CLE190 CO-ORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

Following our unusual 190th co-ordinated listening event, here are a few after-thoughts (not after-shocks - see below!)

Basement + Half-frequencies

We were listening for the NDBs down in 'the basement' - i.e. the range below 240 kHz down to 190 kHz - PLUS the NDBs on half-frequencies (nnn.5 kHz) in the full range. Those two halves are complete opposites between Europe and the rest of the World.

Europe's 17 listeners only found a total of 75 different NDBs while the 26 rest of the World listeners found 226, all but two of them in the basement. Only a total of five basement NDBs were heard from Europe - by their two keenest listeners.

This particular choice of targets always produces among the lowest NDB counts for Europe and the highest counts for the rest. However it does allow all of us to cover the whole frequency range in a year or so, doing nominally the same thing, despite the big differences this time.

Conditions

These varied a lot from place to place and from night to night, some listeners benefiting from nice conditions, especially daytime ones, while others reported only having weak signals and/or QRN.

NIGHT	LOGGINGS	
	Europe:	**N America:**
Friday	228	587
Saturday	146	384
Sunday	46	167

Overall, the fall-off in new loggings each night was fairly typical (each night's total about half the previous night's total). However you can see that the second night was rather better than the first and the last night was not good, especially for Europe.

'Any More Logs'

I learned a useful lesson this time. Through my mistakes, I failed to show two listeners' logs in the 'Any More Logs?' check lists. Both had arrived safely on NDB List and so into my CLE In-Box. One WAS safely copied to the 'harvester' program, but I had allocated it to the wrong listener who then seemed to have two logs in the list!   I would have found that problem and corrected it. In the second case I had noticed a log's arrival as usual, but then had been distracted and I failed to copy it to the harvester. So it was missed from the check lists which the harvester produces. Fortunately the affected listener (in both cases) spotted that their log seemed to be missing from the list and let me know.

The lesson for me, of course, is to be more careful. But it does also show how worthwhile it is to make sure that your log has been included in the check lists.

Do non-CLE-ers look at our Results?

It occurred to me that some of the 'non-CLE' Members of NDB List may be looking at our results and finding parts of them interesting and helpful? If so, I wonder whether small improvements should be made in the way the results are presented so they are more understandable and more useful to our members generally?

I'm thinking of inviting answers (to me) to those questions from any non-CLEers who are interested. I might get 1 reply or 100!! (but not yet, please).

If we go ahead I'll tell you (probably in a later co-ordinator's comments) what we have learnt and what changes, if any, might be worthwhile. Of course any changes should not reduce the usefulness of the CLE results to the CLE-ers themselves.

Thank-you

I can't finish without saying thanks for the amazingly accurate logs this time. Out of the 43 logs and their nearly 2,000 loggings, only 5 lines needed a change to correct a typo. 1 slip in about 400 log lines is surely the best we've ever had in a CLE - brilliant!

Next CLEs

The plans for our next few last-full-weekend-of-the-month Events remain as follows:

   CLE191   Fri 20 - Mon 23 Feb
   CLE192   Fri 27 - Mon 30 Mar
   CLE193   Fri 24 - Mon 27 Apr
    (provisional dates at present)

Good listening

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(My reference at the beginning to after-shocks was prompted by an earthquake - magnitude about 3! - centred in the tiny county of Rutland in the East Midlands of England yesterday evening. The tremor was reported from many places within 25 miles / 40 km - I think we have one or two members who live within range and I wonder if they felt it)