

Annex 4: 2009 CW Soapbox

Call	Soapbox Comments
DH2URF	Thanks for nice contest. My antenna is poor for DX.
DK3WW	QRV for some hours only - have too much electronic noise here. The best sigs on 40M were at 7:00 UTC. Thanks for activity and CU next year.
DK4WF	Poor conditions on 10M! I am a low power fighter, but very difficult!
G3GLL	SD worked fine. Conditions pretty poor again this year - I hope to be around long enough to see them improve! Nice to hear some of the regulars again!
HB9CVQ	I could only be QRV for 3 hours on Saturday. Some nice signals on 40M and 20M, but QRMer(s) and call sign faker(s) were also QRV. It was fun to test my station with some OC DX.
HB9IK	Due to no access to a 40M antenna I asked my friend Aloys HB9AAA to lend me his hilltop station HB9AAA near Schaffhouse for the VK/ZL weekend. Wow, what a fine feeling to work OC via LP or SP!
HS0AC	Very few OC stations active.
I2AZ	Very nice contest but difficult for little pistols! Poor conditions, many hours in the shack, few QSOs.
JA1PTJ	This is my first time to submit in this contest. Thank you.
JA6FFK	Although conditions not so good, I was able to enjoy.
JA7COI	I met only 28 VKs and 19 ZLs. I expected many more VKs and ZLs. Multi-band QSOs increased the total QSO number.
JG5DHX/5	Only a few contacts, but I had a lot of fun.
JI4JGD	I enjoyed the contest.
JK1LUY	I enjoyed the contest.
JO1WIZ	I only took part in the contest for 1.5 hours.
K3TW	Thanks for another enjoyable contest. The long path and short path conditions to Oceania on 40M were excellent this year.
N5AW	Conditions not as good as for SSB but had fun anyway.
OH3GD	Good conditions on the low bands this time!
OK1DKZ	Bad conditions via short path - noise, weak sigs, and today morning "electric rain" at my QTH. Examples of unsuccessful QSOs were ZL1SS, KH7XS. FB sigs from ZM1A (like a lighthouse), VK2IM, VK6AA, and VK7GK. Strongest VK station on Sunday morning was VK7GK.
OK2QX	Relatively good conditions, but not many stations worked.
ON4AMC	Enjoyed the contest, but a little more activity on 40M would be appreciated.
OZ5DX	Conditions fair with 10 QSOs on 15M. Highlight was 8 QSOs on 80M made possible with Beverage using my 160M inverted L thrown out in the sugar bites field.
OZ7BQ	Followed VK6DXI on 80M for a few hours. Impressive signal building up towards the VK6 sunrise. This was my first VK QSO on 80M from this QTH.
OZ8SW	Very nice conditions - got my best result in 10 years.
PE7T	Rig control problems and random freezes with N1MM, I hope the log is OK...I believe it is!
PY2ZXU	Great signals from OC, due to other commitments I started late Saturday.
PY7OJ	Thanks for FB test!
RA3XEV	Thanks FB contest!
RA9FTM	Good contest. Thanks to all.
RD1AW	Nice contest and nice propagation!
RN2FQ	Thanks for a nice contest! I will be back next year.
SM0MXO	Tried out my new wire vertical this weekend. Was very glad to work some VK/ZL on the new antenna. Running just 100W and a simple HB wire vertical for 40M and 20M.
SP5GH	Horrible EU QRM and only a few Oceania Stations heard at S2. Hope to catch you next year.

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SP7-003-24	Thanks for diploma from 2006 OCDX CW contest
TF3DX	Saturday was unusually good for my Aurora Zone QTH, I even heard several down under stations on 80M which is very rare here. Aware of the limits of my 100 W and low horizontal wire for this band, I only ventured a few calls to the strongest station stations. One seemed to respond repeatedly with a "?" and that was it. On 40M and 20M I worked most of the stations I heard - VK and KH6. Funny how ZL was missing, because the VK path is along the aurora oval, while the ZL path runs straight across and is usually easier. But the 08:00 start time is a bit late for ZL/TF, the VK short path peaks later. Sunday was typically poor, heard only a few weak OC signals that Europe seemed to work easily. There was no readable trace on 80M this time. Sunday gave me only 3 more QSOs in log, crowned with the first and only ZL as the MUF climbed with the approaching dawn to make ZL1BYZ readable at 06:13z. His persistent effort to copy me, and my resorting to the hand key and QRS, finally paid off. John even broke his 5NN habit to give me 429! I totalled 12 QSOs, a huge improvement over last year's zero in the sun spot min. Although a bigger station and antennas will make a difference, there are places so located on this globe that few QSOs in the OC contest are not necessarily due to lack of effort!
UA0CM	Thanks for the test.
UA0SBQ	Thanks QSOS! Hope CUAGN 2010.
UA6HFI	FB test!
VK2AYD	Lost my 40M/80M antenna in gale winds so had to go single band only. Saturday night was like old times with Europe wide open, however Sunday was a wash out.
VK2BJ	Disappointed with the almost nil activity on 160M, given the higher points on that band. Otherwise conditions seemed quite reasonable.
VK2PN	For "poor" conditions it was pretty good. Some signals were amazing. For the first time I'm using the K3 - what a delight. SD log made it easy.
VK3GDM	Great contest.
VK3QI	Bad power line noise restricted operation to just a few hours
VK3TDX	Great EU openings on 15M and 20M. Thanks to all for your patience in the pileups!
VK3TZ	Some nice signals and some very high numbers being passed around. I could not manage more than about 50 or 60 per hour. My CW skills are simply not good enough and the external USB to RS-232 interface goes into 'ga-ga' mode when some RF gets into it - sends crazy CW! Not enough time with backside in chair and CW tires me faster than phone due to my lack of skill. All the same there was plenty of activity and 20M LP EU was fun for the last part of the contest. Some great scores from VK again. I look forward to the day when we hear "Where did all those VKs come from" in a CQWW contest.
VK4AN	TR switch went intermittent, tower winch snapped, 40M yagi tilted to 45-degrees in wind, log periodic balun shorted out. Bands were HOT but I'm hoping for fewer challenges & drama next year!
VK6AA	This trip to Perth was a bit more hectic than the previous ones with me flying in on Saturday and flying back just an hour after the contest finished on Sunday afternoon. Big thanks to Andrew VK6IA for looking after me and getting me to the airport on time. Looks like NCRG has again set a benchmark with some existing records beaten by NCRG members. Conditions on 80M were great (NOTE: please leave 3.500 to 3.510 'split free' - there are others who also would like to use a QRM free DX window). 40M was excellent too, 160M was not worth it, and 10M was a bit of a write off in VK6. 15M generated good QSO rates but I had to limit my time on this band. In general, good participation, but I'm hoping that more of our JA friends will support us next year and help us to get through the daytime 'dry' period. Good to catch up again with fellow NCRG members and experience first hand what 'continuous improvement' means at VK6ANC since I visited last time in July. I sure must have the easiest job of all - fly to Perth, switch on the station and play....
VK7GN	Finally a weekend with no wind, so contesting had to take second place to getting antennas up again. So just got on a bit to test the new 20M beam.
W7DRA	Again, wish I was on Fiji or somewhere else than at home. Great conditions on 80M to New Zealand. The old ARC5, 3 x 805s and SX71 held up under the strain of the contest.

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WA2VYA

Not much of a score, but thought I would submit a log, anyway. Always like working you folks. See you in the next contest.

YO5AJR

Not so good propagation on 40M. Next time. Thanks for all the QSOs in contest.

ZL1AZE

80M propagation seemed reasonable with some loud signals from America, Asia and Europe. I noted that RK3ER and RX4HZ were still very audible with S7 signals one hour after our sunrise on the Sunday morning. I was also pleasantly surprised to work some Central EU stations (including E74AW, S51NZ and 9A4W) via the long path at around 0600z. The atmospheric noise was also low, and well below the level of the local man made noise floor which stayed at around S7 (in a 500 Hz bandwidth) for much of the contest. This high level of local noise meant that I was unable to copy many of the weaker stations that were calling. I do apologise to those stations that I could not copy. Unfortunately the AL80A amplifier developed an intermittent fault during the contest which resulted in the output power varying randomly between about 100W and 400W over time. I expect this would have sounded like QSB at the receiving end! My QTH is located on a steep hill side about 100 metres above sea level, so I have a good takeoff in the down hill direction (towards NA, SA and EU long path) but not so good in the uphill direction (towards AS and EU SP). I look forward to being back and working everyone again in the contest next year.

ZL2JU

Enjoyed my day on 20 metres, using ZL2AGY's K3 is always a treat, thanks Tony. Could not get my laptop to talk to the rig so had to log manually and enter the log in POST contest mode.

ZL3AB

Good fun although I could not operate as much as I would have liked. There seemed to be plenty of stations on with some big scores. Thanks to the organisers.

ZM2M

This was the first effort in the Oceania CW and the team enjoyed the fun with plenty of business to keep us busy! This contest seems destined to grow and has a good feeling to it.



The ZM2M team - looking pleased after their winning effort in the Oceania CW Multi-Single category.