

CLE251 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

Over the Christmas – New Year period we were trying to log a maximum of 2 NDBs from each Radio Country. It was the 5th of our popular 'NOAH' Listening Events, based on Noah's task of persuading 2 of each of the animals into his Ark to save them from the great flood (Genesis Chapter 6 from verse 12).

The 15 Listeners in Europe, between them, managed to 'save' pairs from a total of **83 different Countries**
The 26 Listeners in the Rest of the World between them 'saved' pairs from a total of **89 different Countries**

On average the Europe listeners collected 48 pairs into their Arks, while the Rest of the World listeners averaged 32 pairs (most of them have fewer radio countries with active NDBs within range). Most of us managed to pack in several singles too.

The 41 of us who sent logs gave us the highest number in a Noah CLE so far. 41 has only been beaten once in all our 19 years of Holiday CLEs when 49 of us sent logs for CLE189 in a **Channels Challenge** (listening for just one NDB on each channel). I think the 49 was because that task sounds fairly quick and easy for those of us with less time and 'staying power' during the holiday period. Because of all the other activities then, the Holiday Event reporters are always a bit down on the other Autumn/Winter CLEs.

Another always-popular holiday event has been **Pyramid-building**, listening for 1 NDB from any radio country, then two from another, 3 from a third, ... continuing as high as we can get!

Our previous CLE250, last November, claimed the overall record of **all** our different kinds of event. It was a 'Normal' CLE when **61** of us took part.

A peculiar statistic was that the Noah CLE AGAIN reached the highest-ever difference of **11 more Rest of the World logs** than Europe logs, the same as in CLE250 in November. But our numbers **only differed by 1** in each of the August, September and October CLEs! *Europe – why have we suddenly slipped? !!*

FIRST TIMER LOGS It's always good to welcome a new reporter. This time we had two:

Garry Sutton was listening from Castle Rock, Colorado and **Mark Bell** from Airville, PA. Thanks Garry and Mark. We hope you want to come back for more!

Our results were impressive. For Europe, all 25 of the furthest logged NDBs were more than 7,500 km from the listeners. They were reported by, in ascending order of DX, Zdenek, Roelof, Miroslav, Joachim, Jari and Hartmut (their names are also in reverse alphabetical order by an amazing coincidence!) with the most DX of all going to Jay in Scotland with his logging of Concepcion, Paraguay, over 10,000 km away.

The Rest of the World's best 25 loggings, all in the range 9780 – 7390 km were reported by, in ascending DX order, Frank (CA), Vernon (NS), Doug (TX), Bob (AZ), Bill (CA), Steve (BC), Steve (WA) and Steve (AZ), the furthest of all being Danang in Vietnam heard by Mike in Hawaii.

It was a busy CLE for everyone. As Harry pointed out, it's just as well that we didn't use the lesser-known version of Noah's Ark story in Genesis 7:1-5, which packs lots more animals into the Ark and would have given us all many times more NDBs as targets!

Coming CLEs:

(The dates are provisional at present)

CLE252	Fri. Jan 24th - Mon. Jan 27th	Normal
CLE253	Fri. Feb 21st - Mon. Feb 24th	#
CLE254	Fri. Mar 20th - Mon. Mar 23rd	#

By special request one of these two will be a 'BARN DOOR' event in which we will only use NON-SELECTIVE receivers, such as:

*A simple homebrew RX such as a single Transistor set with regen.,
An 'antique' receiver (something you've not powered up for years?),
An ultralight, - or a normal receiver with NO filtering, or a WIDE filter.*

This early advice may help you to choose, or make, something suitable to listen with.

Good listening

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