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# 2006 CQ WPX CW Contest

## Expanded QRM

Very nice contest. Managed to take part in it after almost 10 years. Was just testing my new antennas at University of Novi. CU next year for sure. Power used didn't exceed 100W in any QSO made . . . **4N0W**. Nice contest. Expected more from the 40m propagation . . . **4N2W**. There is a well-known problem with serial numbers sending by Writelog. It can't do correct . . . **5B/NN3AA**. This year we chose to take part as Multi Single and this is because we are getting older—hi. The condx were rather normal with no special openings to JA or W. We are too far up north for this . . . **7S2E**. Poor conditions on 10m . . . **9A2U**. Had a blast from sunny Nassau Bahamas. First time single op low power from DX location . . . **C6AYM**. Very good contest. Useful to improve our skills . . . **CS1GDY**. My first QRP entry in a contest and enjoyed very much. Many thanks to all of you for all the reports. Conditions were very good on 21 MHz. Great QSOs. Tks agn, but it is very hard to get through in a pile-up . . . **CT1AOZ**. Good propagation on this side, but not too much time to be on the air. Congratulations to all the participants. Best wishes . . . **CT3EE**.

Hi all CW fans. My second WPX and again low-end score (proudly, better than my first). I did low power operating in many stages with around 10 hrs in total. So it's hard work to claim a QRQ and to hold it within a QRO contest community . . . **DD1IM**. Worked only with IC-756 (100W) and 8-band GP . . . **DF0CI**. This year I did not find a lot of time for the WPX CW. See you next year in the both WPX contests 2007 . . . **DJ1AA**. Couldn't spend as much time as I had wanted. As always, very nice contest . . . **DJ3WE**. Conditions on 15 meters were not too bad. Unfortunately, my participation time was very limited this year . . . **DJ6XB**. Tnx fer FB contest! . . . **DL1THB**. Small participation. You may use it as a checklog only . . . **DL2GBB**. Sri, computer crash at #135-136 . . . **DL3KVR**. We were invited to a wedding in southern Bavaria over the contest weekend, so I took my IC-706MKIIG, an antenna tuner, and some wire along and used the little spare time we had to join the WPX fun! . . . **DL5XL**. FB conds this weekend! . . . **DL7BA**. The contest was nice. Sunday afternoon I lost my dipole for 80/40m by heavy winds, so used my vertical Gap. See you next year . . . **DL7UMK**. Nice contest, but bad propagation. I could catch one NA station only . . . **DL7VRG**.

Good fun, but maybe some further effort could be put into the timely completion of the pre-contest tasks, like fixing the rotor

of the beam. I'd like to thank all the QSO partners. Let's do it again! . . . **DM1TT**. The last hour I operated with DR7T. A lot of fun . . . **DR7T**. In memory of our friend Antonio (EA7NK/EA1NK), who passed away on 18/1/2006. Together we did many contests . . . **EA7GV**. Thanks to the organizers for this great contest. I have been very happy. The propagation was not very good but there was much participation. Thanks to all the OMs that I have been able to contact . . . **EA8MQ**. Good conditions to North America. Used SD for logging and it worked flawlessly as usual . . . **EI2JD**. Just trying out the 4-square . . . **EI4CF**. Nice test . . . **EW2EO**. It was a real fun on 10m with 5 watts QRP operation . . . **EW6BN**. Rig is the K2 from Elecraft + 100 watts antenna, a 2x20m doublet. Only some minutes to spare for the contest. I tried the monoband 15m this year. Condx rather poor . . . **F6FTB**. Great weekend. Long live CW . . . **FM5BH**. Enjoyable contest. Band conditions seemed to improve for the contest. Pity my time limited . . . **G0MRH**. Great contest again . . . **G0MTN**. Only able to do short periods, but with my 50W had some nice contacts as usual. SD worked very well indeed . . . **G0UKX**. Great fun as usual . . . **G0WKW**. Very much enjoyed contest. Band condx excellent; 20m seemed to be open all over the weekend. Nil from VK or ZL and not very much activity from SA or the Caribbean. Lots of QSB at times. Also a lot of AF weak signals this year. My best score ever with QRP . . . **G3LHJ**.

Despite being at the bottom of the sunspot cycle, 20m produced a steady stream of both DX and EU QSOs during the 36-hour operation. Weak JA signals trickled through for much of the time, too . . . **G3TXF**. Had fun with my mundane G3 prefix. Hard going on the higher bands with nothing even heard on 10m. Still, I managed by best-ever score in WPX anyway! . . . **G3VQO**. Conditions varied. It was a pity there was no sporadic-E on 10m during the contest. The previous two weeks had plenty of Es! Some interesting DX to be had elsewhere, but most of the stuff was European and not too inspiring. Collapsed into bed on Saturday . . . **G3YMC**. Elecraft K2, 5 watts output, G5RV antenna, lots of activity on low bands. An enjoyable contest . . . **G4DBW**. Bands seemed better than expected. Enjoyed the contest . . . **G4DDX**. Good contest, which I tried more running rather than S&P . . . **G4GOY**. Sorry, serial numbers start at 137 (don't ask). Was only able to operate for 2 hours with a FT-817 and

a mobile whip on the van . . . **G4RGK**. Great contest again. Nice to see low static levels on LF. Some really wide CW signals. Some appeared intentionally noise-modulated to keep others away from the frequency! 10m really quiet as expected, but 40/20 just great . . . **G5W**.

Just having fun and learning to use Writelog. Great to hear so many stations on the air. K2/100 barefoot into modified Cushcraft R7000 (i.e., missing the top trap!) and a 60m loop for 40m. Thanks for organizing . . . **G6BOX**. Thanks for running the contest. I used Super-Duper by EI5DI for logging. Very good contest logging software . . . **GM4HQF**. Really enjoyed the contest. My tribander would not tune on 10m and I think I missed some multipliers there. Used SD logging which ran perfectly throughout . . . **GM4SID**. Good condx this year. Enjoyable contest, good activity. Thanks for Qs . . . **HA2MN**. Transceiver old Yaesu FT-101ZD, about 80 watts. Antenna Hy-Gain 18AVT-WB vertical. Many thanks for a super CW contest . . . **HA5LZ**. Some unexpected nice DX QSOs even only with 4 watts and a vertical . . . **HB9AYZ**. First test with my balcony antenna, 2x 3 meters of wire. Wow! . . . **HB9CSM**. Very nice contest, but here not many W stations. Strange conditions . . . **I2AZ**. Not a serious effort, but enough fun . . . **I2WIJ**. Not bad for a close to cycle minimum period! A lot of deaf-ears stations unfortunately. I had a lot of fun anyway . . . **IK1RAC**. Just some hours of activity to join this FB contest . . . **IT9BLB**. My first experience with this contest. Sure next year! . . . **IT9RZU**. VY good contest . . . **IV3DYS**. Only 6 months licensed. I'm also Rookie . . . **IZ1HIV**.

I am OM since June 2005. Very good contest. Very good operators. Tnx to all for QSOs . . . **IZ5GRS**. This year the propagation on 20m was pretty good over the North Pole. Both Europe and North America were open most of the time . . . **JA1BPA**. Had an enjoyable time. Thank you . . . **JA1CP**. I had much fun in this contest . . . **JA1XRH**. What a wonderful contest! . . . **JA3VUI**. CU all around the world 10m lovers . . . **JE1ALA**. I entered on single-op 160m low power. The conditions between the USA and JA were very bad. I could not hear the USA stations and I could QSO with only one DX, UA0DC. Recently we Japanese hams have received very heavy the over horizon ladder from China . . . **JE1SPY**. Thank you! . . . **JF2FIU**. My body was not in good condition first day. However, second day was good and recovered score . . . **JH2NWP**.

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I was able to enjoy the contest though was a short time . . . **J11ALP**. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts with FT-817. Thank you for the QSOs. See you again . . . **JR1NKN**. Operating from our sailboat "Belladonna" on Lake Ontario or various ports in VE3. Always great fun (mixed with other pleasures of life). As my XYL tells me: "There's more to life than sailing." Right on! . . . **K2NV/VE3**. This was my first WPX. I was in Alaska this summer as a camp-ground host. Elecraft K-2 and a vertical worked OK. Must be the salt water of Cook Inlet 20 yards away! 19 hours of sunlight helped keep the RY battery charged with the solar panels! . . . **KB7Q/WL7**. Great signal reports, but no multitudes calling. Guess no one needs Palmyra on CW . . . **KH6ND/KH5**. We really had to work for the contacts. The band was poor . . . **KH6RZ**. Very little aurora. My G5RV heard plenty of DX . . . **LA7JKA**. It has been long time since I operated this contest in SOAB category. It was fun to compete with my Lima Alfa contest club colleague . . . **LA8AJA (operating from LN3Z)**.

It looks also like we managed to beat Norwegian WPX record this time . . . **LN8W**. Used a short trip to LX to set up a makeshift dipole deep down in the bottom of a very beautiful valley. Worked out nicely, except that I had to QRT Saturday afternoon to return home. . . . **LX/OE3GEA**. Tnx for nice contest! . . . **LY200**. I planned the contest for months, but the weekend was based on Murphy's Law. At the end I had 10 hours with a 20m dipole running QRP. Special thanks to YW4D, who took the time to get an exchange and who was a new one for me. CU next year! . . . **MM0DWF**. Slow to start but great fun . . . **MU0FAL**. Great fun. See you next year . . . **MX0EEE/p**. Wow. Propagation from Finland in WPX CW can't get much better. 20 meters was open 48 hours and on Sunday even 15 meters re-opened later to States. On 15m we could run JAs till very late afternoon on Saturday. Propagation was excellent for most of the weekend . . . **OF6AA**. Thrilled to work the Japanese on 15 meters. Long time since I did this the last time in a contest. Brings back memories of the 1980s when I had just entered the art of radio. . . **OH3BU**. Nice contest. Tnx . . . **OK1BA**. Nice contest! I am looking forward to WPX 2007 . . . **OK1DOR**. An absence of free time for serious contesting this year. Thanks to all who heard my weak QRP signal and I look forward to meeting you in CQ WW . . . **OK1DSA**. Good condx on 14 MHz all days. I worked EU, AS, AF, NA, SA, OC continents. See you again, friends . . . **OK2SWD**. Good contest as usual. See you again, dear friends . . . **OK5SWL**.

I love this contest . . . **OL4M**. Nice contest as every year. It was the first opera-

tion from the new QTH with fine rig (FT-1000MP Mark V + ACOM 1 kw PA . . . **OL7T**. Ufb contest, Tnx! . . . **OM3BA**. Special prefix OM50KKF is 50 year-old Radioclub . . . **OM50KKF**. It was a fine contest. My output 5 watts. Licensed since 01 September 2005 . . . **ON3AD**. Very nice time spent with CW friends! Propagation was good and lots of stations on the air! It was good preparation for the next Field Day . . . **ON5SV**. Lots of activity. Ten meters was open for Europe. I always like to work in this contest although I had not much time to operate. Next year better . . . **ON5WL**. Nice test, CW QRP . . . **ON7CC**. Output power was 5W as I use FT-817. Not bad for QRP operation at minimum sunspots. Hope better score next year . . . **OT6A**. Another fun WPX contest and an enjoyable dinner afterwards with the other P4 operators . . . **P40A**. Terrific condx, a pleasant surprise . . . **P40W (W2GD)**. Nice to do it again, but unfortunately a special birthday of the XYL prevented a better result this time. Conditions reasonably poor; even did some listening on 28 MHz to hand out a couple of contacts there, but no activity detected whatsoever . . . **PA0MIR**. Fine contest. Thanks for your ham spirit . . . **PA0WKI**. Had great fun with milliwatts and QRP power. Thank you for the nice contest . . . **PA1B**.

Assuming 80m would be my start I was not focused on starting right from the beginning. Also I had not checked propagation forecasts so started at 0130Z on 80m and got a shock to notice 20m was wide open to the West Coast when I wanted to switch to 40m . . . **PA3ARM**. Warm up for WRTC 2006. Looking for propagation and trying to have ears prepared . . . **PY2NY**. Tks Fb test. I see you next year . . . **PY7OJ**. With such a call it was really fun! . . . **R3R**. Very nice propagation on 15m. I have only magnetic loop antenna and QRP station. Thank you for the interesting test. All the best and I hope to meet you next year . . . **RA3XEV**. Thanks for nice contest! . . . **RA4SD**. There was not much time this year. Just some points and mults to participate . . . **RV6LFE**. For my age and my physical condition 36 hours is way too much! So 24 hour contests would be just fine . . . **S51J**. I was very pleased with the contest and thought that it was quite a success . . . **S54K**. Nice test. This time only on 20m band with vertical antenna and 5W. Thanks to all who answered my weak sigs . . . **S56C**.

Very nice conditions and opening to JA and U.S., better than expected. Just a limited effort to Saturday daytime (abt 11 hours) due to some other commitments later . . . **S57AW**. Just one day this time. Some of the big guns were unable to copy low power 100W. With signal 599 +40 dB at my location they are deaf! It is hard to play low power! . . . **S57S**. Super condi-

tion. Low level noise on all bands in first 36 hr of contest. SO2R operation mostly in "dualing mode" . . . **S58A**. Thanks to SM2HWG for letting me use his station. Also big thanks to his wife Cindy for the great service through the contest . . . **SJ2W**. Had the opportunity to make a partial entry. Got astonished by finding the bands so alive. Where are the poor conds everyone is talking of? . . . **SM3/EA8CN**. Tnx for fine test. Worked with ICOM-706MKIIG and G5RV antenna (~ 2-10m up). Only paper log, no PC in hotel . . . **TA4/LY3W**. Condx were bad as is expected at the bottom of the cycle and my score was down 26% from last year. But there were still a lot of exciting moments, like working ZA/DF4SA on 40 meters in one call. I certainly miss all the JA contesters of 10 years ago . . . **TI5N**. This time I participated in the contest with K2/5 watts and 2-ele quad. Very much appreciated to all who picked up my weak signal . . . **UK/JI2MED**. Best wishes from Kazakhstan! . . . **UN2E**.

My first time in CQ WPX CW. It was a pleasure to participate . . . **VA3RKM**. Our youngest operator was ten years old and did very well on the run station this year . . . **VA700 (operating from VE7GL)**. Never seen such a quiet 40m band in Europe. We'd been on holidays in an RV and I enjoyed participating "from the other side." . . . **VE6/LX1NO**. Very good condx considering where we are in the sunspot cycle . . . **VE7JKZ**. Hard work QRP with a vertical antenna! . . . **VK2NU**. After 26 years on air solely SSB. My first CW contest. If I do not get disqualified it will be a great feat—hi . . . **VK3FM**. G'day to all in the contest . . . **VK4TT**. First time taking part in this contest . . . **VU2LYX**. Cndx never stable but anyway have fun . . . **XE2TG**. 5 watts output to a phased 15m vertical array improved things over last year's all band QRP total. 15 was off and on and search and pounce with about 25 watts EIRP was a challenge. If they were loud it was easy to get a reply . . . **YB5AQB**. For the memory of Ataturk's 125th birthday. Happy birthday Ataturk . . . **YM125ATA**. Just a few hours to run but a lot of nice QSOs again . . . **YO2/DL1CW**.

Besides taking a shot at the European 40m low power record, another goal of this operation was to test a 40m 2-ele Moxon beam with 8m long fiberglass spreaders. It worked quite well. However I think our next construction will be a real 3-ele Spiderbeam . . . **ZA/DF4SA**. Thanks to all concerned in running the contest . . . **ZC4LI**. Our raw score is around 1 million less than what we achieved in 2005. A comparison of the logs shows that the shortfall was mainly due to fewer QSOs being logged on 40m, suggesting that conditions on this band were not as good as last year . . . **ZL6QH**.