

CLE241 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Just a short one this time, in which we have three special achievements to acknowledge:

CONGRATULATIONS to ZDENEK in CZE. CLE241 was his **200th Listening Event** - his first was CLE004, back in March 2001. Some time ago he had to move from his long-time listening site to the other end of the city. There, unfortunately, his listening has been blocked by strong interference. Since then he has been able to continue enjoying CLEs by using KiwiSDRs, also in CZE - and he has still been making some very impressive logs that way.

Also **CONGRATULATIONS to TONY in Colorado** who reached his **100th CLE**, having started with CLE127 in 2010 and has missed few Events since then. The '100 Club' now has 24 Members (18 of them took part in CLE241) and the '200 Club' has just 5 (all of them in CLE241).

Not a special number, but **for each of the last 23 CLEs the NEW HARVESTER program** has been processing our CLE logs, and making the combined results that we see. That is all thanks to **Joachim**. About three years ago my Old Harvester programs had been getting harder to run on my failing laptop and with my failing memory! It (the laptop!) crashed dramatically when I attempted to upgrade it from Windows 7 to Windows 10 (computer shop came to the rescue). After that, Joachim was very helpful in giving me the means and know-how to keep the Old Harvester running under Windows 10 using my same old QBasic, Access and Excel programs.

After giving me that help, Joachim set about re-programming the CLE harvesting using just Excel - in which he certainly excels! His 'New Harvester' program still involves copy/pasting the loggings from each reporter's CLE log and finding any typos, etc., which need to be corrected before the logs can be used. After that, it magically whirrs away by itself for about **5 minutes**. When finished it has written all the results - the emails and the Excel tables, ready to send to NDB List. Instead of 5 minutes, the equivalent process on the Old Harvester took about **3 hours** for each half (Europe and Rest of the World) with me involved throughout, trying to run my umpteen separate programs correctly and in the right sequence!

For nearly two years I have been using the New Harvester here in parallel with Joachim and we compare our results afterwards. I have usually made silly mistakes, Joachim frequently putting me right with great patience, but our results are now usually just about the same. During the last two CLEs Joachim has been extra busy with his 'real' weekday work and I managed to make and send the results without anything going too wrong! The Old Harvester is now fully retired - no way would I try to use that now!

CLE242 is planned for the weekend March 22 - 25. We're hoping to revive a 'special', last used three years ago.

CLE243 April 26 - 29. Probably another normal frequency range CLE.

(dates are provisional at present)

All for now.

Good listening

Brian
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