

CLE266 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello All

For our 266th Coordinated Listening Event last weekend we were listening in a busy frequency range, 350 – 369 kHz. After the recent 'specials' it was a welcome return to normality (not least for Joachim and me, with some straightforward 'Harvesting' to do).

Conditions were not bad, but really good DX was missing for many listeners.

Exceptions were 369 ZDX Coolidge Saint Johns, ATG, logged from over 6,000 km by six reporters, three of them from Europe and three from North America. At over 7,000 km were 355.0 SNO Santo Domingo CHL, logged by Doug from Texas, and 365.0 PAL Palma EQA by Steve M from BC. Furthest of all, 360.0 OX Iwo Jima VOI broke through 10,000 km to Steve R in AZ.

Welcome! It is a doubly special welcome this time for a first-timer CLE log from:

Ragnar Östermark in Visby, Sweden

First times are always special, but Ragnar's arrival also coincides with the start of new 'initials'.

The old two-letter reporter initials lasted for 20 years but recent newcomers have had to be given less than ideal letters because the popular ones have already gone! A recent 'Jack Smith' would have given us a real headache, but a Zavian Quicksilver (zq) would have still been OK!

The new 'rule' for choosing first timers' initials is the FIRST letter of the first name plus the FIRST and LAST letters of the last name. So Ragnar Ostermark gets 'rok'. That rule, with occasional near-misses, should keep us going for at least 50 years!

No - we will NOT be changing your existing 2-character initials, whether they are good or bad. That is important to allow us to keep correct records for everyone's CLE history. (If you really HATE your allocated initials you could apply for a formal, legal, name change and we would then have to treat you as a new person!)

Ragnar was a No.1 for yet another reason – his log was just 1 logging long – nothing wrong with that at all.

Here's something a bit different. Joachim has analysed our records of all the CLEs when we listened in the 350-369.9 kHz range. There have been 15 of those Listening Events since we started 20 years ago from CLE15 to CLE266. These are the results, showing everyone who took part in a total of 8 or more:

Coming CLEs: (The dates are provisional at present)

CLE267 Fri. Apr. 23rd - Mon. Apr. 26th 'Normal'

CLE268 Fri. May 28th - Mon. May 31st

CLE269 Fri. June 25th - Mon. June 28th

Good listening
- and take care.

73

Brian and Joachim