi-DX-Group) station ... **HB10DX**. Conditions were good but AC power at the mission where we operated was not available for 8 to 10 hours each night. We used an IC-7000 and the antennas were a beam for 10, 15, and 20 meters and a SuperLoop for 40 and 80 meters. Jan and I want to thank all the stations that worked us during the contest ... **HH4/AF4Z**. No USA except KH6 but a lot of good DX worked. Not bad for a 33 ft. piece of wire taped to a telescoping fiberglass pole. being on the roof at 150 ft helps I guess, hi! ... **HS0ZDR**. First WPX for us, testing equipment and sharing happy time together. We chose Multi-2 for testing interference ... **IQ5AE**. I entered in single-op 80m low power. The condition between the USA and JA was not so good. Especially on 75m DX band, we east Asian stations have very heavy QRM of the OTH radar from China. its signal strength was over S9+-. When it transmits, we can hear no amateur radio signals. Hams all over the world must say to Chinese government about it! I used Micro Vert Antenna by DL7PE. It is only 2m long and I set it on my small balcony of my condominium ... **JE1SPY**. Very few EU, AS, or OC stations were heard. Miss the good old days of EU stations coming in over the pole early in the mornings of the contest. I certify that, other than caffeine, no performance enhancing drugs or steroids were used during this contest. Also, no small animals or children were harmed ... **K7ACZ**. Difficult conditions, especially for QRP. But the best moment came when KF4GDX commented, upon my calling, "At last, a signal above the noise" ... **KA6SGT**. Wow, I went over 100,000 points for the first time! ... **KB0ARZ**. Two new operators this time with their first contest operation. Was quite a bit of fun hearing all the great signals with lots of band activity. Thanks to everyone for their patience with those learning to operate in the contests ... **KD0S**. I have done some QSO Parties. This was my first BIG Contest with CQ. It was a hoot! Beats Field Day. With all the overseas stations active, picked up almost enough for my first 100 countries worked. Managed a couple of rarer ones to boot! I'll Be Back, eh ... **KD7DCR**. Sometimes very bad conditions, only local QSOs ... **LY4DX**. Yaesu FT-747GX to base-loaded inverted-L, Datong RF Clipper. Awful results. Think my aerial has turned into a dummy load! ... **M0EZP**. Maybe QRP was BAD idea but it was fun ... **MU0FAL**. We did a contest training seminar and open house for this contest. Hoping to get more contesters active! ... **N2CW**. Come on sunspots, please! ... **N4DXI**. New antenna and amp made

for even more fun this year ... **N8AJN**. Where did all the sunspots go? CU next year ... snorezzzzzz ... **ND6S**. Good food, good beer, great contest! Third time out for us and all had a blast. Too bad still another 60 months 'til the peak of cycle 24. (Hope we make it, hi) 73's from John, Paul & Scott ... **NQ2F**. Operated first day from home, then flew to Austria and was able to operate a few hours from OE6MBG. Great fun to work the contest from two continents and hear how different the contest sounds from each place. Logged using pencil and paper! ... **OE/K5ZD**. People should listen more. I could hear many but they did not listen or could not hear. If you can't hear does not matter how much power! ... **OX3UR**. I had my best score ever in this contest and I finally broke ZD88V's world record. This was fun! ... **P40A**. Like every year I try to enter the 80m single band but the DX lures me so I do some operating on the other bands ... **PA0MIR**. A very good time I had in this contest. With a better result than last year. Worked some new DXCC too. And again with two pizzas, lot of cola, and an XYL to serve it to me. See you next year ... **PE2KP**. Thanks to Sergio, PP5JR, for allowing me to operate his nice 10m station. 73, PP5EG/PY5EG ... **PP5EG**. First contest with PV2 prefix ... **PV2P**. Great contest, as usual! Sounds like a big party where everyone is invited. Unfortunately, didn't have more time to be on the air due to homework, just 24h on duty. Was fascinating to meet some friends and being recognized by some others ... **PY3DX**. Thanks for perfect competitions! Our school club "Contact" acted in structure four school boys. Their age 12 years. PWR 100 W; ant. delta . The trainer, UA3DAF, Chaplygin Vladimir. 73! ... **RK3DZH**. First full effort since 1999 with low power! Hope to appear in CW! ... **RV6LFE**. Where were all USA stns? Only few called CQ. Closed down 3h before end. There was a moral dilemma: scanning band ten times in a row for new QSO? Maybe score would be bigger by 10 QSO and few mults. Guess will never know ... **S57SU**. OK, this was fun! Many new DXCC for me and nice to get an idea of what's waiting when conditions getting better in cycle 24. Contest site was club house with a 20m mast with 3-el 3-band beam and 100W. Worked quite well! Thanks for all QSOs! I'll be back! ... **SE5S**. Wkd for fun. All ops out there please think about this: a brand new radio transceiver is not equal to a clean TX signal! You do need to use the buttons too. Nevertheless the WPX is a fun thing. CU next time! ... **SF6DX**. Our first attempt for participating in the M/M category and we are more than pleased with our score. Thanks everybody and hope to see you next year ... **SX5P**. 21 MHz band quite nice to work ... **TA1HZ**. What a great contest. This time, I had access to real broadband dipole on 20m poles. What a difference. My 300W and the outstanding dipole made it possible to keep the frequency for a while and score up to 100 Qs/h. The conditions were strange with almost no USA stations. Thanks for organizing this great contest ... **TF3AM**. Had a great time working DX from a relatively new entity, FJ! The pile-ups were huge, in spite of the poor band conditions. We hope that we were able to give out a "new one" to our friends around the world ... **TO5RZ**. Thanks to UA9CLB for letting me use his excellent SO2R setup ... **UA9CDC**. Tnx for contest. Tnx for good program SD ... **UA9MR**. Hard work taking your station 4100 miles, but made it worth it to give some people a new one ... **V25V**. V48M was a new prefix never used before ... **V48M**. I managed to work a new one to add to my 160-meter DXCC total! That alone was worth the price of admission to me, hi ... **VE3CUI**. As usual, at low sunspot numbers, VE5 is the black hole for sure. First day, we could hear them, they couldn't hear us. Second day, much better, now the fun begins. No great score but fun anyway ... **VE5RI**. The VK6 DX Chasers Club operated from Faure Island IOTA OC-206. We were hit by the tail end

of Cyclone Pancho and were lucky that the antennas were not blown down. Conditions were not very good but 15 metres was the best ... **VK6FAU**. Great fun giving out the first ever VQ58 prefix! See everyone next year ... **VQ58V**. 81 yrs old and still going strong. Well, maybe just staggering along! ... **W3MGL**. Whilst other contesters usually mention the DX they work, I am wondering if I can claim the prize for the closest unscheduled QSO? During a run near the end of the contest on Sunday, I was called by WD4BEE who said I was 60 dB over S9. I asked where he was located and he said Sebring. It turns out he is in the next block to me. We had seen his tri-band beam but didn't think he was on the air! ... **W4/M0BUE**. Spending the weekend with my best friends from all over the world was priceless! ... **WB8LCD**. Fun time! Had about the same number of Q's as last year but scored a lot higher due to better use of 40m. 10m still a big disappointment. Radio Reef is a GREAT place from which to operate. Stan, K8MJZ ... **WP2Z**. Fun contest. 28 was open only to SA and no USA heard this time ... **XE1EX**. Great contest! It was my first Cabrillo log submitted. Hope next time I have better ham shack. Now only old TS-430S barefoot with homebrew 3-el Yagi 12m high. All the best ... **YB1VA**. From Menjangan Island OC-022, the small island on the north of Bali Is, with a very wonderful sea garden ... **YB3MM**. Several long power outages put me almost out. I will try again next year ... **YV6BXN**. Our result better than last year with most operating by two oldies. 10 metres surprised us in this low sunspot period ... **ZM2M**. My QTH was on Magaliesberg Mountain (Montana Lodge) 1550m ASL. Cond was nice on Saturday but weather, lightning, thunderstorms, power shading, terrible. But I enjoyed the time which I spent with radio ... **ZS6CCW**.