

CLE197 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

This was an unusual listening event due to the two very different frequency ranges that we were using (240 - 259.9 kHz and 420 - 439.9 kHz) and the reception conditions.

Any DX was hard to find in both ranges. The furthest NDBs heard by anyone were only a little over 3200 km (2000 miles) - most unusual.

There were quite big differences between Europe and Rest of the World. On average, Europe's listeners heard 13% fewer NDBs than in the equivalent event in May 2014, while Rest of the World heard 25% more.

The north provided most of the pickings for North America - 10 of the 12 most heard NDBs were in Canada and the 17 most DX NDBs were ALL in either Canada or Alaska.

The timing of bad and better conditions was also quite different between the two groups:

The number of 'new' catches on each of the three nights for Europe listeners were 319 - 175 - 54. That suggests about the same conditions on the first two nights with a bad last night.

By contrast, the 'new' catches for North America were 94 - 38 - 132. i.e. Two bad nights, then a very much better final one?
(In stable conditions over all three nights, we would usually get a halving from night to night - e.g. 300 - 150 - 75)

The CLE results were very quickly entered into REU / RWW by Pat and Steve, so we are able to enquire on those records there by selecting 21-24 August and the two frequency ranges. Have a look at the two attached World maps. The '240' map is for the LF range, the '420' one for the HF range. Using Martin's excellent new maps facility, they show, approximately, where the NDBs were that were reported in the Event. They illustrate the very different results in the two 20 kHz frequency ranges that we used this time because of the different geographical distribution of the NDBs in each. There were no trans-Atlantic or trans-Pacific loggings this time and the loggings were made from within the same continent as the NDBs.

(They are 'approximate' because any NDBs re-reported to REU/RWW after the Event ended on Monday and up to Tuesday would not be included. They would also include any non-CLE loggings made in the those frequencies on 21st August before the CLE started, or on 24th after it ended, and reported to REU/RWW.)

My thanks to all for the very reliable logs. Only four of the 33 logs needed any changes and three of those each had a simple problem affecting just one logging.

Thanks as always to Don for his follow-up advice on the 'missing' NDBs and to Alan for all he does to maintain the information available from the CLE page, <http://www.ndblist.info/cle.htm>

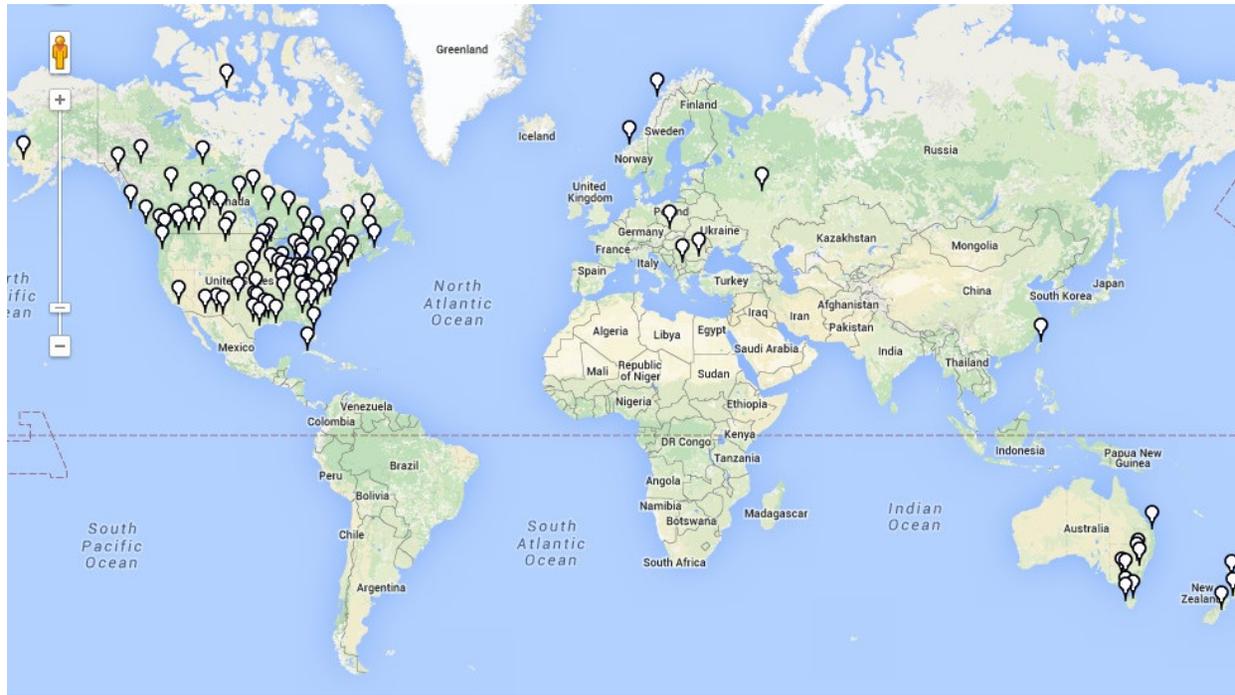
Things are a bit complicated here for a few weeks, but I think CLE198 will be able to go ahead as planned:

Friday 25th - Monday 28th September.

Meanwhile, good listening

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240:



420:

