

Announcing:

The 2003 CQ World-Wide 160 Meter DX Contest

CW: 0000Z January 25 to 2359Z January 26
SSB: 0000Z February 22 to 2359Z February 23

The objective of these contests is for amateurs around the world to contact other amateurs in as many U.S. states, Canadian provinces, and countries as possible on the 160 meter band. **NOTE: Each contest is now 48 hours and starts 2 hours later than in previous years. Single operator stations may only operate 30 out of the 48 hours.**

Classes: Single and Multi-Operator only. Use of packet, a spotting net, or logging assistance makes an entry Multi-Operator. Multi-Operators must show the actual operator for each QSO. Under Single Operator there will be a designation of power level: H = power over 150 watts, L = power under 150 watts, and Q = 5 watts or less. Score listings will be per state or country, but if there is sufficient category activity or if a high enough score is made, then a certificate will be issued. Minimum score for a certificate is 5,000 points for Low Power and 1,000 points for QRP. Multi-Operators will all be considered high power.

Exchange: RS(T) and state for U.S., province for Canada, and either prefix or country abbreviation for DX. Contacts without some location indicator will be ruled invalid.

Scoring: Contacts with stations in own country, 2 points. Contacts with other countries on same continent, 5 points. Contacts with other continents, 10 points. Maritime mobile contacts count 5 points. There is no multiplier value for a maritime mobile contact.

Multiplier: Each continental U.S. state (48), U.S. District of Columbia (DC), Canadian area (14), and DX country. KL7 and KH6 are considered DX and not states for this contest. DX countries are DXCC plus WAE (IT, GM Shetland Islands, et. al). Canadian areas include VO1, VO2, NB, NS, PEI, VE2, VE3, VE4, VE5, VE6, VE7, NWT, VYØ, and Yukon. Do not count the United States and Canada as separate countries.

Final Score: Total QSO points times the sum of all multipliers (states, VE, DX countries).

Penalties: Three additional contacts may be deleted for each unverified contact removed from the log.

Disqualification: A log may be disqualified for violation of amateur radio regulations, unsportsmanlike conduct, or claiming excessive unverified contacts.

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the top scorers in each class (see provisions under classes) by state, Canadian area, and DX country. Runners-up with high scores over 100,000 may also receive certificates. The following plaques, with donating sponsors as indicated, will be awarded for exceptional efforts.

2003 PLAQUES SINGLE OPERATOR

	CW	SSB
World	W4ZV	N4NX
USA	K4TEA	K4JRB
Canada	TBA	WØETC
Zone 3 USA	N5IA	N4TMW
Zone 4 USA	K4WA	N4XMX
Zone 5 USA	N4XMX	K4ODL
Europe	K9UWA	WB4ZNH
Africa	TBA	TBA
Oceania	TBA	TBA
Asia	K4SX	NT4TT
Japan*	W4ZV	—
Russia	RZ3AA	—
S. America	TBA	TBA
N. America**	CQ	CQ
	N4IN Memorial	K2EEK Memorial

MULTI-OPERATOR

World	N4RJ	SE DX Club
USA	W8UVZ, WØCD, K8GG	WB9Z
Zone 3	4X4NJ	4X4NJ

TBA = to be announced.

***There is no SSB operation allowed in Japan at the present.**

****North America outside U.S. and Canada.**

The plaque procedure is the top scorer in the indicated area wins the plaque. However, a station can only win one plaque per contest section. The plaque is then awarded to the next highest scoring station. For example, WX8ZZZ wins top World Multi-Operator. Then the next station in the U.S. wins the U.S. plaque.

The DX window is dropped for both sections. All stations will operate under the rules and regulations of their licensing agency regarding frequencies allowed and power levels. Please allow intercontinental QSOs, as this is an international DX contest. This is a gentleman's contest and band, so let's help make intercontinental contacts happen.

Computer Logging: Please submit your log via e-mail in the Cabrillo format. The Cabrillo format is created by all the major logging programs. Be sure to put your call and mode in the "Subject" line of each log. The log must be an attachment and not in the body of the text.

Large logs may be zipped using WINZIP, for example. Please label the contest logs either CQ-160-CW or CQ-160-SSB and put in a claimed score (if you want to be listed in claimed scores). Your e-mail log will be automatically acknowledged by the server and checked for proper Cabrillo format. You may mail a diskette; if you do so you must attach a

printed summary sheet. The diskette must be clearly labeled with the call of the entrant, the mode (CW or SSB), and the category. If you print out a computer log, you must also send a diskette. Do not send .bin files, database files, or other non-conforming files. Do not remove duplicates from your log, as there is no penalty for duplicate contacts.

Manual Logs: Sample log and summary sheets may be obtained from **CQ** by sending a large SASE with sufficient postage to cover your request. You can also download paper log forms from the CQ website <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>>, or make your own with 40 contacts per page with columns for GMT, exchanges, multiplier, and points. Paper logs with over 200 QSOs must include a dupe/check sheet with all calls in alpha-sort order. Show the multiplier only the first time it is worked. Each page must have sub-totals for multipliers, contacts, and points. A running total below the sub-total on each page is recommended. Include a summary sheet with your entry showing the scoring and other essential information. A printed name/mailling address is recommended and a signed declaration that all rules have been observed. Clearly mark all duplicate contacts and remember they have no point value. Please put the summary sheet at the front of the log. Manual logs should clearly indicate total multiplier, W/VE multiplier, and DX multiplier.

Club Competition: Any club that submits at least three logs may enter the Club Competition. The name of the club must be clearly identified under club competition on the summary sheet, or summary portion of the Cabrillo log. Club Competition is "for fun" to foster more activity. There is a separate listing for club scores.

Log Submissions: Mailing deadline for CW entries is February 28, 2003; for SSB entries March 31, 2003. **Exception:** You may send both logs at once as long as the CW log is received by March 31, 2003. For manual and diskettes logs send them early to assure receipt by the deadlines. For a return receipt enclose an SASE or SAE with postage or 1 IRC. Avoid the registered postal route, as this delays getting the log until someone can sign the receipt. For paper logs, proofread your log before submission. Each year many errors are corrected that you should catch.

Send e-mail logs to: <cq160@kkn.net>.

Send all other logs to CQ 160 Meter Contest, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA. Please indicate CW or SSB on the envelope.