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# 2005 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest

## Expanded QRM

Good contest. A bit slow on the Saturday but improved on Sunday. Force 12C3SS beam worked well and the dipoles home-made with my 50 watts from the FT1000MPMK5 . . . **2E0ATY**. My second entry for this contest; improved conditions on second day . . . **2U0GSY**. With poor band opening to NA, this is my best performance so far. See you all again next year . . . **4F1MEU**. Was great to hear so many stations on from 8P. Heard or worked 8P6ET, 8P6EX, 8P6GE, 8P9AM, 8P6QA, and 8P6RC. That should have kept everybody happy with prefixes from Barbados. Pity about the poor propagation across the Atlantic . . . **8P2K**. My first WPX SSB contest. I operated from Gozo Island with 100 watts as 9H3LEO, de K2LEO Clausia (YL) . . . **9H3LEO**. Had a lot of fun in the contest, although my logging program goofed up on the final day . . . **AA0NK**. Great contest but tough with poor antennas on 20 and 15. Both 75 and 40 worked well for me . . . **AE7DX**. I wanted to contact many EU stations; however, condx didn't allowed that. Expect me next year . . . **AH0/N2IU**. After contest I always said never again 40m single, but! Not too many people, but made my best forever result from EA8! Thanks to everybody and apologize to whom I did not hear, tough QRM . . . **AN8AH**. Enjoyed good opening on 10m . . . **AT0D**. For me this is the best contest. This year only worked in 10 meters but the propagation is not good for work with only tribander TA33m antenna and only 500 watts with Heathkit SB200. Best regards to all contesters and see you again the next year 2006 . . . **CE4PBB**. Condx were great! 40m band was open to Asia at 3 in the afternoon . . . **CN2R**. It was fun. Too bad I was sick both days with the flu . . . **CN2US**. Just for testing new antenna and to catch some new ones. Hi! . . . **CT4GO**. First time SO2R. Tnx to CT1BOH for lending me his WX0B box, and CT1EEB for lending me his TS2000. This will be my last year as Rookie . . . **CT7B**. It's great to claim world record each year starting with 2002, hi. I hope that will be confirmed. My congratulations to Jim, ZD8Z, and Jim, CN2R, for fantastic scores. I think this year SOAB, SOSB 7 and 21 is break. I don't know how about another band . . . **D4B**. First contest with 750W at home. No comments

from neighbours. Great! I was very disappointed about the rates to the US and low activity from Japan. And I think I have to work on my antenna situation. Was just able to run more or less a full Saturday . . . **DH5HV**. Not too bad for 100 watts, a rotary dipole, and 30m wire . . . **DJ3HW**. This time only one QSO! Hope to be more active next year . . . **DJ6XB**. Nice contest with five new DXCC . . . **DL2DVL**. Thank you for the contest Was tired from my TA4 holiday. I just returned on Saturday morning . . . **DL2OBO**. Sorry, much of guests in my house and no time for amateur radio! . . . **DL5AWI**. Conditions on the first day were very poor. Only three contacts on 10m and a handful on 15. Situation improved considerably on the second day but my overall # of QSOs is still lower than last year. Plenty of breaks in the log . . . **DL8OBF**. This was my first WPX contest this year and it was a fine contest! Okay, the two nights without much sleep, but the big activity was just great. It was a bit difficult with 100W to make big QSO rates, because my beam (TH6DXX) didn't work fine, as usual . . . **DM2SR**. First time to join. Although there some glitches in my log, hope to join again next year . . . **DV3ZQR**. Thanks to Dej, E21YDP, to support station and thanks to all for QSOs . . . **E21EIC**. Fantastic with FT817, 5W and Butternut antenna . . . **EA1BYA**. What a pity. I was working and missed it . . . **EC2AH**. It was not a contest trip to EI but a holiday trip with my family and a small TS50 . . . **EI/DL5AUA**. Spent some time on top of a cherry picker checking the lengths of the elements on my X-7 on Saturday. They were way off—not sure how it happened! Had a good time none the less . . . **EI4CF**. Condx were very variable; 15m was not open Saturday with North America; better Sunday. 10m nearly dead. As usual many good dx on 40m . . . **F6FTB**. I hope better next time. Many thanks to all OMs . . . **F8DYD**. Not a very serious effort for this one No 10m and no 15m NA opening. Lots of KW stations fighting it out on 20 and below. But still good fun as long as you don't get too frustrated! . . . **G0MTN**. Enjoyable contest. Improved over 2004 . . . **G4DFI**. Great conditions on 15 despite the solar figures . . . **G4NXG/M**. 10m was dead, but 40m was three deep on every frequency! . . .

**G6CSY**. Conditions not as good as last year. Enjoyed it nevertheless . . . **G14AAM**. Part-time effort, great fun. Blew out the winter cobwebs! . . . **GM4AFF**. Could only manage a few hours due to other commitments. Enjoyed what I did . . . **GM4UYZ**. Good fun . . . **GU4EON**. First big single-op contest from home shack after contesting as multi-op of VE6AO. Was a really nice contest, even as a little pistol! Second day better conds. Thanks for this great contest. See you in CQWW! . . . **HB9TQG**. Just a small entry into contesting and to give away a few points to those who can hear me. Nice to work some DX using my vertical dummy load outside that does not really deserve to be called an antenna :). Hope to have a better setup next time . . . **HS0ZEN**. It's not so much fun to do the contest from a country where the weekend is on a Friday and Saturday and Sunday is a normal work day. It is a little frustrating when you hear the European hams working stations you don't hear anymore during the remaining time . . . **HZ1IK**. This is my first entry into WPX contest. I enjoyed it very much . . . **JA1DBG**. It was tough for the station without beam antenna during low sunspot number period. I was using a trapped vertical antenna that was installed on the 14-stories building. But it was fun. Thanks a lots . . . **JJ1MZH**. CQ up above 17 meters. It was not easy working on QRP under bad conditions. QRP QSO is like that I hear his signal but mine never reaches him . . . **JR1WYV**. I enjoyed contest using long wire for all bands . . . **JR2SQU**. Very bad thunderstorms prevented full operation . . . **K0COP**. Be glad when 10m opens again to relieve the crowding on 20m . . . **K0GAS**. This was my first WPX contest. It was a lot of fun. I'm a rookie at contesting yet I am hooked. I had very limited time on the air over the weekend. What time I did have was lots of fun. I can't wait until the CW contest . . . **K1USC**. I was only going to give out a few points, but got sucked into it! . . . **K1UZM**. First time in SSB WPX. Running at low end of low power (Argonaut V at 18–20W) to an 88-ft. doublet up 20 feet . . . **K2EKM**. Gotta love the WPX contest! My favorite . . . **K2HVE**. God can we please have an SSB DX weekend without a storm? . . . **K3MD**. Had some fun on Saturday night after

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work . . . **K4AF**. Used those Orion filters, for sure. Lot's of Europe participation . . . **K5UO**. Bad conditions on Saturday. Easter on Sunday. Fun all the time that I could be on . . . **K5ZD**. I was very surprised to work ZD8Z on 15 . . . **K6CSL**. A few hours of hilarious fun! . . . **K6OWL**. Thought I make it a challenge this time and do the contest with 100 watts! I did better than I ever dreamed I could on low power! . . . **K6TIM**. Bad weekend for a contest with Good Friday being the first day and Easter Sunday the last day of the contest. That left only Saturday for operating. I'm sure this also affected the number of EU and SA stations heard that were observing holy week . . . **K7ACZ**. Good Friday/ Easter weekend was a tough weekend for the contest this year with church and family commitments. Still the band conditions seemed quite good despite the ebbing solar cycle . . . **K7VIT**. Had some fun on Saturday morning, then had to go to work! . . . **K9GY**. Good contest. Worked 24 new entities . . . **KA1C**. Fun contest . . . **KA4AXS**. SD was a fantastic logging program. I loved the contest . . . **KB8UFP**. Had lots of fun. Great to contact so many countries when the bands seem down. Should be even better next year! . . . **KB8UUZ**. Had a lot of fun. First time submitting a log! . . . **KC2KTZ**. What a great way to analyze the performance of your new station . . . **KC8YSW**. I had a very fun time even though I did not make many contacts. I especially enjoyed the late-night work on 40m and 80m. I even made my first contact ever on 80! All my contacts were very nice, encouraging, patient, and helpful . . . **KD7EJC**. It was fun! . . . **KF9SQ**. A fun contest. My first time. Operations were from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Operator's US call is KB7GJ . . . **KG4GJ**. WPX is always a fun contest . . . **KG6DX**. My favorite contest after Field Day . . . **KG6TT**. Rained all weekend, terrible band conditions, antennas too low, great time was had by all . . . **KG7P**. First contest submittal . . . **KI4EXW**. Noisy, noisy, noisy! . . . **KJ5Y**. Lots of fun, as always. Hope to be more active in the future . . . **KK9V**. Easter holiday and poor band conditions. 10 and 15 were totally dead. Afternoon on Saturday and Sunday was the best on 20 meters. Did manage a few contacts on 40. Superior radio, inferior antennas. Better shape next year! . . . **KL8DX**. No 15 meter JAs. They were loud on 40m Sunday AM but only a couple were on. 10 m to the south only . . . **KO0U**. Had a great time. See you next test . . . **KP4JRS**. I can sure tell I'm not located in the propagation capital of the world. I doubt I heard even 300 stations

total all weekend, let alone thousands, but to the big gun EU stations on 40 who CQed without responding to anyone, u were 59 MT . . . **KS7T**. Always great fun. Thanks to all who called in . . . **KT0R**. First contest at new QTH with new station. Did surprisingly well given low power and only a Force 12 flagpole (vertical) antenna, although could not make any contacts on 75 meters . . . **KT4PD**. Getting into contesting . . . **KU4YW**. First contest with my new monster antenna. Technically I am a US Rookie, but realistically I have been licensed for 46+ years in other countries . . . **KY6LA**. Fun contest! However, 20 was a zoo and 40 was even worse . . . **LA2MOA**. Some mults given 80 and 40m SOSB 10m low power . . . **LN7AZ**. This was my first SOAB operation in this contest. CU you next year with better antennas and also I will be able to run SO2R. 73s and good DX from new contest station in Luxembourg . . . **LX7I**. First time in CQ WPX contest and had a great time. Life would have been difficult without using SD, so many thanks to EI5DI for its production. Many thanks also to the willing helpers working in the background finalizing results—much appreciated . . . **M0OIC**. Had very little time and no decent setup so only made a few contacts . . . **M0TDG/P**. Hard work with 5W but pleased to get ZD8, 8Q7, ST2, and VP9. Really pleased that so many operators pull out the weak ones! Great contest . . . **M3RCV**. Conditions were better on the second day. Worked some good multipliers from Africa on 15m. Did find it difficult on the lower bands, of course, with QRP. But all in all a fantastic contest. Finished just after 1900Z on the second day to go to sleep . . . **MM3AWD**. Couldn't do full-time unfortunately . . . **MM5AHO**. 15m was better on Sunday but no one noticed! . . . **MU0FAL**. Excellent contest. Conditions to NA were better than expected; some super strong signals on the band. Will be back next year. Thanks to all who called . . . **MU2Z**. First time in this contest and had a great time. Hope to do better next year . . . **N0UNL**. Good contest. Glad 15m EU finally came in Sunday morning . . . **N2LK**. Casual contest. Lots of time off and even sleep both nights . . . **N2OPW**. My first time with this contest. It was a lot of fun . . . **N2USM**. Now that was a fun contest. Even though solar flux wasn't very high I was able to consistently search & pounce a steady stream of stations. If it wasn't a holiday weekend, I likely would have been able to do a personal best . . . **N3GNW**. Fairly reasonable conditions, although there was fairly intense QSB into Europe on the second day. I might have

scored higher if it had not taken me all of the first 8 hours of the contest before discovering that my anteaenna was pointed 180 degrees away . . . **N3HBX**. Fourth time in SSB WPX. Before I've taken several hours off, to go out in the evening or enjoy spring weather (I'm more serious about CW contests). This year weather was terrible. Nothing else to do, so put in 26 hrs and got personal best in QSO points . . . **N3UM**. Tough condx for those of us reduced to dipoles! . . . **N4GG**. Had bad sinus infection and no voice after 17 QSOs. It was too much . . . **N4MM**. Poor 15m conditions into Europe on Saturday, good conditions Sunday on 15m into Europe . . . **N4UH**. Excellent condx for my marginal equipment . . . **N6QZS**. Fun contest. See ya all next year! . . . **N6WK**. Thank you for the interesting contest. Hope to participate next year . . . **N7VS**. This is the one and only time of the year when I wish I had a weird callsign . . . **N7ZG**. Great conditions on 15–80 meters. 10 just never opened up. Thanks to all the SA and Canadians for being there. 73 es go Mad River! . . . **N8IE**. First time I tried contesting was earlier this year for the ARRL SSB contest. This is my second attempt. Had a lot of fun and hope to come back next year . . . **N8ILU**. Thought I was going to put about 30 minutes, ended up about 7 hours . . . **NA1QP**. There was no real strategy involved; I just tuned up the band and called anything I could hear. Only made about 20 QSOs running. I was loud enough to work almost anything I heard, but not loud enough to hold a frequency and run . . . **NB1B**. Very limited time to operate this year (less than 12 hours). Fair conditions and activity; but generally tough going from here in the black hole with 3 watts . . . **ND0C**. My employer decided that WPX weekend would be a great time to move five broadcast stations in Birmingham, AL. I was only able to operate a couple of hours. Thanks to N4JF for letting me use his station . . . **NF4A**. My first SSB WPX. 500W and a G5RV made it worthwhile for me . . . **NG1I**. Thanks to Charlie, NF4A, for getting permission from NK4A to use his call again. The numbers didn't look very good, but I thought condx were outstanding except for the bad storms all over the place . . . **NK4A**. Storms and the "honey do" list took a major toll on this year's operation . . . **NK4CC**. My second low power test. Had a ball and still learning. Had problems getting into some areas because low power, but fun no less. Good to work KG6DX again. My thanks to K0UK for opening his home again for me to compete . . . **NT4TT**. Let's start having WPX

SSB the weekend after Easter when it is in conflict. One week later some year will not matte . . . **NX5M**. 10W is more fun than to switch the IC-703 to 5W. I was busy with my wife's 50th anniversary . . . **OE5ØWWL**. Nice contest. Although I took part as SOAB I mainly worked on 20m (I had some antenna problems on 15m and no antenna for bands under 20m). Participation as SOSB 20m would have been better. See you next year or in next contest! . . . **OE8WOQ**. After 1000 Q's back to 10 MHz CW. Nice contest as always! . . . **OHØI**. Good propagation to JA. No propagation to USA . . . **OH1F**. Balancing the weekend between the family, contesting, and DXing. The linear made the radio room like a sauna, as the closed door that was needed to keep the children out kept hot air inside. Next time I apparently need to do QRP . . . **OH3BU**. Cndx poor in north . . . **OH5BM**. Absolute band blackout both Saturday and Sunday during afternoon. Anyhow it was a nice weekend and might have been even better if pipelines to US and EU were open. This time these directions were totally cut off . . . **OH6NJ**. Thanks for the contest! I just had a little fun after my computer crashed and I replaced it on Sunday. I hope others did well! . . . **OH6YF**. Nice contest! Pile-ups to NA were missing this time . . . **OH8NC**. Condx was not so good. Vy hard job to be on QRP, hi . . . **OL4W**. Not enough time but a real pleasure during traffic . . . **ON5SV**. Thanks . . . **ON6LEO**. Just to give some points; no time to full operation . . . **OO6LY**. First WPX contest I participate. Going for 200 QSOs. Cdx bad and Easter weekend.... **OO6UU**. Happy Easter! . . . **OO7YX**. First time I have entered a phone contest . . . **OY1CT**. Will be in the test next year again . . . **OZØSW**. Condx were terrible to the US so the score is reduced accordingly. Russia and Asia just great! . . . **OZ5E**. No time for this weekend so only made a few QSOs . . . **OZ8AE**. Great contest. First time with IC-756PROII voice memories. What a voice saver! . . . **P29NB**. My birthday occurred during the contest. What a great present two years in a row! . . . **P4ØA**. A nice contest but the condx on the good old 80 meter band direction North America are too bad. Have fun with the control of the incoming logs . . . **PAØIJM**. 10 mtrs bad. Hope next year in the test. 81 years young hi! . . . **PAØKDM**. Nice contest; enjoyed participating . . . **PAØKHS**. Took part in 15m only. Some nice DX worked the second day. Average condx for QRP were poor . . . **PA1W**. This was the second time in WW WPX, but the first time I've sent in my log. I was able to work QRP

a lot of new countries and prefixes. . . . **PA3AM**. My first contest. Thanks for contacts in my first contest . . . **PR7AP**. Very poor propagation . . . **PT5Z**. First operation in SOSB(A) 80m category . . . **PU7EEL**. Like always, breaking my own best mark was the mission, and I was fine on that. Never 2000 QSOs before in a single band situation. Thanks all of you, my friends, and congratulations to YLs. More than ten YL's in my log! . . . **PY2NY**. Fine contest! It's very nice to work . . . **RK3TT**. Always nice to make some QSOs in the CQ WPX! Was great fun. Also heard/ worked a lot of old friends. See you next year! . . . **RK3XWD**. This contest was hard work . . . **RZ3DO**. Thank you very much for very nice contest! I hope to see you agn in 2006! . . . **RZ6HX**. Great contest! . . . **RZ9OW**. Thanks to Boris, S58A, and his XYL Olga . . . **S58A**. Fun as usual, even if I had less time this year due to social obligations. However, I find one thing strange and it is why a station called QRZ instead of his callsign?? It is a contest and not a DXpedition and everybody tunes the bands for new stations . . . **SM7CQY**. Fine contest! . . . **SN6C**. My father helped me to make few contacts. I am 12 years old. Thank you for contest and see you again . . . **SP4PBI**. My first WPX contest with electronic log. I wonder how many mistakes I made during entering QSOs . . . **SP8HPW**. Very difficult to work QRP because the big stations don't permit work . . . **TE2M**. Participating for the second time, now with Amriton ALS-500M amplifier. Never got more than 250W using 12V car batteries. Great fun. Thanks all . . . **TF3AM**. Using K2/100 + linear and dipole antenna . . . **TF3MA**. The new contest log, SD, is working great . . . **TF3XEN**. The lack of sunspots shows but still some north-south on 10. 76% of QSOs NA as to be expected at this point of cycle. Thanks to TI5KD for use of the fb station again . . . **TI5N**. Tnx for nice contest . . . **UU7J**. Tnx for such nice contest! My first participation in WPX with my new prefix! I enjoyed it very much! Tnx goes to everyone and hope to make better result next year or in CW in May! . . . **UW1GZ**. Too many distractions on an Easter weekend! . . . **VE1YDX**. If I told you that you were just above my noise level during the contest don't be concerned about your signal. It meant that you were 20/9! On 160m it was the QRN contest not the WPX contest this year! Still lots of fun though, in a sadistic type of way . . . **VE3MGY**. Tnx fer the contest. Can't wait for October . . . **VE3VMP**. I guess a hamstick qualifies for TS . . . **VE3XD/W4**. I have not contested for years. It was a lot of fun.

Low power can be frustrating though . . . **VE7ON**. Testing out portable 40m and 20m antenna . . . **VK2CZ**. A huge hail-storm with a lightning strike within 500m put me off the air for several hours. Plenty of fun in this contest as usual. The tribander was only up 8.0m so I am very please with the results. Too much time not in the chair but yapping with my host . . . **VK3TZ**. Getting called by a YI was a thrill, as was working an ST . . . **VO1AU**. Pile-ups were big and glad to work all the stations that needed VQ9 in their log . . . **VQ9LA**. Tried not to have any duplicate prefix . . . **WØCEM**. Operated without indicator light working on rotator, so at night I had to open a window in the next room and shine a flashlight up at the beam to see where it was headed . . . **W1CU**. This is my first time submitting a log for the CQ WPX SSB contest . . . **W2SR**. Last contest from Annapolis, MD. Moving to West Virginia . . . **W3HVQ**. I had fun as usual . . . **W4CEO**. Interesting conditions . . . **W4KAZ**. Fifteen was a real surprise. Better to Europe than ole reliable 20 . . . **W4NTI**. There were no openings to the Pacific from Tennessee. As usual it was a fun contest . . . **W4TDB**. At this stage of the cycle, QRP on 10 meters was still pretty exciting. 77% of my 74 Qs were in South America. Many thanks to all the Argentine stations with their many prefixes! . . . **W6QU**. 15m was by far the best band this trip around . . . **W8EHH**. The good news was that I participated. The bad news was it was Easter weekend and my three granddaughters from North Carolina were here for our annual Easter egg hunt. This year 700 eggs and 41 attendees, and the granddaughters know where to find granddad . . . **W8KNO**. My biggest thrill was working 5U7B (Niger) with 5 watts! . . . **W8VE**. Would have had a better score if hadn't been for Easter . . . **W9IGJ**. First contest used gutters on 40-80 and tri-band stuck on south. Next year will be better . . . **W9WY**. Half the antenna at half the height as in the past plus half the contest worked because of Easter . . . **WA7AR**. Don't know why, but first time to participate in WPX SSB contest. Will certainly keep this event on my contest calendar for next year . . . **WA7LNW**. I was surprised to be called by LZ9W on 75 meters. I missed the Saturday sunrise (sick), and took too much time off . . . **WA7LT**. Could not work full 36 hrs due to other commitments, but I had a lot of fun anyway. Was happy to see soooo many familiar calls. Memorable moment was that my very last QSO was an OD5 in Lebanon on 40m . . . **WB2QLP**. If it weren't for Sunday, it would have been real loser! . . . **WB7OCV**. Sunday was cer-

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tainly a surprise. Last hour on 40 was great. Thanks to N8NR for the use of the call . . . **WO8CC**. Pretty fair conditions, and only worked with 50 watts! . . . **WP3GW**. Operated just a few hours on this Easter weekend . . . **WW2DDM**. Part-time effort off and on for about 4 hours. Headache, noisy band, and daytime responsibilities prevented me from running this one flat out. Will plan again for next year . . . **WW4LL**. The best part is working old friends . . . **XE1KK**. Much more than I expected. Very happy . . . **XE2K**. Unfortunately my Thai-made power supply did not allow me to enter high power category, hi! . . . **XW3DT**. V. high QRN + inverted Vee antenna = low score. Next contest better? . . . **YB1BOD**. Before until after contest no open propagation in my country. I try listening very weak. Next time I will try on all band category . . . **YB2DX**. The big contest. The five stars contest rate . . . **YC2ECG**. We had six mortars incoming around 1300Z on 27 March 2005. Wish I could get a few extra multipliers during that time. Worked 1020 QSOs, most operating at one time. I am worn out! There are several of us American hams here in Iraq who are gonna work a multi . . . **YI9QWO**. This was so much fun! I ended up operating without interruptions and put in 20 hours. The effort resulted in two things—a personal-best score and loss of my voice. Thank goodness for my prerecorded messages in Writelog! 73 de Korey—Camp Cooke, Iraq . . . **YI9VCQ**. 40m band is madness, with stations in several layers on top of each other. Thank you for the nice contest! . . . **YL2VW**. Hello! Beautiful weekend for me. Old record score was about 310,000. Antenna was a very lightweight half-wave sloper pointing north, one end just over sea and the top end at 45 meters . . . **YMØT**. 73 and GL to all friends! . . . **YO2LGW**. I used only 5 watts output power for all contacts . . . **YO2MAX**. Bad propagation on that day! . . . **YO3JW**. Very nice contest. I am 13 years old and this is first my WPX contest . . . **YO7MDE**. First contest with Writelog. Had some trouble with it but hope everything came out just right! Otherwise, nice openings towards NA and Oceania through long path. See you next year! . . . **YP3A**. I am using only a vertical antenna and less than 50 watts . . . **YY5OGI**. Could only manage 14 hours. Will put in a full 36 for the CW leg. Thanks to all concerned with running the contest . . . **ZC4LI**. Great contest until my wife's shop flooded. You never know what will happen in WPX . . . **ZL1ANH**. Great contest as usual . . . **ZL2AL**. A great contest. Bands not too good, but I had a lot of fun . . . **ZS6RAE**.

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