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Hello all

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First-time CLE Logs

Welcome and special thanks to:

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I think this may be the first time we have had THREE first-time CLE logs in one Event since our special 'Beginners CLE 89' almost ten years ago (in which I see you sent your own beginner's log, Bob!).

CLE215 – Some More Statistics

47 of us sent logs for this 'Special' Event, an unexpectedly high number.

Before the CLE 52 of us each added our one nearest (or nearly nearest!) NDB to a list of Target NDBs.

There were 49 target NDBs in all, not 52 because three of the NDBs were each the 'nearest' to two listeners.

Six of us whose 'nearest' NDB was being sought were unable to make a log.

The average number of NDBs logged was 12 per listener, about the same for Europe and the Rest. Five unlucky listeners each logged fewer than five NDBs.

Despite the small number of mostly ordinary NDBs to listen for, some were heard from quite long distances. The best for Europe was 346-MI in Finland, heard from about 2,022 km away, but North America's best was Dave's logging from Illinois of 352-LLD in Hawaii, about 4,088 miles away. That was helped by Mike's choice of LLD rather than his actual nearest which is a lot less well heard.

The 'Most Heard' NDBs were:

Europe- 396-YG (Norway) 17 reports, then 386-RAK (Czech Rep.) and 333.5-VOG (Italy), each with 16 reports.

Rest- 248-FRT (SC) – 18 reports, then 320-TY (TX) with 17 reports.

“Why Choose the Target Frequencies That Way?”

That's my paraphrase of an invitation, made in one log, asking for the 'Final Comments' on the CLE to give an explanation. Yes - it was a strange choice, a one-off special, as I called it. I had thought that many of us who are affected by 'blockbuster' signals might be interested in getting reports on them from others, far and wide. Also, having such a very short list of NDBs to search for was unusual and might be an interesting experiment. I had feared that most of us would find it too trivial – all over in one short listening session maybe? So I was pleasantly surprised to see the comments in many of the logs about what an enjoyable challenge trying to add the more difficult ones had been. At the end of this I have added snips from each of the logs where a listener gave their overall opinion of the Event.

Coming CLEs?

Yes, I hope so! As you probably noticed, the 'real' reason for choosing last weekend's strange Event was to allow me to make the combined results without my usual 'harvester' programs. The small number of NDBs, all of them known before the Event, and the known listeners who wanted to take part, meant that I could do a lot of the early preparation for the results over the weekend. That was done using Excel (which I don't know much about). My Access programs, normally used to validate the reports and make all the results tables, have not been usable since Christmas time (following some events probably related to our beloved Windows 10!). Thanks to a great deal of help from Joachim and Alan, I think all should be back to normal in good time for CLE216.

So I hope we shall be able to enjoy the following:

CLE216 24 – 27 February; Something very normal?

CLE217 24 – 27 March

Meanwhile -
Good listening
Brian

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Listeners' Comments

Last, but not least, here's how the listeners themselves summarised CLE215, in approximate order of the arrival of their logs. They are taken from each of the 29 logs where a listener gave their overall opinion of the Event (' - - ' indicates my snips):

- - - only 3 beacons logged in a total of 9.5 hours of late evening and pre-dawn live listening. For me, this exercise turned into a very tiring affair - - - perhaps someone will provide a hint as to why the frequencies to be searched were chosen in the manner specified.

A very poor result in this CLE. The TA reception is here as well as so very rare. - - - But the next CLE is certain.

From the difficulties I had finding some of the target beacons, I guess there are other listeners in a similar situation. The bonus was that I found some new signals while I was searching for the needed ones. So that's a win, then !

Thanks for another interesting CLE! Some were really easy, others not so much.

Two new ones in the CLE list. First CLE in a long time for me.

- - - despite these generally deplorable propagation conditions I DID manage to log two (2) newby's!

- - - a very good event. It's rare for me to catch a new one out of CA.

Certainly an odd CLE with "hunt for my local NDB" as the targets! And we DXers dutifully join in, looking for them! Lack of most static was probably the best part of this CLE.

This event at first glance seemed to be a small target and therefore rather an easy event.

- - - So, my verdict on the event, a surprising challenge and that is what NDBing is all about.

- - - interesting start to the new year.

Like others have said, this was deceptively simple in theory, but the application was a bit more tricky. Interesting, frustrating and rewarding. Everything a CLE has come to be.

At first, due to the limited 'target beacons', I wasn't sure if I'd operate this CLE. - - - GLAD I did, it went MUCH better than expected - - - partly due to the fact that only specific beacons were allowed, and that allowed more listening time to target them.

- - - it was good fun to concentrate on such a small target.

Another terrific CLE! As others have eloquently stated this CLE had various positive merits.

Things started out well on Friday, but free time for the event rapidly disappeared.

What a good idea for a cle. i thought it would be a nice easy poddle.

How wrong i was 4 stations i just could not find to complete my task but i enjoyed the challenge.

- - - another very interesting CLE, and certainly more challenging than expected!

A surprisingly harder CLE than it appeared on paper.

A new CLE, but a very challenging and enjoyable one for sure.

All three nights were about the same as far as propagation is concerned (average).

It was a nice change of pace for a CLE. I enjoyed it.

As others have said looks simple not so!! Had to dig and scratch and sit on frequencies hoping your target would pop up. ..really enjoyed the challenge.

I didn't work at this too hard. For me, it was starting to reach the point of diminishing returns for the time invested.

An interesting break from the usual!

--- conditions on Saturday and Sunday night were well above average...pretty darn good in fact.

--- a very interesting CLE!

Different, fun CLE, thanks to all who make these event happen.

Thanks for the challenge!

A very enjoyable romp indeed, and with good conditions for most of the time

Monday night lots of new (to me) signals, but by then the CLE was over! Still, good fun!

Interesting CLE. From the look of it I should have spent more time focused on the list.

Not able to spend as much time on this as I would have liked, but still had a great time.

--- a great new concept, and one that I will look forward to again, preferably in the winters months.