

Annex 3: 2009 PHONE Soapbox

Call	Soapbox Comments
7N2UQC	I was able to enjoy this contest. Thanks for a fine contest again.
DJ7YP	Not good conditions, bad noise on my side.
DK1ROB	Only decided to take part when I heard a couple of VK/ZL stations on 40M.
DK4WF	Very difficult with low power!
G3PHO	What a difference to last year! Conditions much improved with a good period on 40M but nothing heard from VK/ZL/OC on 80M! This is a tough contest for UK ops as we have to break through a wall of S9+ continental Europeans on every band, all of the time!
IK2MPR	Thanks for a nice contest! I will be back next year.
JA2AXB	Thanks, enjoyed the contest, see you again on CW.
JA7DOT	I enjoyed the contest.
JG1GCO	I enjoyed the contest. FB DX.
JR4LRY	Conditions seemed to be erratic.
K3TW	The contest is more enjoyable now that the US 40M SSB phone band has been expanded to allow simplex QSOs with DX.
KH6QJ	Thanks for well organized contest.
LB9RE	Nice to work so many VK stations in such a short time!
LY7A	Thank you for the contest. CU next year!
N7TP	First Oceania Contest. Should be really fun when sunspots come back!
PE7T	Good 40M long path and a good level of activity to VK on the Sunday morning UTC, but no ZLs. Outstanding signals from VK3EW and YB4IR.
RK0LWP	CUAGN in the contest!
RU3FN	Thank you for the contest.
SM3AGO	Thanks for the contest, always nice to hear the activity from "down under".
SP9JZT	FB contest.
T88OM	I enjoyed the contest. See you in the next one.
UU7J	Nice activity from Oceania! Thank you and see you next year!
VK2APG	I used SD for logging - it's great.
VK2BD	In memory of Trevor Easlea, VK2COE Silent Key 29/09/2009.
VK2FHQQ	I had fun!
VK3AKT	This was my first Oceania DX contest entry. I had a lot of fun and enjoyed the contact with Antarctica very much. I contested in between other family commitments. I must get a computer program to create the logs while in the contest rather than afterwards.
VK3EW	Got home just before the starting time to find the power was off due to a car collision with a power pole. I started nearly one hour late. Had a wonderful time, and really appreciated the VK and ZL stations calling too. Never seems to also amaze me what one can do by squirting RF at Europe. The pileup was still huge for me 90 mins after my sunrise. Thanks to my wife Elly VK3FLEW for the never ending JD and cola's. See you all next time.
VK3FRC	Another great contest with plenty of activity. It was good to hear so many Foundation licence holders joining in, keep up the good work. Thanks for running a great contest.
VK3TDX	Not much time to operate, but fun anyway.
VK3TZ	Very bad noise from the plasmas, bad Ethernet NIC cards, power poles and everything else which make it very difficult to contest from here. Very nice to work a new one on 40M - an OX station called me. There seemed to be a large increase in activity from DX and VK/ZL but not many VK F calls this year. Lots more last year. 40m was cooking but there was a lot of noise on 40m and 80m from lightning crashes. Had fun but a pretty pathetic score. Perhaps I'll put more time in next year. Perhaps there will be a sunspot or two?
VK4BL	Not a lot of time this year, but I had a lot of fun.

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VK4GLC	Enjoyed the contest in the limited time I had available Thanks.
VK4HAM	Great contest - had a lot of fun.
VK4HEC	Station Height 1640 feet AMSL.
VK4KW	We had some awful PC problems. These problems resulted in some strange goings-on with serial numbers, and the display of frequencies as the CAT link also died on a laptop.
VK6IR	A great day out!
VK6NDT	First contest ever and I loved it!
VK6ZRW	Thank you very much for the contest. A great thing for a 1st time contester.
VK7GN	No time and no antennas, so just a token effort.
VK8HPB	Worked the morning so was a bit shattered come midnight. The band conditions were amazing 15M came alive as the contest started and I had 15 JA within 30 minutes and it continued on. I had a ball on 40M. First time I could hear people on my OCF. Thanks for a great contest, will be back again next year.
VK8PDX	Slow start with 1st SP Europe only at 1000z, then the band opened and I made half of my total QSOs from 1130z – 1530z, all to Europe! No openings to North America on SP or LP. Sunday was slow with a brief LP Europe opening, but most of the day I could only work into VK.
YB1TJ	10M still closed; hope it opens in the next contest.
YC5OO	The 2009 Oceania Contest was my first experience in an international DX contest.
YC9MDX	Thanks to every one who helped give me the score.
YE1ZAL	I very much enjoyed this contest.
YL2BJ	My first serious participation in the Oceania DX Contest. I found a lot of fun! The Monster SteppIR antenna was really good on 40M. See you all next year.
YO8BDW	I enjoy using SD.
ZL2CC	Great contest, thanks.
ZL2RVW	Great fun. Usual problems: Tower winch pulley broke a week before contest and had to work both days. Heavy rain and high static.
ZL3GA	Surprisingly good conditions.



The VK6NC team operated from a temporary QTH to win the Oceania PHONE Multi-Single category. The photographs show the 'portable' 2 element 40M yagi (left) and 3 element 20M/15M/10M yagi (above).