

CLE261 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello all

Our 261st Coordinated Listening Event, unusually, was a first-timer. A new and very simple idea, it seemed to be well received by all – “just try to log one NDB in each of our Radio Countries”. Nearly all the ‘English-speaking’ reporters logs added some comments on what they thought about the Event and - good or bad - I have copied them below.

The star of CLE261 was undoubtedly **391 DDP** (San Juan / Dorado..) in **Puerto Rico**, Caribbean. 30 of the 41 reporters all logged it, the furthest being Mike's from 9,423 km away in Hawaii. Heard in Europe and the furthest of all, from DEU was Hartmut's logging of **360.0 OX** at 10,192 km (Volcano Islands, **Iwo Jima** in the Pacific) USA Trumped - sorry! - trumped that from WA with Steve's's **318.0 BR** at 11,971 km. (Brunei in **Borneo**, SE Asia). That's a bit less than the diameter of the Earth, making it hard to illustrate on Google Earth!

*Dear Europe listeners - Whatever went wrong?
J and I looked out for your logs for so long.
What could it be that explains our long wait?
You finished with 13 logs - the Rest: 28*

Seriously, that really is a puzzle. On a quick skim through the 20 years of statistics from our 261 CLEs I find that the last time Europe had half as many logs, or fewer, was - - **NEVER!** I can think of three explanations for it (are there any more?):

Covid-19? But why would that make a big difference when we are nearly all suffering with much the same problems?

TRUMP vs BIDEN? Possibly - an increased need in N. America to put on the headphones and escape from it all for a while?

Pskov? Maybe that is a possibility too. In the final table of the combined results it is very clear that the Pskov users (flagged with a 'p') **all had better overall statistics** than ANY of the other reporters, in the results both for Europe and for the Rest.

Although still few, there are several CLE Pskov users in its author's own home region (Europe), while elsewhere only a handful have used it in CLEs so far. It would be understandable, but very sad, if the traditional 'live listeners' and those who listen to recordings are put off by the superior results obtained when Pskov does the listening. I noticed that the reporters who used Pskov tended to comment less in their logs, or not at all, on their enjoyment of the CLE! - but admittedly there's not a lot of evidence for that.

As a soon-to-be-retired walker, I think traditional listeners are a bit like a group of walkers who enjoy their monthly rambles, while Pskov users are like walkers who have bought a car, so of course they go further and without so much effort! Fortunately, whatever our preference, surely we can all enjoy taking part in CLEs in our different ways, improving either our listening skills or our abilities to get the best results from the clever software?

Coming CLEs: (The dates are provisional at present)

CLE262 Fri. Nov. 20th - Mon. Nov. 23rd 'Normal'

CLE263 Christmas - New Year ; A new kind of 'Holiday Special'

CLE264 Fri. Jan. 22nd - Mon. Jan 25th 'Normal'

Good listening, take care.

73

Brian

(CLE Coordinator)

Listeners' Comments from their logs (in approximate order of arrival)

This was a fun CLE, thanks! Conditions were pretty noisy with blah propagation on Friday but improved a lot by Saturday evening. Started to sound like winter conditions for the first time here.

This one was a lot of fun.

Very unusual conditions here on the middle coast. No locals being heard. Canadians making it through, but weakly.

Enjoyable CLE; a bit different! Conditions improved nicely Sunday evening.

Reasonable conditions for the CLE in the first half of the weekend.

I chose a KIWI-SDR in Deer Harbour USA, WA, CN88lo. This one seems to work pretty good in the NDB band and it was good fun to listen to NDBs you normally never hear using your Rx at home.

Kinda a fun CLE once I got it going especially with only just one per country/state.

I too had fun in this CLE.

. . another fun and challenging CLE event.

Conditions were noisy but "fair". Had fun with this one though.

It was a good time.

Good conditions with manageable noise . . I enjoyed this CLE's format.

Hopefully this will signal the end of a long, noisy, radio dead summer.

. . have to agree with the others who said the conditions were fair.

Conditions still summery here but no complaints - they could have been a lot worse. . . ; creative challenge . .

A great CLE and my favorite kind. . . a free wheeling CLE.

I really like these wide open CLE's as to sit for a weekend trying to eek out stations within 20kc's is usually 95% over on the first night.

Thanks for the great conditions! Lots of stations but few radio countries. Good conditions throughout.

After collecting the low-hanging fruit Friday night, not a great deal to add the rest of the weekend.

Overall the CLE was a lot of fun, and it was nice to see as many signals as were there at this point in the season.

Good conditions Friday and Saturday night and less so on Sunday. Picked up a few new ones as well. . . Enjoyed this CLE.

Well that was fun. It's always an interesting exercise doing a broad bandscan and seeing what it is we logged over the months and years gone by.

. . a very good cle it made the old brain work a bit harder !! . . enjoyable weekend.

. . I got a list of all the beacons I have logged, in Country order, from REU. . . So it was a fun time. Nothing new, and a few old friends were missing [SAL-274, for example], but most other countries had alternatives. . . Thanks for the challenge.

Great conditions during this CLE, especially on Friday to the east.

The only totally 'new one' was that goofy UNID on 410 which made kind of a weak showing here but doesn't count for the CLE. Quite a few new-for-the-season logs.

For CLE261 I only have 20 minutes of recording 23/10 but with very good results.

Sunday night and Monday morning, I was without power. I ran on a battery backup system that included no LED lighting so logged on paper with a flashlight.

The positive aspect was that neighborhood dimmers were not operating. . . I wish it could be that quiet all the time.

Conditions good for me.

This is probably my favorite format and would love to see more of this type of CLE if possible.