

NZART Memorial Contest 2021 Results

Apologies for the late publishing of these results due to circumstances beyond our control. The activity participation level of the contest was good, feedback received from participants was that the contest was enjoyable. Thanks to the VKs who joined in the fun.

Callsign	QSO Phone	QSO CW	Points	Prefixes	Score
<u>Mixed</u>					
ZL1XH	123	68	259	18	4662
ZL2AUA	91	58	207	16	3312
ZL1RQ	115	50	215	14	3010
ZL2AUB	73	44	161	10	1610
ZL2AQL	76	40	156	8	1248
ZL3RIK	103	15	133	8	1064
VK4SN	2	5	12	4	48
<u>Phone</u>					
ZL1XS	140		140	10	1400
ZL1JV	146		146	9	1314
ZL4RMF	114		114	8	912
ZL1WL	94		94	8	752
ZL1KR	93		93	7	651
ZL1IB	72		72	7	504
ZL2AOC	80		80	6	480
ZL1AB	77		77	4	308
VK3MB	42		42	4	168
<u>CW</u>					
ZL2AGY		76	152	9	1368
ZL1BBW		90	180	6	1080
ZL2GVA		66	132	8	1056
ZL2GD		75	150	7	1050
ZL1BWG		61	122	8	976
ZL4FZ		64	128	7	896
VK2GR		22	44	5	220
ZL2JU		22	44	5	220
ZL3GA		16	32	4	128
ZM2B (ZL2BR)		14	28	3	84
VK5LJ		9	18	3	54

Active Stations (>2 QSOs)		Logs Received	
ZL	47	SSB	9
VK	35	CW	11
Total	82	Mixed	7
		Total	27

Logs: I will be continuing Frank's push to 100% computer logging for the Memorial Contest. It's the 21st century folks! Cross checking and scoring the electronic logs submitted in Cabrillo format takes my PC a matter of minutes. Converting txt/Word/Excel or paper logs takes about an hour each, a real chore and risks introducing errors. Frankly, I have better things to do with my hobby time.

It should be noted that when we talk about computer logs, that this means plain text logs in the internationally recognised and accepted **Cabrillo** format - not Word/Excel, txt, ODT, JPG or PDF files.

Currently two free contest logging software programmes fully support the NZART Memorial Contest and produce Cabrillo format logs: **N1MM Logger** and **VKCL**. Please download one of these and give it a try. There is a bit of a learning curve, but trust me, you will never want to go back! Get in touch with me if you need a hand getting set up, I will either refer you to a local expert or help you myself.

An alternative to using a dedicated Contest logger is to export an ADIF file from your usual logger and convert to Cabrillo using one of the many tools available on the web. Note some non-contest loggers have an option to export a Cabrillo file (e.g. DXLab suite).

Log observations:

This year we used the W3KM Cabrillo Evaluation software to cross check all logs and adjust the scoring based on NIL (Not In Log) and incorrect logging of the exchange. Therefore your published score may be less than your claimed score.

Be careful with copying the exchange and if you are not sure, ask for a repeat. Also please ensure your computer clock is set accurately – there were a number of NILs caused by quite large discrepancies in logged times. The internationally accepted time tolerance is ± 5 minutes.

Logging must be in UTC time – if you use one of the recommended programs, it takes care of this for you. Signal reports – contesting etiquette is that signal reports should always be 59 or 599 so that people can focus on getting the serial number/exchange correct. Contesters will not thank you for sending “real” reports!

Thanks for participating in the contest this year and I look forward to seeing you all in the 2022 event in July.