

# CLE250 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

**HIGHEST NUMBER OF LOGS!** We celebrated CLE250 appropriately - by sending the highest number of logs of all our 250 Events. There were logs from **61 of us** this time, two more than the previous highest in CLEs 229 and 238. They were also 'Normal' (frequency range) Events.

Also, rather strangely, there were **11 more Rest of the World logs** than Europe logs - also the largest ever!

The previous highest for that statistic was **10** in CLEs 186, 241 and 246.

**FIRST TIMER LOG** We welcome and thank Bill Schaffner for his first CLE log from Naples in Florida. (And without Bill's log we wouldn't have had that last statistic!)

**CONDITIONS** October and November are usually popular months, but in Europe and in much of North America these few extracts from many of the reporters' logs show that conditions were specially good this time:

"Best conditions I have experienced in years"

"A very enjoyable but busy CLE. I was very surprised to hear the number of NDB's that I did."

".. the band noise was low and signals were sounding as clear as a bell. Many weak NDB's popped up, which I have not heard for ages."

"Static was amazingly low for most of the weekend."

"5 new ones logged during this CLE, it has been a long time since I had so many."

"Very successful CLE. Many new ones."

"Finally good conditions... low static, few erratic crashes and fair/good propagation."

"Performance-wise, this was my BEST OVERALL CLE event I've ever done!"

"This CLE was absolutely amazing .... I can't really tell when I had so much fun in (mostly live) listening."

That last quote was Joachim's summary of his CLE listening while in Denmark. I asked him if he had a bit more for us and maybe a picture.

This is what he sent me:

“I very much enjoyed listening from our caravan 500 m from the North Sea shores.

The environment is very quiet there at this time of year.

We shared ca. 100 acres with 4 other parties being there.

So no TVs, SAT-dishes, PLC etc.”



Thanks Joachim!

(Thanks also to Doug/Geir for sending us the **TERRIFYING** “True Dedication” rooftop picture last month - it makes mine look like a Walk in the Park!)

**INTERESTING CONTRIBUTIONS** caught my eye in two of the logs.

**George in NJ** added some thoughtful comments on the powerful Pskov software that several of us are beginning to use:

*“.. became fascinated with and distracted by the Pskov NDB software that I had downloaded earlier this week. Expended considerable time/effort in attempting to use this software in this CLE. But became clear to me that I require much more understanding and practice before I can meet the challenge offered in its use in NDB listening. However I have no doubt that such effort on my part is worthwhile for I suspect that eventually the wide use of this software will be a 'game changer' in NDB listening technique as was the introduction of the SDR receiver a decade or so back.”*

**Dan in BC** said in his log that ‘*Brian wants CLE stories, so here's mine.*’ He gave us an interesting account of the frustrations - and successes - of log-making for a CLE. A bit long to include here, but well worth re-reading.

Thanks George and Dan.

### **Coming CLEs:**

CLE251 Wed. Dec 25th - Thur. Jan 2nd 5th ‘NOAH’ CLE

CLE252 Fri. Jan 24th - Mon. Jan 27th Normal

CLE253 Fri. Feb 21st - Mon. Feb 24th

(The dates are provisional at present. The Noah CLE is an old favourite, ideal to get us hooked on occasional listening as circumstances allow over the holiday period - “just one more country”!)

Good listening

Brian

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