## 2013 CQ WW WPX SSB Contest QRM

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My first REAL contest. See you next year . . . 2EØSSX. Enjoyed myself again this year, thanks for all the QSO's. Condx were not so good for the start, but they only improved throughout the duration. Normal high QRM levels proved for some difficult Q's. Op's need to take more time in confirming calls/exchg. A few will have lost a QSO, as I will be in their log, but those not in mine. Thanks to the "non-contesters" for letting us hog the bands, came across some negative comments, about contesters, and deliberate QRM with keying and tuning. That op didn't even let me get a word in, to tell them how good my Notch Filter is! See you all next year! ... 2E1FVS. Fun!! ... 3G6OS. Very bad time in SSB part. I used my IC-746pro 100 watts, myself made GP up about 18.5 m, but usually every station has above 1 KW, and not hear low signal; QRM is too big. Best wishes and best 73! See you in CW part . . . 4K6FO. Nice contest, hope to cu all in next year . . . 4S7JL. I enjoyed the contest . . . 7M1MCY. First licensed 10/22/2012 (October, 22, 2012) . . . 9A3BWW. First try on multi-Single. The group very happy with the propagation, especially on upper band . . . 9M2SM. Date first licensed: 2013. Our first contest portable station with few experience. 1st ever contest station with this category in Malaysia . . . 9M4SG. My first time participation . . . A65CR. This is youth team, consisting of two 20-year-olds two university students (KHØXH Sam and KHØXW Tama), and a 12-year-old junior high (KHØUA Yoshiki) who came back from rookie winner in WPXSSB 2010 . . . AHØBT. Thanks all . . . BA1SN. What fun to be in C6A for the contest! . . . C6A/KG9N. Propagation was very bad to NA, JA, VK, and EU. It was closed most part of contest. Only SA was open all day, Hi. This time I use high power but no luck for pilups. Second day work ZL and only a few USA stations and a few Europeans with antenna pointed to south. Really was a nice contest. See all of you in next one.73 . . . CT1AOZ. Better conditions on Sunday to North America. Cu next year. 73 . . . CT2KFA. Had a great afternoon working portable from JO41TC . . . DC2ZP. A contest hAM would feel much better if the bands were free of splatter. TNX and Vy 73 . . . DC9ZP. Because of our low temperatures below 0 C I had over hours a high level QRM from the power lines mixed with the splattering noise. After the contest I had all these sounds within my ears for the next days, hi. 73 . . . DFØBV. My first CQ WPX SSB Contest. Hpe cu all next year . . . DG6DCB. Started with very bad condx but went quite good. First time with 3el. and K3/P3 / FT-1000 on 40m. But next time only with amplifier . . . DJ3HW. My best score until now, even 80m was excellent during 2nd night. Could make some nice runs on higher bands tnx for stations working me ... DJ5AN. Saturday started on a SOTA summit with 2x5m dipole vertical Some stations gave me number 001 cause working me in SOTA . . . DJ6TB. SOAB SSB LP . . . DK1VFA. Thanks to all, lots of fun . . . DK5FT. Major SSB contests aren't great fun anymore. Looking forward to CW part . . . DK5TX. Absolutely GREAT Contest!!! Keep it up!! . . . DLØGEO. Bad Easter weather - good for radio QSO . . . DL1DWR. Could participate intermittent only . . . DL2RCH. Part time operation only. Poor condx on 10m here, haven't been heard. Same on 20m on Sunday, thus focused on 40m then. It's definitely time for a beam antenna, the Windom alone is not sufficient . . . DL3LBA. It was a fine contest. I had a lot of fun. Due to a lack of time, I could not be active most of the time. Hopefully I can improve my result next year . . . DL3UX. Nice to see that also 10m was open. I had a lot of fun . . . DL4JLM. Nice contest. Cuagn in next contest. Vy 73 es gd DX de DO6PS, Philipp and Crew (DL5M) . . . DL5M. Thanks to everybody! . . . **DL5RU.** All QSOs with 20 watts and vertical antenna, tnx to all! . . . DL7URH. Great contest, cuagn , 73 Achim . . . **DL7VFM.** First one from new location . . . **DL8UML.** Many fun! 73 . . . **DO2MS.** Nice contest. 73 . . . **DO4CCC.** For the ROOKIE-Categorie the data of licence is the 30.11.2011 . . . DO6PS. IC-7000, Loop Antenna . . . DO7DSW. TNX for all - 73s ! . . . DO9MJ. Saturday evening opened into EU from DU. Had a good time working EU stations. From the serial numbers given, there is still a lot of DX to work . . . **DU1UGZ.** Thanks everyone for the participation and to the organisers for managing this nice event! Special thanks to my club E71EZC for the support and use of our monutaintop (1000m asl) station. TS140S, a home made PA, +, hand (PTT) microphone, hand ant rotation, no ant switching ;). See you in the next one! 73 Suad, E77XZ/DK6XZ . . . E77XZ. Good conditions but little time for the contest.. Thank you so much and see you next year

.. EA1BYA. Nice contest. Thanks to all Operators . . . EA2GM. Nice radio weekend . . . EA3AIZ. Once again, I enjoied participating in the contest. Now waiting for next year . . . EA5GIN. Although I had broken the 80m dipole could do a good contest, thanks to all who have contacted EA9CD . . . EA9CD. I hope to contest on Hi Power the next year. 73 to everybody . . . EB3WH. Fantastic conditions on Saturday, all day listening YB PY, surprises E5 and 5W (works), VK morning and night. Only that JA, VE don't heard and few USA. Thanks on Sunday arrived EA, DL, F, and I. Another surprise on Saturday, I go to 6m around 19 UTC 9XØ SSB and CW, agn 9Y, PY1RO with 3 elements Yagi on the ground and too late TJ3 in this moment went QRT. Fantastic weekend. Thanks all and I hope to hear in WPX CW. 73, EC8AFM/EE8L . . . EE8L. Hard work this time. No help from Mother Nature :( . . . El4GNB. Hard work for the first 24 hours though the propagation was there, VK & ZL making the log. It felt like the volume wasn't there at any stage during the contest however. Satisfied with my first serious SSB effort. A solid beginning to build on . . . EI4HQ. Thanks to everyboby who pulled out my QRP signal from the noise . . . EI4II. SD is brill . . . EI6JK. This contest clashed with Easter which made getting free time much more difficult. Some ops were unable to make it, while others had a dual mandate (family/contest) so we selected M/S this year. We found conditions to be poor, especially on Saturday where we spent our time mostly on 20m. Sunday was better, and we got some good runs on 15m. We noticed that we did not work a lot of the bigger US stations we normally do .. maybe the holiday weekend was taking an effect? Thanks to Matt MØMAT and Wilf MØWLF who travelled to join us. The competition in the M/S category is great fun. There is a very small margin between the teams and it brings an X-factor to the weekend knowing that any mistake could make a difference at the end. We enjoyed competing with 9A33P, RL3A, ED1R and others - thanks guys, 73's John El8IR. EI7M. TNX for contest . . . ER2RM. I think there was an only prefix ES8 on the air, so tnx! . . . **ES8DH.** My best CQ-WPX so far! . . . **F4GFT.** Just a few hours, not much time, see you all next year I hope, cheers. . . GØDCK. Just activating the special event station . . . G100RSGB. Just operated a few hours as I only had antennas for 15 and 40m... G4BUO. Elecraft K3 vee dipole . . . G4DBW. Very enjoyable contest . . . G4DFI. Lost voice early on, bad cold, cu next year . . . G4IUF. Just a token entry to show support ... G4PKP. Main rig blew in mid contest at 0538 Sunday so after on backup rig. Backup no PC interface! An enjoyable contest. I operated just myself with our club call . . . G7N. Excellent contest as usual. Work commitments curtailed operating time . . . G8ZRE. Enjoyed my time on the air although very limited . . . GM4UYZ. Great effort from all the other operators and those supporting them. Great fun!... GM6NX. Just a few days before last year's WPX SSB contest I was diagnosed with bowel cancer and had an uncertain future ahead of me. Now life is good, the cancer has been cured, and I just wait for a final medical procedure before getting fully back on track. While waiting for the return to hospital, activity times on the radio are restricted but it was tremendous fun to get on the air and make some QSOs with friends old and new. Audio from contacts made in the contest is available on my website here at www.gw4ble.dxlist.co.uk . . . GW4BLE. Short time worked. Best regards from me to Contest Committee, CUL '14 . . . HA3UU. 50W into an MP1 vertical while sitting in the snow at 2000m . . . HBØ/LX9EG. The contest activity was good but the band contions were bad. We had big wind and storm this weekend. Best 73/DX . . . HG4F. A good contest the first time I've entered the WPX - and a lot of activity on the bands, although 10 meters was not good from here. As usual, I'm hamstrung by having only a single vertical antenna at my QTH, so it's difficult to hear and be heard. Nonetheless, I'm fairly pleased with getting over 800 contacts - ODX Philippines and Mariana Is. - so I can't complain. Shack FT-2000, ACOM 1011 PA, SteppIR MkIII vertical, 500W . . . I/DM1CM. Great fun in spite of limited available time for Eastern weekend duties but, above all, I will record it as first positive approach to ham activity of my 9 years boy Marco, close to me listening all time in his headphones! . . . I1GXV. Beautiful propagation, good chance for QRP power. Many thanks also for my corresponding "OM" for your efficient stations They were absolutely wonderfull ... I5KAP. Some problem by wind ... IG9P. We watched TV with universal blessing of Pope Francesco. We had Benedetto, IT9EQO's son, at the shack and so NO MURPHY VISITS! We pray for those making QRM on our frequency, spending their Easter

time in the wrong way. Everything worked very well. Thanks to Antonello IT9EQO and Carmelo IT9AUG for their precious pre-contest work. Special guest Carlo, IK1HJS. We spent contest time with families too. We are improving antennas and quality. Almost ready for CQWW. New country record. Operators' skill at max level. Double radio on each band wth interlock. So, very good S&Ping. Antenna engineering is working very well. Next improvement will be a six element full size wire Yagi to USA for 40 meters up abt 100 mts above GND. Was a very happy Easter! II9P. I am very happy to send my little log to confirm the ham spirit of free participation in memory of Decubertin . . . IK1HZZ. Great contest after some time of RTTY only. Enjoyed! . . . IK2SAI. Few time but very interesting, please use as control log . . . IK2TTO. Just a short time in contest. TS590+3El Yagi . . . IK4AUY. I participated in the contest for a few hours, and as always a great contest, many DX stations right on the air. Thanks . . . IK4QIB. Improved my person score. TNX all . . . IK7NXU. I had to be at xx9 again but I have to be back in Italy so I changed the plan. Worked ony on 40m with 100w and the new 40m 4-square antenna. Testing for the the first time. the band was in good shape expecially to us. I had an old RTX so a lot of noise . . . IK7YTT. I operated from Sky Mountain in the 2000 mt alt in house new to Paganella sky vy well. Fantastic contest . . . IN3UFW. Very good contest! . . . IN3XUG. Thank you all, unfortunately I could not participate throughout the contest but it was great as always! . . . IR9W. For a personal problem I am not concerned. Could operate more than three hours  $\dots$  IR9Z. For us, Easter weekend and WPX are not the best to drop together, so we decided to mix the traditional stay together with our families, typical barbecues and the contest. Having some active XYLs (IT9APL and IT9ZRU) and some other ham friend, came just for the fest, we decided to run a funny Multi/Multi also giving them the opportunity to be really part of the contest. For some reasons, it was also decided to use our Elmer's call, IT9ZGY, instead of our usual IR9Y. Several newcomers had many hours of nice contesting for their first time; real fun for everybody! CU in next one! Joe, IT9BLB on behalf of IT9ZGY(IR9Y) M/M crew . . . IT9ZGY. TNX FER FB contest. Good propagation Vy 73 . . . IV3BCA. My first WPX, excellent occasion, large participation. Happy operator. 73 IV3EWO. 2013 WPX has been a true lesson of ham radio. If our hobby would be just about switching on a radio and working Earth's four corners it would be, let's admit it, boring. This year solar conditions placed a threat on DX contacts in the higher bands, so the lesson has been: after doing all what you can do on 15 and 10 meters, switch on 40 meters and work on local traffic. You won't score many grids, but at least you will compensate QSOs that haven't been made higher. It's been instructive. At times frustrating (and when it became too much of it, I took a break with a /P diversion), but you have to learn a lesson from every experience, and so count me in next year too! While taking part in the CQ WPX from fixed station, I decided to take a break. Took my PRC-320 on my shoulders and went walking on the hill with my dog. I climbed some 200 meters reaching position 45Ű 44' 48" N 7Ű 17' 07" E, in JN35pr square. There, with the 2.5m whip antenna, and the 30 watts of the transceiver, I played one hour in 10 meters. No more than five QSOs, but a lot of fun, and I heard many stations that weren't copied at home, given the higher urban noise floor. A nice experience, and lesson that, not depending on how much our radio is modern or how much our antenna is mainstream, we can all be part of the WPX family. I highly enjoyed! ... IX1CKN. Medium activity propagation on this band (40m) ... IZ1DGG. As always, beautiful experience!! . . . IZ2NZZ. See you next year . . . IZ2OBS. First WPX SSB contest. Very nice!! ... IZ4XAI. VRY good contest! I like it!! . . . IZ5CMI. This year /portable at seaside, few hours, poor score but I enjoyed too.73 to all . . . **IZ5JLF.** The nice contest. 73 . . IZ8GBH. Beautiful and very difficult to contest, great participation, my first participation in this very difficult competition, definitely an experience to be repeated next year hoping to significantly improve the setup to get a better score. 73 . . . IZ8GUQ. I enjoyed the contest . . . JAØCIY. It was fun! . . . JAØCLB. I enjoyed the contest . . . JAØGSG. I enjoyed the contest . . . JAØIOF. Only a part-time effort on Sunday. The propagation was not good at the beginning, but gradually improved toward the end . . . JA1BPA. I enjoyed the contest very much . . . JA1CCX. Had an enjoyable time, thank you  $\dots$   $\mbox{{\bf JA1CP.}}$  I enjoyed the contest. Thank you . . . JA1CRJ. Really I enjoyed very much. Thank you . . . JA1DBG. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA1IXY. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA1JFT. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA1LJF. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA1NQU. I enjoyed the contest . . . JA1TBX. I enjoyed the contest . JA1VWK. Thank you for the QSOs. See you next year . . . JA1YNE. I enjoyed the contest. Out:5W Out:5W . . . JA2HBK. I came back on HF Band. I enjoyed this contest. TNX good staff, 73! . . . JA2XLV. 15m band condition is very poor . . . **JA3BBG.** I enjoyed the contest . . . **JA3ENN.** Bad condx . . . JA3KDJ. This is the first participation. I'm very excited .

JA3YCK. Condx worse . . . JA6CM. I tried CQWPX SSB second time. I tried QRP last year, but IC-746 output 50W+DP 5mH this year . **JL6LTB.** I enjoyed the contest with QRP. Output Power = 5W JP7CZE. Thanks to who picked me up. I was using FT-817 (4w out). JR1LZK. I'm very glad to have many QSOs. The maximum output power in the contest was 5 watts . . . JR1NKN. I enjoyed the contest . . KH2KY. Thanks for a great contest . . . KH6QJ. Operated for a couple of hours (parttime). Band was not too good to Europe from here with the exception of Sunday afternoon. Thanks to all who called me . . . KP2DX. Poor condx on Saturday, much better on Sunday. Noise level high, made things difficult. Much nice DX, enjoyed contest! . . . LA2AB. Contest QTH was JO59RD . . . LA8FHA. Very bad condx , A22 K3-4 and local QRN . . . LA8WG. Limited time, but great fun! . . . LB4CD. South also exists . . . LU3HFA. Main goals were to break the 1M score level and to achieve over 1000 Q during the contest, the last goal to fulfill a local Argentinian regulation to acquire a vanity call for contests; at least at claimed levels both goals were accomplished. Operated SO2R (r1) FT840 with 3 El Yagi and (r2) FT890 with verticals and wires. Noisy conditions during Saturday from a minor G1 storm (K peak into 5 and A into 27). SFI oscillated between 99 and 108 during the weekend. Conditions on 10m were good (beyond some segments with high QRN, not sure if manmade or natural), 20m was not that good. Almost impossible to operate at any rate in 40m because of the local weather pattern leading to S9+ noise, just few regional multipliers. Total operating time has been 28 hours, somewhat difficult to squeeze in the Easter social and family activites which made me lose most of the European opening during Sunday morning. Some issues with the SO2R setup due to the higher power (LP) compared with the usual setup (QRP) that will require further attention to be solved. Looking forward already to the CW version in May . . . LU7HZ. On Sunday somone turned down the 21 MHz propagation switch here in the south. Best 73 Jorge LU5VV . . . LV5V. Very nice contest, love it, good propagation. See you again next year LX1ER. Big Fun, tnx for calling 73 de Mich LX1KQ @ LX9DX . . LX9DX. Biggest thrill, YV8AD and VK6DXI came to my CQ . . . LY5W. Good contest! . . . LZ3RN. Thanks to organizers . . . LZ49FJ. Have a temporary station here so had no idea how it would play in a WW contest. Just a 40m dipole at 90ft and a barefoot transceiver. Plan A - set a new UK SO 40 LP record. Had a great start so by the time the band faded Saturday morning, was within a few Qs of the record. Plan B - go for a score over 500k. Achieved by early hours of Sunday. Plan C maybe I could score a million? Sunday night - job done! Had a really fun time in the contest! Web spots not much help, but did look a couple of times so entering assisted category. Thanks to Chiltern DX Club for use of the club's call . . . MØC. First time in WPX, SD Logger . . . MØJWB. Very much a parttime effort this year due to other Easter activities. Ran using a new TS590 which only arrived a few days prior. Good way to test out the radio but certainly slowed things down, although with the type of entry it didn't make any difference. Thanks again to all who worked me. 73's Bob . . . MØKLO. Murphy struck this year! Problems with the battery in my laptop. Took 24 hours for the problem to resolve itself! Just worked the DX and logged on paper on Day 1. Inputted all QSO details manually. Was only able to take the contest seriously after 16.30 on Day 2! . . . MØMCV. Just a part-time effort to pick up some new countries. Lots of very wide signals and very deaf receivers! . . . MØVFC. Just a quick dip into the contest as testing an antenna out . . . M1KTA. Cannot believe how poor conditions were! Slightly better on day two but still appalling. Heard nothing at all from North America. Oh well, maybe next year! Still a great contest. As usual SD was faultless. 73 de John, G4ATA (aka M4D) . . . M4D. Not serious effort. Training for new ops. 6 hr available FT2000, 400w, 3el SteppIR and dipoles . . . M4U. FT-817 with 2 watts into a G5RV antenna. A New DXCC for me HK1NA! . . . M5AEF. Suitcase expedition . . . MM/IØUZF. 10 meters was open, but nobody came! Where were all the mainland operators at? . . . NH6AB. A rough weekend to contest! I am Oceania . . . NH7PE. Solar storm, NO FUN! . . NL7WW. Know what? There's theory, and there's reality - and getting them to match needs more than two antenna tuners. Theory: Operating with the OE/ prefix would make me a worldwide singular station in OEØ, causing gigantic pileups which I'd easily handle with sophistically optimized, razor-sharp QRM-cutting canned voice macros from the computer. Reality? CQing barefoot, with a simple wire antenna, from a mountain valley bottom is nothing more than a weak emergency communication attempt leading to NO replies in a contest, and my finely tuned voice macros were a total fiasco leading to some remarks about audio problems. After a while I disabled the voice macros, grabbed the mike and tried to make the best of the situation. After ten hours of hard work and reaching just half of my targeted QSOs I felt I had done my OEØ duty to the contest world, and went to bed. Lessons learned: My

;-)) Thanks to all good ears who got me in the log, and be happy with that rare OEØ multiplier! ... **OE/DK8NT.** Murphy did a great job this time, so I hope he will stay away for the rest of 2013 . . . OE2S. TNX for points! 73s Bernhard (all contacts made with indoor antennas!) . . . OE6HLF. Saturday propagation was very low and started to get better late afternoon. 15m was not much for dipole and 10m not really open even with monoband Yaqi. Must get some elements for 15m for next one . . . OG3ØOJ. NO comments this year, only Easter and WPX same weekend, Easter must move! ... OG3P. This contest was a kind of a rollercoaster of the propagation. The disturbed conditions dominated on Saturday and very few NA stations were logged. 15m did not produce a single JA until 1230Z which is well after the sunset in JA. The total of 6 JA QSOS on 15m was not what I could have expected. On Sunday morning 15m sounded a bit better and I was able to run some JA for 2.5 hours starting from 07Z. Later around 12Z 20m started to open into NA so I moved there for more than 2.5 hours. Then 15m was already rocking and I moved there around 1430Z. The NA run on 15m lasted 3 hours before I had to start S&P. After this the propagation took a deep dive never to recover on any bands. Everything worked fine during the contest but my setup was still not very flexible for real SO2R operating. I tried a few QSOs with the second radio on Sunday but as I had no amplifier connected to it I could not fully utilize it. It is nice to notice that this is my best WPX SSB score breaking the 1000 prefixes and there is still a big room for improvement. Thanks for the QSOs! I can't wait for the CW leg, so I hope to see you there . . . OG6N. I did everything by myself, also the coffee. No outside help was used. But I was not alone, because I met many nice chaps and bonnies on the bands. 73 de OH1SIC/SM5SIC . . . OH1SIC. Good contest with many stations. See you again, friends . . . OK5SWL. Goal for this contest was the Belgian rocord on 40m. I've got it! . . . ON3DI. I had not much time, so only a few QSos. 73 . . . ON5WL. Nice contest, many activities and good condx . . **ON8NT.** Thanks for the nice contest. Enjoyed it very much! ... **OQ4T.** Once again a nice contest with viable HF conditions. Exciting to join this contest . . . OU2V. Tried the 20m SB deal instead of my usual 15m deals. Boy o boy do I like 15m more then this! Propagation was very poor, only had a decent run the first evening, after that propagation went thru the drain. In any case, I met my personal goal of getting over the 10M points mark and the "New" homebrew Yagi and "new" amp. performed flawless so I am a happy camper . . . P41A. 73 from Holland . . . PAØRBA. Had great fun with QRP in SSB. Power 2.7 W, Antenna Inverted Vee. I made 58 QSOs to 21 DXCC's in Europe. As a 100% CW op. I am very pleased with 19 SSB QRP QSOs outside of Europe. I did not expect to work so many DX stations in my first serious SSB Contest. Hi. I did certainly not expect QSO's with South America. Best DX - PY2OE and the PQ5B contest team. Hi. Thank you for the fine activity in the contest . . . PA1B. Nice contest! . . . PA1PJ. Hard to work K/VE stations and South America. 28 MHz not so good. Some stations had a very very broad bandwidth. Hope to hear you all next time! Used SD for post-contest logging . . . PA2CHM. As time was limited only a single band entry this year. Next time will choose a daytime band . . . PA3FGA. Not much time . PA3GEO. Nice contest . . . PDØJMH. Operator's restricted Netherlands Novice class amateur and QRP Station . . . PDØPMS. Nice contest. Hope 2 cu next time. 73 de PD4MK . . . PD4MK. Tnx for the nice contest . . . PD7BZ . . . PD8SL. Dear OM/YL, nice contest again. All QSOs made in QRP 5 watts and dipole, 73, Adriaan PE2K, cu next time . . . PE2K. Tnx for the nice event! ... PG2AA. We had a BLAST! ... PJ4D. Sorry, only a few hours to participate between family commitments during Easter. . PS2T. It was great to participate in another version of WPX SSB . . . PY1TR. Propagation was dead on 10, 15 almost black . . . PY2TI. Terry, N4TZ, we trust in you. God bless! . . . R8AA. Tough conditions, especially since I was only using dipoles . . . RA/KE5JA. Operation from Orenburgh region . . . **RA/UY7IQ.** Thank you for the exciting contest! . RA3BQ. Very young boy operators. TNX for FB contest! . . . RC3D. Thanks to Eugene OH5DA for technical support . . . RL3A. Thank you for the contest! . . . RU3FN. Tnx, contest! . . . RU3K. Thanks for the Great Contest! 73! . . . RX3DFL. First time working QRP in contest with FT-817 . . . SG6A. YL operator . . . SI3A. Special callsign of SP5CGN . .. SN15ØAW. 73 GL ... SP3CMX. First WPX participation with the new equipment. I had a lot of fun. And 48 h is really a lot of time . . . SP6AHL. SD is very nice in this contest . . . SQ2BNM. Great fun with 2 elements delta for 14/21/28, vertical 1/4 for 40m and dipole for 80m. We should have spring here with green grass and sun but we had snow fall like in winter at high mountains. I had to dig out my car after contest and drive back to home on white roads. Fair propagation conditions. Need to have better antenna for 80m and something for 160m. Station is located at

wife helped me to see things in a broader context ("Be happy you don't

LIVE here!"), and I know I'm not done with SSB voice optimization yet

Grzmiaca village - 25km from Lodz . . . SQ7DQX. On a humanitarian mission with DOCTORS WORLDWIDE, activated the callsign T5TC from Sifa Hospital in Mogadishu. Local QRM makes 40 and 80m useless so turned into 10m run with some 15 and 20m contacts to give out multipliers. It seems much better than my ZA1TC effort of last year. Band conditions for 15 & 20 not favourable. Homemade dipole for 40m working perfect on 15m:) Mny tnx go to TA1FR for the antenna help at home! ... T5TC. Difficult cdx, challenging and fun! 73 ... TF3CY. Big mistake to operate from home. Usually do not do so and for a good reason. Too many Easter holiday distractions kept me out of the chair so this was just 21 hours of operating. 15 meters on Saturday was dismal to USA. 15 to USA picked up on Sunday . . . TM5A. Nice openings on 10m, but 15m and 20m far below my expectations . . . TO7BC. Very bad conditions . . . U1BA. Tnx vy much for nice contest. Wkd with TS-830S + GP for 15 meters band. Propagation was great. Thanks to all. Hope to CU in 2014! Best 73! ... UA1CBM. Tnx for nice contest ... UA3YAA. Good contest . . . **UA4IC.** Thank for you contest! . . . **UA6HHE.** TNX for test! . . . UA9XBJ. TNX for contest! . . . US1IV. Lots of wide and distorted signals. Needs policing . . . VA3NW. Great Contest . . . VA3TPV. Thank you for this great contest . . . VE2EZD. Had lots of fun for the time I was active on this Easter weekend. Great working all those different prefixes and the many DX stations. Thanks to all that worked me. 73. VE3BK. First night conditions OK, few EU stations heard, strong QRN from storm in the mid west, second night not many stations on and nothing heard from the EU. Thanks to all who were able to hear my low power station using my ground mounted Mobile Screwdriver Antenna setup.CU in the next contest ... VE3EDY. 1 night only. Missed day 1 ... VE3SWS. Great contest as always - good fun! . . . VE3ZZ. Strange conditions is how this contest will go down . . . VE5KS. I had a lof of fun operating this contest with several vintage & classic radios Ten-Tec Argosy 50 Watts, FT-757GX, FT-901DM, and Icom IC-751A. Barefoot contesting was a real challange, a lot of stations you could hear'm and not work'm. I finally hooked up my SignaLink to my venerable old IC-751A to voice key my callsign & save my voice. This is my first solo effort in this contest as it was Easter weekend . . . VE7BGP. Rotten condx here in the west. Blew a trap on a Yagi & blew the amp too. A multi-one and a half weekend for us . . . VE7GL. Better than last year despite a more compromised apartment antenna! . . . VE7NAE. I did not set any trees on fire with my antennas! . . . VE9AA. Tough, tough propagation VK2FADD. My first go at a contest . . . VK2HOT. Operated at home this contest, IC75611 100w 5ele 10m Yagi single operator single band assisted. Moderate storm at start of contest but good prop into Sunday VK4LAT. Very hard going from VK5 with conditions. tnx 73... VK5AKH. High noise floor on the Saturday night meant poor conditions. A real struggle for contacts, especially on 20m. Radio to PC link broke down mid contest. Better conditions later meant we achieved a Club record high score . . . VK6NC. Just a few hours messing about, thanks VK7GN. The WPX contest is THE best one and I had fun and look forward to next year's contest . . . VK7XX. M1 Operator Club station: Scout Hong Kong Island Region IT Club . . . VR2HKS. Only limited time available for the contest. I hope my participation will help others to get their scores . . . VR2XMC. I had a good opportunity to work for this contest. But could not make many contacts . . . **VU2BL.** I am happy to participate in your contest again . . . VU2JOS. Nice to participate in your contest again. Not many YLs participiating in contests. Please include separate category for YLs . . . VU3LMS. I got my licence in December 2011. Thanks for your nice certificate of 2012 contest. I am 15 years old . . . VU3TMO. Matt (NQ6N) flew down from Brooklyn, NY on Fri. evening and took the op seat about 8:20pm. He put in a ton of hours and left Sunday at 6am. Talk about an avid contester! Fred (N9VV) and Bob (WP2XX) both did a great job. I (K8MJZ) relieved the guys intermitently throughout the contest. We did a lot better that we projected early into the contest because of the crazy propagation. We all had a LOT of fun and really enjoyed having dinner with our on island competition (KP2TM— K9TM, K8CC and W8MJ) afterward. A great bunch of guys. TNX to all of the fine stations that worked us and hope to see you all next year! K8MJZ . . . WP2Z. Nice contest. I passed my goal for parttime contest ... WP3A. Part time operation ... WP4I. Didn't have chance to be full time in the test. Giving points was a pleasure . . . **XE2CQ.** Rig: FT-857D, 100 watts to Butternut HF6V vertical. No amp, no beams, no internet: a big change from my usual set-up at 9M8Z! The XW8XZ station was set up Sunday afternoon local time and although it is a very modest entry by anyone's standards, it looks like I am claiming a new Laos record! . . . XW8XZ. Contest entered only to pick up a few new ones. Propagation not very good . . . YB1AQD. Propagation 2nd day to NA very poor but enjoyed contest WPX SSB QSOs with IC 710 /80 watt ANT Quad Beam 4 ele 10m best. 73 hpe cuagn ciaooo . . . YB3IZK. Honey-moon style contest participation . . . . YB3MM. Nice contest . . . YB3OK. Not bad! . . . YB6LAY. First time join in world contest . . . YD1CSV. Station 1 best 73 from Turkey . . . . YM3KC. Tnx for nice contest . . . YO2LIM. Wonderful contest, very nice propagation, 73! . . . YO2MHJ. Thanks for QSOs, sorry for bad quality sigs from few stations . . . YO3JW. Used only one longwire antenna for all bands 10 to 160m, maybe in the future a category-overlays ... hexbander wires hi! Very enjoyable contest, tnx all, 73! . . . YO4GVC. TNX EI5DI! . . . YO8AXP. Bit harder than 2012 to get the numbers running on 10m. Found my stamina lacking during the quieter moments. Wish I could work all that I can hear! Many of the Eastern block countries seem to point to N. European all the time and they were still 5/9 in ZL! I'll be back . . . ZL1YE.

## USA

Conditions were not as good as last year! . . . AA6K. This is my favorite contest! I improved my number of QSOs over last year and am hoping for an even better score. Enjoy QRP category . . . AB3GB. My first solo contest effort and it was more fun than anything I ever did! . . . AB3OG. Rookie . . . AB4UG. Great contest - worked a number of new countries and prefixes. Only able to operate for about 15 hours due to work schedule, but I did what I could! . . . **AC8HU.** I've been licensed less than a year and this was my first WPX contest attempt. I didn't think I would ever do a contest and let's just say that most of my time during this one was spent figuring out how to get the hang of things. There are a few QSOs where I forgot to copy the other station's exchange information and some of the times aren't exact. I've estimated where I could. In the end, I had a lot of fun and hopefully my next round will see improvement. Thanks for the QSOs everyone! 73... ADØAK. Being that it was Easter weekend, AD5XD had too many other activities going on to be able to make the usual effort so we just got on the air as the limited time permited . . . AD5XD. Great contest. Propagation was down but I still set a QSO record for a contest . . . AG6AN. First contest. Licensed Dec. 18, 2012 . . . AG6RB. My first contest. Woohooo! Forgot to write down the number from NR5M. Hope they get the credit. I just started using SkookumLogger today for entries 8 thru 10 . . . AK6DC. Station - N6RO AK6W. Super casual operation . . . K2ACK. Yaesu FT-817nd @ 5 Watts, Delta Loop @ 10 feet / 80 meter dipole . . . K2MIJ. Lot of fun as usual, results OK ... K3CWF. Worked mostly 17 and 10 ... K3FS. Band conditions were difficult for QRP.= . . . **K3TW.** See y'all in 2014! 73 . . . K4EET. Had a lot of fun! . . . K4TOJ. First Licensed Ap-18-2011, also over-50. QRP is a challenge, had fun fighting for the contacts . . . K4WSW. Great fun! WX and Easter Sunday presented some issues . . . K5HEM. Tough to find time during Easter weekend . . . K5LAD. Nice to work US and DX stations . . . K5WL. Good contest. Thunderstorms both nights . . K5ZCJ. Thanks to all the big guns taking the time to get my contact info . . . K6JB. Rookie . . . K6YHF. I was only able to opearte a few hours due to Easter . . . K7ACZ. FT897D at 100 Watts with a Buddipole vertical and a 40 meter dipole dipole that is fed by a MFJ tuner to make it 10-40M antenna. Noise was S9 on Saturday and S7 on Sunday. 15 meters was doing good, was surprised at how the 40 meter dipole did on 40 meters, only being 20-25 feet above the ground. Thanks to all those who worked to get a good QSO; lots of QRM and other noise in this contest. Was not a serious contest here, too many honey-dos all weekend: (but I did love the chance to get new DX stations, and the bands let many new ones get recorded that I could not connect with before. 73 until next year (or sooner) . . . K7RFW. Glad to "share" some points But could only operate for about an hour (w/broken beam) due to family committments . . . K9IDQ. Don't lose your voice in the middle of an exchange! . . . KA1DBE. First ever CQ World Wide WPX SSB and I enjoyed ever minute in the chair! . . . KA3DRR. Looking forward to next year's WPX. If you want a real WPX challenge try it 3 watts QRP! KA8SMA. Awesome time, really enjoyed working all the great people. KBØNJJ. 1st CQ WW 100w, FT847, lost one day due to work . KB1VWQ. Is there a super-rookie overlay? Licensed < 4 months. If I could use another overlay, it would be TB-WIRES. Difficult contest if you don't have a 2x1 call, 1500 watts, and 2 acres of stacked beams in the sky. Still, picked up 4 new DX entities, so thank you! . . . KB3ZOZ. Lots of fun with a dipole and 100w! . . . KB5EZ. Great fun - my best effort yet . KB8KE. Condx not so good for QRP - lots of screaming and repeats . . KCØMO. My first contest. Wasn't sure what to do at first, sorry for the mistakes . . . KC5BKS. Had a blast; this was my first QRO outing . **KC5WA.** 07/08/2011 . . . **KC9ULS.** First liscenced 8/25/2011 KC9UQR. I wish I had started Ham Radio years ago . . . KDØHJG. Thanks for the Q's! 73 . . . KDØS. Only wires. Partial effort this year; still had fun and worked new stuff . . . KD3HN. A very busy weekend for me, so I only had a few scattered hours to devote to the contest. At least I broke the century mark in QSOs. I did manage to add a few new prefixes in the quest for WPX awards, and even added a couple of new countries (pending confirmation) to my quest for DXCC. Next stop: FQP KD4ACG. Great Contest! Thanks to those who were part of administering this contest . . . KD4CX. Had fun as always. Would love to see a family or elmer category. I like operating with my teenage son, KD2AWE, but it puts us in the multi-one category with the big boys. We only do this for kicks and never score very high but it seems unfair to put us in this class. Allowing the single op class to have an additional op under perhaps 25 would be a good way to help parents, uncles, aunts, elmers, etc., get youth involved in contesting and not put them in the heavy-hitter category. Unlikely they would win but at least they would not be at the bottom of the list when the results are published and it would boost the ego of the younger operators. Thanks as always . . . KE2D. Enjoyed seeing what I could do with 100 watts and my homebrew vertical from southeast Texas. Had good results with stations within about a 5,000 mile radius of my QTH. Was surprised to log Australia, New Zealand and Samoa on 10 meters Sunday afternoon . . . KE5RON. No new ones (again)! . . . KE9EX. Lots of fun for only 5 watts and a vertical! Thanks to all who heard me . . . KFØGX. Had a great time! KG2AF. Great fun! Band in good shape. Good activity! . . . KG9Z. HF contact #2, #3 ever! on my own without elmer . . . KI6TIB. To bad it fell this year on Easter weekend . . . KI7DG. Freaky propagation, signal popping in and out like meteor shower propagation . . . KI7M. Thanks for the contest! ... KJ4IWX. This was fun!! ... KJ6FPJ. First licensed May 27, 2011. Operated /8 from West Virginia, Ohio County using an FT897, an OCF dipole and N1MM. Flew back to Miami on Saturday, so was only able to operate Friday night and early Saturday morning. WPX is my favorite contest. Looking forward to the next one. 73 . . . KK4CIS. Rookie - September 16, 2011 licensed Thanks to the operators that took the time to complete the contact! ... KK4EDH. FUN, FUN, FUN!! ... KK4RV. Great fun. Thanks to K5CM for his station. 73, Dave, W5CW . . . KK5I. The girlfriend saw a snake in the shack and I had to get my own meals. I got some boots and kept calling CQ. Lost some time travelling to/from the kitchen. My amplifier broke, then the ionosphere broke. Ionosphere fixed itself - I'm hoping the amplifier will do the same . . . KK6P. Yankee Clipper Contest Club (2/3), Potomac Valley Radio Club (1/3) Much fun hanging out with good friends . . . KM3T. No EU heard at all, glad for lots of mults from SA . . . KO3T. Two contests in one! Lots of fun and thrills as always! 73 and thanks for the Q's and mults! . . . KQ2M. Rare rolling thunderstorms hindered prospects. Next year? . . . KQ6X. Ohhhhh KS9K. Bands improved second day. QRN changed 80M plans . . . KT8D. All antennas destroyed by Hurricane Sandy; used triband quad and wires . . . KU2M. My 9 year old daughter Emma joined me and she ran her first contest. We spent 22 hours between Easter Holiday and other weekend activities. It was a blast to see my daughter work the radio and computer . . . KU7T. Limited time, a lot of fun . . . KV1P. The WX was too nice to spend much time in front of the radio, so a limited effort. 20m seemed to be the money band here. Thanks! ... KX7L. Great contest, much fun! . . . NOGMT. Conflict with Easter Weekend was problematic for me, and I hope it can be more appropriately scheduled in the future . . . N1HO. 5th CQ WW WPX SSB Contest . . . N1NN. First time contest with QRP - Had a Ball! . . . N2DYT. Lotsa ups and downs in this one, started out rough but worked some neat prefixes and far away parts of the world I would not have expected QRP, with little trouble in some cases . . . N2WN. My claimed score of 1.6 M points is a personal best in 12 times doing WPX SSB starting in 2000. Next best was 1.4 M in 2010. Three things produced this good result: more sunspots since the '07-'09 drought; better low-band antennas put up when sunspots were low; and more BIC time Fri. night than in the 3 previous years, when I went out to nice concerts. Interestingly, in 2 of the past 4 years of notbad sunspot counts; 15 m. has provided the most QSO points and mults, while 20 m. has done so in the other 2 years. This year was a 20 m. year, as was second best 2010. Low bands this year were only so-so (many Qs but few in EU: most were 1-point W/Ks). In the early mornings, 20 m. was only fair, and only for an hour (12-13Z); I tried but could not get any sustained runs going. 15 m. was only slightly better Sat. AM, but Sun. AM I was able to sustain a run with 73 Qs and 215 points in one hr. 20 m. was much better both afternoons; I was able to sustain good runs for an hour or more. I always enjoy finding rare mults, though they count the same as (say) K7. After dark Sat. I took a break from the so-so low bands to troll for SA mults on 15 m., and at 0107Z found HSØZCW, loud and easy. Sun. AM I was on 20 and noticed vaguely that the ionosphere over the N. pole must be stable because high-latitude stations like OH and SM were loud and not fluttery. Then in 19 min. 1239-1258 Z, a burst of trans-polar Asians: R3, R9, BY4, and YE1, all loud and easy, plus TF, OH, and others. A bit later at 1315 Z, there was B3C, under a pileup but workable. Sun. PM on 20 m., several strong VKs

answered my CQs via long path . . . N3UM. Easter Weekend trumped WPX . . . N4DXI. Glad to see 10 in good shape! Small effort, great fun! . N4NTO. Was able to work some stations even on Easter Weekend . N4YHC. I had a great time, however I think it was a very poor choice of having a contest on Easter weekend . . . N5MV. This was a hard fought contest for me. My station is a wimpy station at best with only a 75 foot end fed insulated wire laying on a 45 degreed roof facing north. With running QRP on top of that it was a battle for almost every QSO. I can only remember a small hand full of Q's that I did not have to repeat several times either my call or the exchange. Above the station and category limitations I had a great time. I did notice that the 80M activity was mostly below 3800 khz so not really much opportunity as a general for Q's there so I concentrated on 40 and 20 meters mostly after sunset. I guess it is time to start studying for my extra to open up that part of 80M. During the daylight hours I was able to do good on 15M with a few Q's on 10M. 10M did provide a bit of a challenge as most stations were to my south and the main angle of radiation was north so stations to my south had a hard time hearing my signal. Thanks to all the stations for the Q's and will look forward to CQ WPX CW in May ... N5TIT. Operated the 6 hours that the busy weekend allowed me, 5 Watts and a 20 foot end-fed wire. 10m not bad Sunday! Thanks for the Q's. GO ARIZONA OUTLAWS! ... N6HI. Great DX and lots of it ... N6LB. Conditions were mixed, better on Sunday UTC . . . N6MI. conditions were not too good but I had fun . . . N6YEU. Kenwood TS-950SD, Heil audio and two wire antennas. Elevation is 6,053 Ft . . . N7MZW. Had fun, See you next year ... N7VZU. Very limited operating time ... N8OOU. First contest with my Tech daughter - we had a blast! . . . N8WRL. It was fun but I should have started earlier . . . N9BT. I don't expect to win anything. I just participated for the fun of it . . . N9MXI. JA's nonexistent here. Fun anyway N9RV. Conditions were pretty rough here. Didn't hear a single JA on the high bands, and only very weakly on 40. 15 finally opened to EU Sunday morning - and of course I was in church! Fortunately it was still open when I got home and I could pick up some Qs and mults. SA was great on 10, 15, and 20. Very rapid and deep QSB at times on all bands . NDØC. Great contest as always. See you all in the CW test . . . ND3R. Lightning caused S meter to pin frequently early Sunday morning for hours, so I bagged it until almost the end of the test. Overall, conditions not too good . . . NE5D. Had some work related interruptions but was able to put in 32 hours. Certainly not my best effort. Bands (20, 15 and 10) were much better here on Sunday . . . NF4A. Only had time to play on Saturday but it was fun! . . . NJ0F. Fun contest using club call of old NJ1V callsign. AC4CA had a good time doing a rare SSB Test (rare for him), and N5RJM took good care of us as always! . . . NJ1V. We had a lot of fun in this contest. First time I've tried running stations, figured with the call I would get a few bites. I'm hooked, I'll definitely be doing more of that in the future. Radio - Kenwood TS-440S Antennas - 80M dipole, 15M vertical/magic receiving antenna . . . NM1C. First time running QRP. Using FLEX-1500. Fun! . . . NM9P. Good to the last prefix . . . NNØQ. Had to find the mike. 5 watts and a doublet at 30 feet can be a hard go

if conditions are not optimum. But, I had fun. Thanks . . . NO2D. Great to work old friends and have time for family duties . . . NR7DX. Sorry that this contest fell on Easter Sunday. Still got on almost 36 hours. Some really great DX on both 15 and 20m long path on Sunday afternoon. Thanks to CQ and to all who showed up for the big show. Thanks to Brian for the use of his call once again . . . NXØX. Operated from a park using a 40 meter horizontal loop hung from four 2--foot crappie poles . WØAO. Limited participation. Fifteen meters was the place to be, and I found some activity on 10 meters. Only played for 3:50 . . . WØRAA. First time in mnay years the WPX did not fall on may wedding anniversary. But, it did fall on Easter wekend. Hence, many family commitments. Anyway, here is my small log. 73 . . . W2UDT. Once I got around to turning the radio on and made my first contact, I couldn't stop! I guess you really can't work just one! . . . W3BC. Fun Fun Fun, can't wait until next year . . . W3TM. Worked 15 new entities and will now qualify for DXCC. Lots of fun! . . . W4IOU. Had a great time. First time in this contest. 73 . W4IOW. Operated in WPX many years, but this is my first log submission. 4 watts QRP on 20-15-10 meters and 100 watts on 80-40 meters W6SIY. Beam at 26 feet heigh . . . W7UPF. Nice to see so much activity on the band . . . W8GOC. GREAT CONTEST . . . W8MET. Great operating event, as usual! Looking forward to next year already! . . . W9ROG. First submitted entry . . . WA3PZO. Bad timing this year with Easter Sunday on the second day of the contest! Propagation on the west coast was not the best this year; we were about 50K short of one million points. It was still fun though. We got our DXCC 300 endorsement in the mail a week before the contest! . . . WA6KHK. Wow! . WA7LT. Wotta lotta fun! . . . WA7PRC. Great as always . . . WB9LRK. Great contest, just had limited time on the WPX Phone Test . . . WJ5K. Lots of splatter from over modulated South American and European countries . . . WJ8E. My first WPX contest. Looking forward to CW! . WN4AFP. Got my new tower and beam going on the high bands. Did a year's DXing in a casual contest weekend . . . WOØZ. Tnx to N8NR for the use of the call. 300 less Q's and 130 less mults than last year = 1,000,000 less points. No EU on 10M and only a few JA's worked. Conditions started improving on Sunday afternoon. Nothing broke other than my voice at the end . . . WO8CC. This year WQ6X ran the SSB WPX contest solo from a cabin in Twain Harte California. The low Solar Flux & high A/K indicies were quite a disappointment. The upside is that there were a plethora of new/unusual prefixes to drive the scores higher and higher. For the 1st time in WPX I heard QSO counts of over 7,000. Wow! . . . WQ6X. Call is in honor of World Radiosport Team Championship 2014. Head cold and business travel limited operating. Lots of fun while I was on! . . . WR1TC. Still ramping up after surgery sort of killed my Contest Mo-Jo. Took a couple hours off for some pistol competition on Saturday. Friends and family over for Easter Sunday afternoon . . . WU6W. What happened to contesters making their own propagation? Days like these have me wishing the Easter Bunny would leave an amp in my Easter basket! . . . WW1MM.