
2008 CQ WW 160 Meter Contests

Expanded QRM

CW QRM

Not so easy with only 100 watts! ... **5P5CW**. Conds good, but have only few hours for contest. sri ... **9A2FW**. Great fun! Eleven JAs and an RWØ in the log on Sunday morning ... **AA1K**. I believe this is my first ever 160m operation. Just put up a 40m wire vertical on a Jackite pole, found it would tune for VSWR on 160m, but almost no one could hear me. Lesson learned: 40m vertical is better than a dummy load on 160m, but not by much ... **AA4Q**. Seeing if my rig and antenna work at QRP levels on 160, put in an hour Saturday evening. FT-817, homebrew Z-match, 88 ft. doublet fed with window line (as a dipole, not shorted) ... **AB1AV**. Condx were pretty bad. There was high noise from the snowstorm that came through on Friday and Saturday, and signals were weaker than normal. This made QRP a very tough proposition ... **AF9J**. Lots of fun! Thanks for the QSOs ... **A14MI**. Dedicated to Charki ... **CN2R**. My first 160m contest. Very strange conditions not similar in other bands but all went OK considering that I was using 100w output. Was able to work US and Canada, never thought to work them. I am looking forward to next 160m contest, CT1DRB/OK8RB, David Qental ... **CT1DRB**. TNX to Jose, CU2CE, for offering his fine QTH. TNX to Martti, OH2BH, for taking care of the logistics ... **CU2A**. Our first 160m contest from Flores island/Azores. Great propagation and we worked the 160m WAS during this contest ... **CU8A**. Great fun. With my vertical I doubled almost my score compared to last year, when I worked with a Zepp. That's because I worked 24 states with the vertical compared to 3 with the zepp. ... **DAØI**. Vy nice test, tnx all stations! ... **DF2PH**. 2009 I will take part in this competition again! With so lively participation I had a lot of fun in the contest. Rig: 100 watts to an inverted dipole ... **DF5BM**. Thanks for all the nice contacts. See you next year 2009 ... **DJ1AA**. Just 3 hours free time. Antenna 18m of wire ... **DJ2QV**. Five watt QRP (FT-817) and a Windom (21m long, 8 m high) for 7 MHz, matched through an inductor with tuner Z11 for 1.8 MHz. Nice contest again. Heard some DX, but no chance to contact them with 5 watts and my poor antenna ... **DJ3GE**. First time on this contest, lots of fun, cu next year! ... **DJ5HD**. Hi, not so easy to listen without a Beverage antenna, but great fun again ... **DJ6TK**. Thanks for all the nice contacts. See you next year 2009 ... **DKØAE**. Again

a great contest on 160m, a lot of loud signals from EU, low signals from NA this time ... **DKØIZ**. What a super contest! For the first time on 160m and then I got 48 DXCCs! Wow! ... **DK1AX**. As usual worked with 100w into magnetic loop 5m diameter, bad cndx ... **DK2BJ**. Short activity during daylight time, just to use the unmanned station from DL5YM ... **DL1CW**. Only some 2 hours time for me ... **DL1SBF**. All what I got with my limited 160m dipole ... **DL1YFF**. Thanks for all the nice contacts. See you next year 2009 ... **DL4ØRRDXA**. Vertical (V80E) destroyed by storm after 6 hrs. ... **DL5YM**. Nice contest but time was limited by a birthday party on Saturday evening and a business trip on Monday morning. Thats life ... **DL7UMK**. Congratulations to winners. Lots of Europeans calling. I could heard hardly NA stns, only three from VE3. Next year I will put more power and best RX antennas. CU AGN best 73 ... **EA4DUT**. Nice contest. My first 160 meter CW test, and I'll be again next year, but more time, because this year I couldn't operate all contest time because of work and studies! ... **EA5KY**. Just one world "Great." Although all were problems I tried to do the best. Just two days before the neighbor ask me to remove my dipole for 160 for the new building in construction, but fortunately he let me have it until the end of the contest. Not so bad then. Do you imagine at 00:30Z, 01:30 local time just after the contest climbing a 9m tree to remove it? Crazy hi hi. My wife had to work on Saturday night for 12 hours so must take care of child but fortunately he sleep at least 8 hours. No results to connect the packet, CW, or CAT system to control the transceiver with PC, as usual (no time). So old style again. Sorry guys if I mistake a lot and really appreciated your call and patience with me. Anyway I really enjoyed and work my last state (ND) to completed my 9BWAS, so could it be really better? hi hi. Thanks again to all ... **EA6SX**. Best wishes and good results to all participants! TNX to organizers. RIG: TS950SD, PA-600 w, ANT-4 x slopers (4X4NJ) ... **ER5GB**. Really, really, really hard on low power with a non-resonant antenna. ... **GØMTN**. First contest with my new K3. Fantastic radio. ACOM 1000 amp. Dipole at 60 ft ... **G3SJJ**. RIG - FT-1000MP + Ranger 811H antennas, loop in vertical plane, max height 44 feet. Local noise level very high. US/VE stns mostly audible, but not readable. All QSOs S&P (can't guarantee to hear replies to CQs because

of noise). ... **G3UFY**. FT-1000MP ACOM and dipole at 90 ft. Conditions were very good especially during the last hour which is usually slow! ... **G3UJE**. SD great. QRP with valve RX hard work but fun. Good to work good RX stations with QRP! ... **G3VYI**. First contest use of K3. Excellent. Antenna fell down and had to make temporary repairs in the dark! Condx Variable ... **G3XGC**. First time casual entry but fun. Just used a simple inverted-V with counterpoise ... **G3YBY**. A fun contest, plenty of activity, but as usual very hard going on QRP. Conditions seemed rather better Friday night and deteriorated Saturday/Sunday. Next year please restore the old RST/Serial Number exchange. For us outside US/VE the use of SPC means there is literally nothing in the exchange except the callsign ... **G3YMC**. Elecraft K2, HF packer amplifier 35 watts, G5RV fed as T 20 feet above ground Worked all I heard on a very low antenna Great fun. Must try and erect a better antenna for 160m ... **G4DBW**. Band condx to USA excellent ... **G4OBK**. Friends say, how do you hear so well on 160. I say very quiet location! So what happened on Friday!! S5 noise till 2230 on Sunday when it fell to S1! Do you say Sod's Law in USA?! Conditions variable, no JA opening, and most USA down in strength from normal. Very high level of QRM from EU for whole 48 hrs. Still my favorite test of the year ... **GW3JXN**. Just a token entry this year! ... **GW4BLE**. Great activity! Pour local condition, S6-8 local noise from the main line. FT-1000MP Mark V Field, homemade MOS FET linear with 400w output, 24m long wire at 22m height ... **HAØHW**. It was a nice contest but local noise was not below S9+10 dB all over the time. My short antenna worked fairly well. Thanks for Qs, see you next year! Rig TS-530SP 100w into an end-fed 21m long wire above flat roof ... **HA2MN**. Rig ICOM IC-756 (100w); Ant vertical (28m), RX ant 2x50m LW. Nice contest! Next year agn! ... **HA8BE**. All time fun to work the 160 meter contest but the QRM from EU stn made it very difficult to QSO DX stations. All time S9 QRM wall ... **HB9LCW**. I had only a few free time to participate in the contest. Conds had been fair, but not good and gard for QRP! ... **HB9QA**. Unfortunately on afternoon of 28 January we got a heavy wind storm (120-150 km/h), so I must down the antenna! ... **HG8ØMRASZ**. Not bad for 100w and a Windom antenna for 80m! ... **I2WIJ**. Good test for first new experience ... **IQ4FA**. My small contribution to a fan-

tastic CQ WW 160. ... **IZ7AUH**. We would like to be thankful to all stations who pulled out my signal. See you in the next contest! ... **JA0ZRY**. Tnx for the nice contest. ... **JA7MJ**. Entry on single-op low power. The condition was almost same as the last year. The first day I could QSO with W8JI (Georgia) . And I QSO with 3W3W, HG8DX. But we had very heavy local power supply nose on 160m band. I was using MV (micro vert) antenna which is only 3.6m long. It was very good. This small MV antenna has same performance as a full size dipole antenna!! And I used two types tranceiver, FT-1000D and Elecraft K2! Narrow band blocking with the K2 was the excellent! I like this contest very much because I can QSO with many famous Top bander OM all over the world ... **JE1SPY**. Band condx for USA was not good. ... **JE1TSD**. 1 kW plus three 25m base-loaded verticals, two of which are phased, plus Beverages (EU and NA). Estimated radiated power only 300w. I will try top-loading next year. Anyway it was the most enjoyable weekend since I began Top band a few years ago ... **JH3PRR**. Great contest.... **JH4UYB**. FB test ... **JR3NZC**. Inverted L seems to get out OK but doesn't hear so well, but condx were good enough this time to actually hear ... **K0OU**. I actually heard a European! ... **K0SRL**. The band conditions here were just SUPER. Would have liked to spend more time but family obligations and church commitments made this a short one. Friday night I knew band conditions were good when EF8M was CQing in my face. Please understand I don't have a receive antenna other than my 80mtr dipole and 40mtr beam. Still no Beverage in any direction. But for me the band was as quiet as I have ever heard from this location. Good old high pressure front over us and a storm to the east and one out at sea to the west. Work the largest number of EU ever for me on 160mtrs. Won't bore you with calls but worked all I could hear. Thanks to all the GMCC'ers I worked. If you worked me you know who you are – hi. Too lazy to go thru the log plus in-between obligations right now. Had fun running the amp and no phone calls whatsoever. See you in the next one if time. Plus to all the JAs that called, just couldn't get the calls between QRM and QSB. Sorry. Next time maybe ... **K0UK**. The 2008 CQ World Wide 160 Meter Contest started with the discovery of S5 power line noise on the S and SE (150 degree) Beverages. Fortunately, the noise was not particularly audible in any of the other directions. The phased array continues to improve, but I'm not ready to start rolling up my Beverages. Besides, one can never have too many receive antennas (switching and searching not withstanding) ... **K1LT**. Worked 4O3A and LX7I for DXCC #148 and 149 on Top band

... **K2FL**. Lots of fun. Addition of some buried radials helped my marginal 160 meter antenna system. Wish I could spend more time in contest ... **K2TV**. After such a dearth of QSOs from DU9/NØNM, this contest has come alive in EPA. Amazing what 7 hours can produce – 100K! ... **K3QF**. I worked my first European station this year on 160m with 5 watts QRP ... **K3TW**. A thoroughly enjoyable contest for sure! ... **K4OD**. Lots of fun. Had to QRT each evening when the XYL hit the sack cause I was setting off the fire alarm – hi ... **K4UEE**. Bands were in great shape, noise levels down from recent days, and lots of ops working. Limited effort due to other obligations but enjoyed every minute. Thanks to all for the QSOs, especially the DX ops who showed patience in making the QSO happen ... **K4XD**. Marvelous conditions on Friday night/Saturday morning ... **K4XU**. Worked more than double the number of Europeans and JAs as ever before. ... **K5RX**. Great conditions! ... **K5ZD**. Great working Japan with 5 watts ... **K7II**. Station IC-7000, ALS-500M @ 300 watts, Antenna Hustler 4BTW w/110 foot wire on top. Bent L! Hey, whatever works, right? ... **K7JJ**. Good conditions both nights, lots of stations and QRM. Always a thrill to pick up new DX on 160 meter band ... **K7QBO**. Great conditlons. I worked many new ones. Amazingly, I never heard a SD station, so missed that multiplier, but got the rest, all but DC and the rare VE Provinces. Put in about 18 hours. Noticed many stations replied way off frequency. In a well attended contest like this one, many use very tight filters, a word to the wise ... **K7RE**. Absolutely Incredible Conditions! I forgot about the contest until Saturday Morning. Worked just under 100 Q's and went off to do other things. Was still hearing stations 2 hours after Sunrise. Checked the band for locals around 2 PM and found weak but workable signals all the way to the East Coast / Caribbean! Once the sun set, the band was like 20 meters! I completed 160M WAC in 3 hours! This was a weekend for the record books. A personal best on 160M in a contest! The only state I missed was North Dakota. Brings back memories of SS... ... **K7XC**. Didn't get the radials out this year, but still some fun ... **K8IR**. To our best recollection, DX conditions were noticeably better than in past CQ WW 160M CW contests. Noise levels were down considerably and signals from EU, SA, and Japan were quite strong. It was fun running DX from the other end of the pile-ups for a change. It was frustrating, though, that a few DX stations that we heard so loud on our Beverages could not hear us until later into the night. Hopefully, it was because we had better ears, but who knows? Maybe we were puny, hi. It was certainly a lot of fun for our crew of seven ops. Also,

thanks to everyone for all the K8KS cluster spots ... **K8KS**. I opted for relaxed versus serious this year. This one brings the DX out in force! ... **K8MN**. Low power but my inverted L at 110 ft. seemed to work FB, made a shielded loop during daylight on Saturday. It sure made the sig to noise much better. Put it up in a light snow storm, hi. As my old Elmer used to say, "They work better that way" ... **K8OT**. This was my first CQ160. Friday the band was really noisy and crowded. I enjoyed it more on Saturday night, more DX since the band wasn't so noisy ... **K8SM**. All 3 or 5 times in succession? You can't hear the DX! Why do so many operators send not only their call but the complete exchange before being sure they made the contact? ... **K8VUS**. Enjoyed the contest even though RX antennas were down due to storms ... **K9FO**. Inductor roller came off track but kept on going! Good contest! ... **K9WWT**. Having fun ... **K9XJ**. S9 noise the whole time ... **K9ZO**. Wasn't on long, but was amazed by the activity. Serious attempt next time! ... **K9ZU**. First 160M CW contest for me. Had a great time ... **KB1ODO**. On the AZ/CA border with a balloon vertical over 32 radials. Improved my previous score from this location in the desert by 25K points. ... **KB7Q**. Tnx everyone for wonderful time ... **KB9YGD**. Our best outing yet despite loss of ORION II and ability to point and shoot on Saturday morning. Most pleasant surprise was a Saturday evening call from WQ9. Thanks to late Sunday call from W3DQ in DC. Missed only WY in lower 48 states. 50 DXCC entities was new station record. Looking forward to 2009 ... **KC4D**. Thanks to John Evans, N3HBX, for letting me use his station. I only destroyed one amplifier. I worked not one but TWO JAs, the two first for me on 160. Thanks for the QSOs ... **KD4D**. My Gruman Canoe makes a good 160 meter antenna ... **KD7GIM**. My first and sure was fun. Will do it again next year ... **KI0J**. CT3 sounded like a local, S8 for about 15 mins ... **KI0Z**. Cold, windy, and rainy, great contesting weather by a warm radio on Top band with a hot toddy. Contesting at its best ... **KN4Y**. Thanks to all who heard my QRP signal from the Valor whip! ... **KQ6Q**. Only operated 10 hours, but had a fantastic time. Condx were great! ... **KR2Q**. Now it ain't every contest you can turn on the rig and your dial is right on Delaware for the first QSO of the contest! Tnx AA1K! ... **KS7T**. One of the best propagations I can remember on 160 ... **KU1CW**. Sierra Wilderness Radio running 4 watts into random wire ... **KW4JS**. This time I decided to get up early rather than staying up late, and enjoyed the "quiet hour" at 4 AM local and managed to get some new mults to hear my QRP signal. Thanks for your patience! ... **KX7L**. Many thanks to Tom, K5RC, for allowing me to pilot his superstation. It

was cold and snowing outside, but the band was HOT inside the shack! Terrific openings on Saturday to Europe and Asia ... **KY7M**. Really hard with 100W ... **LA1N**. Lost nearly 24 hrs of contest due to antenna failure. Conditions good, mni stations on band ... **LA2AB**. Thanks for the fun! My best results in this contest ever. I only hope all other participants in my class played by the rules and stayed away from the internet and cluster. It is hard to believe that some stations in SO class from Europe have worked almost as many countries as the best Multi-Single stations! How do they do this? Use of cluster and internet should be forbidden, also for Multi stations! It destroys our hobby. Use your own ears, please! Let others play computer games. This is why we need WRTC! ... **LN8W**. First try with the Helikite antenna. Will be better prepared next time. ... **M0AAA**. My best effort EVER. Superb DX conditions to the Mid/Far West USA first night ... **M2D**. Put up a low inverted-L especially for this contest. Lots of activity from EU during the day and night. The US clearly audible in the wee hours. Some really clicky dirty signals from the EU, a great way of ensuring you have a clear frequency at everyone else's expense. Enjoyed the contest, thanks to everyone who worked me ... **MM3T**. Had two goals for this contest. Complete Top band WAS and complete 300 Qs. Got them both ... **N0TK**. Fine contest. Good participation. Lots of DX ... **N1ZZ**. I am sorry I bothered with packet; there is plenty of time to tune with a second VFO and I can't bust those packet pile-ups with low power anyway. ... **N2BA**. Worked contest with a 24 ft. stealth vertical! ... **N2FT**. The band was abnormally quiet both Friday and Saturday nights. Operating was delightful. But, even with this, still no KL7 for my #50 for 160 WAS! ... **N2FY**. All contacts were made with an indoor antenna using 50 watts ... **N2MH**. Excellent conditions and lots of activity ... **N2WK**. Great contest as always ... **N2WM**. Had to be with my mom for her surgery (which went problem-free!) so missed most of Saturday night. Glad to see everyone and have to say the conditions were AMAZING. EU and the West Coast at the same time. It's been a good season on the Top band! ... **N2WN**. Got on to pass out some contacts and had a ball ... **N3RN**. Worked from W4DR's place (FT1000D + 4-square). Would like to thank Bob, W4DR, for letting me enjoy his excellent 160m setup 4-square antenna did really good job ... **N3UA**. Very good conditions to Europe: a few EU stations could be heard in most after-dark hours. I made 55 Qs in 25 EU countries. Worked CE, HK, and P4 in SA; often few SA stations in this contest. Worked 50 VE stations, more than ever before in 8 years doing this contest, but in only 5 provinces, vs 8 in each of the previous 3 years. Most

of the VEs were ON and QC. In the contiguous 48 states, missed only NE, WY, MT, SD, ND, no problem. I did well in multipliers and QSO points this year, but only my 3rd highest QSO total. Got 3 points/QSO average because of all the EU QSOs. A meaningless pattern has emerged: I did well in '04, '06, and '08, but only fair in '03, '05, and '07, typically getting several hundred fewer QSO points and ten or so fewer multipliers in the odd-numbered years ... **N3UM**. Lots of fun! ... **N3XZ**. Lots of fun ... **N4JF**. Strange condx but good strange. Have never heard 160m this good both nights of the contest. Most 10 pointers ever for me with 66 first night and 103 second night. This was truly a lot of fun and no QRN ... **N4PN**. Nice European opening Friday evening ... **N4PSE**. Wow! Most DX I have ever worked on 160 in a contest! ... **N5AW**. This was a bit more fun than the ARRL 160, as conditions were much quieter this time. Possibly due to the rain over this weekend. In spite of conditions, I just managed a new personal best by a slim 344 points. This beats my 2005 score and raises the bar by a little bit. I had hoped to at least equal my previous best, but there were so many stations missing that I have worked in the past. Also, while relatively quiet, conditions still weren't that great. Never heard Alaska or anything in the Caribbean. The highlight for me was breaking a pile-up on RW0CWA and getting the QSO with my 5w. Got him on my third call. Almost makes up for missing KL7. Thanks for all the QSOs ... **N6WG**. Hope to be back with a better antenna next year ... **N7VS**. Lots of fun ... **N8HP**. Biggest thrill was DX stations hearing me after calling for a long time ... **N8XA**. Missed that elusive ND again ... **N9AUG**. Another fun contest. Heard lots of EU Saturday night. I could not believe how strong they were. I rarely am able to even hear a peep out of EU at my antenna challenged station! I heard Friday night was even better. I did find KH6LC about 30 minutes after getting on and was able to work him pretty quickly. It always amazes me how well those guys can hear a weak low-power signal like mine. Never did find any signals resembling a KL7 anywhere. But still had fun working new calls, some to the West Coast well after my sunrise ... **N9TF**. Conditions were excellent here. Although I don't have a proper 160 mtr antenna, I was able to make a few of the local big guns hear me with 50 watts and my 80/40 dipole. Gotta get me one of those bird feeder antennas! (local joke) Operated about half an hour each evening. Mostly listening ... **ND4V**. Work took away many of the best hours of operating this time around. I gave Mississippi to all that I could. See you next time! ... **NI5F**. Elecraft K2 at 5W and Carolina Windom 160 at 65 ft. ... **NK8Q**. Conditions

good, activity level high. First time using SD logging; worked well ... **NN7A**. Hooked two ladder-line-fed doublets to my tuner in hopes of broader coverage and better SWR. Too noisy, so went back to a single long doublet fed with ladder line. Heard many more stations than I was able to contact. Still, a lot of fun! ... **NO2D**. Super condx for the paramount 160M contest! ... **NR4M**. Fun contest with good operators. Had much difficulty working DX stations with my 160 meter horiz. Delta loop antenna, I could hear them OK, but they could not copy me. Equals need an amp! ... **NS2X**. Operation from K3IXD QTH. Best conditions that I have heard on 160m. It was a shame that I was only able to operate Friday night ... **NU4SC**. First time WAS in this contest. Looking forward to next year ... **NZ9R**. Heard many more mults, but we are still too weak to work them all. More than 1100 QSOs were fun anyhow, but only 47 W/VE shows our weakness on 160m DX ... **OE2S**. Thanks for another contest! Our 160m setup is not match to some others but we had fun! ... **OH4A**. Conditions were good. We got many more North American multipliers than before. Many UA9, few JA and Africa in log. VK or SA was not heard. Band was very busy, but sometimes we manage to find CQ frequency. In the beginning we did more search & pouncing that produced quite many multipliers. Ham shack temperature was around 27 degrees C most of weekend, but sauna was hotter. Congrats to other OH stations for great scores. We need to do some more practice and antenna work to make race tighter. It was very nice weekend and we almost doubled our club record ... **OH4AB**. Nice contest with good opening to NA. Very crowded JA band in the evening. Next to impossible to get a frequency there. Unfortunately had to stop on Sunday morning due to a family celebration. Cu all next year ... **OH5Z**. Thanks for the nice contest. Trx TS-430,100w G5RV ... **OK1KZ**. My best ever 160m contest, first time in the HP category. Excellent condx especially to the US, worked many new states. Tough test for RX in central EU with signals S9 +30 dB a few hundred Hz apart. Therefore I originally wanted to use the event to test and compare Orion II vs. FT-2000 and FT-950 but when condx were so good I decided to concentrate on the contest instead on comparisons. Murphy was present at the beginning when I lost the first half hour trying to fix PC keying problem and then had to get back to hand keying throughout the first night. Thanks to OK2RZ for letting me use his contest QTH at the "Ham Heaven Radio Ranch" near Ostrava. Antennas used 27m vertical against 450 radials, inverted-V at 36m, and 300m Beverages in 8 directions ... **OL0A**. Very hard for me. Much QRM local ... **OL4M**. Good propagation for QRP sta-

tions. But neighbors' plasma TV generated very big QRM. Thank you for fantastic contest ... **OL4W**. Tnx for UFB contest. VY 73! ... **OMØTT**. I had to stop the contest three and half hours early because of hurricane which stopped the supply of the electrical energy ... **OM3OM**. Less than 10 hours of operating, mostly search and pounce. I wished I could have taken part in the contest for a score ... **ON4UN**. Condx were a disaster, on Sunday it was a bit better ... **PAØFAW**. Station is TS-530S (100W HF), antenna is longwire ... **PAØFEI**. Good to see the band come to life with this contest. However W/VE stations should realize that 1800 to 1810 in many EU countries is not allotted to the amateur service. Heard VY2ZM calling CQ with strong signals, leading to many stations calling him out of band. This is bad and could lead to tickets. Several US stations heard were not workable from my simple station setup because only the 80m dipole was in functional state at this time. ... **PAØMIR**. We were using the location of our club PI4ZI, an industrial area in Hengelo in eastern part of Netherlands. There are a lot off factories very close to us so almost no space to put up 160m antennas. Just before the contest we set up a Beverage in direction off Japan. This worked very well also for UA9's. Signals from stateside could be better, but overall we had great fun and were happy with the results ... **PA1TT**. Nice condx first night. Lost our PA in the second night so score stalled. Cul next year ... **PC5M**. Glad to join the 160m fun with QRP. Ant too short and too low for good QRP signals, but operators on the other side really did a good job picking up my signals ... **PG2AA**. We finally made some serious improvements of our radials below the 42m vertical and all hard work turned out to be a success. For the first time in years the vertical showed to be in good shape and a very good addition to the dipole. The hours on Friday were also well spent on repairing our Beverages. Although limited in length 3 of them worked very well. We still do not understand why the VE/W Beverage did simply not work as expected. We had fun and satisfied with the result. The band looked like 40 SSB in CQ WW SSB contest. Overcrowded but that is part of the fun (yes, frustration and unbelief can be fun!) Cu in the next contest ... **PI4COM**. Thank you for fb contest! ... **RA3BQ**. Very good contest! ... **RA3UAG**. It's last contest for fb operator Alex, UA1ARX. 29.02.08 SK. He was 34 years old ... **RU1A**. Sorry, big local QRM on the Top band. Many thanks for the contest ... **RV4LC**. That was a Field Day effort with portable TX antenna. Location was extremely low noise but the weather was terrible! Next year will try once more! ... **RV6LFE**. On away to mountain QTH my car stopped in snow. I walked to location.

I got there with new FT-2000D and "fat" user manual. Rig did not switch linear on, there was no time to study manual, so I changed it with my FT-1000MP and I finished first night with 300 QSOs. During the day I changed to FT-2000D and N1MM log and next night was much better. Nice rig. So I finished after 16 hours with 750 QSOs. Better next time! ... **S5ØR**. Many technical problems first night, so I operated low power. Next day it was better ... **S51NZ**. The TS-440S broken after 6 hours. It seemed the conditions and activity were great ... **S57C**. After the contest I received mail from 3A/ON5NT who tells me that he made only one contact on 160 and that was me! ... **S57DX**. This contest is a good chance for QRP stations to see the features of the 160m band ... **SM5CJW**. The truth is: "You can't have too many antennas" ... **SP5WA**. Good propagation only for Europe ... **SP9W**. Just giving some extra points to friends in the middle of the afternoon! ... **SV5DKL**. My first time in the contest and a great learning experience. Many fine signals on the band, but I had great trouble being heard even by the strongest stations. I heard many JA stations, but they never heard me calling. K1TTT picked me up on the first call though. He must have a Beverage pointed to TF! It is painfully clear that my reception far outperforms my TX signal. I plan to build new TX antennas closer to the sea. My TX antenna is 500 meters inland situated in a valley so it is shielded by mountains in several directions. I have a very quiet location and I can hear extremely weak signals with perfect copy even though they are not workable. Sunday had a massive storm and my open-wire feeders kept shorting out so did not get back on until late afternoon again ... **TF4M**. Cool contest ... **UN7TS**. Tnx for nice contest ... **US1IV**. Good contest. Tks! GL! ... **UT7EN**. Thanks for the great contest again! At the end of the contest was great cndx to NA, but my PA had broken in two hours before the end of the contest, so last two hours I worked only on FT-1000D. See you all! ... **UU4JMG**. Great fun. I had a lot more time to operate this year but my the code speed was fast! ... **VA2LGQ**. Thanks for the Q's ... **VA3RKM**. Exceptional conditions on the first day of the contest. Many DX stations heard ... **VA7MM**. I need to leave VE2OJ MS station early, but as the band was wonderful, I wanted to continue having fun from home ... **VE2DWA**. Wind blew down folded inverted-L antenna a week before contest. Our best results yet for CQ contest. Seems central Canada took the weekend off. Sure missed MB & SK ... **VE2OJ**. First time entering the contest without the group, just having fun giving out contacts and thought I would send in the log anyway. Hope everyone had fun and thanks for those who worked me ... **VE3BK**.

Always a "fun excuse" to get on 160 and make some noise thanks to this contest! Not a serious effort on my part here, but the enjoyment level is at a high, nonetheless! Thanks for a grand time, as always! ... **VE3CUI**. Too much RF in temporary upstairs shack to run 100 watts so did QRP at 5 watts. Great conditions and am now a new fan of QRP! Working VP9! on one call was highlight ... **VE3FRX**. This is definitely a wet-noodle antenna entry. Anybody with VE3NCQ in the log certainly earned it. With line and balun losses, not much more than a watt or two actually radiated. I managed to work quite a few states though, and enjoyed every contact. I even got the paddles to work along with the contest keyer so it was nice to not rely on the computer for everything. Thanks to all the patient operators who tolerated the (sticky) manual keying. Even with an 80m dipole, Top band sure provided some rewarding surprises ... **VE3NCQ**. Very odd condx the first two nights. First night Beverages worked very well. Second night not much f/b on noise. Nearly missed some mults Sunday as clock off! Low 40 ft. dipole this time as main one taken down by errant snowmobile ... **VE3PN**. Excellent condx to EU but not much Caribbean activity. Not a big score but learned useful lessons including not to spend too much time S&P at expense of running. Family commitment during prime contest time cut into score. Condx quiet except for local noise late in test ... **VE3QAA**. Only 3 hours of operation. Next year try few more ... **VE6BF**. 160 sounded like 20 during the CQ WW DX contest! I hope I can get more time next year ... **VE6ZC**. Propagation was great. The first European station was heard at 01:40 GMT. Hope to improve TX ant next year ... **VK2CCC**. Outdoor portable station at hilltop of Lamma Island at +8 deg C using FT-450AT, 50AH car battery and 250m long-wire antenna ... **VR2ZQZ**. Wow! 160 sounded better at 2 PM local from PEI than it ever has from NC! Thanks to Jeff, K1ZM, for a fantastic experience! ... **VY2ZM**. Propagation was FANTASTIC. Even with my poor antenna the stations were there! ... **WØEB**. Especially quiet on Friday evening and thanks to the EU/AF ops who heard my 200w signal ... **WØETT**. First night had better propagation. ... **WØJLC**. Conditions to EU the last two hours were quite good, and we added an additional 20 ten pointers to bring the score within 10K of our 2007 effort. At the final bell, we had 31 fewer QSOs and 5 fewer 10 pointers compared to 2007, and about the same score as the past two years. No complaints, as we did the best we could and had a great time working together as a team ... **W2GD**. Every contact a multiplier. Fun, no stress! ... **W2RR**. Operated 26 hours. The most DX ever in a 160 contest ... **W3TDF**. This band is

always tough for me due to limited antenna space. Without the trusty AL-80A amplifier I couldn't be heard. Goal was to reach 100 QSOs and then call it quits. Operating was a blast and maybe I will see a few new states added to my LOTW account soon. Go FRC! ... **W3TUA**. All QSO's S&P. FT-1000/150w, dipole at 60 ft. ... **W4AA**. Great contest. More stations on. Thanks for sponsoring! ... **W4IT**. Thanks to Steve, AA4V, for BIG help with the antennas! ... **W4MEL**. First time ever on 160 meters with wire antenna. What great activity! ... **W4NE**. Thanks again to all those with great RX antennas! ... **W4QO**. First CW contest. Only worked a couple of hours but had a blast! ... **W4SUL**. It was fun. Needed more power and higher antenna! ... **W4TKI**. New inverted Delta loop is the BEST transmitting antenna I've used in the last 40 years on 160! I had the most DX QSOs in a 160 contest ever working QRP ... **W4TMR**. Testing new inverted "L" type antenna ... **W4WX**. Thanks for sponsoring the contest.... **W5ESE**. Operating from my tiny mountaintop hamshack 2200 ft. ASL, in a gale, is exciting. Everything held together and I had a fine time in this excellent contest ... **W6JTI**. Our thanks to Brad, K6IDX, for permitting us to use his station ... **W6OAT**. Great conditions and good operators! My 55th year of contesting! ... **W6PU**. Tough with a street light right outside my shack with a 30 "quiet" period and a 20 second "S9 hash" period Sunday afternoon before the street lights came on was great. The usual rig: modified HW-16 with a 6AG7 VFO, and an inverted L with wire running around the back yard, a HB-11 tube RX ... **W7DRA**. Arizona Ranch Operation, solar and wind powered ... **W7RH**. A great fun contest! Many thanks for the Qs ... **W7SW**. Good conditions on first night ... **W7WKR**. Only could put in about 17 hours this year due to a previous dinner engagement. Band was good to EU in the early hours of both evenings, but signals were much weaker later during both nights ... **W8AV**. Noted a number of stations with severe strong second harmonic signals on the 3.6 MHz band! ... **W8IM**. Another great contest. We had a great team and everyone had lots of fun. A special thanks to all the operators who had the patience to call and make it through the sometimes heavy contest QRM! ... **W8JI**. This weekend put me over the 100 country mark for DXCC. What a blast! ... **W8TN**. Antenna is 40 meter inverted-V fed as a Marconi. ... **W9EBK**. Super great conditions, best I have ever heard for this contest ... **W9RE**. Wow, sure glad I entered this contest. Conditions where really nice. I even worked 4 new 160 countries ... **WA1FCN**. Worked MS and LA for WAS, plus Venezuela. Five states to go. Worked 98% on first shot ... **WA2ALY**. Lots of fun. Many thanks to all

for their patience in digging out the QRP signal ... **WA2RY**. Great condx, lots of sigs ... **WA2YSJ**. Webster Bandspanner mag-mounted on car, \$15. Wire to load Bandpsanner on 160, \$5. Twenty contacts in four states in about an hour's operation? Priceless! ... **WA6HZZ**. Super conditions with many loud DX stations. Then the snow came the second night. All antennas went very high SWR about 0600 Z. Next power failed at 1020Z and stayed out for 23 hours ... **WA7LT**. Great contest with many familiar calls ... **WB3JKQ**. I had a blast participating this year. Q-count was up, and worked more DX stations from last year's entry. Operating time was limited because of work commitments. I did not have a memory keyer this time and forgot how "glass-arm" can feel since retiring as a 20+ year brass pounder from the USCG. My, how quickly one appreciates modern technology from my old "bug" days. See ya'll next year ... **WD5BJT**. Last time I operated I only had a Windom antenna with S9 noise. This time two Beverage antennas allowed me to hear a lot more. I operated about the first 11 hours of the contest and then 3 hours the second evening. Lessons learned: (1) You have to hold a position in the lower part of the band if you want to see any real action. (2) I should not have used the DX cluster. It moved me into the multi-op category but was of little value. Tuning the band was far more useful ... **WD5EAE**. Fun Fun Fun ... **WF5W**. After 11 years of SSB participation we tried CW and love it. CU next year ... **XE1RCS**. Pleased to run my 8th CQ 160 CW in row and meet again a lot of friends. Conditions seemed normal with very short DX openings. Am still fighting with the second harmonic of the nearby 909 kHz BC AM 25 KW transmitter. Best wishes, cu agn in the next one on Top band ... **YO2IS**. Mni tnx for first 160m contest. Mni 73's ... **YO5CCX**. Nice contest! Tnx to all my QSO partners! ... **YO5DAS**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest ... **ZC4LI**.

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Unfortunately had no power after the first 4 hours in the contest ... **4L4WW**. All QSOs above 1843 kHz; most way above 1900 ... **AA1K**. Condx not as good as CW. An unexpected problem with RFI in shack, limited output power. Lots of fun with many good ops out there ... **AB5MM**. Fun contest as usual, but the high noise level took a little edge off. Next year I am going to make an effort to work past 10:00 PM in the evening, hi ... **AC9S**. With my less-than-ideal station on 160, every contact is a thrill! ... **AD6AF**. Had fun. Need a better receive antenna for next year! ... **AE1P**. Biggest thrill was working VP6DX. I contacted 41 states & DC, 8 provinces, and 31 DXCC countries. I still have to install a

real DX antenna. Thanks for sponsoring this 160-meter contest ... **AF1T**. The noise was awful this weekend (S9 plus for most of the weekend). As a result, my QRP effort went right out the window. I had to use my Kenwood TS0-820 just to make QSOs. Unfortunately, its 135w of output power put my paltry effort in the high power class ... **AF9J**. Multi VP6DX is the best QSO in last 5 years! ... **DG7RO**. 5 watts QRP from FT-817 to a Windom (21m long, 8m high, for 7 MHz) matched through the tuner Z11 on 1.8 MHz. Nice contest again. Some QSOs more than last year ... **DJ3GE**. It was only a short test for me with my QRP station, but SSB is not my mode ... **DJ6TK**. As always too little time but much fun ... **DL3MGK**. Nice contest agn. Tnx all who heard me. Cu agn next year in CW and SSB! ... **DL7UMK**. Fun contest! ... **EB2CYQ**. Great fun if very slow at times. QSO numbers down from previous years but more states. Thanks to everyone who called us ... **EI7M**. Very good contest. It's my first experience in CQ WW 160M. Cu next year. Tnx for the QSOs ... **F4FLQ**. Bit of fun with a non-resonant antenna ... **G0MTN**. Quick play from home. No real antenna! K2/100, 100W, 30m inv-L, top at 6m ... **G4PIQ**. First contest on 160m ... **G6SFP**. No US stations heard or worked. Very enjoyable contest and good level of activity. Used SD for logging, very efficient and easy to use ... **GW4EVX**. Just a token effort with Contest Cambria club callsign (GW7X) ... **GW7X**. Rig FT-767GX 80w and dipole, 10m up. A real hard job on 160 SSB ... **HA1BC**. FB! No logging problems using SD ... **HA5AZZ**. Very good contest activity. Not so good conds as in CW period. FT-847 + PA, "L" and K9AY antennas ... **HA7PL**. Great day with great weather for all the weekend in our area. Propagation was minimal, few DX in east, only two stations from USA/Canada. The external maximum temperature was 15 degrees Celsius higher than normal 1312 meters altitude. The QTH was a typical Swiss chalet in woods with a big chef for the food. See you next year ... **HB9LC**. 100w into 41m wire sloped from 23m. Just a few points to the big pistols. Was fun. Hope one day I get space for real 160m antennas ... **HB9TQG**. Very poor conds to North America during first night. Saturday morning closed with 9 states/provinces only. Sunday morning brought the breakthrough: a 30 minute long US/VE pile-up helped us to catch 28 states/provinces at the end. Total QSO number about the same vs last year. DXCC mults improved a bit except Asia and Africa. Antenna setup consists of 7 Beverages, 540m each, a full-size quarterwave vertical, and a horizontal loop for EU ... **HG8DX**. Lost my RX antenna and the QRN was as high as 10 dB strong ... **H13T**. My first entry. Incredible, no UK stn heard! Hope better

condition next time ... **IK1BBC**. Thanks!
... **IZ5GHD**. First time on CQ WW 16 !
Incredible contest! ... **IZ5MOQ**.
Conditions were terrible in my location.
Noise ran S9 or better ... **K1DFT**. Worked
VP6, nice catch on Top band ... **K2FL**.
First 160m test in several years. Just as
noisy as I remembered. Tnx W2GJ for
loan of an amp, I ran 300w out. Ant is inv-
L, the vertical leg is 50 feet, with three 1/4-
wave radials on the ground. Highlight was
having a DL answer my CQ for my first EU
160m QSO from this QTH. Later I suc-
cessfully answered 9A, EI, S5, and KH6
CQs. Other DX was C6, HI, KP4, XE, and
ZF. Too much of a pile-up on VP6DX to
battle for the QSO. Heard the V47 S&P
but never CQing ... **K3IXD**. Band condi-
tions were very difficult for QRP (5 watts)
... **K3TW**. Long time since I've been on
160. Large new country lot plus Ten-Tec
Omni VI+, Hercules II, inverted L anten-
na, and good ops made the contest fun.
... **K4AVX**. Work more 160 stations this
weekend then I ever have. This contest is
great. Look forward to topping this score
next year ... **K4GOP**. Thrilled to be called
by UAØ, CT9, CT3, EA8, and D4, and
being told of having a big signal several
times ... **K5KT**. With low static crashes
both nights (a rarity in Texas for this con-
test), improved transmit antenna ,and
more activity than ever before, I nearly
doubled my previous high score ... **K5RX**.
I could hear more stations than I could
work on my 28 ft. high 82 ft. shortened
dipole I tossed up to try out 160m from this
QTH. I have since installed a decent
inverted-L about 40 feet in height ...
K6JEB. I certify that, other than caffeine,
no performance enhancing drugs or
steroids were used during this contest.
Also, no small animals or children were
harmd ... **K7ACZ**. 80m inverted-V at 40
feet doesn't cut it ... **K7HP**. A lot of work
preparing, but great fun! ... **K7II**. Award for
"Big Ears" goes to KE2DX in NY who I
called while still daylight and he immedi-
ately came back. Heard lots of East Coast
stations right at the start but my calls fell
on deaf ears ... **K7OX**. Conditions not
great. Low contact count this year ...
K8CR. Enjoyed the contest this year.
However, band seemed noisy both
nights. Was not able to operate as much
as I liked ... **K8JA**. Always enjoy the 160
tests. Still the gentleman's band! ... **K9FO**.
Conditions were great for 75m dipole!
18,048 if I get to count US-Canada as a
country. I've ordered an updated version
of Log-Win-EQF ... **K9IDQ**. My best score
in an SSB contest ... **K9WWT**. Beat my
personal best score ... **KBØARZ**. This was
my first 160m contest, and really my first
time on 160m. My antenna was a 80m
loop fed with ladder line, with the best
SWR at 1.5:1 and typically greater than
2:1. I only worked about 8 hours or so, and
I appreciate everyone's patience with my

puny signal. Next year, a new antenna,
and hopefully a bit more power. I did hear
a bit of DX: S57, HA, G, DL, and F. I was
able to work C6, OZ, KP4, and UA2 (Wow,
RW2F came out of nowhere and was able
to work him before the hordes!) I had a lot
of fun ... **KBØFHP**. Tnx wonderful time in
contest es 73 ... **KB9YGD**. Last year I
missed out on the contests due to being
in NW Greenland for work. However, I was
excited to get back on the Top Band this
year from North Dakota. There were at
least 7 ND stations on the air. Great show-
ing guys! The conditions this year were
some of the best that I have encountered
on the band in my short 5 seasons. I had
little problem copying anyone this year
with only my inverted-L as my TX/RX
antenna. Next year will have better RX
antennas to pick up the EU stations. But
my little 100w peanut whistle did a sur-
prising job for me and I was impressed
with the ears of many other operators.
However what really surprised me was the
low noise floor I had here this year. Only
S5 noise and most stations if not all sta-
tions were well over 59 including AK, HI,
es VP6DX! This year's highlight for me
was to get calls from AK, and HI when in
the past I had to go looking for them. I was
also very fortunate to work Ducie Is.
VP6DX on 160m SSB with 100 watts.
They were a top-notch operation and did
a great job giving out that big multiplier.
I was also lucky enough to work C6ANM
and HI3T in the big pile-ups they had going
... **KD4POJ**. Biggest thrill was hearing the
VP6 DXpedition. ... **KD7IIC**. My OM
(Russ, N8MWK) wanted me to do this con-
test. He was right; everyone likes my YL
voice even with 5 watts. I was very sur-
prised to work 33 states, one province,
Mexico, and Bahamas with my 5 watt QRP
rig ... **KD8EIR**. My first contest! ...
KD8GBK. 530 ft. loop antenna but only
15 ft. off the ground. A tough slog ...
KI6JJW. Biggest thrill was working Ducie
Island as the 17th contact with Ducie! ...
KL1WE. First time entering the 160 con-
test! I set up a wire dipole on my parents'
100 acre farm. It worked quite well after
the sun went down. I'll have to do it again
next year! ... **KM3G**. My first foray into
160m. I quickly learned that I need a much
better antenna! ... **KR7RK**. Better than 12
years old WØ record, but not enough to
win ... **KU1CW**. Good conditions, but
many problems with PA. So I did stop the
contest. See you next year I hope ...
LX1ER. I was only active for some hours
to play around and test the antenna ...
LX7I. Yaesu FT-747GX 32 to 100w to
base-loaded Inverted-L. We'll soon com-
plain that the SFI is too high for Top band!
... **MØEZP**. My first non-RSGB contest. K3
#174 ... **MØXDF**. Not easy with 10w but
glad to take part and thanks to all who
pulled my weak signal out of the noise. ...
M3RCV. No good antenna really to do

more in the contest, sri!! ... **MZ8A**. First
night great signals. Low score do to work
on weekend. Used 300 ft center fed zepp
and 100 watts. ... **NØODK**. This was our
first time in this contest. ... **NØUNL**. A long-
wire antenna does fairly well on 160m! ...
N1BCL. A car hit a power line pole just
down the road but we didn't lose power!
Local conditions at our site not favorable
this year. Our rookie team did a great job!
... **N2CW**. Operated with 24 ft. stealth ver-
tical ... **N2FT**. The conditions were great,
and I worked a couple of European sta-
tions for the first time on 160 ... **N3FP**. Best
conditions in all the years I have entered
this contest! However, the QRN and QRM
(some of it deliberate) was horrendous!
Beat last year's score by quite a bit ...
N3HBX. QRN was S9 on vertical first few
hours, and propagation the first night was
only so-so. But, activity level was very
high, so made 180 QSOs in first 3 hrs.
That's lots more than best previous 2 yrs:
150 in 2004 and 133 in 2005. But, only 31
mults. in those 3 hours, vs. 30 in 2004 and
40 in 2005. These comparisons show that
QSOs were plentiful but not distant. At the
end, had 156 QSOs more than best pre-
vious total of 333 in '03 and '04, but mult
total of 53 was less than the 57 worked in
'04 and the 55 worked in '05 despite oper-
ating only 8 or 9 hrs. those years vs 16
hrs. this year. The difference was 14 and
11 DX mults vs only 7 this year, despite
working 40 states (vs a max. of 39 before)
and 6 VE provinces, as many as ever.
Missed ME for the first time ever, but
worked CA for the first time ever!! Always
before I have worked 3 or 4 W7s, this time
only AZ and MT. Second night QRN was
much reduced, but propagation was spot-
ty as shown by working fewer W7s, but all
8 WØ states for only the second time in 5
years, not since 2003 ... **N3UM**. Ears shot.
Storms all weekend. Sounded like sum-
mertime. Good EU opening for about 30
minutes on Saturday night. First time ever
to work all 50 states in a contest on SSB.
Nice to work VP6DX/Ducie with a great
signal from there ... **N4PN**. I had a great
time working some DX, greeting friends,
and working some new states ... **N6AN**.
Thanks VP6DX dudes! ... **N6RV**. This was
a very different contest from what I was
hoping for. We had a lot of rain with some
terrible precipitation static that made copy
almost impossible at times. I wonder if this
was like the static problems people from
the equatorial regions talk about. Had to
switch between two different loops and a
dipole as receive antennas to have even a
hope of copying signals. I ran my receiv-
er with the attenuator in and the RF gain
all the way down to keep the radio from
overloading on the static crashes. Noise
blanker didn't even make a dent, and the
DSP was sounding a bit overwhelmed at
times. Even so, I had fun when I could
hear. Contacts were way down, as I think

a lot of the W6 stations I was counting on had battered down their hatches for the storm we were predicted to have with intense winds. Fortunately, the winds didn't show here, so all my wires stayed up. My high point was working VP6DX Saturday night, and then being able to ragchew with the operator for a few minutes Sunday morning when his CQs were going unanswered ... **N6WG**. First operation on 160m. Worked over half of the states with 100w from my mobile installation ... **N8CBW**. My antenna was trapped in ice ... **N8MHL**. Biggest thrill is just people hearing me (QRP) ... **N8XA**. First contest on 160m. I had a blast. On my way to WAS on 160m. Thanks to everyone who came back to my peanut-whistle station ... **NC4MI**. Steve, KD5LNO, who returned to Texas last fall flew in for the weekend and was rewarded with what had to be the best propagation for this contest that I can remember ... **ND8DX**. Band condx v good. Lousy antenna. No contacts. Took flashlight out at night and added 50 feet of wire to both ends of the dipole. Rate picked up immediately. Still, a dipole at 30 feet is fun, but perhaps not competitive ... **NO2D**. My wife booked parties for both Friday and Saturday nights. Additionally, a charger to a Bluetooth device generated lots of noise that I did not figure until Saturday night. Still, lots of fun ... **NO9E**. It was refreshing to be in a contest on a band I do not usually get on a lot. Lots of things to learn and surprisingly many stations to be worked within the few hours I was on. Transmitting and receiving on a shunt-fed tower was not easy but not as hard as expected. Thanks for the QSOs! ... **OE6MBG**. Rig: FT-1000MP, Double Zepp for 80m at 17m tuned with Kenwood AT-230 Tuner. Managed to work some big signals over the city QRM with 9+20. Found out 1 hour before contest end that my 40m rotary dipole is a lot better on RX. Big surprise to be called by CT3DL 10 min. before the contest was over! TNX all ... **OE9MON**. I made DXpedition to Kustavi EU096. Tried to operate also CQ 160. I was very tired after long work week and after antenna work on Saturday. I also put up a couple antennas for my miniature IOTA operation. So I went to sleep around 1830 UTC. Checked band couple of times and finally woke up around 03 UTC in morning. Less than four hours in contest. It was fun, even if I can't log any DX. Heard couple of US, but no go with low power. Thank you for contacts and see you later! Big thanks to my XYL for helping with antennas ... **OH4MFA**. Thanks for the nice contest ... **OK1KZ**. Hard work with QRP 5w. QSOs only possible with near EU stations. Antenna 25m vertical and OCF Windom ... **OL0A**. The inverted L-antenna that we had created for the occasion blew down in a major storm the day before the contest, so the first night was "just" on

a dipole. Lots of contacts, but no DX until Saturday, when we managed to get the original antenna back up. Lots of fun, but quite slow ... **OZ1ADL**. Like every year I try to find some time to operate on 160 m, but a certain number of stations fill up the band making it impossible to hear the DX calls. Greatest problem however are the different allocations in Europe, causing illegal operations ... **PA0MIR**. A very nice contest again, lots of fun and nice friends on the band. At the PI4ZI club location, there is only space for two short Beverages. Murphy hit me with one broken Beverage not only the wire. A nice job in the dark. The inverted-L (with 30 radials, none in north-east) worked extremely well ... **PA1TT**. First time active in this contest, age 69 years and licenced in 1976 ... **PA3ASE**. Good contest! ... **RA4HBS**. Part-time effort due to birthday party ... **S52OT**. Thanks for the contest! ... **US0LW**. Lots of fun. Had a great time ... **VA3WU**. Nice to be on the air again! ... **VE2DWA**. Contest too long. After 3 hours the band was full of dupes ... **VE2UMS**. Tnx to VE3RM for his hosting ... **VE3AP**. I rarely operate any of the voice modes, but when it comes to operation on Top band, especially in a contest like this one, I WILL make an exception. Many thanks to all who took the time to stop at my frequency and give me a QSO ... **VE3CUI**. We tried a new dipole this year as well as the Delta loop and the Windom, so we were well prepared with antennas. Found the band to be very noisy with all the participation that made things more fun. The radio cops had fun harassing us because we ended up near the listening frequency of VP6DX, but we had been on the air for some time before the guys in Ducie Island were even heard in NA. Some of the newer operators were surprised at working DX on 160m. Another great learning experience for some of the guys ... **VE3DC**. Just part time this year but nice to see the band completely full from 1.800 to 1.998 MHz. Unfortunately splatter ruled supreme. Give me CW anytime, please! ... **VE3MGY**. Biggest thrill was working Mexico, Utah, and Arizona with my 80m wire ... **VE3TMG**. This is my favorite contest, but at my age (82) my staying power is waning ... **VE6SF**. Phased Beverages worked great, well worth the effort to install them in the 1 meter (3 feet) deep snow in the back yard! Problem with the matching circuit at the base of the shunt-fed tower fixed by flashlight the night before the contest. Extra radials laid on top of the snow seemed to help TX antenna ... **VE3/VO1NO**. What a ride! I also want to thank the VP6DX team for allowing me to indulge myself a bit and operate the contest single op. It was the opportunity of a lifetime. First of all, the timing of the contest in the Southern Hemisphere is equivalent to the last weekend in August here

in the Northern Hemisphere. That is why all the Top band ops in the Southern Hemisphere are called static fighters. It was GREAT to work all the Southern Hemisphere stations, the quantities of PY, LU, VK, and ZL stations. Thanks fellows/blokes/compadres for fighting the QRN to give me a contact. 73 de Milt, N5IA op of VP6DX ... **VP6DX**. Thanks CQ! I was able to participate on both evenings this year. The end-fed half-wave worked fine ... **W0CEM**. Band condx were noisy making it tougher for the LP stations to get through. Only put very limited time into this one ... **W0ETT**. It was a great contest. Working ND on only the thirrd QSO and getting HI as the second to last, with loads of fun in between! ... **W0MR**. First time with logging software. Enjoyed the contest ... **W2JUV**. Every QSO a multiplier! ... **W2RR**. Great to be back on 160. Worked VE7, VE5, W6, W7 with 500 watts and a wire. CU next year ... **W4AMP**. 90 years old, and 68 years contesting! ... **W4OGG**. Great weekend with a HF2 vertical ... **W5AJ**. Good conditions on Saturday, stinko on Sunday, but had a blast! ... **W5IF**. Was just tuning the band and heard N7AP calling CQ Contest. I forgot it was on! Decided on a whim to play around in contest just for fun and to say hello to old friends. My 55th year of contest operating ... **W6PU**. Thanks to everyone for their patience due to the QRN challenges ... **W6YI**. After losing last year, I made major changes to the ground system to improve radiation angles and efficiency. I added two more antennas for higher angles ... **W7OR**. Just a short time operating; poor motivation this year; sorry ... **W8FR**. First time with Beverages and I'll never be without them again! Conditions were not as good as the CW contest ... **W8GP**. With a dipole (EW) at 17 ft., 100 watts, I thank everyone who answered my call ... **W8KNO**. Though licensed for this band since 1977 my first venture into it. FT-847 (2002) + low "bent dipole" (actually 60 ft. extensions clipped to the ends of an 80m dipole, itself clipped on to the ends of a 40m fan dipole), all <12 ft. AGL. Most signals had to be 20 to 40 dB over 9 to notice me. Did hear VP6DX at times to S9 ... **WA5IYX**. I enjoy working contests. ... **WB0VBW**. Phone contests sure can be frustrating when running low power ... **WB8JUI**. Great to see so many ops on Top band! ... **WJ2D**. A busy weekend for some. Several stations I worked in this contest I also worked in the RTTY contest a few hours later ... **WQ9T**. Pleased to run again the SSB contest, despite my aging ears! Hard to fight the tremendous Central European QRM! hi. Mediocre condx so only few DX QSOs and no new ones ... **YO2IS**. Tnx for QSOs ... **YO3JW**. Tnx to everybody. Best regards ... **YO4KCC**.