

QSL manager for this station. Anyone hearing or working GB50MON can QSL to my address at the end of *QRZ* — please enclose an aae.

As usual, the last weekend of October this year is the annual CQ World Wide DX Phone contest — the BIG one. This is the contest with perhaps more activity than any other weekend of the year. I have covered the rules in a number of other issues of *QRZ*, so will not go over them again, but will encourage as many readers as possible to at least have a dabble, and, if at all possible, put in a serious entry — the more the merrier. Putting in a serious contest entry in the CQ world Wide contests often means planning weeks or even months ahead, in order to make sure you have absolutely nothing else planned for the weekend — no shopping trips or walking the dog or visiting the in-laws! Many DXers use the weekend of the CQ World Wide contest as their main holiday of the year, and go on expeditions, preferably somewhere sunny and warm (the Caribbean islands are particularly popular with American amateurs

toward the end of October every year).

In Finland, the first snows of the winter often fall by the end of October, so Pekka, OH1RY is off again to Vanuatu, as reported earlier, and should be putting out a big signal as YJORY. A little closer to home, there is to be a mass invasion of Jersey again this year, as something like a dozen Englishmen prepare to operate as GJ6UW during the contest. I have described the GJ6UW QTH previously — suffice to say that it is in one of the best locations in Europe, on a cliff top, almost surrounded by sea paths, and with a 150 metre high tower at their disposal. This year, conditions are expected to be excellent, with the peak of the sunspot cycle expected soon, and the GJ6UW operators will be going all out for the British Isles multi-operator, single-transmitter record score. However, we understand that the GW8GT group, who are celebrating their 10th anniversary this year, will also be trying for the same record, so it looks as if there will be some good competition for once.

My "QSL of the month" this time is from Ken Miller, K6IR, who is often heard in contests and in the pile-ups calling the DX. Ken's QSL (which is in full colour) shows his most impressive station, consisting of a TS940S and Alpha 77SX linear. Outside, the antennas are equally impressive: a 5 element yagi on a 30 metre high tower.

Even if you do not have such an impressive station, it is well worth having a good look round in the CQ World Wide contest, as there is always some interesting DX to be worked. Indeed, it is often easier to work rare DX during such contests, particularly if you do not have an especially competitive station yourself, simply because there is just so much DX about that people are spread out more thinly than when there is only one DX station on the band and everyone is calling it. Give it a try, and please let me know what you work. The address is: Steve Telenius-Lowe, G4JVG, "Penworth", Tokers Green, Reading RG4 9EB (and that is also the address for VK9YG, TA3/G4JVG and GB50MON QSLs.

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