

Annex 3: 2008 PHONE Soapbox

<u>Call</u>	<u>Soapbox Comments</u>
9M6XRO	I don't often operate in SSB Contests but this was very enjoyable during the limited hours I was able to operate. Many thanks to the contest organisers.
AH2J	I had a very good time working the Oceania DX SSB Contest from Guam. QSL to my home call JR1VAY. TNX for nice QSOs, CU next contest. Aki
CT1ENQ	Just made one QSO, for log checking I send this log.
EI4CF	Nice propagation at times.
G3PHO	Hard going on Sunday when nothing was heard higher than 40m. All DX worked on 20M and above was during the daylight hours of Saturday. Where were the ZLs and the rest of VK on 20M? VK4 had a pipeline to UK! Outstanding 40M sigs from ZL4A and VK4KW. My location is very poor on the long path so this contest is always a struggle!
G3VAO	Working VK7GK on 40 was real fun and a pleasure - Conditions were such that he was the ONLY OC station I heard during the contest. Since the contest ended just 5 hours ago I have worked 6 other OC stations!!! Crazy - remember it's a hobby and there is always next year.
IK8VZE	Only 2 QSO long path to Australia - very good
IZ7AUH	My little contribution for a great DX contest, the propagation very bad, little signal from Pacific.
JA7HYS	I have just come back to the contest after 38 years absence.
JE1COB	I enjoyed the contest.
J11ALP	Thanks for a nice contest!
K3TW	Special thanks to the operators who listened above 7125 kHz for US stations.
KH6QJ	Great Contest - thanks
LY7A	Interesting contest.
LZ1G42	TNX for Contest!
OH6IO	Short, nice contest and challenging to participate in due to propagation & distance. Sometimes much QRM, though fair conditions at 7 MHz. Thanks to all.
PA0MIR	Too bad conditions did not cooperate. It can only become better now I guess so see/hear you all next year.
SM7ATL	Hope for better conditions next time.
SP9JZT	FB contest.
T88OM	I enjoyed the contest.
US0LW	Thanks for the contest! See you in 2009!
VK2BJ	Conditions were very ordinary.
VK2VRD	This is my first contest and I have made a mess of the log. I am submitting this log for the benefit of the other operators I had QSOs with during the contest. I will be better prepared next time.
VK3FRC	Once again a great contest with plenty of activity at the start of the contest. It was good to hear foundation licence holders joining in and enjoying themselves. Also it was a good time to gain experience for when the sunspot activity improves. Thank you to everyone who gave us a call.
VK3SAT	Scout station at Gilwell Park Scout Camp in Gembrook - www.sresu.asn.au
VK3TZ	I did not put in a big effort this year, although should have devoted a bit more time as I did not quite get to 100,000 pts. Conditions seemed to be a bit better than expected with a couple of QSOs on 15M. 20M LP to Europe is usually my money band for multipliers but there was no real opening from here. I can't wait to get a solid state amplifier so I can do quick band changes - needed for getting QSOs and multipliers transferred from 40M to 80M to 160M etc. Reasonable participation on 160M this year for some easy high point QSOs, but I need a low noise receive antenna. I look forward to giving this one a real crack one day, perhaps from YJ8 or 3D2 or even 4W.

VK3XZ Great Contest. Almost all 40M! Not much on the other bands

VK4ATH Thanks for a great contest - it was a lot of fun.

VK4EMM Many thanks to all participants and well done to the high scorers in tough conditions.

VK4FW It was nice to catch up with old friends. I would like to see this contest go for 48 hrs in total but in doing so each operator be only allowed a total of 24hrs.

VK7WCN Operating portable from Southport Tasmania. Probably the southernmost station.

VK8HPB With only 100 watts and an OCF dipole I had a good time.

VU3DJQ This year conditions were really tough with poor propagation. See you all next year.

WH2D Thanks for another fine ODXC - 400 QSOs, 6 hours, great fun! Congratulations to AH2J for a great performance from KH2.

YB1TJ Nice contest - CU next year.

YB3IZK Very happy weekend to go in OCDX Contest but propagation 10M/15M/80M/160M not very good. TNX for contest. Hope CUAGN next time on CW.

YC6BRS Nice to meet you all. I am newcomer to amateur radio after Tsunami in Aceh. I hope to join with another event of the contest in the future.

ZL1VK Good club activity, need more work on aerials but we hope to improve year after year.

ZL2CC Enjoyed the contest, even though the 40m band was noisy and poor propagation. TNX.

ZL2RVW Not a good year. Gales made me drop the tower and with work I missed the start. Lost the yagi Sunday morning, still to windy to sort it out!

ZL3NB Propagation was lousy, although just casual operating. It was interesting not to work any other ZLs but only because I could not hear them - bit of a hoot!

ZL4IG My first contest and I enjoyed myself. Though band conditions from the bottom of the South Island of NZ were not great.



Bill VK4FW is the leading entrant from Australia in the PHONE Single-Op ALL Band and the CW Single-Op 80M categories. This photo shows Bill with VK9LA team members Madallena (YL of IZ3ESV) and Vicki SV2KBS.