

CLE217 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS

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First, we welcome and thank **Ekki** for his first CLE log from Herxheim in Germany. Always good to see first-timer logs and to read that making them seemed to be enjoyed.

For our 217th Coordinated Listening Event we were trying to log the NDBs located in the radio countries whose abbreviations start with N, D and B.

A problem with setting up 'Countries CLEs' is trying to make them suitable for all of us, wherever we are. N- D- and B- countries seemed a good fit for nearly all of us, but I did know that it would be very tough for **Hans** in Taiwan, he took the disappointment very well. Thanks Hans. It looks like listeners in the most Southern States found things rather difficult too.

From the usual night-by-night chart (see below) it seems that conditions generally were not so good in Europe on Saturday night, but were at their best in North America then!

Before the CLE, **Martin** spent some time extending the search facilities in REU/RNA/RWW, making it much easier to make seeklists (for CLEs and for users generally), especially for combinations of radio countries. Thanks Martin.

EUROPE FIRST? (Many readers might want to skip this Section!)

Making the combined CLE results is a two-stage process – usually the Europe logs are done first, then almost the same is done again for the 'Rest of the World' logs. I always fire up the 'Harvester' when most of the logs are in and both 'halves' go through the early stages. That allows me on the Tuesday evening to follow up any problems found and round up the details for new NDBs logged, etc. Then when the final deadline for logs comes on the Wednesday morning I have already completed useful parts of the job.

It is logical to process Europe first because North America time is several hours later. However the Rest of the World logs are almost always easier to process (Lots of reasons for that: WWSU is mainly used for log making and that seldom lets errors through. Frequency is often mis-stated for Europe, which has a fairly regular distribution of NDBs only 1 kHz apart (and several on half-frequencies too) while the gaps between NDBs is generally greater in North America. English is not the main language for many Europe listeners, so CLE details are sometimes mis-understood).

This time several extra Europe logs arrived after my 'early stages', so it would be necessary to repeat them, but there was only one later log - problem-free - from Rest of the World.

I knew doing Europe first would take a long time for CLE217 – possibly finishing after Europe had gone to bed – but Rest of the World was bound to be early if I did that first.

CLE-REPORTER STATISTICS (as promised)

75 of us have each joined in one or more of the last 12 CLEs (going back to April 2016).

If you are one of them, you may be interested in the following two tables.

First is a simple chart, sorted in order of the reporters' countries, showing the CLEs that we each took part in. CLE206 was back in April 2016, 214 was last December's 'Noah' event, etc.

Cou	St	rp	Name	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206
AUS	TA	et	Edgar Twining	217	216			213		211			208	207	206
AUT		pc	Patrick Robic					213							
BEL		pr	Patrick Reynaert						212						
CAN	BC	bt	Brian Butler	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210		208	207	206
CAN	BC	sm	Steve McDonald	217	216	215		213	212	211	210		208		206
CAN	BC	tc	Tom Brent			215									
CAN	BC	to	Tom Mitchell											207	206
CAN	NS	vm	Vernon Matheson	217		215	214	213	212	211	210				
CAN	ON	hm	Harry MacLean			215									
CAN	ON	mv	Mitch Powell												206
CAN	ON	tw	Tony Ward			215									
CAN	QC	ky	Richard Katezansky			215				211			208		
CZE		fr	Frantisek Müller	217	216	215	214								
CZE		jv	Jaroslav Tomek						212						
CZE		lk	Ludek Kosek	217	216										
CZE		my	Milos Holy	217	216	215	214		212	211	210	209	208	207	206
CZE		ze	Zdenek Elias	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210		208	207	206

USA	CA	dn	Don Tomkinson	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206
USA	CA	ir	Iden Rogers			215	214	213	212						
USA	CA	pa	Phil Atchley	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209		207	206
USA	CO	ac	Anthony Casorso	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206
USA	FL	cg	Craig Cook	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210		208	207	206
USA	IL	dt	Dave Tomasko	217	216	215		213	212	211	210		208	207	206
USA	IL	fy	Joe Farley		216	215	214		212	211			208		206
USA	IN	ec	Edward J Caylor			215									
USA	MD	ri	Rich Dalton		216	215			212						206
USA	MI	dk	Doug Klein									208			
USA	MI	jb	Joe Miller			215	214		212						
USA	MN	gs	George Sherman					213	212	211				207	
USA	MO	dp	Dick Palmer	217	216		214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206
USA	NE	ru	Rick Dau					213	212						
USA	NH	jc	John Collins	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206
USA	NJ	ge	George Muha	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206
USA	NJ	rs	Bill Riches		216		214	213	212	211	210			207	206
USA	SC	an	Douglass Allen		216	215	214								
USA	TX	ch	Chuck Dobbins		216	215	214		212	211	210				
USA	TX	du	Douglas Springfield	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	206
USA	UT	mu	Mark Moulding		216	215				211	210	209			206
USA	VA	mb	Mike Trowbridge			215									
USA	WA	rt	Tom Rothlisberger		216			213	212						206
USA	WA	so	Steven O'Kelley	217	216	215	214	213	212	211	210	209	208	207	

As always, please let me know if you spot a problem.
(Very rarely a log may have been 'lost' if it arrived too late, etc.)

The second table is a bit more complicated, but it shows some interesting things:

This time, for the same 75 reporters, their most recent ('Max CLE') and their first ('Min CLE') CLE numbers are shown, together with the TOTAL number of CLEs each has taken part in.

For example, Roelof (5th line) started with CLE32 and has taken part in 184 CLEs. If my program is right, that means he 'Missed' only two Events – amazing! Douglas, in the line above, has also only missed 2 since he started with CLE102.

Rptr	Max CLE	Min CLE	CLEs	Name	Missed!
DEU ep	217	217	1	Ekki Plicht	0
ENG pt	217	212	6	John Pitty	0
CAN BC bt	217	204	12	Brian Butler	2
USA TX du	217	102	114	Douglas Springfield	2
HOL rb	217	032	184	Roelof Bakker	2
USA NH jc	217	114	101	John Collins	3
ENG bk	217	001	211	Brian Keyte	6
USA NJ ge	217	154	57	George Muha	7
CZE my	217	127	83	Milos Holy	8
ITA wb	217	195	14	William G Buchanan	9
USA WA so	217	180	29	Steven O'Kelley	9
ENG me	217	107	101	Mike Thayne	10
USA CO ac	217	127	77	Anthony Casorso	14
ENG re	217	171	32	Ray Evans	15
USA FL cg	217	167	34	Craig Cook	17
TWN hf	217	186	10	Hans Fong	22
SCT ds	217	067	129	David Atkins	22
DEU je	217	102	91	Joachim Rabe	25
USA AZ sr	217	007	186	Steve Ratzlaff	25
NOR gl	217	176	16	Geir Laastad	26
USA CA dn	217	066	126	Don Tomkinson	26
ENG px	217	117	74	Peter Greatorex	27
USA MO dp	217	010	181	Dick Palmer	27
ENG hh	217	118	72	Brian Heath	28
AUS TA et	217	156	29	Edgar Twining	33
DEU hw	217	075	109	Hartmut Wolff	34
CZE ze	217	004	178	Zdenek Elias	36
ENG ag	217	001	179	Alan Gale	38
CZE lk	217	176	3	Ludek Kosek	39
HWA mx	217	059	109	Mike Tuggle	50

USA IL dt	217	001	154	Dave Tomasko	63
ENG bs	217	144	9	Brian Russell	65
FIN ks	217	080	60	Kari Syrj�nen	78
USA CA pa	217	001	138	Phil Atchley	79
CZE fr	217	063	71	Frantisek M�ller	84
CAN BC sm	217	005	101	Steve McDonald	112
CAN NS vm	217	016	79	Vernon Matheson	123
ENG mt	217	002	52	Mike Trodd	164
USA SC an	216	214	3	Douglass Allen	1
USA IL fy	216	204	8	Joe Farley	6
USA NJ rs	216	167	35	Bill Riches	16
USA MD ri	216	192	7	Rich Dalton	19
USA UT mu	216	087	105	Mark Moulding	26
USA WA rt	216	147	43	Tom Rothlisberger	28
USA TX ch	216	137	36	Chuck Dobbins	45
FIN ro	216	088	72	Raimo Karjalainen	58
FRA jj	216	003	154	Jean Jacquemin	61
USA AZ bc	216	089	49	Bob Coomler	80
ITA sp	216	083	5	Stefano Paolini	130
RUS vp	216	072	10	Victor Puzanov	136
FRA fb	216	048	19	Franck Baste	151
CAN ON hm	215	215	1	Harry MacLean	2
CAN BC tc	215	215	1	Tom Brent	2
CAN QC ky	215	208	3	Richard Katezansky	7
USA IN ec	215	191	2	Edward J Caylor	25
DEU bd	215	118	66	Bernhard Hein	34
CAN ON tw	215	167	10	Tony Ward	41
USA MI jb	215	112	34	Joe Miller	72
USA VA mb	215	060	13	Mike Trowbridge	145
USA CA ir	215	016	25	Iden Rogers	177
USA AZ dl	214	133	32	Dave Hollander	53
USA MN gs	213	140	23	George Sherman	55
AUT pc	213	144	16	Patrick Robic	58
FRA ea	213	113	12	Eric Angevin	93
IRL fo	213	055	37	Finbar O'Connor	126

USA NE ru	213	062	4	Rick Dau	152
DEU cm	213	002	8	Christoph Mayer	208
CZE jv	212	127	47	Jaroslav Tomek	44
FIN jt	212	097	71	Jarno Fält	50
BEL pr	212	066	5	Patrick Reynaert	147
ITA mr	208	154	12	Marino Ferrero Giacminet	52
SAR gc	208	030	77	Giorgio Casu	111
USA MI dk	208	001	19	Doug Klein	198
CAN BC to	207	114	66	Tom Mitchell	38
CAN ON mv	206	206	1	Mitch Powell	11
Rptr	Max CLE	Min CLE	CLEs	Name	Missed!

A 'Brexit' Effect?

The above charts show that, for CLE217, we had a remarkable total of **10 Logs from the UK** – surely more than ever before.

There would have been only 11 logs left from Europe without us. With Brexit being discussed every time I turn on the radio and TV now, I did wonder whether UK is making the best of things while it still has the usual CLE rules and the excellent co-operation from our friends in Mainland Europe!

MISSING? and NEW? NDBs

A new way of providing these results is being prepared and the lists, if any, for CLE217 will follow soon.

COMING CLEs

CLE218 April 21 - 24 Just a normal (frequency-range) one – hurrah!

CLE219 May 26 – 29

CLE220 June 23 - 26

Good listening, all

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CLE217 'Night Counts'

EUROPE

<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>NDBs</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Friday	951	866	85
Saturday	356	433	-77
Sunday	208	216	-8
Totals:	1515	1515	

NORTH AMERICA

<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>NDBs</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>+/-</u>
Friday	361	430	-69
Saturday	332	215	117
Sunday	59	107	-48
Totals:	752	752	

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.

You can see that the results suggest that the first night was the best in Europe.

By contrast, in North America, conditions generally on Saturday night were easily the best.

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