
2014 CQ WW 160 METER CONTEST

Soapbox Comments

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Used IC-745 100 watts, vertical antenna. Best wishes to all, 73 cu . . . **4K6FO**. Little fun with almost no antenna, vertical for 40m without ground tuned to 160m :). Only tried to work some new DXCC on 160m, that's all folks. See ya next year with, I hope, dedicated antenna . . . **9A7TM**. My first time trying this contest. I built a G7FEK 80m antenna, then put a coil on it for 160m. I've never expected much from this antenna, but it has performed amazingly well by my rookie standards. I got it hung as the first flakes of a decent snow storm hit last week and wasn't able to make any adjustments prior to the contest. It seems I've got a 160m NVIS system! Not able to work much into 7 land, or 6 at all, but a few new states were added to my log for 160m. I could faintly hear some of the French stations, but my overall lack of DX stations was disappointing. Yet more encouragement to build a better antenna! Thanks to all the ops who could pick out my calls . . . **AB3TM**. At the beginning noisy band and bad condx. Saturday evening low condx. Sunday ok but too late . . . **DF4PD**. Nice what you can work on 160m with 27m wire in the air. This year I got more than 30 DXCCs and reached 170 QSOs . . . **DH7TNO**. Operated only QRP with endfed wire hanging far too low for 160m. Check out my ARDUINO based contest keyer: nanokeyer.wordpress.com . . . **DJ0MY**. Very limited time available but reasonable signals from NA on Sunday morning . . . **DJ2QV**. QRP 5w from FT817 via tuner and inductivity to off-center-fed wire 21m long, 8m high. . . . **DJ3GE**. I enjoyed using SD . . . **DJ3XD**. Nice propagation, had a lot off fun . . . **DJ5AN**. Only a simple longwire, no more . . . **DJ6TK**. First contest, no keyboard, all sent with paddle. First logging with new SD-Log, very easy to use . . . **DJ6ZM**. Running 100 watts and using cluster means high power, hi hi . . . **DJ9MH**. Always a nice contest for little pistols. Tnx . . . **DK3YD**. It was a short visit to the station around the grayline. DM0B is strong enough on Top band to come across the Atlantic, so the main goal of the 3h+ entry was: working as much as possible DX and mults. Mission succeeded. Thank you all! 73 Suad, @ DM0B . . . **DK6XZ**. Using a 2x21m dipole. My result would be better with a longer antenna. . . . **DK7AN**. My 6th WW 160, same setup as always, but only 80% of last year's score. After the 1st "session" with 300 QSOs there seemed to be no more new stations. After two more sessions with 100 more QSOs I had enough. General impression, or just a bad weekend for me? Let's see next year! . . . **DK8NT**. Fourth time for me to take part in the 160M CW World-Wide Contest. Using only a very short 7m vertical (for TX and RX) from my balcony and my Elecraft K2 QRP TRX, IF-BW: 400 Hz. Due to non-availability of an appropriate antenna tuner I had poor VSWR for most of the QSOs and could not TX with more than 4 watts. Lots of local QRM. I was happy to see how patiently operators tried to read my weak signal! Thanks to all who did so and encouraged me to see "QRP works on 160 too"! Wx: around freezing with snow on the ground and on my antenna, hi. As in the years before, taking part in the contest was a big fun. . . . **DL2GAN**. Had a lot of fun again. The condx to NA where not the best but 6 states are in the log. CU in SSB and next year, 73 . . . **DL7UMK**. Finally we managed on Sunday (after several changes of the LW) that the tuner made some QSOs happen. So I started shortly after 8 UTC CQing. It was fun! Thanks to all who heard my weak signal. I finished with 123 QSOs (DL9DRA made only 60, so I won the family competition!). I am happy now! 73 . . . **DL8DYL**. Hrd stateside K1LZ only, but no QSO. Pile-up and noise in the city . . . **DL9MFY**. Antenna broke in the storms. See you again next year . . . **EI5KF**. Yes it's too late for sub-

mission but I am back in F for a few days only! Anyway 7m whip, even at 35m... It's too short. HI . . . **F5MYK/MM**. Thank you for the contest and those who digged my QRP signal out of the noise. First time participation, noise level was pretty high (S5), which made it hopeless to hear really DX stns. Of course VY2ZM was loud, as always. . . . **F5VBT**. Tried to do two contests this weekend, the other being the BARTG RTTY Sprint. Not to be advised at 75!! . . . **G3LDI**. Just on for a few new ones. Delighted to work two JAs for new country on 160m! Running 400W to a simple 204 foot centre fed doublet at only 30 feet above ground here. Conditions excellent of JA on Sunday around 2100-2200 UTC . . . **G3PHO**. Used a vert 20m high, and a Wellbrock loop. The bands were full of EU, not much DX, but had a good go, great fun. Cheers to all the guys that worked me 73. . . . **G3R**. Conditions seemed down on last year, lots of mushy weak signals that are usually above S5. Roll on next year. . . . **G3SVL**. Enjoyed working lots EU. No DX here!! . . . **G3VYI**. Good fun but very slow going on QRP. Rig K2 at 5W plus 30ft base loaded vertical. . . . **G3YMC**. Mixed conditions. Good Friday and Sunday but rather poorer Saturday night. Still far too many stations with bad clicks. Poorer conditions to US than last year. But a great contest as ever . . . **G5W**. Thanks go to Neil, Sue and other family members who helped me through this. After a decent start first night, I had a heart attack and ended up in the local hospital undergoing tests. Fortunately I was given the all clear and was discharged with instructions to rest up for a couple more days. I seem to be dogged by bad luck during this contest. In the past usually weather related. This time a medical problem stopped me less than a 3rd way through. S&P for most of the time with little effort to run due to the constant frequency pinching and poor operating which seemed to be worse this year. Determined to be back next time fit and well. I hope to resume the challenge. Setup was K3 + amp, 4 reversible 300m Beverage RX antennas. TX antenna inv Vee dipole @ 70 ft. . . . **G6MC**. Good conditions band very busy but only one US/VE station good log . . . **GM3NHQ**. Ran this contest with 5w QRP after improving my antenna setup, and it seems to work well. Unable to raise any stateside stations as conditions were marginal. All I got was .. AGN .. and that pregnant pause when you know it's not going to happen. Thanks to all who replied to my QRP signal with my compact inverted L. 73's . . . **GM4UBJ**. Very minimal effort this year. Baby daughter born an hour before contest! Had a few hours between parental duties to be QRV. . . . **GM4ZUK**. It seems so many hams have very good rigs, antennas and ears for my ICOM IC-7400, 100W, 52m LW, up only 4m! . . . **HA3MG**. Tnx for the nice contest! Laci, HA7JTR . . . **HA7I**. Nice contest, 17h on, tested here new small, tuned, shielded mag. loop, helped greatly reduce local QRM. Condx to Asia better than NA . . . **HB9CVQ**. Bad conditions as we couldn't work America at all. . . . **HB9LL**. Short skip. First attempt on 160. I hope to improve my vertical for next year . . . **I3KAN**. Remote operating via Internet from HB9. . . . **IK0/S53T**. First contest on top band with my short vertical dipole and 100 w. Enjoyed very much! Thanks to all! . . . **IK2CLB**. I have used a very limited loaded vertical beside my house, just to be able to make a few QSOs. I was very pleased and surprised how loud VY2ZM was the first night . . . **IK4AUY**. Ran just few hours in the contest. I had to stop because a bad flu. . . . **IT9BLB**. Operated only 15 hous due to busy family weekend, but I had a lot of fun. Big surprise was HS0ZEE calling me! Wow! CU next time. . . . **IV3NVN**. I enjoyed the contest very much **JA1CCX**. I enjoyed the contest . . . **JA1CP**. Tnx nice contest. I enjoy WW160 contest. . . . **JA4OPW**. I participated in a single-op low power. I was using

my antenna only 4m length Micro Vert antenna on my condominium's balcony and using K3 bearfoot! The condition was poor, but QRM decreased compared with last year this year. But the condition JA between EU was good in EU sunset time. The condition between JA and U.S.A. was very poor this year. K3 tranceiver is the best for 160m band . . . **JE1SPY**. This test is my 1st QRV on 160m band at my home. I didn't contact with DX stations, however I enjoyed . . . **JH1OES**. Great contest . . . **JH4UYB**. Power is 50W. Need more power . . . **JN3TRK**. Only part time in the contest. First time in many years, now that I have a full-size 160M Inv-L in the air. Condx ok, but not a lot of DX out there, and still need a Beverage. Working KH6CC was a highlight. Great signals from so many powerhouse stations. Thanks to all who gave me points . . . **K2PI**. What a blast! It's amazing what 100W into an end fed 65ft hunk of wire can do. Even snagged two new countries for the band . . . **K3DMG**. Still fighting digital noise. No copy on weak EU stations! . . . **K3TC**. Band conditions were average, but with much less QRN . . . **K3TW**. Had a wonderful time on CW. Could not give it my all due to other commitments . . . **K3XZ**. Great contest. Better antenna would have helped . . . **K4CGY**. We had kids from Austin over for a belated Christmas, so contesting was not a high priority. Plus the station is not 160M capable (or at least I thought not). But I had installed the Viking MB-V-A tuner, so I thought I'd give it a try with the 80M half-wave sloper. And it worked a little bit! Just S&P, and worked who I could hear (and who could hear me in return), spending a couple of hours. The only DX I worked was KP4 and VE. So I'll throw these 36 Q's into the pot, hoping it'll help the cause. And now maybe I'm wondering what I need to do to get more 160-radio-active! . . . **K5XA**. Some kind of electronic pollution covered the band on Sat night. Nice conditions to Europe and West Coast! . . . **K5ZD**. As usual, very rough with my 40m Delta Loop tuned to 160 . . . **K6CSL**. Conditions seemed pretty good Friday night, local noise here was a killer, my MFJ-1025 was not working correctly. Saturday got it fixed and it knocked some of the local noise way down. Saturday seemed like everyone disappeared, had a hard time finding Q's that I had not already worked. Had a lot of dups. Could not really get a run going, spent a lot of time CQing with no answers, where Friday evening got several good runs and many answers from the East Coast. Lineup: FT-1000MP KPA-500 Inverted L with 2 raised radials K9AY Loop System . . . **K6NV**. I used an Alpha Delta DX-B trapped sloper. It is only 60 ft long and when mounted on top of my 55ft tower it only need 50ft of ground space. Works very well on 160/80/40 m. It is an excellent antenna for small lots . . . **K7ACZ**. Low power, low antenna, high noise, great fun. . . **K7JAN**. Conditions to Europe were poor. Only worked CS2C. Copied without working: OK2W, DR4A, SN7Q, DL1AUZ, HG8DX . . . **K7NJ**. Conditions were very poor. High QRN levels, vry weak signals. . . **K7OVG**. Operation really focused on the first night. I must confess, when I finally was able to sit down on the second evening I had lost interest. Condx were not as good as the opening session and I had experienced a few glitches in the remote operation. The home station was operated remotely from a "fur piece" south of western NY. . . **K8FC**. Limited time but still had 505 Q's. Conditions fair . . . **K9FO**. Good contest! Better shape after hip surgery! . . . **K9WWT**. Pretty good test, only had to log a couple dupes so maybe copy was ok. It's a 160 test so log check will bring out the knife. DX was pretty scarce here. I cud hear the East Coast guys working EU but no copy from my wire. First time in a while to miss CE1/K7CA, heard AL but no joy. Never heard from Alaska or VE5. It was a lot of fun but I can't stay up all night when it's ten minutes between QSOs hihi. Guess the sound of my own call puts me to sleep. Still a lot of fun, luv the top band games. Thanks all and 73 . . . **KI0I**. Not much to show, stealth 80 dipole, could only load to 300 watts . . . **KJ9C**. Wish I had more time! . . . **KK0SD**. Cold as heck but contacts kept me warm. . . **KN4Y**. Boy, this had to be one of the strangest 160WW tests for propagation I've been in.

Had a pipeline to Florida boys who picked my 100w up quickly but couldn't even make QSO with other 4s I called and called. Usually vice versa even when I'm QRO! . . . **KS7T**. Limited time, but still fun. Band seemed pretty quiet, especially on Friday night . . . **KX7L**. Condx seemed to be rather not good. Only few W & VE were heard, no SA, mni EU stns on band. Still, will be back next year! . . . **LA2AB**. See you next year again in better conditions . . . **LX1ER**. Started without intention for serious effort, got hooked in mid of test, finished seriously. Time on counter shows 23 hour, it means 8 hours of sleep during nighttime. First night started just for fun and went to sleep. 2nd night was not ready, could not stay awake. 2nd time QRP ever, both times on 160. Still amazing what is possible with 5 watts (and antenna). Every propagation change is very noticeable on QRP. Elecraft K3 + 24 shunt feed tower in country side. Most of QSOs S&P, but CQ was also possible, especially close to midnight. . . . **LY2IJ**. Thanks Algis LY7M for his super station! . . . **LY5W**. Not much free time this weekend. Next year will try to be better prepared. The last hour the signals improved so much on the band. Great fun . . . **M3C**. Due to severe weather, I decided to wind down my 5 meter wire antenna earlier than planned, thus not much operating time. Well done to those who successfully copied my signal! I wish there is low power category in Single Op Assisted. 73 Kazu M0CFW, JK3GAD . . . **M5Z**. Pleased to make over 100 Qs in less than 7 hours, QRP . . . **N1AW**. I was 30 min. late starting due to multiple distractions, e.g. painters in the house. Then a good run, 78 Qs/hr. for 1.5 hr. Conditions good to US the first night but poor to EU, only a few EU QSOs. The second night conditions were only fair to EU: for both nights a total of only 15 EU QSOs and 9 EU countries, vs 27 to 79 EU Qs and 15 to 24 EU countries in the last 3 years, 2011-2013. The second night I worked several far-western states (CA, WA, OR, ID, NV), most with extremely weak but readable signals. Missed only 2 of the contiguous 48 states + DC, same number as in the last 3 years. This year it was MT and ND. RI, DC, DE, MS, WY, NE all easy this year: multiple Qs with each. In the end, most key numbers were just a bit below my worst recent year, 2012: 654 vs 680 Qs and 74 vs 77 mults for a claimed score of 119.5 K vs 133.4 K in 2012. CQ 160 CW is still one of my favorite contests: always there are surprises . . . **N3UM**. Always enjoy the 160 contest. Fun to try to make WAS each time, and maybe work a new DX. This year missed AK and HI, and NV and MT. No new DX, but still fun . . . **N4ARO**. Thanks to Tom, W8JI, for another opportunity to operate from his great station. As always, everything worked to perfection. Saturday night much better than Friday night. No JA's on Saturday morning but worked 28 on Sunday morning. Big surprise, having VE5ZX call late on Sunday morning with last of the VE's except for VO and VE8. Thanks to all who made it in the log . . . **N4PN**. Decided at the last minute Saturday afternoon to "play" a bit in the contest. Armed with my 3 Beverages and the lowly dipole, and a general lack of enthusiasm, I decided to break the effort into 3 segments (early evening, midnight plus, and sunrise). Things went pretty well as planned except for Sunday morning, my cell phone alarm never sounded and I overslept. Then within a minute or so of calling, on my very 1st JA response, N1MM locked into the run-CQ mode. I had to force a shutdown of the computer and reboot! In spite of the couple of hickups, the 6 hours was fun except for the lack of EU's and scarcity of JA's. Oh well, maybe next year I'll have the big vertical on line . . . **N5FO**. Operated about 4 hours. 5 Watts to a 20-foot End-Fed Wire out the window. Thanks for the QSOs! . . . **N6HI**. Finally got remote tuning of shunt-fed tower working, using a vacuum variable in parallel with some large air variable capacitors in an Omega match. . . **N6TV**. Fun contest and I thought cndx were pretty good. Worked two new countries, BA and PZ. Worked all continents but only one European, CS2C. Was about to give up on WAS but a North Dakota station called me late Saturday night and a Maine station finally showed up about 2 AM Sunday morning . . . **N7RK**.

QRN City. Snow static, power line noise because of snow static and who knows what else. No Europeans to speak of, heard very few and most were weak and in the QRN. Operated with wide filters and AGC off just to hear at times. Glad I got what I did. . . **N8VW**. 100 watts to a W8AMZ 160m reduced sloper, about 66 feet long, at an apex of 37 feet sloping down to about 4 feet off the ground. Heard some EU signals in there Saturday night, but not enough antenna and power to send my RF across the pond. I did grab at least 4 DX in the Caribbean. Tuned across a couple more, but no luck. Missed WAS by 5 states. Only heard one of the 5, and could never pull his full call out of the noise. Every time it was time for the suffix, he would take a rapid QSB dive. I remember working KH6 with no problem at the bottom of the last cycle, on an R5 vertical 25 feet in the air with 50 watts through a tuner! Maybe that's the answer!! Always fun to play in 160 contests. Ready for phone next month. 73 . . . **N9TF**. CE2, HD, V31 and EA8 were great catches! . . . **NF7R**. Poor conditions, early evening lots of QRN - distant lighting static. 73 . . . **NH6AH**. First 160 Contest. Had a Blast . . . **NJ9U**. Fun! . . . **NM9P**. I only had time to play for a little while, and spent it searching for DX. Interesting conditions here in Florida: QRN was low, and I heard many more DX stations than I was able to work, including 4L5O, whose attention I tried to raise for quite awhile. Oh well, that's what makes it fun . . . **NN4X**. Operating QRP on 160 is like wearing a hair shirt! Lots of repeats for ops patient enough to put up with me. Thanks to all who stuck with me . . . **NO2D**. Lots of great CW op's. Always a fun contest . . . **NU4N**. Just a part time operation without RX antennas, was fun to be fresh meat on Saturday evening . . . **OE2S**. Very tough to work low power this time. On Sunday conditions went up but very few new stations to S&P. Thanks to all and best 73's . . . **OH5TS**. TS-440, ant. LW 30m . . . **OK2BME**. My first CQWW160. Always regarded 160m as a band for Old Man. Now at 65 might qualify as such. Great fun with my 2x24m dipole. Incredible who could hear me! . . . **ON6NL**. This was really a nice contest. Time is nice to split up so you can sleep and relax during the day, and then contest in the night. Hard to find space here in EU, since many callers, so fit in between, and got kicked on a few times. First contest with my new modified Kenwood TS-930 with uP-unit from Piexx. This sure gives the old radio a feeling of a newborn radio. Fully controlled via the contest-software via RS-232. My first attempt in this contest a few years ago was not more than 50 stations in the log, but this time a lot more. . . **OU2V**. Although suffering with otitis media, having a deaf left ear, this contest was a lot of fun! Suddenly I was called for the second time by many stations. It appeared that, although the cluster correctly mentioned, the callsign PA3FWM appeared in the spot window of N1MM. The same issue arose (and I checked some logs of stations) with PA3FYG, being the first mentioned when querying the MASTER.DTA database. When you hear "PA3FY" during a contest on 160m, add an "M"! I am not a very skilled CW operator. QSO rates are not super duper. Consider me as a diesel engine at around 22 WPM, requesting "?" when called with 30 WPM ;-). Condx towards the US were poor. However, I think I've managed to work 29 states. Signals from the Caribbean were weak too. The last evening signals from Asia were good, with ~34 JA's in the log while the whole EU was concentrated in the keyclicking 15 kHz "JA portion" of the band. Last but certainly not least: Thanks to Richard PA7FA and his wife Marion for their hospitality! 73 . . . **PA3FYM**. Best DX: FM and 2x JA. Due to local +10-15dB raised neighborhood noise I was forced to temporarily hide two pcs BOG (dogsh*t) wire flat on the ground. This was a great weekend and an exciting experience!! 73 . . . **PA5MW**. Tnx for the very nice contest . . . **PB7Z**. Conditions were fair the first night, working a mix of Europeans and K/VE and 14 JA stations. The second night brought higher noise levels and more difficulty maintaining rate to Europe. At the end of the contest, we had only 270 Europeans in the log. Through challenging conditions, we managed to complete a competitive score and had

a great time doing it . . . **PJ2T**. Mediterranean Sea, IC-7000, 50W, Ant. Dipole . . . **RA0LQ/MM**. My best 73! . . . **RN2FQ**. Nice to operate in WW160M. Thanks all to pick me up. I hope to work again next year! . . . **S51DX**. Just testing new Inv-L (for FT5ZM), must make Beverage too. Thanks for the fun . . . **SM6BZV**. My first CQ WW CW 160, using broadband dipole sloping from 27m. Not bad but not perfect. Heard many but did not work as many as I liked. But, great fun. Thanks for organizing this great event . . . **TF1AM**. TNX 73! . . . **UA9W**. We had to cut things short early Saturday evening because of an electrical panel failure. Apart from losing power to the radio equipment, we also lost heat in the cottage. With outside temperatures below zero F, we had to pack up and go home . . . **VE2OJ**. Hard into EU with 100W this time but Beverages worked great. Lost my antenna on December 22 due to ice storm so had to use temporary 80m doublet supported by my ginpole on top of tower. Only missed MT and ND for WAS and was glad to get CE1/K7CA, HD2A, and KH6LC. Great contest! . . . **VE3CV**. The weather was on and off snowy and cold over the weekend and my simple wire antenna kept getting blown down out of a tree. I repaired my antenna a half dozen times in the dark just to get the wire off the ground and back up in the tree. I must work on a more permanent 160m antenna in the spring. In any case, the contest was lots of fun and I managed some good DX. Heard lots of Europeans but just couldn't get heard with my QRP signal. Thanks to all those who had the patience to pull my QRP signal out of the noise . . . **VE3GTC**. South Bev failed at 1800Z, -20C outside so was left with only 2 directions of 6 usable with storm static . . . **VE3PN**. Hard going living in suburbia with a high noise level, but pleased to work whoever I can hear . . . **VE7JKZ**. Good conditions on band. Had to remove two calls, W1TO and KV0Q, as I forgot to log the state . . . **VE7VQ**. Vy noisy condx in Sydney city, and very poor propagation as well . . . **VK2CCC**. Low static and noise this year so that was nice, but very poor signals to North, Central and South America . . . **VK3IO**. Middle of the summer. Lots of static and very poor conditions first night . . . **VK6DXI**. Enjoyed KX3 at 5W and Hy-Tower Vertical . . . **W0CZ**. Just as the JA's were starting to come in Sunday morning, somebody in the neighborhood turned on a plasma TV and wiped out the entire band! Those things ought to be outlawed! . . . **W0EB**. Timeline: Friday, 0730 Local: Running a little late for work after setting up Writelog for the contest. Notice both my east and southwest Beverages are down. Temperature: 18F 1330: KC0VKV, W7II and KX9Y suggest on IM Chat that perhaps I'm feeling ill and should exercise a sick day. I decide to bail out of work at 1600. 1630: Actually leave work, hightail it home. Temperature is approaching freezing and some daylight remains. Decide to patch the Beverages before operating. 1745: Beverages patched, amp tuned up, first Q in log. 21:25: Done with S&P for a while. Find 1818 clear. Begin running 22:49: QSO #277 - Hear the HV contactor pull out. Power drops to near zero. Plate supply fuse is blown. Lug amp to workbench, diagnose shorted plate transformer. Sob quietly into coffee mug and contemplate running LP the remainder of the contest. Saturday, 14:20: Receive email from K0DAS. Incredibly, he has a suitable transformer, and only 20 miles away. Perform the Happy Dance. 16:30: Home with new transformer. Electrically a good match. Mechanically not so much. The cutting, drilling, cursing, and bleeding begins. 2109: Transplant complete, smoke test passed. Putting out 200w less than with the prior transformer, so the primary tap is adjusted. Conveniently, the primary is now exposed on the left side of the amp as a result of the retrofit. Power meter hits 900w, still down a bit, but good enough for who it's for. Begin CQing. Sunday, 00:10: Hear stations calling me out of time. Listen carefully and hear F6IT CQing on nearly the same frequency. Adjust the VFO to zero-beat, work him, and relinquish the frequency to the pile-up. 0240: GI3OQR calls me as I'm listening for a ZL opening. Takes an embarrassingly long time to abandon preconceived notions of where the band is open, switch to the NE

Beverage, and work him with Q5 copy. 0653: After a good run all, it's clear the the JA opening is not making it to the upper mid-west today. The main plug is pulled and I stagger to bed . . . **W00DS**. Had a great time despite antenna problems on Friday night, limited TX power to 5W. Antenna fixed and 100W on Saturday. Great CW ops. Thoroughly enjoyed! . . . **W1CK**. Just a small part time effort for this one but I did enjoy it even though I didn't have more time. Once again the amazing receiver on this FT-5000 made it easier. The antenna seemed to play well despite 100 Watts. Still I sure need a Beverage if it ever warms up a bit! . . . **W1TJL**. First time in the contest . . . **W2MN**. Antenna is 80m Half Square . . . **W3TB**. First time playing in this contest for me. I'll be back next year! Thrilled I could get my antenna to load up. ;) . . . **W6IEE**. 1st time on 160, barefoot into an antenna that wasn't supposed to load on 160. It was a real hoot . . . **W6LEN**. Participation seemed way down, the band was almost empty at times . . . **W8GP**. Northwestern University Amateur Radio . . . **W9BGX**. Much fun with 50-60 foot random wire antenna at 7 feet with 15 foot aluminum canoe as counterpoise. . . **W9KHH**. Just killing time till FT5ZM comes on the air . . . **WA1FCN**. Got started Saturday morning for 3 hours. Then back Saturday night. Conditions were not the best, very hard to work DX stations. Only stuff south of here, no EU at all, only had a slight copy on 2 but none in log. Still this is great fun and one of the best contests for QRP. Thanks to all that took time to work all the QRP stations through the noise . . . **WB4MSG**. First ever 160 Contest at age 68 . . . **WB5WLZ**. My first entry in this contest. I had a great time. Thanks for all the QSOs! . . . **WB9G**. Exactly 1 hour of CQing, netted 155 QSOs and 42 sections. Fun while it lasted. . . **WE9V**. Great condx! . . . **WQ50**. Limited effort. JA's seemed deaf to my signal, NE and Southern States seemed sparse, VY2ZM was loud as usual! . . . **WU6W**. It was an activity from field facilities of military school of transmissions, of Mexican Army, to demonstrate and promote the activities of amateur radio, while participating in the contest on 160m. An inverted "L" antenna was used, and two short Beverages, one for Europe and another for Asia. The station was outdoors next to the vehicle, and night temperatures around 2° C . . . **XE1TD**. Sorry guys, need to improve antennas, only dipole here. As always, too much city noise at home, Hi! . . . **XE2CQ**. Propagation was very terrible, every QSO made with big problems. Every multiplier with more problems than regular QSO. A lot of stations not hear me at all. Even no QRZ. Anyway, great contest! . . . **YL2QN**. Drunk idea of the month! Resulted in first ever YL team operation in WW CQ 160 Contest and new Latvian M/S record. Thanks also to YL2HB, YL3DQ and YL2KL for technical support and members for given points! Let's hope for better propagation next time. . . **YL4U**. I have used a small homemade transistor-transceiver with about 3W out and a delta loop ant . . . **YO4ATW**. Kenwood TS-450SAT. Bad antenna. Was nice! . . . **YO4SI**. I enjoyed using SD, TKS EI5DI . . . **YO7AWZ**. Not the best conditions this year. I could hear the whole world but my 600W often did not even result in a "Q" from the other end. Found 6 active stations within 10,000 km of my antenna and worked 4 of them. 73 . . . **ZM2IO**.

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Thanks for nice contest, but with low power that's impossible to work . . . **4K6FO**. World Food Programme HQ station, Rome, Italy . . . **4U0WFP**. Real Low Power with FT-450 and inv. V from 18m . . . **9A9J**. My antenna was damaged in the storm which hit the East Coast just a few hours before the contest started. Fortunately, the repair only took a few minutes, but the lingering noise of that storm on the band made working conditions just miserable. I was hoping for better conditions Saturday morning. I woke up to S9+ noise levels. I don't know if it was just me, or solar conditions, or what, but I decided to drop from this contest and focus on the NAQP RTTY contest and NC QSO Party. Many

thanks to the brave operators who worked through the noise Friday night! . . . **AB3TM**. Really noisy, got some good DX surprises . . . **AB8AC**. Operated for less than 10 hours between work shifts. Need a better transmit antenna than my 89 foot inverted L. No receive antennas used and none needed as I could easily hear far more stations than I was able to work given my inefficient short antenna . . . **AC8HU**. TNX for all partners, vy 73 . . . **DD0VS**. Only short time at the end of contest possible. Loud stations hard to work with 50W output + matched wire . . . **DG3FK**. As always a real nice contest again. The second night I noticed my K9AY loop did not switch, but still 21 contacts across the Atlantic Ocean . . . **DJ5AN**. This year we used my call in a 2-operator effort from the DL2CC/DL2SAX contest station at the site of a decommissioned MF BC stations. When VY2ZM and NP4A call you with weak signals on the 1st night you know that conditions are lousy . . . **DK1FW**. Nice contest . . . **DK9DX**. Very nice contest . . . **DL0NM**. 160m SSB in EU is a mess . . . **DL7YS**. We joined the crowd just for fun. A few nice NA contacts were accomplished despite high level of QRN and no existing RX antenna here . . . **DM0B**. Thanks to all who had patience. It was fun again. Hear you next year. Vy 73 . . . **DO6CC**. My first experience in this band, all new one on band! . . . **EA5TS**. I had problems with the software in the first URECON. Contacts changed me the night time data, may not match the correspondents. I regret the error. In regard to big contest with only 5 watts, I appreciate the patience of the those who contacted my station. 73 . . . **EA9CD**. Bad propagation and only 2.5h active this year, CU next year. 73! . . . **EC1KR**. My first CQ 160. I had so much fun . . . **EE4EA**. TNX for FB contest! . . . **ER2RM**. Conditions didn't seem to be very good and not as much DX operations this year. Poor condx to NA . . . **G4AFJ**. First try at Top band contesting and loved the challenge . . . **G4OCO**. Low noise on the bands but disappointing conditions across the Atlantic. A few juicy bits of DX buried in there and thoroughly enjoyed it with only 7 hours op time . . . **GA6NX**. Token entry this time, 99% early Sunday evening. Thanks to all . . . **GM4UBJ**. HB9LB started in MOHP but only with 100W . . . **HB9LB**. Only two stations listen me with low power . . . **IH9YMC**. Thanks all for the nice contacts . . . **IT9VCE**. On Top band very QRM but enjoy for nice QSOs with everybody. See you next year . . . **IT9ZTX**. Ciao and good contest . . . **IZ5IMD**. "Mike Sugar" equals TB beam . . . **K2FF**. No 160M antenna, loaded the tribander! . . . **K3PA**. It was a challenge to operate QRP with the heavy thunderstorm QRN . . . **K3TW**. Great contest except for Saturday static . . . **K4CGY**. Fun contest . . . **K5LAD**. We had a great time operating from the La Luz VFD. Using only 100 watts, the K6MM inspired antenna the club put together a few years ago again worked very well for us. The food kept the ops full and awake well beyond sunrise and far after sunset. We are looking forward to doing this again next year! The names of the ops and other club members that were here for all the late night fun. KB7SQFf Rick Club Pres; KD6USA Kathy Secretary; WW6USA OM of KD6USA; W5TWY Terry; KE5EGP, Glenn; N5JDT Willis; and the firefighters that were also having as much fun watching . . . **K5LRW**. Had to work most of the weekend, but got a little time on the radio. Eastern Europe was booming in the first evening, although I heard very few other stateside calling them. HA's were especially loud. The next night, signals from Europe were not nearly so good. Sure wish I could have made a serious effort in this one. Static crashes were mostly not a problem, unlike many times in this contest . . . **K5RX**. Very noisy the first night, but signals from south and west were strong. . . **K5ZD**. This was not a serious effort but an experiment to see what I could do using 100 W to a 32 foot 80m antenna and an antenna tuner. Special thanks to those who made to a special effort to work my pitiful signal . . . **K6XN**. Real challenge for me! . . . **K7JAN**. Conditions were very poor the first night, being somewhat better on Saturday night . . . **K7OVG**. Only a small window to the west this year. No spotting! 400W to a dipole in the trees . . . **K9IDQ**. WHAT FUN!! Someday I'll get

serious, right after I figure out how to stay awake. If I use "No-doze" will that make me Single Op Assisted? . . . **K9WN**. Lousy propagation and activity was down this year . . . **K9WWT**. It's great to be back into contesting. Thank you CQ magazine for putting it all together . . . **KB0ARZ**. Thanks to all the great ops that can pull me out of the mud . . . **KI6JJW**. So much noise, how to hear them is a challenge . . . **KI7M**. Lots of static crashes on Friday, but still a lot of fun! . . . **KK4RV**. We won't even talk about the condx (QRN) on the first night. Beverages down due to snow, using the TX vertical on RX didn't help either. All in all it was great fun! . . . **KM1R**. Friday static levels were as bad as I have ever heard, at times wiping out entire calls, then Saturday was as quiet as I have ever heard. I heard others working EU that should have been heard at my QTH. The band seemed eerie both nights, making Q's and score down from last year . . . **KU4V**. TNX to Algis LY7M for the very warmful hospitality and QTH. . . **LY5W**. K3 and 5 meter wire with ATU on balcony. This time there was scaffolding but felt better TX performance than last month. 73 Kazu M0CFW, JK3GAD . . . **M5Z**. I was happy to better my score from last time. Also to try a new antenna, 250 foot wire loop around my 70 x 50 foot corner lot in the center of town. . . **N0YET**. Thought I had slept through winter. Sounded like June on Friday night. Saturday much better but still nothing to write home about. Thanks to all who showed up for the party . . . **N4PN**. First CQ 160 contest; 100w with 80m-6m Windom; lots of fun; heard other stations with 100w and dipoles playing. Most QSOs were north or northeast from SC. Great contest ops heard here. Lots of fun for the first 160 contest and will be back . . . **N4VBV**. This is a very difficult contest for me to work, especially when the band is as noisy as it was this past weekend. My RX sounded like bacon cooking on the stove, amplified above 120 dB! Even with 12 dB of attenuation injected, my S meter never went below S9. I'm sure there were lots of signals out there under my noise blanket! Tuned the dial more than the time on the air shows. Guess I worked all the big guns, and couldn't hear the rest! I think I'll stick to CW on this band until the day I have the resources for a full size 160 TX antenna and several Beverages for RX. Operating conditions, 100 watts to a W8AMZ 160m reduced half sloper, 37' apex down to 4' off the ground, and a Alpha Delta DX-LB at 35' apex, sloping down to 15' off the ground in one direction, the other leg zig zagging over the roof and then out to a tree in the front yard about 25' off the ground. Even with all the antenna handicap, I still enjoy 160, SSB not so much! . . . **N9TF**. New antenna, Bands in terrible shape, don't know if antenna good or not. . . **NM9P**. No 160 mtr antenna so I made a full size Windom with 4/1 balun @ 35 feet hours before the contest with no time to test it after returning from work. Seemed to be good enough! . . . **NV7JB**. Just giving out some points . . . **OE2S**. Thanks for the nice contest . . . **OK1KZ**. Thank you for the nice contest. 73, cuagn . . . **OK2BJC**. This was another weekend of Top-band joy and pride, 73 . . . **PA3DTR**. Nice. Thanks . . . **PE1MAI**. Nice contest, cu again next year . . . **PE4AD**. Tnx 73 . . . **RK3E**. My best 73! de Igor . . . **RN2FQ**. First try on the Top band from a portable QTH. Many things to improve here but we are glad we have started our serious 160m adventure . . . **SP5ZCC**. 73's & TNX . . . **TA2OQ**. As always, Mr Murphy is part of the team. The Windom's long leg had to be placed low lying due to the loss of the support tree, Kenwood TS480 died at the end of the first night and

had to use the back-up 570. 73 de TA1HZ . . . **TC10SWAT**. My first CQ WW 160 phone contest. The first night the conditions were nothing special but the second night it was much better. Amazing how strong signals came from CR2X and EI7M. And S59A was most pleased with the new multiplier. I clearly need to replace my dipole for a full blown vertical system. Thanks for organizing this great event . . . **TF1AM**. Good contest . . . **UA4IC**. Sorry, just a few hours for contest this year! . . . **UW1U**. Tnx for the QSOs . . . **VA3RKM**. Bad condx on Friday . . . **VE2UMS**. Another great winter contest. Lots of fun in this contest, working everyone we could hear. These winter contests usually bring adverse conditions. We have had a lot of snow lately and it started with being stuck in the ditch when we put up the 160m dipole temporarily. On the start of the contest, one of the guys had his car stuck in the snow, right in the driveway, so we were a little late starting. On Saturday we ended up with a flood of water, about a foot deep. We had this condition before (backup of the culvert with snow letting loose with all that water letting go) a few years ago at our contest site. The water went away as fast as it came and we ended up with just uneven ice which was actually OK. All the equipment worked great and we had fun taking turns and working as many as we could. Thanks to all that worked us. Hope to see you in the next one, for us it will be the Ontario QSO Party, so look up for a contact please. 73 Rick VE3BK . . . **VE3DC**. Started OK but lost PA in one of FT1000D's in first hour, swapped to 2nd radio, then audio TX went ugly after half hour, swapped in FT2000. Static noise was highest I've ever heard. Normal background S1-3 noise level on RX antennas was 40 to 50 dB over S9 with QSB down to a mere 9+20, could not hear any signals on dipole above noise. Several periods of 10 mins or more with nothing but bangs and crashes. Saturday AM little better, rigged up Perseus SDR to see if that would help! Not much! Sunday morning band opened up with many loud European stations calling in over about 2 hours . . . **VE3PN**. Multi-op fun while giving out QSOs. Just a few of the 50K+ from Florida that week . . . **W1AW/4**. Talk about NOISE! Friday night had lots of static crashes from the numerous lightning strikes on the east coast. I thought it was summer! But managed to make some contacts though my ears were rather tired. Saturday was much better and in keeping with that there were MANY more stations. Actually crowded band conditions. My 160 Meter C antenna seemed to work well and I was pleased to work a few surprise stations including a KH6 that called me while I was CQing. First Hawaii on 160! All in all another fun contest and just 1 week away from another! Looking forward to the ARRL DX SSB contest this coming weekend with N1MM and N1IXF. 73, Tom . . . **W1TJL**. N7GP was consistently the loudest signal on the band! . . . **W6IEE**. cherry pickin . . . **W7MEM**. E-MAIL: @ARRL.NET . . . **W8GNM**. Amazed I did this with my crummy 154 foot loop antenna! . . . **W9SAN**. Running 100W to a 40M inverted V shorted to run as a T to get me on 160M. I heard many stations, but could only be heard by stations S7 or better. Tnx QSO es 73 de . . . **WA2OOB**. Always a fun contest . . . **WV1H**. This is the Radio Club of the National World War One Museum at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, MO. Check our QRZ listing for special event weekends . . . **WW1USA**. Very poor conditions. Sometimes band disappeared . . . **XE1AY**. Just testing antenna . . . **XE1EE**.
