

Contest Soapbox

2005 ARRL 10 Meter Contest

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VE4MM -- May 3, 2006 19:55 ET

Waste of time. -- VE4MM

W5ZT -- Feb 19, 2006 17:55 ET

I hope this is as dead as 10 gets!! -- W5ZT

VK2CZ -- Feb 11, 2006 17:51 ET

Hi from Australia, Having lost the 8 ele yagi I've been using for the past 2 years to government red tape, I managed to erect a small 45' long 7 ele yagi up at 30'. All a little temporary, I had not finished tuning the hairpin match - yes minimum VSWR but still very reactive. This caused all manner of problems with RF feedback in the shack and not having the TL922 load properly either mean't it was probably a little stressed as well. During the first quiet hour, I tore apart some old computer power supplies and used some ferrites to settle things down. Adding a bodgy ATU added a level of complexity too, and thank goodness I wasn't changing bands.

Conditions were flat to say the least, but sufficient propagation into the USA, Japan and EU to at least get VK into some logs..

Managing just 30 US states and I think around 21 countries, made my past clean sweeps (of US states anyway) look impossible. Of worthy note, Ed W0SD was audible here for hours, even though he worked just 3 VK stations. Having a 5 ele yagi at 200' clearly beats my 7 ele yagi at 30'... ideas brewing for 2006 :-}

Rated 176(first day) +80(2nd day) = 256 Phone QSO's all up. Having good intent to do some CW, the VSWR and RF hassles on the day distracted me from a mixed mode entry.

Best rate for the whole weekend was 49 in the hour 0600z to 0700z.

Openings to the east coast USA were heard (short path) at 17:30z, but could not punch thru the back of beams 12,000km away :-{ No long path signals were heard - anywhere.

All the best for 2006. David VK2CZ -- VK2CZ

KM5VI -- Jan 25, 2006 22:06 ET

KM5VI and N5LYG ventured to the park for a little 10m activity. The bands where better than we expected. We mustered about 597 q's on 3 dipoles for 117,944 points. We had 1 10m dipole @ 80', a

10m sterba (that rocked) @ 65' and a 10-80m folded dipole @ 65'. The SB221 supplied the horse power we needed to be heard. The station consisted of an Icom 706, MFJ power supply, IBM T30 laptop and the sb221 amp. We could only squeeze out 800 watts on 10m but we figured that was enough to be heard. Overall, we had a blast. Between the sole's of my shoes smoking (getting to close to campfire) or KM5VI grabbing the ladder line while N5LYG transmitted, we are not sure which was the highlight. If you care to see some photos, you can visit n5lyg.ham-radio-op.net. 73, Bill, N5LYG -- *N5LYG*

LU1HF -- Jan 9, 2006 21:26 ET



im very happy with this 10th years of arrl contest. in this test try with my new arsenal 5/5/5/5/5/5 yes 6 antennas. see the picture. i see you in the next contest, of course in ten meters.
-- *LU1HF*

KH6IN -- Jan 8, 2006 23:27 ET

The efforts at KH6IN for the 10-Meter Contest was at Laupahoehoe Point Beach Park, Hawaii. This is near Hilo, Hawaii at grid BK29jx. The station ran 100 watts with 2 antennas available: a 14-element "portable" Sterba Curtain and a 5-element Yagi. The Sterba was supported between a pair of extension ladder-masts at 46 feet and the Yagi was on a similar support at 28 feet. The operators were Max, KH6ZM, Dean, KH6B, Corky, W6ORS and Jeremy, AH6V. -- *KH6B*

N0LD -- Jan 7, 2006 21:40 ET



Billy preparing for the ARRL 10m Contest

I introduced Billy Dansereau (a Douglass, KS high school junior) to contesting with the ARRL 10m contest. He was at rapt attention during the contest marvelling (for instance) "Are they really in Barbados!..." He is taking his Technician exam at the end of the month and has already begun reading the General Study Guide. He has convinced three other high school students to take their Technician class as well. Our club (Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society) has begun plans to help them build their first 2m J-Pole from copper pipe and to assist them in getting on the air. It is these events that make ham radio very exciting to me! -- *N0LD*

LR5U -- Jan 5, 2006 17:17 ET



South Sandwich Is. Memorial Station Crew

Special event station LR50U and LR5U This station was on the air during December 2005, as have been 50 years since the first operation from South Sandwich Island argentine station. Location was Radio Club Pampeano LU1UG, in the city of General Pico, La Pampa province, who was in charge of the celebration of this nice event. We joining the local crew for a another very nice ARRL 10 meter contest -- *LUIDZ*

XE1NK -- Jan 2, 2006 20:06 ET

I was not planning to participate in the contest but it was 2130Z Sunday and thought: Well, I can put the FT-817 on the shack, connect it to my TH3J and enjoy a little bit. That's what I did!

Just looking for stations even conditions were poor. Thanks for those 47 QSOs and hope to hear you in other contests.

My apologize to my girlfriend for not being with her this afternoon hi-hi.

DX de AI, XE1NK - EA1DL D. -- *XE1NK*

KC8OBH -- Dec 25, 2005 09:13 ET

Made a few contacts mostly mobile while out shopping. I would log at each traffic light while stopped. Conditions were not bad compared to last year. -- *KC8OBH*

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