

CLE201 CO-ORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

In CLE201 we were building pyramids!

The target was to make a pyramid by logging beacons from 19 different radio countries of your choice as follows:

10 different NDBs from the country at the bottom of the pyramid

9 NDBs from the next radio country

8 NDBs from the third, etc.

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2 NDBs from the ninth country at the top of the pyramid.

Finally, your pyramid needs a vertical aerial on top of it, made by logging 10 more NDBs, each one from yet another different radio country.

We built 31 pyramids in all, including a perfect size 7 one from Mike needing just 34 loggings (well - you try it too from the middle of the Pacific!).

Most listeners were not content with the target size of 10 and they went on to built their pyramids to a considerable height. To do that, the number and distribution of NDBs favours Europe; Hartmut in Germany reached a magnificent size 30, perfectly formed from its total of 494 NDBs.

There were twelve perfect pyramids, most of the others having only a small discontinuity at one or two of their levels. Those could be caused by several things, including an NDB which had been associated with the 'wrong' radio country, two reports which used the same NDB, a report which was unclear and could not be used, etc. I sometimes felt that I or the harvester program might be contributing as a 'destructor of pyramids' - and programs are never wrong, are they!

If anyone's pyramid result came out a bit wrong and they don't understand why, please feel free to email me and I'll investigate. (ndbcle@gmail.com)

Conditions during the event were not good, but despite that over 40 transatlantic loggings were made shared among seven of the listeners, with reception in both directions. There were about 12 loggings made of NDBs over 5,000 miles (8,000 km) away from the listener. The loggings of 1,576 different NDBs were used to make the pyramids - and there were many other NDBs that didn't fit into any pyramids and were 'rejects'.

It was good to read in the logs that most of us enjoyed the challenge and found the event fun, if a little frustrating at times. There is another possible viewpoint on pyramid building and I rather liked someone's comment that "I will have to do something nice for my wife who has been very patient with me."

CLE202 Started the day after the pyramid building ended and it ran over the New Year weekend. We were listening for NDBs via the Internet using eight receivers located at sites around the World. Its combined results were sent yesterday and some co-ordinator's comments will follow soon.

For CLE203 we shall be back to a normal frequency range event, probably during the weekend 22 - 25 January.

Meanwhile, good listening, all
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