

## CLE246 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

This was another CLE ideal for getting practice at dodging the often extreme QRN! Unsurprisingly, all the statistics show that listening was much tougher than in March 2018, when we last covered the ranges 240-260 and 420-440 kHz. It looks like most of us did find one night that was significantly better than the others.

Here is another way of comparing the two CLE's results (thanks, Joachim, for the number-crunching):

Dist Class [km]	Number of NDBs			
	2018		2019	
	Europe	RotW	Europe	RotW
<500	220	104	123	70
500 - 999	379	193	206	107
1000 - 1500	339	170	180	86
1500 - 2000	204	118	110	57
2000 - 2500	46	78	30	34
2500 - 3000	5	41	6	10
3000 - 3500	6	17	2	7
3500 - 4000	3	4	4	1
4000 - 4500	1	8		1
4500 - 5000		2		
5000 - 5500		1		
6000 - 6500		1		
6500 - 7000		1		

Our total of 40 logs this time is a tribute to our perseverance - well done!

**We welcome Ken Betenia** who provided our 40th log from Cranbrook, BC and it was **his FIRST**. By contrast **Phil Atchley's CLE log was his 150th**. Congratulations. He was also one of the 11 'founder listeners' who took part in CLE1 in January 2001 and I think he may have been the first to suggest coordinated listening.

David commented about his log: *"..it is in Date order. I hope the Harvester doesn't mind"* No, it doesn't. Usually logs are in kHz order for quicker reference, but for all our listening events the harvester program can take the loggings in ANY order. For some CLEs, like Countries and Pyramids, we suggest that you show them in groups, e.g. by country, usually with a blank line between each group - but that is just to make it easier to see if anything is wrong.

Most reporters also show a reliable count of their loggings, usually at the end - it is often provided by the log-making program they were using. If easy for you, it is a good idea to include the count with your CLE log in case Joachim or I 'lose' some of your loggings (it can happen!). Joachim has added a facility to the Harvester that tells us how many log lines it has found for each log. We now check that against any count provided by the listener. If it doesn't agree we can re-check things.

**World's Scariest Runway?** This bit is rather OT! As regular visitors to Scotland, Sue and I sometimes call in on the minor airports in the Highlands and Islands as they usually have a low-powered beacon. This time we enjoyed calling at Barra 'Airport' in the Outer Hebrides, (316 BRR). Its only runway is the beach (at low water) and usually the only daily flight is from/to Glasgow when photographers all line up to record it! I've been told that it has featured in TV films about the World's Scariest Runways. This landing looked very safe when we watched - but after it had circled, waiting for some rogue pedestrians to be removed from the sand! For passers-by, these tiny airports are mostly very welcoming and comfortable, with easy parking and hardly anyone else there - but unfortunately no-one to ask about the NDB, etc.

### Coming CLEs:

CLE247 Fri. Aug 23 - Mon. Aug 26

CLE248 Fri. Sep.27 - Mon Sep.30

(The dates are provisional at present)

Good listening, all

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