



Signals From The Point

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Beautiful view of the PJ2T neighborhood, K8ND, 12 August 2025

PJ2HQ IARU Contest Result

Call: **PJ2HQ**
Operator(s): **DL8OBQ W4IPC**
Station: PJ2T

Class: **Headquarters HP**
QTH: SA
Operating Time (hrs): 12
Location: South America

Summary: [Compare Scores](#)

Band	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Zones	HQ Mults	
160:					
80:		1	1		
40:	108	227	19	21	
20:	630	270	27	22	
15:		361	19	22	
10:					
Total:	738	859	66	65	Total Score 998,351

Uli reported that conditions were poor, and he was quite ill almost as soon as he arrived on the island. Therefore they made a limited effort in the contest. The CW QSOs were via remote, W4IPC operating, and the SSB contacts were local by DL8OBQ.

Congratulations and thanks to both of them for a good half-time effort in spite of being attacked by Murphy.

AG3I Appointed Vice Director of Atlantic Division

Please join me in congratulating Marty, AG3I, CCC's president, on his appointment July 15 as Vice Director of the ARRL Atlantic Division. You can read more about Marty and about the appointment at <https://www.arrl.org/news/changes-in-the-arrl-atlantic-division>.

PJ2T Quarter Century Contest Celebration Team

As you know, CCC will mark the completion of 25 years of contesting as PJ2T with the CQWW CW contest, November 29-30, 2025.

The team for that contest is W8WTS, W5MJ, W0CG, PC8M, M0ORD, W7JET, VE7KW, VA7DX, VE7NZ, and PA2DK. W7JET will be accompanied by Eve and VE7NZ by Daniela. Dorothy will be on site, and we have the Moran Pool House rented. We will also have significant shift help via remote operators, who presently include NA2U and K8ND.

This leaves one vacant sleeping space in the West Bedroom. Can you sign up? And, as always, all CCC members are welcome to participate in any and all contests. If you wish to sign up after this last space has been taken, we will find additional lodging for you off site.

This contest is an attempt to reprise last November's partly-failed 25th anniversary celebration, which was decimated by cancellations, with this slightly different theme: that of completing 25 years of contesting. We will invite officials and observers from VERONA and the RAC regulatory authority on Curacao, and will be soliciting letters of congratulation from the Contest Director and ARRL. An extensive documentary video

of the event will also be made, and we will have publicity in *QST*.

Dave Kalter Youth Adventure at Signal Point

Thanks to Uli, DL8OBQ for once again hosting the PJ2Y Dave Kalter Youth Adventure trip to Signal Point. Uli fell ill soon after his 11 July arrival in Curacao, but did his best to recuperate for a few days before the youth arrived, and then did a heroic job of supporting their operation in spite of feeling crummy.

The youth team consisted of Izzy Russel, KJ5CMP (age 13), Agnes Wagner, AD8IR (age 14), Ben Wagner, AD8FQ, and Josiah Russell, WD5JR. They made 9016 QSOs in the period July 18-20, and received many favorable comments on their operating finesse from around the world.



KJ5CMP, WD5JR, AD8FQ, AD8IR



The Youth team at work (Thx John Russell)

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Version 7.0.11 www.n3fjp.com
Total Contacts = 9,016
Total Points = 0
Operating Period: 2025/07/18 12:59 - 2025/07/20 00:17

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:
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Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
40	8	238	0	246	3
20	163	4,219	0	4,382	49
17	93	1,549	0	1,642	18
15	74	2,672	0	2,746	30
Total	338	8,678	0	9,016	100

QSOs by band and mode

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Total Contacts by Operator:
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Operator	Total	%
AD8FQ	2,472	27
WD5JR	2,470	27
AD8IR	2,102	23
KJ5CMP	1,840	20

Balanced QSO contributions by operators

CCC's contribution to their effort is that the team is afforded access to our station at no cost, and we also sponsor Uli's presence at the QTH at no cost. The Youth Adventure heavily subsidized Uli's travel from Rinteln, Germany, as travel costs are up dramatically this year. The group also contributed \$500 to CCC (below) to help defray utility costs during their visit. All told, the value of our contribution to the youth is about \$2300 in foregone income to our club accounts. We can be very proud of enabling this magnificent experience for young ops.

Dear Caribbean Contesting Consortium,

Once again, the Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure thanks you for generously supporting our efforts by providing the use of your PJ2T station. As a thank you, we are sending \$500 to help with the water and electricity used as we know how expensive those are in Curacao. Uli, DL8OBQ provided excellent oversight and assistance during our event. It is through the dedication of Uli and the Consortium that permits us to provide a quality event for youth.

The group this year was absolutely outstanding! They were in the chair operating and switching off seamlessly. No schedule was needed. When 40m opened there were 4 radios on the air. The rest of the time 3 radios operated consistently. The kids decided

on the first day they were going to beat the YDXA record of 8,217. That record was broken shortly after starting operation on the last day. The final count was 9,015 qsos with only 4 hours of operations the last day before stopping to do some tourism. All of the team members operated on SSB and CW. Comments online showed that they were operating at a seasoned contest operator level and received many positive comments.

Again, thank you for what CCC does. Without your support and generosity, we could not provide our program for the youth.

Jim Storms, AB8YK, Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure Team Lead

CQWW SSB 2025 Youth Team

Preparation for this youth operation is nearing completion. W0CG will arrive in Curacao October 14, with help upcoming from W7EY who arrives with his XYL Mandy the following Saturday. Once the team arrives on Tuesday, the 21st, we will involve W4IPC very heavily in setup for the operation so that he will be comfortable and fully trained to do the next one on his own, possibly without my presence. Dorothy has said that she will no longer come to Curacao in October, and I can't handle everything on my own, so I will be seeking more and more help.

As you have read here before, the team consists of N4ML, DL3ON, EI5LA, W7EY+Mandy, K8LG, PC8M, VE4GV, K8PGJ, KN2P, KG5XR, and W4IPC. This is a predominantly youth team, and a very highly skilled group of world class operators. We have rented both the Moran pool house and the Maley Garden Home so that everyone can be accommodated.

We thank the many contributors who have made this operation possible with funding support, including a gift of \$10,000 from NCDXF (thanks W3ACO for political help), and significant direct gifts of \$1000 from each of NA2U and W3ACO as well as from 33 additional CCC and non-CCC donors through GoFundMe.

The GoFundMe page is at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-our-allyouth-contest-team-at-pj2t> .

Late July Drone Flight at Coral Cliff

K8ND has posted another of his brilliant drone videos, this one a magnificent overflight of the entire Tui Blue hotel construction project. Progress is dramatic.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVI2M-WX8Zc>

PJ2T Tower Painting Video Released

"How Two-Component Epoxy Paint Controls Tower Corrosion at PJ2T." How to mix and apply two-component epoxy paint to control corrosion of steel antenna towers in a corrosive environment such as the seaside location of PJ2T in Curacao.

This is both a useful tutorial for other stations of our hard-learned best-practices as well as a demonstration of the extensive hard and dirty work that has been done to keep your station on the air.

See either of these links.

<https://youtu.be/ADkEt1BK1z4>

http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/Video/paintingpj2ttowers_1.mp4

Generator Remote Control Video (Short!)

Here's a very brief video of what the remote control panels for the generator look like as viewed from my home in Idaho.

<http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/Video/generator.remote.control.demo.mp4>

You will see me click a button at the bottom to change the operation mode from "Auto" to "Manual," then click the green button at the right to initiate the start sequence. Look closely near the top left, and you'll see that the engine indicates "Pre-Heat," then it starts as shown by the RPM and other parameters coming up in real time. I run the generator periodically to keep it healthy and to use the diesel fuel that's in the tank as it becomes stale.

This ability to monitor and control the generator remotely is extremely valuable in assuring that it will be ready when we need it for on-the-air power failures.

CCC Year 26 Membership Renewal Progress

Only four members have not yet renewed. Thank you immensely to our membership for this critical funding that helps keep PJ2T afloat. Membership dues constitute about 43% of the annual cost of operating the QTH and station.

K8PGJ Up in Lights

See the photo, with K8PGJ (Pete Gladysz) and his XYL (Dr. Judith Lipinski) named on the big board in Pittsburgh at the stadium where the Steelers play. For me, growing up in Northern West Virginia, this is hallowed ground, although back then it was Three Rivers Stadium, which is now gone.



Big publicity, literally big, for K8PGJ, noted contestor, and noted Steelers fan. Late June, 2025.

Pete and his wife were there as part of a Vipers get-together, and then visited the Champions Club at the stadium. Later in the week he managed to meet CCC President AG3I at Latrobe Country Club and play a round at Arnie's home.

K8PGJ seems never to stop moving, popping up all over the globe at a fast pace. In October he will pop up at CQWW SSB at PJ2T.

Remote K3 Returned to Signal Point

Thanks to the combined efforts of AD4ES, N7IR, and K8ND, our damaged remote station K3 is now back in Curacao and awaiting re-installation into the remote station. We blew the front end of K3(6) in the ARRL CW contest in February. AD4ES hauled it back to Florida in his checked baggage, and then sent it to N7IR at his own expense. Gary kindly repaired the

damage and did some other update work, then shipped it to Columbus to K8ND. Jeff hauled it to the island on July 22, getting it into the country with no duty.

This is a reflection of superb teamwork and shared responsibility, and also demonstrates how hard things are when working at such a large distance.

CCC Financial Report

Per Treasurer W8WTS the end of July balance in the Station Support fund is \$8151.72.

PJ2T Veterans in Idaho

I attended Field Day this year at the site of my home club, the Spokane DX Association, K7SDX. As it happened there were four people at the site who have been to PJ2T, an amazing statistical instance given Idaho's small population and great distance from Curacao.



L-R: Jay (AC7DC), Randy (K7TQ), Gary (AD7XG) and Gary's XYL Svetlana, at Field Day 2025 in the Idaho mountains, posing with my new Kia Carnival. Check out my Idaho vanity plate.

Changes to Canadian ARRL Sections, by VE3KG

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) has just announced the creation of a new section in our field organisation. The new section is Yukon (YUK). This is a division of the old Territories (TER) section. Radio Amateurs in the Yukon Territory are now located in the YUK section, while Radio Amateurs in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut continue to be located in the Territories (TER) section.

This change took effect on 1 July 2025. The change was made at the request of Radio Amateurs in Yukon who volunteered to organise a distinct section

for that territory. It was announced in RAC's journal, *The Canadian Amateur (TCA)*, for July/August 2025.

The change was not made for the purposes of contests, but there are consequences for four ARRL operating events:

- ARRL Field Day
- ARRL Sweepstakes CW
- ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
- ARRL 160 metre Contest

ARRL have been informed. ARRL may choose to modify the rules and publicity for those four events.

This change will have no impact on any other ARRL contest, any RAC contest, or any other major contest. There are several US QSO parties that use Canadian sections for multipliers. The organisers of those QSO parties may also choose to modify their rules and publicity.

Authors of contest logging software should watch for an announcement from ARRL about whether there will be changes to those four ARRL events.

This increases the number of sections in RAC's field organisation from fourteen (14) to fifteen (15):

- Alberta (AB)
- British Columbia (BC)
- Golden Horseshoe (GH) (Toronto (ed.))
- Manitoba (MB)
- New Brunswick (NB)
- Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)
- Nova Scotia (NS)
- Ontario East (ONE)
- Ontario North (ONN)
- Ontario South (ONS)
- Prince Edward Island (PE)
- Québec (QC)
- Saskatchewan (SK)
- Territories (TER)
- *Yukon (YUK)* - NOTE: this addition is the only change.

Thanks W2APF for alerting us to this.

News on Our #9 AL-1200 Amplifier

I have now paid W5WZ for the AL-1200 (9) that we bought from him in Louisiana.

Scott has a friend who works repositioning RVs all over the country, so we are hoping that the amp can hitch a ride to somewhere within reasonable driving distance to my Ohio QTH sometime in September.



Once I get the amp to my Ohio place I will be able to test the two 3CX1200A7 tubes donated to the club by AC7DC, thus much hinges on somehow getting it to me in Ohio early in September.

If the hitch-a-ride option does not work, I will rent a car in Ohio and drive to Monroe, Louisiana, to pick up the amplifier. It is not feasible to ask Scott to disassemble and safe it for commercial transportation.

In December I will bring the white amplifier hard case to Idaho from Curacao, reposition it to Ohio in early January, and then hopefully take the amp to the island on my scheduled January 21 trip to PJ2T. Only then, once we are successful in getting that amp to PJ2, will I request reimbursement of the cost of the amp.

Update on PJ2T Polo Shirt Order: Completed

In addition to five shirts for new members an additional six were ordered by present members to add to their wardrobes. We had a delay in the order because one member asked for a lighter weight fabric, and I also had difficulty finding shirts in the correct sizes.

But those problems are behind us. My local embroiderer was surprisingly fast, and they did a beautiful job. I mailed the shirts on August 11, except that I was able to hand-deliver AC7DC's order at our Spokane DX Association picnic on the 9th, and will take PC8M's shirt to Curacao in October for delivery.

PJ2T WAE Contest Report

K8ND made a part time effort in this contest from Signal Point. Jeff again showed off his great patience and operating endurance with an excellent showing for PJ2T.

He recommends the link below as a good tutorial for all of us on the QTC procedures in this unusual

contest.

https://n4cf.mdodd.com/files/WAE_CW_QTC_Information_de_N4CF.pdf

WAE DX Contest, CW - 2025

Call: PJ2ND
Operator(s): K8ND
Station: PJ2T

Class: Single Op HP
QTH: Curacao
Operating Time (hrs): 19:11

Summary:
Band QSOs QTCs Mults

80: 49 11 88
40: 244 229 108
20: 313 299 76
15: 264 294 68
10: 77 86 44

Total: 947 919 384 Total Score = 716,544

New PJ2T Video Released: ARRL DX CW 2025

I finally got the time to put together a video about the February contest. This one is shorter, and somewhat different in character from the one I did for the SSB contest. This slight variation in format and theme is intended to prevent our contest videos, past and present, from eventually all looking about the same.

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-vHD8foD1g>.

It's set up so that non-hams can get an idea of what we do, and it foot-stomps the idea that CW is alive and well. But it also contains some on-air audio that will be of interest to the contesters who work us, so that they can hear what it's like on our side.



Watch the video and meet this ShelterRock goat.

Thanks to the February team for your patience in waiting for me to get to this task.

Astron RS-50A Supply Is Failed

This supply failed during the multiple visits this summer by DL8OBQ, the Dave Kalter Youth, and K8ND. The main symptom was that the output voltage jumped to 17 volts. Fortunately, there is a clamping diode in the supply that limits output voltage, so none of our equipment appears to have been damaged.

This supply came with the house, dating back into the 1960s. It's a brute, and is electrically quiet, so we use it to power Station 1's DC buss as well as all of the antenna switching system. Uli hooked up the spare supply I had in place in case of this kind of failure, and all operations went forward fine from there.



Because this supply serves our purposes perfectly, we will attempt a fix. The voltage regulator chip is the primary suspect. I have ordered several exact replacement LM723CN regulators, several 2N3771 pass transistors, and some MR751 diodes. If these do not fill the bill, there are some additional replacement parts already on site for Astrons. This will be a good troubleshooting project for operators in October who are not interested in climbing towers or the Ridge.

Interestingly, just for grins, I made an AI inquiry about a suggested troubleshooting procedure for overvoltage from the RS-50A, and the AI returned unbelievably good guidance.

Rough News from NR0X

Jason Joens, NR0X, has been PJ2T's professional tower climber since 2009. He's a young Army veteran, all muscle and grit, and did some wonderful work at the QTH over the years. Most amazing among those tasks is that he single-handedly assembled the Force 12

