

# CLE263 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

1) If you are a CLE fan, and especially if you didn't join in our 'Flight' CLE, Joachim and I are asking for your help. It would be really good if you could tell us a bit about why you maybe gave this one a miss!

Our Christmas-New Year CLEs have always been less popular – there is so much else to do then, commitments with family, etc.

But this time we thought that the "Stay at Home" advice and the other virus restrictions would make a little beacon listening an ideal pastime. Very strangely, we had only 23 logs – all good ones, but fewer than in ANY of our previous 20 Christmas events! Did you avoid the Event this time for one or more of the following reasons?:

- C It was rather Complicated to understand what it was all about.
- D I wasn't sure about using a Database to plan which NDBs to choose.
- I I didn't expect it to be Interesting (until I saw the actual results, maybe).
- L The requirements for Log-making seemed confusing.
- M Just NDB logging is My preference - without the complications of simulating a flight, etc.
- X I have a limited or no facility to view Excel results.
- O Other reason(s) - please describe them.

Each of the possible reasons above could be partly the fault of the designer (Me!) – if so, we hope to learn from your replies and plan future CLEs a bit better.

So please help us if you have normally enjoyed CLEs, and especially if it was 'not for you this time'. Your confidential views will be very helpful – we won't identify anyone in person in any report or conclusions.

Just put your reason(s), using the above letters C,D,I, etc., in order of their importance to you in an email sent to [ndbcle@gmail.com](mailto:ndbcle@gmail.com) (please NOT to the List).

Emails to that [ndbcle](mailto:ndbcle@gmail.com) address are seen by Joachim and me, but no-one else.

Some reasons like "My RX, antenna or computer had failed", or "I had to look after a sick member of my Family", or "I was drunk most of the time!.. ." would be interesting but not very helpful because they won't tell us how to run the CLEs any better!

(If you want to comment and you did take part, that may also be helpful, again to the [ndbcle](mailto:ndbcle@gmail.com) address please)

2) 23 Remarkable Flights! Many thanks to our intrepid pilots for planning and executing some fascinating flights. They had a free choice of where to start, where to go and where to finish, active NDBs permitting, of course. The number of NDBs used en route varied from as few as 7 to as many as 65 and the total distances 'flown' ranged from 1,300 km up to 60,800 km. Most journeys started at or near 'home'. Some flights went 'there', and then 'back' by a different route. For others the

target was just to get 'there'. Two or three flights were so extensive that it was difficult to show them on the maps without parts of the route going out of sight at the opposite edges of the globe!

Most of the pilots seemed to have tackled the challenge of sticking to their original plans, logging their beacons in their planned sequence rather than just logging them "as they came".

Several pilots gave interesting accounts of their choices and descriptions of the problems that often caused changes of plan along the way, such as NDBs that were not operating - and some other less technical reasons!

In addition to all the maps, the usual CLE results were also made, as for our 'normal' events. They show that the actual radio distances 'from home' to the NDBs heard ranged from 1 km to over 10,000 km!

Alan has placed a copy of the CLE results with all the flight maps in the CLE Information Section of the NDBLIST Website: <https://www.ndblist.info/cle.htm>

If you haven't enjoyed viewing the maps yet and reading the pilots' descriptions do have a look at them there.

3) Thanks are due to everyone who took part and/or helped to make this such an enjoyable and unusual Event, particularly Joachim and Alan whose research and 'know-how' allowed the super maps to be made, displayed and laid out for all to admire. Not least, some extra thanks to Alan, whose suggestion several months ago of this 'Holiday CLE' was the starting point.

4) Coming CLEs: (The dates are provisional at present)

CLE264      Fri. Jan. 22nd - Mon. Jan. 25th      'Normal'

CLE265      Fri. Feb. 19th - Mon. Feb. 22nd      Special?\*

\*the feedback on CLE263 - see 1) above - could help us to plan this one.

CLE266      Fri. Mar. 26th - Mon. Mar. 29th      'Normal'

Good listening - and take care.

73

Brian and Joachim