

Contest Soapbox

2003 ARRL International EME Competition

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F2TU -- Mar 11, 2004 14:46 ET

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F2TU, Philippe -- F2TU -- *F2TU*

HB9Q -- Mar 11, 2004 14:45 ET

Many stations are QRV on more than one band. It would be very helpful for all of them to split the total contest time into time-slots per band. This would also help to concentrate the activity per band which would result in more contacts per band. This would make the contest even more valuable and interesting.

We are very happy with the result on 432 where we did work 32 initials and many new QRP stations.

vy 73 es happy moonbouncing

Dan, HB9CRQ / KT6Q head of HB9Q -- *HB9CRQ / KT6Q*

W5UN -- Mar 11, 2004 14:44 ET

The new JT44 mode has attracted a whole new set of EME enthusiasts. These hams have typically low power stations with relatively small antennas. For example, ZS6WB was running only 80 watts to a modest sized antenna. DG5KW was only running 50 watts to a 2X13 element array, and was absolutely thrilled to make such a QSO. Yet, these stations were worked on a random basis (answered my CQ), without the benefit of advanced scheduling. Such was unheard of just a very few years ago. There are others in the log with similar setups, I'm sure.

Welcome to EME all you new enthusiasts; what a thrill to work you. -- W5UN

G4CCH -- Dec 20, 2003 03:53 ET



5.4M HB Dish, W2IMU feed

Was only QRV on 23cm.

A great contest with lots of activity, especially in the first session. Nice to see so many new stations making their first appearance.

Weather was good for the first session, but high wind spoiled the start of the second session... couldn't release the dish until 0500 on Saturday and missed all of my Oceania & Asian window. Looks like I missed some valuable QSO's.

Conditions were good for both sessions

Made initials with JH1KRC, JR4ZZS, VA7MM, SKØUX, OH3MCK and UR5LX

Duplicates... DKØZAB, DL3HRT, and DL3HX(S) were operating from DKØZAB's station. This was discovered after the contest.

Like OE9XXI, OE9ERC, HB9BBD and many others, I wasted time trying to work these stations only to find out later that they were all operating from DKØZAB. Only claimed points for DKØZAB... really a shame, hope everyone else did the same!

Gotaways... These are the ones that I know about... JA8ERE, JA8IAD, JF3HUC, IZ1BPN, IZ0CUL and WA4OFS.

Some stations were heard in QSO with others, tailending was impossible and I failed to find them either calling CQ or get them to respond to mine

Many thanks to everyone for a spectacular turnout.

Final comment... had to send my entry by post, all attempts to E Mail failed. I hear that others had similar problems.

Howard -- G4CCH

DL0SHF -- Dec 16, 2003 01:22 ET

We chose 13cm and 10 GHz for the contest this year. 23cm was not ready so far for transmitting. Weather was fair in both parts with no high winds that could have forced us to stop operation. We made a number of contacts on both bands but activity has been very "calm". This enabled me to take some time listening on 23cm also. What a difference. With the 9m dish the band sounded like the lower portion of the 40m band. Within one hour I copied more than 50 stations. It was the first time that we had no dropouts in the 6m dishes controls. Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest. For more info see <http://www.df9cy.de/dl0shf>

Christoph -- *DF9CY*

F6KHM -- Dec 5, 2003 07:05 ET



Hi all! Conditions not so good here in IN78RJ, problems on 432 RX. TNX to JW/SM2BYA and friends for this excellent expedition, doping activity on 70cm. We think that it's time to change the arrl eme rules too! 73's Xavier, for F6KHM. -- *F5TTU*

F2TU -- Nov 27, 2003 10:43 ET

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**F2TU's 7.8 meter dish for
432/1296/2300/5760/10000 MHz**

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