

CLE245 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

For last weekend's Coordinated Listening Event we returned, after over two years, to an old favourite - a 'Countries CLE'. We were listening for NDBs from the Radio Countries whose codes begin with N D and B.

June is usually our 'low point' and most of us found that the static this time was even worse than usual for June. We still had a good total of 32 logs and some of them were very impressive. Depending mainly on where the target NDBs, the listeners and the storms were, five of us reached about 100 loggings, while another five of us struggled to hear 6 or less – and even those were mostly polite about the hunt!

A special welcome and congratulations to Jay in the Highlands of Scotland who did very well with his first-time CLE log which included 11 transatlantic loggings. His location is almost surrounded by high mountains – the highest, Benn Nevis, is only 15 km away.

To make my log I was the only one who 'cheated' (?) by trying a Southern Hemisphere remote Kiwi SDR receiver (New Zealand), which worked well. We have a regular TV quiz programme ('Eggheads') in the UK which often has a Geography section in it. That is about my only quite good subject and I'm sure my years of coordinating our CLEs is mainly to thank for that.

A few months ago Joachim changed his 'New Harvester' program so that logs made using remote receivers are included in the combined results much more easily. Each 'remote' now has its own identifier (e.g. the remote used this time by Joe, located in WA at Bellingham, is 'rWAbE'. (Those ids are included in the list of reporters before the results - but you don't need to remember them!)

Joachim and I are usually surprised by how few typos we find in the logs. This time only 6 loggings of the total (1,393) needed correction of the QRG or Ident to get them through – just 1 line in 230 (all 6 of those happened to be for Europe listeners!)

Coming CLEs:

CLE246 July 27-29

CLE247 August 23-26

(dates are provisional at present)

Good listening

Brian

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