Results of the 2010 CQ DX Marathon

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articipation in the 2010 CQ DX Marathon was up significantly despite some of the worst band conditions in years! Excluding the new PJ countries, there were actually two fewer countries available compared to 2009. However, there were 58 countries with no activity at all in 2010! Overall not the best year for DXing, so the competition was as fierce as ever. There were significantly more people with higher scores, so those countries that *were* active were in many logs. In the end, taking into account the new PJ countries, the winning 2010 score in the Unlimited Class was identical to the winning 2009 score.

Logs were received from 62 countries and 28 zones—a nearly 30-percent increase over last year. Once again the majority of the logs (75%) were Unlimited Class. 60 percent of the logs came from three countries—USA, Brazil, and England—with participation from England up over 100 percent from 2009. We even had one SWL entry this year. The competition for certificates was especially exciting in 2010, as there was a 25-percent increase in the number of single-mode submissions and a 50-percent increase in QRP (10 watts or less) submissions. As the DX Marathon rules were not clear on multiple entries and multiple certificates, a clarification was published earlier this year. Please see sidebar.

And the Winners Are...

Once again Bob Locher, W9KNI, was the top scorer in the Unlimited Class with a score of 325. Bob worked 285 of the 291 countries that were available in 2010, as well as all 40 CQ zones. Congratulations to Bob on winning two years in a row! PP5EG, OM3EY, and NØFW were not far behind with scores of 323, 320, and 318, respectively. Bob's last new one was worked at 2200Z on December 31st, so he obviously was very active right to the end of the contest! Competition in Formula Class was just as competitive, with Bernhard Wittek, DL4CW, claiming the Formula Class plaque with a total score of 254, four points ahead of the runner-up, KØABC. Congratulations to all of our Formula Class participants.

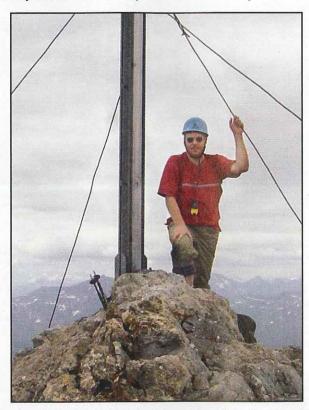
Once again the plaques for the winners in both classes will be provided by the Northern Illinois DX Association. We sincerely appreciate their support for sponsoring the DX Marathon

Major certificate winners in 2010 include Joe, W1JR, who came out on top in the CW competition at 305 points; David, N3CDA, who took top SSB honors with a score of 286; and Mark, K7MTR, who topped the digital-mode competition at 237 points. Fantastic single-mode scores and all higher than 2009. Notable in the single-band competition was Mike, K5NU, who amassed an amazing score of 243 points (205 countries/38 zones) on 80 meters! We had our first 10-meter-only submission. Hopefully, we will see more higher band submissions as the sunspots improve.

Each year has its unique problems and 2010 was no different. Last year, many participants lost points due to incorrect callsigns for zones 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, 18, and 19. I am pleased to report that the number of zone errors was down by 90% this year.

Hopefully, each of our participants will continue to use the information available on the DX Marathon website (www.dxmarathon.com).

Unfortunately, a new problem evolved in 2010—incorrect postings on DX spotting networks. Please listen carefully to the station you are working, as the call on the cluster may not be right. Many submissions included "JX/G3PJT," which was called in many times. Unfortunately. G3PJT was actually at J6. 5N7M



Bernhard Wittek, DL4CW, took home top Formula Class honors in the 2010 CQ DX Marathon with a total score of 254 points.

Bernhard Wittek, DL4CW Formula Class Winner

Bernhard became interested in radio at a very young age, listening to shortwave broadcasts on his parents' tube receiver. At age 12, he attempted an amateur license but was distracted by other interests. After many years of SWLing, Bernhard finally got his ham license in 2004. His passion for SWLing quickly turned to a passion for DXing. Bernhard operates an IC-751A transceiver to all homebrew antennas. Currently his antenna farm consists of a 33-foot vertical and a 90-foot Zepp. Bernhard operates primarily CW and RTTY and is an avid QSL collector. He is also licensed in the U.S. as N4FC. Bernhard said he came across the DX Marathon accidentally a few years ago, noticed that his score was quite good and made a real effort in 2010.

Bernhard is an active participant in SOTA (Summits On The Air) and the photo in this article shows Bernhard on one of his expeditions in Austria.

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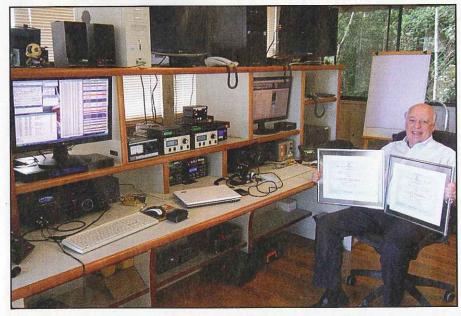
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Digital Callsign K7MTR SP3BGD GU0SUP	Countries 197 172 129	Zones 40 39 37	Score 237 211 166	Comments Certificate Win	ner
SSB Callsign N3CDA MØURX PY2ADR	Countries 246 243 234	Zones 40 40 40	Score 286 283 274	Comments Certificate Win	ner
Low Power Callsign W8QZA ND0C IV3AOL	Countries 186 182 162	Zones 39 38 31	Score 225 220 193	Power 5 5 5	Comments Certificate Winner
Single-Band Callsign K5NU K4VSC VE8DW W9KVR PU2ELP K4MM	Countries 205 41 43 125 156 68	Zones 38 14 17 38 34	Score 243 55 60 163 190 83	Band 80 40 20 17 10 6	Comments Certificate Winner Certificate Winner Certificate Winner Certificate Winner Certificate Winner

Note: Expanded Top Scores boxes may be found in the Expanded scores section on the CQ website.

was called in as HN7M, 5T7M, 5U7M, and several other variations. WH6R was called in as WH8R as another example. Although actual pirate activity was down in 2010, there is still confusion with the E51 prefix and European Turkey. Please check callsigns carefully for the correct country! Many stations claimed credit for various EZ stations, but neither the DX

Marathon committee nor the ARRL has been able to receive any official information regarding the validity of the EZ stations that are currently active. For 2010, the lack of approval for EZ contacts did not have any significant impact on the final results.

Many submissions were received marked as Formula Class, but were actu-



Oms, PP5EG, proudly displaying two of his DX Marathon certificates. Oms was runner-up in the 2010 Marathon Unlimited Class.

Zone Certificate Winners

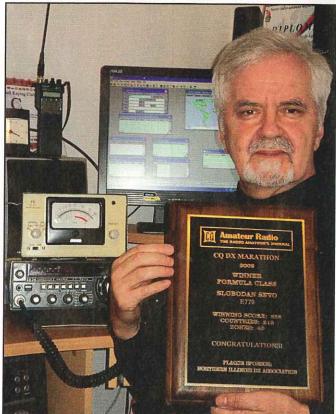
Callsign	Countries	Zones	Score
VE8DW	43	17	60
NØFW	278	40	318
K5EK	274	40	314
RA900	121	37	158
VK6HG	147	37	184

Note: Top scorers in other zones received Top Country Score certificate.

Country Certificate Winners

Callsign	Countries	Zones	Score
XV4TUJ	88	27	115
9A2EU	215	40	255
A65CA	246	40	286
BV1EK	111	32	143
BD1EFO	113	36	149
	160	38	198
CE2WZ CO2OT	73	18	91
		35	182
CT1CQK	147	40	307
DJ9ZB	267	36	155
DU1IVT	119	33	138
E73PY	105		311
EA4KD	271	40	217
EC8AFM	181	36	261
EI7CC	221	40	294
F5CQ	254	40	113
FS/K9NB	88	25 40	300
G4PTJ	260	40	311
MDØCCE	271		93
GJ4PRB	76	17	
GUØSUP	129	37	166
GWØVSW	90	17	107
HA8TI	189	40	229
HB9ALO	250	40	290
HC6EP	71	26	97
7Z1HL	199	37	236
IZ2AMW	266	40	306
LY5W/IT9	92	34	126
JH2UVL	260	39	299
WP3GW	162	31	193
LA2LI	194	39	233
LU5VV	165	38	203
LY9Y	252	40	292
OH2BEN	258	40	298
OK2SG	264	40	304
OM3EY	280	40	320 310
ON4ON	270	40	303
OZ7YY	263	40	
PA3FQA	273	40	313
PP5EG	283	40	323
R6YY	275	40	315
S51DX	215	40 40	255 300
SM5DJZ	260		291
SV1DPI	251 227	40	267
SV9COL	121	30	151
TA1HZ		40	300
UA9FAR	260		303
US7MM	263 192	40 40	232
V51YJ		40	305
VE1DX	265	39	263
VK3HJ	224	39	222
VU2PTT T6AF	183 104	39	136
		38	213
YB1AR	175	32	149
YI1RZ	117	39	291
YO9HP	252	39	188
YU1PC	151	29	164
YV6BXN	135	25	128
Z2-AC7GP		40	288
ZL2IFB	248	18	45
ZS1D	27	10	40





Slobodan "Bob" Sevo, E77O, 2009 Formula Class Winner proudly displaying his plaque.

ally Unlimited Class based on the types of antennas used. Simply limiting power to 100 watts does not necessarily qualify a station for Formula Class. Please read the DX Marathon rules carefully regarding the types of antennas and power allowed for Formula Class. And finally, don't forget that the CQ countries list includes additional valid countries that are not part of the ARRL DXCC program. Since most logging programs use the ARRL list, don't forget to work TA1 (European Turkey), IT (Sicily), IG9/IH9 (African Italy), and others. For complete details, please go to <www.dxmarathon.com>.

See our expanded results on the CQ website (www.cg-amateur-radio.com) web for QRM and additional score breakdowns. 73, John, K9EL/VA3CDX

DX Marathon Clarification on Multiple Entries and Awards

For those of you who may have missed this in the April issue, the following clarification to the CQ DX Marathon rules is effective immediately.-ed.

Each entrant may submit one log each year per operating location. Plaques are awarded for the top score in Unlimited Class and in Formula Class. In addition, certificates are awarded to qualified participants in this order:

Top Score-Country

Top Score—Zone

Top low power (10 watts or less) score in Formula Class

Top Score—Single mode entry (SSB, CW, Digital)
Top Score—Single band entry

Plaque winners are not eligible for certificates. Only one certificate will be awarded per entrant. In the case of a participant qualifying for more than one certificate, that participant will receive a certificate for the highest level based on the above order. At the discretion of the DX Marathon Committee, a certificate may then be awarded to the next qualifying entrant(s) in the additional category.

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(Any comments appear beneath the line score of the entrant)

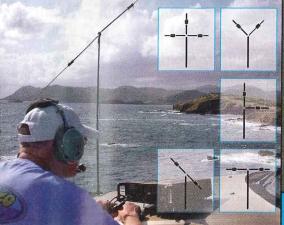
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PY2WC	275	40 315	PY2ADR	234	40	274	JN3SAC	190	40 40	230 229	PY2PT FS-K9NB	90 88	28 25	118 113
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W4QN	271	40 311	K2UF	230	40	270	G3LZQ	185	40	225	K4MM	68	15	83
N8BR	270	40 310	KF7E WD9DZV	230 232	40 37	270 269	KZ2I PY9MM	185 189	40 36	225 225	AD7XG VE8DW	44	19 17	63 60
N8RR ON4ON	270 270	40 310 40 310	OZ7RQ	228	40	268	W3EC	185	40	225	ZS1D	27	18	45
DJ9ZB	267	40 307	IK2DJV	227	40	267	9A5CW	187	37	224	TB2MYE	32	11	43
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N8PR	257	39 296	IZ5CML	214	39	253	WP3GW	162	31	193	YO4AAC EC8AFM	181 181	37 36	218 217
WX6V	256 255	40 296 40 295	W7RV W90A-P9	213 212	40 40	253 252	W6DCC PU2ELP	153 156	39 34	192 190	SP3BGD	172	39	211
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VE3CLQ	55	20	All SSB 75
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WOAL	40	Low power	
W9LD	30	20	50
VK8HPB	31	18	49
KD6NL	33	15	All SSB 48
KDONE	00	10	All SSB
KA9JAC	30	17	47
3G6CS	27	15	42
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