

## CW Soapbox

All QSO workd by 5watts output. Rig K3 Ant Dipole.  
QTH Sanmu-city Chiba-pref. portable. - 7K1CPT

From Muskoe island Loc. JO99BA EU-084 - 8S0W

I worked with 25W QRP power in this contest.  
I declare that I was working under the CONTEST RULES and  
regulations for amateur radio in Croatia. - 9A2BW

It was fun being fresh meat for a few hours on Saturday. - AA5B

I operated from Newcastle Delaware with an IC-703 and 1/4 wave vertical. - AE3J

Worked all New Mexico! - AE5OV

Cond. were pretty good (albeit noisy at times). I had fun, and I wish I hadn't  
had to work 60 hour during the week, and 9 hours on Saturday. As a res - AF9J

First time ever on 160 Meters. Used a Inverted-L with only 25 feet for the  
vertical sector of the radiator. Used three elevated radials(one 1/4 wave,  
others shorter) and 100 watts. Built the antenna on the day of the contest!  
Postage stamp size lot near Clearwater FL.  
137 QSOs, 40 States, 10 Countries. Good fun. - AI2S

Great Fun! - AJ4CU

AM3A is a special contest call sign. Operator EA3FHP - TOTAL 1 QSO - AM3A

Went with High-Power although there was not much to be gained (pun intended)  
by running the amp since the legal limit in the Bahamas is only 250 Watts.  
Rig was K3 and AL-811H, antenna was an Inverted-L with 90 ft vertical and no  
separate receive antenna. Still managed four KH6's and a ZL3. Antenna fell  
down at 4:30 Sunday morning ending the contest for me with 26 hours op time. -  
C6AKQ

Great contest. I had 2 computers crash a total of 7 times.  
This cost me operating time.  
The band was very quiet and I worked a lot of very weak sigs. - CN2R

RIG: FT100MP, OM2500 Ampl; ANTENNA: 25m Vertical with elevated radials, short  
Beverages, INV.VEE Dipole - CR2X

It was a hard battle to stay awake 2 nights but I managed it! This is my  
best result which I ever achieved as a single operator from Madeira. - CT3FN

My participation was a trial what can be achieved with  
100 watts into a 50m wire. - CU8AS

IC-7700 ACOM 1000 hor. Loop - DD1JN

Rig: TS-2000, GS-35 PA, Inverted L, no receiving antennas! - DD2ML

Great Fun, but PA broke 1h before contest. We had to start with spare PA. 2h later  
Mr. Murphy went away. - DF0SAX

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A very nice contest. Some of operators have big ears, really. - DF30L

First time in over 30 years as a ham I tried 160 meters.  
Antenna was experimental. I liked the band condx.  
I will be back for more next time. - DF7JC

Station = IC761 = 100 Watt = Ant. Dipol - DF8XC

Hardcore QRP Test just for fun. Perhaps next year more power. - DJ1AA

Fantastic contest, most enjoyable!

Note to log checkers: I removed "7/G3RM" from the log. Someone called me with that call at 2112UTC on Saturday, but it is obviously not a valid call. I asked twice and the call was confirmed. If it matches someone else's log, I'd love to know what the real call was :-)

Audio recording (of the whole contest) available. - DJ1YFK

QRP 5 Watt from FT817 via tuner Z11 to inductivity to inner conductor of 15m coaxial cable to baloon 1:6 off center fed dipole, 21m long, 8m high. Many thanks to the big guns who had the patience to copy my weak signal. Could get one new country. - DJ3GE

At 3:40 in the morning - I had just started into the contest - the telephone rang. Kind of unusual. It was the neighbour complaining about her telephone which was constantly ringing. That was the end of my HP entry into the contest. I reduced the output to 200 watts just to stay in there and surprisingly there were still many stations out there who volunteered to copy me.... I even managed to work into the US and another couple of nicities. Obviously some exceptionally well equipped state side owners of beverages and excellent OPs managed to pull my signal out of the mud. Thanks a lot guys! - DJ3WE

The new EWE-Antenna was a great RX improvement. Next year I need an alternative plan for the night shift (or more coffee). - DJ5HD

Good condx to State Side this weekend but also many QRN - DJ6TK

160m Contests with my Inv.Vee for 80m are always on the edge frustration.  
- Have you ever thought about a category for "Crippled Antennas" ? - DK1FW

Went all well until Sunday morning 03.00 UTC, when the transmitter of K3 stopped working. Had to take my old IC 735 out of the museum and set it up for Sunday night operation. It was a kind of masochism compared to working with the K3. But it was great fun after all! - DK1II

RIG: K2 +PA 100 Watts out Ant G5RV 2X 31m @ 18m GF-Tower - DK1YY

Worked all with 100 W into Magnet-Loop own construction7! - DK2BJ

TS-850S 100W, Inverted-L: 19m vertical, 31m horizontal/sloping - DK3YD

We were able to double my 2009 score due to better preparation, a now good working TX antenna and better understanding of this band. Hope to

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work you all in the SSB leg. RIG : TS850 + GU73 HPA TX ANT :

T-antenna RX ANT : two bi-directional Bevs, each 200 m 73s Ron,  
DL3BPC - DK4A

Used Elecraft K3 + Pa 750 W and only matched 80m Dipol nearly 20m up - DK5JM

My 2nd CQ WW 160. Could participate only a few hrs at the end, so no K's/VE's. As usual, running wasn't a success with my 100 W and 6 m high helical vertical... but with lots of stations S&P was fun, too - 200 QSOs in 04:20 hrs are OK for me, compared to last year's 330 in 18 hrs (with non-resonant, low windom). - DK8NT

We had a lot of fun: DK8NX Wolfram With 100 Watts and a small GP - DK8NX

Thanks to all for participating and the organizers for taking care about this event. It was snowy and QRMy over the second night here and a hard job to copy overseas signals without any proper RX-antenna. The band behaved in my opinion not bad but Elecraft K3 I was using showed certainly a big profile on the Topband. See you next year... 73 Suad,  
DK6XZ ( E77XZ ) - DL0MB

IC765 + TITANEX V80 - DL0UM

CONTEST WAS USED TO CHECK CW-SKIMMER PERFORMANCE AND TO WORK EU-STATIONS NOT IN MY 160M LOG YET. - DL1AMQ

Due to family commitments I could spend only little time for the contest. It was my very first entry into the 160m Contest, using 100 W and a very limited antenna (17m end fed long wire with ATU at the feed point). After all, I had a few QSOs with some big gun stations on East Coast USA. Thanks to all who gave me a chance to work them. - DL1EAL

IC 756 Pro 3 + in L 53 m - DL1EKO

Rig: FT2000 + ACOM1000 Ant: 84m-Loop @5-10m - DL1NEO

Worked a few new entities with my simple setup. Enjoyed the contest. 73 + cu in SSB! - DL2SWN

Yaesu FT-450 Tuner Yaesu FC-102 Ant. Loop 168 meter long 12 meter up - DL4ZA

I worked only some hour because qrl and my low dipole. See you next year with more time and antenna. 73 de Olaf dl7cx - DL7CX

I love this contest every year. Working night, sleeping day, let some space for family activity. Everything was running well, Had a lot of fun with my vertical and LW.  
vy 73 de Manfred DL7UMK ! - DL7UMK

ts570d, ant r7 vertical only - DL8CKL

TS 850S Dipol - DL8NBJ

my first 160m CW-Contest. I thought it would be easier..:-) - DL8RDL

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73 and CUL! Franz - DL9GFB

RIG: Elecraft K3, L/4 sloop, 100W - DM3F

Trx: FT-920 Ant: 160M Dipole - D01YCL

In WIN TEST the band map needed to be extended to the extreme to cope with the hoist of stations within just some 50 kHz. Yet early on Saturday evening the vast majority of stations, which I could hear had already been logged, which greatly reduced not just the fun but also the QSO rate.... - DR4T

K2 + 20m Random Wire - E71DX

RIG(s): FT 757GXII PWR:100 W; ANTENNA(s): FD4 - E77R

very happy for my first 160cw see you next one - EA3FF

RIG: ICOM IC-756 PRO II + TL-922; ANTENNA: 25m Top Loaded Vertical, K9AY loops.  
- EA6BF

An interesting Contest but that can only be active a couple of hours on Friday night, the weather prevented me from mounting a new antenna for 160m and can operate with only 80W tunered the 80m antenna. I heard very good signs and some NA and JA, hope also conditions remain so in the SSB Contest. See you soon, your friend Jesus EC1KR. 73 + DX - EC1KR

TNX FOR FB CONTEST

RIG: IC-7000; ANTENNA: I-V - ER2RM

What a pity! Heavy snow in the contest place area.

At home: IC-756pro, TR4W, UnicomDual  
and 1/2 wave dipole 35 m up. - EU1AZ

RIG(s): ic781; ANTENNA(s): deltaloop - EU1UN

RIG(s): 100wt; ANTENNA(s): Delta - EU4CQ

73! and CU next year

RIG(s): FT-840; ANTENNA(s): Delta Loop - EU6AA

RIG(s): IC740; ANTENNA(s): InVee - EU6RO

Power 300 wt. @ ant.sloping to south-east dipole. - EW3LN

RIG(s): FT950; ANTENNA(s): IV - EW8DJ

RIG(s): Kenwood TS-950SD; ANTENNA(s): DIPOLE - EW8DX

contest CQWW 160 CW de F5PYJ ; ICOM 746 400 W Ant  
DELTA-LOOP 165 m is good . 73 Claude - F5PYJ

Not very easy to make QSO on this band with less than 5W and inverted L about 41 meter long at 10m asl

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I am very happy to participate to this contest during the French REF contest also.  
Hope to participate next year!!! 73's de F8CED/QRP - F8CED

Didn't entered this contest : just testing new vertical before REF CW. And giving points to Patrick ! ;- ) - F8DZY

Enjoyed the high activity, and a little bit of DX. - G0MTN

SD worked fine. - G3GLL

Activity and propagation were down on 2009, which was an exceptional year. Nevertheless some good runs into the West Coast. Don't know how I could have missed MS and KY, but there it is!  
Hand logged with paper and pencil - no frequency info. - G3LET

Just entered for fun for the first time as and when time allowed. Nice to hear so many familiar calls. Was difficult to get past the QRO people in Europe Had some fun that was the main thing  
Good to have SD for logging - G3LIK

Operated for just over 26 hours. As always, Topband can be relied on to provide a mixture of frustration (stations that can't hear me) and surprises (stations that can hear me!). Working anyone at all on the West Coast is always a pleasant surprise. Surely this can't be Topband?  
Oh yes, it is! - G3TXF

just giving away a few points to the serious contesters - G3VQO

Lots of good dx, good condx!  
SD great  
Only part time again I'm afraid. - G3VYI

As usual very hard going on QRP with my poor antennas.  
But a fairly enjoyable contest nevertheless.  
73 Dave G3YMC - G3YMC

1st timer! All QSOs S&P. Mainly early evening hours - G4ASR

Unfortunately I missed the DX openings, only 3 QSOs with USA. A great deal of activity in EU made the band very crowded. - G4BUO

CQ 160m CW checklog - G4EXD

With a short low antenna (30m inverted V doublet at 10m) I wasn't expecting to work many on this band so I was delighted with the result. Thanks to tho - G4FKA

Just 3 hours or so playing from new QTH. Temporary low dipole @ 11m twisted round the trees meant that I had to reduce power at low end of band to avoid arcing where wire was touching the trees!  
K2/100 + PA, 400W. Inv-V dipole, top @ 11m, ends at 2m! - G4PIQ

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Thank you for another enjoyable event. - G5D

I was very pleased to work so many new EU stations with my QRP and short, convoluted shape wire antenna. Three new band-mode DXCC worked! - G6CSY

First time effort with limited operating time.  
Used the gardens of two neighbours to get aerial up!  
Mainly S&P with barefoot rig but Idaho and A7 were my particular highlight contacts. SD used post contest. - GM4CXM

Finally got a short inv.L up at 45ft. base matched and tiny ground plane. This resulted in mainly EU but I did manage my first contacts into Asia, North Africa and the north east USA .I found conditions good but then I would with a real top band aerial! SD as usual excelled - GM4UBJ

band conditions good to most areas except asia. Very heavy qrm levels..most activity I have ever experienced  
Usual big headed proviso as to my limitations..will be 80 ths week! hope to be 81 some day! - GW3JXN

Went to sleep second night for four hours. At the very peak of USA propagation. That wasnt a good thing to do! - GW3YDX

Just a token few contacts.... - GW4BLE

I worked with a K3, 100W and only a dipol, 10m up.... - HA1BC

I operated only a short period for my antenna is not really for the band.  
Rig: TS-530SP running 20-60 W into an end-fed 21 mtrs long wire. - HA2MN

only 6 hours contesting, just for fun - HA3NU

RIG: IC-718, PWR:100W; ANTENNA: Inverted-L - HA5UY

ICOM 756pro 100 watts  
dipole - HA6NL

Rig: IC-756, set power 5W output  
Ant: vertical(28m)  
Rx ant: EWE  
Big activity, nice contest, thanks for all QSOs! - HA8BE

QRP POWER OUT 5 WATTS; ANTENNA LW - HB9AYZ

RIG: K3; ANTENNA: Dipole - HB9EP

GOOD CONTEST PAPER LOGS. NOT A LOT OF ACTIVITY  
QSO CAME IN WAVES. WORKED MOST I HEARD - HS0ZEE

First time on 160 meter, I use inverted L antenna and (low) power from 12v battery.  
- HS8JYX

Just few hours from downtown Milan without a real antenna.  
Snow, ice and cold weather prevented me to operate from

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my countryside qth. Bob, I2WIJ. - I2WIJ

GD Contest, But snow in my qth and many probl, with antenna - I4JEE

First experience with a Multi/Single here. A great chance for an open house with my since ever friends. Started contest with a single K9AY loop and finished with 3 Beverage's and a rotative diamond loop. When one operated, the others were in the wood to put wires...hi. See all you next year. - IK0HBN

Xcvr IC 756 + Acom 1000 + invL @ 20mt + rx loop K9AY - IN3QBR

IT9GSF's QTH - 21 mts high Inv L - 3 x Beverages - IT9ESW

singolo operatore cqww cw 160 .  
my transiver ts 570 d.antenna verticale 40/80/160 hf3b it9zmx  
programa qartest - IT9IMJ

FT817 (5 watt) - antenna:inverted V trap dipole - IV3AOL

Only spare time operation. Very essential working condition. Yaesu FT-950 barefoot on a 10m ca. vertical antenna through a "marine" autotuner. Lot of fun and some new one on top band! - IW5EIJ

We would like to be thankful to all stations who pulled my signal. See you in the next contest! - JA0ZRY

5W\_output. - JA4GNK

TRX: FT-2000  
ANT: Short GP (10 meters long radiator and 25 meters long two zigzag radials)  
I'm a new-comer on 160M band and this is my first participation.  
I couldn't work as many stations as high band contest, but I enjoyed the contest very much. - JA6DIJ

QRV-QTH  
37Kokinbata Koikawa  
Mitane Yamamoto Akita - JA7KQC

Tnx for the nice contest. - JA7MJ

I participated to a single-op lowpower.  
I was using my antenna only 4m length Micro Vert antenna on my condominium's balcony and using K3 bearfoot!  
The condition was better than the last years, But QRM decreased compared with last year this year.  
I wkd 1 day 160m WAC in the last year.  
But the condition JA between EU was very poor in this year.  
The condition between JA and U.S.A. was very good in this year.  
I QSO with 90stations in last year but 130 QSO in this year.  
K3 tranceiver is the best for 160m band. - JE1SPY

band condex for USA, esp W5/Texas was fine. - JE1TSD

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1kW + End-loaded Vertical Dipole. - JH3PRR

Great Contest. Rest2303-0808 2228-0828 Total 19h05m - JH4UYB

I enjoyed the contest. - JH8DBJ

FT-897DMi(50W)iAGP - JN1BBO

I enjoyed the contest. - JO3RCK

RIG(s): TS 450S; ANTENNA(s): Dipole - JT1CS

Good DX conditions to EU sure helped the score.  
Much fun as always. Thanks CQ! - K0PK

Great contest. Worked lots of DX - K0RF

So the dinner party is Saturday night...right - K0SRL

Just a few minutes for a short run..PTL bill UK - K0UK

Conditions down a bit from 2009, but lots of activity, and lots of fun! - K1DG

100% "S&P". Decent conditions at times. - K1LPS

Conditions were not bad but worse than 2009.  
Also the QRN Saturday night was quite annoying.  
The end result was many more contacts for about  
the same number of QSO points, and just 3 more  
multipliers. - K1LT

160 inverted V from the tallest tree I could reach via slingshot and  
the K3...at 100 watts, I did the best I could. I'm not very  
experienced at holding a frequency or calling cq for long stretches of  
time...I get scared when I make mistakes. I HAVE to work on a 4 square  
:) Thanks for everyone who hangs in there when I mess up. All I can  
say is that it's getting a lot easier and I have more and more fun.  
Lots of trouble calling DX stations this time around....I could hear  
lots of them but I had to give up on most of them...they just couldn't  
hear me and me trying to get them was just causing interference so I  
backed off. 73/88 Ann K1QO - K1QO

We got on for the last half hour of the contest..WOW what a pileup. - K3000

Portable op from Bryce VA Nice condx and good activity! - K3PG

More radials but still a pop gun here! - K3TC

"The contest was still fun with 5 watts QRP even though band conditions were not  
as spectacular as last year." - K3TW

submitting at 2201 so I don't forget this year. - K3WW

All using a simple 25 ft. vertical antenna! - K4EOR

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Lost the antenna Saturday evening. Still working the problem.  
The contest was boring. - K4FJ

great fun, as always .....condx to EU were a poor here....had to  
call many times to get through...some HUGE NA signals these days! - K4UEE

Major snow storm during weekend.  
Conditions fair - K4UK

15 hours operating time.  
Band in great shape. 72 unique JA stations and I did  
not get to stay for sunrise on Sunday!  
Thanks to all.  
73 - K5BG

Flu + line noise = weak effort. - K5RX

All S&P 600w max Tremendous Condx! - K5SM

Wow, great Europe opening on Saturday night! Local  
electronic pollution limits my operating time. - K5ZD

Great condix, fun contest. Worked 2 new ones. - K6GEP

This was my 3rd contest and my first time operating on 160m. I learned how to tune  
my 80m Windom antenna for this band, how to use the notch filter and - K6MEE

Great Time and conditions..had family duties saturday night so  
missed some good hours their..snow static also 2nd night.. - K7ABV

great conditions; little noise; most everyone came back after only one call from  
me; that's new!!!  
IC-756pro III, a 144' sloper into an Icom AH-4 tuner, and a great new HamGadgets  
MasterKeyer MK-1 used for the first time. - K7AWB

Lot of EU coming through , but weak. - K7CS

Fantastic and amazing conditions. Could hear many stations  
that were not hearing me. Probably because had 1000 foot  
Beverages in 6 directions, but only a top-loaded vertical  
for transmitting with an ACOM 2000A amp and the FT-1000D.  
Hope to have better transmitting antenna next year.  
Didn't enter last year and wasn't aware of rule change  
regarding zones from DX, so had to manually edit everything.  
Hope this didn't create errors. - K7NJ

30 Ft vertical with a few ground radials from my new get away place in the open  
desert of Northern Utah - K7RJ

Just trying out a Heathkit SS-9000 to see how it fares in a CW  
contest. Not bad for a boat anchor. - K8AC

Conditions on second night were very bad here.  
Had a decent European opening on Friday eve but

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not saturday. Snow static in the area as well as no real propagation here prevented more European contacts. Multipath on Friday was so bad that the echos were making copy difficult. Great participation as there were wall to wall stations the entire time. I would also like to thank the Contest organizers for starting the contest in the middle of the afternoon here when the east coast is dark. That is good for them eh ? Also, ending the contest here in the middle of the afternoon while the east coast is dark. I am happy for you boyz back east. - K8FC

Not to much time to operate, but fun just the same - K8OT

Pretty good conditions for the contest, thank goodness! Used a TR-7 with enhanced audio and AGC action. - K9JU

My first time on 160 meters and my first contest on this band. Wow! What a blast. Put up a temp antenna Friday morning, it seemed to work well. - K9JWV

First contest with seperate EWE RX antenna. It helped. - K9WWT

FIRST CQ 160 CW CONTEST - KB3MXM

OUR M/S EFFORT BECAME A SINGLE OP EVENT AROUND 11:30 PM FRIDAY NIGHT, WHEN THE HEAVY SNOW THINNED OUR RANKS. HAD NICE RUNS ON FRIDAY, WHEN NOSIE LEVEL WAS ACCEPTABLE, BUT SATURDAY WAS REAL WORK. MANAGED TO DRIVE THE COUNTRY COUNT TO 64 , BUT THE SNOW QRN AND STORM STATIC CRASHES BECAME TOO MUCH AROUND MID-NIGHTON SATURDAY. THE SCORE WAS DOWN FROM LAST YEAR PRIMARILY DUE TO FEWER QSO'S. HOWEVER, I AM PLEASED WITH THE SCORE FOR JUST 15 HOURS BIC.THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CALLED US. - KC4D

Gave me a chance to test my very limited 160M antenna. - KD3TB

Thanks as always to John Evans, N3HBX, for letting me use his station again. I worked Friday and started the contest tired. It really caught up with me Sunday morning! - KD4D

I am generally not a CW op. Most CW I do is S&P in a few of the contests but this time I tried my hand at running a freq. NOT very easy with so many c - KD4POJ

Great conditions. - KI7N

Enjoyed the contest, even with low power I was able to have a nice run. Friday better than Saturday. - KN4Y

PRETTY GOOD CONDITIONS HERE.NEED TO IMPROVE ANTENNA SYSTEM.100 WATTS ,DIPOLE ANTENA FOR 160 AND INVERTED L. JUST BEEN LOOKING FOR STA - KP2DX

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Always enjoy this contest -yet seems there could be more DX that could be active in it or is it my QTH and low ant.? - KS7T

First Time Working the Contest was Fun - Tom - KU8T

Conditions sounded really good here. Actually heard a few Europeans! (not worked, of course). Still, beat my score from last year, with only one stint at 3:00am. Usual kudos for the sharp ears that pulled my 5W through. - KX7L

Just my usual very modest effort. All S&P. Power line noise and precipitation noise during a major snow event made copy of weak signals difficult or - KY4P

Sorry, I had to stop. comm problems. Next time for sure! - KY9KYO

Friday night was a lot better and less noisy than Saturday night. I enjoyed the contest with a very low wire antenna and look forward to next year. - KZ5J

Band very crowded, enjoyed the contest very much - LA2AB

Tooo crowded band and many people just click the packet spot and DON'T know what zero beat is!! I dont know how many times I heard station called me to - LA6FJA

A struggle with 100 watts and a dipole.  
First contest from Norway in many years. - LA7JO

RIG(s): FT-920; ANTENNA(s): WINDOM - LY1CT

RIG: FT990; ANTENNA: - LY2J

RIG: TS830S; ANTENNA: Inv L - LY2K

RIG(s): IC-736; ANTENNA(s): dipole - LY2SA

keep the DX frequency clear !!! - LY3X

RIG(s): ICOM 775DSP ,PA 1KW; ANTENNA(s): Dipole - LY4A

RIG: TS 850+KW; ANTENNA: GP.DIPOLE.SLOPER DIPOLE,DELTA LOOP - LY7M

FT-990AC, Dipole. - LY9A

RIG: 300W; ANTENNA: DIPOLE - LZ1AQ

FT 897  
WIRE 27 M LONG - LZ1FJ

THE BEST CONTEST! 73! VLAD - LZ2ZG

Not much spare time this weekend. Very pleased with the 40 Metre vertical on the Helikite - M4T

hard work and good fun - MU0FAL

Worked 46 lower states and Alaska. Missed KH6, MS, and LA but heard all of them.

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Worked AB, SK, BC, ON, and QC. Heard a few EU's. Only running 100 wat - NOAH

Only time for a couple of sweeps through the band, but the stations were wall-to-wall and no more than 300 Hz apart in many instances, yet most were busy CQ-ing and running stations, having a great time. It's a real testament to the advances made on Top Band over the past few years in receiver and transmitter technology, antenna design, understanding of propagation, and operator skill. Taking advantage of a sunny, if cold, afternoon I restored my 105' dipole to its full 30-foot height and had a great time working coast-to-coast with low power, burning a number of clouds in the process. Great fun on Top Band! - NOAX

I was using a poorly tuned dipole for an antenna and was pleasantly surprised at how well my signal got out during my brief time on the air! - NOLZ

I was about to shut down near the end of the contest when W0UD answered my CQ with a new multiplier... kept me going for another hour! - NOTT

After the excellent conditions enjoyed for ARRL-160 in December and the band conditions for the weeks just prior to CQWW-160, I was optimistic that many scores above 1M points would be turned in again this year. Last year our score was 857,736, so we were optimistic we might be one of them. Thanks to Mother Nature, it was not to be. We were even 30% below last year. When I host a multi-op event I never open as a lead operator. I want to be available to respond to any out of the gate technical issues. Well, this year we had a couple. We were not 10 minutes into the event when an email arrived from Ron, N4XD, informing me we had TERRIBLE key clicks. As I am one that typically comments (really complains) about others with Key Clicks I was not about to ignore Ron and keep going. It MUST BE FIXED. I did not suspect the K3, so what else had changed. The quick solution was to simply change the TX Delay from 8ms to 12ms. Our assumption was that with the K3, QSK Master and AL1500 in the configuration, the delay needed to be greater than the standard K3 8ms. A quick check listening with my other K3 and we were good to go. I Ron's email that I thought it was fixed. He quickly replied - THANKS, all better! The next issue was what seemed to be excessive RF getting into the beverage selection box. The LEDs for unselected beverages were blinking in sync with the keying. I had also removed my ICE model 119D from the beverage input coax. The only time they blinked was when the W or NW beverage was selected. They are the closest beverages to the XMIT antenna. A quick re-cabling to put the 119 back in the circuit and that was fixed. OK, what is next? ? Fortunately, there were no additional technical issues the rest of the weekend. Good thing as we had more than enough snow storm related RX problems to deal with.

Speaking of Mother Nature, North Carolina was definitely in her sites for the bad weather this past weekend. If you had the opportunity to look at a Doppler radar map at any time, well, you would have seen the storm clearly focused on NC. On Friday night there were many US stations calling that we just could not pull out of the QRN. Then at about 05:00 UTC on Saturday the west and northwest beverages became virtually useless with noise levels constant at S9 to +10. Fortunately that was when we were looking toward EU for their sunrise. That noise condition on the W/NW beverages stayed bad until Sunday morning at about 01:00 UTC. At that time, when EU started calling, the QRN on all beverages jumped up to between S6 & S7 with bursts well above S9. A quick check on the XMIT Vertical-T gave an S-Meter reading over S9+30. The timing

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could not have been worse. By 09:00 UTC the QRN became reasonable and signals started to emerge, but EU was gone.

We would like to thank everyone that called us, had the patience to hang with us and send the repeats until we were able to copy through the QRN, and as always, those that spotted us on the cluster. With every spot comes a much appreciated rate burst.

Congratulations to the other M/S entries. All the scores are down some from last year, but the top of the chart call signs remain the same.

73 and see you next time,

Bruce, N1LN - N1LN

Murphy lives in my shack. - N2EIK

Assisted operators continue to be punished by the contest rules. I like to operate assisted with low power, 100 watts, but I am lumped in with the 1500 watt guys. This makes it impossible to judge how I stack up with other low power crew. Continue to worry about category creep and whether enough people will sponsor plaques, etc. Bogus excuses for the attitude: the assisted guys are not macho/real contesters!

Despite that the contest was fun and crowded. Low noise levels too. I almost had WAS - missed ND, SD and KL7. I heard KL7 a few times but could not break the pile. I never heard ND or SD. I think those poor people froze to death. Heck it's only 14F here on the tropical island of Long. Brrrr...rrrrr!

I even managed to work a few new ones. Eventually I will get DXCC on 160, I hope. The four 1/4 wave radials at 8 feet will have to come down in March to do the gardening. The antenna is an ugly L but it works.

Strongly consider creating a LOW POWER ASSISTED category! - N2FF

Most contacts I ever made in a 160M Test with 22 ft. top loaded vertical! - N2LK

Didn't make a serious effort this year but was pleased to complete 160M DXCC during the contest. Conditions were good, but I'm not sure anything will beat last year's conditions! - N2WLG

had my best EU run around Sunday 0600-0800z, and was thankful for it. It was less of a "good time" this year, like 2009 :o) Still decent conditions overall, more noise here (snow/storm QRN) at times - N2WN

More stations hearing me on 160M. N3CR in a CW contest? What's next? - N3CR

My usual goal of beating my last year's score was not realistic this year, simply because conditions last year were the best I had seen in 9 years doing CQ WW 160 CW (all same QTH), and my score reflected that: 33% above my previous best. But, I did the next best thing, getting my second-best claimed score in 10 years. I had good results the first night, with a score slightly higher than last year. But: Saturday afternoon it started snowing here, continuing until well after dark. The first bad effect of the snow was that initial removal efforts postponed my operating start time until 23 Z vs the planned 20 or 21 Z. The second and much worse effect was terrible precipitation static well into the night, S7 to S9, worse to the east where the storm was. As in one past year, I found that my half-wavelength "baby Beverage" was very effective against the p-static, especially when pointed west. BUT, the

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noise was very bad for working EU, even though propagation to EU was pretty good. The first night I got 36 EU QSOs and 23 EU countries; the second night, 6 EU QSOs and no new EU countries. It was an odd experience being BAREly able to copy EU stations thru the p-static, but then have them come back to me after one call. Nearly always it's the other way: often I easily copy EU stations who can't hear me (or others calling them) due to high QRM and QRN in EU. Hearing OK west, I worked 17 more W/K stations than ever before in 10 years, and 9 VE provinces vs my previous best of 8 worked in 4 different years. It was also satisfying to work an LU, not a common experience for me on 160. I missed only SD among the contiguous 48 states and DC. The final bad effect of the snowstorm was that in finishing the snow removal Sunday, the garden tractor with snowplow blade sprang a terrible oil leak and spurted a pint of engine oil over my driveway. Dealing with that and slow blowing of wet snow from the 450-foot driveway consumed all of Sunday until well after 22 Z, so that I was unable to operate at all on Sunday and pick up a final few QSOs. So, next year I'll hope for a zero K index like 2009, AND NO SNOW! - N3UM

Elecraft K2 / 5W -Antenna HF2V with 100 ft horizontal extension on tip. - N4AX

QSB and noisy with weak fluttery signals, but workable - N4DXI

Great contest. - N4MJ

CONDX SEEMED DOWN FROM LAST YEAR..STILL GREAT FUN  
BIGGEST THRILL WAS WITHOUT A DOUBT CATCHING A7/M0FGA  
FOR A NEW ONE ON TOP BAND - #314...  
THANKS TO CQ FOR PUTTING ON THIS GREAT CONTEST... - N4PN

RIG(s): Orion & Titan; ANTENNA(s): vertical & beverage  
DX came faster with KW this year - N4TZ/9

Used my 30 ft vertical with a tuner. I imagine my signal would have been about the same on a mobile whip, but I had a good time. I probably doubled t - N6DW

Pick up 14 new countries - N6QQ - N6QQ

Just fooling around! Nice activity level. Good to hear CR2X on! Missed all of Europe but did catch CE1/K7CA adn HC2SL. - N6RV

MISSED MOST OF FIRST 2 HOURS DUE TO START TIME CHANGE, SO SUNK  
RIGHT OFF THE BAT. SIGS FROM EU VERY HARD TO WORK 00-02Z DUE  
TO EU TO EU Q'S. THE ONLY TIME EU WAS EASY WAS EARLY EVENING  
SATURDAY 2230-24Z, WITH MANY WORKED S&P. - N8II

RIG(s): Tentec Omni VI; ANTENNA(s): Low dipole. Folded 1/4 wave vertical. - N8NA

What a great opening Friday night... first time I ever had more countries than State/VE mults ! - N8PR

Worked A7 after the conetst for a new one - N8XA

100 watts to center fed zepp - N9AUG

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I really need to look at my calendar more frequently. Could only operate PT as my XYL and I had planned/scheduled to put up kitchen ceramic wall tiles this weekend! I did enjoy the 6 hours I was able to squeeze in in between applying thin set, cutting tiles, and mixing more thin set and then grout! From my antenna challenged point of view, 160 was on fire! EU all over the place!! With only 100 watts and an inverted L that is only 35 feet vertical, it was still a mostly futile challenge to break through the east coast KW alley from the midwest on basically a QRP station. (Location alone accounting for at least -20DB!!) I did bag 3 new EU for my only 10 pointers, all at or just after EU sunrise Sunday morning. Always a fun time, and about 20DB more fun this year! Station conditions: Icom 756 ProIII 100 watts to either a Inverted L 35 feet vertical five 50' radials, or an Alpha Delta DX-LB at 35 feet broadside N-S. CU in WPX contests coming up! 73 Gene N9TF - N9TF

Only had a couple hours, but thought I'd confirm how poor my antenna is and play a little bit. Thanks for the good ears out there! - ND0C

Just getting to know 160 after almost 50 years of hamming.  
It's a fun band.  
Was really surprised to work Hiwaaa, Alaska, and Japan  
Sunday morning with my modest setup.  
73 and thanks for the QSO's.  
de Mike, ND4V - ND4V

Limited effort with a sloper at 30 feet. Next year...just wait 'til next year.  
- ND8L

PV power 12volt battery for Yeasu 867D with coax feeding 160 metter loop antenna.  
Xmit QTH on shoreline near Kalapana Hawaii. Aloha & 73. - NH6AH

Great propagation and ops with good ears. - NJ9Z

This callsign might look good on a RTTY screen, but  
it doesn't work very well on CW! - NM5NM

Took a week to get back to a "normal" sleep schedule but what a cheap price to  
pay for all the fun. See you next year. - NN0Q

Always fun. Always a challenge at 5 watts. Heard many stations  
East of the Mississippi, but was able to get through to only two  
of them. No luck with KH6 or JA, either. NO2D, Pete. - NO2D

Conditions looked great for the US. ? EU and the world. I have no 160 antenna  
but tuned the swr on what I have. - NP2L

Thanks to NP2B and NP2C for their wonderful island hospitality & friendship! -  
NP2X

First time contesting on 160 meters. Getting an antenna to work properly was an  
issue in my smaller city type lot. - NR7Q

2 nights with snowstorms made it almost impossible to hear signals  
below S9. Sorry to all the stations, that we could not copy, hope to  
do better in 2011 - OE2S

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Rigs IC-756pro + IC-2kl PWR 150W out. Ant GP - OH1TN

A pleasure to operate the superstation with 3-el rotary beam,  
4-square, and a dipole. TNX to Juha OH2NC for arranging the logistics.  
Bad propagation, especially to USA. - OH8X

RIG(s): IC746 + 700W PA; ANTENNA(s): INV. Vee 19 m high (one week ago contest I  
prepared GND HALFLOOP - highest point at 21m, but 3 hours before begin - OK1DQT

TS830S, ant. delta loop lazy - OK1FC

Elecraft K2-5W, ant LW 42m - OK1FKD

RIG(s): Kenwood TS570 D; ANTENNA(s): Dipole2x36m, - OK1HFP

RIG(s): ICOM IC-735 PWR 100W; ANTENNA(s): LW - OK1HX

THANKS FOR THE NICE CONTEST  
TRX TS430-80W ANT-G5RV - OK1KZ

TCVR FT840  
ANT 2x17,5m ZEPP. - OK1MNV

RIG(s): FT 897; ANTENNA(s): delta de v8 - OK1MZB

Elecraft K2 5w; Inveerted Vee for 160 m - OK1WF

CQ WW 160M CW Contest 2010-01-29 22:00 UTC - 2010-01-31 22:00 UTC  
Transceiver TS 2000 ( Power 100W )  
Antenna FD6

OK2BHL - off Times

2010-01-29 22:09 UTC	-	2010-01-30 06:20 UTC	08:11 ( 491min )
2010-01-30 17:50 UTC	-	2010-01-30 19:25 UTC	01:35 ( 95min )
2010-01-30 21:14 UTC	-	2010-01-31 01:23 UTC	04:09 ( 249min )
2010-01-31 02:47 UTC	-	2010-01-31 07:46 UTC	04:59 ( 299min ) - OK2BHL

RIG(s): TS440; ANTENNA(s): LW 30m - OK2BME

CONTEST QTH - HHRR of OK2RZ, ANTENNAS - vert 27m with 450 radials,  
inv V 24m high, beverages - 3 pieces 340m long each, 6 pieces 176m  
Last year I took part in this contest from my fixed QTH where I can  
use only inv. L 13m (vert.) + 25m ant. It is a huge difference. - OK2BYW

TRX Kenwood TS-690S PWR 100 W  
ANT LW 38 m - OK2BZM

RIG: Kenwood TS-570D; ANTENNA: Sloper 41m - OK2PQS

RIG(s): IC 706; ANTENNA(s): invert. L - OK2PTS

CQ WW 160M CW Contest 2010-01-29 22:00 UTC - 2010-01-31 22:00 UTC  
Transceiver FT 897D ( Power 100W )  
Antenna FD6  
OK2RDI - off Times

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2010-01-30 06:22 UTC - 2010-01-30 07:48 UTC 01:26 ( 86min )  
2010-01-30 09:07 UTC - 2010-01-30 09:37 UTC 00:30 ( 30min )  
2010-01-30 13:45 UTC - 2010-01-30 14:12 UTC 00:27 ( 27min )  
2010-01-30 15:40 UTC - 2010-01-30 17:10 UTC 01:30 ( 90min )  
2010-01-30 21:24 UTC - 2010-01-30 23:52 UTC 02:28 ( 148min ) - OK2RDI

RIG: K3 + PA, ANT: 27m shunt fed vertical, K9AY loop, beverage.

Cold WX, lot of snow and lack of time before the contest so antennas were not ready in time and not working as they should.

One beverage installed as late as Friday PM and finished in the dark. Having walked 2.5km over the fields in 30cm deep snow with wooden poles and heavy hammer made me feel a bit tired even before the contest started. After all it is called a radio sport, isn't it? :-)

The vertical had SWR over 3.5 and it was changing due to movement of the wires in the wind.

So an ATU in shack was used, retuned every 10kHz or so. Too bad in S&P.

I lost the first hour still solving the antenna issues. Computer hash prevented using the keyboard for keying, so used the paddle all the time.

Lower part of the band in EU was a horrible mess with 200Hz signal spacing and lots of clicks. Condx were good and

I enjoyed this great contest. CU next time. - OL0A

TNX contest - OM3BA

599 15 - OM3IAG

TRX: IC-706 PWR 100 WATTs ANT: G5RV - OM4DA

TRX: YAESU FT-857D PWR 100 WATTs ANT: 41 m LW - OM4DN

RIG(s): IC-751a; ANTENNA(s): wire 27m - OM4DU

FT-450 AT long wire 20m ant - OM7PY

my first 160 activation ever, and worked 10 states with 100W, I'm happy! - ON7RU

Relatively poor WX condx influencing on the band condx.

Pleased to find lot of entrants. Heard 2 Mexican stns and got QSO with one of them: XE2WWW for the famous difficult Zone6. - OQ3R

Elecraft K3, 100w, 80M vertical loop - OZ3SM

Rig: Icom IC-7400 (90 watts output)

Antenna: Loop and Inverted L - OZ5UR

USING ICOM ic746, k1el keyer and an inverted L antenna 20 Meters long in an 100 Sqm plot. - OZ7BQ

need to improve my typing skills..... - PA0CYW

Too little time as preparation for sons wedding had priority but at least made some contacts on this nice and busy band - PA0MIR

RIG: ELECRAFT K2 OUTPUT 5 WATTS.

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ANTENNA: END FED WIRE, 80 METERS LONG.  
I HEREWITH DECLARE THAT I USED A MAXIMUM OF 5 WATTS OUTPUT FOR ALL  
QSO'S,SIGNED R. BOERHORST - PA0RBO

TS-850 5 elm beam for 28/21/14 mhz vertical for 7 mhz sloper for 3.  
5 mhz sloper for 1.8mhz - PA0TCA

Nice condx first night, second night not as good. We are very pleased  
to have over 200 US in the log and 46 states. See you next year ! - PC5M

Good condx , nice activity - PG3N

Conditions from 12 degrees north latitude were not  
spectacular this year. While conditions to USA  
were good to above average, conditions to Europe  
were lackluster. We did not experience the usual  
daylight enhancement that makes Europe stations  
pop out of the morass of signals as the terminator  
passed over their QTH. We fell short of our hour  
by hour goals in terms of QSOs and total score. - PJ2T

Operation from Fernando de Noronha Island. First night really good.  
Second night much much worse. A RX Flag Antenna aimed north helped,  
specialy for low angle signals. We have enjoyed it. - PQ0F

RIG(s): 100W FT-897; ANTENNA(s): DIPOLE - RA1AL

5w ant LW 83m - RA2FB/QRP

IC-735, Ant:SLOPPER-160 - RA3QH

100 watts - RA6XB

RIG: FT-857; ANTENNA: GP - RA9AE

trcvr: Efir-M , pwr: 5watts  
ant: LW-77m - RA9CEX

RIG: IC775; ANTENNA: Bazuka - RA9DZ

RIG(s): K3; ANTENNA(s): H-frames 4X5 for all high bands. 3 el yagi for low bands  
- RC90

RIG R399 pwr-150W MIXW2  
ant DL160  
ALL THANKS FOR CONTEST CUL 73 RD3DS - RD3DS

TNX to ALL - RF3C

TNX FOR CONTEST! 73! SEE IN CQ-160-SSB - RN6AH

RIG(s): FT-950 100 wt; ANTENNA(s): 6 band GP - RU4AW

TNX FOR CONTEST - RU9AC

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RIG(s): IC-756PROIII; ANTENNA(s): DELTA LOOP - RU9UG

Good contest! See you in the next year! - RV3LO

RIG(s): IC-756 pro2, Ameritron AL-811H; ANTENNA(s): in.Vee - RV3NB

RIG(s): FT-950; ANTENNA(s): Delta, INV.V - RV9UB

ft840,GP(H=17) - RV9YZ

TNX FOR CONTEST

RIG: FT2000; ANTENNA: INV V - RW0BG

Icom 706 power 5 watts, Ant LW 120m - RW3AI

Prop was poore, all QSO'S was too hard

RIG: FT-950(5watts) + MFJ-993B; ANTENNA: LW 180m long - RW4AA/9

RIG:JRC:JST-145

ANT:Inv.Vee 160 - RW6AHO

Rig: Elecraft K2 Ant: LW 85m - RW6FO

RIG(s): FT-2000; ANTENNA(s): Inv Vee, GP - RW9RN

RIG(s): ft100mark V; ANTENNA(s): delta - RW9TR

RIG: YAESU FT-1000MP; ANTENNA: GP - RX3DBH

73!

RIG(s): IC 746; ANTENNA(s): multy dipole - RX3VF

RIG(s): Icom 756 pro II, power 100 wts; ANTENNA(s): 6/5/4/2/1 el Quad (10/15/20/40/80), dipole (80/160) - RX9AM

Beautyfull competition - see you next year!!!

RIG(s): IC-746; ANTENNA(s): serial 2 inverted L - RX9CAZ

TNX FOR CONTEST! 73! - RZ6AW

RIG(s): IC-746; ANTENNA(s): DELTA 20m H - RZ9YB

QRX 0701-0732, 0828-1612, 0237-0308, 0308-0408, 0756-1618 - S50A

K3, FT1000MPMV Field, OM2500HF, SO2R - S52OP

RIG(s): FT1000MP, TL922; ANTENNA(s): Inverted V @ 15m - S57C

RIG(s): MARK V + PA; ANTENNA(s): Delta Loop - S57M

RIG: FT 1000MP; ANTENNA: INV. V - S57Q

FT-817ND; INV.L. AND 2el.MOKSON BEAM - S59D

PWR: 500 W ANT: DIPOLE - SF7WT

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Nice with so many stations QRV. My antenna, 2x5m vertical dipole, was too bad. TX=K2  
PWR=5W. - SM5CJW

Rig Elecraft K3 100W  
OFFTIME 2010-01-30 0300-0700 = 4 hours  
OFFTIME 2010-01-30 0900-2200 = 13 hours  
OFFTIME 2010-01-31 0200-0800 = 6 hours  
OFFTIME 2010-01-31 0900-1900 = 10 hours - SM5CSS

Rig Yaesu FT 817 5 W Ant LW - SM6AHU

Just for the fun of it and bring some points to a few. Avoided  
computer transmitting by using my true sidesweeper. CW at its best. - SM6FUD

RIG: FT2000D; ANTENNA: 1/4 lambda sloper - SN2I

IC756 pro 3, ant square 164 m - SN9V

TRX: FT1000MP + PA 500W  
TX ANT: Inv. V  
RX Ant: K9AY  
Passive time total 20 H.  
Active time total 28 H. - SP2GJV

IC-765  
ANT: INVERTED "L" - SP3GTS

TRX FT-950, PWR 100 Watts, ANT Inverted L - SP3HC

IC-735 100 W  
DIPOLE 2X40 M - SP6BEN

trx K-3  
power 0,1 W  
ant inv V - SP6T

I use IC746 and INV160m antenna 15m above ground. Thanks to all for  
nice fun in the contest. Vy 73 de Chris SP7DCS - SP7DCS

FT1000MP, ANTENNA: G5RV - SP7FBQ

Fb contest - SP9JZT

Vertical antenna 15 m toploaded  
Auto tuner 5M2 by SV1NL  
Elecraft k2/100  
Linear 2XQB4/1100 home made - SV1GRD

Antenna experiments at the seashore were the main goal besides activating the IRA  
club station on Top Band. - TF3IRA

very good just one qso - TF3SG

Chance to operate from magnificent station of TF4M.

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First night disturbed conditions to US, lot of dirty signals and rude behavior.  
- TF4X

RIG(s): FT2K; ANTENNA(s): GP - UA0DC

CUL CONTEST

RIG(s): IC735 Power 100 wttts; ANTENNA(s): DELTA 40 M - UA0SBQ

RIG: ICOM-7000 (80 watts)

ANT: EH antenna, long 1,5 meters and up 8 meters. - UA1ACO

ICOM-718,DELTA 160 METRS - UA1CUR

RIG(s): IC-746; ANTENNA(s): Vertical - UA1OAM

RIG(s): TS-850S; ANTENNA(s): IV-i - UA2CZ

RIG(s): FT-2000 100watts; ANTENNA(s): Dipole - UA3DCI

RIG(s): TS-2000; ANTENNA(s): LW - UA3DL D

Cool contest. - UA4CCG

TCVR: FT-1000MP, ANT: DL-160 - UA4FCO

73 TNX - UA4HIP

TNX & 73 to ALL! - UA4PN

Great contest ! - UA9MA

RIG(s): ICOM-756; ANTENNA(s): LW all bands - UA9SAW

RIG: FT-1000MP; ANTENNA: - UA9SP

RIG: IC756 PRO3; ANTENNA: DELTA LOOP, GP - UN1F

RIG(s): IC-718; ANTENNA(s): DELTA - UN5C

RIG(s): IC 756PRO; ANTENNA(s): GP - UN8GV

RIG(s): FT 920; ANTENNA(s): Dipole - UN8PT

Radio: ICOM IC-756 PRO, 500W Antennas: GP - UN9GD

GOOD CONTEST.TKS GL - UR3GO

IC-775DXII - UR5E

RIG(s): IC 731; ANTENNA(s): InV 160m - UR6IS

RIG(s): IC-718; ANTENNA(s): DP-160m, Delta - 80,40 m, GP - other - UR7EQ

RIG(s): TS-870S; PA 3 x GU50; ANTENNA(s) IN.V. - UR8RF

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TNX for nice contest ! - US1IV

RIG(s): YAESU FT - 2000; ANTENNA(s): Dipole - US3IZ

Pwr- 50 w Tx- HomeMade ANT - LW=42m - US7IB

100wt, GP-18m - UT2LU

RIG: TS-830; ANTENNA: I,V - UT2QQ

RIG(s): TS-570D; ANTENNA(s): IV - UT3QT

RIG(s): ; ANTENNA(s): i.v. - UT4VW

RIG(s): IC-760PRO; ANTENNA(s): 160,80m-delta loop up17m,40-10m 2el.delta loop up 20m. - UT5ECZ

IC706 5w invL - UU7JF

Thanks for nice contest! - UX3HA

RIG(s): ICOM 756 pro3; ANTENNA(s): GP - UX3IW

Tnx for contest! - UX5TQ

RIG(s): FT897D; ANTENNA(s): GP - UX8IX

ICOM-756 PRO II, Kenwood TL-922 600 W out  
120 ft tower, 3 elevated radials 50 m 10 ft high for 160 m - V31YN

Some good winter fun (only -30C) from the cottage qth! - VA3CCO

Always a ton of fun in the contest ... - VA3DX

K2, 5w, 1/4-wave wire at 20'. Great condx for QRP the first night. - VA3RKM

FT-950/LDG Z11-pro/Winkeyer USB/40m full wave loop opened - VE2EZD

Cottage QTH on the Ottawa River. Minus 25C outside, but comfy in the cottage.  
Antennas - Folded inverted L with 3 elevated radials, plus a Beverage aimed NE.  
Elecraft K3 in Diversity mode, Ameritron AL80B with QSK mod. - VE2OJ

I enjoy operating at "off" hours in any 160-meter event just to see what sort of propagation the band really is capable of---and it's always surprising to see just how far & wide 160 is capable of propagating, even at high noon! Topband truly is a "24 hour event", beyond doubt! - VE3CUI

VE3FUJ My first entry into this contest, band was very busy, but didn't have trouble making qso's, even though I was only running 5W, and using a SIMPLE WIRE antenna. I've only been partaking in contests about 6 mths so far, need a bit more experience, but I think I'll be back, I did enjoy it. My attention span is about 3-4 hrs, must work on that. Thanks to all, 72. Brion -30- - VE3FUJ

Used the Elecraft K3 with the TR4W logging software. This was my first CQ 160M

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contest. My small inverted vee/open wire line, fed as an unbalanced load  
RIG(s): Elecraft K3 - 100 Watts; ANTENNA(s): Inverted vee with tuned feeders, fed  
as an unbalanced load. - VE3GFN

Managed to get into the contest for just over 6 hours. I was using an elecraft  
K2 at 5w to a windom antenna up about 30 feet. Condx were better then I was  
expecting! - VE3MO

fun time again - VE3PN

RIG(s): 746pro 400W amp; ANTENNA(s): INV-L - VE5UF

Always good fun though I wasn't able to operate for many hours. Good  
to hear all the old timers. - VE7CA

Another good contest and some great signals, but very poor to USA this year.  
Thanks for the nice qso's.  
I certainly need a better TX antenna.  
Hope to do better, next year. - VK3IO

Again, it was a tough going, but it was fun.  
Thanks to all who managed  
to pick up my signal from the noise. - VK6DXI

What a contest!! Started like gangbusters with rates >100hr until snow, 60mph winds  
and ice messed up swr on verticals. Sat pm off to the races until ele - VY2/N3DXX

Great contest, I learned quite a bit about operating  
operating technique. At the end of this contest  
called CQ instead of search and pounce for my  
last 10 contacts. My first time ever calling CQ in  
a CW contest! Thank you to the 10 souls who  
were patient with me at the end. - W0BM

I ONLY WORKED THE CONTEST FOR TWO HOURS BUT THE BAND WAS GOOD AND  
AND I HAD A LOT OF FUN WITH MY QRP K3, HY-TOWER VERT AND SEPERATE  
RECEIVE DOUBLET - W0CZ

Very good DX condx on Friday followed by good condx  
on Sat. Wkd all states, many provinces, and 20 dxcc.  
Thanks for hearing my 100 watts!  
73 Ken, W0ETT  
Parker, CO - W0ETT

there are some good ears out there! - W0NV

MY NEW INVERTED L WORKED GREAT! I CAN'T BELIEVE I WORKED SO MANY COUNTRIES! 160  
RULES! GO CTRI! - W1AN

Had fun using N1MM Logger and Winkey keyer.  
My first time computer logging. It is a whole new world.  
Started late because of laying last minute radials down in the bitter  
cold that night and then freezing, I entered the wrong contest  
into the program and missed half a dozen contacts. Many thanks  
to those great operators for squeezing my signal out of the noise. - W1FMR

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A GREAT contest on a favorite band! 57 Total 10-pt Q's and 47 5-pt Q's (11 NA DX + 36 VE) and 95 total mults. Put in alot of chair time for me: 9+ hrs each eve/night with a few hrs during daylight. US/VE missed: LA, ND (again!), and SD; LB, NU, NWT and YU. Quiet condx Fri but weak EU sigs...bad storm static crashes Saturday but better/longer EU sigs near/at their S/R. Thanks to all the distant ops who copied my low power/low altitude compromise antenna signal. Many thanks to all for the Q's and patience with repeats with QSB, QRN and my occasional dead-air time when keyboard/software flummoxed!

filter improvements) at 100w; primary tx/rx ant - 3/8 wvl Inv L sloping 36' vert/150' horiz wire and 18 gnd radials mostly 1/8 wvl; secondary rx ant - short 210' unterminated Beverage on ground (BOG) aiming ENE/WSW.

at 115' ASL; relatively quiet noise level ("I can hear 'em but can't always work 'em!"). Well done to CQ for the new Unofficial Claimed Scores listing for this contest on the contest website...very nice addition! It was fun being "in the fray" once again on 160m. 73,  
Bill W1WBB - W1WBB

Well, it wasn't quite as great as last year, when we probably had the best 160 conditions in 2 decades, but it was still lots of fun last weekend. Goo - W2GD

First contest at my new QTH. Spent the first 4 hours building and installing an inverted L in the freezing cold. Missed having a receive antenna. Had some great rates running 100W first night. Lots of great ops and great conditions add up to make a fun time! - W2ID

TS-50 running 5 watts blew up after one hour! - W2RR

IT GETS TOUGHER AS I GET OLDER, MY EARS AREN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE AND THE LONGER I SIT, THE MORE IT HURTS...FUN THO ! - W3BGN

Lots of fun - W3WH

I slept too much this year! - W4AA

A nice test of the preamp added into the rx system. The K9AY with the preamp was better rx in all cases. Nice. - W4KAZ

Great contest - good conditions - W4RYW

cows in the beverage - W4SEC

Three wattmeters (two Oak Hill WM-2 and Autex Research WM1 in tandem) between xcvr and antenna tuner to insure power level always below 5 watts - W4TMR

I was delighted to work BY7IO for my #121 on top band. - W6JTI

Conditions were good !

Fifty Seven Years Of Contest Operating - W6PU

Not as good as last year but probably better than next year! - W7AT

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well. I got the old NC183 working again (shorted bypass cap) and the ARC5 vfo and 6AG7/807 keyed MOPA perked along, but the 833A final drew so much current key down that that the line voltage dropped a bit and made my vfo drift that made it difficult for some stations to copy me great band conditions, a fun contest - W7DRA

1st time entry. Had much fun. Great contest great condx - W7MTL

W7RH operation from Westwood Ranch, Arizona.  
Rig TS-480, solar and wind powered at 100W  
Antenna 5 element array  
Fantastic DX activity, with not as many multipliers as last year. However, DX runs at times were better than state side and there were far more 10 point QSOs than previous competition. Topband continues to amaze and dazzle with another great contest! 73 best DX Bob, W7RH - W7RH

Best 160 contest every. Worked Europe, South America and Hawaii with a dipole.  
- W8DCQ

Great contest; thoroughly enjoyed it. - W8HMK

Need to do away with the phoney useless 599 signal reports in the exchange - W8IM

Good conditions. Lots of fun. - W8KEN

Rig Elecraft K2 @ 5watts Ant is 160 Inverted L up 60 feet with elevated radials  
- W8VE

Fun contest ! Friday night was definitely alot better conditions  
Equipment : Elecraft K2 / Antennas: Off Center Dipole & Full wave loop  
17deg.F outside but had a cozy fire going in our log cabin shack!! - W8ZHO

Congrats to all who copied my 100mw signal. - W9SE

Seems like I need to spend more trying for dx and less time CQ-ing. - WA1CFN

Station: K-3, Alpha 76A, 160 meter inverted v supported by 35 ft. flag pole located at edge of 1200 ft. over look near Zion National Park, Utah.  
Good opening into EU and Asia Friday night, not so strong on Saturday evening. Heard state side stations south of me working stations I could not hear so I know improvements are needed in the beverage antennas.  
Hope to have shunt fed tower up here next year better receiving antennas.  
Find it hard to stay awake all night. Still enjoy the 160 meter contest season. - WA7LNW

INVERTED L VERTICAL 90 FT WITH COIL AT MIDPOINT AND 4 RADIALS - WB3JKQ

Great time for a contest with the snow storm all weekend. - WB4MSG

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Finally put up an inverted L and got it to playing fairly well. Mostly chased mults and managed to get five DX stations.

Thanks for the fun! - WB6BFG

Tnx to the patience of the big guns out there for copying my 35 watts into a 70ft end-fed random wire up at 12 feet. - WB8JAY

Conditions not as good as last year, but a great time nonetheless! - WB8JUI

A fun contest. A bit of a challenge without a receiving antenna. - WB8K

excellent "quiet" condx and the new four square array made this contest very fun indeed. - WD5COV

Great propagation and a new station location. New SD Logging software - WD5T

Amazing what you can do with a 55 Foot Vertical, 15 ground radials (50 feet long), and 100 watts (Kenwood TS-180s) on 160 meters. What a great band, and fun contest. - WD8DSB

What an UNFORGETTABLE contest. While my score won't land me in the top ten, this will certainly be on my top 10 list of contests I've done.

Wall to wall Europeans, well in excess of two hours before sunset. I've never heard anything like it. Unfortunately, for whatever reason, EU couldn't hear me all that well Friday night/Saturday morning. Seems like each EU QSO was a struggle, but I did manage topping my best country total in the first night at 41 countries (previous best was 25) and had all but two states in the log (SD and OK), along with 851 QSOs.

So my best country total in the first night was cool enough, but then Saturday happened. Same thing as before. EU heard well before my sunset, but after sunset, I wasn't hearing as many as the night before. But this time they were answering my CQs. I couldn't believe it. I was being heard. Not a lot of stations, but one here and there. Then at about 0440z (10:40pm local), someone flipped a switch and one after another 10-pointer called in, and nearly all the USA stations disappeared. This lasted for 4 full hours, way after sunrise in EU. Notable was S50A who called me nearly two hours after his sunrise!

Now of course none of this is all that spectacular from an East Coast perspective, but this was central Wisconsin. Even KOTG at the W0AIH superstation said "I never have heard of a EU run on 160 from this part of NA." And never have I. I worked an unbelievable 157 ten-pointers (141 EU). In comparison, in 2006 I had 12 ten-pointers and only 5 last year. I had to keep reminding myself that this isn't 40M. But with wall to wall DX, it was especially hard to find a place to CQ, especially since most of the contest, the DX wasn't hearing me. When I would find a clear frequency, it wasn't but a few minutes later that some DX would start calling CQ on my freq. At one point, there was a SA station and two EU (and me) all calling CQ on my frequency that was previously clear. And I think I was the only one hearing

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the others.

I didn't operate as many hours as I would have liked. I took a 1.5 hour nap from 2:30am-4am and was treated to my one and only JA (JH2FXK) right at my sunrise and I pulled the plug a few minutes later to get some sleep. I didn't start back up on time, plus had to have dinner with my mother and daughter, then I was back in the chair until nearly 3am. I had set the alarm for another 1.5 hour nap, but nothing could wake me back up at 4:30am. So I slept in until well after sunrise. I got up and started packing up the station for the drive home. This "station" was simply some wires threw up on Thanksgiving. An inverted L (up 85') and a 1000' 2-wire beverage at my mother's house. I bring up the K3, amplifier, computer and comfortable chair for the weekend. Noise on the TX antenna is S1-2 during the day, when the neighbor turns off the S9+30dB electric fence.

Thanks for all the QSOs! - WE9V

thanks to all the good ops in the contest - they make it fun - WI8A

Nice conditions and a lot of fun for me. - WI9WI

A bit less DX than last year but some nice runs, so with 14:22 hours this year managed to top my last-year's score (based on 19 hours in the chair). Receiving here in the city is a problem with no space for Beverages. With 600 watts and a couple of 1/4-wave slopers it is possible to work most everyone I can hear. - W09S

Terrific conditions! I worked a lot of stations while just running 5 W or less.  
- WW3DE

500 watts to a 12 foot top loaded vertical did the job - WX7G

Tnx to all for contact with my station, see you in SSB contest - XE2MVS

Congrast to all. See you on SSB contest, 73. - XE2NS

Radio : ICOM IC-751  
Power : 100 watts  
Antenna : K6MM HWV - YC2LEV

This is our participate from the place that far enough from our base station. We learn how to manage and get the highest score as we expected, 46 DXCC in one contest from equator line ! QRV from height 1050 M above sea level at Malang mountain Subang - West Java. Thanks to all QSOs !! (<http://yelc.wordpress.com>)  
Station - YE1C

RIG(s): ts 430 s; ANTENNA(s): dipole - YE1ZAL

RIG(s): TS 50; ANTENNA(s): DIPOLE - YO2CJX

Pleased to run my 10-th in row CQ-160 CW contest, variable conditions, good activity

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from YO's.

RIG: IC-7000, Sloping 41m wire and K9AY on 330 & 30 degrees in downtown location  
!, 73 Szigy. - YO2IS

Tnx for your QSO - YO3JW

gro 2xgu74 pwr 1000watts - YO4KCC

RIG: KENWOOD TS-450SAT 100 Watts

ANT: DIPOL

Big noise in my location.

73s ! - YO4SI

I don't want work QRP but my TRCVR "say" HSWR(high SWR) if I do more !  
I enjoy my first contacts in 160 meters !! - YO5CUQ

RIG: FT-897D; PA: 500 W; ANT: INV V - YO8KOS

73 AND GOOD LUCK FROM ROMANIA! - YO9AGI

YOFF-014 QSL Via YO3JW - YP1WFF

FT - 897 + PA 300W DIPOLE 5m high HI! - YR5T

IC-746pro, dipole, 1KW - YT5W

Yaesu FT-990 ANT. DIPOLE 160 - YU7DP

WORKING 160 QRP IS REAL NIGHTMARE ONLY 7 STATIONS  
IN 24 HOURS SURE NEED BETTER ANTENNAS FOR MY CITY LOT  
AND ADD MORE POWER SEE YOU NEXT YEAR AGAIN 73 MEL - YV6BXN

Thanks to all concerned in running the contest. - ZC4LI

I flew home Saturday. Operated 2nd night as K0BJ, lasted 90 minutes. - ZF2BJ

TX Ant: Inverted vee dipole + inverted L

RX Ant: Terminated Delta Loop

Equipment: FT1000MP Mk V Field radio + AL80A amp 400W

Conditions seemed to range from poor to average at my QTH, with Saturday night being significantly better than Sunday night. The short path to Asia and Europe seemed to be in reasonable shape, but propagation to America was poor with QSOs being limited to the Caribbean and the western areas of USA and Canada. The best DX worked was RZ2M and RX3APM. I noted that some stations had very loud signals and good ears to match. In this category, PJ2T was the most notable, with KV4FZ, JT1CO and several JA stations not far behind.

Despite the patchy conditions I ended up logging twice as many QSOs as in 2009, mainly due to the use of a new RX antenna which helped me dig another layer of signals out of the local man made QRN. The QRN emanates from various sources in a nearby industrial area and is typically S7 to S9 in a 250 Hz bandwidth. The RX antenna is a terminated delta loop, with the null orientated towards the industrial area. - ZL1AZE