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WI9WI World #1 High Claimed WPX Score

WI9WI made his usual late May trek to the island for WPX CW and netted the high 3830 claimed score, World, in SOAB Classic HP. Here are the top ten in that category as of 28 May.

SOAB Classic HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score
PJ2T(WI9WI)			2464	852	24.0	8,202,204
V85RH(JO1RUR)			2485	843	35:47	6,416,916
KP2M(KT3Y)			2058	841	14.3	6,204,057
N2MF			2221	838	24	6,094,774
YT3D			2473	962	24	6,009,614
9N7AA(S53R)			2108	832	24	4,546,048
HA8DU			1626	880	24	3,300,000
WN2O(N2GC)			1503	702	17	3,293,784
VK2GR			1197	637	19:10	2,465,190
WN1GIV(N4BP)			1476	687	23	2,075,427

As you see from the score detail below, Jim did the smart WPX tactic and ignored 160 and 80 entirely. 40 was the money band because QSOs there count double points and participation on 7 MHz is high.

Band	QSOs	Pts	WPX	Pt/Q
7	775	4614	449	6.0
14	517	1535	109	3.0
21	623	1857	164	3.0
28	548	1618	130	3.0
Total	2463	9624	852	3.9

Score : 8,199,648

His margin over #2 V85RH was achieved via lots of prefixes on 40, where QSOs are easy in multiplier-rich Europe. Congratulations Jim!

In addition to achieving this excellent contesting outcome, Annette and Jim reported that they got well-relaxed, made kitties Crawford and Jeannie very happy with three meals a day of yummy healthy cat food, and

made some repairs. KA9DOC re-engineered the automatic cat feeder, cleaned up the auto-watering system that was getting fouled with algae, and bought more food to get through the summer. They also carefully checked the all-important irrigation system and found all to be working well. The rechargeable 9 volt battery system that I installed last season is doing its job well.

Doctor Fitzpatrick and Doctor Fitzpatrick have been going to the QTH for this contest for decades now, literally, and I thank them for their good care of the QTH and for keeping PJ2T prominent on the bands.

CQWW SSB Team Is Full !

This team is filled and, in fact, we have one more operator than sleeping space. But this is a good problem, and we'll work it out. Months back it looked as if this contest might not happen because of lack of interest, but now I'm happy to report that we have an excellent team comprised of W4IPC, PC8M, VE4GV, W3ACO, W7MAH, W0CG, KN2P, K0PXH, KI5SXY, and AD5XG. Even better, four of our operators are women, and five are youth ops. Also along on the trip is Erica Haendel, W3ACO's other daughter.

I thank W3ACO, W7MAH, and VE4GV who have provided some financial help to some of our young YL operators who are at a stage of life in college where international travel costs are not easy to bear. Our member Rich, W3ACO and his daughter Melissa, W7MAH have been working hard for several years to promote female youth participation in contesting. Their efforts are obviously working out, given this top team.

Melissa and Rich are accomplished chefs, and once again Melissa will be feeding the team. They are arriving a day early to do the grocery shopping, and as many of you will remember from last year we will eat

like kings and queens. Dorothy is skipping this contest in protest of the October heat on the island.

25th Anniversary CQWW CW Contest

Our team is presently K8ND, W0CG, NA2U, N7IR, W9NJY, WA7LNW, NG7M, W8WTS, AD8CW, M0ORD, and hopefully W1DED as videographer. Remaining sleeping spaces include one bed in the West Bedroom at the shack house, the King bedroom in the Moran pool house, and in House # 7 we still have one Queen bedroom with its own private bathroom.

I'm holding on recruiting additional non-CCC operators to be sure that there's nobody left in CCC who wants to join this exceptionally talented team of operators. Let me know? (Dorothy will be on site for this one.)

It is NOT THANKSGIVING WEEK.

End of Month Treasury Balance

The end of May balance in the Station Support fund is \$10557.74. This will increase once our Year 25 Station Support dues are collected and posted, then will drop abruptly once we post the purchase of the generator. Thanks to Treasurer W8WTS for his time and effort keeping track of this

Bencher Feed Straps (and more) in Hand

Thanks again to Ed, K8IV, for the personal gift of a new complete DXE-ARAH2-1PE active receive antenna to replace our old one that was damaged when it came off the tower at Curacao Surveillance Services, the location of our PJ2A skimmer system. Ed also included a brand new AVA-3, donated by DX Engineering.

He also provided us with three sets of feed straps for the Ridge Bencher Skyhawk tribander. One of those straps failed from corrosion when I replaced the 20 meter driven element in March.

The photo (next column) shows Ed at my QTH in Ohio on June 6 when he dropped off the goodies after work. (Ed's "retirement" job is a full time position at DX Engineering.)

THANK YOU K8IV!



CCC member Ed, K8IV, at W0CG, 6 June 2024

Dayton Hamvention

It's the same thing every year: I decide not to go to the Hamvention. It's a lot of expense, travel hassle from North Idaho, time away from Dorothy, and most probably a lot of rain. But, it's the same thing every year: sometime in mid-April I change my mind and decide to go. I might as well just go ahead and buy tickets now for next year.

The CCC Annual Meeting was a great success, with 14 CCC members in attendance at Hope Hotel and an additional five connected via Zoom.



Clockwise around the table, starting with Madison (W5MJ), Chuck (W8PT), Ray (ND8L), Fred (NA2U), Pete (K8PGJ, hidden), Levi (KG5XR), Connor (W4IPC), Vince (K4JC), Ryan (N0OJ), Curtis's friend, Walter (K5LD), Curtis (WX4W), Jeff (K8ND), Jim (W8WTS), and other Geoff, not in photo. On Zoom we had N7NR, N7WA, W3ACO, AC7DC, and Jim (WI9WI). CCC members N1ZZ and K8IV were at the Hamvention but tied down to their commercial duties at Paradan Radio and DX Engineering.

We'll let you know when the minutes become available, but the high spots were a unanimous vote to go ahead with the purchase of a diesel generator (elsewhere in this newsletter), and to do a work trip or two in order to tackle some of the backed up project

work at Signal Point. High on that list are solving the 20-10 meter crossband problem, repairing some amps, installing the generator, and starting on repainting of both Rohn towers.

If you missed the meeting or the discussion about the generator, here's a link to the PowerPoint slides from which I talked in the meeting. Please, it is worth your time to have a look at these in order to understand fully how we undertook the decision to spend such a large lump of club money for the backup power system.

<http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/Reliable.Power.for.Signal.Point.pptx>

Please see also the update article about the generator, which follows.

There was also extensive discussion about the need for the club group to step up and begin taking over many of Geoff's and Dorothy's duties, as we are getting to ages where we're simply physically incapable of working as hard together as we have for the past 16+ years. That PowerPoint discussion (link below) laid out five possible future "looks" for a PJ2T with less of Geoff and Dorothy. In the Dayton meeting the group strongly favored "Look 1", which is a scenario in which we continue to operate and maintain the house, but will rely on the club members for station maintenance and much of the contest planning and operating in the future.

<http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/pj2t.next.quarter.century.pptx>

Also, here's a link to some of the Zoom audio. Jeff didn't start the recording until halfway through the meeting and the quality is not very good, but here it is for what it's worth.

http://www.k8nd.com/tmp/Zoom_audio_2024_CCC_AnnualMeeting.m4a

Following is the official photo from the CCC 2024 Dayton Annual Meeting, thanks K8ND for his usual superb photography..



CCC Dayton Meeting 2024, L-R: Connor (W4IPC), Levi (KG5XC), Curtis (WX4W), Ryan (N0OJ), Geoff (W0CG), Walter (K5LD), Jeff (K8ND), Ray (ND8L), Jim (W8WTS), Fred (NA2U), Vince (K4JC), Pete (K8PGJ), Madison (W5MJ), Chuck (W8PT).

We thank K8ND for his service as CCC President these past two years, and KB7Q for his work as V.P. Our new CCC President is Andy (W9NJY), backed up by new V.P. Ray (ND8L). Jim (W8WTS) has generously agreed to continue as Treasurer in that he has the accounts all set up and the software finely-tuned and working well.

Generator Update

The generator has been ordered and paid for. This followed careful shopping, extensive technical vetting of the equipment by me and W8WTS, and votes of approval from the officers and directors of CCC and unanimous concurrence from everyone involved in the Dayton meeting, both on site and via Zoom. The final sales order was signed and filed with the vendor on June 13.



Our new Triton 20 KW diesel generator

The Miami supplier has acknowledged receipt of our \$12,668.97 payment, and they are presently setting up the equipment per our specification to supply 220 VAC line to line, 127 VAC line to neutral, three phase wye, 50 Hz. They are expecting that this will require one to two weeks. The generator will then be delivered to our freight forwarder in Miami, and will show up in

Curacao 7 to 10 days later, depending on the day of the week it arrives at the forwarder. Another 7 to 10 days will be needed to process and clear the item on the island, and it will then be available for local delivery to the house. Prior to that delivery we will need to pay the balance of the costs for shipping, Curacao tax, import duty, local delivery, and multiple administrative costs, estimated to total something like \$6K. We won't know that amount until the shipment is completed.

This means that the equipment will probably arrive at Signal Point in the middle of July. Someone from the club will need to be at the QTH to receive the generator, see to it that they place it in the exact location where we want it in the backyard, and then wrap it carefully and thoroughly in a tarp tied with ropes until we can get a team there to do the installation. That install will require digging and installing conduit to the house, installation of a concrete pad, installation and connection of a transfer switch (not yet bought), and connection of power and control cabling. We hope to do this in connection with an as yet not scheduled work trip to work on that and other projects at the QTH. I'll E-mail you about that as we know more.

Thanks to Rich (W3ACO) and Ray (ND8L) for their donations toward the generator costs. There was not an "ask" – these guys simply plopped in some money to help. Incredible. We are hoping not to have to have a fund raiser for the generator, as we believe it can be covered out of present balances. Stay tuned for news on how that works out, and keep your fingers crossed...?

Gifts from W0TT

In 2017 we welcomed Eric Zust, W0TT, to Signal Point as part of the 50th anniversary operation of the 1967 PJ2CC win. Eric remembered us, and our needs, and E-mailed me before Dayton that he had a couple of turnbuckles that were surplus to his needs. He kindly hauled them all the way from St. Louis, and we met in the parking lot to make that handoff. Here he is with the goods, next column. Thanks Eric!



Eric Zust, W0TT, Hamvention, May 18, 2024

Farewell and Thanks to CCC Member K9DR

I'm sorry to report that Dan Roberts, K9DR, has reluctantly decided to withdraw from CCC membership. Dan is a proficient contester, a delightful gentleman to spend time with, and he has an unbelievable life resume as an owner in the broadcasting industry. He splits time between real home in Casper, Wyoming and his run-from-cold home in Arizona.

He's been fighting some medical demons of late, and his docs have advised against most travel, and certainly strongly against international travel. But he will be with us in spirit going forward, and we look forward to putting him into many PJ2T logs. Thanks for Dan for his participation on contest teams at PJ2T and for his resource support to CCC.

