

COMPETITORS TEAMS

ARGENTINA



LU7DW

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I got my first licence (LU7EMZ) in June 30th 1983, as most of the LUs I started in AM with H-B rig and one old WWII surplus receiver, after taste my first DX (work LU4ZS in Antartica, with my H-B rig 14 watts power out in AM) I decided go ahead with DX, I build a new only CW rig (80 & 40 meter band, the LUs novices bands in that age), got many countries and experience in CW, upgraded my class to General, bought a FT-101ZD in quotes from a friend (I was a high school student with non exist budget, every day I walked more than 5 milles, each way to my school and save the money from the bus's ticket gave for my parents) and really I got crazy with DX and contest. The funniest history was I start to learn CW not only for DX, it was because my father went to bed early in night (he wake up early in morning for work) I worked phone from inside of my bedroom's closet, because I don't want to my father eared me playing with the radio till late at night (remember I was in high school at that time), but that under-cover operation was more dangerous for me every day, I started to learn and work CW. During 1988 I change to my actual call LU7DW (I received my new call in June 23rd, my birthday !!!, it was one of the best birthday's gift I received in my all life) and after that QSOs with LU4ZS I never stop with DX & contest. Call: I have VE2DWA also and some reciprocal licence for CX, HC, W & DL.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS:

I started in contest in 1985 because many LUs are working in AM and other rich people (with SSB) want to took away the AM for more SSB spectrum, and opposite of this people, me & LU7ELI (a good friend of mine) we participated in the national SSB championship with our AM rig and we got the 2nd (me) and 17th place (LU7ELI). For us was a rebellion to the powerfull people (I was a teenager), but I discover my pasion of contesting!!! LU8EVY was the man who introduce me to ham radio (he was living in the house that I'm living now) I spent uncountless hours listening in his radios, also LU9BF & LU1EVV (both high school teachers of me) help me with the obtaining of my licence. Talking about contesting LW7DX (ex-LU2DW, LU7ENP) show me the DX contesting world also LU3DW, LW5DX, LU9EQ, LU1DJU help me

and I share my first multi-op in 1988 as AY6D with them, but the first DX contest that I was participating was CQWWSSB 1986 I was all band, was exciting and unforgettable!!!

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

ZP5XF, HC8N, CX7BY, LU8DPM, LU4FM, LS7D(IOTA SA-055), CX/LU7DW (IOTA SA-057) my favorite HC8N superstation!!!! and my least favorite was ZP5XF the host and station were very bad.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Yaesu FT-1000MP, Icom IC751A, Icom IC-735, Icom IC-706MKIIG, Alpha 76A, Alpha 78, Heathkit SB-220, Yaesu FL-2100Z, Heil PRO-SET, 486DXII

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I was involved from LU6ETB's returns from WRTC 96 (I lend my rig to him), always was a dream for me, participated in WRTC, but I'm not sure if will be possible, because I as haven't a good station on my home I never got a good place in contest.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

I see the contesting is heading to more competitive thing no only as operators also in station, technology, etc, but I have the opinion the complete tester need to have enough acknowledgement of electronics also, not only propagation or when use the DSP.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The contesting in general and the friendship in ham radio.

LW9EUJ

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I got my license when I was 20 y/o, but operated many contests previously with my father's license -LU6EBY. I discovered contesting casually while listening on the radio in 1987 at the age of 14 y/o. I operated many contests from my father's station and was invited to operate from some well known ones. The high points of my activities are:

My first CQ WW DX CW in 1989 as LU6EBY, I won in LU.

CQ WW WPX CW 1994 South American Record on 7 Mhz.

CQ WW DX CW 1994 1st. Place world 21 Mhz. from ZP0Y.

ARRL TEN 1994. 1st. place world single op. Mixed modes. LR0DX. In the results scores were exchanged and I was incorrectly listed as secon place.

CQ WW WPX CW 1996 world record on 7mhz. from LU1IV

CQ WW DX CW 1996 world record on 7 mhz low power from LU1IV

CQ WW WPX CW 1997 world record on 7 mhz. from LU1IV

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My elmer is my father although he has not a big station, it is always available to me, I have no station at home, so I usually

operate in minor contests from his QTH. I got some good results from his stations.

I'm grateful to all those who let me operate from their fine stations: LU4FM, LU1IV, ZP5JCY, LU2DJY - my brother.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

I only operated from outside argentina at ZP5JCY, I believe it cannot be considered a contest expedition, but was an eye opener. Nothing planned for the future, I'd love to move from single band efforts to the all band class. I don't care if it's from argentina or from a DX's place. From Argentina It's almost impossible to win in AB, but you can have lots of fun.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

No station at home.

At LU6EBY : Yaesu FT107 - M, Kenwood Ts 440 - S, Heathkit SB 220, Dipoles for 3.5 through 21 Mhz, Vertical antenna for 28 Mhz.

For the future I hope to have more real state to develop my own contest station.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I was invited by LU7DW.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

I hope contesting keeps growing. I'm really concerned about the luck of youth in our hobby. I developed two contest relate E-mail lists to promote contesting in Argentina.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The effects of contesting are hard to describe. Most people talk about adrenaline flowing all the time while you are doing a contest. I believe that it is amazing to talk to so many people in a short time period. Having big rates has always been nice. And contesting makes you learn a lot of interesting things for a ham, you have to learn about antennas, propagation, you have to perfect your english skills, your CW skills.

And of course fraternity. There's really good and kind people involved in contesting, some of them welcome you at their homes, some of them are eager to give you advice, some of them would spend hours talking about ocnesting. All that builds something magic about contests.

ASIATIC RUSSIA

UA9BA

Vladimir "Willy" Umanets

My name is Vladimir Umanets ("Willy") - UA9BA in other words. I made my first QSO at a small club stn. - UK9ACP in 1971 under guidance of Gene - UA9AB, my first tutor. In 1974 Sam - UA9AN let me in the team of UK9AAN, and he taught me tips of contesting. From then and on I have hardly missed one major contest. The most recent contest calls used are UA7A, RZ9AZA. I am married. My XYL's name is Larisa. We have two children - Mary of the age of 17 and Pasha ("Paul"), who is 10. Mary will be entering St.Petersburg's University with help from Larisa while I will be at WRTC -2000. I wish everybody GL at WRTC-2000!

RN9AO

Nickolai "Nick" Perminov

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My name is Nickolai Perminov ("Nick"). I am currently a holder of RN9AO and UN4L. first got acquainted with amateur radio in

1968, when I was at school. In 1972 I became a student of Chelyabinsk Polytechnic Institute, and Sam - UA9AN introduced me into real world of contesting at UK9AAN. Ever since then the contesting bug has been affecting my whole life. Most of my contest operations were done with different teams - UK9AAN, RL0L, RZ9AZA, UA7A core operators of which came from UK9AAN. I love contesting and hope you do as well !

BELGIUM



ON4WW

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

Licensed in 1988 as ON4AMT, ON4WW in 1990. Calls held : OT4WW-OS4WW-OO4WW-OT*A-OT*T- LX/ON4WW-9X/ ON4WW-9X4WW-5T5WW-S07WW-EL2WW-FO0AAA-A52A.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS:

ON4EJ: taught me CW, ON4UN: got me into low-band DX-ing and contesting.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Was active from 9X and EL in major contests. Contesting from Africa is a drag, when using wire antennas and low power. No upcoming trip, except the trip to Slovenia !

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

FT-1000MP, KT34-XA, verticals/inv-Ls for low bands, 8 Beverage antennas. Upgrade next year : new tower, more antenna hardware, 4-squares for 80 and 160.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

1990: on6tt and myself nearly made it to Seattle, but halas no place for Belgian team included at that time 1996: on6tt and myself were selected as Belgian team for San Francisco, but halas we were both tied up in Africa 2000: here we are ! Finally !

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Contesting asks for nothing but the best of a ham's skills : technical, performance. Seeking for innovation and trying out new technologies are at the utmost advantage of the contesteer, if he wants to improve (and who doesn't ?)

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The technical challenge of preparing and maintaining a (super) contest station, the art of logging those calls as fast and accurate as possible.



ON6TT

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I have been licensed since 1989, first as ON4AAQ, later as ON6TT. Since then, I have operated from about 60 DXCC countries around the world. I participated in 4 larger scale DXpeditions, last one being VK0IR, where I was fortunate enough to be one of the two teamleaders.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My best pal and WRTC team mate, ON4WW and I studied for the exam together, and got licenses about at the same time. Many contests we have done together until we both started to work for the UN. Since then, Mark was on one end of the world and I was on the other.. The elmers for me were ON5NT, as DXchaser and ON4UN because of his technical knowledge

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

I have contested several times out of Africa. My best results were in 5X, even though it was on the wrong coast in Africa, hi. I am contesting from wherever my work brings me.

OTHER CONTEST CALLS USED, OR OPERATED FROM:

OQ7AR, OT2T, OT2C, OT3T, OT4T, OT5T, ON7LR, OO6TT/P, ON6MS/P

EXPEDITION CALLS, CALLS USED ON EXPEDITIONS AND INDIVIDUAL TRIPS:

VK0IR (Heard Island- Antarctica '97), 3Y0PI (Peter I Island- Antarctica '94), AH1A (Howland Island-Pacific '93), FO0CI (Clipperton Island-Pacific '92), TO0R (Reunion Island-Indian Ocean '96-'97), FT5ZM (Kerguelen Island -Antarctica'97), 5X1T (Uganda '96-'97-'98-'99-2000), T30TT and T30AJ (Tarawa/West Kiribati-Pacific '93), VP8BZL and VP8CPH (Falklands '94), VP8CBE (South Shetland Islands-Antarctica '94), D2TT and D3T (Angola '94 and '95), 7Q7XT (Malawi '94 and '95), 9Q5TT and 4U9Q (Zaire '95), 9Q2T (Democratic Republic of Congo '97), C30EMA (Andorra '90), TU4FE (Ivory Coast '95)

GUEST OPERATOR AT:

4K1F (South Shetland Islands-Antarctica '94), 9U5CW (Burundi '96), HV4NAC (Vatican'97), 5Z4DU-5Z4RY (Kenya'96), 9X4WW (Rwanda '97), 4U/ON6TT (WFP/UN HQ Rome-Italy'96), 4U1ITU (ITU HQ'94), 4U0ITU (ITU HQ '95), 5Z4RL (Kenya'98), YS1RR (El Salvador'98), 4U1UN (UN HQ New York'99), 5H3US (Tanzania'99), ZA/9A4SP (Albania'99), Z38/G3MRC (Macedonia'99), 3XY7A (Guinee'99)

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My station in Belgium is FT1000MP, Alpha 91B, monobanders 10-40m My station just took down in Uganda was a TH11DX, 2

el monobander for 40 and inverted L for 80-160m, plus a multiband vertical. FT1000mp and Alpha 91B. My station in Kosovo is a FT900 and a multiband vertical

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I was asked by ON4UN. good opportunity for me, as I missed the 1996 WRTC because of the QRL.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Contesting is becoming more and more competitive where the last bit is scraped out of the tin, to score the winning QSO or multiplier. Thanks to the Internet, contesting has become more interactive, enabling us to compare scores very soon after the contest.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

It spans the world. I feel like a world citizen running a 48h contesting while talking to all parts of the world. The same counts when going on a DXpedition.

BRAZIL



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I start in 1981. Until 1987 my call was PY5IW, then i change to PY5CC.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

PY5EG help me to start in contest.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

2 times in a year i go to Fernando de Noronha Island PYØF land.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

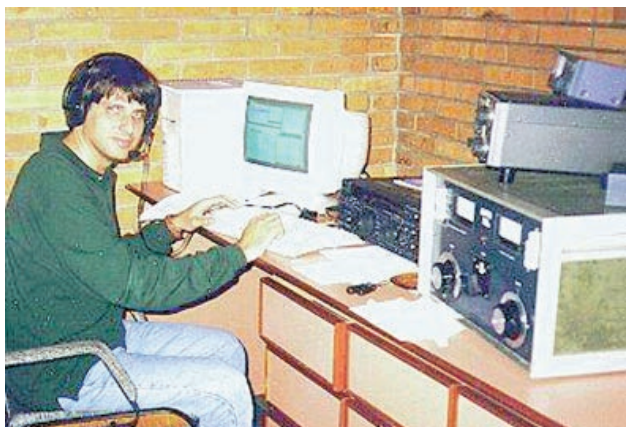
Rig FT847 + TL 922, 2 x 11 element 2.5 WL for 50MHZ, + 1 KW amplifier, 7 element Yagi 28MHZ, 5 element Yagi 24MHZ, 6 element triband yagi, 2 element yagi 7MHZ, Dipole for 80M and 160M, Beverege for 80 / 160 M.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

I take part in WRTC 1996 and again invited for the WRTC 2000.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

New friends, visiting new places and 6M operation.



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CANADA 1



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First licensed as VE3AKG in January 1972, VE6OU in 1979 and obtained VE3EJ in 1990.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Introduced to ham radio by next door neighbor VE2BQS in 1964 as a result of his interference problem with our television and telephone. Watching him make contacts all over the world inspired me immediately to learn the code and study for a license. Unfortunately the age requirement in Canada at the time was 15 so had to wait several more years.

My contesting Elmers were VE3OI (then VE3BVD) and VE3KZ. Introduced to contesting in 1973.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

PA9YI – 1973, VE3EJ/HC8 – 1996 & 1997 (member of HC8N team) , 8P9EJ – 1998

Planning to return to HC8N for CQWW CW 2000.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Antennas: 4 Towers – 60 ft, 100 ft & 2 @ 150 ft ; 160 – Inv Vee @ 145 ft, Delta loop @ 145 ft; 80 – 4 Square, Inv vee @ 75 ft (80), Inv vee @ 75 ft (75); 40 – 3 el yagi full size @ 150 ft, 402CD @ 110 ft; 20 – 5/5 yagis 150/70 ft, 5 el yagi @ 100 ft; 15 – 5/5/5 yagis 160/120/80 ft, 5 el @ 60 ft; 10 – 5/5 yagis 75/40 ft, 5 el @ 70ft, 5 el @ 160 ft; CL 36 fixed SE @ 50 ft.; WARC – 30- rotatable dipole @ 65 ft; 17- 3 el yagi @ 70 ft; 12 – 3 el yagi @ 80 ft; Receiving – 3 Beverages NE, SE, SW

Radios: IC 765 + Alpha 78; IC 775 + Alpha 87

Future plans: More towers, bigger stacks and more beverages and possibly a 4 square for 160. Need more time!

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Interest in WRTC 2000 is as a result of participation in the 1996 San Francisco event. WRTC 1996 was the finest operating event that I had ever participated in. It was a unique opportunity to meet and compete against the world's best operators. I am extremely fortunate to have been selected as one of Canada's representatives for WRTC 2000.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Improvements in technology, the availability of quality radio equipment, the introduction of numerous software packages and the convenience of entry through the internet have all contributed to the increase in contesting activity. The internet has also made score reporting almost instantaneous and helped to maintain interest between major events. All these factors will continue to influence contesting and in my view help to increase participation well into the future. Contesting has never been better and it will continue to grow.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

First and foremost, contesting has provided me with life long friendships that have stood the test of time. There is nothing finer than going head to head with friends for 48 hours and then having the opportunity to review strategies and experiences in the hopes of learning from the other with the goal of improving ones performance. Contesting is about development and self improvement. Making effective changes to equipment and operating techniques is a process that evolves through the competitive nature of the sport Events such as WRTC 2000 provide the perfect medium for those who want to learn from others and to put their knowledge to the test.

VE7ZO

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

Originally, I was licensed on November 4, 1967 with the call VE3EDC – my first QSO was ZS1XR. DX was my passion and as with many others, I quickly realized the benefit of DX contests for increasing the DXCC totals. Regional contests like the SS and the VE/W served as a training ground for the major contests such as the CQ WW and WPX and were enjoyable in themselves as

many of the regulars in these contests such as VE3KZ, VE3EJ, VE7CC etc remain competitive today.

My modest station achieved some success in the big contests in single band categories but the first real taste of high level contesting came courtesy of Bob, VE3KZ who hosted a number of multi-multi efforts in the late 70's from his station in Milton, Ontario. In 1980 my callsign was changed to VE3IY. The station was relocated to a larger site in Thunder Bay, Ontario and I began focusing on single op, multi band entries and had some success, culminating in 1990, winning the Canadian entry in both the CW and SSB portions of the CQ WW and setting new Canadian records. In 1993, I moved to the west coast on Vancouver Island and the available space to erect antennas diminished and the antenna farm shrunk to only a single tower with a tribander and 2 el 40 M beam. I operated first as VE3IY/7 and subsequently received the call VE7ZO. Fortunately, John, VE3EJ had been establishing his station at Grassie Ontario and having achieved single op Canadian records in each mode of the major contests, was looking to do the same with the multi disciplines.

Since then, I have travelled almost every year to his station to participate in either the multi-single or multi-multi entries and we have enjoyed tremendous success from this wonderful location. Naturally, John's reputation as a world class operator and the success of the station has drawn many renown operators to this QTH and afforded myself the opportunity to operate with an elite group.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My father, VE3ARN was inspirational in getting me interested in radio as well as providing a station from which a young operator could start off making DX QSO's immediately. He was a tremendous source of technological help and one to help rewire the low power antennas when I melted the traps on them. In the contest arena, Bob VE3KZ allowed me the first opportunity to operate from a competitive station. Regular competitors such as VE3EJ, VE3BMV, VE3BVD, VE3ABN were friends that shared experiences that peaked interest and improved skills.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Expeditions in recent years have been only to VE3 land if you don't count pleasurable trips to 8P9 and 6Y5 during non major contest weekends.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Current station is modest, on a city lot with a single tower. Expect further competitive contest efforts to come from expeditions.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

John VE3EJ and myself had the good fortune to participate in the 1996 WRTC in San Francisco.

As the VE3EJ station continued to contribute major scores, the RAC Contest Committee chose John and we agreed to operate another time in the WRTC.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

In recent years it has been the sharing of the experience with a highly motivated group of operators and the teamwork involved in competitive multi-multi work.

The technology of the hobby has accelerated in last decade which partly explains the vast improvement in scoring, even during the low sunspot years.

For multi-multi, the pre-work of the station is significant with long hours being put in by the station owner to make the stations clean and functional and there is satisfaction at the end of the contest when all has gone well, the mults have been passed efficiently and the interference is minimal.

CANADA 2



VE7SV

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I was first licensed as VE7BFN in 1960 on my 15th birthday. From 1963 to 1968 I operated as VE8AA and VE8RR from a weather station in the Canadian Arctic and upon returning to Vancouver in 1969 I became VE7SV.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My father Earl, VE7AGC/VA7UA has provided encouragement and direction throughout my life. My brother is Bev VE7VFM/VA7AW. W7RM provided a training school for operating and station building for me and many of the young Pacific North West amateurs of the 70's and Rush continues to still be a force in contesting and contesting education today.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

I have operated contest or DX peditons as: ZF9SV, VP2MSV, P40V, 3D2AM Conway Reef, BT1DX, CP6AA and UB5J/VE7SV.



HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I participated in WRTC90 as Captain of Team Canada and was the referee at WRTC96 for Team South Africa.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The most wonderful part of contesting for me has been the many friendships that I've developed over the years. Many of these friends are more like brothers than like friends.



VA7RR

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed as WN6VEF in 1973; upgraded to WA6VEF in 1974. Began contesting in 1975; very active and successful in domestic and DX contests both from California (at stations such as N6RO, AI6V, and N6BT) and abroad (KV4FZ, AH0C, 4T4O, VP2MW, PJ1B, and P40V, to name a few) until 1990, when I moved to Canada and began activity as VE7NTT. Call changed to VA7RR in 1999. Most of my Canadian contest activity has been from VE7SZ, VE3EJ, and home. Married to a ham, Niki, VE7NKL, who also likes contesting.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

I credit the Northern California Contest Club, which I joined in 1975, as getting me started in contesting. It was both the Club's activities and the help of fellow members which got me going.

The person I credit most for helping me with my contesting is Tom Schiller, N6BT. I operated at his station many times over a ten year period, and he helped me to elevate my operating skills, critiquing my techniques and offering advice.



FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

The Best—AH0C, in Saipan, for the 1983 CQWW CW contest. This was a 2-man multi-multi with Tom, N6BT. We were able to connect our equipment to a system of 22 db gain curtain arrays at a shortwave station located on the island. We were very, very loud! The Worst—It was the first one, J6LZA, St. Lucia, in 1981. I learned a lot about how to prepare for a contest expedition by not doing it right the first time out. I brought very few tools and equipment, had tri-bander problems which I was unable to fix, and got sick early into the contest. No upcoming trips except WRTC.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

City lot location. Yaesu FT1000D and Kenwood TS-830SAT radios; Amp Supply LK-550ZC and Dentrion MLA-2500 amps. Single crank-up tower presently has these Force-12 antennas: 5 over 5 on 15 at 86 and 39 feet; 4 on 20 at 73 feet, and 2 on 40 at 73 feet.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I was asked to participate by Dale, VE7SV, who was chosen as one of the captains for Team Canada. I also was a competitor in WRTC-96.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Making the most out of any rate situation. Catching those unexpected openings, working interesting multipliers on strange paths. The fun and fellowship of operating as part of a multi-op group.

CROATIA



9A9A

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

In Djakovo was very active School radio club - YU2CDS, and after exam 1973 I got my first licence, own call got in 1977 - YU2RQX, two years later changed it to YU2RA, and 1992 when Croatia got own prefix became 9A2RA. In april 1994 changed it to 9A9A.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS:

Vlado 9A2CB helped to started in Ham radio, but in contesting, teachers were 9A2SB, 9A2CT, 9A2TS & 9A2SD.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Sorry, I was on no expeditions, maybe in future, but it depends of many factors.



CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Current station consists of: TS 950 sdx (x3), Alpha 77 & 78, old Drake C line, TS 690, FT 990 and some other transceivers, but favorite one is TS 950sdx.

Antennas are: 160 - Inv. vee, 80 - Phased verticals, 40 - 4 el. KLM, 20, 15, 10 - 2x KT34xa, 20 - 4 el, 15 - 3 el, 10 - 4 el. and monoband & threeband verticals, with Beverages and other receiving antennas.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Only competition and meeting with other World top contesters was reason for my involving in WRTC.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

In general, there is always the same number of active stations, no fresh blood in contests, in some contests is a lot of categories, but in generally, it is pity that we have no young contesters and operators generally.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Meeting with different people, and contesting - to show operators and equipment quality.

9A3GW

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

Licensed since 1981, first in radioclub YU2AYZ, (YU2W contest call). We built 20m high tower with monobanders for 10, 15 and 20m.



I joined YT2R team around 1986 which changed to Croatian DX club after the 1992 independence.

Personal callsigns held: 4N2LOM, YT2LOM, YT2GW, 9A3GW. Apart from HF and occasional VHF contests with YT2R, I also compete in ADRF.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS:

I took part in EU and WW championships in DL, OM, HA, LZ and 9A.

I am currently employed in Times Computers Ltd. as a software project manager.

CZECH REPUBLIC

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

Licensed 1977.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Learned contesting at OH1AF, nowadays OH1F.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

The favorites are EA8AGD M/S operations and the multi-national CT3M M/M CW.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

OH1EH: FT1000MP, AL1200, 3el 40m, 4/4 20m, 4/4/4 15m, 5el 10m. Future plans call for 10m stack.

OH0Z: three 40m yagis, 7 tribanders on three towers. Future plans call for more antennas this summer.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

I was nominated by the SRAL.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Technology obviously is becoming more and more important (for the good and worse...)

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

RATE! Meeting old friends time after time, the excitement!



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I started as BC DX-listener in 1979 and still doing it from time to time. (I have some 350 verifications from BC stations). First time visited with a friend at OH1AF during the Scandinavian Activity Contest 1982 when our club operated as multi-multi. I got hooked and was licensed in 1986. I have also call sign OH0NOA and I have operated from OH0, OJ0, 4J1FS, EA8, CT3, 4X, OD5, 4S7, CN8, ES, LY, YL and G.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My contest elmer was Hannu OH1HS (aka OH3WW). I have also got a lot of help during the years from my contest buddies OH1EH, OH1MM and OH1MDR.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

My highlight (so far) was an international CQWWCW operation as CT3M in 1989 as multi-multi. We were #1 WW.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I don't own a permanent station at the moment at all! I am living in the centre of the city. So all my operations are portable operations, guest operating or operating from my club OH1AF/OH1F.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I tried to get WRTC-1996 but was not selected. This time I had a better luck!.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Popularity of contesting in Europe is growing for sure. You can see it from the amount of Europeans in the US logs. The winning will need more and more time and money.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

It is operating itself.

FRANCE



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Elmer : Gaston F2PZ helped me get on the air. Sorry, nobody I really helped getting on the air for the 1st time.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

Operated partly the IARU RS 1999 as 8Q7TV, but it was mainly a family holiday with radio ! I enjoyed it though this place is too far away from everything and in an unused bearing ! Plans to operate WPX CW 2000 from FY - French Guyana.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I have to rebuild a lot of my contest antenna farm after the BIG windstorm of Dec. 26 th, 1999. Should be mostly as before : 160 m shunt fed twr, 4 sloper array on 80, 3 el. 40 at 24 m, 5 el 20 at 24 m, 5 el 15 at 21 m, 6 el 10 at 15 m + 5 el 10 at 25.5 m, all on 4 towers instead of 3.

Radios are TS950SD and TS850S, Alpha 91b and AL1500 amps.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I was asked by Tine S50A to work on the selection of the F team. As nobody volunteered to go, Gerard F6FGZ and I selected ourselves !!!! Both of us work for the same employer, a large F / International professional electronics company.



WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

More technology, bigger scores for the good side. Unfortunately, less ethics and more cheaters in some EU countries.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The ability of testing new antennas and new technology in live. Meeting true testers from any country is always a great time. WRTC is the best example of this.



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I got my license in november 1977, when I was 17. The callsign is still the same since this time. During my military duty, I was in Tahiti in 1983 and I got FO8LA as local callsign but just two months before coming back to home. I had no station so sometimes I used Stan, FO8IW station who kindly borrowed it.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

I passed examination at the Rambouillet ARC (F6KKR) located near Paris. Main interest was HF bands but not contesting at this time. I met Jacques, F6BEE in 1990 and then towers started to grow ...

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

No, just a little DXpedition during holidays on Les Saintes island (FG).



CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Since december 26th 1999 there is no tower and antennas ... you know why! I just received a new tower and I plan to put a two elements yagi for 40m and the brand new KT36XA by M2 on it. Then, I will load the tower for 160m and hang a 80m delta-loop on it. Transceiver is a TS-850 driving an AL-1500.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I was at San Francisco during WRTC-96 and had spent a very good time there. During the candidats campaign, nobody answer for this year event in France. So Jacques, F6BEE and me decided to come!

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

New technologies are pushing the limits. I think about antenna design and simulation, digital modes for RTTY contesting enthusiasts, computer assisted operating (keying, rating, dupe checking, spotting, networking, logging, publishing ... and more to come). Fortunately, human being is still needed for the strategy.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

When you receive a QSL card from a guy using 5w with a dipole antenna in the attic from a country several thousands of miles from you, running station at high rate or working first a new multiplier.

GERMANY 1

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

At the age of 11 I got interested in Radio Electronics and started simple receiver projects to listen to local AM broadcast stations. As I soon discovered that hearing weak foreign signals is a special challenge and that Morse Code is a more efficient mode than phone, I spent most of my free time listening to the classic Amateur Radio shortwave bands and improved my CW skills with training programs on my home computer. Before getting licensed at age 15 I had already participated in contests as a SWL and therefor did not really feel like a newcomer when I first signed DL1IAO – my current call.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

It certainly was my father / DJ1DB who woke up my interest both in the operating side and in the technical side of the hobby. He spent many hours introducing me into electronical design and on-the-air contacts, never suspecting how seriously he would infect me with the Ham Radio virus!

FAVORITE Dxpeditiions:

Surprisingly enough I have never been on a serious contest expedition in the meaning of operating from a rare place! I always found it more challenging to compete on a national or european level. W6Y (WRTC 1996) and N3RS (WAEDC Phone 1999) were the only, but very enjoyable exceptions.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I currently split my activities between my home QTH, a hilltop side I share with DK1NO and occasional guest operating sessions at nearby club stations. The home QTH includes a 17m crank-up tower with a 3el DJ2UT tribander and varying wire antennas for LF.

The shack is built around a TS870, IC735 and SB220 and is planned to be computer-controlled SO2R-style in the near future.

The antennas at the hilltop are all homebrew computer-designed monoband yagis from 10-40m (2 directions on 10/15m) and vertical arrays from 40-160m supported by 6 Beverage directions. The site is generator-powered and exposed to rough climate conditions requiring basic hardware work on a regular basis.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

As WRTC96 was the highlight of my contest career I cannot wait for this one. What a luck to be selected by the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC) together with my friend Manfred / DL2MEH!

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Certainly contesting is just one of many playing fields in Amateur Radio but it uniquely combines the need of technical knowledge and operating experience.

One visible trend is the increasing automation in station control providing more operating comfort. While this makes sense and is certainly appreciated by most of us, we should always be aware of the fact that new technologies are worthwhile additions, but never can replace our individual operating skills.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The most fascinating aspect for me is the opportunity to make real friends regardless of nationality, religion, social status and age – a point which is especially important nowadays.

Amateur Radio Contesting has allowed me to get in touch with many interesting people I probably never would have met otherwise. During a contest I like the thrill of knowing that hundreds of other participants prepared the event in a similar way and that they share all the ups and downs with you which makes each of these weekends so exciting.



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I was licenced in 1987 - at the age of 15 -, a friend at school (DL2MDV/David - not active any more) showed me the first steps into amateur radio. Together with DL1GGT/Tom, his brother DL1GRG/Rainer and DL1GSB/Sigi (who were all licenced at the same day as me) I started improving CW-speed, contesting and having the first "pile-ups" in HB0-land in 1988 and 1989. My friend and highspeed-CW-operator DF5UL/Fred was the biggest influence at that time !

Thanks also to Felix, DL5XL for several contest trips we made together ! And of course: the members of the Bavarian Contest Club, especially DF3CB, DL2NBU and DL6RAI for their help !

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

Because I live only 1 hour away from Liechtenstein, I made several contests in HB0 starting in 1989. In 1991 I was active as C30EHA and several times I operated at 4U1VIC (5 times for CQWW CW and SSB) and T70A (2 times SSB) in M/S. Without any doubt the biggest thrill was CN8WW in 1999 CQWW CW M/M operating the 20m-station ! I hope to get there again in 2000! In the SSB-part we probably do it again from 4U1VIC.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My station is located at my parent's house in a very small village near Lindau/Lake Constance. The last few years I used a KT34A rooftop at abt 14m and Dipoles for 40/80. For CQWW or ARRL



I erect a vertical for 40-160 in neighbours' farmland... (only during winter contests). In the shack I use a TS850 with Alpha78 and IC735 + SB1000 as 2nd station. Due to the limited antenna situation and interference problems I often operate from remote locations or in M/S-activities.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

When I heard about the WRTC-2000 I was interested going there from the beginning, even more as my friend Stefan, DL1IAO told me about his participation in WRTC 96. Then I put in a wildcard entry, but with low chances...

So I was more than happy as I received a eMail that Stefan and me have been elected as BCC-team!

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

In the last few years the technical part has improved a lot. Computer logging is standard, tx-control gets popular and much more improvements have been made.

With such well-designed and equipped stations it was possible to create these super scores from EA8BH or CN8WW. It's also of interest that logchecking is made more and more via computer programs. This forces operators to make less mistakes and prevents from careless logging.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I like running pile-ups (and hate people only giving the last two letters in SSB) and I'm still working on my DXCC (5 countries left).

Moreover I like contests with power- and antenna restrictions like the European Fieldday. I also like sprints. In my opinion 24 hours are enough for every contest except CQWW.

HUNGARY



HA3OV

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Hi, my name is Antal Hudanik HA3OV. Let me tell you briefly about my HAM history. I went to a course to learn the basics of HAM RADIO the Morse codes, electricity, Q-codes etc. when I was 13. Shortly after, I became a member of Radio Club Szekszard HA3KNA and I was lucky because there I met some of high-skilled radio operators like HA3NS; HA3NU; HA3FTA from whom I learned what the "real" HAM Radio is. We spent lots of time with my schoolmate and pal Joco/HA3OU behind the chairs observing the operating styles and "secret techniques" for han-

dling contest pile-ups and how to repair the old home brew VFO hitting by fist.

That time we participated in plenty of contests and won some of them as well. We were active from the contest sites of different Hungarian contest stations like HG6N; HG6Y, HG9R; HG1W also. Besides contesting I loved DX hunting and I hope I could help HA3KNA to reach the No.1 5BDXCC confirmed for a Club station in Hungary.

After six years I got my own license HA3OV in 1984. From my home I spent most of my time on the CW edge of the bands, because of high speed CW enthusiasm. I became a member of numerous clubs HSC; VHSC; SHSC; EHSC; HACWG etc.

I'm a two times world champion in high speed telegraphy. JE3MAS and DL4MM wrote a fantastic softwares for pile-up simulation (PED), and for callsign receivings on high speed (RUFZ). That make my days delighted when the band propagation is poor.

I put up my headphone and playing with these SWs on my computer. This is the part of the HST championships (great fun). Last year HA1AG helped to make my dreams come true when he organised a DXpedition to Palestine. So we generated hugh pile-ups with E44/HA1AG from Gaza.

Finally we made over 40.000 QSOs on 1.8-28 Mhz CW/SSB/RTTY and gave a chance to work with E44 first time on low bands. The operators was HA1AG; HA1TJ; HA3NU and HA3OV. About WRTC. I always wanted to participate on a contest where the conditions are equals. Some says I'm a good operator, but the location of our station is not so good. WRTC offers a nice opportunity to see how good we are in contesting.



HA3NU

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My HAM life started in the local elementary school with learning morse code and other basic topics of amateur radio. This time my brother HA3NS already was a HAM enthusiast that helped me a lot to involved deeply in this activity and of course I learned from him many things. I started my HAM carreer at my beloved radio club HA3KNA in 1971. I got my first callsign HA3JNG (issued special for youngsters) in 1972 and I have used it for two years. I have my present callsign HA3NU since 1974.

I am specially interested in: shortwave contests, DX hunting, High Speed Telegraphy/C

As our QTH and equipment is not "perfect" for contesting I competed more time at several contests stations in Hungary. During my college studies from HG5A and later "tried out" HG6N,

HG9R and lately HG6Y. The average results were Eu. 5-8 places in big contests as WPX or WW.

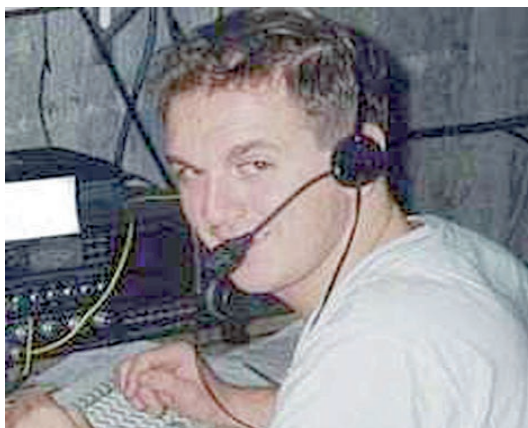
I also like DX hunting. I've DXCC HR CW and need only 1 country (of course P5). I am also holder of full 5BWAZ and have all 200 zones in CW.

I have logged more than 200.000 QSO's so far. I was member of E44/HA1AG team and contribute to its 40.000 QSO and the success for the Dxpedition.

High Speed Telegraphy is also among my favourite activities. I am a CW enthusiast and I like QRQ. I was silver medalist in 1st IARU HST World Ch's and won gold medal in Eu Ch's and beside this several national Ch's. I've been the coordinator of IARU R1 HST working group since 1995.

Current home equipment: FT77, 800W linear, 3 ele tribander, WARC vertical, wire loops and dipoles for lower bands.

ITALY 1



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I start with my license in the feb 1991, at the age of 17 yrs old, my first an only one call is IK2QEI.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

I start into contesting world from I3MAU Renzo's contest team, was the October 91 the CQWW SSB. The call was IZ3A in the multi/multi category, and what a mess.....!!!!!!!

The best contest operators from all over Italy come at I3MAU qth for this big event, I have opportunite to meet for the first time in my life and all together: I1JQJ - I2VXJ - I4UFH - I4YSS - I3JSS - I3EVK - I3VHO - I6NOA - IK1GPG - IK2NCJ - IK2BHX - IK2GSN - IV3YYK - IV3TAN and many otherswas an unforgettable event for me.....

After Renzo become a SK in the 1996, the IR4T guys (I4UFH - I4JMY - I4YSS -IK4IEE) invite me to their fantastic contest site, and now I'm also one of IR4T the mushroom station, it's a water tower near Modena in nortnen Italy with all the antennas up abt 70 mt over the ground.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

I did only fews contest exp. in the CQWW SSB 96 from Lampedusa isl. African Italy with a very long call IG9/IK2QEI and I finished 5^World in 20 meters high power cat.



During the summer 97 Giorgio I2VXJ and me come back to ig9 land and take part at the WAE DC CW, we finished in the 1st place World Multi Single cat. In the 99 summer holidays, I went to SV8CS qth (Zante isl.) for the EUHFC contest, and put my special call sign J48QEI to the 1st place of the high power Mixed mode category, from south Europe the pile-up was fantastic, after that for the CQWW 99 SSB I fly to Lampedusa for take a part in one of the big event of my life IG9A multi/multi.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My usual contest station is the IR4T setup, 5 el. yagi on 10, 4 el. delta on 15, 3 el. delta on 20, 2 el. delta on 40, also a 3 el yagi on 15 and 2 el yagi on 20, for low band 80m dipoles up abt 70mt, and 2 el yagi made by wire on 160m fixed nw-se up abt 55mt. May be in the future we need the opportunitie to split our signal in more direction..with more antennasand listen in the same mode.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I'm a member of the Marconi Contest Club, it's the first official Contest Club in Italy. Our club did a great job for the promotion of WRTC2000 and I'm very interested in all that can be part of the contest world, I think that the WRTC 2000 will be the best contest with the best competitors.....



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I got my license in 1977 after more than 7 years of SWL. Problem for so long waiting was my parents were afraid me not to study for

hamming. When i was 22 bought a radio with the money of summer job, and got the license. I studied until got my medical degree. First callsign was I1VXJ, I was in Torino. Moved to I2 land in 1982, when i find my second job.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Nothing important.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

First I was T5GG, where I went two times for WAE 1988 and ARRL Phone 1989. In 1992 TJ1GG for WW Phone, got a long time lasting record for SOAB LP (believe me was really LP). Other operation include RW0A in Siberia, (UZ0AXX QTH), P3A, and many IG9 . also WRTC 96!!! Best experience was TJ1GG, with big pile-ups on high bands. I would like to put up a decent fixed stn in Lampedusa, which is a nice place for contesting always. Whenever there is the chance to go to any country, I try to go....

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My tower are building cranks. I have two of them for supporting the 3 el yagi 40 and 6 el yagi for 10. The other crank has 6 el yagi for 20 and 15. All antennas are homemade and fullsize. In an alluminium tower 21 m hig there is a TH7DXX , dipoles for 80 - 160. A vertical for 80 full size is the last HF antenna. In the shack 2 IC-775, and 3 ampl. Upgrade could be replace th7dxx with a 4 el quad and improve the shack for really single op 2 radio.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

I was choosen by IK2QEI, which is the best operator in Italy....

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

I am a bit afraid that contesting on CW will die, but thanks to new technology we can enjoy for a long time more.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I like ham because radio is magic, don't try to explain me how it works, but when I qso with people so far, for me is something magic, and I like to do this miracle... Enjoy travelling, and knowing people from all over the world is nice.

ITALY 2



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I got my license in August 1978, my first call was **I5JHW**, and never changed..

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

I have interesting in amateur radio very young, and when I decided to get the license, the local radio club helped me for it. Immediately I have been interested in competition, and just in CQWW 1979 I made first place Italy in single op. all band category.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

The interesting in dx and dx-peditions coming not too late, and my first activity been 8Q7CG in 1985, replay it in 1986. Every year, during my winter vacations I have signed a new call: ZK1XO 1988, VP5/I5JHW 1989, ZF2PX 1991, V2/I5JHW 1992, S75S 1993, 9Y4/I5JHW 1994, VP29EI 1995, CN5I-CN2HW 1995, 5H1HW 1996, 3D2HW-ZK1HW-FO0/I5JHW the summer trip on the S. Pacific 1996, 6Y6Y 1997, XE3/I5JHW 1998, 3B8/I5JHW 2000, about the dx-peditions for the contesting, have been for A.R.I. International contest IA5/I5JHW CAPRAIA IS., IR5R from GIANNUTRI IS., CN5I from Morocco, TS8ZA from Tunisia, TS5I in the WPX 1998; and to many times I have spent in Tunisia as 3V8BB in the ARRLDX SSB ARRL 10 mt and three times in A.R.I. contest.

I'm also member of IO5A contest call of radio club in my town. My favorite of course is ARI Contest, and ARRL then meter because to very hard 48 hours at my age hi hi. I like organizer the dx-peditions, and I have to very satisfaction when sign 3V8DJ JERBA IS. last year new reference AF-083 in IOTA program, and 3V8BT KERKENNAH IS. AF-073 this year, the most wanted IOTA list.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My actual station in home is ICOM IC 781, ICOM IC 756, and ICOM IC 706MKII that use also for dx-peditions together SGC 500 Linear amplifier solid state. About the amplifier I have HENRY 3KD classic and ALPHA 78A. The antenna is KLM 6 element KT34XA and single dipole for 40/80 meter. For the future not intend upgrade my station, because I'm very busy for my job and I'm on the top of DXCC with 334 country confirmed, I would spend my time at organizer new dx-peditions in the south pacific.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

About the WRTC-2000 I'm been selectionated together my friend I5NSR Sergio, and at first time I very glad to do, but now I tiepid interest because through the reflector coming every day message that not understand, I make contest because enjoy it, on the contrary the guys polemic in any part of relues as if only winner est important!!! I hope you understand my think.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

My think is explained at point 5, the trend follow the modern life every matter go quick, and also in HAM, every year must broke the record, the same in dx-peditions, the last mayor are "industrial dx-peditions" the only goal est the make QSO,QSO,QSO, with the very hight cost. I not share this one, this is crazy for me.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

My interest in HAM is that know many friends around the world, different religion, politic, or color of skin, not very important, important is that every one is a man.

I5NSR

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My age is 53 years old and my first experience in radio when at 11 years old, with 807.....to.... OC71. Now, no homebrew construc-



tions, only work...sic! Few years later, then worked all DXCC country, it's born another passion: IOTA activation's, I'm been active from the exotic Africa Islands: Djerba and Kerkennah, but the first lover still contests. License since 1974, and first contest WWDX 1976. Then I'm worked two, or three contest every year. Today, my next goal is the big event in the century: **WRTC 2000!**

The better results are: **First** place in ARRL SSB 1981 single op. all bands **QRP**. **First** place CQWDXSSB 1981 single op. all bands **QRP**. **Eighth** place world ARRLCW 1993 single op. all bands. **First** place Italy WWDXCW 160 meter 1995. **First** place A.R.I. International Contest 1997 Multi op. with the call **TS8ZA**. **Second** place world, WPXSSB 1998 Multi op. with call **TS5I**. At present time in my shack I have an ICOM 781, ICOM 756PRO, ALPHA 78A amplifier, antenna is Hygain TH 11 at 15 meter from the roof.

JAPAN 1



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

1979 First licensed as JM1CAX (at age 12)

1984-1987 Mainly operated Multi OP at JA1YWX

1986 First DX Contest from overseas at K7LXC (thanks to Steve)

1987 Contesting from VE7UBC and K6ZM

1989-1991 VK2FCA. Made contest-expeditions to VK9NX and YJ0NX

1991 One of Mop members at KH0AM (CQWW SSB)
1995-1998 ZS6CAX. Found a good place for contesting in Swaziland.3DA0NX later 3DA5A.

1989-present JY9NX.

Calls held: JM1CAX, JI2UUS, N6RNU, KG7WW, VK2FCA, VK9NX, YJ0NX, ZS6CAX, 3DA0NX, 3DA5A, VE7/JM1CAX, W7/JM1CAX, KH0/N6RNU, 7P8/KG7WW, V5/KG7WW, F/KG7WW.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

During my high school days, Tad JH7PKU and Icko JA6-9330 were the elmers for contesting. I also learned many things from the late Phil K6ZM when I was in the States.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

The experiences I had in Swaziland was my most favorite. These were my first serious Single OP efforts.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I have setup a station at my rented house in Jordan. IC756PRO, IC756, Command Tech's HF1250E and A4S Tribander (20-15-10)@16m, D40 rotatable dipole (40) @20m, IV (160-80)@16m. I also have 4el HB9CV for 6m in between. Since the station is not a permanent one, there's no plan for further upgrading (but want an amp that gives continuous 1KW).

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I had always been longing for participating WRTC. But when I was in JA, I was shackless and there was no ways of being nominated. It made me so excited that I was chosen this time as one of participants.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

It seems that contesting is becoming to require much more resources than ever. Those poor contesters (like me) can no longer compete in the higher score groups.

To this end, Tribander/Single Element category in WPX Contest gave us good incentives to make further efforts with a limited setup. I wish CQ WW would also introduce it in the near future.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Contesting requires operating skills, technical knowledge on hardware, software and propagation. I believe it is the integrated way of enjoying ham radio. That's why I am in love with contesting.



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First licenced in 1982 as JO1RUR. Now I hold JO1RUR, KH0G and V8EA.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Local ham, old man, interested me in the radio.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

I go to Brunei, V85, and do the operation as V8A, every year.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Now, I have no ham equipment in my country, because I had moved all equipment to V85.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I am look forward to operate in EU area.



JAPAN 2

JH4NMT

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed on 1975 on my present address with my present callsign JH4NMT. (refer CQ contest October 1998 issue).



HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS:

I had an interest in contest style operation on JARL special event station since 1981, such as 8J3XPO, 8J3UNV, 8J3JST, and 8J3ITU.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

I did some contest-pedition for VK9LD, 4U1UN. Also I had a chance to live in Niger since 1991 for two years with the callsign 5U7M.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I have a multiband contest station on my current address. It locates in residential area. I make a chance to constrict a strategic contest station on the mountain area near my town.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Since 1996, on WRTC-1996 in San Francisco, It was strongly impressive for me to make a good conversation with all over the world-class testers. This chance made me wider contesting interests, overseas culture, and people.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Pursuit of maximizing contest score. So many factors in it. This research in very interest for me.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Strategic planning and operation for contesting.

1994-1996 multi OP, CQ WW SSB from JA1YDU

1994-1996 multi OP, CQ WW CW from KH0

1997-1998 multi OP from KH2

1998-1999 CQ WW CW, MM from J3A

1998- various contest from OT#A, PI4CC

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

No one, but when JA3YKC/JE2YRD were active, I learned a lot of contest tips including station design, operating skills, and met and made connection with a lot of enthusiastic tester.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Casual one is my favorite. Not carrying so much equipment, just go and rent a shack. At this moment there is no plan, it is too early to make a plan for CQ WW this year!

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I have no station in my apartment in London. If I have enough money and

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

I used to be not so much interested in this event. Last year, I went to Friderichshafen and visited to SCC, then found it would be very interesting event. And more, I met Jun, JH4RHF who participated both 1990 and 1996, he explained how it was and will be.

I live in London since 1998, therefore, getting to Slovenia is much easier than from JA. So I was thinking to go to S5 for visitor during WRTC2000 and watch what is going on. In early this year, Yoshi, JH4NMT sent me an email that he was looking for teammate and I decided to join him.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Getting more and more competitive. Even if it is not sunspot peak, one can get tremendous score by operating skill and equipment.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Uncertainty. Mostly due to uncertainty of propagation.

JAPAN 3



JK3GAD

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

Got license and QRV in 1983 Main contest activities are:
1988-1989 multi OP, WPX, CQ WW from JA3YKC

1989-1991 multi OP, WPX, CQ WW from JE2YRD

1992 ARRL SSB M2 from 5U7M



JA8RWU

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I was licensed in 1973 in Chitose, Hokkaido when I was 14, and I had my call JA8RWU.



HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS:

A friend of mine in school told me to try to get the license together. He is JH8AIW/JH1NVR (later & now). By myself I tried to QRV in contests and learned it alone. Also I was an operator of JA0YAK, NIIGATA UNIV. Club station from 1978 to 1982, and was active in many contests.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Operating from zone 8 & 35 was exciting. Someday I would like to operate from zone 9 & 33. I will operate from KH0/KH2 sometime as it is much closer.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

RIG: IC-760PRO(=765), IC-750A(=751A), TS-830S

AMP: 3-500Z*2, 8877*1, Alpha89

ANT: #1 tower (40m)—Inv. vees for 160/80/75/40m, 2el for 40m,

#2 tower (23m)—5el for 20m,

#3 tower (17m)—6el for 15m, 6el for 10m

#4 tower (15m)—5el tribander 10-15-20m

#5 tower (20m)—no ant yet

two beverages to NA/EU about 100-150m long, Land: 13.6 acres

I have many plans and will put up more towers and more ants, but it takes long time.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

I was K6A with JH4RHF in WRTC'96 and it was a fantastic opportunity. To see top notch testers in one place was awesome! So I tried to join in this event as at least a visitor. Once in a lifetime experience, but now, twice in a lifetime!

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Computerizing, networking and remote control make difference. And also bigger antennas and good radios make better scores. But I think a human touch for contest will remain the same, and we can be only a person who use the ionosphere to communicate. It's a contest world!

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Running with pileups, judging when to QSY, which band to QSY and when to sleep, trying to get a new multi through pileups. It's a thrill! Also to make my station bigger & smart and to improve my ability for contest is a challenge. There are many friends around the world like one country. People can be friendly each other since they are contest nuts. Life's too short for the radio!

JH4RHF

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed as JH4RHF in 1976. Many calls (licenses) issued for my DXpeditions and contest expeditions, which include KH2S and ZL1RH (both valid now). Moved into Vienna Austria for the job in 1999 and licensed OE1ZKC in same year. DXpedition experiences include XF4L ('89), ZL9DX ('91), KH2S/KP1 ('93), 3D2CT ('95), BV9P ('95) and ZL9CI ('99).

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS:

Not individual elmers, but my university radio club took the role for me. Osaka Univ. Radio Club (JA3YKC) had been active contest club then. The member at that time includes Masa JA3ODC/AH0C, of VP2KC fame, Sam JA2VUP/AH0B, Mas JE3MAS/5H1HK and more.



FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

KH2S in WW SSB 1991, WW CW 1992. Both operation achieved new Oceanian M/S record then. (SSB record has never been beaten since then) It was really impressive for me. Unfortunately, one member made a financial problem then, and I cancelled all of following plan at KH2 land. I am seeking for next trip plan somewhere in Africa. Any suggestion is welcomed !!!!

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Unfortunately, my lodging condition does not allow me to setup a contesting station at home. My current activity is limited at our club at the office, 4U1VIC. Due to the high wind, the setup is only (or less than) T/S.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

As I attended WRTC since 1990, it is natural to eager to join. Moreover, fortunately I have moved to Austria, the other side of the Alps. It is always big fun to see world's best, old friends of contesting.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Contesting is a competition how many Qs and multis you can work. This means a competition of efficiency. Two radios, PacketCluster, two antenna systems wired to one radio... all for efficiency. On this point, 1st class contest station is really 1st class efficient amateur radio station.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I think single op multi band operation is the state of art. Operator skill, station equipment, location all element must be #1. As my contesting origin was big M/M at JA3YKC and my concerning was mult op for years, I like to try single op for coming years.... to be "competitive". am in love with contesting.

LITHUANIA



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

In ham radio - LY2BM

In contesting - LY1PM (UK2BBB/UP1BWW/LY2WW)

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Home station: TS850S/AT + 1 KW amplifier, KT34A and wire antennas.

these friends personally later on - like here in Bled. And that's exciting.

LY4AA

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

Made my first QSO back in 1984, at age of 14. Started at secondary school club station (ex UK2BCC).. Because station was closed in 1985, station chief proposed me to join Kaunas University of Technology Radio Club. In 1986 did my first contest. Next years was dedicated to contesting as a member of LY7A team (a.k.a UK2PCR, UP1BZO, LY2ZO).



In 1995 got my LY4AA, license.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Thanks to Kestas Dailyda (LYR-346), he helped to make my first steps at secondary Scholl club station. Thanks to Algis Kregzde (LY2NK) for introducing me into the Contesting. I learned a lot from him and continuing to learn till today.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Not much experience here, but I was happy to be a part of RW2F team during several contests. Great station, great operators !

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Really nothing special.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

Since the first WRTC (when WRTC was a part of Good Will games) I was hoping to go to such a event some day and now it happen...

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Like in every sport - spirit of competition.

POLAND



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

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SP9HWN

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Calls held: SR9HWN, 3Z9HWN, K6L, SN9JPT, SP9W, SN9J, 3Z9JPT, 3Z9DXC, SN9W.

Operator of special calls (...JPT) for Pop John Paul II. visit in Poland.

Operating as SP9W during contests, also on 6m.

Awards 5BDXCC, DXCC 322, WAC, etc.etc. I have more than 200 awards.

SLOVAKIA



OM3BH

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I got my first licence in 1983 when I was 15 years old. The call was OL9CPG. These calls were issued for young radioamateurs in the age from 15 to 18 years. The holders of the licence OL was allowed to work on 160m, 2m and 70 cm only.

When I was 18 I got call OM3TPG, but I was not very active. In this time I studied at the Technical University in Bratislava and I visited clubstation OM3KFF, where I was very active. Since 1995 I have the present call.

My interest in ham radio started in the school, when I was 11 years old. The clubstation OM3RRC is in our town and there were my first steps of interest in it. The first knowledge I got from OM3YAY who led practices and my older brother OM3CLS too.

I have gone on two little expeditions for contest. The first was in 1994 in ZA, together with my friends from OK we took part of the CQ WW SSB contest. We used call ZA9A and two years ago I worked from 4U1ITU in the CQ WW SSB.

My current station is FT1000MP but I have not any antenna in the present. I have used my radio at the clubstation OM5M, it is contest call, which belongs to the OM3KFF.

WRTC is the great event where I can meet a lot of contesters after lot of contacts with them in the contests.

Each year brings something new. Tactics, ants, radios, software a where is the end, I don't know.

I am really excited by listening to a bad behaviour of EU stations during the big DX - peditions.

One of my friends says: „ We are going contests to make angry the others.“

OM3GI

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I became interested in ham radio in 1974. I got my first knowledge in the clubstation OK3KTY in Poprad.

I got my first licence OL0CFI, when I was 15 years old. I was allowed to work only 160m band. I made more than 4000 QSO from 1975 till 1978 with this call sign. I used home made transmitter 10W.

I was busy with the high speed telegraphy and I participated in the competitions.

In 1978 I got the licence OK3CQW for all bands. I studied in this time at the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava and I was active from the student clubstation OK3KFF.

I changed call on OK3GI in 1988 and when Czechoslovakia was divided in 1993 my call was changed on OM3GI.

The main sphere of hamradio for me are contests. I have participated them regularly, usually in multi-single with the various teams and calls, in last period together with team OM8A.

My current equipment consists of IC756, linear amplifier homemade with output 2 kW.

In the present I have Cushcraft X9 antenna on 21m tower. I also have several wire antennas. For 40m I have dipole, for 80m sloopier K0E0U and for 100m „shunt – fed – tower“.



SLOVENIA



S50U

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I got my first HAM licence in 1979 when I was still in the elementary school. I started with the local QSO's especially on 80m SSB. After only a few months, with a lot of help from Brane, S51B, I got involved in EU CW roundtables. I mainly used the club sign YU3IXY and after 1983 when I passed exam for the second degree I begun using my personal callsign YU3HA. When Slovenia became independent in 1992, I got S59WA. In 1996 I finally choose S50U.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

In my hometown Cerkno, the amateur radio started with the arrival of Miran Voncina, currently S50O. In 1978 he organized an amateur radio course in the elementary school. After we successfully passed the exams, Miran and his XYL Adelka gratefully offered us a room in their apartment. In that room Miran taught us everything about operating techniques and many times this was prolonged late in the night. Without Miran, S50O, I don't imagine the existence of the today's club S50E where he is a chairman.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

So far I haven't been on any contest expedition. You should remember the fact that our contest location is at 1300 asl. and the equipment has to be carried by yourself, even with a lot of snow. If I can get some sponsors in the future, I will gladly participate in some DX or contest expedition.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My contest location is the same as my club location S50E. Three towers are equipped for competitive work of all ranges throughout the year. The aerials are maintained a lot because of the difficult weather conditions. Check <http://lea.hamradio.si/~s50e> for the updates. A new location at Gorski Vrh with the emphasis on the lower bands with lots of wires for RX antennas is build. I especially enjoy to compete on 160m CW. Please look at a few fotos on my Internet home page <http://lea.hamradio.si/~s50u>

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I became interested on the WRTC in 1996 during the extraordinary visit of numerous S5 OPs in San Francisco. Due to financial difficulties I wasn't able to attend the show. According to my excellent

contest results, I was chosen as a leader of the Slovenia group for WRTC 2000 on Bled. I think this is a very special challenge for every contestant.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

The trend will most probably head towards extremely professional sophisticatedly prepared contest station and well trained crew, "A Formula One era approach by OH2BH" where the operator concentrates on the driving of the station only, and the team does everything else. I cooperate with the European HF contest committee. The year of the first licence is sent there together with RST. Thus I have information which shows that even in the recent period of Internet, mobile phones, PC games etc. The number of new HAM licences doesn't decrease as shown in the following table from 1999 EUHFC results :

1960-1969 740

1970-1979 1291

1980-1989 1486

1990-1999 1481

It's obvious, that 24 hours contest format is very dynamic, have high QSO rates and all this attracts younger contestants unable to build new "BIG GUN" stations or travel long distance to the high-tech contest station at an optimum DX location. The participation in the contests might be greater if people respect the rules regarding the power limit and multi op./single band. Namely, there are some people who sacrifice fair play for a better results. Something should be done in this direction too.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

It can be seen in the contest how much work one has to put in the improvement of the location and operation techniques in order to achieve the top results.



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1. I started with ham radio accidentally when i was 15 because i needed a licence for a handy radio when i was doing exams for paragliding pilot licence. I get my first licence in november 1994 and call s56lob, soon upgraded to s57lob and in less then two years then in s51ta(it was impossible to do the extra class licence if you were not ham for at least 2 or more years).

I am active since then on hf and vhf and ham radio is part of my life stile. I even bought a car in which I can do ctests and sleep indeed!

2. At first I was helped by our club people, but as they are saing nowadays I was always something special and was trying to get something more. Then I joined the SCC club and soon s59aa in-

vited me to his location, also s50a, s56a and others. I believe s59aa is the person who really helped me to be on the air.(in contest and after school!).

3. Every contest is a xpedition on its own because I am working more or less field day! Anyway my first dxpedition was going to z3 meeting the z30m gang. I was going there for euhfc contest.

It was great and unforgettable. My second was in year 1999 going to cn8ww for cw. I would like to organise such a xpedition on my own someday! I do not have further plans but I will surely go on another dxpedition.

4. For now i do not have my own contest station, thats why I am contesting field day style or I am operating as a guest op. at some s5 stations. I have ic775dsp and amp(2times gi7b tubes) and a lot of aluminium in a garage in the air only for contest.

I hope I will soon build my self a contest station with a lot of towers and antennas on it and you will sure hear me anytime..hihi..as kc1xx or n2rm lately.

5. Last two years I was operating s50hq in iaru ctest first year with Dan s50u, and last with Robert, s57aw due to work of s50u!(cuden stavek). Then team leaders was choosen and Dan invited me to join the team.

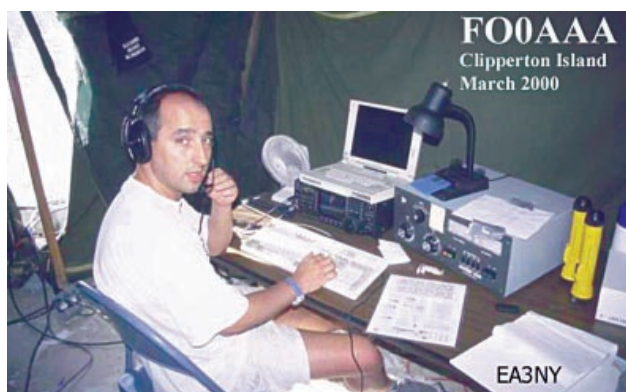
6. Contesting is fun, but I believe there should be another contest category born for all major contests and that is anarchy cathegory in which some can do whatever they want(packet o not,10kw or leagal power, multi op. as single op. , multi multi working all over the country and so.

I thing these things are leading us youngsters too realise that if you are working legal you can not win contest.

Otherwise I like dual radio very much, and any new improvements made on transceivers, antennas or on operators technique. I use tr software.

7. I can nor really said that sitting in front of radio for 48 hours excites me and I would like to meet the person who do, but something else do. That is setting up the contest station and make a good score out of it.

SPAIN 1



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

My grandpa was a telecommunications technician with AT&T and helped to install telephones in Spain (he was a friend of Mr. Bell). I never knew my grandpa, but I suppose I am in of radio because it was in his blood and was passed on to me.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

My really favorite was FO0AAA, that was a good one, I really enjoyed. Also SO7NY, This expedition change some of my ideas about how lucky are a few ones in this life. I like to go every year to EU064, Noirmoutier Isl in IOTA contest. I won in EA9AM the 1995 CQ WPX SSB. Other "expeditions" are FG5BG and FS5PL, I love caribbean now !!!!!.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Equipements are FT-1000MP, TS-570. Antennas X9, some dipoles, I have a good place.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Well I really liked the First one (I saw in video) and I really want to see some contest friends. Cantest also, but friends are the most important.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Every year competition is harder. Technology is very much involved too. Records fall every year with scores that seem impossible. To win a contest now requires much more organization, dedication, time, effort and money that some years ago. But is FUN.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The most important for me is fight with yourselves. For me is the most important. I like contest when I had a very hard contest and I knew how to solve all my problems.

That's the reason I like to be Mono-operator. The day when contest will be easy and without problems I am going to close my station.



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Started in contesting in 1981 by friend EA7TH in a local contest group. Later contest named "SEVILLA CONTEST CLUB". Used some calls, later ED7BB in all contests. Also member of Ceuta Contest Club, EA9EA.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

Went to a M/M at EA8ZS CQWW CW 1997. Many times to EA9CE / EA9EA / ED9CE in Ceuta, WPX, CQWW SSB/CW.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Have TS930s, TS850s, SB200, SB221, TH6DXX, dipoles 40 m & 80 m.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

Wanted to go since EA9EO (SK) and EA5RS went to S. Fco. and some others friends like EA7TL, EA9KB, EA1AK and EA4KR.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The thrill to compete and testing my/our antennas/radios setup, learning always new things about propagation and aerials behaviour.

UKRAINE

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

HAM radio operator since 1979. US license (KG2IA) since 1996. Operator of Contest Club stations UK5UDX, UT4UXW (RT1U,



RY1U), RU1A, UU5J. One of the Team of Ukraine (K6K) at WRTC 1996 in San Francisco, California.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

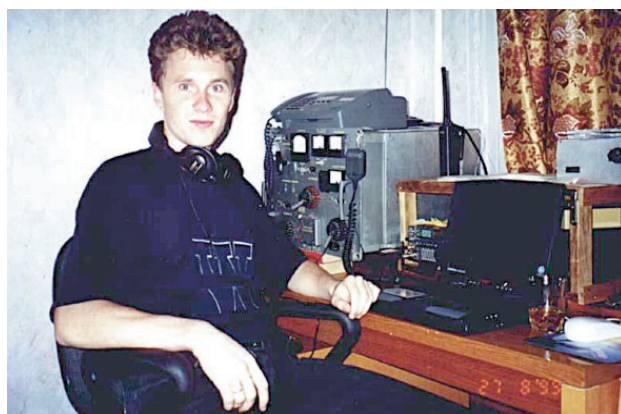
Current station is Kenwood TS-940S, PA 1 kW, tribanders, GP (40 mtrs), dipoles.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

Did become involved by UCC (Ukrainian Contest Club) decision.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I do excite of spirit of competition.



UU2JZ

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First license from 1988 as UB4JKA. From 1991 it was UB2JZ and from January 1994 I'am is UU2JZ. I've got the Special Con-



test Call EM3J this year. I like contesting and DX-ing very much. I'am member of Crimean Contest Club and member of UU5J (EN5J) team.

UK



G3SXW

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed 1963. Other 'resident' calls: EP2IA, G0AAA (contest club); DXpedition calls (many): 3DA/G3SXW, 5V7A, 9G5SX, 9N1SXW, C21SX, C56/G3SXW, CN2RW, FH/G3SXW, GD3SXW, GJ3SXW, GU3SXW, H44SX, S79SXW, TU/G3SXW, TY5SXW, XX9TSX, ZC4SXW, ZD9SXW, ZF2WW.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My father, G3LFL and my mother, G3NQD - I thank Derrick, G3LHJ for introducing me to contesting.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

I learned most from CN5N (CQWWCW 1990) - a huge operation. My favourite was probably 5V7A (CQWWCW 1996). VFB QTH and VFB team. Yes, upcoming trips both DXpeditions and CQWWCW in November.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

TS930S and TS570D; antennas KT34A, D3W and LF dipoles on one tower.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

I knew all about G4BUO's participation in the first WRTC (Seattle) then attended SF (1996) as a Judge.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Contesting is growing - this is no surprise because the world in general is becoming a more competitive place, also because the pace of life is such that long rag-chews on the air are less popular these days. Technology is always increasing - serious competitors are always searching for the competitive advantage and this is good.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

New challenges - new DXpedition sites - new friends.



G4BUO

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I got my licence in January 1973 and I have operated from G, GW, GM, GU, GJ, EI, 9H, W.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Jack Box G6BQ had a 20m high home-made wooden tower in my home town of Gravesend. He was a fanatical field day operator and always operated in topband contests. He taught me CW and although I was already interested in contests as a SWL he made sure I caught the contest bug hard!

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

I have enjoyed all my contest operations, either single or multi-op but my first operation in CQWW Phone from GJ6UW was great fun, using a full-size topband sloper on a cliff on the north of the island.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Crankup 23m tower supporting Force 12 4el monobanders for 10, 15 and 20m. Four-square on 40m. Maybe a second tower would be nice but maybe I should start operating from somewhere more exotic than G-land...

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I had a fantastic time at the first WRTC in 1990, and team UK came seventh. I missed being involved in 1996 and so when G3SXW said he wanted to have a go this time around, it looked like we could put a good team together.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Hi-tech stations with lots of antenna hardware are great fun but it makes it harder for people to get started. I like to encourage entry in field day and domestic contests, then those that get interested can go on to build bigger stations or help out with a multi-op effort. It's interesting that most of the best testers prefer CW and I think it is CW contesting that will help to keep the mode alive.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I love pileups but equally I enjoy developing the skills needed for multiplier hunting, and Sprint operating. I also like to help my local club with some field day entries where I do some of the antenna work and then go to the pub, drink plenty of beer and let the others do the operating.

YUGOSLAVIA

YT1AD

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Graduated in 1980 at Electrotechnical faculty in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina!

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Ham since 1969 at radioclub "Kraljevo", YU1DKL.

President of Yugoslav amateur radio society SRJ since 1996.

Participated in three IARU Region I conferences (Den Hag '93, Tel Aviv '96, Lilehamer '99).

President and owner of „Impex“ metals trading company.

Instructor for young hams in many clubs in former YU (Kraljevo, Sarajevo, Vitanovac, Skoplje).

Worked under the following callsigns: YU1DKL; YU1OIQ; YZ1OIQ; YU1TF; YU4EXA; YZ4Z; YU1AD; YU5AD; Z31AD; Z32A; 3V8BB; 6W7S; ZV7A; V29AD; J68DA; 9Y4/YT1AD; 4X/YT1AD; HU1A; HU1X; HU4A; YS/YT1AD; ER0A; UT1UD; RV7AD; 8Q7AD.

Participated in many worldwide contests and won the following: YU DX Contest; KT Kup SRJ; WPXSSB '96; WPXCW: '96, '97, '98; CWWWCW '97 Low power & Word Record; IARU HF '97

Top six in : ALL ASIAN, WPX, CQWW etc.

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FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I was First licensed in 1981, Got the call WC4E 1983. Just recently received N4AO for an additional "contest" call. Contesting since 1981 here in Florida.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Bill K4XS, was a great contest elmer, I learned a great deal about operating and station building from Bill. I was lucky enough to operate at several other stations around the US which I also learned about contesting.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

I've been to Puerto Rico a few times: My favorite was WPX CW 1986 at NP4A as WC4E/KP4, set 20M world record from NA. Your least favorite? None, they were all great! Any upcoming trips? Hoping for some soon!

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Single Op 2 Radio setup with two Icom IC 765, two TenTec Titan Amps, two PCs networked running CT, NA and TR.

Outside I have 4/4/4 on 10M from 15 - 37m, 15 Meters has 4/4/4 at 12/24/37m high. 20M has 4/4 F12 at 35m over 22m.



40M: 2el Cushcraft yagi at 26m. On 75/80 and 160 I use Inverted V's and two bevarages NW and NE.

Also have a Cushcraft A3 at 17m and KT34A pointed SE. Future plans are to add antennas (never enough antennas!).

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

The Florida Contest Group was picked as a club for team USA! The club members then voted to send a representative to the event! Big thanks to all the members of the FCG for getting the FCG on the list!

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

I see contesting growing and getting better with great operators and technology! CW may not grow as fast but the overall number will hopefully grow with the US FCC license restructuring.

The increase of European participation is very encouraging! With the growth of new operators, the digital modes will continue to grow. We must still show the VHF users and digital users the fun of CW and HF contesting!

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The competition! Where else can you compete with and against thousands of people from all over the world in real time and still stay at home? All the other facets are also exciting, camaraderie among testers, station building, propagation, helping the contest club, etc....



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FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB

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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My Elmer was a fine gentleman named Emory Reasor, W8GCZ (now SK). I first met Mr. Reasor when our boy scout troop visited him and several other local ham operators as part of the radio merit badge work. His station was in his basement with a huge rack homebrew KW amplifier. He was a brilliant old fashioned gentleman who was stern and made sure that the younger operators all used good procedures on the air at all times.

FAVORITE Expeditions:

Contest expeditions have been made to VP9AD (twice) and to PJ9B (once). I enjoyed all these. PJ9B, on Bonaire, is very hard work, as the station must be built and taken down every year in very very hot weather.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

The present N3BB station is set up as an contest and DX station built and maintained by myself almost entirely. It is located at my home, which is in the country where there is some land for the towers without bothering neighbors.

There are four towers:

Tower #1: 10 meters-6/6 stack @ 20/10 meters high, and a 2 el 40 yagi at 18 meters high.

Tower #2: 15 meters-5/5 stack @ 29/14.5 meters high and inverted vees for 80 and 160 meters 20 meters high at apex.
Tower #3 20 meters-5/5 stack @ 40/12 meters high, and a 3 el 40 yagi @ 37 meters high.

Tower #4 KT34A triband yagi @20 meters high-a multiplier antenna.

Beverages-200 meters long to Europe and 200 meters long to JA/Asia

Radios: Station #1: TS940S and Alpha 87A, Station #2: TS940S and Alpha 76PA

Note: Two new FT1000MP radios were purchased April 2000 and will replace the TS940Ss in the future.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

Operating in South Texas, only 300 KM from XE2, it is hard to compete with the W1/W2/W3 stations in the DX contests because we are far from Europe. The IARU has been my favorite contest for nearly five years, and with the new rules, we are able to work the USA stations for limited point credit and make up for some of the disadvantage with Europe. I really got interested in 1996 when the special WRTC call signs were issued in San Francisco. A friend and I were operating N3BB in the M/S category in the 1996 IARU contest, and I was so interested in the WRTC

event that I spent most of my time looking for the special WRTC team call signs instead of running CW and looking for mults on SSB! After the WRTC, I bought a copy of the K3TUP video, and watched it several times. The whole event was really exciting to me, and I made a commitment to myself at that time to try the best I could to qualify for a team in the 2000 Slovenian WRTC. That has been my goal for the past four years, and I am thrilled to have received an invitation from N3AD for the 2000 WRTC.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

The age demographics continue to point to a future decline in the next ten years as the hard core testers in their late 40s and 50s in the USA start to age and are unable to continue their high level of competitive spirit. Of course, there are newer and younger people coming into the sport all the time, but the "golden age" of people seems to be peaking now. Contesting is to amateur radio as racing is to cars. The competition brings out the best technical and operating capabilities, and I believe contesting is very good for ham radio as it extends the boundaries on several fronts.

One interesting trend may be the capability to operate remotely from the site of the antennas, and it will be a challenge to keep some wealthy competitors from having remote stations all over their home country, or even all over the world.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The thrill of planning strategy to be on the optimum bands for rate and multipliers, signal propagation of the runs and rare openings, the pile ups and competitive adrenalin, and the thrill of being able to run stations at high rate. I like to be able to preplan the contest so that I am not surprised, and the strategy is correct with adjustments made as conditions change.

MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

Took the exam while in 5th grade, 11 years old. Calls in USA WD8IJP, K9TM. Other calls: P40P, 8P9GS, K9TM/C6A, K9TM/P4.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Elmer was K8HLJ.

Contest elmer was KW8N (WB8DQP) at what was then WB8JBM, spent many weekends during grades 8-12 at Bob's station. What a great experience. He has been a role model for me in contesting and in life. For the last ten years I have done a lot of contesting with and at K8CC.

FAVORITE Expeditions:

Favorite expedition was P4. Least favorite, is there such a thing when it comes to holiday and radio? No real least favorite here. Hopefully but nothing on the slate right now.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I have two 1000MP's, a 91b, an AL1500 (just purchased the mp's). Old station FT1000D, IC756. 64' Tylon freestanding tower : KT34XA 66', CC-402CD 75', C3 32', 80m inv-v 50', 40 NS dipole 30', 160 shunt-fed twr. City lot so no receive antennas or other big wires, a K9AY loop that goes up for the winter for rcv. Considering different antennas to get separate feedlines on all bands. No decisions yet but maybe F12 C31XR and MAG240N ?

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

Nominated by the club.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Hopefully some kids will come along who show an interest. Otherwise I may run out of people to work (hi). Being one of the younger guys (although no spring chicken myself at 35) I am concerned.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I enjoy all aspects of contesting. I like to plan the station, build it and operate it. I spent a lot of time as a guest-op in my younger days. Now that I have a station of my own, it is fun to evaluate what I can do to make myself and the station better and then go do it. It is also a challenge to pull things off on a city lot with one tower.



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed at age 13 in Syracuse, NY as WA2ICU. At the time, Syracuse, NY was a hotbed of "old champion testers" (age 30-35) such as K2KIR and K2KTK, and young upstart testers.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My ham radio elmer was neighborhood ham K2ICQ (now W2ICQ). Without his encouragement and technical assistance, I would never have made my first QSO!

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

My most memorable and favorite contest expedition was also my first trip outside the USA - a M/M at HC8X in 1985. We won the world with antennas we carried down with us, and locally supplied bamboo poles. Recently, my yearly "expeditions" to KC1XX for CQWW CW are as good as any DXpedition from my propagationally challenged Colorado perspective. Thanks Matt !

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

TS-950SDX, TS-930S, 2 old Alpha 76's 2 120 foot towers with KT-34XA stacks on one tower, and a 3 element KLM 40 on the other tower. A pair of phased, elevated 80 meter verticals hang between the towers. Just when I feel weak on 10 meters in one contest, the next contest comes along and changes my mind, so no major upgrades are planned.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

After the great time I had with all my contesting friends in San Francisco in 1996, I wasn't going to miss Slovenia in 2000, even if I wasn't chosen to be a competitor ! I have never experience the camaraderie we had in WRTC-96 !

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

I think that the license restructuring in the USA is going to lead to significantly more SSB contesting activity in the USA. However, CW activity from the USA is on a downward track. Sure is great the way European CW activity continues to increase !

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I'm a naturally competitive person, fascinated by radio propagation and technical challenges. Contesting provides an outlet for that energy. Every contest presents new opportunities for unique band openings - even the worst of conditions contains pleasant and unexpected surprises !

NORTH COAST CONTESTERS



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First licensed in 1959 as KN8RMK. Began contesting in 1960 and Have been hooked ever since. Became K8NZ in 1977.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My 8th Grade science teacher K8OBC introduced me to Amateur

Radio. Special hams include my father, W8KGE ,contesting elmers W8AEB and N8AA, long time friend, K8AZ and XYL , KC8FOD.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

My most enjoyable trip was with fellow NCC members N3RA and K8DX to operate VE2CSI (zone 2) in the '92 CQWW CW.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My current station recently suffered the loss of my 100ft Rohn 45G tower when three uprooted trees hit it during a wind storm. My remaining 60ft Rohn 25G tower has 10 and 15 meter monoband yagi's along with wires for the low bands. Station renovation will commence after WRTC.

In the shack I have an FT-1000MP and IC-765 along with a 4-400 amp that usually gathers dust while I operate at the beautiful K8AZ station.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

The idea of an international gathering of Contesters has always had a great appeal to me. It is a competition that will be played out at a very high level of skill, but what the competitors will probably most remember is the camaraderie of everyone in the arena. I was chosen by our Club's selection committee. I'm not sure how tough the competition was in our group, but I am honored and excited to be a part of this wonderful event.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Technology will continue to assume a greater role in this most technical of competitions. We will have to find ways to make the human element continue to be the dominant influence in contesting.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I truly enjoy many aspects of contesting: the "high" of running rate, the skills required to find, work and move multipliers and of course the human interaction of a hard working multi-op team.



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed at age 11 in 1961. Operated almost exclusively CW for many years. First contest was the ARRL Field Day in 1960. Through the 60's and early 70's my primary ham radio activities were handling message traffic and domestic contesting (ARRL SS, ARRL CD Parties, State QSO Parties, FD, ARRL 160, etc.) Introduced to serious DX contesting in 1969 by WA4KJR (N6ZO/KP4EAJ) and K3WUW (W3PP) at the K4CG multi/multi near Washington, D.C. Joined the Frankford Radio Club in 1975. Editor/Publisher of the National Contest Journal 1981-82. First Dxpedition was the 9Y4W M/M in 1978. Started operating from Aruba in 1984. Have served as an officer in my local repeater club for over 20 years, still organizing their annual Field Day operation.

1961 Novice Class – WV2UOO
1962 General Class – WA2UOO
1972 Passed Amateur Extra Exam

Requested and Received W2GD

Other calls held/used:

KW2ITU, 9Y4W, PJ7A, 4U1ITU, G0/W2GD, VP2MGD, OJ0/OH0MB, OH0/W2GD, P40GD, PJ4/W2GD, P40W, 8P9CV, FS5PL, P40HQ

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Irb, W2VJZ and John, W2GZJ were my elmers. Both of them were non-contesters, who lived just a short mile bicycle ride away for a ten year old kid. W2VJZ introduced me to Field Day in 1960 and I was immediately hooked on contesting. Ed, K2SQ (WA2SRQ) and I shared early contest experiences and a long personal contesting rivalry. Mentored KY2P/W4PA in his high school years.

Associated regularly with operators like K1AR K1BW, K1DG, K1GQ, K1KI, K1TN, K1TO, K1ZM, K2TR, N2IC, N2NT, K2SX, W2YV, K3LR, W3RJ, K3UA, K3VW, KT3Y, N4AR, K4FU, W0UA and many many others during almost daily rag chew sessions on 75 meters during the 60's, 70's and 80's. Continue to follow events by monitoring the Contesting.com reflectors.

Introduced contesting to dozens of local hams through the annual ARRL Field Day operations and by inviting may local hams to open house multi-ops from my former home station during ARRL DX and CQ160 contests.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Long list of Dxpeditons including 9Y4, PJ8, PJ1, VP2M, OH0, OJ0, 4U1ITU, 8P9, FS and of course P40. Most exciting by far was OJ0 in January 1988 for the CQ160 CW contest. Most satisfying were winning efforts in WPX, CQWW, ARRL DX and IARU (HP and QRP) from both Bonaire and Aruba. Expect to operate CQWW Phone this fall from P40W, running QRP, and most likely one weekend of the 2001 ARRL DX as well. Plans for CQWW CW are not yet finalized but should be from a DX location.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

My current station in New Jersey is very simple: TS930S and 80M Inverted V. May decide to put up a tower and some yagis later this year.

P40W on Aruba is much more substantial: TS930S (2), Alpha 87A, 2 towers (60 & 70 feet), Force 12 monobanders 40 through 10, Cushcraft A4, 80 and 160 Inverted Vs, and beverages toward EU and NA. Temporary wire antennas are also erected as needed.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Attended WRTC 1990 as a spectator and the reporter for QST. Represented the FRC at WRTC1996 (K6V). Selected by K8NZ to compete for the North Coast Contesters this time around. En-

joy the camaraderie, competitive spirit, and meeting so many interesting people from all over the world.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Contesting in general is quite healthy and general interest is growing. The operator pool is increasing in Europe, South America, Asia and holding steady in North America. CW will continue to be a popular mode for at least another fifteen to twenty years. More short duration events will evolve. Logs will eventually be fed in real-time to contest sponsors during major events as the capacity of data/telecommunication systems explodes worldwide over the next decade. Station automation will continue to improve station/operator effectiveness and increase scores.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Ever since I was first introduced to ham radio as a youngster, I've been fascinated with the ability communicate with people far away. That unique feeling is still alive and strong. Contesting provides a healthy competitive outlet in my life, and has become my "sport" of choice. Finally, the many friendships that have evolved through participation in amateur radio, and contesting in particular, have been long lasting.

NORTH CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Han radio Elmers were W6RAW and K6NB (deceased). Contesting Elmers were

WA6VEF (VA7RR) and N6RO.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Favorite: PJ4B CQWW CW 1999 (despite being beat by CN8WW) No least favorite, how could you not like a contest expedition? Returning to PJ4B for CQWW Phone 2000!

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I have no station. I am chief op at W6GO, which has 3 towers which I maintain and upgrade as needed.

Tower one: 160' rotating tower with 80 m dipole at 160', 6 element 20 at 140', KT34XA at 100' and 4/4 40 at 150'/80'.

Tower two: Stacked KT34XA at 110'/60'. Tower three: M2 log periodic at 110'.

Radios: FT1000D/Alpha 77; FT1000MP/Alpha 77.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Selected as team leader by NCCC.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

I see contest activity declining in the USA and Japan, and increasing in Europe. This is creating a tremendous change in strategy in worldwide contests, increasing USA east coast domination in ARRL DX contest and making north Africa the place to be for CQWW and WPX. The days of South American CQWW winners is perhaps gone...

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The magic of finding a band opening, the sound of long path, the thrill of getting a huge pileup calling you.



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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I was first licensed in 1958 (age 13) and began Dxing and Contesting very early. I participated in many of the CD parties and an occasional Sweepstakes with only fair results. In 1960, my father was stationed on Okinawa for two years and I got my first taste of being on the DX end of pileups as KR6LY. I participated in and won several contests, such as VK/ZL contest and CQ-M contest. Beginning in the late 70's, I began contesting and dx-peditioning in earnest. In 1979 I was one of the organizers of the VP2KC effort which set the new World Record for CQWW phone in 1979. Since then I have been quite active, mostly from DX locations. My contesting efforts and results are shown below:

1980	VP2KAE	CQWW CW	10MSOSB	# 2 WORLD
1981	VP2KAE	CQWW PHONE	40MSOSB	#2 WORLD
1983	VP5KMX	ARRL PHONE	MULTI-2	#1 WORLD

1984	K9GL/VP2V	ARRL PHONE	MULTI-2	#1 WORLD
1985	J87UEE	CQWW 160 PHONE	SO/SB	#2 WORLD
1985	J87J	ARRL PHONE	MULTI-2	#1 WORLD
1985	J87J	CQWW PHONE	75 SO/SB	#4 WORLD
1986	P40R	CQWW CW	80 SO/SB	WORLD REC.
1987	P40R	CQWW PHONE	75 SO/SB	WORLD REC.
1988	P40R	CQWW CW	40 SO/SB	#3 WORLD
1989	P40R	CQWW PHONE	10 SO/SB	WORLD REC.
1990	P40R	CQWW PHONE	15 SO/SB	WORLD REC.
1991	PJ9W	CQWW PHONE	MUL/MUL	#1 WORLD (UNOFF)
1992	3A/K4UEE	CQWW PHONE	AB/SO	#1 in 3A
1993	AH1A	CQWW 160	MULTI OP	#1 OCEANIA, #10 WORLD
1993	ZP0Y	CQWW CW	15 SO/SB	WORLD REC.
1994	P40R	ARRL CW	ABSOHP	#2 WORLD
1995	P40R	ARRL CW	ABSOHP	#1 WORLD
1995	P40R	CQ WPX PHONE	ABSOHP	#2 WORLD
1996	P40R	ARRL CW	ABSOLP	#2 WORLD
1996	K6C	WRTC 1996	T. (N6IG)	#5 of 53 T.
1997	P40R	CQWW PHONE	20 SOSB	#2 WORLD
1999	P40R	CQWW PHONE	40 SOSB	#1 WORLD (?)
1999	TI5N	CQWW CW	MS	UNKNOWN

HAM HISTORY continued:

My love of contesting is only matched by my love of Dxpeditions, I have visited 55 DXCC countries in my lifetime and operated from 28 DXCC countries.

In the last 60 days, I have activated FO0AAA and am participating in the BHUTAN expedition in May 2000. Previous call signs include VP2KAE, ZF2FX, VP2V/K4UEE, J87UEE, J87J, VP5FX, J34UEE, C6A/K4UEE, P40R, 3A/K4UEE, T30EE, ZP5/K4UEE, TA1/K4UEE, VR2/K4UEE, KH6/K4UEE, HS1/K4UEE, TI5, K4UEE, VP2KC, VP5KMX, XF4DX, VP2V/N9GK, PJ9W, AH1A, ZP0Y, XR0Y, CE0Z, TO0R, VK0IR, TI5N, FO0AAA

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

My contesting elmers are Paul Newberry, N4PN and Hugh Valentine N4RJ ..I learned from them on St. Kitts in 1979-81. I try to help the new comers whenever possible. This occurs often on Dxpeditions.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

Most of my contesting is done out of the USA (see above), My favorite...setting CQWW CW 80m WORLD RECORD from a hotel in Aruba in 1986. Least favorite: PJ9W in 1991

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Contest station on Aruba has IC756, Alpha 76 , Force 12 monobanders, wires.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

I was a wild card entry in San Francisco in 1996 and chose Jim Pratt, N6IG as my partner..we did well at #5...this time Jim was selected to represent NCCC and chose me as his partner. We are keeping the team together !

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

It seems to me that there is a trend toward "super-ops" and "super stations". I believe the major contests will be dominated by a few operators and stations in the years ahead...I predict that the contests sponsors will add more operating categories in order to level the playing fields.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Personally, I look forward to small expeditions to activate rare multipliers for certain contests...Ham Radio has a great future...In the US, I believe the lower entry levels (cw) will result in more people becoming interested in Amateur Radio...early statistics show a big increase in new applications for licenses and upgrades.

POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB



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First licensed in 1967 as WN2CAL in Skaneateles NY. Became WA2CAL in 1968. Moved to Maryland in 1975 and eventually received K3NA.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Elmers:— my father, who was a ham when he was a teenager and in his 20's... kept his old "Radio Amateur Handbook"... and triggered my interest when I found it on his bookshelf. He has always helped me... and eventually got his license again. — Howie Mann W2FR, who taught me about traffic handling, DXing, and contesting.

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

3D2XX, Rotuma — we operated WW CW as part of the DXpedition and had a great time. This was my favorite. YK0A, Syria — following the example of 3D2XX

My first contest expedition was PJ9JB in 1978 or 79, where I got my taste of 300+/hour rates in WW phone. I've also operated from 4U1ITU, KP4, VK9 Lord Howe, VK2, VK6, BY, RA, and F in contests.

These expeditions have all been great experiences — no 'least favorites'. No upcoming plans beyond WRTC-2000 .Non-contest major DXpeditions included: Clipperton (FO0XX) and Jarvis Island (KH5). I've also operated from VK9 Norfolk, S79, EA...

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I don't have a station at present. In 1-2 years I expect to move to the Boston Massachusetts area... so station construction plans are postponed.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Volunteered to be considered for nomination by PVRC.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Difficult to guess. Contest participation seems to be increasing worldwide. USA hams on average are getting older, but contest activity seems pretty stable there. Europe in particular seems to have more contesters active on more frequency bands. That is all healthy. Nevertheless, it seems wise for the contest community to continue to develop new talent.

And we are certainly enjoying the improvements in radio performance, the use of computers, improved antenna designs, and the use of the internet to stay in touch between contests.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

I still find radio 'magical': hearing distant signals arrive, especially over unusual openings and the long path. Running stations is always an adrenaline rush.



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

WB6FUE (now AD6DQ)

WB6OLD (now KR6X)

W6DGH (now N6AA)

Helped on the air: N6PN

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Favorite: 6Y4A

Least Favorite: 4M7X

No upcoming trips.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

5 ele 10, 5 ele 15, 5 el 20, 3 el 40, 1 el 80, shunt-fed tower for 160 (all antennas on one tower, small suburban lot) FT-1000MP (2), Alpha 87A, Alpha 86

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

K3NA invited me to join the PVRC team!

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

The trend of CW operation in Europe is way up, but way down in the rest of the world, especially in Japan and the USA. Now that the U.S. has dropped the extra class code speed, I'm afraid the art of CW contesting will be in a consistent downward decline.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Pileups!

SOCIETY MIDWEST CONTESTERS



K9ZO

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I have been active in Midwest contest activity for nearly 25 years. My first license, WN9CGL, was issued in 1969 and WB9CGL, two years later, after reaching Extra class. After high school I lived in London and obtained the G5ATU call. During a 9-month period I operated with the G4ALE contest club. Steve Knowles, G3UFY, worked at the RSGB at that time. He is my Elmer for contesting. We participated in the WPX Contest and a number of portable field days and VHF contests. A was fortunate to operate from Scotland as GM5ATU and Belgium as ON8WF during this time period also.

During much of the 70's I was active with contesting, operating from small stations I built in apartments and houses while attending college and completing a masters degree in geography. Although there were no contesters nearby, I was very active, although not competitive. I was active with the local radio club, W9AML, serving as president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer.

In the 80's and 90's I built a modest station with two 70 foot towers and continued to chase DX, achieving 5BDXCC low power, and honor role. During the sunspot peak I particularly enjoyed running Europeans on cw for hours on end in the evenings. In this time period I competed a masters degree in business and served as the president of the Society of Midwest contesters. I continue chasing DX and only need North Korea. For fun I enjoy running high speed Europeans on 20 meters cw in the evenings. I work in the computer systems department for a very large insurance company. I help to support law offices that are located around the USA. I will be spending more time working with the technical architecture of computer systems and hope to complete a computer science degree this year.

I have been very fortunate to operate from the following: XE2/K9ZO, XE7X, KH7/K9ZO, K9ZO/HC8, YV7/K9ZO, K9K

Some of the multiop stations were: KB1H, K3LR, K4VX, KH7R, HC8N, 4M7X.

I found it very relaxing to travel and operate from HC8N, KH7R, and 4M7X. Next I would like to take a trip to a rare dx place, just carry a radio generator, tent, and antenna.

My current station is two 70 ft. towers with 4 el 20 yagis, a 10/15 duobander, 4 el 15, 4 el 10 and wires. Rigs are FT1000mp and TS940 with SB220 amps. I use some computer antenna switching. I would like to have one taller tower with a 40 mtr yagi.

I was very active on the air during the last two WRTC's and have wanted to attend since the first one. I have kept very active on the air, almost every day.

Digital mode contesting will become more popular because of the availability of computer equipment.

I love the different propagation that we have every day. It is constantly changing and permits us to work our friends around the world. I like all aspects of ham radio and enjoy anyone who is passionate about radio. It's great to get to meet people in person.

I have a wife and 3 teen age sons who help and support me in my radio projects.



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IN THE BEGINNING...

My first exposure to amateur radio occurred while playing around with the IF circuitry in an old AM radio with my eleven year old brother, Larry, when I was nine years old. Larry turned out to be a genius. To this day, we debate my contention that he may have gotten the brains but I got all the good looks. Larry was my first Elmer even though he did not have an amateur radio license.

We came across some local 75 meter AM operators as we tweaked those IFs so we went down to the local radio parts store with our story and ended up walking out with an ARRL license manual. I studied the manual (from an impatient nine-year-old's perspective) thinking I could get my General class license right away so I wouldn't have to operate that "yucky Morse code stuff." I recall ultimately quitting the whole effort in a immense display of childish tears and pouty whining when my brother told me there was no way around having to learn the code. Little did I know that years later I would learn to adopt this mode of communication as my primary love in amateur radio.

My interest in getting a license was rekindled when I was 12 years old delivering newspapers on my bicycle. One of my customers was Ken WA6SVG in Costa Mesa, CA. Ken let me in to see his shack and the fire was again lit inside me. Ken performed his Elmer chores admirably and some months later I was summoned to his shack so he could administer the Novice class test. After the months of anxious waiting that was common during those days, my FCC issued license WV6WTD finally arrived.

Most of the following year was spent on 40 meters with a Globe Chief, BC 348 and some random SWL wire about 15 feet in the air. I discovered that if I bunched it up, it would stick inside the weird round connector on the back of the transmitter. I didn't know

what a T/R switch was so the ol' BC 348 would nearly bounce off the table when I transmitted.

My father built a little wood ham shack in the backyard after Larry and I nearly burned the house down. This happened during one of our secret unapproved efforts to run power out the window of our room to our play "fort" outside. Today I only recall the old frayed cloth covered power cord and the wonderful sparks display around the metal window frame...and the subsequent spanking I received on my rear end.

After I finally got my General (it took three tries) one of my 40 meter crystals planted me near 14075 kHz after grinding it awhile on some wet baking soda. The CHC operators (Certificate Hunters Club) who occupied that frequency were to become my first contest Elmers. YL/OM team WA6OET -WA6MWG and many others provided excellent examples of what good CW should sound like.

Fortunately the state QSO parties in the early 60s took place around that frequency as well, providing me with my first true full contest efforts. Many of my contesteer friends today first entered my logs in those innocent QSO parties; Dan K1TO amongst them.

INSPIRATION FOR EXCELLENCE

I was a very shy young man. This fact kept me from seeking out local contesters to answer my many questions. Most of what I learned came to me through a great deal of time spent enviously listening to my heroes on the band. Tom WA5LES now K5RC was one of the beacons on the band whose ARRL Sweepstakes CW runs provided me with inspiration for CW excellence. I remember others getting plenty of RX time from me including W9IOP, W4KFC, K7ABV, KH6IJ, DU7SV, OH2MM and OH2BH.

Like many, I took up CW traffic handling so I could operate the CD Parties. During this time, I was fortunate to have several famous DXing Elmers including W6RKP, W6KUT, W6ZZ, W9WNV take me under their wing and lead me down the straight and narrow (and sometimes not so straight and narrow) path to Deserving status and DXpedition dreamer.

My meek ego found that it liked "rate" and the *rush* that came with it. Since we were a lower middle class family, my rigs and antennas never gave me the signal to create rate, therefore I developed operating techniques that would. Slowly the mild mannered freckle faced Howdy Doody look alike became a closet bulldog when hiding behind a CW key.

I made my first DXpedition in 1966 at the age of 18 just before going into the military to serve two tours of duty in Vietnam. My friend Mike WA6UIK who is now K7WQ, with moral support from the third member of our Three Musketeer friendship Ken WA6RUS, and I spent several days at VP2LS and VP2AZ after I saving odd-job money for most of two years. Ted Henry of Henry Radio fame was kind enough to "sponsor" my first DXpedition by furnishing us with a Swan 350 for the adventure. I have been hooked on DXpeditions, with or without a contest, ever since.

MATURING INTO IMMATUREITY AND THEN MATURITY

The next 25 years found me bouncing around the USA signing WB8FUO, KA5CHW, N5DKG, KZ5M, and AA7VB and doing a couple lackluster DXpedition performances. Those years also found me bouncing in and out of divorce and bankruptcy court as I matured into an immature adult wanting all the fun of life without the work.

I also discovered that drinking made me an even better operator and a bigger man – unfortunately only in my eyes. I spent more time worrying about my contesteer "status" and being inflected with megalomania than I did fine tuning my operating abilities. With deep inner disappointment, I discovered my mouth and money would not buy me Top Ten status, peer recognition, respect or friendships. I became resentful of those I knew who were rising up

as accomplished contesters while lazier me hit a plateau far below where I wanted to be. I stubbornly refused to put the time and effort into contesting needed to achieve the success I obsessed over.

The booze helped me delude myself, though. I eventually found that it was easier to just skip the contesting and let the booze fill me with myself so I slid away from the radio and concentrated on the drinking aspect of my life.

About the only bright spot in this period of time was my small part in the path to stardom taken by young teenagers Randy and Dave, known today as K5ZD and K5GN respectively.

I recall ultimately quitting the whole effort in a immense display of childish tears and pouty whining (see Paragraph One above...) I blurry-eyed stumbled into an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting in March 1991, suicidal, deeply in debt, and about as far away from the fun of contesting as one could be. Several hundred feet of tower, 12 yagis, the KWs and the rigs had long since been converted to something that could be negotiated for a drink.

I ended up spending more time sitting in a chair in AA meetings than most contesters will spend operating all the contests they enter during their life. Over seven years elapsed between my last serious contest effort down in Texas "in my previous life" and my first one from VP2E in my new sober world. Recovery from being a drunk to a person worthy of good friendships and a peaceful life was difficult yet eternally inspiring for me.

A SECOND CHANCE

The second shot at life that sobering up gave me has been fantastic. I have a terrific wife, a great business partner and trusted friends.

My dream to do lots of DXpeditions is being lived. I now have fond memories of operations from 8P C6 CY9 J6 KC6 KH2 KH6 KL7 KP2 KP4 KP5 KP6 OH OH0 OJ0 P4 SV9 TI V2 V4 V6 VE VK VP2E VP9 XE YB9 YV. Some of these DXpeditions have been like peaceful walks in the park while the ones I really enjoyed were those that had an element of danger, tough living conditions, bloody knuckles and raw solid camaraderie with other determined men.

S5 will be added to the list after WRTC 2000 and a 4W adventure is scheduled for October 2000.

Pileups of great ops that allow me to clock 300+/hr QSO rates on both CW and Phone are my lifeblood. I have been lucky enough to gather numerous contest certificates and plaques which occupy proud space on my wall including five Top Ten - World finishes in the ARRL DX CW and IARU HF Radiosport contests. A fun operation from OH0Z in 1999 landed me the CQWW WPX CW record for Scandinavia. I have had a few other records come and go like most other reasonably successful contesters. I am a proud member of the "Also Ran" club of contesters who are nearly always seriously in the game but only appear in the Top Ten box ever so often.

THE PATH TO WRTC 2000

I had the good fortune of witnessing WRTC 96 while operating as P40Z in the IARU contest. I was immediately caught up in the event from the opposite end and determined to earn a spot on one of the USA teams during the next running of this Olympics-style incredibly exciting event. I knew I was a real long shot for filling that dream because of my off years away from contesting while trying to get a life.

I spoke to my friend Rusty W6OAT about my dream and told him I was going to go into "training" for the next few years hoping to make enough noise to get some attention when selection time rolled around. Rusty offered encouragement and introduced me to Brad K6IDX who had a new hill top station capable of making me a "player" in international contests. Brad unselfishly opened his

station for me to use anytime I wanted so I could work at getting my operating skills up to par.

I believed the only chance I had for a trip to Slovenia was by earning a Wild Card slot. I was a new member of the Northern California Contest Club and I would have had to be a fool to think the club would pick me over the likes of N5KO, N6IG, N6TV, W6OAT, K6AW and numerous others.

Life was good to me. Several DXpeditions allowed me to have some great fun knocking the cobwebs out of my head and getting back in the groove, per se. The cottage at K6IDX got plenty of use and Tom K5RC allowed me to joint venture his new mountaintop station in Nevada for even more opportunities to operate since I didn't have the money to put up my own antennas.

My wife didn't throw me out of the house as I went through the next couple years operating in as many major contests as I could, serving as the Editor of the *National Contest Journal* and growing five new troublesome small businesses. I deliberately planned 1999 OH0 and OJ0 adventures to coincide with business trips so I would have fresh EU experience to bring to the table if I somehow made it to Slovenia.

As the various USA clubs announced their selection for WRTC 2000, I found myself thrilled to see some people I had known for years and had a great deal of respect for make the grade. I don't think I could have been happier for them! Dave NT1N shared some of this excitement with me and even suggested that I should let one or two of the guys I knew know that I would really like a shot at being considered for their teammate position. I initially was pretty uncomfortable with the idea but he persuaded me to go ahead because if I really wanted to go, I better make it known to those who might want a partner with my talent to mix with theirs.

I sent an email off to Ralph K9ZO. We knew each other from many many years of contesting and on the air talks but had never met. It was apparent that he had already heard from several *Big Time* testers but was kind enough to invite me over to his QTH to kick the idea around if a business trip ever took me near him. Sometime later I did end up in St. Louis, MO so I rented a car and made the long drive up to his IL QTH. We played around in the SS Phone contest, spending more time laughing and trying to get gear to work then we did operating but it didn't matter – we finally got to meet each other and share some contest and DXpedition stories. I didn't hear from Ralph during the next few weeks nor did I have any of the other USA WRTC picks begging at my door. So I somewhat discouragingly let the whole thing slip from my mind and secretly hoping for a little luck when Wild Card selection time came around.

December 8th, 1999 was a day I will remember for a long time. My morning started with my doctor telling me he thought some tests he had done indicated that I might have cancer. Wow – what a blow! I walked around in a daze the rest of the day. The telephone rang that evening while I was quietly sitting with my wife telling her what the doctor had told me.

The incoming call would swing my emotions far to the other end of the spectrum. Ralph 'ZO wanted to know if I would be his WRTC partner! The water flowed from my eyes as I tried to thank him, all the time silently wondering if I would be alive in July. My heart pounded in my chest as I unsuccessfully tried to decide if I should tell Ralph about the tests...and maybe lose what was most likely my one shot to make it to the *Big Game*. Thank goodness, later tests indicated that almost for sure my cancer scare was over.

Getting to WRTC 2000 is no longer a dream for me – and I could not be more grateful for having a chance to be there with such a wonderful group of testers from around the world. No matter what the outcome of the actual competition is, I am sure that the whole event will forever be a highlight of my life.

LOVE IT!

I truly love the contesting sub-culture within amateur radio. The hobby overall is wonderful in that it frequently brings people with common interests together to share their excitement. Contesting is particularly special in that regard because its ranks are made up of probably some of the most passionate souls in the hobby. I certainly enjoy the endless number of goals that are available in contesting – one should never find themselves “all done” with so many things to conquer and accomplish. But even more important to me is the camaraderie shared with people who are not only intense competitors but also life long friends.

I am sure here are many many operators more talented than I will ever be...BUT probably few who love the hobby more than I do.

SOUTH CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

When I was 14 I was sitting at lunch in the school cafeteria and one of my friends said, “I’m going to build a transmitter.” Another friend said, “I will too.” So I said, “OK I will too. What do I have to do?” After I got my license I went to field day and got hooked on contesting. I was in and out of ham radio until 1991 when I saw the cover of QST featuring CT. I had written a contesting program in 1978, but it crashed when the computer was subjected to RF and I gave up on it. CT rekindled the flame. Arnie, N6HC, introduced me to the SCCC in the early '90s which really helped me advance in contesting.

FAVORITE DXpeditions:

I've been to KP2 for SS, PJ7 for NAQP, VY1 for SS and NAQP and XE for ARRL CW DX. My favorite was with a group in ARRL DX CW to 6E2T when we won World multi-2. My least favorite was VY1 when the aurora really shut things down.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Kenwood TS-950SD, TS-950SDX, Kenwood SM-230 Station Monitor (2), Kenwood SP-950, Alpha 87A (2), TopTen Band Decoder (2), DuneStar Bandpass Filter (2), TopTen Automatic Coaxial Stub Selection Box (2), Drake MN2700, Drake MN2000, DuneStar antenna phasing boxes for stacks (3), JPS ANC-4 (2), JPS NIR-10, JPS NIR-12, MFJ 482 Grandmaster Keyer, Kenwood

TM-221A, AEA PK-88.

160 Meters: Force 12 Vertical elevated @ 12' with 4 elevated radials

80 Meters: Force 12 EF280S 2 element monobander @ 77'

40 Meters: Force 12 EF340 3 element monobander @ 72'

20 Meters: Force 12 EF420 4 element monobanders stacked at 85'/53'

15/10 Meters: Force 12 EF515/410 5 element on 15' / 4 element on 10 interlaced on one boom, stacked at 53'/33'

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

Via publicity for WRTC-1996. Worked all the stations in a little over an hour. I decided really wanted to participate in the next one.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Remotely operated stations.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Radio still is magic to me. I know the physics of it, but I still get a thrill that it really works. Contesting is a technology sport that is a mixture of chess and a marathon race. There is nothing else like it.



K5ZD

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

I was first licensed in 1973 at age 13 as WN5JWT. I held many calls over the next 5 years until I received K5ZD in 1977. See <http://k5zd.contesting.com/aboutme.htm> for full details.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

The two guys that taught me the contesting game were K5TM and K5RC. I was also very lucky to spend some time with N5AU! K3LR and K5GN have been two of my closest contesting friends. They were always there to help me and to provide some fun competition.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

All were fun and favorites. I have visited Mexico for several contests. I did multi-multi and multi-single at NP4A. I operated IARU once from DJ6RX place. My favorite expedition was a world record on 28 Mhz in CQ WW CW from ZW5B in 1998!

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

I currently have two towers.

Tower 1 - 100' Rohn 45G with 2-el 40m @ 110', 5/5 20m at 100'/

50', 5/5 15m at 65'/32', 80m inverted vee, 160m GP Tower 2 - 90' Rohn 25G with TH7DXX @ 90', TH7DXX@45', 6-el 10m @ 20'.

I would like to add another small tower some day. My radios are an IC-765 + AL-1200 amp and FT-1000D + Alpha 76CA.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

I was a participant at WRTC-96. I very much wanted another chance at the competition and to visit with the other competitors. I was very anxious about finding a way into the competition until K6LA selected me as his partner!

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Contesting is growing in popularity as the number of hams grows. I am worried that CW contesting will start to decline but it hasn't shown any decrease yet! I am also concerned that only a few big stations or great DX locations will be able to win contests. Everyone else will only be able to play. This will eventually result in less competition. I also think there are too many categories today.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The competition! I do not want to have long ragchew QSOs. I am happy to know that the other station can hear my call. I like the high rates, but enjoy the multiplier chasing and strategy most of all. As I get older, CW is even more my favorite mode.

YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB



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HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

- a) W2KFA - Gene Lombardi (got me interested and gave me NOV-ICE test)
- b) W1ZM - Jerry Scarano (taught me BIG-TIME contesting & tower techniques)

Jerry also let me guest-op his station from 1973-1985. During this period, two CQWW Single-Op/All Band Championships were made and three ARRL DX TEST Single/Op All Band Championships were made, 4 WAE Championships - North American Winner.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

KP4EAJ - 1977 CQWW CW Test Multi Multi (N. American Record)

NP4A - 1980 - 1988 CQWW and CQ160M CW Tests (World Record M/S 1982 CQWW/CW)

(Several World Records CQ 160M Tests 1986/87/88)
(World Record 1988 CQWW CW Single Band 3.5Mhz)
(USA Record 1982 US Sweepstakes Contest - Phone)
KP2A - 1987 CQWW CW M/M (World Record Score)
ZX0F - 1999 CQWW SSB M/M (Top 3 Finish)
A61AJ 1999 CQWW CW M/M (Top 4 Finish)
ZX5J 2000 CQWPX SSB M/M (Nr. 2 World)

The most enjoyable dx-pedition was the 1998 CQWW CW Single Band 3.5Mhz World Record score from NP4A. I used Pedro's new 3el FULL-SIZED yagi at 160 feet from a 3000 foot mountain top and a paper log/dupe sheet. I worked over 1500 Europeans, 300 Ja's and was said to have been 599 + 20DB well ****after**** sunrise at YU3EY!!!

My ****least**** enjoyable dx-pedition was KP2A in 1987 where I was still putting up 160M antennas in a thunderstorm on the tower in pouring RAIN at 0200Z (two hours AFTER the CQWW CW contest started). However, less than 2 hours later, K2EK and I had MORE qso's in the 160M log than the two operators operating 3.5Mhz CW seated to our left!! (HI HI!). I expect to go back to A61AJ to erect a full-sized FOUR SQUARE array for 160m in CQWW CW 2000 and hope to make more 160M dx-peditions to rare spots around the world during the next 5 years.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

New York - 8 towers to 200 feet. Stacked yagis 20/15/10, two yagis for 40M, Four Square arrays for 80M and 160M. 6 Beverages. Four (4) Ft 1000D plus Alpha 76CA/AL1500 and homebrew amps (1.5KW).

Cape Cod/MA - 1 Tower @ 123 feet. Triple Stacked Yagis (20/15/10) and stacked yagis for 40M. Four Square arrays for 80M and 160M. Four beverages and two phased PENNANTS for 160M Rx. Two Ft1000Ds plus AL1500/LK800/Homebrew amp (1.5KW). Am adding a second tower at 100 feet for second station and WARC band work summer 2000.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

A great honor! Sorry to have missed the two PRIOR WRTC contests. At 54 years old, it is my last chance to do this. I became involved when I read about the earlier competitions in which I competed to make QSO's only with the true competitors. I am looking forward to making a respectable showing with N2NT, my partner and good friend of 25 years.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Contesting will continue to employ automation and computers. The biggest problems for contesting will be:

- a) Zoning restrictions that prevent USA amateurs from installing TALL towers. This is becoming a very serious problem in the USA and it now costs thousands of dollars in legal fees to erect a tower to compete - this is a very sad matter!
- b) A decline in new, young contesters to replace those of us who are getting older. We need to attract more contesters who are YOUNG into this area of amateur radio that we all love so much! The trick is how to do it!

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Contesting - What gets me excited is the thrill of being a competitor. Instead of watching football on the TV, I am the competitor. I LOVE to compete - even when I do not win. There is nothing like being IN THE FIELD OF BATTLE - instead of sitting in front of the TV with a can of beer and only ****watching**** others compete. Contesting is the MOST EXCITING portion of ham radio and I still enjoy it as much as I did in 1959 in my first contest!!



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Ham since 1972. WB2FLF (Brooklyn, NY), N2NT (NY and NJ)

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Grew up in ham radio with fellow contester K3UA. I owe most of my radio experience to Dave Horbachuk, W2YV, with whom I spent many weekends with in the 70's and 80's. My good buddies John, N2NC and Bill Smith K4WMS have worked with me in the past 10 years, with many successful operations. We also spend a lot of time at the famous multi mutli station of Bob Moore,

FAVORITE Dxpeditons:

Favorite was the multi op efforts from NP4A. Pedro had an amazing station and we had some of the best crews there, including my WRTC partner K1ZM. I have no least favorite, they were all fun.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Station now is set up for single op 2 radio or multi 2. Station 1 is IC775 and Ten Tec titan. Station 2 is IC 765 and Alpha 87A. All bandpass filters and antennas auto switched.

Antennas are Tower 1:

2el Cushcraft 40 @116ft.

5/5 205ca @108/50.

6/6 6el 15 homebrew @95/58

6/6 6el 10 homebrew @100/65.

2el 80 wire beam ne/sw switchable @90ft.

160 delta loop (spread) at 100ft.

All on same tower Rohn 55G.

Tower 2 is 55ft Rohn 55G with KT34XA. (mult antenna).

Future plans are to add 3rd 10 in stack, and maybe extra ant on 20/15. Mostly to fix all the broken relays in the switching that just blew in a lightning hit

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

Was a last minute wildcard in 1996, and did not get a chance to prepare. When K1ZM called me to be his partner, I jumped at the chance

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

More and more people are using technology to their advantage. Lots of guys trying 2 radio contesting, which a lot of us have been doing for years. It was harder 20 years ago, when there was no commercial equipment available to do it. Now you can buy it off the shelf! The best guys are the ones who can combine their operating talents with technology to take full advantage. Also, make the best use of the countless software that is available now. It is harder and harder to find the kind of real estate that you need to build a big station now. Where I live, even if you can put up a tower, there is usually so much line noise that you can't hear any weak signals! That is the price you pay living in a metropolitan area.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

The intense competition is the best. There is nothing like a DX contest when conditions are great and activity is high. Also the friends I have made over the years have been important in all parts of my life.

WRTC-96 WINNERS



K1TO

Dan Street

Born: 1959

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed 72 as WN1QNF - age 12. Upgraded to General as WA1QNF - 74. Obtained K1TO in vanity - 1977 or 1978? All of that activity was in CT. Moved to FL in summer of 1996. Will not ever change my call, unless K1 becomes available!

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Ham Elmer was junior high school science teacher - WA1PTK. Contest Elmer began with Bob, WA1KID, now W6XR. Many members of Murphy's Marauders helped Elmer me in the 70s.

I helped John, NJ1V - now K1ZA - obtain his license and go from Novice to Extra in less than one year in '86. Rather than helping people get into ham radio, I spend much more time helping hams with some contest interest already to further their abilities and stations. Much of this is through contest club activities.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

Many favorites. PJ2/W1GNC for IARU in 1978 was the first. Also, MS with K1XA at VP2SX in 1979 was first WWCW trip. Enjoyed PJ7A in 1991 (MS WWSSB with NJ2L/K2UA and CW SOAB for a new North American record, despite 4 hours of prime-time power failure) and P40N in 1993 WWCW SOAB. Then, 1997 WWCW was ZF1A M/S (#1 World) and 1999 WWCW at 8P9Z M/S with K4BAI and N4TO for a new NA record and hopefully, a very close finish with P3A for world high score (and record). Will be at HC8N in Nov 2000 for WWCW MM.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

FT-1000MP, TS-930S (2) AL-1200, HF-2500
10 - 4/4/4 @ 87/58/29' 4L @ 56' 4L @ 33' (HB design - 16' booms)
15 - 4L@100' 4L@50' 4L@25' (homebrew design on 24' booms)
20 - 4/4 HyGain 204BAS @ 93/46'
40 - 2L Cushcraft @ 87'

80 - Inverted vee

160 - Inverted L - 4 elevated radials, only 50' vertical

No plans for major upgrades any time soon.

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000?

Was forced to go, HI.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

Inevitably, the 5WPM code limit in the USA will lead to declining CW participation. As equipment and operators continue to get better, scores will keep going up, though, even on CW. The trend is also towards shorter and shorter contests.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

High rates, espec. on CW. Hearing people that I have Elmered get bigger scores and get excited themselves. Meeting the faces behind the callsigns and making friends for life. Re-establishing the Florida QSO Party and having it take off in popularity. Being the President of the FL Contest Group and having it take off in popularity. Staying in touch with so many ham friends via e-mail and the Internet.



N5TJ

Jeff Steinman

Born: 1964

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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

First licensed in 1978. Previous calls: N0AQK, KB0RC, KR0Y.

HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

Elmer K4VX.

FAVORITE Dxpeditions:

Favorite 1999 CQWW SSB from EA8BH.

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

Indoor dipole only!!

HOW DID YOU BECOME INVOLVED IN WRTC 2000 ?

1996 winner.

WHERE DO YOU SEE CONTESTING HEADED IN GENERAL?

More EU activity in DX contests increasing the fun. But making competition in the USA less and less viable due to East Coast propagation advantages to EU.

Packet radio - poorer operator skills.

WHAT REALLY GETS YOU EXCITED ABOUT CONTESTING AND HAM RADIO?

Competition, meeting people, travelling.



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Drago Turin

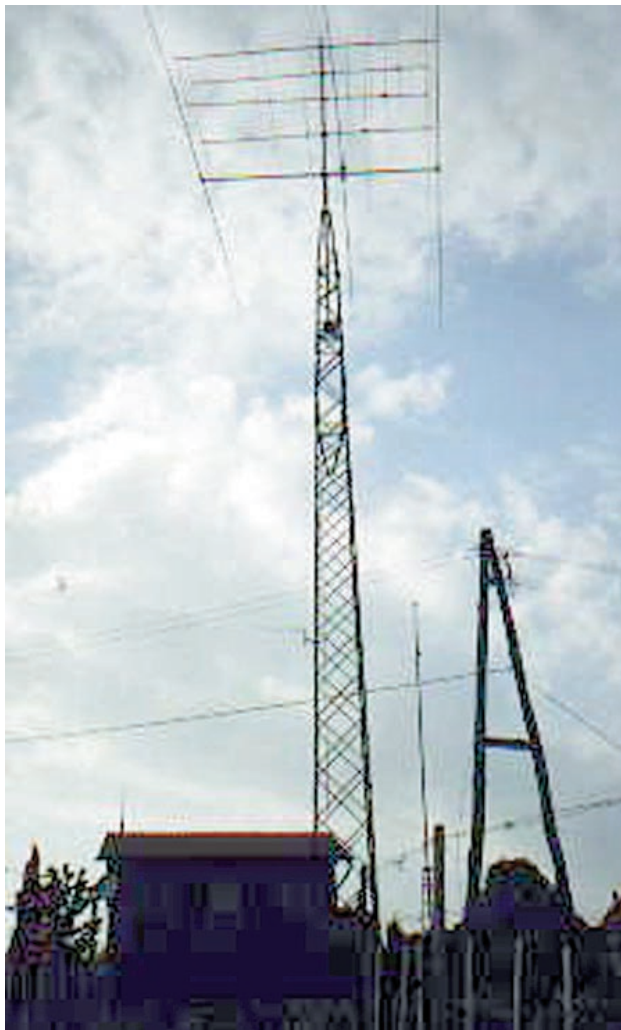
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SHORT HAM HISTORY:

first licence 1964, got my first call YU3ZV in 1965, other calls S59UN, KB0WYW



HAM AND CONTEST ELMERS :

my parents YU3ZW & YU3ZU

CURRENT STATION AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PLANS:

FT-1000, 800 W amp

INV V for 80/160m, 4-5-6 el. Yagi 20-10m, 3 el. Yagi for 40m



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Thank
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visit and
welcome
again!