

CLE206 - CO-ORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

Here are a few put-them-to-bed comments about CLEs 205 and 206, some extra oddments and some tempters, I hope, for our coming Events.

CLE205 was our 8th DGPS CLE, so it was held jointly with dgpslist. The dgpslist has not been very active recently and not many members made logs. However the 25 that did, mostly NDB List members, got good results and seemed to enjoy it. My attempts to explain and improve the way we need to identify the beacons in our logs didn't help much, it seems, and there was no response after my extra analysis of the reference IDs received from each Station. That's understandable, as the necessary double Idents - Station ID and Reference ID(s) - are a bit of a pain (especially for keeping correct details in our databases).

CLE206 last weekend was a good one with plenty of interest from 'Rest of the World', where the 50 kHz frequency range (190 - 239.9) provided lots of scope for most listeners. Only two Europe listeners managed to find one NDB in that range - in Quebec. However the additional search for the occasional beacons on half frequencies (nnn.5 kHz) provided relatively easy listening in Europe and over half of its listeners managed to find 40 or more of them. The night-by-night NDB counts for Europe and Rest of the World are at the end of this email.

Tony's CLE206 log included the following:

Thanks to everyone who contributes to these CLEs. I was trying to figure out who all that should be. I don't think I have ever seen a definitive list of "the organizers". What I think I know is that Brian puts together the CLEs and processes the logs to produce the results. I think Alan is the list moderator. Martin provides the home for our wonderful database and keeps it alive. Steve and Roelof are our current database editors that see to getting our log posts into the database. Don always posts a useful assessment of the missing NDBs after the CLE results get posted. And I am sure I am forgetting some others, either out of ignorance or forgetfulness. I'm glad you guys are out there doing this stuff.

I'd not seen such a list before either, and I reckon you got it right on target, Tony. I am probably more grateful than anyone for all that support, always quietly and competently given.

We don't always realise quite how much Alan does: The CLE page on the Website (<http://www.ndblist.info/cle.htm>) holds copies of the 'Early Advice' and 'Final Details' for the current CLE and provides links to the CLE archives (all the Excel tables stored in PDF format from CLE 1, over 15 years ago, right up to the present). It is Alan who maintains all those things, as well as the information in all the other parts of the Website.

(Pat and Steve input the NDB reports to REU and RNA/RWW respectively, others input the logs for the other beacon types: the Editors are listed at the bottom of the Signals and Maps lists).

Steve's excellent blog (<http://ve7sl.blogspot.co.uk/>) always provides lots of radio interest and he has often featured our Listening Events there. That has increased interest in our CLEs, especially in his part of the World, and we have several members who have joined us as a result of that. (I suspect that Mitch may be one, with his very welcome first CLE log last weekend from London, Ontario).

Closed for the Summer? I hope you're not!

CLE207 (27 - 30 May) should be a tempter. It will be our third '**Channels**' CLE in which we shall try to log just ONE NDB on as many of the channels as we can in a 101 kHz or 151 kHz range. That has been a very popular challenge and is more difficult than you might expect.

CLE208 1 - 4 July (probably a '**normal**' one)

CLE209 22 - 25 July ('**Barn Door**' - for anyone who likes bringing to life non-selective receivers - basic home brews (e.g. regen), antique sets, simple portables, etc.).

Meanwhile, good listening

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CLE206:

EUROPE

<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>NDBs</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Friday	286	235	51
Saturday	70	117	-47
Sunday	55	59	-4
Totals:	411	411	

NORTH AMERICA

<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>NDBs</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Friday	268	279	-11
Saturday	88	139	-51
Sunday	132	70	62
Totals:	488	488	

The 'NDBs' column shows how many NDBs were heard on each night and the total.
The 'Exp.' column shows how many NDBs would normally be expected on each night for that same total (each night about half as many as on the previous one as there are fewer 'new' ones still remaining to be heard)

The '+/-' column shows how many more, or less, were heard each night than expected.

The results suggest that Friday was generally quite good for all of us, but not Saturday. On Sunday conditions improved. Europe were already 'running out' of targets after the first night, so the reduction on Saturday is greater than usual.

(Night-to-night changes could also be due to a special event - a celebration, etc. - that had affected several of us)