

# CLE265 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello All

There is plenty to say about our 265<sup>th</sup> and special 'anniversary' Listening Event. At the end of this we have also put some extracts from the logs describing what the reporters said – something we often do after the more off-beat CLEs.

But first, something that may be puzzling some of our newer listeners.

***What is the connection between the RXX database and its many facilities, developed and maintained by Martin Francis, and the CLEs?***

When all NDB logs from members are sent to NDB List they are entered day-by-day into the RWW database by dedicated helpers – currently Roelof for listeners in Europe and Vernon for North America and the rest of the World. That also applies to all the logs after our monthly CLE events.

However, those same CLE logs, also sent to NDB List, are also separately entered each month by Joachim and me into Joachim's 'New Harvester' program. That program makes extra checks, it creates the CLE Results and maintains the records of all our present and past CLEs. A data transfer makes sure that the Harvester has the same current details as RXX about all the NDBs in each CLE frequency range.

**Welcome!** Again, as for the previous CLE264, we are pleased to welcome three first-time CLE logs, this time from:

**Joe Domaleski (dj) in Georgia, USA**

**Stephen Howe (se) in Vermont, USA**

**Claudio Tagliabue (ce) near Como, Italy**

You can see from the above that we are close to 'running out' of the meaningful unique 2-letter 'initials' that have always been given to new reporters. We keep the same initials indefinitely so all information from the archives will always continue to show the correct names. Joachim and I have plans to solve the increasing problem of giving suitable initials to new reporters – probably there will be more to say about that in the next CLE (Everyone's present 'initials' will not be changed - whether they are good ones, or not-so-good!)

Using **Multiple 'Challenges'**, as in this CLE, was a 'first'. Its five separate challenges were tackled very well by most of the **36 listeners**. There was a total of 2,143 loggings (not counting some duplicates). That's more than in any of our previous 11 CLEs even though more reporters had sent logs for most of those events. The 'success rates' – achieving 20 or more loggings in each of the five challenges - were as follows:

**Challenge 1** Log 20 NDBs in any ONE radio country **69%** (i.e. 25 listeners reached, or exceeded, the target of 20)

**Challenge 2** Log ONE NDB from each of 20 different radio countries in your part of the World **83%** (30 listeners)

**Challenge 3** Log 20 'old' NDBs that had also been logged in CLE003 20 years ago **33%** (12 listeners)

**Challenge 4** Log 20 NDBs on the 'n20' frequencies (i.e. 220, 320, 420, 520, ... kHz) **2%** (6 listeners)

**Challenge 5** 20 loggings during the hour 2000-2059 local time during the CLE **2%** (7 listeners)

(or a 'harder' alternative)

Many other listeners heard 10 or more NDBs in those challenges without reaching the target 20s.

When making the results we interpreted some of the 'rules' quite generously –

'**in your part of the World**' (Challenge 2) had been more fully defined in the CLE advice, but even that was sometimes hard to interpret for Europe.

'**during the hour 2000-2059 Local Time**' (Challenge 5) wasn't always strictly followed, especially in North American logs, where Local Times are so different from UTC.

Now here's **something a bit quirky**

(If you're not a quirky fan please skip this section!)

I thought it might be interesting to see how often reporters were choosing to log NDBs that would **contribute to more than one of the challenges**, while others might log NDBs that apply to **one challenge only**. Both approaches were fine - nothing wrong with either of them.

	No. of loggings	'20s' Score
<b>ag</b>	55	70
<b>bk</b>	55	80
<b>ce</b>	89	78
<b>ds</b>	101	91
<b>hh</b>	79	80
<b>hw</b>	112	100
<b>iv</b>	65	90
<b>je</b>	101	90
<b>lk</b>	41	59
<b>my</b>	44	60
<b>px</b>	52	65
<b>rb</b>	100	100
<b>re</b>	87	74
<b>wb</b>	20	20
<b>ze</b>	74	94

The tables above (Europe) and below (N. America) show how many loggings there were from each reporter in the CLE (If there was more than one report, maybe identical, for any NDB, only one could be used). Also shown is each reporter's total 'Score' - **20** for each successful challenge (whether there were 20 loggings for it or more) plus the number of loggings towards each other challenge if half-way was reached (i.e. **10, 11, 12, .. up to 19**). The figures were transferred to the charts. You can see that, for Europe, - William's 20 loggings all went to one successful challenge, while Roelof's 100 loggings just satisfied all five of the challenges. (No multiple use of any one logging by either of them!)

By contrast, you can see that Ivan only needed 65 loggings to fully satisfy four challenges, needing 20 NDBs each - and halfway to the fifth. The reporters whose results appear 'above the line' on the charts generally tend to be the ones who tried to make loggings that helped with more than one challenge. Those on and below the line were mostly content to tackle each challenge separately, maybe 20 NDBs at a time.

	No. of loggings	'20s' Score
ac	49	76
ch	87	80
de	21	28
dj	13	0
dn	40	60
dp	68	40
du	91	91
el	31	31
fy	20	20
ha	46	60
jc	48	40
ke	26	20
mx	36	30
od	48	60
ra	106	78
rt	48	60
se	21	17
sn	104	71
so	40	40
sr	50	61
vm	75	54

Thank you for putting up with – maybe enjoying as well – **two** first-time specials in the last **three** months. A big 'Thank-you' to Joachim whose special 'Harvester' and Excel skills have been invaluable in getting us through 'the Flights' and 'the Challenges'.

It will probably be a relief for many of us that, for the end of March and April at least, we are planning **ordinary, no-gimmicks, CLEs** - just listen for any NDBs that you can identify in a narrow frequency range.

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

**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> 'Normal'  
**CLE268** Fri. May 28<sup>th</sup> - Mon. May 31<sup>st</sup>

**Good listening**

- and take care.

73

Brian and Joachim

**Extracts from the Reporters' Comments:**

*.. a very enjoyable CLE with lots of interesting challenges . . . I don't know if I will be around for our 30th or 40th anniversary, but if I am and there are still any NDBs left and I'm not too senile by then, be sure to count me in!*

*This was a fun CLE for sure, but conditions did not really cooperate.*

*.. Nerds like me, who try to second-guess the Coordinators about what the next CLE will be, have a dilemma. By all historical measures, it should be 335 - 349.9kHz. But Challenge 3, this time, covered 335 - 345 kHz. What will it be? Only time (and the fiendish coordinators) will tell. I'm looking forward to it.....*

*Time was my main enemy. But a very interesting challenge. Well done team for a fine weekend of sift and sort.*

*.. most interesting event. . made easy for us the listeners, to compile our logs and then for you to come up with the final analysis.*

*.. always a very interesting adventure. This time the task was quite difficult in terms of description - 5 challenges - wow.*

*I made challenge 2 and 5 (combined) very difficult by attempting to hear 20 different states in the appointed local hour of 2000-2059 on Sunday night. It was close. . At 2059 mins and 50 seconds. .CH(329) in South Carolina came out of the noise.*

*Conditions not good on Friday night but much better Sunday night. Logged NDBs from my home province of British Columbia. Starting to notice that there are fewer on the air all the time.*

*Unusual propagation conditions, mostly poor . . . something different and much fun.*

*.. thanks for an elaborate challenge (five-dimensional chess?)*

*I enjoyed participating in my first CLE, but it also clearly pointed out the limitations of my equipment.*

*Really enjoyed the challenges, all 5 of them. If you had ordered better propagation for the Event it would have been even more fun!*

*I chose the Lamont, Alberta, Canada KiwiSDR as it is a good one for snaring a lot of entities and I only had part of one evening to hunt NDB's. So here is my report from the great plains of Canada while snug in my warm shack in SWWA.*

*I didn't have a lot of time to spend but I had a great time nonetheless.*

*.. Happy 20th Anniversary to us all! This was a fun collection of challenges . . . 20 years of CLEs, every month without fail, always interesting . .*

*I took some time beforehand and had a fairly good target list of what would qualify from what I have heard this season .. worked out pretty good. Cheers and thanks.*