



# Results of the 2008 CQ WW WPX CW Contest

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*The incredible mountaintop location of D4C.*

**T**he weekend of May 24 and 25, 2008 marked the 50th running of the CQ WPX CW Contest. While the solar flux didn't jump as high as it did for the SSB weekend in March, the sun helped celebrate the contest's golden anniversary by providing some exciting conditions. More sunlight on the North Pole always seems to create some pleasant surprises. Sporadic-E over Europe enabled six stations to break the 1-million point milestone on 10 meters!

The WPX CW contest continues to grow, with 3148 logs submitted—an increase of 25% over 2007! The sweet sound of CW is indeed alive and well, as demonstrated by the contents of the logs received. More than 16,700 active calls made more than 2-million contacts during the 48-hour contest period.

The scavenger hunt for prefix multipliers always serves up an interesting twist. Just as on SSB, the top prefix collector was the multi-multi team at DR1A with 1313 in the log. Thirty-four stations, all multi-ops, managed to find 1000 or more prefix multipliers. Just three years ago in 2005 only six stations could do so! The top single-op prefix hunter was Assisted category entrant YT5A with 981. IR4X was tops among the unassisted single-ops with 974.

## Single Operator, All Band

World high score in the Single Operator, All Band category was D4C operated by Jurgis, LY2CY. Jurgis had the largest 15-meter QSO total of the top scorers, but only 139 contacts

on 10 meters. In second place, 4L0A, operated by Andy, UU4JMG, worked over 700 stations on 10 meters and set a new all-time single-operator record for Asia. Last year's number two finisher was pushed down to third this year, as Steve, K6AW, operating from HC8N, was just too far away from Europe to compete with D4C and 4L0A. ZF2AM, operated by John, K6AM, was close behind in fourth place. John had the highest QSO total among the single ops on 40 meters (1379), but didn't work anyone on 10 meters! Fifth place went to PJ2T, operated by Jim, WI9WI. The world's top five single-op scores were made from five different continents!

In the USA, Jeff, K1ZM, operated from his station on Cape Cod to make it into the top ten in the world and tops in the USA. Jeff accomplished the rare double of having the top USA score for both modes in the same year. Close behind in second place was last year's winner Dan, K1TO, operating from Florida with the call NE4AA. Dan had almost the same QSO and prefix counts as Jeff, but not enough three- and six-point Europeans to keep up for the final score. Finishing third and chasing valuable WRTC qualifying points was Krassy, K1LZ. Best score away from the East Coast was NN5J in seventh place, operated by Kevin, N5DX.

Ken, K6LA, travelled to VY2TT to claim the top score in Canada. In the phone contest, John, VE3EJ, just got past Ron, VE3AT, operating VB3E by about 400k points. Ron got his revenge this time, beating John by less than 100k! It doesn't get much closer than that. John may have gotten the last laugh, though, as his total for

both modes earned him his second consecutive trophy for World High Combined Score.

The competition for Single Operator All Band in Europe was incredibly close. IR4X (by IZ3EYZ) was the clear winner, but check out the three-way battle for second place. Only 25k points separated Rastislav, OM3BH; Ranko 4O3A; and Anti, HA3OV. Making only 10 more three-point contacts (or a few less logging errors) by any of them would have changed the order of finish!

The Single Operator, All Band, Low Power category also saw a two-mode sweep as John, KK9A, matched his world high score on SSB with one on CW. John didn't make any contacts on 10 meters, but more than made up for it on 40 and 20. The next three places were a battle among North American entries. Yuri, VE3DZ, travelled to Bermuda (using VE3DZ/VP9) and took advantage of being closer to Europe than the others to take second place by a good margin. Alfredo, WP3C, claimed third place operating from his home in Puerto Rico. In fourth, Eric, K9GY, also did some travelling to operate from Nicaragua as H7/K9GY. Next up was Bob, I2WIJ, who had the top score from Europe. Seventh in the world and high scorer for the USA was perennial winner Ed, N1UR, operating as NV1N from Vermont. Representing Asia in the top ten was UP6P operated by Yuri, UN6P.

## Single Operator, Assisted

World high in the Single Operator, Assisted category was a three-way battle in southern Europe. The winner was Mladen, YU7NU,

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operating as YT5A. Boyan, LZ2BE, piloted LZ8A to second place. Ionut, YO9WF, operated as YQ9W for third. The challenge for Assisted category entrants is to maintain high QSO rates while effectively using the spotting networks to pick up additional multipliers. In addition to a very accurate log, Mladen achieved the highest prefix total of any single operator with 981. Boyan found 898 prefixes while Ionut managed 877.

In the Assisted Low Power category, Pascal, F5JSD, operated F9IE to a clear victory. Second and third was a close race between Mario, S56A, and Mark, M0DXR, with southern Europe again having the advantage. Brooke, N2BA, finished fourth in the world just ahead of LQ0F, operated by Javier, LU5FF.

### Single Operator, Single Band

The most surprising band of the contest was 10 meters. Alexander, 5B8AD, used the call C4N to claim the world high score with 1177 QSOs and 1.6-million points. Alexander enjoyed propagation to Europe from sunrise to sunset both days of the contest. He also worked a handful of JAs and one USA. Only 100k points behind in second place was Todor, LZ4ZP, operating as TC37F. Check out the race for third between Slaven, E77AA, and OH0J (Jouko, OH1RX). Their scores were only 120 points apart after the log checking! IU9S, operated by Joe, IT9BLB, turned in a very accurate log to stay above the million-point mark. Who would have expected such excitement on 10 meters at this point in the sunspot cycle?!

Fifteen meters also produced six scores over 1-million points. The perennial 15-meter champion was again ZX5J, but this time operated by Carl, A16V. Carl managed 1426 contacts in about 29 hours of operating. Winner of the battle for Europe was 9A5Y operated by Sasa, 9A3NM. In his 1596 QSOs Sasa worked 756 prefixes! Third place went to IU3X operated by Andrea, IV3SKB. Next up was a close three-way race among YT0Z (Milan, YU1ZZ), HA800NAR (Laszlo, HA0NAR), and Ivica, E76AQ. Only 34k points separated the three of them. In the USA, NR5M operated by Eric, NM5M, edged out W4KZ operated by Rick, NQ4I. One has to wonder if Rick's use of a more common W4 call gave away an advantage to Eric.

On the workhorse band of 20 meters, Steve, ZC4LI, took advantage of his "three-point" location to score 4.3-million points and outrun a close race in Europe between CT1JLZ (Jiri, OK1RF) and TM7XX (Laurent, F5MUX). Jiri and Laurent were within three multipliers of each other, but Jiri's extra contacts made the difference. Marcelo, PY1KN, operated as PT1T to finish fourth. Far from multiplier-rich Europe, Bill, K4XS, piloted KH7B to fifth place. The top USA score was made by Jim, VE7ZO, operating from the 20-meter position at NQ4I.

The highest single-band score in the contest was on 40 meters. Jiri, OK1RI and operator of OK5R, made a last-minute decision to switch from an all-band effort to single band. It was a good choice, as he finished with 5.2-million points and a new European

## TROPHY WINNERS AND DONORS

### SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND

**WORLD:** Steve Bolia, N8BJQ Trophy. Won by: **D4C** operated by Jurgis Ignotas, LY2CY  
**WORLD Low Power:** Caribbean Contesting Consortium Trophy. Won by: **P40A** operated by John Bayne, KK9A  
**USA:** Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV Trophy. Won by: **Jeffrey T. Briggs, K1ZM**  
**USA Low Power:** Ken Boasi, N2ZN Trophy. Won by: **NV1N** operated by Edward Sawyer, N1UR  
**USA Zone 3 High Power:** Northern California Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **NY6N** operated by Dan Craig, N6MJ  
**USA Zone 4 High Power:** Society of Midwest Contesters Trophy. Won by: **NN5J** operated by Kevin Stockton, N5DX  
**USA Zone 4 Low Power:** Society of Midwest Contesters Trophy. Won by: **John F. Meyer, K9QVB**  
**CANADA:** Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) Trophy. Won by: **VY2TT** operated by Ken Wideltz, K6LA  
**CANADA Low Power:** Contest Club Ontario Trophy. Won by **Alexey Yushin, VE2XAA**  
**AFRICA:** Chris Terkla, N1XS Trophy. Won by: **CS9L** operated by Frank Steinke, DL8WAA  
**ASIA:** Rick Tavan, N6XI Trophy. Won by: **4L0A** operated by Andy Kotovsky, UU4JMG  
**EUROPE:** Ivo Pezer, 5B4ADA/9A3A Trophy. Won by: **IR4X** operated by Matteo Marzilli, IZ3EYZ  
**NORTH AMERICA:** Louisiana Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **ZF2AM** operated by John Barcroft, K6AM  
**SOUTH AMERICA:** David Kopacz, KY1V Trophy. Won by: **HC8N** operated by Steve Merchant, K6AW  
**SOUTH AMERICA Southern Cone (CE, CX, LU):** Tom Morton, K6CT Trophy. Won by: **CW5W** operated by Jorge Diez, CX6VM  
**OCEANIA:** Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC Trophy. Won by: **KH7X** operated by Michael Gibson, KH6ND  
**JAPAN:** Simone Candotto, IV3NVN Trophy. Won by: **Masaki Okano, JH4UYB**

### SINGLE OPERATOR, SINGLE BAND

**WORLD 28 MHz:** Steve Hodgson, ZC4LI Trophy. Won by: **C4N** operated by Alexander Savelyev, 5B8AD  
**WORLD 21 MHz:** Andrei Stchislenok, NP3D Trophy. Won by: **ZX5J** operated by Carl Cook, A16V  
**WORLD 14 MHz:** Gene Walsh, N2AA Trophy. Won by: **Steve Hodgson, ZC4LI**  
**WORLD 7 MHz:** 6Y1V Contest Station Trophy. Won by: **OK5R** operated by Jiri Sanda, OK1RI  
**WORLD 3.5 MHz:** Ranko Boca, 4O3A Trophy. Won by: **TM5Y** operated by Le Gall Sebastien, F8DBF  
**WORLD 1.8 MHz:** Dusko Dumanovic, ZL3WW Trophy. Won by: **SN7Q** operated by Krzysztof Sobon, SP7GIQ  
**USA 21 MHz:** Charlie Wooten, NF4A Trophy. Won by: **NR5M** operated by Eric Silverthorn, NM5M  
**USA 14 MHz:** Kansas City DX Club Trophy. Won by: **NQ4I** operated by Jim Roberts, VE7ZO  
**USA 7 MHz:** Darin Divinia, WG5J Trophy. Won by: **WI4R** operated by Jeff Kinzli, N6GQ  
**USA 3.5 MHz:** Wes Printz, W3SE Trophy. Won by: **Steven Sussman, W3BGN**  
**EUROPE 28 MHz High Power:** SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **Slaven Galic, E77AA**  
**EUROPE 21 MHz High Power:** SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **9A5Y** operated by Sasa Pokorni, 9A3NM  
**EUROPE 14 MHz High Power:** SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **CT1JLZ** operated by Jiri Pesta, OK1RF  
**EUROPE 7 MHz High Power:** SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **Vitimir Kregar, S56M**  
**EUROPE 3.5 MHz High Power:** SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **OL4W** operated by Milan Stejskal, OK1IF  
**EUROPE 1.8 MHz High Power:** SKY Contest Club Trophy. Won by: **Arunas Vaglys, LY2IJ**

### SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED

**WORLD:** Hal Kennedy, N4GG Trophy. Won by: **YT5A** operated by Mladen Bogdanov, YU7NU  
**USA:** Ron Sigismonti, N3RS Trophy. Won by: **Charles D. Fulp, Jr., K3WW**  
**EUROPE:** Martin Huml, OL5Y Trophy. Won by: **LZ8A** operated by Boyan Petkov, LZ2BE

### QRP/p

**WORLD:** Chris Kantarjiev, K6DBG Trophy. Won by: **TI5N** operated by Bill Parker, W8QZA  
**NORTH AMERICA:** Dale Martin, KG5U Trophy. Won by: **Douglas Zwiebel, KR2Q**  
**USA:** John T. Laney, K4BAI Trophy. Won by: **Gary Hembree, N7IR**

### OVERLAY CATEGORIES

**WORLD Tribander/Single Element:** Helmut Mueller, DF7ZS Trophy. Won by: **Ricardo Martins, CT3KN**  
**USA Tribander/Single Element:** Paul Newberry, N4PN Trophy. Won by: **WN2O** operated by Mike Musitano, N2GC  
**Europe Tribander/Single Element:** Matija Brodnik, S53MM Trophy. Won by: **OJ0B** operated by Pertti Simovaara, OH2PM  
**WORLD Rookie:** Val Edwards, W8KIC Memorial Trophy (K3LR Sponsor). Won by: **Alexandr Konnov, RK9AJZ**  
**NORTH AMERICA Rookie:** Chris Kantarjiev, K6DBG Trophy. Won by: **Eric Irvine, VY1E1**

### MULTI-OPERATOR, SINGLE-TRANSMITTER

**WORLD:** Steve Miller, N0SM Trophy. Won by: **CT9M** operated by OM3GI, OM3NA, OM3LA, OM3RM, OM7JG  
**USA:** Phil Allardice, KT3Y Trophy. Won by: **KT3Y/4** operated by KT3Y, K3EST  
**ASIA:** W2MIG Memorial Trophy (NX7TT Sponsor). Won by: **P33W** operated by RA6LBS, RK3AD, RU4HP, RW4WR, RA3AUU  
**EUROPE:** Andy Ruse, YO3JR/YR1A Trophy. Won by: **OM7M** operated by OK2BFN, OM3PA, OM3PC, OM5AW, OM5RM, OM5RW, OM5ZW  
**NORTH AMERICA:** Jim George, N3BB Trophy. Won by: **WE3C** operated by K3CT, K3TEJ, N3RD, W2GD, W3FV, WE3C  
**USA Zone 4:** Mike Fatchett, W0MU Trophy. Won by: **N5RM** operated by N2IC, WA5Y, K7IA

### MULTI-OPERATOR, TWO-TRANSMITTER

**WORLD:** UA1DZ Memorial, W3UA Trophy. Won by: **3V8BB** operated by YT1AD, YT3W, YU1KX, Z3Z2M  
**USA:** Florida Contest Group Trophy. Won by: **KD4D** operated by K3MM, K3RA, WX3B, NI1N, KD4D  
**EUROPE:** Tom Georgens, W2SC Trophy. Won by: **ES9C** operated by ES5RY, ES2DW, ES2MC, ES5JR, ES5NC, ES2RR, ES5TV, OH1NOA, ES3VI

### MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-TRANSMITTER

**WORLD:** Steve Merchant, K6AW Trophy. Won by: **DR1A** operated by DB6JG, DJ6ET, DK9IP, DL1MFL, DL1MGB, DL3DX, DL5LYM, DL6FBL, DL7FER, DL8WXP, DO2WW, HB9CVP, JK3GAD  
**USA:** Jim Reisert, AD1C Trophy. Won by: **NR4M** operated by EY8MM, K1SE, K4EC, K4EU, K4GMH, K4ZW, K7SV, N2YO, NR4M, W4DF, WA4JUK  
**EUROPE:** David Robbins, K1TTT Trophy. Won by: **LZ9W** operated by LZ1ZD, LZ1RGM, LZ1ANA, LZ1UQ, LZ1PM, LZ2UU, LZ2UZ, LZ2FV, LZ2CJ, LZ3FM, LZ3UM, LZ4UU, LZ5VK

### CONTEST EXPEDITION

**WORLD:** Phil Goetz N6ZZ Memorial Trophy. Won by: **VE3DZ/VP9** operated by Yuri Onipko, VE3DZ

### COMBINED (SSB & CW)

#### Single Operator All Band

**WORLD:** Yuri Blanarovich, K3BU Trophy. Won by: **John Sluymmer, VE3EJ**  
**USA:** Bill Fisher, W4AN Memorial Trophy (KM3T Sponsor). Won by: **Jeffrey T. Briggs, K1ZM**

### CLUB (SSB & CW)

**WORLD:** CQ Magazine Trophy. Won by **Bavarian Contest Club**

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## EUROPE TOP SCORES

<p><b>SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND</b></p> <p>IR4X (I43EYZ) .....7,565,058  OM3BH .....7,224,768  403A .....7,207,746  HA30V .....7,200,532  YR7M (Y03JR) .....6,955,416  S50A .....6,717,006  9A5W .....6,486,588  RL3A (RV3BA) .....6,173,244  DL3YM .....5,935,334  OK4RO .....5,464,565</p> <p><b>28 MHz</b></p> <p>E77AA .....1,093,968  OH0J (OH1RX) .....1,093,840  IU9S (IT9BLB) .....1,009,766  UW1M (UR5MMW) .....839,475  9A4W .....814,215  RW2F (UA2FB) .....788,794  UT1IA .....681,884  S57S .....627,840</p> <p><b>21 MHz</b></p> <p>9A5Y (9A3NM) .....1,959,930  IU3X (IV3SKB) .....1,555,410  YT0Z (YU1ZZ) .....1,269,188  HA800NAR (HA00NAR) .....1,246,050  E76AQ (T96Q) .....1,235,292  S51FB .....514,724  YT1T .....437,675  SN5N (SP5KP) .....427,278</p> <p><b>14 MHz</b></p> <p>CT1JLZ (OK1RF) .....4,132,771  TM7XX (F5MUX) .....4,008,056  S57AL .....3,479,903  SN3X (SP3SLA) .....3,470,412  LY80 .....3,350,384  IO3P (IV3NVN) .....3,162,835  S57DX .....3,104,769  OE2008S (OE2VEL) .....3,003,762</p> <p><b>7 MHz</b></p> <p>OK5R (OK1RI) .....5,222,912  S56M .....4,368,680  OG6A (OH6OU) .....3,375,540  9A7D (9A2SD) .....3,054,744  IO3J (IV3ZXO) .....2,233,153  SX1L (SV2FWV) .....2,187,584  SP4TKR .....2,042,586  IZ1GAR .....1,891,642</p> <p><b>3.5 MHz</b></p> <p>TM5Y (F8DBF) .....1,983,366  OL4W (OK1IF) .....1,317,801</p>	<p>SN3A (DJ0IF) .....1,310,220  OK3R (OK1DVM) .....1,309,645  M1A (M0BBB) .....1,271,592  S51YI .....1,196,046  S530 .....1,004,400  GM4FAM .....994,335</p> <p><b>1.8 MHz</b></p> <p>SN7Q (SP7GIQ) .....339,542  LY2IJ .....277,590  OH4A (OH6LI) .....236,174  OG9W (OH2BCI) .....222,819  LN9Z (LA9HW) .....212,848  YT6T (YU7CM) .....212,420  YL2SM .....212,267  SP6A .....181,536</p> <p><b>LOW POWER SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND</b></p> <p>*I2WJ .....3,478,860  *YU8A .....2,829,069  *EA7RM .....2,723,231  *OL6P (OK2WTM) .....2,627,660  *S51F .....2,536,042  *RW4FO .....2,486,435  *EA7TN .....2,337,220  *SP4JCQ .....2,145,955  *YL8M (YL2KL) .....2,055,685  *DL1EFD .....1,939,800</p> <p><b>28 MHz</b></p> <p>*T97G .....454,399  *LY2T .....379,857  *UA2FL .....370,946  *U55XD .....315,126  *DL9ZP .....297,208  *9A3VM .....296,534  *HA8TP .....260,354  *UA3QG .....260,192</p> <p><b>21 MHz</b></p> <p>*YU7EE .....787,776  *YR8B .....540,882  *IW0GX .....224,114  *LY3ID .....162,486  *ER1RR .....128,525  *UT3EK .....125,481  *SM0O (SM0OGQ) .....108,895  *UA4LW .....107,939</p> <p><b>14 MHz</b></p> <p>*HG4F .....1,446,530  *S51W .....1,169,512  *LZ5XQ .....1,007,424</p>	<p>*S57U .....906,750  *SV1BJW .....833,175  *UZ5UA .....819,680  *IK6MNB .....778,499  *LZ6W (LZ4UX) .....639,431</p> <p><b>7 MHz</b></p> <p>*S54A .....1,591,557  *ER3DX .....1,428,973  *EC5KXA .....1,129,024  *SP5CNA .....971,736  *OK1DKZ .....958,167  *SN7O (SP7IVO) .....937,300  *YU0J .....913,248  *SP6OJE .....909,580</p> <p><b>3.5 MHz</b></p> <p>*404A .....886,224  *DJ6BQ .....797,525  *OK2BYV .....487,890  *HA6FO .....480,342  *LY3CW .....456,435  *YR5O (Y05BRZ) .....426,218  *HG6V (HA6IAM) .....350,920  *SP7DCS .....285,532</p> <p><b>1.8 MHz</b></p> <p>*HA8BE .....184,730  *S51DX .....127,233  *T99Z .....107,724  *SN30J (SP5JXK) .....86,760  *LY2OU .....79,296  *UX5NQ .....78,200</p> <p><b>QRP/p</b></p> <p>OM7DX .....1,234,761  OK7CM .....1,047,442  RW6HJV/6 .....791,204  RA6DB .....743,036  DL8MBS .....700,960  RW3AI .....635,481  ES1CW .....623,891  US2IZ .....600,886  LY5G (LY2FE) .....566,056  S52P .....534,378  EW6DX .....28,143,576  DH8BOA .....28,137,632  HA8KW .....21,325,650  HG3IPA (HA3JB) .....21,298,452  UA6LCJ .....14,258,336  HA808MT .....14,248,040  EU8RZ .....7,618,184  YU1LM .....7,293,828  LY2GW .....3.5,186,238  DL9YX .....1.8,32,085</p> <p><b>SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED</b></p> <p>YT5A (YU7NU) .....A,6,877,791  LZ8A (LZ2BE) .....A,5,668,176  YO9W (YO9WF) .....A,5,347,069  UW5O .....A,4,853,512  HG7T (HA7TM) .....A,4,668,840  S50R .....A,3,488,256  OG6N .....A,3,428,646  DL0IL (DF2KK) .....A,3,120,000  YL1S (YL1ZF) .....A,3,024,320  YO6A (YO6BHN) .....A,3,009,090  EM9F (UT9FJ) .....28,951,286  9A1V (9A4M) .....21,927,605  S52ZW .....14,2,569,142  S56X .....7,3,568,290  SP4Z .....7,3,031,170  LY4U .....3.5,849,932  HA3LI .....3.5,809,348</p> <p><b>LOW POWER</b></p> <p>*F9IE (F5JSD) .....A,2,297,815  *S56A .....A,1,597,639  *MODXR .....A,1,490,216  *IK2HDF .....A,1,352,290  *PA4AO .....A,1,191,105  *YU3A .....A,1,128,634  *YO3FRI .....A,1,048,318  *DM3PKK .....A,1,038,878  *F8AKC .....28,335,125  *HA2OW .....21,264,252  *UZ8M (US0MR) .....14,1,112,952  *YO5Q (YO5OHO) .....14,906,714  *YU9DX .....7,2,351,232  *YB8GC .....3.5,94,248  *YT4A .....1.8,48,600</p> <p><b>TRIBANDER/SINGLE ELEMENT</b></p> <p>LZ8A (LZ2BE) .....A,5,668,176  OJ0B (OH2PM) .....A,4,755,475  S53MM .....A,4,553,405  OM7CW .....A,4,515,447  MD0CCE .....A,4,377,024  S59ABC (S51DS) .....A,3,855,135  HG8R (HA8JV) .....A,3,497,200  EV2A (EW2AA) .....A,3,062,496  O05M (ON5ZO) .....28,287,280  EA5FID .....21,563,746  9A/VE3ZIK .....14,1,665,528  9A3MA .....7,608,685  HA3LI .....3.5,809,348</p> <p><b>LOW POWER</b></p> <p>*EA7TN .....A,2,337,220  *LZ08KM (LZ3YY) .....A,1,681,728  *PG7V .....A,1,647,354</p>	<p>*DK5DQ .....A,1,548,323  *LY600W (LY5W) .....A,1,453,940  *OK1HX .....A,1,438,110  *OK2OX .....A,1,308,150  *OV3X (OZ8AE) .....A,1,279,786  *UR5IKN .....28,174,556  *S57U .....14,906,750  *S54A .....7,1,591,557  *YU0A .....3.5,154,560  *YT4A .....1.8,48,600</p> <p><b>ROOKIE</b></p> <p>*RN3DBA .....A,799,722  *DF1HE .....A,609,609  EW8KY .....A,521,626  *SP5XO .....A,449,304  *S05M .....A,428,146  *OK50C .....A,321,356  *UU4JK .....28,123,840</p> <p><b>MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER</b></p> <p>OM7M .....10,698,780  RU1A .....10,549,847  IR2C .....9,850,823  E73MMM .....9,606,974  LZ5A .....9,237,240  TM0R .....9,212,940  UZ2M .....8,538,115  YT2T .....7,384,800  EE2W .....7,259,844  YT0A .....7,060,134</p> <p><b>MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER</b></p> <p>ES9C .....18,557,028  9A60A .....16,164,144  EA3FP .....13,382,334  DO4W .....13,122,255  G6PZ .....13,057,583  OL7R .....12,336,030  OG8X .....11,503,136  LX0RL .....9,547,200</p> <p><b>MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER</b></p> <p>DR1A .....24,285,248  LZ9W .....19,377,645  HG80HQ .....15,510,742  LX7I .....14,790,657  OM0M .....14,410,494  E77DX .....13,212,146  LY7A .....12,697,272  OL3Z .....9,712,920</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*Low Power</i></p>
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The big antennas at 9A7D were operated by 9A2SM to fourth place in the world on 7 MHz.

made a great score to take the win on 80 meters and set a new world record. Ozer, TA2RC, set a new world record for low power on 160 meters.

### QRP

We received 210 logs in the QRP category this year. TI5N, operated once again by Bill, W8QZA, took the top honors for the All Band category. Very close behind was Stefan, OM7DX. Third place went to Antonin, OK7CM, the winner of the SSB contest. Igor, EW6DX, was tops among the 21 logs for single-band 10 meters. Anatoly, EU8RZ, made an incredible 618k points on 40 meters to set a new world record.

### Tribander/Single Element

The Tribander/Single Element category is open to single-operator entrants in the High and Low Power categories with limited antennas. It's quite a popular category, with 410 entries this time. Ricardo, CT3KN, easily took the world high score for High Power. Eugene, RU9CK, lead a competitive group including UP4L, OJ0B, S53MM, and OM7CW. Leader of the Low Power entries was VE3DZ/VP9.





### Log-Checking Honor Roll

The 2008 CQ WW WPX CW Contest received 3148 logs containing 2,012,878 QSOs. The log-checking software was able to cross-check 97.4% of the QSOs with another log! Callsigns and exchanges were fully checked. We ask everyone to submit their log, as even small logs contribute to the overall quality of the log-checking process.

The Top 20 Single Operator All Band entries had an average score reduction of only 5.3% after penalties (about one-half percent higher than the SSB contest). The average for all Single Operator entrants was 12.4%. We urge every competitor to use these results as a benchmark for measuring their personal progress toward operating perfection. Detailed log-checking reports may be requested by sending an e-mail to <k5zd@cqwp.com>.

Speaking of perfection, there were 106 entries with no score reductions. The top five "golden log" scorers (with number of contacts) were UA6LCJ (526), W1ZT (315), N3GJ (240), 9A2EY (225), and W0EB (219).

Just as important as copying information correctly is sending it. There were 133 entries that caused no errors in other logs. The top scorers among these golden transmitters were N5JR (164), YU7D (171), LZ1YQ (123), DM2RN (130), and UN8GA (117).

As a figure of merit, we looked at the top scorers in each category that had more than 1500 contacts in the log to see which was the most accurate.

Single Op All Band High Power, WN2O (0.7%)

Single Op All Band Low Power, OL6P (1.3%)

Single Op Assisted, OH6MW (1.3%)

Multi-Single, SN9F (3.8%)

Multi-Two, KD4D/3 (4.3%)

Multi-Multi, DR1A (4.6%)

Congratulations to all of these operators who demonstrated such extraordinary skill!

### Rules Changes

WPX CW 2008 was the first major CW contest to occur after the CW Skimmer technology created by VE3NEA captured the attention of contesters. In the absence of any rule against its use, an announcement was made that CW Skimmer could be used by single-operator entrants. A few operators did give it a try, but it is not believed to have impacted the order of finish of any of the world or regional competitions. Following the lead of the CQ WW Contest, the WPX rules for 2009 have been changed to limit the use of CW Skimmer to the Assisted and Multi-Operator categories.

There are a number of rules changes for the 2009 contest. Pay particular attention to the terms of competition, rules for Multi-Single, and changes to the Club category. **See the complete rules on the web at <www.cqwp.com>; <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>, and in the February issue of CQ magazine.**

### Final Thoughts

The CQ WW WPX Contest lost a great friend this past year. CQ Contest Hall of Fame

## OLD CQ WW WPX CW CONTEST ALL-TIME RECORDS

The contest is held each year on the last full weekend of May. The All-Time Records are updated and published annually. Data shown below is: callsign, year of operation, total score, and number of prefix multipliers.

### WORLD RECORD HOLDERS

#### Single Operator

1.8	IH9/OL5Y('98)	341,068	182
3.5	TM5Y('08)	1,983,366	567
7.0	LU1IV('97)	7,671,456	702
14	4L8A('06)	6,083,910	870
21	ZX5J('05)	7,061,000	920
28	ZX5J('02)	6,787,440	857
AB	D4B('04)	16,619,000	1000

#### Multi-Operator Single Transmitter

CT9M('08)	24,125,802	1182
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#### Multi-Operator Two Transmitters

EF8M('07)	33,324,192	1256
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#### Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter

HC8N('99)	54,697,072	1264
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### U.S.A. RECORD HOLDERS

#### Single Operator

1.8	K1ZM('95)	40,446	107
3.5	W3BGN('08)	641,092	332
7.0	KG1D('05)	3,594,822	651
14	N2NC('06)	5,418,630	915
21	NU5A('99)	4,411,299	789
28	WW4M('01)	2,547,046	674
AB	AK1W('05)	8,650,704	916

#### Multi-Operator Single Transmitter

KM9P('01)	10,691,724	964
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#### Multi-Operator Two Transmitters

KM4M('04)	16,283,745	1095
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#### Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter

KM3T('01)	21,103,320	1110
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### CLUB RECORD

Northern Calif. Contest Club('02)	253,543,497
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### WPX (Prefix) RECORD

DR1A('08)	1313
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### QRP/p RECORD

P40W('97)	4,018,208
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### CONTINENTAL RECORD HOLDERS

#### AFRICA

1.8	IH9/OL5Y('98)	341,068	182
3.5	7X0RY('08)	1,701,260	407
7.0	IG9B('04)	5,187,819	613
14	EA9LZ('98)	5,708,498	758
21	5X1Z('01)	6,362,352	782
28	ZS4TX('01)	4,602,028	722
AB	D4B('04)	16,619,000	1000

#### ASIA

1.8	4X4NJ('96)	259,420	170
3.5	TA0/Z33F('02)	1,452,552	348
7.0	9K2HN('06)	4,541,970	606
14	4L8A('06)	6,083,910	870
21	A45XR('99)	6,557,697	843
28	HZ1AB('02)	3,669,994	659
AB	4L0A('08)	11,213,664	888

#### EUROPE

1.8	SN7Q('08)	339,542	307
3.5	TM5Y('08)	1,983,366	567
7.0	OK5R('08)	5,222,912	808
14	4O3T('06)	5,313,554	986
21	9H0A('02)	5,389,008	933
28	9H0A('01)	3,965,315	841
AB	CU2A('06)	8,153,512	964

#### NORTH AMERICA

1.8	VA1A('99)	103,680	120
3.5	FM5BH('97)	833,490	315
7.0	V26BA('97)	6,227,550	659
14	NZNC('06)	5,418,630	915
21	ZF1A('99)	5,330,129	799
28	FM5GU('01)	2,849,769	621
AB	WP2Z('99)	12,506,280	890

#### OCEANIA

1.8	KH6ND('07)	22,100	50
3.5	KH6ND('05)	476,928	207
7.0	ZM3A('07)	6,043,950	666
14	KH6ND('03)	4,126,690	730
21	KH6ND('99)	6,107,256	813
28	KH6ND('00)	1,523,008	424
AB	KH6ND('02)	7,996,774	862

#### SOUTH AMERICA

1.8	YV1OB('86)	11,550	35
3.5	YX3A('89)	1,004,060	305
7.0	LU1IV('97)	7,671,456	702
14	YW1A('91)	4,617,456	732
21	ZX5J('05)	7,061,000	920
28	ZX5J('02)	6,787,440	857
AB	P40W('94)	14,168,115	845

#### MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

AF	CT9M('08)	24,125,802	1182
AS	P33W('08)	21,314,175	1145
EU	9A7A('01)	10,915,020	1044
NA	8P4A('02)	18,516,960	1056
OC	AH2R('01)	11,541,420	957
SA	P49V('01)	19,760,744	1034

#### MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

AF	EF8M('07)	33,324,192	1256
AS	RT9W('03)	12,006,568	872
EU	ES9C('08)	18,557,028	1266
NA	6Y1V('08)	20,507,972	1108
OC	ZL6QH('05)	13,312,768	952
SA	HC8N('03)	30,928,268	1187

#### MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

AF	6V6U('97)	9,938,896	758
AS	A61AJ('02)	42,766,232	1244
EU	DR1A('08)	24,285,248	1313
NA	6Y2A('02)	38,821,328	1274
OC	ZL6QH('04)	16,143,840	1010
SA	HC8N('99)	54,697,072	1264

#### QRPp

AF	5Y4FO('92)	649,057	311
AS	ZC4BS('02)	2,515,388	521
EU	LY5A('01)	2,331,414	646
NA	TI5X('01)	2,568,470	615
OC	F08JP('86)	572,131	259
SA	P40W('97)	4,018,208	632

member Paolo, I2UIY, became a Silent Key in September. His participation in this contest as a member of the W7RN multi-op crew represented one of his final contest operations. We will miss Paolo's enthusiasm and his help.

There are many people operating behind the scenes to help produce the CQ WPX Contest. Thanks to W4AU, K1ZE, WA1Z, K2BB, NJ1F, W1UE, WO1N, WC2L, N8RA, WB1DX, W1TO, N1NK, W2JU, W1KQ,

KM1P, W1KM, and W1ZT for their work typing in all of the paper logs. I also received help from K1PX and F6BEE on updating the score records. My job is made much easier with the assistance of Doug, K1DG, who manages the plaque program, and Barry, W5GN, who coordinates all of the certificate distribution. Trey (aka Mr. Cabrillo), N5KO, keeps the log-submission robot running. K5TR and KM3T provide incredible IT support for the website. Most of all, I have to



Andy, YO3JR, operated as YR7M to finish in fifth place Europe in the Single Operator All Band category.

thank K1EA for his hours of software development and responses to my requests.

The 2009 WPX CW Contest will be held on May 30 and 31. Submit your WPX CW logs to <cw@cqwpx.com>. Please join us in the 2009 contest!  
73, Randy, K5ZD

## QRM

What a blast! First contest since NA Sprints from XE1/NV1P in 1992; so much has changed since then. Brought my 9- and 12-year-old sons along to get the next generation hooked on contesting. Thanks to all who recognized the 4U1ITU callsign and apologies for my rusty CW. See you in the next one! ... **4U1ITU (Ken/NV1P op)**. Another nice contest! I had some small problem with my radio (originally I planned to be active on 40m) but thanks to Rolando, 9A3MR, I was active from Murter Is. with his equipment. ... **9A/VE3ZIK**. Great conditions. 10m was hot like in its best days. ... **9A7T**. Worked an ICOM 718 at 5 watts to an attic dipole. Challenging, but fun. Amazing to be able to work Europe and other DX with this setup. ... **AD5QB**. Finally some good conditions! ... **AK1W**. I am glad of contacting ham around the world. See everyone next contest. ... **BV4VR**. My first CW contest. It was fun although I didn't operate as much as I wanted. My CW skills are not good but managed to make 345 Qs. Nice to see all bands open. ... **CT1ENQ**. Many thanks to Girts YL2KL, Luca IK2NCJ, and Carlos D44AC, for possibility to operate from this fantastic position at Monte Verde, St. Vicente island. It was a great fun. ... **D4C (Jurgis, LY2CY)**. Very nice sporadic-E made the single band QRP entry on 10m very worthwhile. Never thought to make over 430 QSOs with 5 watts and a 3-ele Yagi running my good ol' FT-817. Thanks everybody! ... **DH8BQA**. Don't forget: The fun is the power! ... **DK3RED**. Thanks guys for pulling me through. I am very grateful you were so determined to copy my QRP signal. Picture it: you could copy a station 25 dB below your own signal level. Please accept my sincere congratulations ... **DL9YX**. I definitely love this contest! Conditions were outstanding, including nice openings on 10m all weekend. Most operators were very impressive and did not confuse operating skills with transmitting speed. ... **F5SGI**. Great to hear 15m and 10m buzzing with short-skip signals, as well as a few DX stations. Operated for 35 hours across all bands. But 20m remains the power-band until the sunspots return for real. ... **G3TXF**. 10m open at midnight in GM-land during sunspot minimum! Well, it was true. Maybe these contests create their own propagation after all. I used an IC-7400 at 5W, a Window at 30 ft., and SD to log, but the most important was noise-cancelling headphones for the teenage QRM! ... **GM4UBJ**. Maybe the new sunspots are starting? Let's hope so! ... **H7/K9GY**. First participation from our new contest station. Only wire antennas have been used: The delta loops worked great! Due to QRL problems the second operator couldn't participate. ... **HB9LL**. After many years higher bands open! A good job also on lower bands. Very nice contest with many stations. ... **I2AZ**. Many new prefixes for me. I think receive many QSLs for my WPX award. Thank you. ... **IK2CZQ**. I entered on single-op 160m low power. The condition between the U.S.A. and JA was not good. BI could only make a QSO with W2VJN. I use M.V. (Micro Vert) antenna for 160m in this contest. It was very FB. Its gain was nearly equal full-size dipole. And I used a transceiver K2. It was the best rig for 160m! ... **JE1SPY**. I was happy to meet my goal of beating last year's score by a substantial margin. Not as many Qs this year but higher points/QSO did the trick. Also nice to see some propagation on 15 & 10 from this corner of the Black Hole. Thanks for a great contest! ... **K0PK**. Contesters MAKE their own band conditions! ... **K9WWT**. My highest number of QSOs so far in

a CW contest. And that's in spite of my dead rotator leaving my beam pointed SW! Lots of fun, and thanks for all the contacts. ... **KA1ARB**. Terrible condx from the West Coast on 10/15m! 20m was the money band. There was an unexpected Russian/East EU opening late Friday night on 20m. A few EU on 40m came thru. Hopefully, next year there will be those elusive things known as sunspots. ... **KC6X**. Seems like more guys are taking the exchange seriously. I had more requests for multiple repeats than ever before. Or perhaps I am just weaker than ever before. I even had two guys tell me, after getting my call right away, that they had no copy on my serial number and I therefore voided the QSO. This is a good change! ... **KR2Q**. I bettered last year's QSO count by 60 contacts. First time calls were 18%. My morning hour propagation was poor. EU finally opened up late Saturday afternoon and brought in a lot of multipliers at 3 points. I had fun. ... **KS0M**. Lots of QRN on 80, especially the first night. It was nice to work Europe on 15 again for a change. Also nice to work a few stations on 10. Lots of real deep QSB throughout the entire contest here. Thanks for all the QSOs and I'll see you all next year. ... **KV8Q**. Still love contesting at my age of 89. ... **LY1BX**. Suprising opening on 10m. ... **LZ1MS**. I hope to improve. Sri for my rusty CW skills. Thanks to all for all points. Thanks Bob, Andy, Stavros, Andrew, and G0KPW for use of station in test setup. 73 all and CU. TU all M6T/KPW team for support. ... **M0ITY**. Nice to be able to use all the bands. 10m was a nice surprise. Condx very good the first day. Second day was a 1-pointer day until the last few hours when 20m opened to EU nicely. Got a late start and quit a bit early to mow the yard before the rains came again. ... **N8BJQ**. What a great contest and operators. My first contest with the FT-950 which was a joy to operate. Ran 100W to either a 10-15-20 trap dipole or a 160m center fed Zepp for 40 and 80 ... **N9AUG**. This was my first effort in WPX CW and I had a ball. Openings on 15 and 10m made it interesting. My QRP signal and G5RV made it to Hawaii for the first time in years. Perhaps we've finally turned the corner! I really enjoy a contest where everybody can work everybody. I can't wait until next year! ... **NE1RD**. This is the second WPX CW that we've had the pleasure of hosting an op from another country. This year Nodir, EY8MM, operated the contest with us. As everyone else noted, condx were tremendous for being at the bottom of the cycle. We've got a lot of antenna work to do yet, but what we've done has really paid off. Thanks to Steve, NR4M, for hosting us again. ... **NR4M**. Extremely good condx over this contest for in this minimum solar activity. 20m band was open overnight to W, VE (incl. W6, VE5), CX, PY, LU, JA, 9M, BY, and EU also! Only the 100W out was not legible for many fine DX stations. Overall, I am satisfied with my results, and I am 72 yrs old. ... **OK2QX**. Limited MM setup with fantastic hamfest spirit made this contest memorable. Lack of equipment and antennas was replaced with delicious food and cooking service by OM8KW/OM8YL. High activity and nice E-layer openings on 10 and 15m were totally unexpected. 30 USA + 31 JA on 10m, as well as 105 USA + 93 JA on 15m proof the nice condx. A special thanks goes to Yogi, OM4KW, who was the headhunter for this event. ... **OM0M**. Very exciting competition! Ten meters was open for Europe but unfortunately not for DX. Be patient! Good condx will be back soon. ... **ON3ND**. Poor conditions from South America, but it was still a lot of fun. ... **P40A**. Only goal here was to make more QSOs than last year (679 in 2007). Started serious contesting 2 years ago with the challenge to use LP/dipoles only. First time I made more than 1000 QSOs with setup. What a feast on 10 (15) but 20 in particular which was "open" to U.S. till early morning. Best moment wkg B4TB on 20m Sunday evening high in the band. Cu in 2009 ... **PA3ARM**. Thanks to all calling me. It was my first experience in Tribander category. Nice propagation on 10 meters! I love WPX Contest. CW forever! ... **RV2FW/1**. Nice contest! What a happiness to be a mult! Really helped especially at the end of the contest! ... **RV6LFE**. After 30 years with QRP tried Low Power this time and it was fun. Very relaxing on the low bands, not much difference on the higher ones. ... **SM3C**. Ten was open two days but mostly to EU and AS with some AF/SA, good activity on the band. Really missed NA. Anyway, much fun as usual! ... **UR5IKN**. Enjoyed listening to the big guns operate, and the old-style hand logging. ... **VE1AYY**. Did somebody cut my coax on Sunday morning? ... **VE7XF**. Band conditions poor, particularly contacts to Europe were very difficult from VK2! ... **VK2GR**. Enjoyed a single band entry, with a lot of power failures and few QSOs. Nice activity. ... **VU2UR**. Highlight working M1A on 80m with 1 watt. ... **W2JEK**. I could see out my shack window a bluebird on my feed line. Every time the transmitter would key, he would hop from foot to foot and hover in the air. Then he would settle back on the feedline. He finally got tired of the hot foot and left. ... **W5RYA**. Exceptional EU propagation on 20 and even a few EUs on 15 for the first time in 2 years on 15. JA was fair on 40 and very disappointing on 15. Did not use a second station for this contest as a result of a temporary antenna switch glitch, but don't think it made as much difference as it might have under better propagation. Thanks to all who took the effort to work us, and for an exceptional team of great operators and guys. ... **W7VJ**. Great contest. Nice conditions to Europe. See you guys next year! ... **XE1ZVO**. Working with 5W is terrible in this period of very poor propagation. Anyway had a great fun. See you next time. Many thanks to the stations who copy my signal in QRM see next year. ... **YV6BXN**. Tough going with a simple 160m dipole and no propagation. Conditions were very very poor. Thanks to Les, ZL2JU, and his XYL Faye for allowing me to invade their farm. Many stations didn't want to believe we were signing "ZM" instead of "ZL." We enjoyed the battle, though! ... **ZM2AGY**. First CW event for ZM2M. First time we've had a PC network. Helps a lot. ... **ZM2M**.