TVARC Feature Presentation #2
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CQWW WPX CW 2017
FROM MONTSERRAT
CQWW WPX vs CQWW DX

- Single-op entrants are limited to 36 hours. Off times must be an hour +.
- QSO points vary by band (twice as much for the low bands) AND by continent
- Stations can be worked once per band
- Multipliers are prefixes, and can only be counted once per prefix
- Exchange is RS(T) plus serial number

- Single-op entrants can operate 48 hours
- QSO points vary by what continent you work, more for other continents
- Stations can be worked once per band
- Multipliers are countries and CQ zones (40), and can be counted on all bands
- Exchange is RS(T) plus CQ zone
PLANNING

• Consider how to maximize QSO points while racking up prefix multipliers
• 160M is not productive due to low rates
• 80M is so-so
• 40M (with the beam) produces high rates of high-value contacts with lots of prefixes
• 20M would be a major band although point value for each QSO is lower
• Ditto for 15M and 10M if they open
• Plan off times based on expected rates, using 2015’s experience with K2PS
PLANNING

• Also have to plan how to get everything down there (in descending order of importance): Amplifier, K3, replacement coils for the CL-33, misc cables and plugs, clothes, toiletries.

• After many fits and starts I decided to pay extra for a second checked bag:
  – Amplifier in a Pelican case (checked)
  – Suitcase with coils, clothes, coffee, toiletries, misc stuff (checked)
  – Shoulder bag with K3 (carry on)
  – Backpack with misc (personal item)
CQWW WPX MAY 2017

• Flew down all day Wednesday
• Orlando to Miami, Miami to Antigua, Antigua to Montserrat
• 3:45 AM pickup, land in Montserrat at 4:30
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PRE-CONTEST SSB QSOs

- Thursday & Friday I made a couple hundred SSB QSOs including a handful of TVARC club members:
  - K2PS
  - KM4ISN
  - N4FP
  - WB2VYK
  - W9XYL
  - K9IA
  - N0SMX
  - N4MKT
USING N1MM

• Function keys can be used to send programmed CW messages
• F1 sends CQ (TEST VP2MDG)
• F5 sends his call (which you have typed in the call field)
• F3 sends the exchange (599 Serial #)
• Type his exchange in fields, hit ENTER
• F2 sends thank you (TU VP2MDG)
THE CONTEST

- 2330Z – start holding a frequency on 40M
  - Stayed there for 3+ hours making 307 QSOs to Europe and the USA
- 0436Z – took off time with 400 QSOs
- 0847Z – back at it on 20M & 15M until 1334Z
- 1459Z – 15M, made 109 Qs in first hour
- 2000Z hour – made 33 Qs on 10M
- 0000Z – started all over on 40M, but slept from 0234Z to 0805Z
- 1600Z – 10M opened in and out. Made 130 Qs while sharing time with 15M and 20M.
- 2333Z – Worked JT5DX. Brother Jeff, VY2ZM.
QSOs PER BAND

• 40M – 552
• 20M – 870
• 15M – 581
• 10M – 170
• Total – 2,173
CUMULATIVE QSOs BY HOUR
TVARC MEMBERS WORKED

• K2PS – 40M, 10M
• N4FP – 40M, 20M
• WB2VYK – 40M, 20M, 15M
• N8RW – 40M
• K3ZGA – 15M

• THANK YOU!!!
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- Sir Paul McCartney
- Dire Straits
- Sting
- Stevie Wonder
- Sheena Easton
- Eric Clapton
- Jimmy Buffet
- America
- Duran Duran
- Sir Elton John
- Earth Wind & Fire
- Little River Band
- James Taylor