

Results of the 2007 CQ WPX RTTY Contest

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The 13th Annual CQ WPX RTTY Contest was held February 10–11, 2007, with a record 1697 logs submitted—up 27% from 2006, and by far the largest number of entries ever for any RTTY contest. Again, many new world records were set, including Single Op High Power (SOH), Single Op Low Power (SOL), Single Op 14 MHz (SO14), Single Op 7 MHz (SO7), Single Op 3.5 MHz (SO3.5), Multi-Op Single Transmitter (MOS), Multi-Op Two Transmitter (M2), and Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter (MOM). Despite being near the bottom of solar Cycle 23, total QSOs increased from about 500,000 in 2006 to 681,000 this year (up 26%), with 14,231 callsigns (up 28%) in the database for this year. For log checking, Paolo, I2UIY, was aided by the veteran and expert team of I2EOW, IK2DUU, EA3DU, and N5KO. They greatly appreciated the fact that virtually all of you now submit your log in Cabrillo format via e-mail; only three paper logs were submitted this year!

Geomagnetic conditions were mediocre worldwide throughout the contest. While there were no solar storms, the solar flux level sank to 74 (versus 85 in 2006 and 205 in 2000), but the continuing and significant increase in participation (combined with double points for 80- and 40-meter contacts, which continue to increase with lower solar flux) pushed 80–20 meter scores higher. Recent NOAA predictions are that the solar flux will bottom sometime this summer, at about the same level as during this contest. Accordingly, geomagnetic conditions for 2008 and subsequent years should be better and better, and by 2010–2011 they should return to the 200-plus level.

Single Operator

Single Operator, High Power (SOH).

While the top scores in SOL were impressive, the scores in SOH were even more so. First, Ed, W0YK, operating as P49X, smashed Paolo's (P40G/I2UIY) world record (7,253,712 pts) set just last year by scoring 9,981,738 pts (3023 Q's, 13,806 pts, 723 mults). This is an astonishing score by a single op in WPX RTTY. Both the QSO and the point numbers are tough to match outside of a location such as P4, which can work both NA and EU on 40 and 80 meters for double points. However, Tyler, K3MM, operating from the N3HBX superstation, substantially increased his own USA/NA records (4,060,062 pts) set last year with a



Single Op High Power world winner and new record holder Ed, W0YK, at the controls of P49X.

great score of 5,512,960 points (2378 Q's, 7552 pts, 730 mults). UA9CLB added to these impressive SOH results and set a new Asia record with a score of 4,489,683 points (1832 Q's, 7701 pts, 583 mults). EN9M (op. UR5MID) next set a new European record with a score of 4,181,148 points (2070 Q's, 6364 pts, 657 mults). K4GMH (four-time USA winner) also broke last year's USA/NA record with a score of 4,118,076 points, but could not match K3MM's effort. In Canada, VE3AP set a new Canadian SOH record with a score of 3,059,528 points (1536 Q's, 5444 pts, 562 mults).

Single Operator, Low Power (SOL).

Both of the two top finishers in SOL beat P43P's 2003 world record of 3,506,198 points. Four-time winner Wanderley, ZX2B (op: PY2MNL), repeated as world champion and set the new world record with 4,149,486 points (1760 Q's, 6618 pts, 627 mults). Not far behind (and also breaking the old world record) was 5C5W (another veteran op, CN8KD) who scored 3,677,202 points (1541 Q's, 6222 pts, 591 mults)—and set a new Africa record. World third, doubling the old Canadian record, and establishing a new North America record as well, was VE1OP who scored 2,397,915 points (1372 Q's, 4099 pts, 585 mults).

Single Operator, Single Band 28 MHz (28). Ten meters saw very little single band activity, with the winner, LU8ADX, scoring only 1960 points.

Single Operator, Single Band 21 MHz (21). Single band activity on 15 meters substantially exceeded that on 10 meters, but no new records were established. The top three in the world were LW9EOC at 1,751,175 points, not far behind the 2002 world record of 5U8B (op: I2UIY), followed by LV5V (op: LU5VV) with 1,604,020 points, and LR4E (op: LW4EU) with 290,576 points.

Single Operator, Single Band 14 MHz

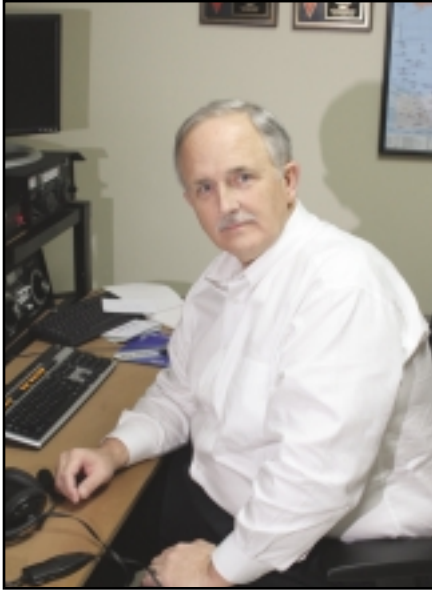
(14). This year all three top scores exceeded last year's world record set by VE2RY (1,782,030 pts). The winner and new world (and Europe) record holder was last year's world second: 9A5W, scoring 2,409,963 points (1436 Q's, 3657 pts, 659 mults). While VE2RY exceeded his own world record, he was second this year with a score of 2,076,003 points (1279 Q's, 3343 pts, 621 mults). ZC4LI (last year's 40-meter world winner) next set a new Asia record with a score of 1,869,350 points (1176 Q's, 3430 pts, 545 mults). Finally, WG8Y set a new USA record with a score of 1,026,378 points (888 Q's, 2061 pts, 498 mults).

Single Operator, Single Band 7 MHz

(7). The conquest of new SO7 records continued this year with 2005's winner, I4IKW, returning as the champion while setting a new SO7 world record of 3,411,720 points (1195 Q's, 5832 pts, 585 mults). Also beating last year's world record set by ZC4LI was RTTY veteran 7X0RY, who this year was world second and the new SO7 Africa record

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Fred, WW4LL, head of the WW4LL U.S. champion Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter team.



Charlie, KI5XP, veteran RTTY contester who joined the WW4LL U.S. champion Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter team this year.

2007 WPX RTTY CONTEST PLAQUE SPONSORS AND WINNERS

Single Operator High Power

World: Sponsored by John (Bob) Orton, WA6BOB. Winner: **P49X (Op: Ed Muns, W0YK)**
Africa: Sponsored by Andrei Stchislenok, EW1AR/NP3D (in Memory of EU1MM). Winner: **Barry Murrell, ZS2EZ**
Europe: Sponsored by DL-DX RTTY Contest Group. Winner: **EN9M (Op: Serge Redkin, UR5MID)**
N.A.: Sponsored by Charles Anderson, KK5OQ. Winner: **Tyler Stewart, K3MM**
Canada: Sponsored by Fabi Bertolotto, VE2FBD. Winner: **Claudio Fernandez, VE3AP**
USA: Sponsored by Glenn Vinson, W6OTC. Winner: **Mike Sims, K4GMH**

Single Operator Low Power

World: Sponsored by Mike Sims, K4GMH. Winner: **Wanderley Gomes, ZX2B**
Asia: Sponsored by Trey Garlough, N5KO. Winner: **Dimitry Borzenko, 4Z5CP**
Europe: Sponsored by Paolo Cortese, I2UIY. Winner: **Oscar Luis Fernandez Lanza, ED1BXN**
N.A.: Sponsored by Wayne King, N2WK. Winner: **Scott Nichols, VE1OP**
USA: Sponsored by Jim Reiser, AD1C. Winner: **NP3D/WE1 (Andrei Stchislenok, EW1AR)**

Single Operator Single Band

3.5 MHz World: Sponsored by Doug Faunt, N6TQS. Winner: **SO4M (Op: Mirek Razny, SP4MPG)**
7 MHz World: Sponsored by Don Reed, KF2XF. Winner: **Marco Venturi, IK4IKW**
7 MHz USA: Sponsored by Earl Smith, N5ZM. Winner: **AE5AA (Op: Earl Smith, N5ZM)**
14 MHz World: Sponsored by Neal Campbell, K3NC. Winner: **Nikola Percin, 9A5W**
21 MHz World: Sponsored by Dean St.Hill. Winner: **Silvio Martin, LW9EOC**
28 MHz World: Sponsored by Steve Hodgson, ZC4LI. Winner: **Diego Salom, LU8ADX**

Multi-Op Single Transmitter

World: Sponsored by Steve Merchant, K6AW. Winner: **CT9M (Ops: CT3BD, CT3DL, CT3DZ, CT3EE, CT3HK, CT3IA, CT3KY, CT3KU, CT3IQ)**

Multi-Op Two Transmitter

World: Sponsored by HC8N RTTY Team. Winner: **EA8AH (Ops: OH1RY, OH2BP, YL1ZF, YL3DW)**

Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter

World: Sponsored by Steve (Sid) Ceasar, NH7C. Winner: **OM8A (Ops: 9A7R, OM2KW, OM3RM, OM7JG)**
N.A.: Sponsored by KA4RRU RTTY Team. Winner: **WW4LL (Ops: WW4LL, KI5XP, K4ZJ, K9JS, K4AQ, WF4W, K5ZM, NN4RR)**

Club Competition

World: Sponsored by Potomac Valley Radio Club. Winner: **Bavarian Contest Club (DL)**

holder, with 3,380,346 pts (1064 Q's, 6366 pts, 531 mults). World third was DL3TD, who scored 2,451,826 points. Another notable score was AE5AA, who set a new USA SO7 record with a score of 1,363,440 points, a large increase over N5ZM's 2006 USA record score of 806,932 points.

Single Operator, Single Band 3.5 MHz (3.5)

Like 40 meters, 80-meter competition is intense with low solar flux numbers. This year the top four finishers beat S54E's 2005 world record score of 1,545,740 points. The winner and new world record holder is SO4M (op: SP4MPG), who scored 1,936,118 points (924 Q's, 4042 pts, 479 mults). Very close behind was four-time winner S54E, who beat his own world record but fell slightly short of winning this year with 1,889,966 points (893 Q's, 4082 pts, 463 mults). World third was 9A2DQ, who scored 1,808,184 points. From Hawaii, KH7X (op: KH6ND) again found an Oceania record in need of establishing and scored a fine 379,326 points.

Multi-Operator

Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter (MOM)

As in many other categories, the top finishers in MOM all exceeded the prior world record of 8,881,740 points set in 2005 by LY5A. The new MOM world record holder is OM8A (ops: 9A7R, OM2KW, OM3RM, OM7JG), which scored 10,402,097 points (3092 Q's, 11,861 pts, 877 mults). In world second, UU7J (ops: UR5NX, UR7EU, UT4ZX, UT9NA, UU0JM, UU1AZ) scored 9,620,520 points (3205 Q's, 11,453 pts, 840 mults). Very close behind in world third was Z37M (ops: Z31MM, Z32ID, Z33F, Z33ZOD, Z35W, Z35T, Z36W, Roberto), which scored 9,257,246 points (3254 Q's, 11,659 pts, 794 mults). Five-time U.S. winner and U.S. record holder KA4RRU was displaced as U.S. champion by WW4LL (ops: WW4LL, KI5XP, K4ZJ, K9JS, K4AQ, WF4W, K5ZM, NN4RR), which set a new U.S. MOM record of 4,699,200 points (2472 Q's, 6675 pts, 704 mults).

Multi-Operator Single Transmitter (MOS)

Continuing the explosion of multi-operator station scores, all three top finishers here also broke the old TI5N world record of 5,936,870 points. The winner and new world record holder is CT9M (ops: CT3BD, CT3DL, CT3DZ, CT3EE, CT3HK, CT3IA, CT3KY, CT3KU, CT3IQ), which scored 8,071,506 points (2630 Q's, 10,937 pts, 738 mults). In world second, EF8A (ops: EA8AAG, EC8ABQ, EA8AUW) scored 6,508,260 points (2297 Q's, 9405 pts, 692 mults). Former MOS winner HG1S (ops: HA1TJ, HA1DAI, HA1DAC, HA1DAE) was close behind, finishing third this year, and scoring 6,340,285 points (2287 Q's, 8465 pts, 749 mults).

Multi-Operator Two Transmitter (M2)

Having seen the big scores in MOM and MOS, one might expect to see big scores in M2. However, "big" is an understatement. EA8AH simply blew away all entrants in all classes and scored twice as many points as the old HC8N record of 8,411,106 points. This year EA8AH (ops: OH1RY, OH2BP, YL1ZF, YL3DW) scored an incredible

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17,001,420 points (4558 Q's, 18,996 pts, 895 mults). LX8M (ops: LX1ER, DF7ZS, DJ9KM, DL1ZBO, DJ5BX, DK9FEC, LX8M) scored 8,121,314 points (2885 Q's, 10,814 pts, 751 mults) and set a new Europe M2 record. In world third place, K11G (ops: K11G, K11JN, N1HRA, NG1G, KO1H) set a new

U.S. record with a score of 7,054,126 points (2880 Q's, 9067 pts, 778 mults).

Rookie of the Year

Forty operators entered as Rookies this year, but no new world record was set in this cate-

gory. The world winner was IW7EFC, who entered in SOH and made 1,475,768 points. In world second place was K3MQ, also in SOH, who scored 1,404,810 points, a new U.S. Rookie record. World third was RK9AJZ, SOL, who scored 1,187,280 points.

SWL

The SWL winner this year was OK1-11861, who logged 752 Q's for 1,095,438 points.

Clubs

This year is the first time that we had club competition in CQ WPX RTTY—thanks to Mike, K4GMH, and the Potomac Valley Radio Club, which sponsors the club plaque. Fifty-five clubs were represented, and as in 2006 CQ WW RTTY, the Bavarian Contest Club was the big dog in this challenge, amassing 32,183,694 points. The next three clubs all exceeded 20-million points: PVRC was second with 25,382,975 points; Contest Club Finland was third with 22,724,117 points, and Northern California Contest Club was fourth with 21,671,140 points. All of the club results are listed in an accompanying box.

Summary

CQ WPX RTTY participation and scores were exceptional this year, and suggest that future growth in RTTY contesting will be very impressive as the solar flux now begins to increase. Again this year about 60% of all logs were submitted within the first week after the



Single Op All Band Low Power entrant and certificate winner Suat, TA1FA, relaxing after the contest.

contest, and more than 85% within the first two weeks after the contest. As noted before, in both WW RTTY and WPX RTTY the master call files created for each contest are split about one-third U.S. calls and two-thirds non-U.S. calls. Strong international participation is clearly a significant factor in increasing scores. This year logs were received from 100 countries and 6 continents.

If you operate using a special callsign, please submit your log using that callsign and show your normal callsign in the Cabrillo header on the "operator" line. Do not submit the log under your own callsign.

The 30 hour time limit for SO classes: Remember that in CQ WPX RTTY, all single operator classes are limited to 30 hours of operation, with minimum breaks of 60 minutes. When submitting Cabrillo-format logs, nothing need be marked in the log to show off-times. The log-checking software will automatically calculate the operating time. However, if you exceed 30 hours of operation (as about 60 operators did this year), we will delete all contacts made after 30 hours for purposes of calculating your score.

To check all-time CQ WPX RTTY Records, look at <www.rttycontesting.com/records/cqwprrty.html> hosted and maintained by Don, AA5AU, a great friend to all RTTY contesters. For comments by participants, see the QRM below.

The 2008 CQ WPX RTTY Contest

The 14th Annual CQ WPX RTTY Contest will be run on February 9-10, 2008 (the second full weekend of February). *Please note that Cabrillo-format logs are highly encouraged for all entrants with e-logs required from all potential high scoring entrants in any category. Also, any computer-generated log with more than 100 contacts must be submitted via e-mail or on a 3.5-inch diskette via snail mail.* For those who submit diskettes, please remember to send the diskettes in a protective envelope. E-mail is clearly the most reliable and easiest mode for log submissions, but we welcome all logs, including (subject to the restrictions described above) paper logs, no matter how they may be sent. Finally, **the deadline for log submissions is March 7, 2008.** The full text of the 2008 rules will be published in the January 2008 issue of CQ and on the CQ website at <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>. Please read the rules carefully prior to the contest, and please note that **all logs submitted via e-mail go to <wpxrtty@kkn.net>.**

Plaques. The plaque program for CQ WW RTTY and CQ WPX RTTY is chaired by four-time SOH USA CQ WPX RTTY winner Mike Sims, K4GMH. Be sure to contact Mike (k4gmh@arrl.com) if you would like to sponsor a plaque for either contest.

DX QRM

5C5W: I got a license for a new contest call, 5C5W, and it is my first operation with it. We had very good propagation on 40m and I think it helped very much for the score. For the other bands 20m was good, small opening on 15m, and 10m was dead. The worked time was 30 hours. **7N2UQC:** I was able to enjoy this contest. Tnx for a fine contest again. **8P2K:** Fell way short of my goals but will be back next year God willing. **9A7T:** The best RTTY contest ever. **DL3HXX:** First RTTY contest having fun. I'm a newcomer to the digimodes. I'm a keen CW op. Thanks for the contest. **DL4PY:** Nice contest. Many contacts, even some DX. Met a couple of good guys on all bands. **EA3ALV:** Not many chances to get true DXing with a vertical. High noise and poor propagation, but anyway it was a nice weekend! **EB5KB:** Thank you so much to everyone who came to the contest. Although not maybe to win, every QSO counts. Thanks guys! This is first contest from the new EA5KB station. Thanks to Pepe (EA5KB) and his wife Ana (EA5CY) to let me be the first contest. **F5RD:** My fifth RTTY WPX Contest and the best. Good conditions on 80m to 15m. Contacted a new country (many thanks XW1LLR). Calling CQ on 10m during half an hour Sunday morning, nobody, nobody. Thanks to all who worked me. **G0MTN:** Activity goes up and up. **G4ZOB:** First entry in a RTTY contest. Had to miss first 16 hours but then really enjoyed it despite a few bleeps using the S/W. Addicted to RTTY now! **G5YC:** Interesting contest on QRP at the bottom of the cycle. Kudos to all who worked me from the U.S. on 40m on Sunday evening. Not really DX, but satisfying from my city plot. Elecraft K2 and inverted L antenna at 20 feet.

GU0SUP: Excellent fun! And what a buzz to see the bands so full of RTTY. Plenty of new calls to work this time, plus some nice DX. Thanks to the CQ crew for the contest. **HF50IU:** QSL via SP2IU. Generated for IARU HF contest by IARU-gen software© SP7DQR. I worked only 19 hours. **HG4I:** Thanks for all QSOs. I had problems with my rotator (it's out of work now). This way I used my two stacked TH7DX's as "bi-directional antennas," one to JA

(upper) and one to USA, (the lower) loaded with only 300 watts out from Drake L4B. Hi! The second day noon time and afternoon (at local time) was a surprise for me. **HK3W:** My first contest with my new callsign (ex-HK3SGP). My best CQ WPX contest. and many tnx to all stations for QSOs and very fine good score for me. Thanks for creating this contest. **IW3IKX:** First experience. Few QSOs but I had fun. Thanks to all the stations I worked. **JA1XRH:** I had fun in gud condx in spite of low sunspot season. **JF9KVT:** This contest was in good condition so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest. **M0EDH:** Instead of a KW and 5/5/5 I used an ICOM IC-7000 at 80 watts, a tiny MFJ-902 tuner to a Yoyo 20m dipole strung against the wall between two windows in the flat in Oxford. Each QSO was a thrill. **M3CVN:** Missed most of Saturday due to the first day of my 2E0 training course! First RTTY contest for over a year! Pleased to give the "M3" multiplier out to many participants. Win-test was amazing! Thanks to LT0H who took 4 minutes to get my NR, FB op.

OE9R: We had a lot of fun. First big RTTY contest at our station. We will be back for sure next year. **PX8I:** Very fun on RTTY. Few contacts but exciting. **RV4LC:** It is my first WPX contest on RTTY mode. Much pleasure for me. Thanks for the contest. **SF6D:** No big effort this time but what a lot fun we had. Tremendous amount of stations on 20m. **TF3AM:** Running from home on single vertical dipole. I got more QSOs than ever. Mainly Asia and Europe in the morning and U.S. in the afternoon. Highlights include JF1OPL, which I managed to work on 20m at 6:20Z Sunday morning. **T15N:** Better condx than expected. Hard to compete with EU stns when it comes to a WPX contest, especially on the low bands. **VA3DX:** The activity level was enor-

TOP SCORES

Single Op High Power

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K3MM	5,512,960	K4GMH.....	4,118,076
UA9CLB	4,489,683		

Single Op Low Power

ZX2B (op: PY2MNL).....	4,149,486	HI3TEJ	2,319,450
5C5W (op: CN8KD).....	3,677,202	4Z5CP	2,012,283
VE1OP	2,397,915		

Multi-Op Single Transmitter

CT9M.....	8,071,506	4L8A	5,187,388
EF8A	6,508,260	TM4P	4,938,669
HG1S.....	6,340,285		

Multi-Op Two Transmitter

EA8AH.....	17,001,420	DG7RO.....	6,053,780
LX8M	8,121,314	T15N.....	5,652,120
K11G	7,054,126		

Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter

OM8A	10,402,097	RW0A.....	8,601,012
UU7J	9,620,520	SP0DXC.....	8,136,710
Z37M	9,257,246		

Single Op 3.5 MHz

SO4M (op: SP4MPG) ...	1,936,118	IV3SKB.....	1,553,160
S54E.....	1,889,966	I4AVG.....	1,480,836
9A2DQ.....	1,808,184		

7.0 MHz

I4IKW.....	3,411,720	UX0FF.....	2,392,590
7X0RY	3,380,346	UW5Q.....	2,327,350
DL3TD	2,451,826		

14 MHz

9A5W.....	2,409,963	9A5D (op: 9A5DU)	1,527,784
VE2RYY	2,076,003	OL6X (op: OK1DIG) ...	1,519,857
ZC4LI.....	1,869,350		

21 MHz

LW9EOC	1,751,175	EA1ACP	135,172
LV5V (op: LU5W)	1,604,020	RA6AFB	110,252
LR4E (op: LW4EU).....	290,576		

28 MHz

LU8ADX	1,960		
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CLUB COMPETITION

BAVARIAN CONTEST CLUB (DL)	32,183,694
POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB	25,382,975
CONTEST CLUB FINLAND (OH)	22,724,117
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB	21,571,140
UKRAINIAN CONTEST CLUB (UR)	13,374,446
SPDXC (SP).....	13,013,425
BLACK SEA CONTEST CLUB (UR).....	12,268,107
CONTEST CLUB ONTARIO (VE3).....	9,889,758
HA DX CLUB (HA)	9,084,111
YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB	8,737,005
SOCIETY OF MIDWEST CONTESTERS	7,913,106
WILLAMETTE VALLEY DX CLUB	7,638,181
LATVIAN CONTEST CLUB (YL).....	7,209,679
TENNESSEE CONTEST GROUP	6,863,861
URAL CONTEST GROUP (UA9).....	6,826,986
FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB.....	6,238,983
SOUTH EAST CONTEST CLUB	5,084,661
WORLD WIDE YOUNG CONTESTERS (*).....	4,848,981
KYIV CONTEST GROUP (UR).....	4,732,493
FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP	4,708,771
SLOVENIA CONTEST CLUB (S5).....	4,668,944
RAAWG (SV)	4,338,648
MARITIME CONTEST CLUB (VE).....	4,335,425
SOUTH URAL CONTEST CLUB (UA9).....	4,248,384
RUSSIAN CONTEST CLUB (UA)	3,798,876
CONTEST GROUP DU QUEBEC (VE2)	3,791,203
ROCHESTER DX ASSOCIATION.....	3,105,611
MINNESOTA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION.....	2,562,889
LUCG (LU)	2,555,018
GUARA DX GROUP (PY).....	2,442,019
TEMIRTAU CONTEST CLUB (UN)	2,219,131
SPOKANE DX ASSOCIATION.....	2,104,975
CONTEST CLUB KRASNODARSKOGO KRAYA (UA6).....	2,100,478
DL-DX RTTY CONTEST GROUP (DL).....	2,082,973
GRAND MESA CONTESTERS OF COLORADO.....	2,064,630
EAST COAST CANADA CONTEST CLUB (VO1).....	1,742,011
RTTY CONTESTERS OF JAPAN (JA)	1,606,517
ORDER OF BOILED OWLS OF NEW YORK.....	1,600,512
CHILTERN DX CLUB (G)	1,354,432
TOEC (SM)	1,321,156
RHEIN RUHR DX ASSOCIATION (DL).....	1,281,737
SIAM DX GROUP (HS).....	1,228,424
KENTUCKY CONTEST GROUP	1,054,570
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB.....	912,863
STERLING PARK ARC.....	870,900
LOW COUNTRY CONTEST CLUB	841,763
CENTRAL TEXAS DX AND CONTEST CLUB	804,601
BARTG (G).....	685,814
VK CONTEST CLUB (VK)	683,554
WESTERN WASHINGTON DX CLUB.....	658,092
ALABAMA CONTEST GROUP.....	636,652
MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB.....	449,040
DAUBERVILLE DX ASSOCIATION.....	366,722
METRO DX CLUB.....	343,542
IVANOVO DX CLUB (UA3).....	222,795

(*) Listed for completeness; however, not within Club Competition rules.

mous!! **VE3SS**: It was yet another part-time effort here. Family commitments made it impossible to operate full time, so decided to go S & P around the bands. I had a lot of fun as usual working some good DX like Cyprus, Iceland, and Senegal. **VE3TES**: Good clean fun, the way it should be! **VE7KPB**: Had a good time on RTTY. New to this

mode and had a few good DX contacts. A good way to see what can be done with RTTY. **VQ9X**: Fun having the VQ9X contest team on the air again. **YB2ECHG**: Enjoyed the contest; much better result than last year! **YT0A**: Our first Multi-Op, Single Transceiver RTTY contest. See you again. **ZC4LI**: Thanks to all concerned in running the con-

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Important On-Line Resources

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Our Readers Say: (from page 61)

support the endeavor can make their decisions with full knowledge of the sponsor's intentions.

Theodore J. Cohen, N4XX
Editor, CQ:

Please cancel my subscription and refund the remainder of the price to me. My reason for canceling is the tenor of the editorial (in) the April issue by Rich Moseson. Although I do agree that the fake QSL card should not have been produced and circulated, the editorial tries to justify the decision of the Germans to operate in Libya. Certainly they have the right to make that decision on their own. I just happen to disagree with their decision and the editorial.

Arthur K. Davenport, K7WST

Editor, CQ:

I have just finished reading your "Zero Bias" editorial in April 2007 CQ, and am afraid that you have rather "skated over" the most important issue: It was not ethically proper for the expedition to accept a license with a politically motivated pre-condition.

The fact that most of the expedition members were German nationals and that the prohibition applied only to Israel makes a bad situation appear even worse, though there is no evidence of anti-Semitic intent or behavior on the part of the expedition. However, the expedition did err in not revealing ahead of time the prohibition on contacting Israeli stations.

Yes, Libya is one of the tough "rare ones," and in my case, one of the last three CQ Zones on 80. But consider this: Suppose another "rare one" hits on a slightly different policy. Suppose, for example, that Yemen decides to issue a license to an expedition group, only the restriction is that because Yemen disagrees with some aspect of US foreign policy, the expedition is pro-

hibited from contacting US stations. How would US amateurs feel about that?

The worldwide amateur community should not become involved in the quagmire that is international politics. At the same time we should not tacitly accept discrimination against any of our fellow amateurs around the world. The simplest solution is that we should not accept or recognize licenses or contacts that have political restrictions.

Vince Van der Hyde, K7VV

Ted, Arthur, and Vince:

Whether we like it or not, the reality is that because amateur radio is international in scope and is an internationally-regulated hobby, ham radio has always been involved to some extent in the quagmire that is international politics. Keep in mind that the ITU rules specifically permit any government to prohibit contacts between amateurs in its country and those in specific other countries. For years, the U.S. had a "banned list" of countries whose hams we were not allowed to contact. No one suggested that operations from the United States not be accepted or recognized because our government was discriminating against the citizens of another country. No one, to my knowledge, refused to accept an FCC amateur license because it did not permit contacts with amateurs in specific other countries.

In retrospect, perhaps it would have been better if the 5A7A group let it be known beforehand that their license did not permit contacts with stations in Israel. But hindsight is always 20/20. And no matter how you feel about Libya's policy or the 5A7A team's decision to reluctantly accept the limitations, none of it justifies the actions of the U.S. ham who created and distributed the fake QSL card suggesting that the 5A7A ops were Nazis and/or anti-Semites. THAT was the main point of my editorial.—W2VU

Results of the 2007 CQ WPX RTTY Contest (from page 35)

test. **ZM3R**: Tnx fer contest. Only average propagation here!

USA QRM

AA7FK: Fun time. Couldn't operate as much as I wanted, but I did pick up some new DXCC countries on RTTY. Thanks! **AB0RX**: 80 meters was outstanding, 323 QSOs. I did not ever hear a single signal on 10 meters. **AE5AA**: Great conditions on 40m. Good EU and AS openings both days. Thanks to all who helped me break last year's record. **AF9J**: I had a blast! There were nice openings to Europe on both Saturday and Sunday morning. I think I might have set a personal all-time high score for contesting. Rig used: Yaesu FT-897D at 50W output power, loading the rain gutter of my apartment building (it's 125-150 feet long and three stories above the ground). **K0EWS**: My first contest in a while. The bands sounded pretty good. This was fun! **K3NK**: I haven't operated RTTY in over 21 years. The contest was a fun way to get back on RTTY and figure out how to operate my new equipment. I will be back next year. **K7RE**: Conditions were great for me to try out my new SDR-1000 software defined radio. This entirely new way of operating worked well for me. Still a few minor kinks to work out for me though. Thanks to the folks at CQ magazine for putting this one on. Can't wait for the next one!

KA1C: Wow! What a contest! Made almost 100 more QSOs than any other contest. My Alpha Delta sloper has had a problem on 80m, but I accidentally tuned up on my Mosley tri-band beam and it was great on 80m. Maybe the sloper was working with it? Made 81 Q's this way and broke a couple of pileups! Looking forward to next year. **KC2NMZ**: Gary's (W2VQ) first time operating RTTY. Great conditions on 20m with the new setup here. Enjoyed the WPX contest the most. See you on SSB/CW with new call WQ2N. **KE0L**: Lots of QSB on the band Friday night. I tried a couple of antennas but couldn't get my rates up to the usual level. I enjoy the relaxing pace of the RTTY contests. **KE7AJ**: Wow! Great fun. Good conditions for a change and nice openings to Europe and Japan. **K7EKM** in only his second RTTY contest was a great help with the graveyard shift. **N0UNL**: This was our club's first try at a RTTY contest. We had a fun time and plan to do it again.

N8BJQ: Great time. Lots of activity, growing every year. Worked two new countries and several new band countries. Nice to work some 6 pointers on 80. First time with SO2R. Still need to work on the setup. Used two computers. Did help to kill some dead time and saved lots of tuning of the amps. **W0TUP**: Had fun. This is my first WPX contest. Looking forward to next year. **W5JAY**: I noticed many new RTTY ops even towards the last part of the contest! Maybe some Elmering was going on over the weekend, even during the contest? Dennis, N5DRB, came by to see. **W6ZZZ**: Only had one person tell me how sleepy ZZZ made them feel (nicely). **W7HJ**: This contest is a keeper! Lots of fun for all and some very serious ops near and far. My score while nowhere competitive with only 251 QSOs, is from my "no antenna" QTH with CC&R's. I believe there may be hope for hamming even in the poorest locations! **WG8Y**: Great opening to EU for bottom of the cycle. Had a great time. Tnx to all. **WW4LL**: Awesome crew assembled for this one and station performed reasonably well with the exception of one antenna problem early Saturday morning just as 15 started to open. It was the first time operating with Charlie, K15XP, and it was an extreme pleasure.