

SSB Soapbox

A geat contest! My first ever 160m contest
I hope to beat my score in 2011, will work you all then
As always SD was a great help during the contest! - 2M0SRF

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

With 2 plus feet of snow on a sagging dipole and trees, I was able to work DX
and out to the west coast with 100 watts. - AA2DS

This is a great program. Easy to use and freeware. - AB1BR

Fun contest, although conditions were not that great here in Northern CA. - AF6PA

Wish I had More Time! - AJ4CU

My first time for CQ WW 160 SSB. - AJ4IM

After a long time again a phone contest. I think in future
I will stay with CW! - DA0I

Matched 80m Slooper + FT950 100W - DG8DP

Small log with in contest storm-damaged antenna - DG8FAY

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

QRP 5 Watt from FT817 >Tuner Z11 > off center fed dipole FD3.
UCX Log > Cabrillo Log > Email
Many thanks to the organizer, also to the
Big Guns for their patience listening my weak signal. - DJ3GE

Hi, only a short test for my bad Antenna - DJ6TK

RIG: IC756PROIII 100W Ant: G5RV @ 18m Glassfiber Tower - DK1YY

Checklog - DL3BXX

Yaesu FT-450 Icom IC-2KL Yaesu FC-102 Loop 168 Meter - DL4ZA

Had a lot of fun in QRP like every year.
Two QSO less but three DXXC more than 2009, nice what is possible
with 5 watts only. Tnx all the stations, which heard me.
vy 73 de Manfred DL7UMK ! - DL7UMK

TS 850S / Dipol - DL8NBJ

FT-1000MP + Pa ALPIN 100 + Sloper 160m - DM2BPG

Dipole FD5 and 50 Watts - DO9ST

First CQ WW 160m. - DP4D

Very bad propagation in my area - DU1BP

I enjoyed again this test like every year and now

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I am working for better RX for next year. Thanks to all - EA3FF

La majoria d'estacions tenen problemes de recepció. TOTAL 3 QSO - EA3FHP

ED1R - CQ 160m SSB 2010 Team (EC1KR, EA4TD, EA4AOC, EC4JD and EC4DX). FT1000MP-MKV + ALPHA 91B + WINTEST 4.4 ANT 1 = VERTICAL 40M High with 70 Radials ANT 2 = L VERTICAL with 70 Radials SWL = Vertical K9AY for SWL. - ED1R

Equipments: Icom 751-A 100 W. Windom 1/4 wave for top band to much qrm by wind saturday, cu next year 2011 73,s - EG3B

only a couple contacts qrp - EI4GXB

After suffering for a long time with an electrical noise source we managed to track it down to a 220KV power line some 5 miles away!

With the assistance of a local ham, the power company managed to rectify the problem fairly quickly, for which we are grateful.

We made a decision now our noise source had disappeared to improve our beverage receiving and distribution system, unfortunately this wasn't ready for the CW leg but a big effort was made to get it ready for SSB but it had not been tested as much as we would have liked before hand.

We found the Conditions were good the first night with a steady stream of NA's calling, not so good the second night but still a good number calling.

A surprise was our new beverage to south America, it was so quiet that we did think it wasn't working properly but we worked quite a number of south Americans including PY0F and several LU's which was great.

Low Points were hearing a few states but not being able to work these, one especially was W1CEM in KS who was very loud and just CQ'ing in our face even after several attempts we missed KS.

High Points were the performance of our receiving system which seemed to work well, also being called by VO1HP in the last few minutes of the contest for a new mult NF.

Thanks to all who called and the hard work of the guys this end to get us ready and also to those who travelled to be with us.

See you on the next one. - EI7M

RIG: IC-756pro, TR4W, UnicomDual; ANTENNA: 1/2 wave dipole 35 m up - EU1AZ

247760 - EW8DD

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

73!

RIG: Kenwood TS-950SD; ANTENNA: Delta Loop - EW8DX

A new RX 4SQ antenna helped us to a new record score for us. But we discovered a strong noise source to our west, so receiving from NA and Caribbean was difficult. We had a lot of rain so the meadow was more like a paddy field which obviously helped the TX antenna. Dave, G3UEG - G3UEG

I enjoyed using SD for logging once more. - G4NXG/M

Limited time (and none in morning US window) to operate from small station at home.

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K2/100 + PA. 400W. Inv-V, top @ 14m - G4PIQ

First cq ww 160m contest good start worked about 5hrs - G5G

Very busy and more stations heard than worked so no surprises there then! - G7DDN

Well this year its started out as a Zoo, boy was it busy Nice to hear so many on, in general operating was quite good with good manners however I did hear some out of band operating tut tut ! Conditions were fairly good with lots of eu and na dx I could only hear cuagn 73 - GM4UBJ

IC-756 ProII into a 160M 1/4 wave vertical - GM6NX

Just a token few contacts from here. - GW4BLE

No Stateside stations worked
Must get a better antenna! - GW4EVX

Rig: IC-756, set power: 5W
Ant: Vertical(28m)
Rx ant: EWE - HA8BE

Equipment TS950-SD, Drake R8, PA 1 KW, Dipoles and Titanex vertical - HB9CXZ

Heil PSP. FT-2000D. PWR: 200W (only). Vertical 24m high with four top head wires each 9m long. dipole on one side 8m the other side 25m high. was nice - HB9EE

2x IC781 + PA, 1/4 wave vert, hotizontal quad, 3 wave long beverages(8) - HG8DX

Not a serious effort, but funny anyway. Bob, I2WIJ - I2WIJ

hi,20 khz band very limited for italy,73 fabio - I4FYF

Low power 100 watt, loaded antenna 14 meters long - IT9VCE

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

Deaf on local qso without K9AY antenna and
1 beverage 170 mt long
Great fun - IW2LLH

3 minutes only....

KENWOOD 570D,5 W OBTAINED BY INTERNAL REGULATION. LOOP ANT - IZ1DGG

First time in 160m with 100w and a new homebrew vertical OCFD loaded antenna - thanks - IZ5FFI

My first top band contacts! - K0ANS

K	NA	DX	Mult
95	12	0	37
Total : 107 QSOs, 9250 points - K0JJR			

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KANSAS - KORH

Time to get out the antenna book for spring - K0SRL

Lost my logging computer, oh well - K2CS

First 160M contest with just a 132 foot wire in a severely bent condition. No radials and 3:1 SWR with no dip. OYE VEY! - K3FT

"Unlike CW, it was a struggle to make contacts on SSB with just 5 watts." - K3TW

Special thanks to my Dad N8QP who redid my wire antenna setup resulting in better numbers than last year. - K4GOP

MY 1ST 160 M CONTEST, ENJOYED! - K4MGA

Thanks to all who worked us. Conditions were not as good as last year. Although our score was a little better just seemed like it was much harder to m - K4NV

Biggest thrill was working LU2DKT after hearing him the night before. - K5KT

The new transmit array of 4 verticals worked very well. Fortunately, there was only a fairly short period the second night with static crashes of any consequence. - K5RX

Nice conditions to Europe, but always difficult to hear among the local QRM. - K5ZD

Yaesu FT897D at 100 watts, a Battery,
and the N8XJK 12 Volt Boost Regulator,
20 foot high 120 foot delta loop with shorted twin lead
109 contacts (1 dup)
31 states, 2 provinces, 5 countries - K7RFW

RIG: FT-1000MP MARK V TRANSCEIVER, AL-800H LINEAR AMPLIFIER,
TOP-LOADED VERTICAL ANTENNA FOR TRANSMIT/RECEIVE. - K8OQL

Operated 160m mobile from Santa Fe, NM. with Icom IC-706MKII and High Sierra Screwdriver with extra coil and CB whip. Band conditions not as good as last year but signals covered entire 160m band at times. Lots of QRM!! - K9GAJ/M

Got 160 dipole up the morning of the contest.
GOOD BAND CONDITIONS but Grandson got priority! - K9IDQ

Not a fun contest! Brutal QRM!
Over 300 fewer Q's than last year due to having to go to the aid of a client.
Consequently, short on hours
Thanks for all the Q's - K9NR

It is good for CW ops to get on SSB once in awhile! - K9WWT

Very limited time Friday night! - KB9OWD

A few new states - doing OK with 90 watts - KD3HN

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Hooked again...the most polite contest on the planet...many more than last year noted on the band. No Europe or JA as yet...rats! Keep coming back, ya hear! - KD7DCR

1st contest...learned WE needed to turn More Qs...RAN 2nd nite with manual logging and 1 Op is NOT the way to go! Was FUN. - KE5YD

My second contest and first on 160. Worked about four hours, had lot's of fun. - KE7ADU

Nice wx, great shrimp, had a great time! - KF4GLE

Good conditions the first night. Limited effort this time due to time constraints - late start but WAS the first night except for Vt. I Had to quit before second night got started. Still, lots of fun!
73 de Craig KG7H - KG7H

Fun event would liked to have seen more DX stations - KI7DG

Thanks to all those who struggled to hear my puny signal - KK0Q

First time Phone was Lots of Fun - KU8T

Just a few hours of S&P and hardly worth submitting. I was plagued by power line noise, but I still enjoyed working the contest for a while. - KY4P

Conditions not favourable for us, few DX
Still, enjoyed contest - LA2AB

10 W average output, random wire antenna - LA6BNA

I was only active for 12 hours ! cu next year 73s de Philippe LX2A / LX7I - LX7I

RIG: TS850+PA~500W; ANTENNA: Delta Loop - LY2FN

RIG: FT990; ANTENNA: - LY2J

RIG: ICOM 765; ANTENNA: Diode - LY4CW

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

FT-990AC, Dipole. - LY9A

AERIAL PROBLEMS

Inverted-L

Hign QRN on Saturday - M0E2P

. - M8M

Anna ran stations while I logged and looked over operations- she did a great job!
- NOAH

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Antenna 100 ft. long piece of wire tacked to side of house and end on garage, SWR OK with a tuner. Ran QRP to avoid TVI. - N0JK

Missed WA and NV. Had fun and almost fell out of chair when CN3A called me. - N00DK

great to see so many signals on -- but sure is a challenge operating 100 watts!
- N0RQ

HAD A BLAST!!!!!! SEE U NEXT YEAR!! - N1ABY

This year, Murphy visited our contest site on Murphy Drive before we arrived. First, a snowstorm forced us to delay our arrival at the site on Friday. - N2CW

Murphy lives in my shack. - N2EIK

100 watts into an inverted L with 4 above ground ground radials at 8 feet does the trick here.

MY goal was to work the 2 outstanding states I needed for WAS on 160 and I was successful. I got two ND stations and one KL7 Sunday morning. As I tuned across the band I heard a station say, "Thanks for Alaska," and my dial hand froze. Even better I was able to hear the KL7. I pronged the magic pronger on the voice keyer and he heard me. Luckily he had not yet been posted or it might have been a sad frustrating story. This was 6:45 local just in time for the magic of grayline.

The ND station was found posted low in the band, a KD4, while I was packet pouncing. I clicked on a spot and heard him say, I thought, that he was in NC. When I worked him he said, "North Dakota" and I couldn't believe it. I asked for a repeat on the state and it was indeed North Dakota. A little while later I worked a second ND station - not as exciting as the first time around.

So all I need now are the LoTW matches or the cards.

Late Sunday afternoon I did a bit of running to get a few more QSO's in the log, but the mission was accomplished. I am very happy about my 163 Q's. I may even have 2 new entities for DXCC in the log as I am now half way to DXCC on 160 without a linear.

The four radials will have to be taken down in a few weeks before the gardening season begins. That will be at the end of the long snow shoveling season this year.

I must also report that I am now (Sunday night) a little punchy after two contests and

one ham radio flea market in the same weekend. - N2FF

One of the best contest of the year. - N2HMM

10 Year old YL Extra class - N2PKP

Well, it wasn't 2009... Loudest signal from EU was HG8DX Sunday morning, most consistent signal was CR2X. My hat is off to all the LP and QRP folks who braved the waters during this event, wall to wall crud is not a lot of fun. Still there were some nice openings both East and West. Never heard NV or KL7 for WAS. Was very happy to provide, what appears to have been tough this contest, the TN multiplier to many. Thought I was going to miss VT too, but Sunday was kind. Thanks to W3DQ for DC and, as always, to all our VE friends for

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the 5 pointers. - N2WN

Had a great time. Highlight was having Slovenia and the Czech Republic call me.
- N3FP

Needed 4 states to finish WAS phone on 160, WY,CA,RI, and AK got all of them except AK, Oh, well, maybe next year. - N4ARO

First 160 contest for me - great operators, lots of fun. Many states and a few near countries in my total. Need to do some antenna work before next s - N4DTF

CONDX STRANGE...SECOND NIGHT BEST FOR DX FROM HERE.
HIGHLIGHTS WORKING (2) SV8's...MISSED AK AND NV THIS
YEAR. STILL A LOT OF FUN EVEN WITH JUST A SMALL STATION. - N4PN

Worked 47 states and DC plus Hawaii - only missed MT and Alaska. SOAPBOX:
Haven't run a frequency in a long time, it was wild - pile-ups calling me from every direction - OR, GA, IA, TX, NY, CA, NC, CO, AZ, all at the same time!
160 was solid 5&9 signals from 1803 to 1999 KHz! Conditions were very good, I didn't need the amp for much of the contest, but had to use it for Europe and Hawaii. - N9LB

322 contacts 58 multipliers - N9UY

Gotta get a receiving loop!
Had company over the weekend and my operating time was limited.
Thanks to all for the Q's.
73, Mike - ND4V

Had to do this one alone this time. My "partner in crime", Steve, KD5LNO suffered a heart attack in early February. Here's to a full recovery and next year my friend. - ND8DX

Spent an hour or so early Saturday morning handing out a few contacts and checking the old Icom 2KL amp to make sure it was working. QSO: 1800 PH
2010-02-27 1211 NG7Z 599 WA NR5M 599 -
NG7Z

after a nice skiing weekend I just gave out a few points for BCC - OE2S

Rig: FT1000MP
Power: 100W
Ant: LW83m - OK1DOL

RIG(s): IC746+ 700W input home brew PA; ANTENNA(s): Inv. Vee 19m UP, K9AY and vertical loop for RXing. I alternated contesting and monitoring of the O - OK1DQT

TS830S, ant. delta loop - OK1FC

RIG(s): Kenwood TS570 D 100W; ANTENNA(s): Dipole2x36m,,Ldipole2x21m - OK1HFP

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

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DX-77E + EDX-2 + 1/2 VS1AA (cca 20 m long) - OK1VHV

IC746, Inv. L ant. - OK2BFN

Contest QTH - HHRR of OK2RZ, ANT - vert.27m, inv.V 24m high, rx bevs - OK2BYW

RIG(s): TS-870S; ANTENNA(s): L 20M - OK2KFK

FT-950, 100W, LW 41m, Vertical CP6 - OK2TC

59 15 - OM3IAG

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

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

Last week I got a new TRX: IC-756PROIII and I just wanted to give the receiver a good test and check if I could work stateside with 100W and a full-size dipole in this contest ... the RX is OK and and I did work Stateside :-) ... see you next year! - ON9CC

First 160 M contest, thanks. - PA1NHZ

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

RIG: ft2000; ANTENNA: r8 - RA1QD

RIG(s): ; ANTENNA(s): LW - RA2FDX

ra3nc@mail.ru - RA3NC

Ant Delta, 100 watts - RA6XB

RIG(s): TS-850; ANTENNA(s): Vertical-160 - RF4M

73! - RN3ZC

309366 - RN3ZJJ

TNX FOR CONTEST! 73! - RN6AH

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

90 w, IC-756PROIII, ANTENNA- GP,LW - RX9FR

TNX FOR CONTEST! 73! - RZ6AW

RIG(s): MARK V + PA; ANTENNA(s): Delta Loop - S56P

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

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

Elecraft K3 100W to Dipole - SM5CSS

RIG:FT-950 PWR:70 ANT:L-W - SP4LVK

Alinco DX70TH - 100W

TX Antenna - Inverted L (V19m + H23m) + 24 Radials (24,5m each)

RX Antennas - 3 Beverages

Laptop Dell - SP5CJY

Vertical antenna 15 m toploaded

Auto tuner 5M2 by SV1NL

Elecraft k2/100

Linear 2XQB4/1100 home made - SV1GRD

PLEASE RESPECT THE INTERNATIONAL LEGITIMACY. THE DECISIONS OF UN (#817 of April 7 and #845 of June 18 of 1993) SAYS Z3 AREA IS NAMED FYROM AND NOT MACE - SV2FLQ

Monoband Dipol - TA1CM

from TA1ED 50-60w output with this much! - TA1ED

very good - TF3SG

ICOM-718 POWER 100 WATT,ANT-

DELTA 160 METRS - UA1CUR

73! - UA3OQ

Great contest ! - UA9MA

TNX for contest! 73! - UR5EAW

ANTENNA(s): Delta - UR5ETN

GOOD CONTEST - US5ISV

RIG(s): FT-920; ANTENNA(s): DELTA - UT5ERV

See you all next year !!! 73 ! - UU7J

FT-2000 + PA 200W

Antenna:I.V. - UX3HA

ICOM-756 PRO II, Kenwood TL-922 600 W out
120 ft tower, 3 elevated radials 150 ft 10 ft high
1000 ft Beverage receive antenna - V31GW

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120 ft tower, 3 elevated 150 ft radials 10 ft high
1000 ft receive antenna Beverage type - V31YN

K2, 5 watts, 1/4-wave wire @ 20' - VA3RKM

First time doing 160 meter contest. Hard to work Europe from West Coast.
Wonder why East Coast have higher scores? - VA7IR

Good condition - VE2UMS

I've come to the conclusion that I do NOT like voice modes! However, considering the circumstances (this IS 160-meters, after all---my favourite band!) I gritted my teeth and made a few QSOs for benefit of those who wanted the extra points for working another "country"! - VE3CUI

Overall, a great contest again this year. We went out earlier this year because of an expected snow storm. Last year we had a big flood. There was only about 5 inches of snow on the ground, but it melted over the weekend, even though it was cold in the mornings and continued to snow on and off all weekend. By the time we left on Sunday, there was less snow than when we arrived and the big snow storm we were supposed to have never materialized. Adam VE3BAU added to the numbers significantly by about 214 contacts on the Friday night in a 3 hours and 21 minute run. Not too many dupes at this time. Way to go Adam, of course Fred VE3GCP was there helping him along. Dan VA3DJ did well too working the pileups, so did Jack VE3WBT, Jim VE3EEZ and Rick VE3BK, mostly in the wee hours when everyone else had gone home, even though it was slow going at times and everyone seemed to be dupes. Thanks to all the rest for the times you were able to operate. Band conditions didn't seem to be as good as last year but our score was up because of a great effort, more DX, and even though the QSO count was slightly lower than last year. Another great contest for us. Thanks to everyone that worked us and hope to see you all in the Ontario QSO Party.
73 Rick VE3BK - VE3DC

What happened to the dx window???? I guess no one cares!!! - VE3MMQ

operating at VE6JY station - VE6SF

Conditions were good but I did not put a lot of hours in - still recuperating from some bug I caught last weekend... But, did fairly well with my vertical and most of the time 150 watts or so. Discovered a new problem that had not surfaced during previous 160 contests where I was getting RF back into the system but only with the microphone switch in the mix. When I removed it all was clean. Another issue to resolve - or not - maybe I'll just wait for the YCCC SO2R box I ordered.

My total Time operating was 11 hours. Rigs used were my Kenwood TS-950SDX and the Yeasu FT-2000. Antenna is a 65 ft tall vertical with elevated radials and four 33 ft top wires. Amp is the trusty old Ten-Tec Titan but I kept it loafing at under a KW. Looking forward to this weekend's ARRL DX SSB. 73, Tom W1TJL - W1TJL

Need better RCVR antennas, next year! - W2JJ

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Great time. - W2WJS

ANOTHER GREAT CONTEST...KUDOS, FOR THE CHANGES... - W3BGN

Thanks for sponsoring, organizing, and administering this event. - W4JHU

I very much enjoyed this contest. Thanks to all the west coast operators that pulled my signal out. - W4KP

Hard working 160 on low power but lots of fun - W4TKI

Operated from motorhome. Pretty cramped quarters. Power went off Friday night so pretty much a single night operation. Really missed my beverages ! B - W5GFR

First day of contest run on emergency power since electrical power was down. - W6DR

The band was very quiet on the west coast. - W7CB

USED FT-101E W/ 270 FT. OCFD (WINDOM) AT 30FT HEIGHT
GOOD CONDITIONS, LOW NOISE IN MY AREA - W7SAW

Great Contest ... Great time time with ham friends !!!! - W8CT

Fun contest. Operators demonstrated good operating practices. Never thought I could work Morocco on 160 SSB with a dipole. - W8DCQ

had fun for a few hours - W8FR

a good contest with a lot of stations on the band ..conditions were good too,worked kh7 on 100 w and an inv. L heard cr2x but cud`nt quite reach him...a whole lot of fun - WA0L

During the day condx so poor I worked myself twice,
But I had fun, got a new state Oregon thanks - WA2HMM

Dipole fed balanced, later unbalanced (better for DX) - WA7KGX

Operated from kitchen table with long wire, manual tuner. KC9HWA logged contacts.
- WA9LKZ

I had a great time and added North Dakota to my states worked. - WBOGAG

1st time on 160 test...got caught up in it by accident cu nxt yr - WB3FTQ

Thanks To all that took time to dig my sig out of the noise. Again I thank Charlie W4TMR for his antenna design for 160. It sure works great here.

73's

Gene

WB4MSG - WB4MSG

60 watts, end feed random wire 8 feet off the ground, surrounded by mountains,
tnx to all who listened, cheers de Vic - WB4SLM/4

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I had a lot of fun this evening...
There must have been great conditions since I was using my low 80 meter dipole into a tuner.
Thanks for all of the QSOs.
I can't wait for next year's contests.
73,
Bill
WB6JJJ - WB6JJJ

Lots of fun using 55 foot vertical, 15 ground radials (50 feet long), and 100 watts (Kenwood TS-180s). - WD8DSB

Good contest this year. Tripled my contacts and only missed 4 states for WAS - WF1L

Enjoyable rate for the two hours of operation.
Nice to work CR2X almost immediately; condx seemed good to various parts of NA. - W09S

Mobile Wisconsin - WX9EP/M

A great weekend: worked many friends, good propagation, everything worked as expected, many EU QSOs in the log, warm quesadillas, good wine and the t - XE1RCS

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

TRX Yeasu FT-920 80w, antenna 41,5m Sloper - YL3DR

TNX for first WW 160 m CONTEST. - YO2LIM

I enjoyed using SD in this contest. Tu EI5DI ! - YO7AWZ