

Team Exuberance WPX SSB at K3LR

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Marty Sullaway, NN1C

Background - Who Am I?

- First licenced in 2014
- 17 years old
- From Boston, MA
- Started contesting ~3 years ago. Enjoy a nice mix of multi-ops and single ops

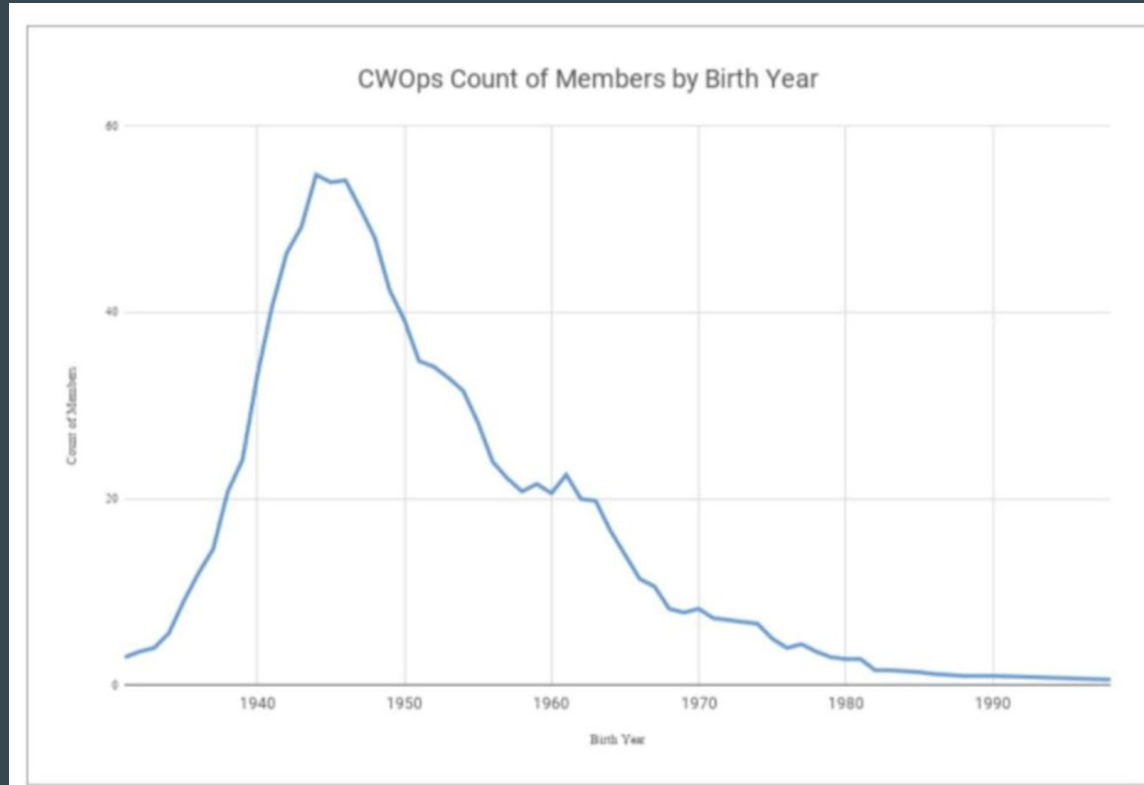


The Goal: Operate CQ WPX SSB M/2 Category - Do Well!

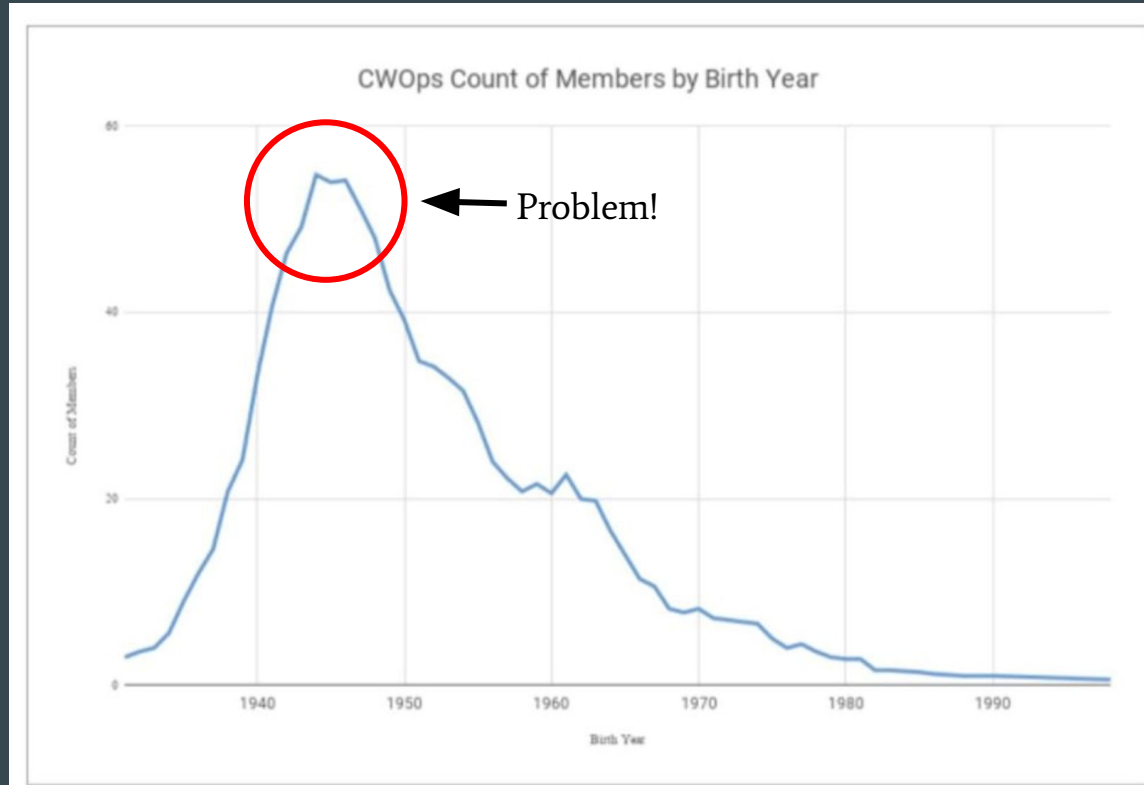
- "Old age and treachery will always win over youth and exuberance." But is that true? Team Exuberance is out to prove that statement wrong!
- Can kids really do well in radiosport contesting?



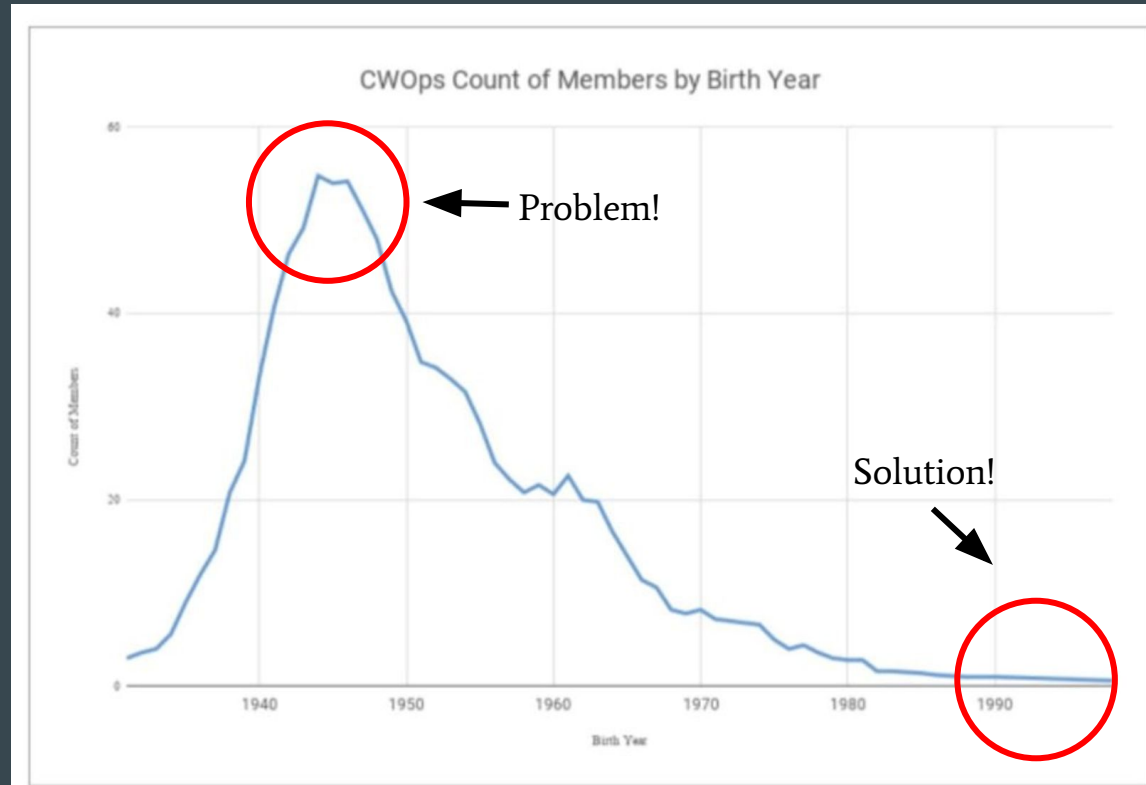
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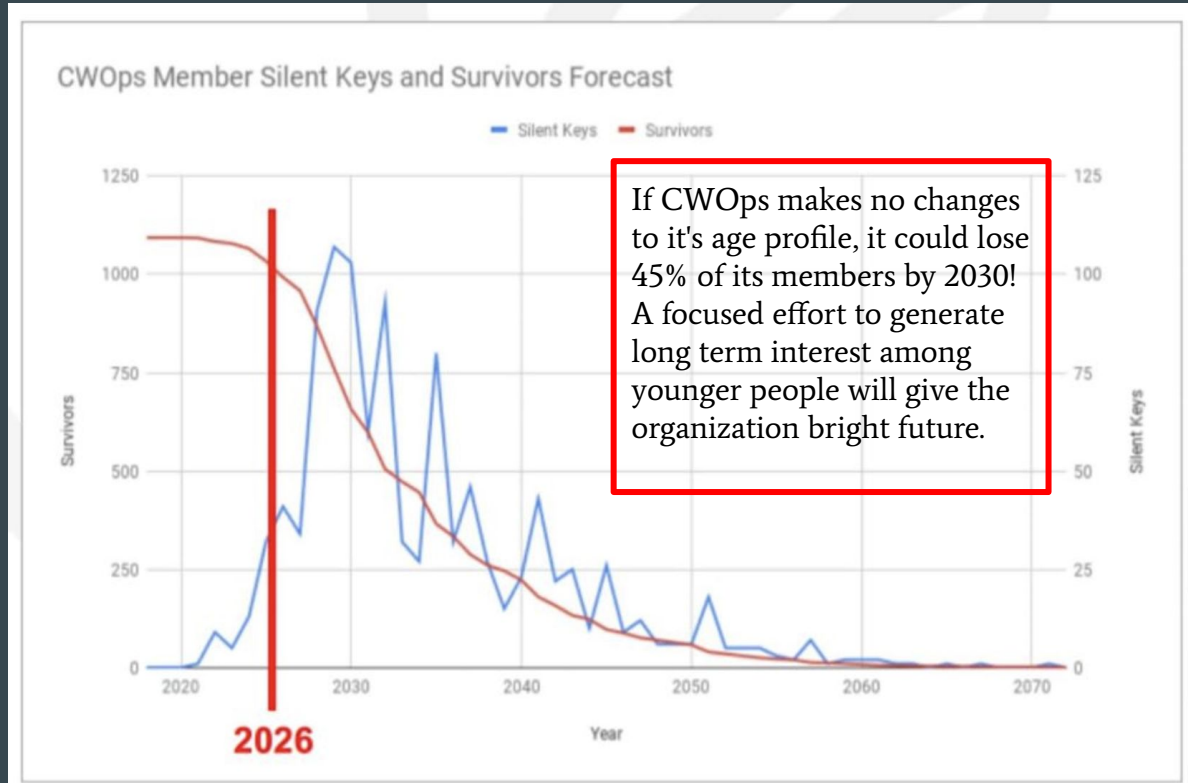
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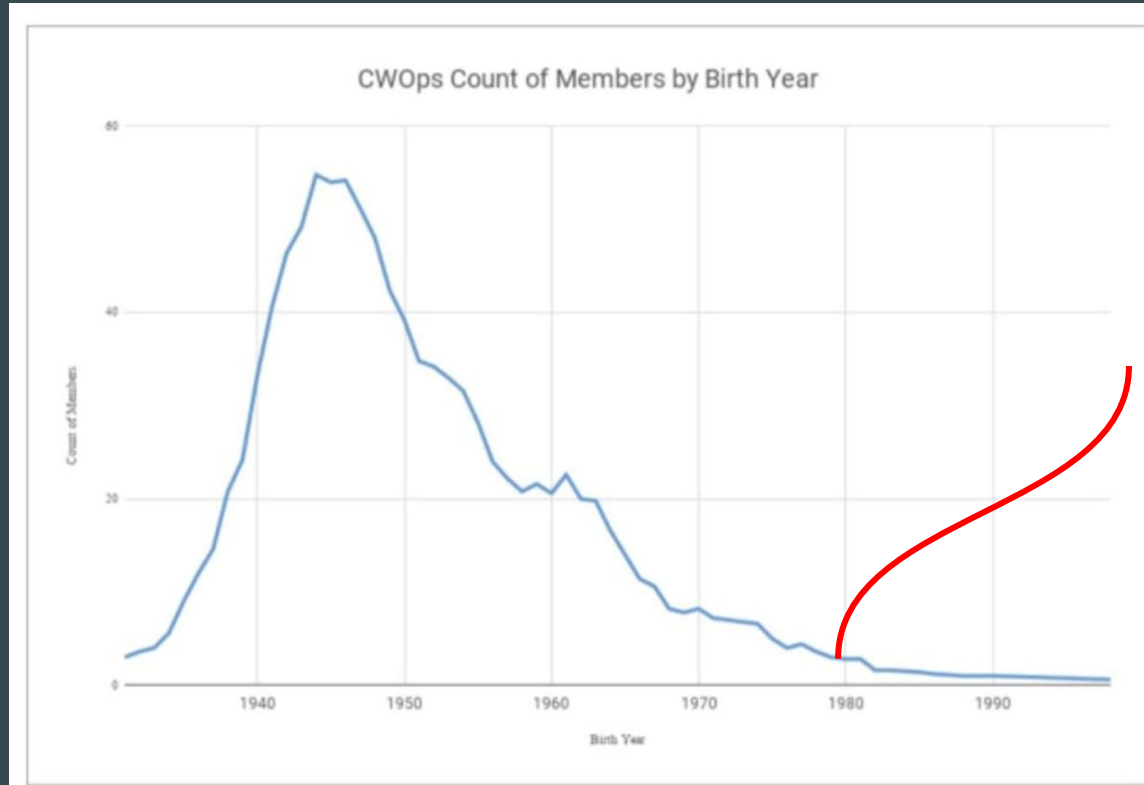
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You're Going Away!



What We Hope For



The Team Exuberance Story - Speed Version

- KM4ATT asks K3LR, “I have an idea!”
- Team sets out to create an all-youth contest.
 - M/2 in CQ WPX SSB 2019
- Raised money with a GoFundMe to ensure that the project was accessible to all independent of financial ability.
 - Costs include flights, hotels, and other logistical hosting expenses.
- Amazing host. Without the kindness, generosity, and hard work of Tim, K3LR, this event would have never been possible.
- Amazing team. Each team member worked hard to prepare for the event.
- We are all normal people, we just try our best and have fun.



Tomi Varro, HA9T

Tomi was licenced in mid 2012. Tomi's first love is CW contesting, and operating, and has been fortunate to have the chance to operate from many large contest stations in Europe. Tomi is a HST (High Speed Telegraphy) competitor, and competitor in WRTC 2018, where he was a member of Youth Team #3 along with DK6SP, and finished in the middle of the pack. Tomi loves mixed mode contesting, and has done multi-operator contests many times. Outside of radio, Tomi is a university student and programming engineer at a software company. Tomi frequents HG8DX, LX7I, and has operated from 9A1A.



Bryant Rascoll, KG5HVO

Bryant is a 15 year old ham that was the reigning winner of the Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF memorial Amateur Radio Newsline Youth Ham of the Year award. Bryant is a member of the Montgomery, Alabama Amateur Radio Club, the Alabama Contest Group, the Georgia Contest Group, and CWOps just to name a few. He was a participant in the World Radiosport Team Championships last summer in Germany. He also was a member of the 2017 Dave Kalter Youth DX Adventure to Costa Rica. Bryant is a frequent operator at WW4LL.



David Samu, VE7DZO

David, age 15, is an avid CW contester and DXer. Most active in CW, David is often found in major contests and pileups trying to work a rare DX entity. Licensed in December 2017, he has already managed to work over 185 DXCC entities and has logged over 15,000 QSOs. Collecting QSL cards from all over the world is another aspect of amateur radio that David really enjoys. His future plans and goals for amateur radio include contesting, DXpeditions, and participating in WRTC.



Levi, K6JO

Levi was licensed at age 14 as KK6NON, due to the generosity of his elmer, W6MFJ. After learning the ropes at W6MFJ, Levi has become a frequent operator at the NX6T superstation in Southern California. Levi has been fortunate to operate outside of the US, most recently as ZF1A, with N6MJ and K6AM and crew in the CQWW SSB and ARRL DX SSB contests.



Violetta, KM4ATT

Violetta was introduced introduced to the hobby at age 9 by her dad, Shannon , KA8JRQ and within a year, Violetta had earned her Extra class license. Violetta's radio related passions include DXing, contesting, and hands-on science. Violetta has been privileged to operate with the W3LPL M/M team, and is engrossed in HF contesting!



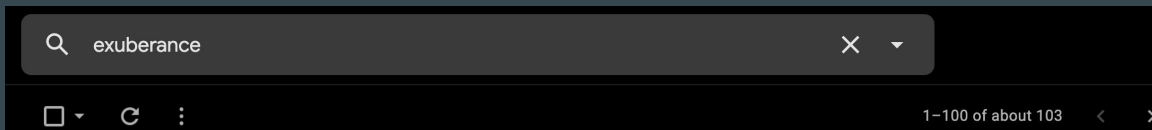
Our Inspiration and Goal

- That CWOps chart is scary, we have to do something.
- Paradigm shift
- Youth “run the show”
- Adult mentors provide support
 - Thanks to K3LR, K3LR, W3YQ, and K8MNJ.
- All youth worked hard together to prepare for the contest.



Hard Work - No Secret Sauce

- Planning an event isn't easy. We DID have challenges, our ability to overcome them is what lead to success.
- Lots of emails!



- Lots of spreadsheets!

Budgeting ▾	Waivers ▾	Travel Plans ▾	Hotel Nights ▾	Hotel Rooms Rooming ▾	Operator Schedule ▾	People/Calls ▾	Food Orders ▾	Hourly Goals ▾
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Contest Lead Up

- Everyone encouraged to get on the air and operate!
- Team conference call and documentation
- In the SSB Sprint, three out of the six team members made Top-10 finishes
- Lots of ham radio media excitement → Stay laser focused.
- We had to focus on planning nearly every element of a strategic contest entry.
 - Well, except the station, that worked REALLY well.

Operators at K3LR



The contest itself!



VE7DZO + KM4ATT on 40m



So how did it go?

Summary					
BAND	QSO	DUP	PFX	POINTS	AVG
160	79	0	5	206	2.61
80	1125	24	287	3469	3.08
40	2352	92	613	7033	2.99
20	2225	53	471	5334	2.40
15	180	5	43	480	2.67
10	46	0	9	138	3.00
TOTAL	6007	174	1428	16660	2.77
FINAL SCORE: 23 790 480					

Great! - Those Radio Stats.

- Over 6,000 QSOs
- Nearly 23.8m points, a new claimed W3 M/2 record.
- LOTS of fun. 1000s of EU, VK, ZL, Carrib, SA, and USA logged.
- Claimed #1 North America
- Lots of yummy food consumed!

Post Contest Photo!

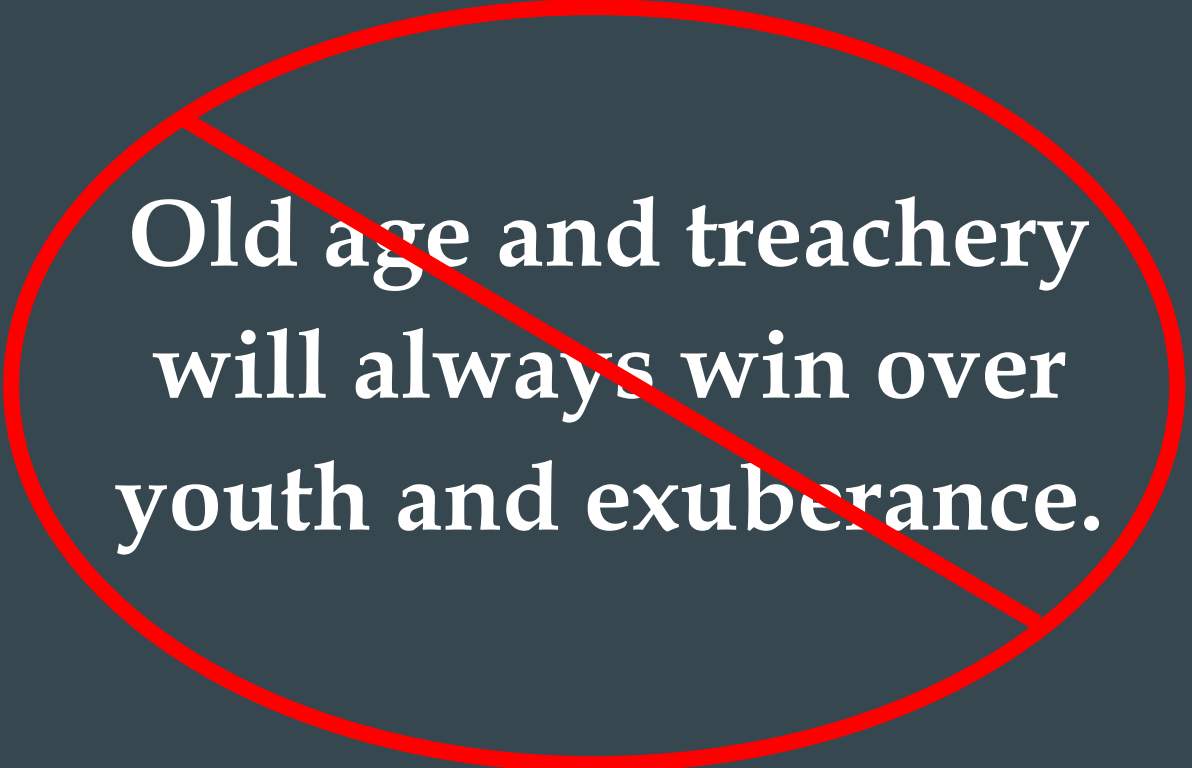


We Hope We're The Start!

- We are just one operation, six operators impacted.
- You are the contest community, thousands of stations, hundreds of youth.
- It's easy to host a ham at your station, please do give it a try!
- Let's start a movement!



Most importantly! **WE PROVED THEM WRONG!**



Old age and treachery
will always win over
youth and exuberance.

What To Take Away?

1. Youth provide an important future to the hobby, and in contesting
2. Hosting a guest at your station is easy!
3. Get on the bands and contest!
4. There is more coming from Team Exuberance! Stay tuned to our website, TeamExuberance.org

Thanks To Some Amazing People!

- Tim, K3LR, Tim, W3YQ, Dan, N6MJ, and Teri, K8MNJ, along with the rest of the DX Engineering team.
- Operators: K6JO, VE7DZO, KM4ATT, HA9T, KG5HVO
- All of the elmers and mentors that have made this possible.

Thanks!

Stay Tuned For What's Next From Team Exuberance

Questions?

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