Level Up
NEXT GEN CONTESTING
Team Exuberance

- 1st 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
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 (Sterling N0SSC YCP)
- ham-yota.com (YOTA - Region 1)
- n1fd.org (NARS)
- qsl.net/n6jrl (YDXA)
- n0ssc.com (Sterling Mann)
- w9smc.com/nacc (NACC)
- contestonlinescore.com