

# Results of the 2008 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest

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**O**n 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 the solar flux 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, 9A5ØKDE, A73A, HB1ØDX, HG1848I, LZØ5ANT, LZØ8IPY, 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 P4ØA 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 KØUK 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, CT1ILT, 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 S5ØA, OM3BH, and HG8R. OG8X and OG6A turned in very nice scores from the top of Europe.

The low 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 (op Zvonko, 9A3LG) and Tom, 9A4W, had almost identical QSO totals, but it was the extra multipliers that gave 9A5Y the win. Charlie, VR1ØXMT, beat JA3YBK (op Hiro, JS1PWV) for tops in Asia. George, NR5M, got past Bob, 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: **FG/ØM3LA** operated by Dr. Ivan Dobrocky, ØM3LA

**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: **AØ8A** 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. Any lost QSO could hurt even more if it causes 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?



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

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! 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 IK2QE1 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 RA3AUU 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 con-

tacts! 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 C41 took fourth.

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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 Skinnskat-teberg, JO89UT ... **8S0C**. First time worked in QRP mode contest with Yaesu FT-817 and home-brew 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 con-

test 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 EABAH QTH. Poor conditions and many problems with genera-tors, but we still managed to keep four stations on the air for entire contest ... **AO8A**. I am glad of con-tacting 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 increas-

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## 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	K12M('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		
Contest Club Finland ('00)		250,320,141	HC8A('94)		7,520,562
CONTINENTAL RECORD HOLDERS			WPX (Prefix) RECORD		
			OT0A('00)		1528
AFRICA					
1.8	CN2R('07)	1,613,955 399	7.0	ZL3A('08)	8,200,800 816
3.5	CN2R('06)	11,849,076 894	14	KH6ND('03)	6,493,727 887
7.0	CN2R('05)	14,724,696 931	21	AH7DX('00)	7,645,990 890
14	CN2R('08)	15,778,840 1199	28	TX0DX('00)	12,049,422 847
21	ZD8Z('05)	17,129,112 1196	AB	KH6ND('01)	15,498,798 1029
28	D44AC('02)	15,707,401 1123			
AB	D4B('05)	26,871,482 1271	SOUTH AMERICA		
ASIA			1.8	YV5JEA('84)	40,320 63
1.8	*YM0T('05)	486,846 222	3.5	P40A('96)	1,715,076 426
3.5	H22H('08)	2,432,692 502	7.0	ZX9A('97)	10,787,128 814
7.0	H24LP('87)	5,348,975 503	14	PY0FM('95)	9,660,432 939
14	H2A('91)	6,297,464 758	21	ZX5J('08)	14,740,056 1242
21	7L1GVE('92)	6,848,136 838	28	ZX5J('99)	14,405,820 1095
28	H22H('00)	9,092,146 931	AB	HC8A('01)	25,180,199 1199
AB	JY9NX('01)	15,463,485 1017	MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER		
EUROPE			AF	D44TD('02)	33,443,856 1332
1.8	SN3R('07)	835,884 434	AS	5B/AJ2O('05)	28,966,272 1252
3.5	SN7Q('08)	2,969,645 713	EU	9A7A('02)	19,034,950 1306
7.0	YT8A('08)	5,197,840 860	NA	VP2EC('92)	24,409,580 1115
14	DJ7AA('00)	7,955,224 1052	OC	T33RD('99)	17,778,372 998
21	CQ1BOP('00)	6,989,997 1029	SA	HC8A('93)	32,502,677 1107
28	GM7V('00)	8,305,756 982	MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER		
AB	OK1RI('01)	10,844,592 1034	AF	AN8A('07)	47,019,528 1444
NORTH AMERICA			AS	A61AJ('04)	30,157,650 1255
1.8	VA1A('99)	535,225 271	EU	OE4A('07)	18,533,494 1337
3.5	ZF1A('08)	2,269,344 462	NA	6Y1V('08)	29,018,014 1306
7.0	TI4CF('05)	8,057,479 751	OC	KH7X('05)	20,910,656 1066
14	KP2A('95)	7,088,976 912	SA	HC8N('06)	46,791,472 1456
21	WP3R('98)	10,167,632 986	MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER		
28	KP2A('00)	11,385,710 1046	AF	CN8WV('99)	55,151,562 1334
AB	8P5A('06)	20,560,452 1199	AS	P3A('00)	53,554,592 1456
OCEANIA			EU	9AY2K('00)	42,477,343 1493
1.8	KH6ND('07)	26,432 59	NA	WL7E('00)	42,013,215 1395
3.5	WH7Z('03)	1,208,900 308	OC	KH7R('02)	32,806,032 1304
			SA	HC8N('03)	60,703,452 1476

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 operator lists for mult-op stations, 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 the February 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

## QRM

My first attempt as SOAB and I am spoiled. Great competition; will come back next year. Thank you! ... **4LBA**. 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

# Results of the 2008 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest

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ingly 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 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 to 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**.



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

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. Condx were nice on Saturday but weather, lightning, thunderstorms, power shading, terrible. But I enjoyed the time which I spent with radio ... **ZS6CCW**.







Table with columns for Country, Band, Power (W/VA), Frequency (MHz), and QSOs. Includes categories like Africa, Asia, Europe, etc.







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Looking down the tower at LU1HF. (Inset: John, LU1HF, champion on single band 10 meters for the fourth consecutive year.)

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NH6P	Hawaii 6,552,855	2959	653								
YE1ZAT	Indonesia 2,550,396	1485	566								
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