

Results 2014 CQWW 160 Meter Contest

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Who is responsible for making the CQWW 160 Meter contest a success?

Well it's the Bavarian Contest Club of course!

Led by the Multi Operator effort of DR1A on CW, with DL6FBL and DL3DXX at the helm the Bavarian Contest Club led the field with 211 logs in the bank. More than double the nearest club's number of logs and more than twice the score. Congratulations and a big thank you to all the members that create activity in our favorite winter time contest. The club competition is friendly, but taken quite seriously.

It is easy to see how important working 10 point QSOs are, when you look at how the Potomac Valley Radio Club was edged out by Yankee Clipper Contest Club. PVRC had almost twice the log entries, but YCCC had slightly more points. The value of being closer to Europe is evident here.

And thanks to all the rest of the clubs for drumming up activity. Of the 2198 logs received for CW and 1012 for SSB, 1408 belonged to contest clubs. There were almost 5500 separate calls active in the contest database for both modes.

This is the second year of the 5 day log submission process. Things are going great. We receive most logs on time with only a few exceptions. The biggest issue remains paper logs arriving weeks after the deadline. Additionally paper logs must be entered manually into the database. Please if at all possible, make the log checker's life easier by using the many available tools to enter your log electronically. We will all thank you for it!

CW Results

The highest score amassed on CW was by none other than Jeff Briggs VY2ZM operating from his PEI super station. Jeff also took the top combined SSB/CW trophy for both contests! His score of 1.87 Meg was over 300K better than the next highest world score from PJ2T, a Multi-Op! If you look at the soapbox comments, many of them say some form of "What a signal from VY2ZM". Congratulations to Jeff for another dominating performance.

If you look at the claimed scores for the USA Single Op HP category, you will see Paul N4PN at the top operating from another superstation in Georgia, W8JI. After log checking, we have a change at the top! The ZMs have done it again. Peter Briggs, K3ZM ended up with a 25K higher score. The accuracy rate for both stations was very similar. In the end, Peter had 100 fewer QSOs, but almost 100 more EU stations. Paul even had 6 more DX multipliers. But the power of the 10 pointer is most evident here.

Congratulations to Peter on another great victory, and to Paul for a top notch effort. Both will take home nice trophies. Jon AA1K who is constantly tweaking his fine 160 station, was only 40K behind the leaders. Jon can be heard calling DX most every morning from his MOBILE on the way to work.

How many of you have worked anything on 160 from the Mobile? Now that is dedication.

From the USA Western reaches WD5COV and AB5K battled it out from zone 4 in the high 300K region. Excellent scores considering how much harder it is to work 10 pointers from the west coast USA. On the extreme west coast, N7GP ran away with zone 3 with almost 300K. AC6DD who I believe lost his contest waterside site managed close to 200K anyway.

On the Canadian front, although VY2ZM blew away all comers, Gilles VA2EW had a huge 924K just edging out contest Hall of Famer John VE3EJ and his fine topband station. Well, VE2 is a little closer to Europe than VE3, but Gilles was the most surprised of all. His station is very modest and credits his score "by staying in the chair"! In Low power VE3XL and VE3OSZ led the country. Brian VE3MGY managed number 6 in the world QRP and led all W/VE stations with 133K! and VE2OJ was the top Canadian Multi-op station. Victor VA2WA led all W/VE and managed number 4 in the world in Single Op Assisted.

In USA competition, we move to Single Op Low Power where 3 stations were separated only by 7K.

Congratulations to Greg NA8V, who just edged out Fred W2TZ by only 1.5K! Fred had a few more qsos, and Greg had a couple more mults. Quite a battle. N4UA was also right there in the thick of it.

What a great battle occurred shaped up in USA Assisted. Wil K6ND with Charlie N1RR at the key took top honors with just over 500K. Of course Wil's station is in Western Mass so it's a bit closer to EU than the other 6's. NR4M, K3WW, and N2ZX all did great jobs with scores in the 400K's. On the QRP front, Bill KV0Q ran away with the USA title, with over 120K. That's huge with 5W on top band.

Every year the USA Multi Op category is about as competitive as it gets. The big players were K1LZ and W2GD who have big crews and take it very seriously. Each year brings different conditions and different results accordingly. With conditions favoring the northeast, the crew of K1LZ, W1UE, AE2W, K3JO, and N8BO piloted Krassy's station to a relatively huge victory of 940K to 796K. Krassy's super station continues to impress with every contest victory. The boys at W2GD will be back in 2015 with a vengeance for sure. Honorable mention goes to W1TO with 567K, a fine effort from the K1TTT QTH and crew.

The World Stage

Only one single op station outside of VY2ZM was able to break the magic 1 Million point barrier.

The DX top spot for Single Ops goes to Jiri OK1RF operating from CS2C, who picked the right time to head to the West Atlantic. From the East Atlantic, Al WP3C went to 160 regular Pedro NP4A's super mountain top QTH. The difference was only 70K. Followed by OM2VL and G5W (G3BJ op), both over 800K. With conditions down from previous years, these were marvelous scores.

In Single Op Low Power, MW0EDX ran away with top honors with 545K! 160 regular TA3D ran 433K for second place. In QRP, a close race between DK0XB and HG3M right around the 200K mark with LY2IJ and UT7QF right behind.

In Single Op Assisted, WRTC2010 Champ Alex RA1A operating from EA8, just edged out WRTC2010 organizer Harry RA3AUU and his P33W Contest station. The difference was only 50K, but being closer to the USA gave Alex a huge point and multiplier advantage. Harry had more QSOs, but 31 less W/VE multipliers. KV4FZ, and LX7I also managed more than 800K in the category.

For the World Multi-Op category, the title was taken by only 2 ops (K8ND W8WTS) at PJ2T. They report only 270 EU stations were logged, but still managed a hefty 1.5M points, nearly 400K than the challengers at 6Y3M (VE3NE, VE3NZ) with 1.18M. Third place goes to the crew at S59A (S51V S52OP S57DX S57UN S59A) who also managed to take the combined SSB/CW trophy! Congratulations to Drago and crew. Three more stations cracked the 1M mark, OM7M, DR1A and E7DX.

On another DX note, the 2013 score of 373K from AI CE1/K7CA is his last since he has sold his Chile QTH. We thank AI for many years of Topband operation, providing an easy SA multiplier for the masses with his fabulous signal. Hopefully AI will emerge from another juicy QTH in short order.

SSB Results

Single Op

The ZM brothers did it again. With conditions less than optimal, Jeff VY2ZM had the world high with 559K, and Peter K3ZM had the USA high with 357K. Both take home nice trophies for their efforts.

Long time topbander Steve W3 Bravo Golf November was second to Peter with 219K followed by W1EQO and W3TS.

In Canada, VE3PN was able to make 200K, while the Low Power Winner was VE3MGY (number 1 W/VE and number 6 World). From the USA West Coast, N7GP was able to break 100K more than doubling the closest challenger. And from the Midwest it was another story entirely.

WN8R, AK5DX, K0TT, and K9SG were separated by only 3K! Rod WN8R wins the top USA spot from Zone 4. In Low Power Zone 4 George W8CO was less than 14K behind Rod. George actually wins the USA high for low power, a feat not usually accomplished from Zone 4.

In QRP, Bill KV0Q had the high USA score but only barely squeaking by WB4MSG. Bill won both modes QRP, now that is impressive!

The Single Op assisted USA award goes to Manny W2MF with 201K. Manny distanced WD5R, K3WW, and K3JO who were very close around 150K.

USA Multi Op honors go to another Midwesterner ND8DX (KD5LNO, ND8DX) who edged out fellow Ohio multi W8PR by only 12K.

DX top scorer by over 100K is EI7M operated by Dim EI3JZ. Jose CU2CE operated CR2X to 300K and John K6AM operated his ZF2AM QTH to 265K. In Low Power DX, last year's winner KP4KE was edged out by HA4XH with 185K. Another Hungarian HA3MY operated HG3M QRP to the tune of 71K for top world honors! Followed in EU by YO8SSB. QRP on 160M SSB, it just sounds so hard!

Some great scores were had by the Single Op Assisted boys, with P33W leading the way. Harry operated both modes assisted, winning SSB and second place CW. Harry was followed by EU stations SN2M and ES5RW both with respectable 300K plus scores.

Once again the crew at S59A (S51V, S52OP, S57DX, S57UN, S59A) had a big multi op score. Their score of 471K was good enough for top WORLD honors! The operators at UA2F, OK7K and HG8DX all had over 400K. With conditions not optimal, these scores are quite impressive.

Final notes

We have been listening to many complaints about signal quality in the crowded 160 contests. In response, there have been SDR recordings made around the world to monitor signals for key clicks etc. The offending stations are notified as needed, and may be disqualified for multiple offenses. Please try to keep your signals clean, for everyone's sake and enjoyment.

In Closing

Special thanks to all those helping out to make the contest a success, including N6TR, K1DG, K5TR, VE3MGY and W5GN, and K2RED.

If anyone would like a Log Checking Report, send an e-mail to

Director@CQ160.com .

Please specify which mode you are asking for and the call sign used.

Certificates and Trophies will be mailed shortly.

Thanks to all for participating and see you in 2015.

Remember all CQ Contests have a 5 day deadline for submitting logs. Check out the rules on CQ160.com for the latest information.

73, Andy N2NT

