

# TVARC Feature Presentation #2

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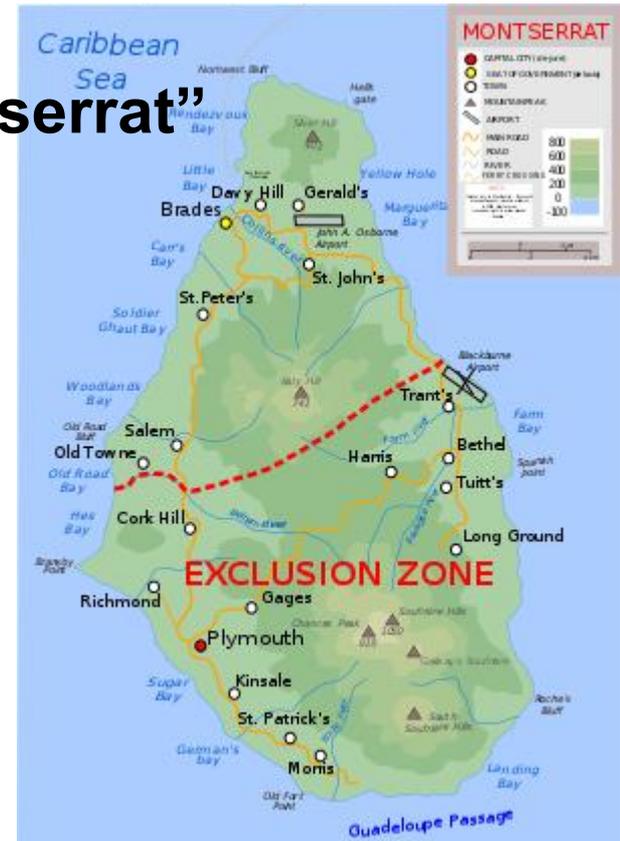
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# CQWW WPX CW 2017 FROM MONTSERRAT



# 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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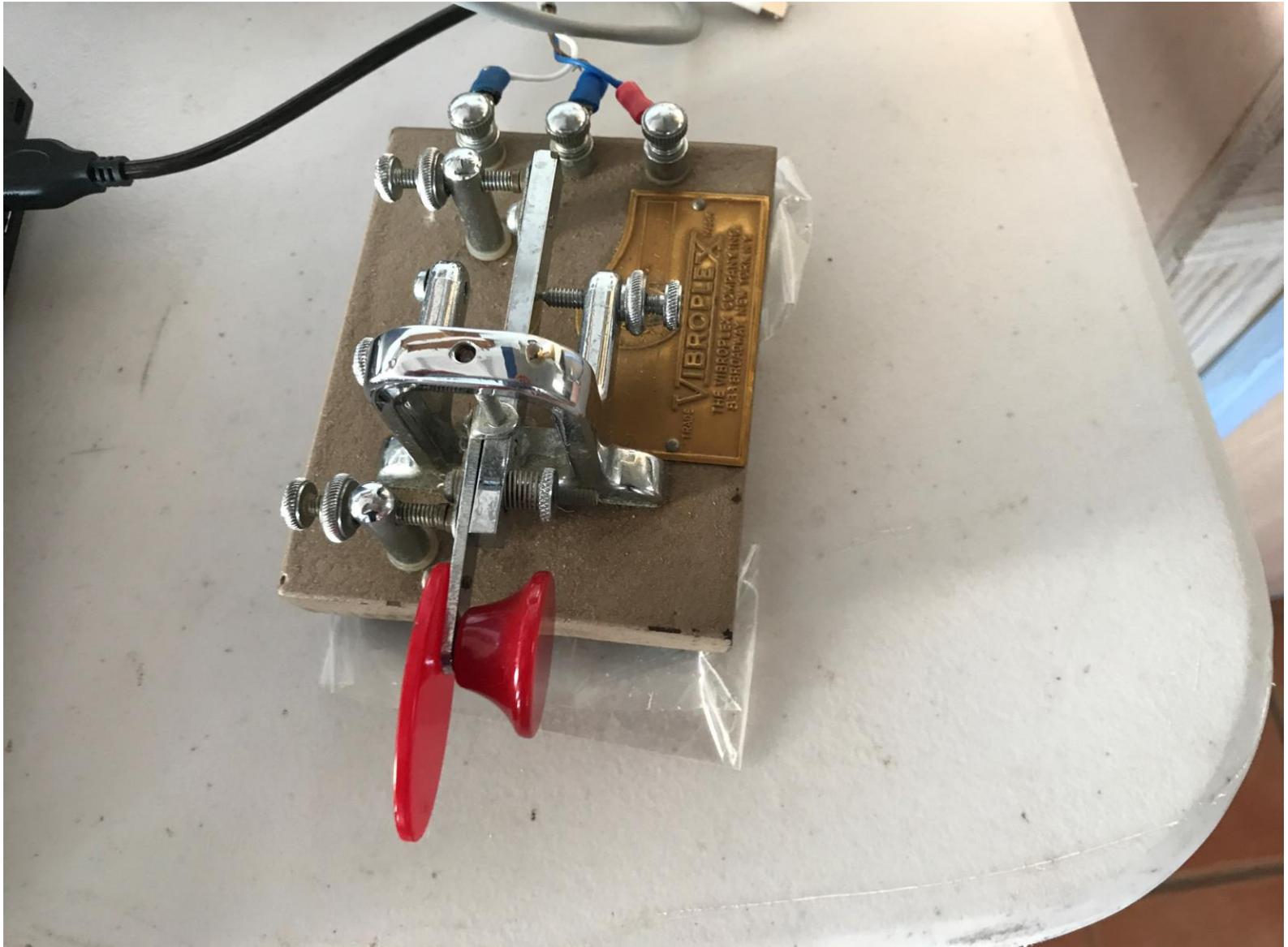


# THE STATION





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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)

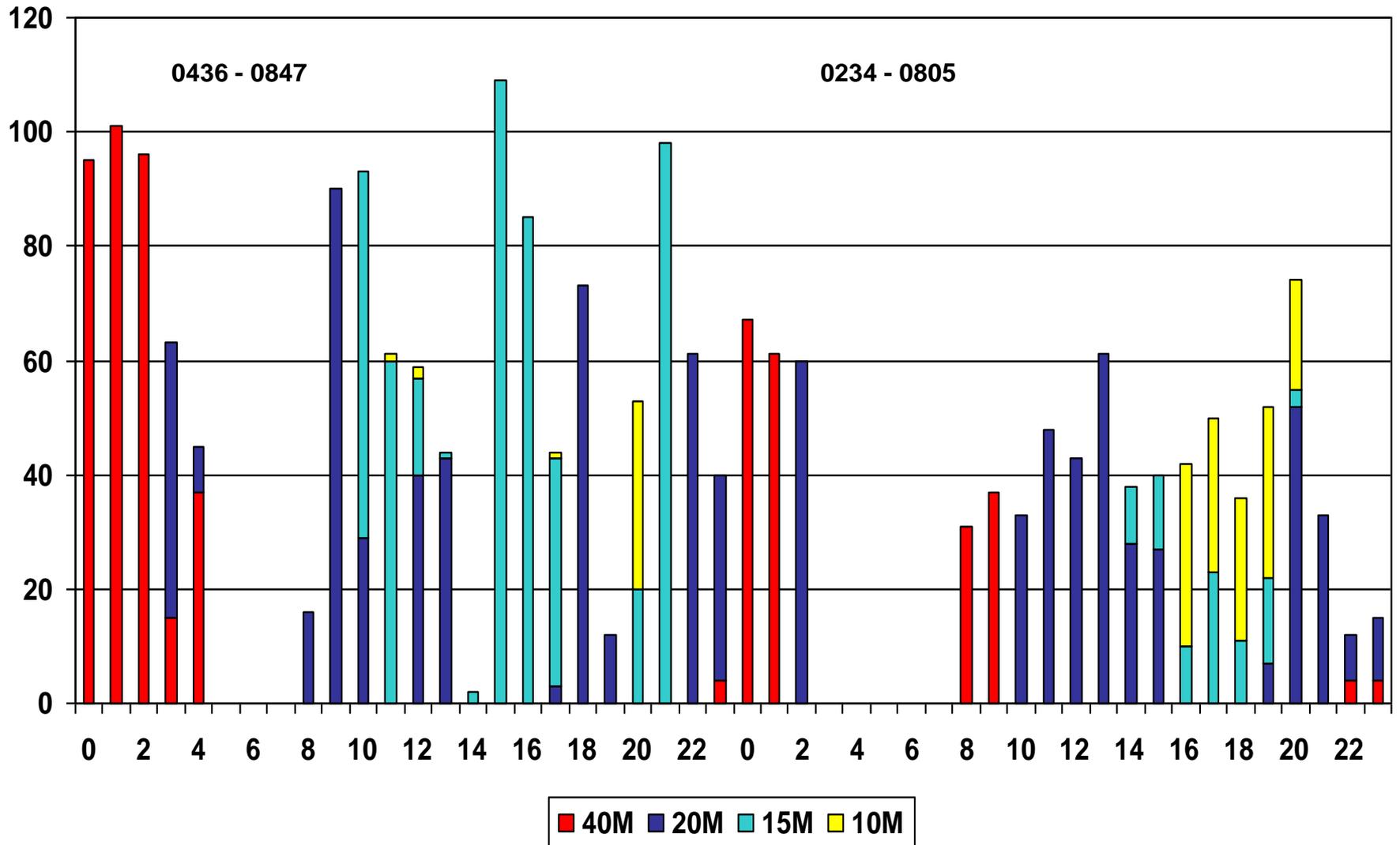
# THE CONTEST

- 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.

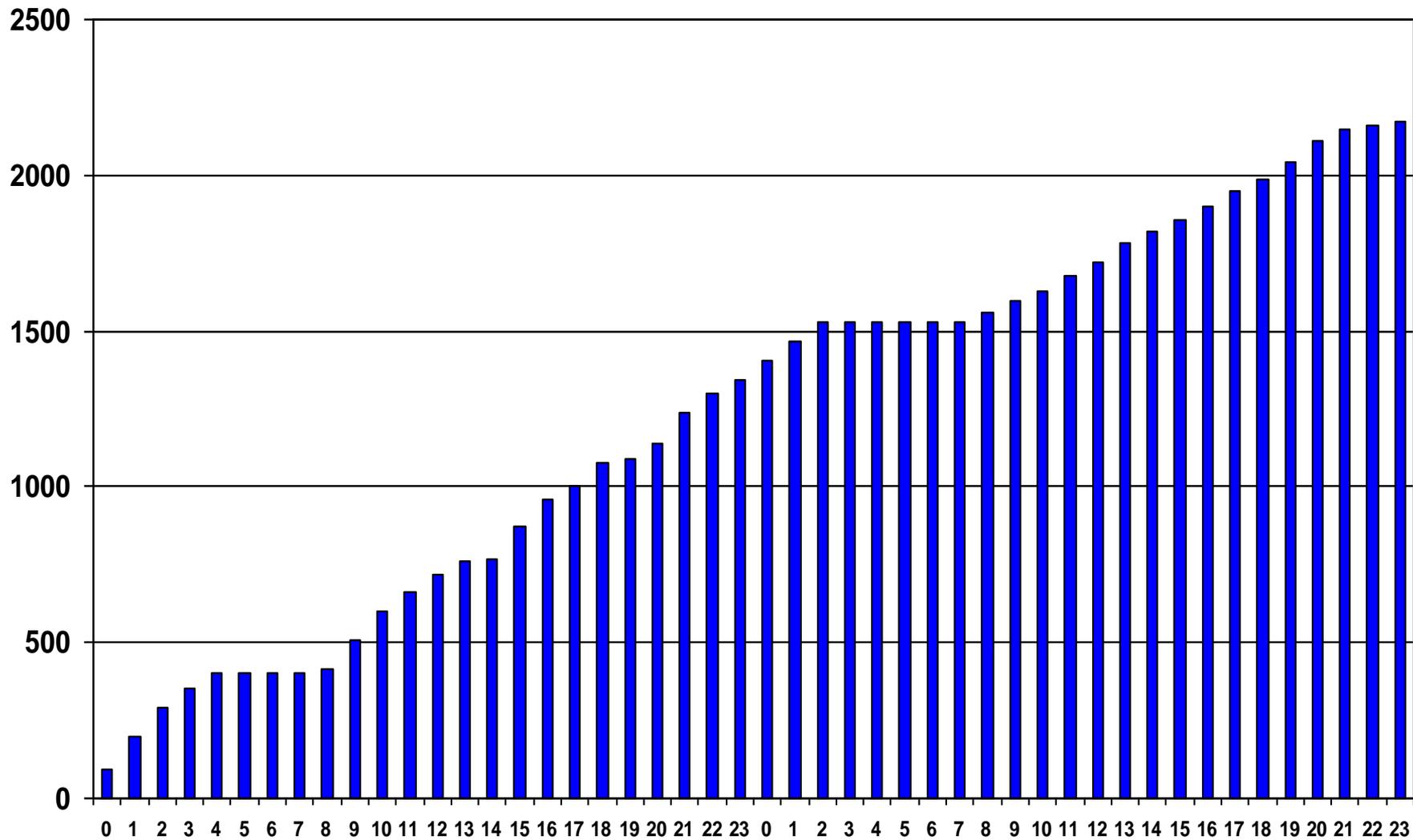
# QSOs PER BAND

- 40M – 552
- 20M – 870
- 15M – 581
- 10M – 170
- Total – 2,173

# QSOs PER HOUR



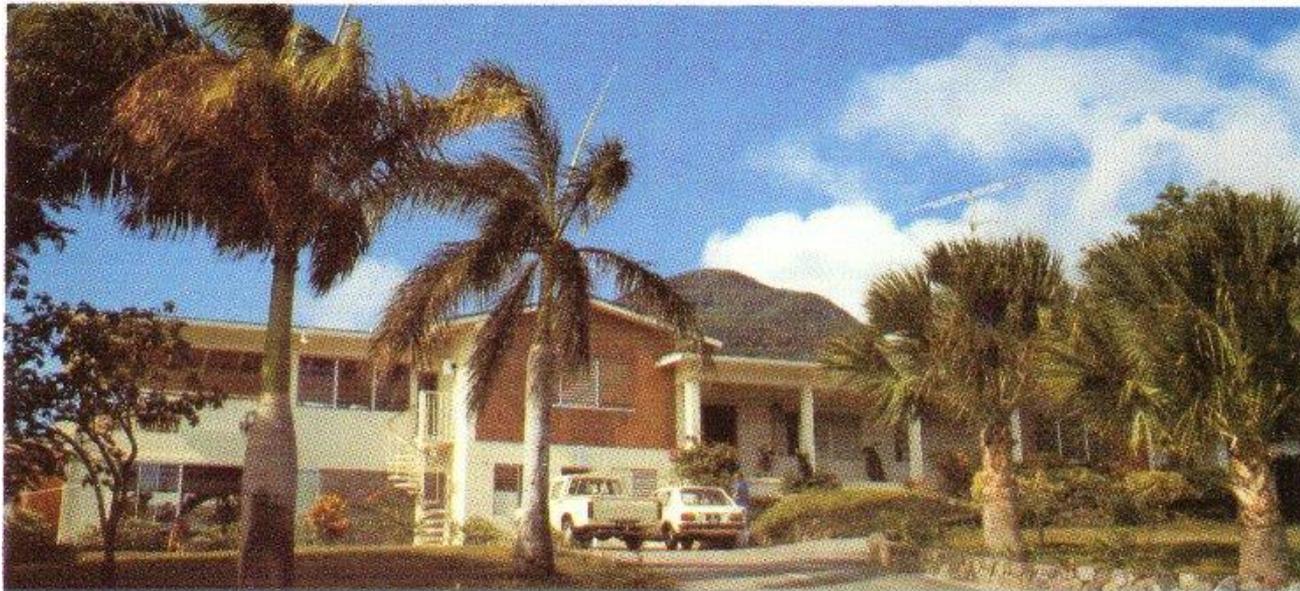
# CUMULATIVE QSOs BY HOUR



# TVARC MEMBERS WORKED

- K2PS – 40M, 10M
- N4FP – 40M, 20M
- WB2VYK – 40M, 20M, 15M
- N8RW – 40M
- K3ZGA – 15M
  
- THANK YOU!!!

# AIR STUDIOS MONTSERRAT



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# AIR STUDIOS ARTISTS

- The Rolling Stones
- 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