

CLE202 CO-ORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

Here is some **extra advice and some further thoughts** after our recent Co-ordinated Listening Event.

During that weekend 15 of us listened, via the Internet, to NDBs located in different parts of the World. That was possible thanks to two Radio Club WebSDRs, one in Holland and one in England, and thanks to six of the 56 or so ordinary enthusiasts like us who have made their own receivers available for anyone to use via the 'Global Tuners' Website. To keep things manageable, each of us was trying to make no more than **ten NDB loggings from each of the eight receivers**. The chosen Global Tuners were in Australia, Brazil, California, France and two in Italy.

Although each of us had a limit of only 10 NDBs to be logged with each receiver, the best one of each of the two kinds of receiver allowed us to hear **over 100 different NDBs**. The **best DX was between 774 km and 7,180 km** for seven of the eight receivers. Accessing the receivers was OK for just about all of us, though waiting for a Global Tuner to become free needed a little patience at times. Some of us did have big problems trying to access one particular tuner, which often seemed to be held by a listener (not one of us!) for very long periods.

Our 'Non-English speaking' Members

We have several members, especially in Europe, for whom English is not their first language. Very understandably, I think some of them find it difficult to know, from my emails, exactly what is wanted for our more special kinds of CLE, such as the two recent ones.

Use of one of the computer translator programs might help them with that - e.g. English to Czech. 'Google Translate', for example, converts that last sentence to **Využití jednoho z počítačové překladatelských programů jim může pomoci s tím - např Angličtina do češtiny.** However, I imagine that some of the more technical words we use might be quite misleading in translation - Copy/Pasting a translation to be translated back in the other direction can sometimes be interesting!

Looking at CLEs from past years, it does seem that our non-English speakers are less likely to join in our special CLEs, which is unfortunate.

Why do I mention that? Because one listener's CLE log, probably through a misunderstanding, included NDB loggings made with ten other Tuners in addition to the six. We weren't able to include those extras in the combined results, but it was actually very helpful because it showed that good results can also be obtained from **at least another ten remote sites** around the World. Most of those ten are only available to the 'normal' users of Global Tuners, meaning those users who joined them at least two weeks ago. (The recent joiners are 'guest' users, with limited facilities).

Feedback to the Receiver Owners

At the same time as thanking them, I am hoping to provide the owner of each receiver with details of the NDBs we heard from their site. The receivers we used are all, of course, being used mainly for listening on the Amateur (or Air Traffic Control) frequencies. Several of the receiver owners might not know much about NDBs, so telling each of them what we heard with their own receiver could lead them to improve their LF reception and so might help to advertise our hobby.

CLE203

If 'Remote Listening' is not for you, you'll be pleased to hear that we are planning a 'normal' frequency range event for CLE203, probably over the weekend 22-25 January. In less than a week from now I should be sending the Early Advice about it.

CLE204

Is likely to be over the last weekend in February, 26-29.

Good Listening

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P.S. If you didn't join in CLE202, but are interested in listening for NDBs in parts of the World far away from your own, the Websites we used are

<http://websdr.ewi.utwente.nl:8901/> (east of Holland),
<http://websdr.suws.org.uk/> (Surrey, south of England) and
<http://www.globaltuners.com/>

The first two receivers are very easy to access - no registration is needed. 'Global Tuners' is also quite easy to join and very easy to tune with - to sign up for a free account you only need to read through their conditions of use, choose a user name and give your email address for a password to be sent to you. Good tuners to try first would be Grenoble (France) or the Mojave Desert (California) especially when it is night time there.

Some advice about how to use the receivers can still be found from the CLE page - go direct to <http://www.ndblist.info/cle/final202.txt> , and look at the end of that copy of the CLE Final Details, placed there by Alan.