

#### TVARC FIELD DAY 2018 WRAP

- 26 Club members signed in
- 12 Non-members signed in
- Station #1 was staffed the full 24 hours!
- Station #2 not so much.
- Members using Station #1 made 864 QSOs
- Members using Station #2 made 317 QSOs
- Members using the FT-8 demo station made 22 QSOs
- WVLG, The Villages-News.com and the Orlando Sentinel gave us PR.

#### ORLANDO SENTINEL ARTICLE

#### In the digital age, ham radio operators' hobby proves vital

BY MARTIN E. COMAS Staff Writer

When Hurricane Maria slammed into Puerto Rico last September, its force knocked out power, toppled communication towers and left millions unable to get in touch with one another and family members in the U.S. mainland.

Eager to help improve communications in the dire situation, dozens of amateur radio operators from around North America soon arrived on the island. They set up equipment. rigged antennas, powered up solar generators and began transmitting messages from residents to emergency officials and families across the globe.

"The people of Puerto Rico, after Hurricane Maria, they had no ability to communicate," said Andrew Gausz, a Winter Park resident and a licensed ham radio operator for nearly 60 years. "And amateur radio was able to help them tremendously. They are very crafty people in being able to

set up their radios in remote 466, The Villages; 1565 Lane locations."

former president of the Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society, hopes to introduce others to amateur radio - also known as ham radio — this weekend. when he will join thousands of operators across the U.S. taking part in the ARRL Amateur Field Day event that begins at 2 p.m. Saturday and continues until 2 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

During the 24-hour period, amateur radio operators will set up ham radios, antennas and emergency power sources and test their skills by communicating with other operators around the country.

Gausz's group will be at the Central Winds Park in Winter Springs. Other Field Day sites in Central Florida include the Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando; the University of Central Florida library, 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando; The Villages Sumter County Annex, 8033 E. County Road

Park Cutoff, Tavares: and 2950 Gausz, 73, a member and Partin Settlement Road, Kissimmee.

> The annual event has been held since 1933, giving participants an opportunity to practice their amateur radio skills by communicating with as many stations across the country on numerous amateur bands as possible. Operators use several modes to send and receive transmissions, including Morse code, digital and voice.

> Field Day is also a way for amateur radio enthusiasts to test their equipment's capabilities, said George Briggs, of The Villages Amateur Radio Club. It also gives children a chance to learn about a new form of electronic communication.

> "We want visitors to come by and see what we're all about," he said.

> Last year, more than 35,000 people in hundreds of locations in North America took

Please turn to RADIO, B3

#### TVARC MEMBERS WHO SIGNED IN

• K2DM	KA9YKB	KA1AF	KB8SB
<ul><li>W4GOR</li></ul>	AL7BA	WW8USA	K3ZGA
• K9IA	WA3EWK	WA1UTQ	ND4G
• NP2B	KB4XO	N2AMW	NOSMX
<ul><li>KM4PIQ</li></ul>	K4LFK	K4YCW	KM4ISN
• K1CTR	K4PIM	WB2VYK	N4FP
<ul><li>K4ZEE</li></ul>	KEOAJX	WA1TWS	K4ZDM
• W2TR	KC8MLB	KM4PIH	N4ZIV
<ul><li>KN4IFH</li></ul>	KN4CKD	KF4PUY	K4LZ

## STATION #1













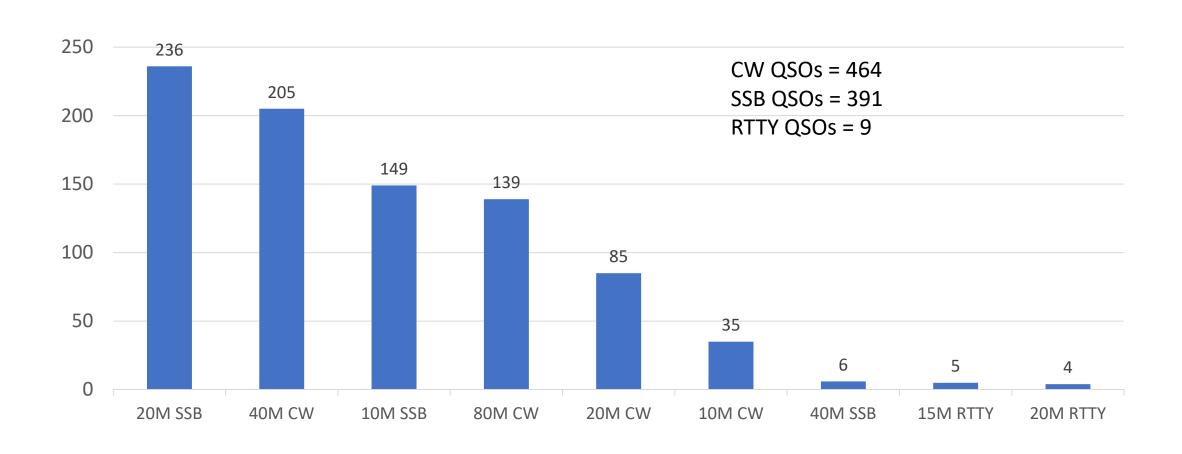




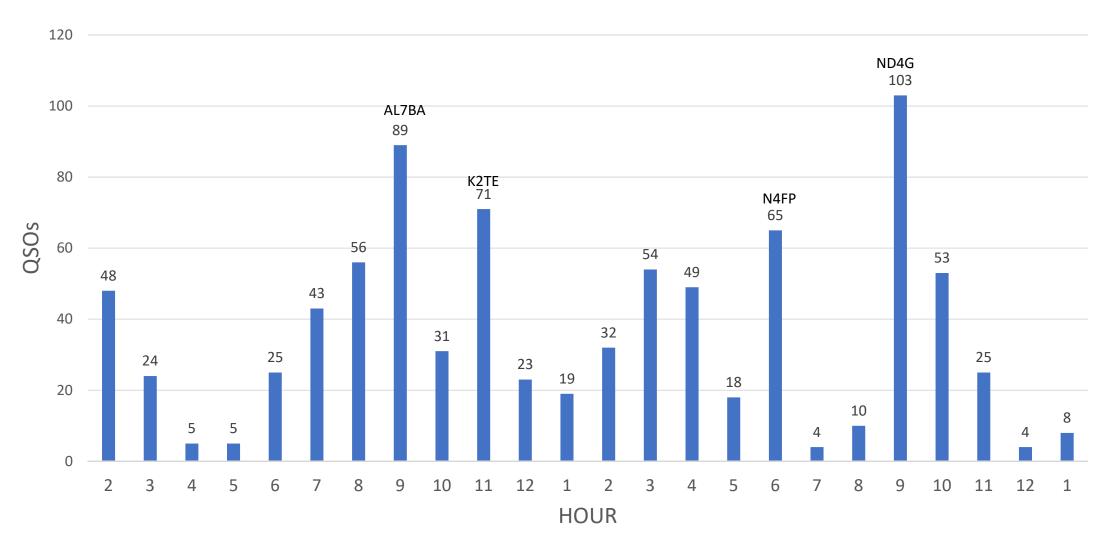




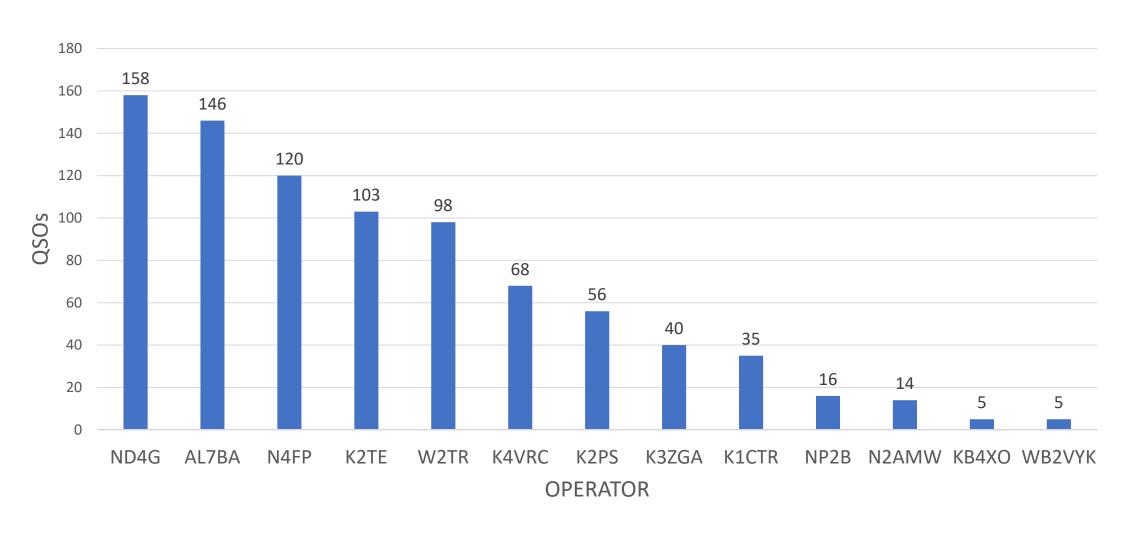
# STATION #1 QSOs BY BAND & MODE



## STATION #1 QSOs BY HOUR



## STATION #1 QSOs BY OPERATOR





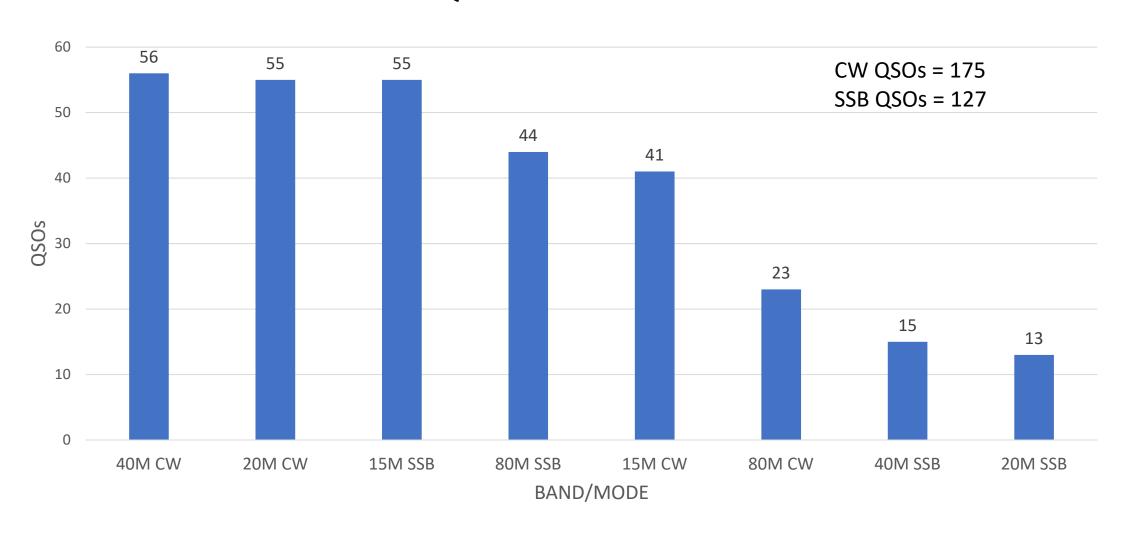




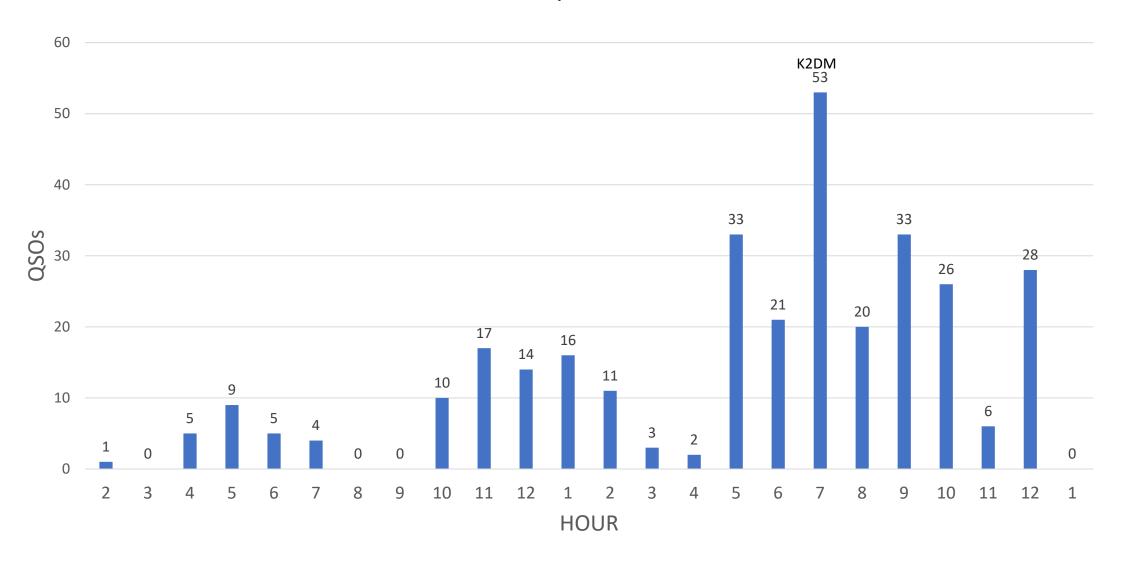




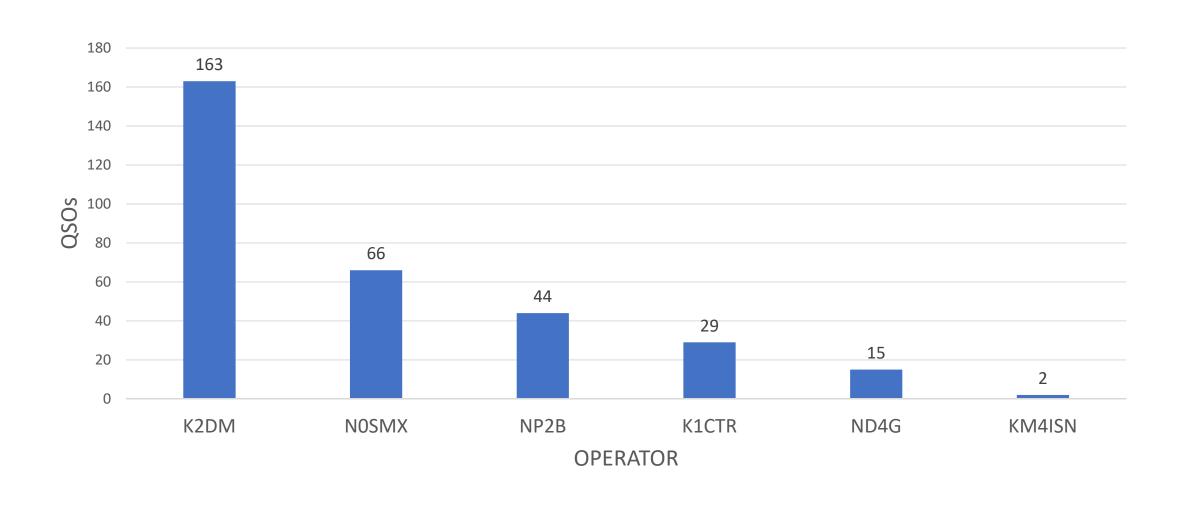
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## STATION #2 QSOs BY HOUR



## STATION #2 QSOs BY OPERATOR

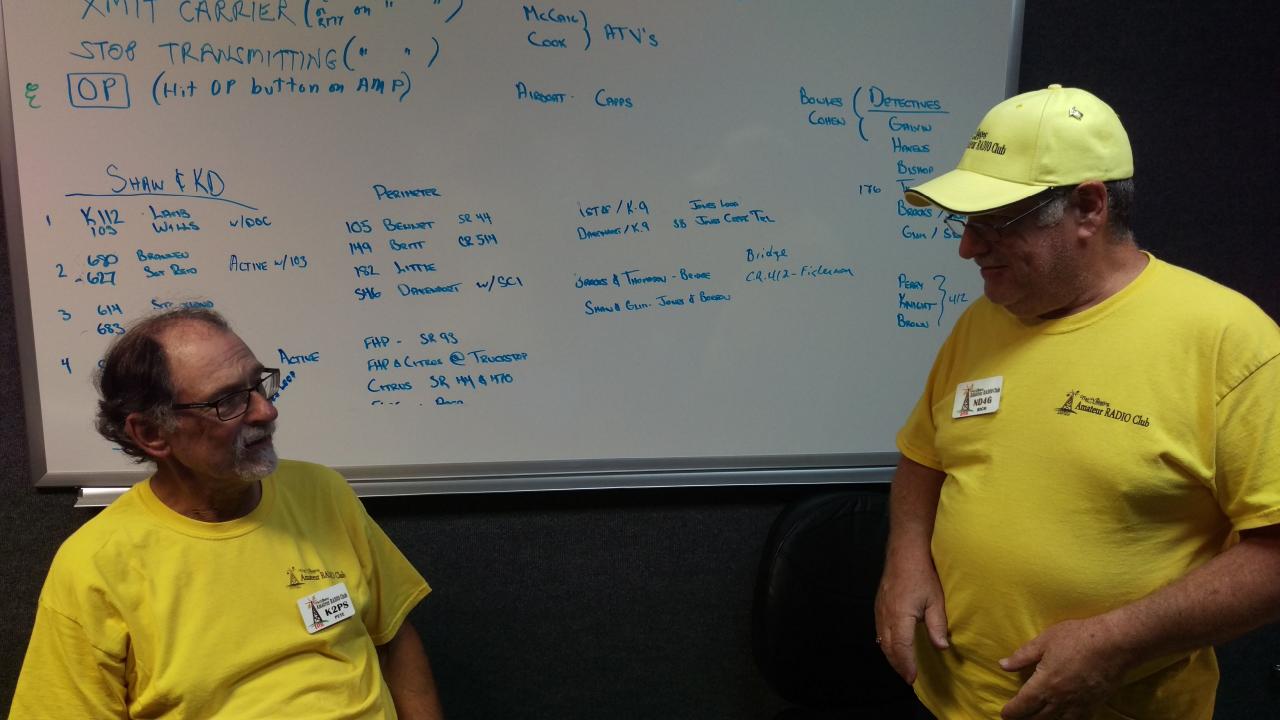






## TVARC MEMBERS AT WORK













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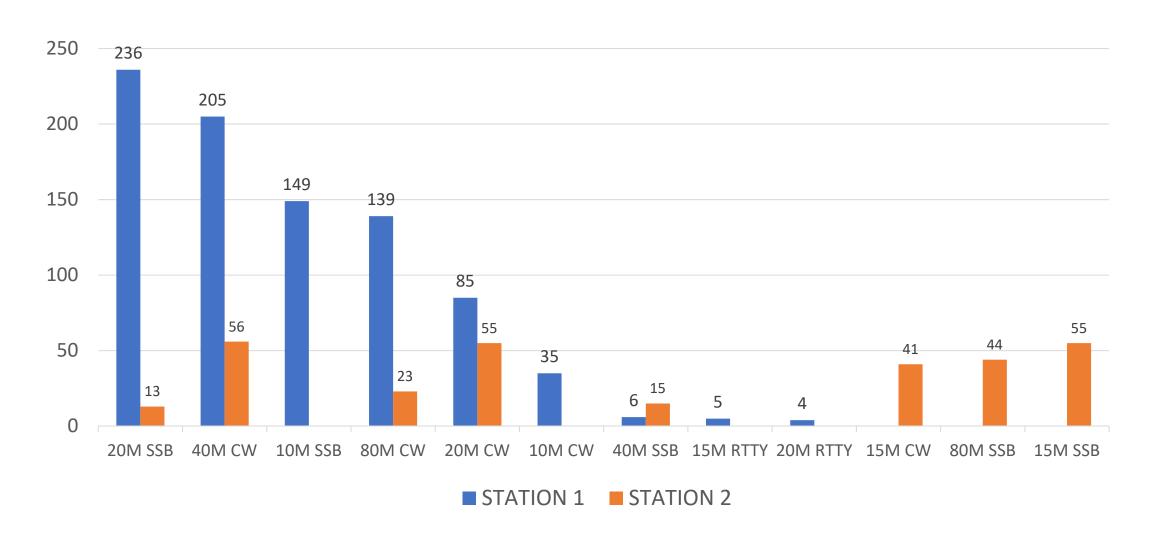


#### LESSONS LEARNED OR AFFIRMED

- Bandpass filters are a MUST.
- Make sure the cable is plugged in again and again!
- Make sure the bandpass filter is switched to the correct band.
- It is usually difficult to use radios and amplifiers that you have never used before.

## **EXTRA SLIDES**

#### QSOs BY BAND & MODE



# QSOs BY STATION BY BAND

