

# CLE264 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello All

It's good to start on a positive note! 48 listeners took part in our 264<sup>th</sup> Event and - **Welcome and thank-you** for three good **first-time logs** from:

**Carleton (Carl) Styan** in Ontario

**Conny Brodin** in Sweden

**Esther Miller** in California

Joachim's 'New Harvester' program tells me that our all-time total of CLE first logs is **318**. Of those 318 Listeners only **53** have not come back for more. So, for 1 in 6 of all newcomers, once was enough!

It is two years since we last had more than three CLE newcomers to welcome. To my shame I now find that we didn't even mention the four in the CLE240 Coordinator's Comments. Perhaps that is why two of those are among the 53 who haven't come back with a second log.

**Our results this time** are very different from 18 months ago when we last listened in the 320-334.9 kHz range. No surprise there! - CLE247 was in challenging mid-summer conditions for most of us, compared with the good midwinter conditions now. For the 14 Europe listeners who took part in both of those events, the average distance to the NDBs they logged was **50% more** this time, while on average the 18 Rest of the World listeners heard **twice as many** NDBs. The final Excel tables in the combined results show more details.

**332.0 FIS "Fish Hook" Key West, FL** was easily the best DX heard from Europe (by three listeners) and, with 23 Rest of the World reports, it was also the most heard from North America, shared with **328.0 YTL Big Trout Lake ON**.

**The Flights CLE** Finally, thank-you to those who told us why they **didn't** join in our Christmas-New Year 'Flights' CLE263! Of the seven suggested reasons for giving it a miss, ALL of the replies chose exactly the same answer 'M' from the seven suggested ones:

**M "Just NDB logging is My preference - without the complications of simulating a flight, etc."**

So there is little doubt that, for many (most?) of us, searching for NDBs – preferably the more difficult ones - is the main attraction of our Listening Events. That's quite good news for Joachim and me because 'Normal' CLEs are usually by far the easiest to plan, set up, process the logs and make the results.

Also on the positive side, the 23 listeners who did join in mostly said in their logs how enjoyable it had been – and that was before seeing Joachim's fine Google Earth maps showing each of the flights.

*The map shows David's busy 16,000 km round trip visiting 46 NDBs around the coasts of the British Isles.*

Alan placed a copy of the CLE results with all the full-size flight maps in the CLE Information Section of the NDBLIST Website: <http://www.ndblist.info/cle.htm> (select the Archives Section)

It is strange that the less popular 'special' Events are usually the ones that are most enjoyed by the few - who keep asking us for more of them! Your participation and feedback help us to plan future CLEs a bit better. However, I have to admit that our next one, CLE265, will be another first-time 'Special', which has been planned for some time. No apologies yet – we think you'll like it!

**Coming CLEs:** (The later dates are provisional at present)

**CLE265** Fri. Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - Mon. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Special

**CLE266** Fri. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> - Mon. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 'Normal'

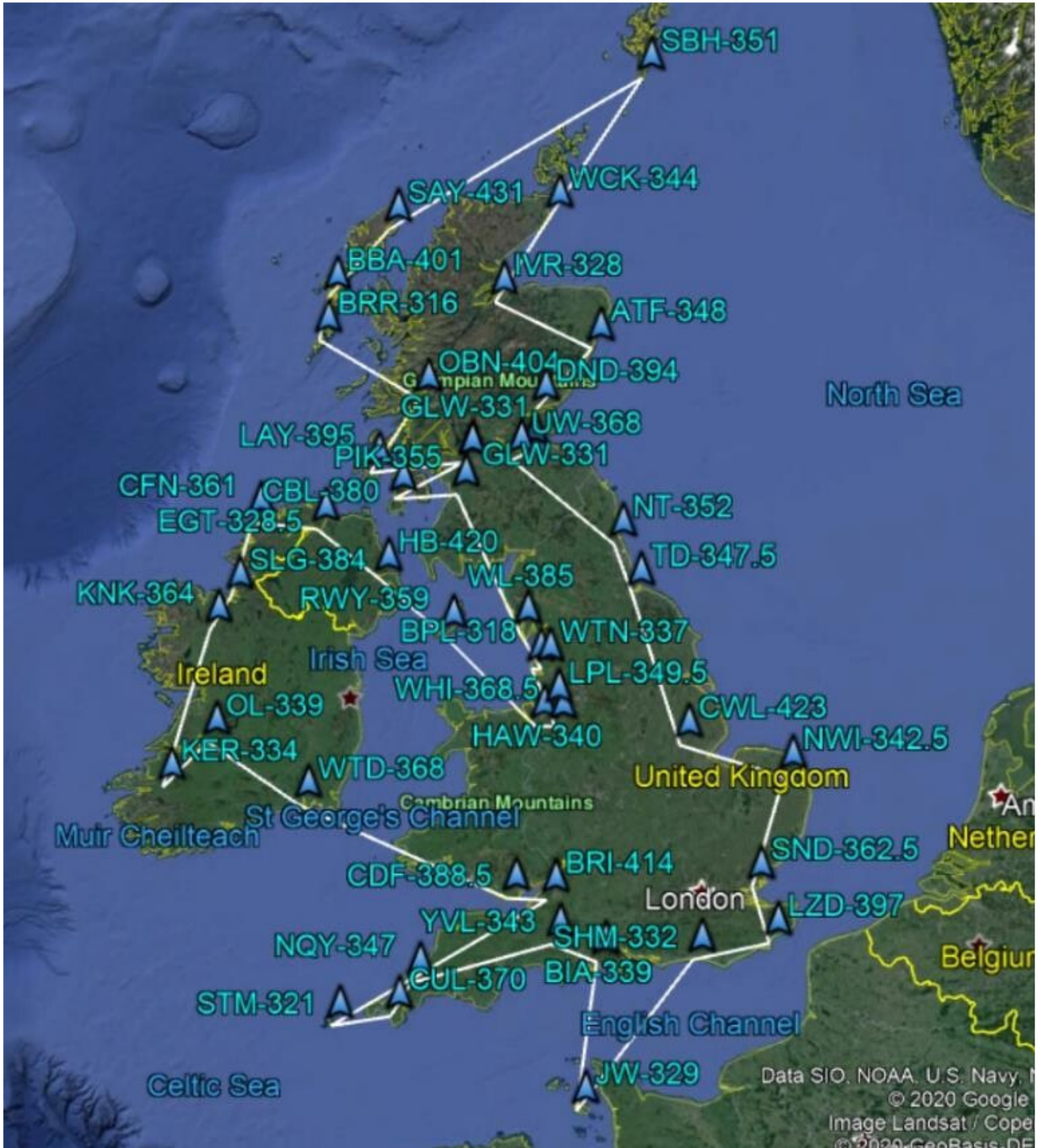
**CLE267** Fri. Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mon. Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>

**Good listening**

- take care.

73

Brian and Joachim



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