

# Level Up

NEXT GEN CONTESTING



# Team Exuberance

- ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> all youth team at K3LR
  - ▶ KM4ATT, NN1C, VE7DZO, K6JO, HA8RT, KG5HVO
- ▶ Operating CQ WPX SSB M/2
- ▶ Average age 16
- ▶ Challenges – fundraising, forming team, travel/lodging logistics, communication





# Team Exuberance

- ▶ Take-Aways
  - ▶ Be Coachable
  - ▶ Concise comms, quick response
  - ▶ YL – secret weapon
  - ▶ Persevere in the doldrums
  - ▶ Not 48 hours of fun but 48 hours of satisfaction



# Youth Contesters...

- ▶ Tend to be motivated
- ▶ Do hard things
- ▶ Are involved in many things
- ▶ Embrace coaching/Elmering
- ▶ Take criticism well
- ▶ Are committed
- ▶ Are **COMPETITIVE!!!**





# We like contesting because...

- ▶ There's always something you can learn and improve
- ▶ Planning/preparing/strategizing
- ▶ Not limited by age, gender, experience
- ▶ Camaraderie
- ▶ Live scoreboard
- ▶ Competition

Home	Profile	Filter	View	Clear Filter	No bands	Score	QSO	160	80	40	20	15
MM HP		Score	QSO	160	80	40	20	15				
1	NE1C	1,017,204	853	167-60	426-202	236-162	22-18	2-2				
2	NR6O	545,259	768	48-5	160-36	259-123	289-167	12-10				
MM LP		Score	QSO	160	80	40	20	15				
1	CK9ML	125,919	183	7-1	51-37	124-114	1-1					
M/Z HP		Score	QSO	160	80	40	20	15				
1	K3LR	2,568,850	1,197	10-0	473-195	673-388	43-37					
2	IK2YCW	685,140	543	54-29	330-232	159-119						
3	K9CT	629,370	681	29-11	205-111	324-188	123-68					
4	DP7D	624,723	536	105-47	314-228	117-88						
5	KT7E	432,745	766	13-1	111-32	515-226	124-93	3-3				
6	WV4P	263,954	413		152-81	211-141	50-49					
7	KB8O	22,359	125	12-5	89-58	24-24						
8	SO4R	8	2									
M/S HP		Score	QSO	160	80	40	20	15				
1	P40L	1,471,818	786		139-69	370-164	277-153					
2	IR4M	1,402,500	690									
3	KTE1	1,000,000	000									



# Perhaps Consider...

## A Walk in the Park

- ▶ Learn about youth contesting endeavors
- ▶ Invite youth to contest with you
- ▶ Use field day as a spring board/intro event
- ▶ Follow on with another event e.g. IARU in July

## Moving Mountains

- ▶ Marketing/Exposure
  - ▶ NARS 2019 Club of the Year
- ▶ Include youth voice in all levels
  - ▶ Publications, Speaking opportunities, Contest Advisory Board
- ▶ Get Region 2 youth to WRTC 2022

## Climbing a Hill

- ▶ Inter-club challenges youth/Elmer multi-ops
  - ▶ e.g. YCCC vs FRC
- ▶ Youth categories in major contests
- ▶ Grow YARC YCP
- ▶ Youth teams in domestic events

# Resources

- [yarc.world](http://yarc.world) (Sterling N0SSC YCP)
- [ham-yota.com](http://ham-yota.com) (YOTA - Region 1)
- [n1fd.org](http://n1fd.org) (NARS)
- [qsl.net/n6jrl](http://qsl.net/n6jrl) (YDXA)
- [n0ssc.com](http://n0ssc.com) (Sterling Mann)
- [w9smc.com/nacc](http://w9smc.com/nacc) (NACC)
- [contestonlinescore.com](http://contestonlinescore.com)

