

CLE267 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello All

Propagation during our 267th Coordinated Listening Event last weekend wasn't the most memorable we've ever had! Nearly everyone everywhere found that it was unusually poor, but we made the best of it – as always! However, conditions from the north of Europe were not so bad, with all 14 of Europe's listeners hearing both 344 WCK (Wick in the far north of Scotland) and, at the same latitude, 345 BN (Kristiansand, Norway). Not to be out-done, and also looking north, all 18 of the N. America mainland listeners heard 335 YLD, Chapleau and 346 YXL Sioux Lookout, both of them NDBs in Ontario, CAN.

We welcome Brad Brooks (bbs) and thank him for his first-time CLE log from **Nashville, TN**. Brad is our second first-timer since we needed to change from allocating 2-letter to 3-letter 'initials'.

Our Recent 335-349.5 kHz CLEs

Joachim has done some number-crunching on our CLE records.

We have listened in this frequency range six times in the last 7 years.

He compared the overall statistics from those events in this table:

CLE	(end of) Month	Average Reporters	Average km	Average Total km	Average Num NDBs	Average Max km
185	Aug 2014	36	1199	38	34	3290
200	Nov 2015	55	1152	49	44	2852
218	Apr 2017	39	1091	31	31	2538
233	Jun 2018	40	986	20	21	2351
249	Oct 2019	55	1326	58	44	3699
267	Apr 2021	34	1289	37	32	3335
6 CLEs Average:		43	1174	39	35	3011

Av. Km = Average distance from listener to NDBs for all their loggings
 Total km = Sum of distances from listener to NDBs for all their loggings
 Num NDBs = Number of NDBs logged
 Max km = Maximum distance from listener to an NDB logged
 (UNIDs are not included)

A little surprisingly, you can see that, compared with four years ago (April 2017), our results for CLE267 actually look a bit better, especially the average of the reporter's individual maximum distances. We think that could be due to a number of reporters now making use of software like PSKOV.

Near Misses! We had two very unusual 'near misses' this time – one listener's log was almost 'lost' and another wasn't receiving any of the CLE advice emails! The nearly-lost log had been posted to the List but not marked 'CLE' – easily done by mistake if you send lots of normal (non-CLE) logs. My email 'message rules' here look for 'CLE' anywhere in every incoming email's subject (and usually also any email whose subject contains 'FINAL' or the current CLE number). It does mean that I am frequently alerted about the Arctic Circle and about adverts for various cleaning products! Fortunately Joachim spotted the log and saved the situation. If he hadn't, the sender might have noticed that the log was missing in the 'Any More Logs?' list - though that only gives a few hours to see it and then re-send a lost log before we have to start making the results.

The second near miss happened to a listener whose service provider seems to have suddenly stopped allowing all emails from my usual service provider! Fortunately, he sounded the alarm in time, and, after several tests and help from Alan, we worked out what was happening. You might have noticed that, to by-pass the problem, the Europe results were posted this time by Joachim and that I used an alternative email address to send the Rest of the World results.

The next CLE? We very seldom 'advertise' the next CLE in the Coordinator's Comments, but we think **CLE268** will really be one to look forward to, whatever the conditions. Very simply, we'll be trying to log **just one NDB** on each of the 'channels' from 275 to 425 kHz. It's very satisfying to tick channels off quickly and easily, though several will be 'no luck' without a lot of perseverance. (Europe has some NDBs on half-way channels, such as 400.5 kHz – logging that would count as the one for channel 400). Listeners who want a tougher challenge could try to include the most radio countries, or the furthest distances, etc., as well as hearing one NDB on as many channels as they can.

Coming CLEs: (The dates are provisional at present)

CLE268 Fri. May 28th - Mon. May 31st 'Channels Challenge'

CLE269 Fri. June 25th - Mon. June 28th Normal

CLE270 Fri. July 23rd - Mon. July 26th

Good listening

73

Brian and Joachim

*(*BLEAH!*: Informal North American exclamation, used to express disgust.

Our thanks to Snoopy and Mark!)