

Soapbox – 2013 CWops CW Open 0000Z-0359Z Session 1

N8XX

2013-08-30 20:59:24

Noisy bands - storm came through an hour or so before contest started with lots of QRN. Many folks couldn't hear the mighty 5 watts to an antenna proven to be a few dB better than a dummy load buried 6' underground. Thanks to AA4GA for arranging a couple QRP teams!

KR7C

2013-08-30 21:02:08

Thanks for the Qs! 73, Stan

N3QE

2013-08-30 21:02:36

Assistance used: Reverse Beacon spots. Pretty nice in the evening! 15M was still alive although a little ghostly. Tried CQ'ing on 10M, I'm sure something could've stirred up, but heard nothing. Station: Tentec Eagle, AL-811H, 130-foot doublet.

NØTA

2013-08-30 21:03:26

K3 & KPA 500, Doublet & Vertical, N1MM

KØRF

2013-08-30 21:04:07

Pretty good at first then slowed down with QRN, etc

N4YDU

2013-08-30 21:04:33

Company this weekend but managed to sneak away for a little bit.

W1UJ

2013-08-30 21:05:47

Great fun with a great bunch of CWOps. See you in the morning. Jay

Band	QSOs	Pts	Mlt
1.8	16	16	2
3.5	45	45	7
7	109	109	58
14	100	100	62
21	50	50	49
Total	320	320	178

W4BQF

2013-08-30 21:07:40

My ears may never recover! Local t'storm here about half hour before start of the contest and QRN remained loud throughout the test. Good turnout made this one fun. Thanks for the Q's and 73, Tom

W2CS

2013-08-30 21:08:07

Couldn't do a full effort tonight but had fun anyway working old friends. Condx here seemed rather subdued with lots of hollow signals. Rig: K3/P3/KAT, 160m dipole OWL-fed.

W4DXX

2013-08-30 21:08:21

I needed Beverages on all bands to cope with the severe QRN from thunderstorms that started when the contest did. Very hard to copy the S5-6 signals that were calling. Sorry about that but antenna static and QRN crashes were terrible here. Could only manage about 60+/hr because of that. Had to stay on 15m where static was lowest for first 1-1/2 hour. Had to QRT one time for lightning. Oh well, that's the wx in the deep south in August. Thanks for the Q's and the patience especially for the repeats. Maybe it will be quieter in the morning. Eric / W4DXX GCG #1 Team

WN4AFP

2013-08-30 21:09:29

This was a ton of fun!

N8BJQ

2013-08-30 21:10:11

Pretty noisy. 15 was decent at the start. Low bands were very noisy. The morning may be nasty if the the T-storms and rain show up. Fun

N5AW

2013-08-30 21:10:23

Took XYL to dinner and missed first two hours. With problems with my 40 meter antenna that was not good. Should do better in the other sessions concentrating on the high bands.

Radios: IC706MkII, Elecraft K3; 100 watts

Antennas:

80m: 5 sloping dipole array from 41m tower

40m: Moxon @ 42m (High SWR), Lazy H @ 40m NW-SE

20m: 4L @ 35m and 24m fixed NE, 204BA @ 17m fixed NW

15M: 6L OWA @ 28m

Beverages: 230m NE, 160m NW & SE

Other: Homebrew SO2R box, TR4W log

K2ZR

2013-08-30 21:10:50

Rig: IC-765 @ 100W

Ants: Center Fed Wire 660' End Fed Wire 425'

Logging: N1MM

Noisy Bands. Conditions were not that great. TU for the Qs & CU in Session #2

Dick, K2ZR

NN4K

2013-08-30 21:11:30

Thanks for the Q's. My first CWO effort. Using the FT2000, a doublet, a 40 meter vertical loop and a version of the K3EDG efhw dipole. Lots of strong signals and great fists. See you in the next session. 73 Vaden (I may have to get a simpler 'handle' to cut down on the repeats.)

N1LN

2013-08-30 21:11:36

Thursday Night Sprinters Team. This is my first CW Open & I was very pleased with the participation and almost constant rate. Even 160 meters was active. I moved there for the final 10 minutes and the rate meter stayed over 100. Be back on in just under 8 hrs for the second part. 73, Bruce

NS9I

2013-08-30 21:11:51

QRN from storms but overall fun. JA's on 15. Tnx to all! 73 Dwight NS9I

WB5BKL

2013-08-30 21:11:59

K3/10 @ 5w. Had fun.

AA4FU

2013-08-30 21:14:57

Rate stayed constant throughout most of session. In the four hours I had 59, 61, 62 and 55 QSOs. Had some success running on 40 and 20, but never could get much going on 80.

WØUCE

2013-08-30 21:16:16

Thanks for the Qs.

W6SX

2013-08-30 21:16:34

Good fun, although eighty was tough. Thanks for the Qs. See everyone at 1200Z and bring your friends. K3, ACOM 2000A, wire antenna at 46 feet with Matchboxes, N1MM.

KU8E

2013-08-30 21:21:10

That was fun but rate kind of died out the last hour or so. Not much DX on. Maybe activity outside the US will be better tomorrow. See you then. Team : South East Contest Club and Friends

IC756PRO - 100 watts

130 ft. Center fed Zepp NE/SW @ 50 ft.

160 inverted L with 4 elevated radials

40 meter dipole NW/SE @ 40 ft.

20 meter dipole NW/SE @ 40 ft.

10 meter vertical loop @ 40 ft.

N4AF

2013-08-30 21:22:05

Argh, turn on amp half hour before contest to find it faults- just not enuff time to trouble shoot other than obvious things. So much for so2r. 73, Howie

WJ9B

2013-08-30 21:24:44

Nice to work JA on 15m, got a few on 20m too. The low bands were not so good, but still loads of fun! CUL! 73, WJ9B

NW2K

2013-08-30 21:25:14

Lots of activity, approximately 20 teams are registered from around the globe. Questions/Comments, please let me know. Thanks!

N6RO

2013-08-30 21:29:06

Bands ok, participation great. Tnx QSOs!

N400

2013-08-30 21:29:27

20m was a pleasant surprise. 15 and 80 were really poor.

NO3M

2013-08-30 21:29:40

Did better than expected. Low bands quite noisy and Beverages are in need of repair. Some great runs. 73 Eric NO3M

WD0T(@KD0S)

2013-08-30 21:30:07

Got off to a slow start on 15m, lots of SO2R work on 20m at that time! Should have been smarter and moved to 20m earlier. First hour was my slowest at 86 Q's. Also has a power outage at 0045Z- took 7 minutes for everything to recover, first time for a power outage here while operating!

20m was excellent, as was 40m.. Boy 80m was noisy and rough, my apologies on many numbers it took repeats, and took finding the correct beverage to pull signals out of heavy noise.. 160m even worse, but a few very loud signals there!

Loads of FUN, my first time in CWO, and also been a LONG time since I had SO2R hooked up, in a limited fashion anyhow.

Hour breakdowns: 86, 100, 96, 89.

Had 54 second rig Q's, I'm still re-learning SO2R so slow at it, but this is a fantastic test for that!

Main rig: FT1KMK5 Field, 1500w amp, Second Rig, TS940s, TH3-, 6BTV vert, 1KW amp.

3 tribanders at 95ft, 2- 2ele 40s at 90ft, Dipole at 85ft on 80m, and dipole on 160m at 80ft.

Writelog software.. DX Doubler for SO2R.

Thanks all for the QSO's and CU at 1200Z session 73 Todd WD0T

KU7Y

2013-08-30 21:31:06

I felt like someone disconnected the feed line! But it was great to see so many people playing in the test. This is a keeper.

VA2FDT

2013-08-30 21:33:15

40m was really hard, 80m did not work at all, nobody heard me. 72! Szabi

W1FJ

2013-08-30 21:33:32

Nice activity,80 was very noisy, one radio no packet

W4YE 2013-08-30 21:53:18
Tnx for the QSOs. 73, Buddy

N4FP 2013-08-30 21:54:48
Late start getting set up a rural county site.

Flex 3000, Ameritron 811H, Dentron Super Tuner, 500 Ft loop at 40 feet.

A lot of fun with a decent antenna and power.

KD8SAV 2013-08-30 21:56:11
Rig used is Heathkit HW-101, antenna is MFJ-1625 Windowsill antenna up 25 feet.

AF9W 2013-08-30 22:11:49
Did well on 20M except when trying to work other Northwest stations that were pointed Southeast. Lots of loud stations on 40M but couldn't raise anyone. Was operating outdoors and had to quit when the fingers got too cold to operate the keyboard.

VE3KI 2013-08-30 22:11:50
K-line, G5RV, inverted-L Lost nearly an hour to a thunderstorm, static crashes the rest of the way. Hope the wx is better for the next two sessions.

KIØI 2013-08-30 22:14:00
My first CWO after becoming a member! That was fun. Bands pretty good here.

K8BL 2013-08-30 22:21:05
Part time using improper software. Gonna have to get updated.

W6KY 2013-08-30 22:49:25
All S&P except for a few CQ's.. Lots of fun. John K4BAI and I had a very solid QSO on 10 meters 15 minutes before the start Dead (for me) at 0000...Maybe some 10 meters in session 3.

Went to 15 about 0130 and worked JA's, YB's and Russians...

73, Art W6KY

WA6URY 2013-08-30 23:11:45
Missed the last 30 minutes. Tnx for the Qs !

73, Dan
Remote in Tokyo

N5ZO

2013-08-30 23:11:59

I hooked up my BigIR vertical control cables so I was able to use vertical now also on 20 m, and not only on 40/15. It made SO2R bit better as I could be tuning on 20 when running on 15 m with Yagi. Even tried it again on 80 but it just goes crazy with more than 100 watts (high SWR with high power) and I quickly decided that with 100 watts it was not worth to be on 80. No 160m antenna here at all. It got quite slow during last hour without lowest bands. But great fun, and maybe I will try to wake up for 5 am start for next session, although bands open really slow here that early in the morning. Using K3 + FT-1000MP with 2x Alpha 87A, antennas A3S 28 ft high and BigIR vertical for 10-40 m, DX Doubler and N1MM logger. 73 de Marko

S562EB(S56A)

2013-08-31 02:14:53

Prostate interrupt at 4 AM so I took part in CWO with high bands dead and no antenna for 160 m. It should be better in the two other periods. S562EB is issued for promoting EU basketball championship. 73 de Mario, S56A

W1RM

2013-08-31 03:39:51

Great turnout

WA2OAX(N3AD)

2013-08-31 04:31:43

Thanks to Ira for the use of his outstanding station. Looking for better score in next session.

W1NN

2013-08-31 04:36:29

Terrible QRN from passing storms really messed up the low bands.

W1VE(@K2LE/1)

2013-08-31 04:56:43

What a blast!

W4VIC

2013-08-31 05:39:22

Timing fell apart. Antenna party moved to Saturday. Visitors. Original plan fell totally apart. We'll get 'em next time. Thanks for the Qs. 73, Vic W4VIC

CX2BR

2013-08-31 06:02:52

Mi primer CWOpen, felicitaciones y gracias a todos, Gus !

W7ZRC

2013-08-31 06:48:07

Nice to see the excellent participation. 40 and 80 very noisy so very appreciative for those who took the time to pull me out and get the report. As always, Thanks for the Q's. 73, Rod/w7zrc

WC7Q

2013-08-31 08:52:27

First time effort for this contest. Enjoyed the short contest. Condx weren't too good on this end. Thanks for all the Q's. Sam

K5AX 2013-08-31 09:05:58
15 Meters croaked on me about 1530Z. But lots of activity and fun.

UAØIT/6 2013-08-31 09:12:04
73!

K3GHH 2013-08-31 10:12:55
My first Open, great fun. Linux logging really holds me up; maybe I'm not using Xlog efficiently. Others work 1 or even 2 more stations while I'm still typing our exchange. I either type left handed (slow hunt'n'peck, usually have to remember name to enter after QSO) or use both hands, but then there's a delay to respond as I make a fast right-hand dash to the paddles. Misjudged that once and knocked the dit lever off its post...VE3FU had asked for a repeat of name and poor Chris was probably trying to copy the nonsense going out as I got the lever reseated. Bed around 1AM; started to work Session 2 at 8AM but too much noise and too tired!

AC2FA 2013-08-31 10:26:26
K2 @ 100 Watts. Used both a beam and OCF. Managed to work all but 10 meters.

73, Bob AC2FA CWOPS 1026

DJ10J 2013-08-31 10:49:19
FT-1000MP 100 W, ANT: GAP-Titan (8bands vertical)

K5OT(@K5TR) 2013-08-31 11:28:57
Thanks George K5TR for the station time. Missed last year - it's nice to be back, even with the so-so conditions. 73, Larry K5OT

NM5M 2013-08-31 11:47:08
K3/100 and FT857 + R5Vertical, 40 meter base fed vertical, and a wire laying on the roof

K4BAI 2013-08-31 11:48:57
FT1000MP, Alpha 78, 1 KW, TH6DXX, dipole, inverted vee. 10M was open to CA and the south Pacific 10 minutes before the start and was practically dead by 0000Z. 15M was disappointing, but did yield YB2ASR and HS0OAG at 0212Z. Very little DX. Fair conditions to the US. QRN pretty bad on 80, but not so bad on 160M. Thanks for all QSOs. 73, John, K4BAI.

WB8JUI 2013-08-31 16:59:31
73 - Rick WB8JUI

KJ9C/7 2013-08-31 17:13:07
Night time is the right time, managed a few good runs from deep in the mountains.

PA4N 2013-08-31 17:16:40
A bit quiet during this night. Need more EU CWOps people!

VE3GFN 2013-08-31 18:18:01
My first CW Open, but not my last! My new P3 panadaptor has justified its cost!

KØAD 2013-08-31 19:23:04
This was the best of the three events for me. 80 and 160 played a lot better than 15 and 10 from MN.

KØTG 2013-08-31 19:40:45
I operated low power on this session. It went well. Heard some EU on 40, but too weak to work. Especially with LP. I felt like I was just plodding along, but having fun! 73, John KØTG

AL9A 2013-08-31 20:35:41
Unexpected family conflicts caused a late start for this session. By the time I got going 20M was starting to fade and most east coast and midwest stations were off to 40M. QRN on 40M was awful; the only way to hear anything was to point the beam at the west coast to get away from the S7 or so buzz machine.

N4PN 2013-08-31 23:01:11
Georgia Contest Group - Team #1

SP9LJD 2013-09-01 01:35:17
Tnx for all QSO's. Heavy aurora made a lot of troubles hi US station didn't replay.

SP2LNW 2013-09-01 02:04:57
My first attempt in CW OPEN. Bad, bad condx. Tnx for all Q's. 73 Slaw SP2LNW

N2WK 2013-09-01 02:44:03
1ST time for me in CWO could only do part time. Enjoyed it.

N5QQ 2013-09-01 05:20:53
First CW Ops event for me. 4 hour sessions proved to be fun! Didn't make it through till the end though on this one. Operated from my attic station at home --> K3, KPA500 and Butternut HF6V on roof. Ron, N5QQ Dallas, TX

K4RO 2013-09-01 08:11:37
Multiple hardware and software problems. They really do come in threes. :-)

K3WA 2013-09-01 09:08:24
Fairly poor conditions. 10 was a complete dud. Heard only one station, a PY, and he wasn't in the contest. Very little on 15. SO2R is very hard when there's only one band open.

W4UX

2013-09-01 09:11:20

Working portable from Watauga Lake in NE TN. Antenna for this session was a 40M vertical with elevated radials. Had technical difficulties during the first hour which held down totals. Vertical did not work very well on 80 and 20 resulting in the majority of QSO's coming on 40 but did raise my mults.

N2WF

2013-09-01 09:56:15

50 MINS WAS ALL THE TIME I HAD FOR THREE CONTEST PERIODS. FIRST TIME IN CONTEST. LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT ONE. HOPEFULLY NOT DURING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON. 73'S SCOTT

NA8V

2013-09-01 13:15:34

T-storm was a few miles north at the start and passed thru at 01z. lost 15mins repairing broken wire on 80 vert from the storm. QRN was very bad on all bands.

VA3RKM

2013-09-01 14:33:32

KX3, 5w, verticals

VE3FU

2013-09-02 19:31:11

Missed from 0200 to 0330 because of a thunderstorm. Got on for the last 30 minutes but couldn't get back into it.

AA4GA

2013-09-03 19:05:53

Was hoping for more operating time, but ended up taking a trip with the in-laws for a family weekend. I took along the KX3 and some wire, but wasn't able to spend much time operating. Antenna was about 35' of wire hung as an inverted-L off a 15' fishing pole on the second floor of a boat house on Lake Seed in NE GA. Power was 5 watts out of the KX3. Hopefully a bit more BIC next time! 73 de Lee

AA2ZW

2013-09-06 08:14:32

Rig- FT1000, Ants- Dipole. First time user of N1MM With LOTS of HELP from K2ZR----TNX Dick

WØBH

2013-09-08 06:35:23

Tower down, so on part time to give out the mult. Thanks for the Qs! 73, Bob, w0bh

VE3GFN

Good start to my first CWO!

HG2A

73 de HA1RJ CWOps #1142