

CLE242 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

Another CLE has gone by. An unusual one - and rather hectic for some of us!

the world keeps turning **an awesome WEBSDR** **A ton of fun**
end Grumpymode **more fun than the law should allow**
moderately disappointing **A terrific CLE242 day** **my first CLE**

Yes – those are some mini-snips taken from the reporters' logs. You can see the bigger snips that they came from at the end of this email.

Welcome to **Earl** in Missouri – this was his first CLE
and congratulations to **Charles (Chuck)** – this was his 50th.

31 of us made logs, listening via 17 remote receivers located in ISL, ENG, HOL, SWE, FIN, CHN, AUS (QD), HWA, BRA, CAN (AB) and USA (CA, TX, IN, NC, PA, VT). Only 5 of us listened via the 'big' SDR at Enschede, HOL, which supports hundreds of listeners simultaneously. The other 16 receivers used were Kiwi SDRs. 4 of us choose Kaneohe, Hawaii, which unsurprisingly heard most of the DX, and 3 used Haparanda, SWE. We had a concentration of listening ears in northern Europe (HOL, SWE, FIN) and their loggings may allow us to find some suspected 'Missing NDBs' there – possibly the four sets of loggings from Hawaii may also show one or two that seem to be missing in the Pacific.

It was a **good CLE for new catches**. The remote receivers in SWE and CHN allowed NDBs to be logged that are seldom audible from home for most of us. Sweden is not close to many exotic NDBs, but by listening only in the range 438 – 1290 kHz Roelof found nearly 100 NDBs, 22 of them from East Russia and one from China. Kari's listening from China added some new UNIDs for RWW – research on some of those loggings caused them to lose their UNID status within a few days of Kari's reports!

14 of the 31 listeners heard between 90 and the maximum of 100 NDBs.

This was a **difficult CLE for Joachim and me** - he had done a grand job modifying his Harvester program to handle remote listening logs better, but unfortunately, we both had very little time during the week and I again proved to be a poor back seat Harvester driver, making one or two bad mistakes without noticing it. I think the value of CLE combined results falls quite quickly as the Event disappears into the past? So it is difficult for us to know whether to send CLE results out that might have an error or two in them, or to spend an extra day or so making careful checks to try and be sure that all is well. We might ask for your views on that if we have the proposed 'CLE Questionnaire' later in the year to check that the CLEs are still giving us what we want.

I wonder if anyone else was relieved to get away from their **local interference sources**? I still found myself automatically switching off a long life lamp and I also did one or two of the other things recently suggested on the List by Frank and others. And when a sudden 'hash' appeared on all frequencies I started to jump to see if my neighbour was mowing his lawn. It soon stopped – something local going on at Kaneohe near the middle of the Pacific!

Our **thanks, as always, go to Alan**, who copies all the key information to the CLE page in the NDB List Website <https://www.ndblist.info/cle.htm> That allows newcomers to know how to take part in a CLE or two and to see the results, all before becoming List members themselves. Alan often includes a copy of VE7SL's blog, either direct or via 'AmateurRadio.com'. At the start of it this time Steve gives an excellent short description of remote listening, well worth reading for many of us, as well as for non-members.

In **our coming CLEs** it may be a relief for some of us to get back to normal – though use of a remote receiver will be quite OK, as usual of course:

CLE243 is planned for April 26 – 29. - A normal frequency range CLE.

CLE244 May 24-27

CLE245 June 22-24

(dates are provisional at present)

All for now.

Good listening

Brian

(CLE Coordinator)

As this was a special CLE, listeners were invited to add any extra comments in their logs on their listening experience (whether good or not!). Most English-speaking reporters did – these 'snips' are what my scissors came up with:

I used a very fine SDR in Sweden for three "nights" of pleasant listening.

I did 2 sessions on one of the ISL Kiwis - - a very nice Kiwi, and I have no doubt that a lot was left on the table. A ton of fun.

- - using the Twente remote receiver. Quite unfriendly controls and with poor filters for serious ndb listening using the html software. However I do appreciate the facility - - - logged 100 beacons heard and could have gone on for more if that had been the challenge, which is fine.

-- for this CLE, was able to forsake my usual late night and pre-dawn listening times and get some much appreciated un-interrupted sleep. -- a truly enjoyable experience and, perhaps of more importance, it was an educational experience displaying as it did, an example of the present state of the art of NDB DXing. Hmmm ... the world keeps turning whether I choose to take notice or not ...

I chose the Twente SDR for a four hour session of listening during 22/23 starting at 2200 hrs.- - On night of 23/24 I tuned in again to see if things were different they were very much clearer no fuzziness but again not the volume of signals.

Thanks for the delightful weekend trip to the Netherlands without the hassle of flying. - - Kudos to the ETGD radio club and the always amazing PA0RDT miniwhip for an awesome WEBSDR!

(from ENG) Some Canadians were coming in well and not a whisper from others. New stations were heard in Poland, Quebec and Nunavut.- - I had fun.

Managed to find some time to log a few.

I really enjoy building and testing antennas, receivers, and filters.- - So, listening through someone else's system is low on my list of pastimes. However, there is no point being part of a group and not joining in. So, I had a listen. /end Grumpymode/

I used the KiwiSDR at Bjargtangar, Iceland. -- the location of the SDR at the far west end of the country is very unique and it is a well put together set up. I certainly had new NDBs in my ears! - - I had fun.

My log from kiwi sdr at kaustinen - - It was a good experience to listen from finland. - - thanks to the owner of the kiwi sdr in finland for the use of it over the weekend.

--listening from a remote site appeared to be an excellent idea. - - - from SM2BYC's KiwiSDR in Haparanda, Sweden - -Friday evening was good, Saturday evening even better and Sunday evening eastern Russia was received very well. - - amazing to hear the NDB of a drilling rig located off the coast from Baku in the Caspian Sea, 3550 km away!

I used the South American Kiwi that is housed at Marcus's QTH and many thanks for the usage. I now have some new targets to search for next season.

I "HAD MORE FUN THAN THE LAW SHOULD ALLOW"!!!!!!! This is a Great way to close out the Winter 2018/2019 listening season!

-- a remote receiver which allowed to listen over the day and not during the night.- - All in all this was a very interesting experience.

Wow, 2 CLEs in a row for me using a remote RX - - a much enjoyed event.

-- retuned my narrow audio filter for the kiwisdr's 500 Hz CW pitch and used that--a tremendous help just like for the home NDB DXing.

The kiwi I picked had a 60min time limit per 24hrs. I did not know that until the 60min mark! - - A terrific CLE242 day

I chose VA6DX's KiwiSDR in Alberta which performed very well.

Had a good time with this CLE using one of the two Kiwi SDRs at Point Reyes California - - This was very enjoyable.

Quite a treat to be transported to near the centre of the Pacific.

This was my first CLE. I thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

-- a fun CLE in spite of some time setbacks.- - This log only scratched the surface as there were a lot more signals hiding just below the surface.

Very little time for CLE242 due to visitors - - It was fun using the Kiwi at this historic radio site, but reception was moderately disappointing.

In several of the logs the writers expressed their gratitude that the owners have allowed others like us to listen using their stations.