

CLE243 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

Last weekend we were listening between 270 kHz and 320 kHz, many of us battling with QRN from storms and QRM from the DGPS beacons.

Unsurprisingly, compared with the equivalent CLE in High Season February last year, Europe listeners' reception statistics were down, but only by around 10%. For the Rest of the World listeners the figures were down rather more than that. Our CLEs are not contests of course, but we must congratulate Hartmut for logging 114 different NDBs - far more than in any other report. >

Despite the generally poor conditions, Joachim and I found that the results were extra full of special interest.

First, we had two very welcome **first-timers' logs from places as far apart as Thailand and Ohio** and both of them can add a lot to our knowledge of NDBs in both places. **Ken** used to live in Canada, but at his location in N E Thailand he often receives UNIDs which are not in RWW. So we can hope to learn of several 'new' NDBs from his future logs.

Rod's first-timer log from East Ohio included a report of 299 VV - an NDB last reported back in 2013 and long thought to be gone. Rod confirmed that *"I can receive Victor Victor regularly. Strong signal during the day (it's only 92.6km away/57.6mi) but very nearly impossible at night. There are two GPS transmitters sitting on top of the sidebands of VV."*

Following Rod's unexpected report, Steve O'Kelley was pleased to re-instate it in RNA and he did some impressive extra research. It seems that the transmitter, located at Uniontown, serves as the Locator Outer Marker (LOM) for Connellsville Airport which is between Uniontown and Connellsville. Steve also found this Google Street View of the shy NDB (Lat / Lon data from the FCC license was fed into Google Maps to pinpoint it):



Well done Rod and Steve! One wonders how many other NDBs are modestly hiding from us, even in some of our most civilised places!

Another unusual thing this time was receiving **only a preliminary CLE log** from a regular reporter! That was because he suddenly found himself in hospital for a few days and unable to send his 'Final'. (It could happen to any of us!) He's doing OK.

Whose turn is it this time to have a special mention for their number of CLEs?

Congratulations to **Don**, for sending his 150th CLE log, and to **Vernon** for his 100th.

CLE244 is planned for May 24-27

CLE245 June 22-24

CLE246 July 27-29

(dates are provisional at present)

All for now.

Good listening

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