

Annex 4: 2008 CW Soapbox

<u>Call</u>	<u>Comment</u>
9A7T	Good conditions on Sunday morning, big signals from VK/ZL on 40M. I hope to enjoy the contest next year.
9M6XRO	Band CONDX were pretty good and even 10M opened up at times. I did not do well on the low bands due to local noise. I received many '001' and very low serial numbers so obviously the contest needs much more activity from Oceania! Many thanks to the contest organisers.
G3GLL	SD worked fine. Band conditions very poor again. Nice to work some of the 'old hands' again.
G3PHO	Whew...that was hard work! My very poor QTH doesn't help, especially on the LF bands. It's very hard in the UK to get through the solid wall of Europeans stations on 80M and 40M when your antenna is only a simple inverted V dipole. Only one QSO on 80M. However there were outstanding signals from ZL4A, VK4EMM and 9M6XRO on all bands where I heard them.
HB9IK	Running low power (100W) and low profile ground plane was an exciting experience. Conditions improved this year, compared with 2007. Band openings correlated with W6EL propagation prediction and lasted about one hour on 40m and two hours on 20m. Nice to meet all the amateurs, well known since my first contest participation in 1950 (age 81 yrs, hamming about 60 yrs). Hope to meet you all in next year with improved CNDX.
I2AZ	Poor conditions, very hard to work OC stations, only 40M open. Worked the few big guns from VK/ZL but no other stations.
JA1POS	Lost my eyesight 15 years ago.
JA6FFK	I enjoyed the contest.
JA7ARW	TKS nice contest. It was only 12 QSOs, but I enjoyed it. Next year, I want to do full entry, Hi!
JE2SOY	The conditions were quite good to the OC, but only a few stations QRV.
JG1UKW	I enjoyed the contest.
JL7FBV/1	TNX good test, CUAGN. I want many QSOs next test!
JO1WIZ	I took part in just for 1 hour.
K3TW	Many thanks to the fine CW operators for making this a great contest.
LA6CF	I really enjoyed the contest. Seldom to hear so many VK/ZL
LU4MHQ	Congratulations for new contest but poor conditions for me.
LY4L	Quite difficult to make some QSOs with VK & ZL using 100 watts and W3DZZ antenna. Thanks for patience trying to dig out my signal.
N5AW	Low band conditions were decent but 20 & 15 were very poor when I was on (forget 10). I enjoy this contest - just wish there was more activity, especially from the rest of OC outside VK/ZL.
OK1MGW	Thanks for the contest; I was surprised how many contacts I made with a dipole and 100 Watts.
ON3ND	Excellent opportunity to work Oceania in spite of poor propagation.
PE7T	Good levels of activity from ZL with lots of past ZL6QH ops on the bands. Fewer VKs heard, possibly due to propagation as the long path appeared to be the best. This is a tough contest from EU...signals are mostly weak and there is often QRM from repeat/wraparound callers, especially when the DX op is not so assertive or quick. Most QSOs are hard work. My UBN is unlikely to be a personal best :-). For some of the OC big guns, it may be worthwhile to try split. The easiest band from here was 40 (longest openings), followed by 20. What this contest needs is a few big Oceania M/M stations with huge signals and good ears. Bring back ZL6QH! There is certainly enough interest here, but it must be difficult for a typical suburban station with 100 W and an inverted vee or low dipole. 73 PE7T/ZL2BSJ
SWL/W7DRA/0	Poor CONDX - took many minutes to make a single entry. With an extremely high noise level, the loudest OC stations were 229 at best. This might be my last entry for a while
VE7JKZ	Still waiting for more sunspots!

VK2AYD Had a pace-maker implant the week before so ran low power just in case I took off into orbit! Storm QRN spoiled the LF bands.

VK2BJ Only a limited time entry but conditions seemed good. Used SD for logging with no problems

VK2PN The SD program worked well. Easy to use, simple, no need to use the mouse.

VK3IU Participated only a few hours on 40M but exciting to work US and European station in unexpected times. The family required some urgent medical attention leaving me not much of a choice other than to limit my time in the contest.

VK4EMM Enjoyed good conditions at bottom of solar cycle. 80M QRN was a challenge.

VK4FW Very tough with 20 over 9 noise, I gave up with the storm activity here, will try again next year.

VK4TGL Thanks for running the contest. It gave me a great opportunity to test out some new equipment.

VK4TT Used SD programme by EI5DI, it worked FB.

VK4YN Nice to get some openings on this band. I decided to put the club station on air after my stint on 80m with my own call. Next year there will be more sunspots on the sun so there will be better openings. Congratulations to all participants. CU next year... long live CW!

VK5SW Operated CW from my QTH using Solar Power to a battery to run the rig. See www.VK5SW.com Was disappointed that there was a JA contest on at the same time.

VK8AV Enjoyed the contest, with limited facilities. SD worked well here.

VK9CNC Life is too short for HP! 100w is what I like and use.

VU2UR Enjoyed another good Oceania 2008 contest.

W1RM Always fun -- this is the best result I've had in a while.

WH2D A great run on 20 CW to EU to open the contest. But everything was downhill after that. 10-15-20 never really opened on Day 2 as they did during the SSB half of the contest. Nonetheless, a contest is a contest and every one has its high points. ODXC CW 2008 is no exception. CU next year!

YB0DPO Thanks to all for the QSOs, I enjoy this contest, its fun, hope to see you again.

YB3MM Trying new antenna for 80M band

ZL2AGY Band conditions very spotty - few big signals and much QSB. Not too much QRN though, perhaps the sun is too lazy even to have QRN on the bands! Great to take part again - many years since I've done 80M only in this contest. Roll on the next one.

ZL2JU Poor conditions, but great to take part in, SD good, still learning

ZL2LF Keyboard packed up second day. Much better conditions than last week.

ZL2RVW Only had to work 12 hours during this contest. Conditions best they have been for a few years. Great contest but need more practice.

ZL3AB Great fun even if the EU pile ups were bedlam at times. Thanks to all the DX that showed up.

ZL3NB Despite propagation 40 meters was the best band for me - overall another great contest!



Jiri OK2QX, the second highest entrant from the Czech Republic in the CW Single-Op ALL Band category