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**CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 2019 Nov 23 Claimed Score**

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW  
 Click on a call below for a list of all the contests for which that call sign is listed as an operator. Click on the [email] link to send an e-mail to the contester who posted the claimed score.

CWops Mini-CWT Test - 1300Z Nov 27  
 Call: **VP2MDM**  
 Operator(s): **K2DM K2PS K2TE N4FP**

CWops Mini-CWT Test - 1900Z Nov 27  
 Station: **VP2MDM**

Phone Fray - Nov 27  
 Class: **M/2 HP**  
 QTH: **Montserrat**  
 Operating Time (hrs): **48**

QCX Challenge - 1300Z Nov 25  
 Location: **Other North America**

QCX Challenge - 1900Z Nov 25  
 Summary: [Compare Scores](#)

Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
160:	361	14	37
80:	1212	20	86
40:	2376	34	120

Band	QSOs	Zones	Countries
20:	2443	32	116
15:	1771	21	88
10:	11	4	5

Recent Contests  
 All Austrian 160-Meter Contest  
 Total: **8174 125 452** Total Score **11,124,560**

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB  
 Club: **The Villages Amateur Radio Club**

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High Speed Club CW Contest - November  
 Illinois QSO Party  
 JIDX Contest, Phone  
 LZ DX Contest  
 RSGB 1.8 MHz

I have been trying to get N4FP (Wayne) to come to Montserrat for a contest for a few years, but he is a CW guy and I normally reserve Gingerbread Hill for CQWW SSB. This year I was able to get CQWW CW. With Wayne a little on the fence about coming, his XYL Marty (N4GL) urged him to go. Ed (K2TE) and Pete (K2PS) quickly rounded out the team. While he is an experienced contester, this would be Wayne's first time operating in a contest from outside the US, so we were particularly excited for him. I was also excited to test-drive my

## Contest - November

### Ukrainian DX Contest

### WAE DX Contest, RTTY

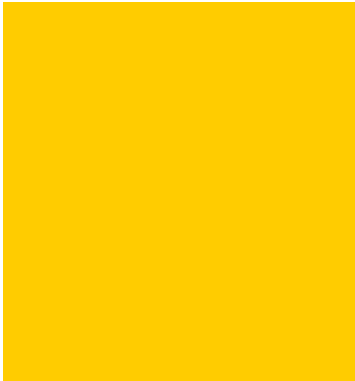
new Montserrat callsign, VP2MDM.

After a LONG day of travel on Wednesday before the contest, we arrived at Gingerbread Hill after dark. We immediately put up a temporary 40M dipole and set up one of the stations so that Wayne could participate in the late CWT. While he operated, the rest of us slept!

Thursday we got to work installing the antennas. First we assembled the Cushcraft 40-2CD on the crank-up tower and pushed it up the mast as far as it would go. We spent some time diagnosing an intermittent rotator before deciding that the weight of the antenna was causing the mast to bind in the sleeve at the top of the tower. We installed a Hy-Gain TH6 tribander on the other side of the mast, and the problem went away. We sprayed some WD40 between the mast and the sleeve, and the problem never happened again. We added the 80M and 160M dipoles to the tower, but darkness fell before we could tie off the ends. Nonetheless, we cranked the tower up so that we could play radio that night. Both the 40M yagi and the tribander loaded very well.

We finished the antenna and station setup in plenty of time, including installing a Mosley CL-33 tribander about eight feet above the roof. From then on it was just plain fun. Our operating schedule had Pete and me starting the contest. After two hours Wayne and Ed took over. And so it went for 48 hours, with only the number of hours in a shift changing to allow for decent sleep times overnight. We had our fair share of real-time questions about how to do this in N1MM+, and how to adjust that on the K3 or the Expert amps, but it was all good. And we were running very well. There was a little inter-station interference, but nothing that either the bandpass filters or the ops couldn't handle. We exalted when juicy multipliers were worked and when significant milestones were passed, and when all was said and done we had over 8,000 Qs and 11 million points. Phew!

One thing that this contest confirmed for us is that, while our VP2M call can hold a frequency and generate pretty good runs, we are not the loudest signal on the bands. Our antennas are relatively low (50 feet tops). So when we take a break from running to work multipliers from the band map, we have to fight to get through, and often we don't make it. As a result, our multiplier totals tend to be lower than one might expect. No



matter, we had a great time. Now the antennas have all been taken down and stowed, and the stations have been packed up for our trip home. It was quite the journey! Thanks to all for your contacts and support - especially our fellow testers in The Villages and our long-time contest club friends. I will see you next year in CQWW SSB.

73 for the team,  
VP2MDM / K2DM

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