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# 2005 CQ WW RTTY DX Contest

## Expanded QRM

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**2M0KDZ:** Fine contest, fine conditions, especially Sunday. **7L3IUE:** This contest was really in good condition. I could enjoy the contest. Warmest thanks to you. **7P8/JH4RHF:** It was a long and winding road from ZS to 7P, more than 10 hrs. I just had a few hours to operate RTTY contest at last! **8P2K:** SO2R worked nicely. Great to work 7X for the first time on RTTY. **9A5W:** For the first time I used SO2R, but I did not read rules before contest. That is why I did more than six band changes during one hour. Solution was to claim myself as MM station, hi. Next time I'll read rules in advance! **9M6/G3OOK:** For this point in the solar cycle condx were really good, especially on 15m. The band opened early and stayed that way until late in the evening. Unfortunately I have a very high local noise level here (sounds like power lines) so apologies to the weaker stns I could not resolve through this QRM. Rig: FT-1000MP + Quadra linear, 400W out. Ants 2-el quad and HF2V both up 27m. **A45WD:** Great contest! The propagation and the participation were much better than expected. Since running low power, I was afraid I'd have to S&P all contest, even if a 4 was a multiplier for everybody. But I managed some good runs of JA's on 10m (Saturday morning) and Europe (mainly DL stations) on Sunday evening.

**CT3EN:** I was very motivated to improve last year's score, which I did a lot. The first night was very good. Had good U.S. stations that made my run for the night and managed to end the first night with a sum of 585 QSOs. The second night went to the station early trying to get some European stations to improve my score, which I did during the night. **CT3IA:** Outstanding contest this one was. Got a 20m noise band during all the contest period. Still I didn't get periods of lonely CQing. Got some good pile-ups and some of them to work three in a row. As usual I got company in both sides of my QRG, but the filters from the FT-1000MP full packed

worked 100%. **CT3KY:** Good condx. On 15 Kenwood TS-870 500W antenna replica Force12 C3. **CU2JT:** Pwr 90W, 33 ft. vertical used on 40, 20, 15m. First RTTY contest. Hard work for my TS-570, almost running continuously for 5-8 hours. **DJ4PI:** Always a great contest with excellent condx from 80 to 15m. 10m was closed with only a few openings to south. **DK7UM:** This time I didn't have as much time to spend as I wished. Still a lot of fun. Mni tnx to all who made it possible that this contest could take place. **DL1EFD:** My first participation of more than a few hours. Great fun! How about adding this contest to the CQWW club competition or at least add a separate competition. **DL6JZ:** My first low power attempt in this contest. And it was really fun! 85 percent of the points of my last year's result. Thanks to all for the QSOs!

**E21YDP:** This is the first time in Multi-Two category. It's Vy fun. Thanks to all for QSOs. **EA3/DJ6TK:** In the last 6 hours strong thunderstorm and black out of power in this region. **EA6LP:** No propagation on 10m. Funny contest, very easy to get pile-up when calling contest. **EC8AUA:** It's my first RTTY international contest and I pass it very fun during this year. **EY8DQ:** I am 11 years old. **F5RD:** A good contest. I improved my 2004 score. Except for 10m (only 3 QSOs) all bands were good. Contacted two new countries (7X and VP9). Thanks to all who worked me. See you again in 2006. **G0BRC:** This is only the third year this team entered the contest and the setup was the best we have had. All who took part thought that it was a great team effort and brought members together in the club. We had the biggest array of antennas ever: a beam for 28, 21, and 14 MHz; dipoles for 7 and 3.5 MHz; also trapped dipole for 14, 7, and 3.5 MHz and nviz for 7 and 3.5 MHz. We very much hope that our entry will make its way to final checking and that WriteLog has served us well.

**G3LHJ:** Condx fair. Good opening on Sunday PM to the states. Good fun.

**G3RSD:** My first attempt at CQWW RTTY most enjoyable. **G3VQO:** Only been on RTTY since January, so my first CQWW. Still lots to learn, so not a competitive entry but lots of fun. **G3YYD:** Saturday was excellent but poor propagation to North America. Sunday was much slower with high QRN levels making copy difficult. Set up FT-1000MP, Alpha 99, dipole at 60 ft. + NA beverage. N1MM+MMTTY software. **G4FKA:** First try in this marathon! Not a serious entry with limited antenna, but great fun to give points to the serious entrants and get a few more countries in the log. Pleased that 21 MHz stayed open well on both days. 28 MHz dead until Sunday afternoon but too weak to work. IC-706MKIIG, 100W, folded doublet at 10m. **GM3SEK:** Log also contains some unclaimed 20m QSOs. Power 100W, antenna 40 ft. vertical. **GU0SUP:** Excellent! A pity 10m didn't open, but the other bands seemed to be in good shape, which made up for that. So pleased to work VP9 on 80 and KH6 on 40m with a very low home-brew inverted-L antenna. Good to see so many new calls about too, probably indicating that RTTY is still growing in popularity.

**GU4WTN:** First RTTY contest in 23 years of ham radio! Enjoyed it very much. Good to see much activity on 15m after some very poor conditions. See you next year. **HK3WGQ:** Monoband 20, beam 3-ele. Homemade WriteLog, MMTTY, RTTY, WinXP running 300-500W Heathkit SB-220 HF transceiver, FT-890 LSB, Sound blaster. **IK0IZW:** First time in multi-multi, only for few hours! **IQ2CJ:** Very good activity. This contest is getting better year after year! Tnx. **IT9ORA:** It's very interesting contest. Good propagation in the night with zones 0, 6, and 7 U.S. states. **IZ0EHL:** Many tnx for the best RTTY contest. My score is better than last year but not enough for me . . . hi. Many new countries and many new on band! I am very happy. To next time with many QSOs and fun. **LN8W:** After a very slow start, we gained on our 2004 score the

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second day and to our surprise passed it at the end. 15 meters opened up to the states the second day and even some West Coast stations made it through. Thanks to all who called us! **LV5V**: I chose 15 meter band to have time to rest but had activity all over the day. Nice contest! Not good opening to JA. Sometime much noise. Mny tnx for friends who need repeat 500 times his calls, hi. **LZ2BE**: Thanks for this nice contest! **LZ9W**: Thank you to all friends who made a contact with me and good luck.

**PA7PTR**: I joined the contest just for fun. Limited power and small antenna. **PJ7/K7ZUM**: Always fun going to the Caribbean to play radio! And as usual, all I had for an antenna was a single Butternut HF2V with a dozen radials underneath of it stuck in the sand on the beach. Conditions not real great. Even went outside several times Saturday. **PT2BW**: Very good band openings except on 10 meters. **PY2IQ**: Great contest! Tnx. Sri had a problem with PC time, so some times may be wrong! **RL3A**: Incredible QSO time crash happened in the first six hours of contest on our computers. Fortunately we restored all the data and we hope we did it correctly. **RX9UZT**: This contest was in good condition, so that I could enjoy the wonderful contest. **S50MJ**: It was very nice to do CQ WW first time and I had some problems with my antenna! See you next year! **S51J**: Good conditions. Low propagation or no testers on 15m? **SM4RGD**: Tnx for a very nice contest. Good conds here in Sweden on all bands except 10m. But hard in the beginning on 40 and 80m. Tnx to all stations.

**SN5Z**: Part-time effort this year only. We had a lot of fun nevertheless. See you next year! **TA1DX**: Very good contest and very good propagation, but some operators are speedy calling and not listening his frequency. **TF4M**: Was really great to use the equipment. The rhombic antennas certainly perform. **TK/F5CWU**: Nice contest from Corsica even if the working conditions were not the best. No DX Cluster and no second radio for mult hunting, but anyway was a fun experience. **UN2E**: Best wishes from Kazakhstan! **US0HZ**: Thank you very much for contest. It was a great pleasure to meet old friends. **UT5UKY**: Tnx for nice contest! **VA3PC**: Thanks to all who heard my 50W on 15m. New rig before the end of the year! Some

problems with the 80m dipole and have to fix it before the next contest. Saturday was busy helping take down the tower of a SK and other chores. Sunday got to play a bit more. **VE2FU**: Started as SOSB 40m, but with 15m open I had to play on other bands. Spent most of the weekend grounding the whole station so I could use more than 40W with the PC. Was fun. CU next year.

**VE3AP**: Tnx Don, VE3RM, for being a great host and best teacher. Glad to have LW8EXF back as op in RTTY contest. **VE3GSI**: A fun contest. Looking forward to next year. Thanks to all giving out the FB Q's. **VE3JAQ**: Nice conditions for a change. CQ WW contests seem to bolster the ionosphere. **VK2GR**: My first RTTY contest. A little fun, but it took me some time to get the hang of it compared to CW contests. Thanks to the other RTTY operators for their patience! **VK2NU**: Propagation very poor this year. **VK3KE**: A very good contest. Conditions were good and competitors very friendly and patient. Thank you for running the contest. **VK4EJ**: My first RTTY contest entry. I look forward to getting more proficient. **VP9/K9JY**: Contest writeup and pictures at <<http://vp9.k9jy.com>>. **VU3DXY**: Home call KX7YT. Operated from Calcutta Sonar Bangla Hotel with my Sigma V and IC-706. Maybe only VU station? **XE2AC**: Superb condx on Saturday morning. It was wide open to Europe. Almost like the best of five years ago. **XM6WQ**: Fantastic conditions. 20m open to Europe most of the first 24 hours. Lots of activity. Great to break 100 countries.

**YB0DPO**: Not real serious. Lots of rest periods. I was S&P. Missing YV6BTF and few South America stations. Thanks to all the stations that worked me. Running 100 watts only into 7-element log periodic and a rotary dipole. 40m/80m N1MM software. No 80m this time. Anyway I enjoy this contest. Hope CU AGN in CW or SSB. **YC2WBF**: Very difficult propagation in contest. **YO9CWY**: Cool contest! **ZC4LI**: Thanks to all concerned in running the contest. **ZL3JT**: Always far away. More power next time. **ZS2EZ**: First-ever RTTY contest. Had a blast despite having to go to work both days. Looking forward to the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest!

## U.S. QRM

**AA5AU**: It was good to be back on the

air after being evacuated nearly four weeks from Hurricane Katrina. This was just a limited single band 40 meter effort for me since all my antennas were destroyed in the hurricane except my HF2 vertical. **AD1C**: Usual setup, IC-756 PRO, WriteLog 10.55, G5RV, Hy-Gain. Had too much to do this weekend to put in any kind of real effort. Tried to make a few QSOs and work some one new bands. **A19T**: This was the hardest I ever worked in a contest. Had a great time! Everything worked as well as it could have. Except I'm really wore out a day later! Thanks to all who worked me. Looking forward to the next one. **K0BX**: Wow!! Bands dead all week. Come the contest and it is wall to wall RTTY! Big opening to Asia. Who needs sunspots? **K0FX**: Thanks for great contest. **K3IXD/4**: This was my first CQ WW RTTY contest. A week before the contest I could not get the software working but finally did. Then it took me a while to get the receiver and transmitter on the same frequencies! Once all that was straightened out, I enjoyed it and was surprised at the conditions given the other RTTY contests.

**K4GMH**: Thanks to all who worked on putting this contest together and will be working to do the scoring and other administrative stuff. Also, thanks to the folks who were kind enough to work me. Band conditions were okay considering. **K5DU**: We had planned a multi-op for the Texas QSO Party, but Hurricane Rita kept us home. We operated about 24 hours. **K5ZD**: Conditions were much better than expected. Wish I had had more time to operate! **K6MI**: Wires and small tribander. **K7JJ**: Operated portable 7 from Marion County, Oregon, Detroit Lake State Park, with TS-850S, AL-811H, G5RV, C3SS at 20 feet! **K8IR**: Did a multi-single with my 10-year-old grandson. His first time on RTTY and he had a blast. We were LP until I heard JT1CO on 20 Saturday night and needed the amp to get that new country on RTTY. **KA1C**: Had a great time. Tnx to MMTTY for a great program!

**KE1F**: Conditions were good for the cycle. Worked several stations on 10 meters. Missed hearing Don, AA5AU. Fun contest. **KH6ND**: Great second night conditions and a new Oceania 40m record. Aloha. **KI1G**: A super good time was had as usual. **KP2D**: Slow start due to equipment failures, but when we got past that,

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great contest! We added a Smartuner to our 80m vert and boy did we like it! **KS4S**: Ran portable in SC while on vacation. First time back on RTTY in years. **KTØP**: Great contest! First time participant. I'll be back! **NØHF**: So many signals, so little time. Glad to experience WriteLog v.10 for the first time, full station control. I've moved away from DOS contesting logging. Some friends of mine said it's a crapshoot running station control under Windows but I had no trouble.

**N2FF**: Antennas in poor shape here. I was using a 40m sloper on 15 meters. Thanks to those guys on 15 with the good ears I made a few multipliers. **N2LK**: Great conditions! 15 meters was wide open for a lot of QSOs. **N3CZ**: My first RTTY contest from USA using QRP and indoor magnetic loop antenna, really limited conditions! **N3RDV**: First time with remote CI-V interface. Worked great. Many thanks to N3CZZ! **N3YEA**: Conditions were great! And I set a new personal record. **N8BJQ**: Condx better than I expected. **NC2N**: Very interesting contest and surprisingly, good conditions! Thank you! **NC6P**: Despite the conditions, some really fine QSOs! **N15F**: Hurricane Katrina clean up and the Hurricane Rita generating very high winds, rain, tornado warnings, and commercial power loss limited operation from Mississippi. I was glad to give MS to as many as I did. **NJ4F**: My first RTTY contest.

**NN6NN**: Excellent conditions for this part of the sunspot cycle. It doesn't get much better than this! Thanks for all the Q's, especially all our friends in Japan and

the rest of Asia who made working the pileups so much fun. Congrats to the crew at WB9Z for an outstanding effort. And thanks for our only state (outside CA) on 10m. **NN6XX**: Not bad without 10 meters. **WØLSD**: Much better condx than I would have expected on 15 meters for this part of solar cycle. However, worked very few stateside stations. Missed OH, MI, IN, WI, MN. My first ever single 15 meter effort. IC-756PRO, Alpha 99B, WriteLog, ant. C3E at 50 ft., C39XN at 90 ft., and T-8 at 50 ft. **WØTY**: Good contest. Needed more time to operate. **W1GZ**: This was a special event setup at the local Johnny Appleseed festival. We were demonstrating amateur radio and emergency communications. **W3FV**: Great contest as usual. Condx better than expected. Thanks to all for the QSOs. **W3GCW**: With the proliferation of CC&R's, this, and all contests, should allow for mobile and portable operation away from the contestant's abode. Please modify rule IV to compensate for those of us who can't install antennas on our property.

**W3MEL**: Great contest again! Good propagation and many DX stations. Thanks for running it again. **W4GAC**: First time in this contest for this group. 10 meters never really opened at this location. Had good runs going on 40, 20, and 15. 80 meters was good for us just before daybreak. Hope to be back next year. **W4UK**: Wire dipoles only. **W5AP**: Just played around. **W7DPW**: Great contest. Always fun. Great operators. Thanks. **W7ZR**: Why do I have to enter high power just because I was Assisted? **W9/**

**DL2YCA**: On Friday night I enjoyed operating outside in the cool evening breeze. On Saturday I suffered in the sun. On Sunday I had to quit because of too much rain and winds. It was a great experience and made for a lot of fun. **WA7LNW**: First year to operate CQ WW RTTY contest! Had a great time and will certainly make it an annual event in the future. Station: FTt-1000MP, Alpha 76A, 2-element Hex beam at 75 ft, HF-2V vertical 80/40, WriteLog software.

**WBØDUL**: I had a great time. The bands were decent, for a change. I look forward to the next RTTY contest.

**WB6JJJ**: Not much time to play in the contest but I had a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone. **WD9DZV**: Not a lot of time to operate this contest, but had fun with the time I had! **WV1K**: I set up the Rigblaster Pro on Saturday night after having it since the spring. Glad I did. It was fun to get WAC, and over half the WAZ zones and DXCC. The antenna here on Cape Cod is only 8 meters high because they don't understand PRB-1 (literally). The town of Brewster thinks it gives them the right to limit you to what they think is reasonable.

**WW6RY**: Good to be back. **WW7OR**: This contest is made for SO2R operation. No need to wear headphones, very little typing required, and time to eat and catch a little TV on the side. Wlog SW is king for this mode! Lots of activity but mult count down. 10m dead. Very little EU on 15m; only six stns at this QTH. Even missed a few states. Hard to believe given the level of activity!

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