

CLE268 COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS:

Hello All

It was good to find that CLE268 – our 6th 'Channels Challenge' - seemed to be very much enjoyed by the 33 of us who took part. It was an opportunity to listen in the same CLE on most of the channels and where there is plenty of NDB activity. We don't know what those who didn't join in thought of it!

The CLE Harvester program prompts us from time to time about listeners' anniversaries. This time it gave us the advice that CLE268 was **Dave Tomasko's 200th**.

Congratulations Dave – that's really special and quite a feat!

The summertime conditions still allowed some good DX for North America and Europe.

Hartmut (DEU) logged the 5 furthest distances from Europe. 9,514 km was at number 1 - 345 LW from Langebaanweg, South Africa.

(5 of the 10 nearest were heard by yours truly starting with 316 EPM, Epsom for Heathrow, 5 km away – not very creditable, considering that he was trying to make things as easy as possible!)

Vernon in Nova Scotia logged the 7 furthest for Rest of the World, all of them between 7,500 and 8,000 km and all in South America.

Joachim has done some more number-crunching for us – this time on the statistics from our last four 'Channels Challenge' CLEs:

CLE	Date	No. of Reporters	Average							
			Average_km		Total_km x 1000		Average Num_NDBs		Average Max_km	
			REU	RoW	REU	RoW	REU	RoW	REU	RoW
207	May-16	30	799	1148	88	54	97	43	2810	3341
231	Apr-18	39	796	1246	92	84	103	69	2681	3813
248	Sep-19	53	1213	1400	154	81	121	59	4569	5108
268	May-21	33	933	1253	113	62	116	49	3613	3683
4-Event Averages:		39	935	1262	112	70	109	55	3418	3986

Compared to **CLE248** at the end of September 2019, the average number of NDBs heard was about 4% lower this time for REU, about 17% lower for RoW.

Compared to **CLE231** at the end of April three years ago, the average number of NDBs heard for REU was about 12% higher this time, but about 29% lower for RoW.

The differences between 268 and **248** are most likely mainly explained by the different times of year.

The difference between 268 and **231** might be showing the effects of people using PSKOV now but not then.

Also those results seem to reflect the higher proportion of PSKOV use for REU than for RoW.

Comparing 268 with **207**, 5 years ago, does minimise the time-of-year differences to some extent.

Coming CLEs: (The dates are provisional at present)

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

CLE270 Fri. July 23rd - Mon. July 26th Normal

CLE271 Fri. Aug 8th - Mon. Aug 30th

Apologies for the slight delays in making the results and these comments this time – both Joachim and I have had some ‘necessary distractions’ in the last week!

Good listening

73

Brian and Joachim