

CLE233 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

This was the midsummer CLE for most of us. Some of the 40 listeners who took part might think that it was Midsummer Madness!

But before anything else, CONGRATULATIONS to ROELOF! As I write this he probably doesn't know that this was his **200th CLE**. His first was CLE32 way back in January 2003. If you are good at mathematics you will deduce that he has MISSED TWO CLEs!

What dedication, and what a lot of information and pleasure his logs have given us.

Despite the inevitable QRN, in this CLE it was possible to find relatively quiet times and the varying propagation allowed us to make two loggings a little short of 5,000 km for Europe listeners and two of over 7,000 km across the Pacific.

Joachim and I thank you for your use of 'FINAL' in the subject heading of almost every final log this time. That makes it much easier for us to recognise and use all the important logs, including those of the listeners who also enjoy sending and receiving interim logs.

A handful of listeners have taken part in CLEs without being an NDB List member, usually first-time CLE-ers. They can view the Early Advice and Final Details on our Website, owned and maintained by Alan, and their logs are sent to ndbcle@gmail.com (that's me in disguise!). For everything to be visible, we always forward a copy of those logs to the List. The combined results are copied to Alan's Website, so they are available to non-members too.

It is better to be an NDB List member of course because you can see everything right away. The change to Groups.io certainly seems to have been a good decision. Our thanks to Alan and any others involved in that. It helps if members send just ONE copy of their FINAL log to the List - NOT a copy to me (or Joachim) instead of or in addition to that, because it makes things a bit complicated for us. In unusual circumstances, such as if your log is late or you find it has a last-minute problem, a direct email in addition to the List email is OK.

Back to CLE233: Europe and North America seem to have had quite different reception conditions over the weekend. Europe was probably worst on Friday evening, America best then, as the usual 'night counts' chart below suggests. Europe's statistics were very similar to those from April 2017 when we covered the same frequencies, while most of the statistics for North America were well down.

Coming CLEs:

- CLE234** 27-20 July '**Barn Door**' - for anyone who likes bringing to life **non-selective receivers** - basic home brews (e.g. regen), antique sets, simple portables, etc. Have you thought about what you will listen with for this one?
- CLE235** 24-27 Aug. **Normal**
- CLE236** 21-24 Sept.

(the above dates are provisional)

Good Listening
Brian
(CLE Coordinator)

CLE233 Night Counts

EUROPE

<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>NDBs</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Friday	271	314	-43
Saturday	217	157	60
Sunday	61	78	-17
Totals:	549	549	

NORTH AMERICA

<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>NDBs</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Friday	116	98	18
Saturday	37	49	-12
Sunday	19	25	-6
Totals:	172	172	

The 'NDBs' column shows how many NDBs were heard on each night and the total.
The 'Exp.' column shows how many NDBs would normally be expected on each night for that same total (each night it is usually about half as many as on the previous one because there are fewer 'new' ones still remaining to be heard)

The '+/-' column shows how many more, or less, were heard each night than expected.

The results show that In Europe Friday was the worst night, but the best one for North America. Probably that was only due to conditions - or just possibly affected by a contest? (see below).

(Night-to-night changes can also be due to a special event - a celebration, etc. - that had affected several of us)