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WPX CW Contest Result: World #2 SOABHP Unassisted

Congratulations to Jim, WI9WI, who piloted PJ2T to another excellent score, operating solo at Signal Point. Here's his claimed score outcome.

Call: **PJ2T**
Operator(s): **WI9WI**
Station: PJ2T

Class: **SOAB HP**
Class Overlay: **Unassisted Classic**
QTH: Signal Point Curacao
Operating Time (hrs): 24
Location: South America

Summary: [Compare Scores](#)

Band	QSOs
160:	0
80:	0
40:	566
20:	400
15:	1017
10:	634
Total:	2617 Prefixes 906 Total Score 8,557,102

Enigmatically, this score made him #2 World in SOABHP Unassisted, but World #3 in the Classic (24 hour) category. This is because there were some very high scores in Classic. In the non-Classic category he was just a small point spread behind VL2A, who operated 35 hours against Jim's 24.

Jim and Annette have been going to Curacao for WPX CW for more years than I can count. He continued a years long high profile in May, making about 1300 contacts in addition to the contest total. Jim's XYL Annette, KA9DOC logged about 350 FT8 QSOs.

Interestingly, the commercial power went out for about four hours, further confirming the importance of having a generator on site. This makes two contests in

a row now (WPX CW and WPX SSB) that have experienced power outages on the order of 4+ hours. In this case, Jim elected not to start the generator because the outage came in the wee hours of the night when he was about to take a sleep break anyway. But the generator was there and ready if he had needed it.

Thanks to the Fitzpatrick's for taking care of the QTH, fixing a glitch with the generator battery charger, and for feeding the cat and re-filling the feeder with two more bags of food that they bought.

Annual Meeting Report

The CCC Annual Meeting at the Hamvention was a success. In-person attendees included AG3I, K4JC, K5LD, K8ND, KG5XR, NA2U, N7NR, ND8L, W0CG, W2APF, W4IPC, WX4W, W7EY, W8WTS, and visitors W7JET, W7EVE, and K8LG. Monitoring via Zoom were N0OJ, PC8M, W3ACO, K8PGJ, and W5MJ. WI9WI was unable to participate because of his travel to Curacao. That left only 11 members who were not part of the meeting.

K8ND recorded the entire meeting as it appeared on Zoom. That's a VERY large file, almost 1 GB, at:

<http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/video2726020522.mp4>

A personal high point of the meeting for me was the utter blown-away surprise that N7NR quietly walked in the back door of the meeting room. Dave travels only very infrequently, so there was zero expectation that he would be at the meeting. He said, in fact, that attending the CCC meeting and meeting members in person was almost the sole reason he flew in from California, and we were grateful to see and thank this great person who has done so much for PJ2T. I immensely enjoyed spending some time wandering the convention with him after several years of contact only by Zoom and E-mails. He's a superb contest operator

who has achieved remarkable results operating PJ2T over the remote station.



CCC Annual Meeting, May 16, 2025, Dayton Hamvention

L-R: Brian (W7JET), Eve (W7EVE), Marty (AG3I), Connor (W4IPC), James (W7EY), Curtis (WX4W), Levi (KG5XR), Fred (NA2U), Jeff (K8ND), Thaire (W2APF), Geoff (W0CG), Dave (N7NR), Vince (K4JC), Walter (K5LD), Rusty (W4US), Jim (W8WTS), Ray (ND8L)

Click the link below for a full size version of the above photo.

<http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/Dayton2025/annual.meeting.photo.2025.jpg>

For your reference, or in case you missed the meeting, K8ND has kindly posted the following materials. These will come up in PowerPoint. At the top menu bar, select "Slide Show" and then "From Beginning."

The agenda for the meeting is at http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/CCC_Annual_Agenda_2025_K8ND_20250515.pptx .

Please take some time to look at this next item, it's superb. K8ND's absolutely excellent 2025 PJ2T Yearbook is at http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/2025_PJ2T_Yearbook_250513a.pptx . (This is a really big file, so give it time to load.)

K8ND's report of activity on PJ2T remote operation is at http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/2025_PJ2T_Remote_Station_250513b.pptx .

Next is W0CG's quickie presentation on the 25 year history of major accomplishments in our infrastructure. This is a PowerPoint show, so it should come up when you click the link, then you can click through it sequentially. The point of this is that while there are many things we would like to have in the future, we

need also to celebrate and enjoy the magnificent facility we have presently, which represents a quarter century of effort and investment.

<http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/Dayton2025/pj2t.historic.major.accomplishments.ppsx>

W0CG also presented a report on the condition of the US/JA tower in novel fashion by showing a video made with a Go Pro camera strapped onto my forehead as I climbed to the top for an initial inspection of its condition. It had been a year since the prior maintenance. One can clearly see areas of corrosion that needed attention, all of which were repaired and painted before I left on April 3.

If you're not a climber, this will give you a feel for the fun you're missing. Click below. (This is an 11 minute video, so please be very patient while it loads.)

<http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/Dayton2025/GX010021.MP4>

W0CG's report on the successful conclusion of the year long generator project is at this next link. (This is a VERY large file. Click the link then go make some coffee. There are many documents and some video imbedded in this presentation.) Click on the graphic links on the slides to display these.

<http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/Dayton2025/reliable.power.for.signal.point.finally.ppsx> .

At the end of the generator presentation, W0CG put the generator control panel up on the projector screen and then remotely started the generator in real time. Everyone present could see the generator RPM, oil pressure, coolant temperature, and output voltages come up. We were even able to hear the generator in the Curacao backyard via one of the surveillance cameras. The remote control and monitoring system is impressive.

W9NJY's departure from CCC in April left us without a president. Nominations were opened and W0CG nominated Marty Newingham, AG3I, to be CCC's new leader. There were no other nominations, and Marty was unanimously elected to fill the remainder of Andy's term. Marty is a highly experienced leader with corporate management and entrepreneurial experience, has contested from PJ2T, and is a frequent user of the remote station. We thank him for his willingness to serve, and wish Andy well as he pursues the best classical music concert experiences available all over the globe.

A surprise at the end of the meeting was that ND8L presented me with this plaque, to be hung at Signal Point as soon as possible. Now we're a public utility!



For the second year in a row, NA2U won the \$200 trip expenses raffle. He's a worthy and deserving recipient. He will try for win #3 next year.

Medical Well-Wishes in CCC

Since January NA2U has been dealing with myriad problems that landed him in the hospital and intensive care while on a trip to his hometown of St. Louis. After a rough several months and some procedures he now has received good news, is back home in Arizona, and to my vast surprise showed up at the CCC Dayton meeting. Hugs ensued. Wisdom and good sense dictate now that he should not place himself at distance from quality and quick care, so he will not be coming again to Curacao. But Fred has said that he will continue as a member and will be very active contesting with us via the remote station.

Member Ed, K8IV, has also had too much drama of late, a hip replacement in February followed by a nearly fatal heart in early April. Ed has decided to retire from DX Engineering, reluctantly, is recovering well, and is very much looking forward to returning to PJ2T when able.

Best wishes to Fred and Ed and all of our other friends in the CCC family who getting older every day, an unavoidable happening.

CQWW SSB 2025 Fundraising Progress

As you know the CQWW SSB contest in October will be a predominantly youth team.

The presently scheduled youth operators for that event are shown below.

Connor, 22 (W4IPC, CCC member) - operated at PJ2T, NP4Z, ZF5T, WX3B, K1TTT, LZ5R

Levi, 23 (KG5XR, CCC member) - operated at PJ2T, NR4M, and N4OGW

Violetta, 20 (KN2P prev. KM4ATT) - operated at J62K CQ WPX SSB 2025, PJ2T CQ WW SSB 2024, PJ2Y YDXA 2018, K3LR Team Exuberance CQ WPX SSB 2019, W3LPL CQ WW SSB 2018; a commercial pilot and flight instructor

Leon, 21 (DL3ON) - operated at PJ2T CQ WW SSB 2024, DQ2C CQ WPX CW 2024 SOP youth, DF0HQ CQ WW 2023, I44P at WRTC 2023, ES9UKR (at ES9C) CQ WW SSB 2022, studying electrical engineering at TUM

Megan, 18 (EI5LA/KI5LA) - operated as EI7M, OL24YOTA, TM4Y, I44P, DQ2C, OE1W, HG2YOTA, 9A22YOTA, EI0YOTA

Max, 21 (N4ML) - operated at AA4NU SS SSB 2024 SOUHP, K0EJ ARRL 10M SOHP 2024 phone only, K4RO Jan NAQP SSB 2025 SOLP, W1HQ ARRL DX SSB 2025 M/S LP

Grace, 19 (K8LG) - operated at K3LR CQ WW and YDXA, J62K . See <https://www.arnewline.org/2024-yhoty> about her selection as the Newsline Young Ham of the Year in 2024. She was also selected as the outstanding young ham at the Hamvention.

Other ops for this team are CCC member Pim, PC8M (He is only in his 30s), and K8PGJ as the CCC highly experienced contester. W0CG will be on site to support the team, but I will not operate because my ridiculous age would drastically skew the team's age average.

If you remember your situation as a young contester and student, funds were very scarce. Accordingly, KN2P (Violetta) is leading a fundraising effort to attempt to support the costs for these superb young people, with a target of \$20K. They have already raised just under \$14K, with about 4.5 months left until the trip.

If you'd like to help, there's a GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-our-allyouth-contest-team-at-pj2t>. We particularly thank CCC member Fred Hoffert, NA2U, for his very generous contribution of \$1000. Thanks to careful and patient political work by W3ACO and others, the NCDXF decided to contribute \$10,000 even though this is not a DXpedition in the classic sense.

CCC Year 26 Membership Renewal Progress

I did not get the membership renewal letters out in early May, as has been our usual practice. In spite of my delay we have had 18 membership renewals as of June 14. Astonishingly, seven dues payments were made the first day, with K8ND and WX4W making PayPal transfers literally within minutes of receiving the letters. One of our other members said "I love the CCC" along with his E-mail accompanying the dues payments. Several others have donated amounts in excess of the dues, with particular thanks to AC7DC who renewed at \$1000. This is in addition to the huge gift Jay made to initiate the generator project. I'm excited and humbled by the willingness of so many to help keep PJ2T alive and active, and look forward with renewed enthusiasm to kicking off another very active contest season beginning in October.

With these renewals and three paid-up new members, only seven remain to renew. This process is very informal, and there is no firm due date. Thanks again to everyone for being part of this fun adventure. What would contesting be without PJ2T on the air every time?!

Work Trip Volunteers

As reported last month, PC8M, W7EY, and AG3I have explicitly volunteered for future work trips to the island. W4IPC and KG5XR are also available subject to the constraints of their young professional careers. Since this came up after the March opportunities for work trips, we'll hope to schedule these projects for the fall season. There are tower climbers in this group, so I'm optimistic that we can complete everything on the list that follows.

Here's the work trip task list.

- Rebuild and reinstall 20 meter driven element on Ridge tribander
- Repair broken 30 meter inverted vee
- Install new feed straps on Ridge tribander

- Rebuild the ruined and collapsed Europe 80 3 el delta loops
- Diagnose and repair the 6 meter 5 el yagi
- Replace rotor in Europe tower
- Take down 12/17 yagi, rehab the traps, install new trap caps, reinstall the antenna
- Repair and replace bad 160 Inv L radials
- Paint Ridge tower with epoxy finish coat
- Diagnose and repair problems with three amps: Titan III, HF-2500, Titan 425
- Sanding, varnishing, painting, various locations

I'll update you as plans for this work develop.

Amplifier Repair Plans Cancelled

As I reported last month, it appeared that K8NK would be coming to Curacao in October to diagnose our amplifier problems, with a second trip afterward to make the actual repairs. Unfortunately, we found out a couple of weeks ago that we cannot afford what he was asking as a stipend and expenses. This amp repair activity would alone have consumed an entire year's worth of Station Support dues from our members, so we will look for an alternate plan.



Titan III representative photo, one of our sick amps

I haven't the slightest doubt that this gentleman is very highly skilled and well worth the amount quoted, but it simply exceeds our club's ability to pay.

W8WTS and I, working together, are completely capable of making these amplifier repairs, but the hard reality is that we are both much too busy to be able to devote something like the full week of all-day work that would be required. On to Plan B, whatever that may be.

