

Curacao QSL of the Day on Facebook

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4/26/14	PJ2/K2PLF	2014	Curacao QSL of the Day (#415): PJ2/K2PLF 2014. The second of two slightly different QSLs that Marty has used for his 11 operations from Curacao since 2004. He has been a member since 2007 of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club which has built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station. A list of the 28 current members of CCC is available online at http://www.pj2t.org/ccclists.of.members.and.officers.htm .
4/25/14	PJ2_VERONA	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#414): PJ2_VERONA 2013. A general-purpose QSL provided by VERONA, the national Amateur Radio club of Curacao to operators who make a few QSOs from the island and who don't want to make a customized card for themselves. The card has a space on the front for the "PJ2/homecall" to be written or stamped, with QSO information on the back. The photo is of the famous colorful Willemstad Punda waterfront. I've not seen one of these that has been used as yet, but will keep an eye out for one with a callsign written in!
4/24/14	PJ2MI	2012is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#413): PJ2MI 2012. Another QSL (one of twelve I've seen so far) from Jossy PJ2MI (sk), who passed just two months ago, on February 5. Jossy was a very important part of Amateur Radio in the Dutch Caribbean, having served for many as a government official regulating radio in the islands. He was active on-the-air until very briefly before his death. The donkey cart image was also used on PJ2MI QSLs from the early 1990s, although as a black-and-white line drawing. Curacao is an arid island, with water a very important commodity during most parts of the year. I've seen several non-radio postcards from the island with photos of these donkey carts. [I have only a small image scan of this PJ2MI QSL design: if you have a sample of this card, please contact me!]
4/23/14	PJ9V PJ2/OH3VV PJ2/OH3TJ	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#412): PJ9V PJ2/OH3VV PJ2/OH3TJ 1990. A shared card for Willy OH3VV and his XYL Irmeli OH3TJ (sk), the PJ9V callsign was used by OH3VV in the 1990 CQWW WPX SSB Contest in a 10-meter single-band operation. He finished 4 th in the World in that category with 2600 QSOs. The photo is the popular view of Santa Martha Bay, taken from the small pull-off area on the road to the Coral Cliff Hotel and PJ9JT (now PJ2T). Fishermen dock their boats in this protected bay, and this may be the best "photo op" on the island. On the back of the card is a paragraph describing the geography and history of Curacao.
4/22/14	PJ2/G3XSV	2002is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#411): PJ2/G3XSV 2002. This is the second of two QSLs for his two operations from Curacao (2001, 2002). Both years, Alan was part of the PJ2Y team in the 2002 IOTA Contest, this QSL uses the same photos as the PJ2Y QSL. Shown are the beach at the (former, now defunct) Sunset Waters Beach Resort, with an inset of the team of Brits on the patio at the resort restaurant. [I don't have this QSL, just a small image of it. If you have one, I want it!]
4/21/14	PJ2/PG5M	2003is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#410): PJ2/PG5M 2003. Travelling to Curacao in early November 2003 on business, Gerben was active on 40-10 meters for 10 days in 2003, making approximately 500 QSOs. He stayed at 'The Pearl of the Caribbean Holiday Park', on the Northeastern coast, near the St. Joris Bay. He described his stay (with photos) at: http://www.dx.to/dxpeditions/pj2-pg5m-curacao . [I don't have a sample of this QSL card, just this too-small image. If you have one, I want it!]
4/20/14	PJ9JR	1970i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#409): PJ9JR 1970. The sixth QSL design for this callsign featured here, the Curacao callsigns of Jack N4RV. In the 1970 CQ WPX SSB Contest, Jack (then W3ZKH) placed #1 Single-Op All Band in the World! Jack first operated from Curacao in October 1969 with the PJ0DX operation, and most recently operated with PJ2T in the 2014 CQ WPX SSB Contest in April, which makes him perhaps the current "senior statesman" of

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			<p>Curacao contest operations with 45 years of Curacao experience! In the 1970s, he often operated with John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk). This is a brand-new Curacao QSL image file for me, found just today on John AF3K's page of QSL cards from the 1960s and early 1970s https://plus.google.com/photos/100350126040847383505/albums/5643777214300104273?authkey=CObtuK3t0rSomwE). Thanks to Ray NM2O for pointing me to this new addition to my collection (#429)! I have only the image, and hope to get an example of the paper QSL for my archive sometime in the future!</p>
4/19/14	PJ2/W0NB	2011	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#408): PJ2/W0NB 2011. Jim is one of the five remaining Founding Members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, having been present at the beginning in 1998, before the purchase of the Signal Point house from John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk). He's never had a dedicated Curacao QSL card, and this card is a "mark-up" of his W0NB QSL. I count fourteen operations by Jim from PJ2T, often as a part of the CQWW CW team. When he's not at PJ2T or home in Iowa, Jim and his XYL are often traveling the World, spending time in China and France and visiting Africa and other areas.</p>
4/18/14	PJ2/OH1VR	2010	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#407): PJ2/OH1VR 2010. Seppo operated using this callsign in the 2010 CQWW WPX SSB Contest as a Single-Operator 15-Meter Low Power entry, finishing 2nd in the World. He was not operating from the Signal Point PJ2T station, as PJ2T was also active in this contest as a Multi-2 operation. I'm not sure where he was staying. He also operated from Curacao in 1994 with a similar QSL design, but in green and with sponsors listed.</p>
4/17/14	PJ2/K3UOC	1984	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#406): PJ2/K3UOC 1984. Mike is in the "education business" specializing in international education, and has spent decades travelling the World. In the 1980s, he travelled in the Caribbean islands working DX. Here is an article in which he is interviewed concerning the establishment of an Amateur Radio station (KH6MX) at a school at which he was once Principal in Hawaii. http://www.lahainanews.com/page/content.detail/id/508328/Maui-Prep-amateur-radio-enthusiasts-broadcasting-around-the-world.html?nav=19</p>
4/16/14	PJ2/G3XSV	2001	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#405): PJ2/G3XSV 2001. Alan was one of the team of UK Amateurs (with G3TKF, G4FKV, M0WLF and G0HFX) who operated in the 2001 and 2002 IOTA ("Islands on the Air") Contest as PJ2Y. The IOTA Contest is Alan's favorite contest. The photo shows the view to the Southeast along the shore from the front yard of the Signal Point PJ2T station as it was back in those early days of the PJ2T station.</p>
4/15/14	PJ2/DL1CW	2003	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#404): PJ2/DL1CW 2003. The second of two QSL designs for this callsign, for QSOs in January 2000 and October 2003. Arno records on the back of the card that he was on vacation, staying at Sun Reef Village (https://www.facebook.com/SunReefVillageOnSea) at Boca St. Michiel. This is a small resort of bungalows, primarily for SCUBA divers, located in a small fishing village a bit West of Willemstad. (http://www.sun-reef.com/)</p>
4/14/14	PJ2/OH4EA	1991	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#403): PJ2/OH4EA 1991. Although he was active in November 1991, Vesa was not listed as an operator with the massive Finnish PJ9A Multi-Multi team in the 1991 CQWW CW DX Contest, which finished first in the World from the environs of Coral Cliff Hotel! This QSL suggests that he probably was a part of the team, and was left out of the contest article in CQ Magazine by mistake. The next year, he operated as a single-band 160-meter entry in the 1992 CQWW CW Contest using the call PJ9V. The QSL design itself was used by several of the Finns (including PJ9U, PJ9V, and PJ2/OH1VR), varying in color and callsign.</p>
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4/12/14	PJ2/DF7ZS	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#402): PJ2/DF7ZS 2010. Helmut's second Curacao QSL. This one was sent for QSOs made while he was on the island as a member of the Multi-Multi PJ2T team in the 2010 CQWW SSB DX Contest, which finished 2nd in the World. October 2010 was the first month in which Curacao was a new DXCC entity ("country") after the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles. As such, QSOs with Amateur Radio operators on Curacao were in very high demand! The image, as for his 2005 QSL, is a silhouette of the PJ2T "backyard towers", this time against the sunset. The inset photo is of the Green Iguana common to the site.
	PJ2/DF7ZS	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#401): PJ2/DF7ZS 2005. In 2005, Helmut DF7ZS was first part of a German Multi-2 team (with DK9VZ, DL2SAX, DK3DM, DL8OBQ, and W0CG) at the Signal Point PJ2T station for the 2005 CQWW WPX SSB Contest, and also joined the PJ2T CQWW SSB Team in October. He has returned for contest operations in 2007, 2010, and 2012. The photo is the silhouette of the three "yard towers" at the PJ2T station, (L – R): USA/Japan, WARC, and Europe. [As you can see, my single sample of this QSL is damaged, and I'd like to find a "clean" copy for my collection: got one?]
4/10/14	PJ9JT	1993	Curacao QSL of the Day (#400): PJ9JT 1993. It's hard to believe, but "Curacao QSL of the Day" has now featured 400 different Curacao QSL designs, sent to confirm QSOs with Radio Amateurs on Curacao between the years 1938 and the present. The first 'Curacao QSL of the Day' was posted on Facebook on December 4, 2012. John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk) provided first QSOs with Curacao for many, many Amateurs during his almost 30 years of operating from the island between 1971 and 1999. I've featured 8 other PJ9JT QSL designs here, it is fitting that #400 be this last PJ9JT sample from my collection!
4/9/14	PJ2VD	1978	Curacao QSL of the Day (#399): PJ2VD 1978. The last of three PJ2VD QSL designs in my collection. Joeke PA0VDV lived on Curacao for a long while, and held the PJ2VD callsign. He also operated as PJ1VD (in 1973), PJ2/PA0VDV, and PJ9/PA0VDV. I also have several QSLs with his signature that show that over the years he used Curacao club stations PJ2RC, PJ2AA, and PJ1AA. I've featured several of those Curacao QSLs here. He now lives in The Netherlands, but visits Curacao on holidays, and is on the air operating when he does!
4/8/14			
4/7/14	PJ2Y	2001is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#398): PJ2Y 2001. This British team operated in the July 2001 IOTA (Islands On The Air) contest, and the photo is of the team members in the front yard of the Signal Point house. They returned for the same contest in 2002. They have a web page with log lookup at: http://www.g3swb.org.uk/pj2y.html . << I do not have a copy of this QSL card in my archives, just a very small image of it. If you worked them and have the card, please contact me! >>
4/6/14	PJ2/W2UP	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#397): PJ2/W2UP 2012. Barry was a part of the 2012 ARRL CW DX Contest Multi-Multi PJ2T team that finished 2 nd in the World. He is a skilled high-speed telegrapher and winner of medals at World High Speed Telegraphy (HST) competitions. See some details on his qrz.com web page: http://www.qrz.com/db/W2UP?ref=273575477 .
4/5/14	PJ2RU	1975	Curacao QSL of the Day (#396): PJ2RU 1975. I know absolutely nothing about this station, except for what is recorded on this QSL card. Searches of the CQ Magazine archives, Hamcall databases, QRZ.com, and using Google and Bing revealed nothing at all about PJ2RU. Because he left behind a paper QSL to be found, we know that he was on Curacao in October 1975, and that he was almost certainly living there as he lists the old VERONA "QSL bureau" address "Box 383" on the card. He operated using CW (Morse code), and he neglected to include a field on his QSL design for the frequency ("band") used for the

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	000Title_0.jpg	2014	'Curacao QSL Cards' Digital Slideshow Title Slide. The postings I've been doing of 'Curacao QSL of the Day' are images from a digital slideshow I have assembled over several years. Originally, the goal was to accumulate 100 different Curacao QSL cards to place in wall hanging displays to present to the VERONA club on Curacao, but my collection soon blew past that number and I realized that a hanging display was both impractical and not the best way to preserve the history represented by QSL cards. So, I purchased some digital picture frames and created a slideshow which currently includes 428 different Curacao QSLs! These have been presented to VERONA, the PJ2T station, Jossy PJ2MI (now SK), Joe W3HNC (the PJ2T QSL manager), and to Joe W9JUV (now SK). I'll take at least one to the Dayton Hamvention, and will try to find a good spot to let it sit and run.
4/4/14	PJ2/WA9S	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#395): PJ2/WA9S 2005. Keith is a Founding Member (one of five who are still members) of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC), the club that has built and operates the PJ2T Signal Point station. He first operated PJ2T from the station in February 2001 in the ARRL CW DX Contest, only the second contest operation from the new facility. He returned in 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011 and 2014. <Photo: http://www.pj2t.org/cc/WA9S.in.cherokee.22jan06.jpg >
4/3/14	PJ9EE	1985bi	Curacao QSL of the Day (#394): PJ9EE 1985. The last of five QSL images I have for Chet Brandon (sk) with his callsign PJ9EE. Chet built the Coral Cliff Hotel at Santa Martabaai on Curacao, and arguably started the long and very successful history of contesting from Curacao! Chet moved to the island in 1964 from Puerto Rico, looking to develop a deep-sea fishing and diving destination hotel. He identified the location for the hotel from the air, then rode in on horseback, blazing a trail to the area from the little town of Soto. The hotel included an Amateur Radio station, PJ2CC, which was available to licensed Amateur guests. [I don't have a sample of this QSL: just the image. If you have one and are willing to part with it, let me know! Actually, I'd be interested in obtaining *any* Curacao QSLs you might have moldering in your QSL storage box!]. <<Comment: Chet Brandon PJ9EE/PJ2CC (sk) with his catch in Mexico in the 1950s. When he was living and working in California, Chet would travel down to this resort with co-workers to fish. His dream was to build/own a similar resort in the Caribbean. http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/Brandon_Fisherman.jpg
4/2/14	PJ2/G0HFX	2001	Curacao QSL of the Day (#393): PJ2/G0HFX 2001. Chris was a member of the PJ2Y team in the July IOTA (Islands On The Air) contest, and the photo is of the team members in the front yard of the Signal Point house. The helpful red arrow points to Chris. (I don't know if he has this red arrow always affixed to his head with a thin spring wire to always point at him. That would be cool!) This was only the 7 th contest operation from the new PJ2T Signal Point station after acquiring the property from John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk).
4/1/14	PJ2/DL5RDO	2010b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#392): PJ2/DL5RDO 2010. Dieter ('Sam') was a member of the PJ2T team in the 2010 and 2012 CQWW SSB DX Contests. This is the second of two similar QSL cards he has sent to confirm his QSOs made before and after the contest period, with slightly different fronts and different backs. The Green Iguana is a common sight on the island, and are often seen sunning themselves on the cliff in front of the Signal Point PJ2T station. [They sometimes get a bit too friendly: one tried to climb up my leg at the dinner table in November!]

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3/31/14	PJ9I PJ2I PJ2EL PJ2/ON4CFD PJ9/ON4CFD	1999	Curacao QSL of the Day (#391): PJ9I PJ2I PJ2EL PJ2/ON4CFD PJ9/ON4CFD 1999. All operations by Ernest Lichert ON4CFD. I haven't found much information about these operations, but Ernest appears to have been living on the island at the time as he had a Curacao mailing address for QSLs. Two of my favorite Curacao QSLs have paintings as their base, and this is one of them. (The other is a PJ2VD QSL from 1970 based on a watercolor). One of my own next PJ2/K8ND QSL designs will be based on a watercolor done by Dan N1ZZ.
3/30/14			
3/29/14	PJ2CC	1980a	Curacao QSL of the Day (Repeat of #337, 1/10/14): PJ2CC 1980. A Multi-Multi CQWW Phone Contest operation from Chet Brandon's (PJ9EE, sk) Coral Cliff Hotel, including some heavyweight contesters as listed on the QSL. Their score missed by just 4 QSOs setting a new World Record for Multi-Multi! I believe that this was the next-to-last contest operation using the PJ2CC callsign. [NOTE: I'm repeating this Curacao QSL today because two of the operators from that 1980 operation (N3RD and N4RV) are currently at the PJ2T station operating Multi-2 in the WPX SSB Contest, just ½ mile from the site of their 1980 operation!]
3/28/14	PJ2/N9YS	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#390): PJ2/N9YS 2013. Yin was a member of the PJ2T Multi-Single team for the ARRL 10 Meter Contest this past December, in which NT6X, W6DR, and N9YS from California, N5OT from Oklahoma, and W0CG/PJ2DX have the #4 claimed score. Note that Curacao is much larger than depicted in relation to the man, tree and radio on this QSL! Curacao is 23 miles long and a maximum of 5 miles wide, with a population of over 150,000. <Following posting, W4EF pointed out that this group of Californians are from the W6UE Caltech contest group. >
3/27/14	PJ2PP	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#389): PJ2PP 1990. I've not found much information about this Curacao Radio Amateur. In 1982, he apparently operated as P42C (I don't have a sample or image of this QSL). The last DX cluster spot I've found for this callsign was in September 2009. Know more?
3/26/14	PJ2/G4XUM	2009	Curacao QSL of the Day (#388): PJ2/G4XUM 2009. Martin was a member of the #1 World PJ2T Multi-Multi team in the 2009 CQWW SSB DX Contest. Martin goes somewhere interesting for CQWW SSB Contests: In addition to Curacao, the Isle of Man, Cyprus, Jamaica, Seychelles, Hawaii, and Montserrat are listed on his page at qrz.com. [Thanks to Dave G3NKC for sending me this sample of Martin's Curacao QSL this week!]
3/25/14	PJ2/PB2T	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#387): PJ2/PB2T 2004. Hans is the long-time International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 1 President. IARU Region 1 includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Northern Asia. IARU is an organization of National Amateur Radio organizations, which serves the purpose of representing the interests of Amateur Radio to the regulatory International Telecommunications Union (ITU). Hans is a World traveler, currently in Riga Latvia for a CEPT meeting (CEPT is the treaty that allows Amateurs from signatory countries to operate their radios from other signatory countries without going through the paperwork and expense of obtaining a license for each). He has visited Curacao on at least two occasions, including for the Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference (GAREC) held on Curacao coincident with the 10 October 2010 ("10-10-10") change in actual and DXCC country status.
3/24/14	PJ2/AA6TT	1991	Curacao QSL of the Day (#386): PJ2/AA6TT 1991. In the early 1990s, Bill (formerly AA6TT, now AA7XT) owned the house two houses Southeast of the PJ9JT/PJ2T station (generally referred to as "House #3" or (currently) "Marlies' House". The house had been previously owned by the wife and sisters-in-law of Chet Brandon PJ9EE (sk) and by Richard K4EIH (among other non-Amateurs).

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			The photo is from the front yard of his house: the PJ9JT/PJ2T station and the Coral Cliff Hotel/Sunset Waters Beach Resort would be to the right of this image along the shore. [Note: Bill is a partner in InnovAntennas (www.InnovAntennas.us) and today is his birthday!]
3/23/14	PJ2AAX	1977	Curacao QSL of the Day (#385): PJ2AAX 1977. This is the second QSL design featured here for the Curacao callsign of Jan (John) PA0AAX. I haven't been able to find much about his time on the island, but he provided support to the #1 World PJ9JR Multi-Multi operation in the 1978 CQWW SSB DX Contest. There is an article describing that PVRC operation at http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/CQ_1980July_PJ9JR_Article.pdf .
3/22/14	PJ9JT	1989	Curacao QSL of the Day (#384): PJ9JT 1989. Another QSL for John Thompson W1BIH (sk) from his famous Curacao location! John and his QSL manager at the time Roger W1AX are both members of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC) Hall of Fame. [Sorry for the five-day gap in 'Curacao QSL of the Day': I was off working at a customer site out-of-state!]
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3/16/14	PJ9/N1TKZ	1996	Curacao QSL of the Day (#383): PJ9/N1TKZ 1996. Alan is the grandson of John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (SK), who was his "Elmer"! At the time that this QSL card was in use, Alan was 16 years old. I've found some information that the final PJ9JT contest operation before John sold the house/station was the 1998 ARRL DX SSB Contest, which was a Multi-Single operation with John W1BIH, his son-in-law Bernie W1AZ, and his grandson Alan N1TKZ. They appear to have finished 6 th in the World.
3/15/14	PJ3CC	1967d	Curacao QSL of the Day (#382): PJ3CC 1967. A QSL made from a postcard for the Coral Cliff Hotel featuring...Amateur Radio! From the back of the card: "CORAL CLIFF HOTEL, Santa Martha Bay, Curacao, Neth. Antilles. View from amateur radio station PJ3CC overlooking Santa Martha Bay and the Caribbean. Maritime mobile operation is available from the 76 ft. CORAL CLIFF and the 41 ft. SANTA MARTHA." Coral Cliff Hotel owner Chet Brandon PJ9EE/PJ2CC (SK) developed the facility in part as a fishing and scuba diving resort, and the boats were to facilitate those activities more than Amateur Radio. The normal radio station at the hotel, available for the use of licensed guests, consisted of a Collins KWM-2 transceiver and Collins 30L-1 amplifier and a long-wire antenna, but this photo shows some other equipment as well.
3/14/14	PJ9JT	1991	Curacao QSL of the Day (#381): PJ9JT 1991. One of nine different QSL designs I have for the PJ9JT callsign, representing QSOs between 1971 and 1993. (As the callsign was used until 1999, I expect there may be later QSL design(s) not represented in my collection yet). John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (SK) operated using other callsigns from his station adjacent to the Coral Cliff Hotel, including P42J, PJ9J, and W1BIH/PJ2. The station is now heard in contests as PJ2T, a callsign chosen to honor Mr. Thompson and his long association with the station and the island.
3/13/14	PJ2/PA0VDV	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#380): PJ2/PA0VDV 2011. I suspect that this image of a QSL card is actually the back side of a QSL, but as I don't have an example of the card, I cannot confirm. If you recognize this card, please send me it! This is one of seven different PJ2/PA0DVD QSL designs in my collection of images. Joeke is a regular visitor to Curacao, having lived there and having previously held the call PJ2VD. He is currently on the island operating as PJ2/PA0VDV and has been very active on the WARC bands and 10-meter CW.

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			[Also now active from Curacao is PJ2/DK5ON: a good chance to work Curacao stations!]
3/12/14	PJ9Y PJ2/OH6XY	1992	Curacao QSL of the Day (#379): PJ9Y PJ2/OH6XY 1992. Following the massive Radioteam Finland operations in 1989 and 1990, Finnish Amateurs returned to Curacao for several years in the early 1990s to make use of the still-installed antennas in many contests. PJ9Y was a single-op effort by OH6XY in the 1992 CQWW WPX SSB Contest, in which he finished fourth in the World. He spent four weeks on the island, and operated in both WPX and ARRL ARRL CW Contests. The photo is the 3-element 80-meter yagi installed by the Radioteam Finland in 1989. As far as I know, all of the towers/antennas installed stayed up until they fell down from lack of maintenance, then were sold for scrap. Only the free-standing concrete guy anchors remain in the area.
3/11/14	PJ2AM	1998	Curacao QSL of the Day (#378): PJ2AM 1998. I have two other PJ2AM QSL designs sent in 1988 and 1989, similar in design to each other with a map drawing of the island with a huge power and antennas, but one red and one blue. Art became a Silent Key (SK) in March 2003. [Thanks to fellow CCC member Marty K2PLF, who went through his QSL collection and sent me several Curacao QSLs that I did not already have in my collection. This QSL design is one of those. Thanks Marty! I now have 406 different Curacao QSL designs in my archive, and another 20 for which I have images but no sample of the card itself (http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/PJ2_QSL_Wanted_K8ND.pdf).]
3/10/14	PJ2/DK5ON	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#377): PJ2/DK5ON 2012. The photos is of the familiar Punda waterfront in Willemstad, with the pontoons of the famous Queen Emma Bridge: the 'Swinging Old Lady', which opens on floats to allow ship traffic to pass into the port (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Queen_Emma_Bridge). He is scheduled to be active from Curacao once again as PJ2/DK5ON starting this week, from March 12 – 29. This will be the fourth March holiday that Andy has spent on Curacao.
3/9/14	PJ2/W8QID	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#376): PJ2/W8QID 2011. Kirk, along with K8LEE and N4LZ were at the Signal Point PJ2T station June 8 – 15 for a (mostly) non-contest operation. PJ2/K8LEE operated in the 2011 ARRL June VHF QSO Party on 6-meters.
3/8/14	PJ2HT	1971a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#375): PJ2HT 1971. The second PJ2HT QSL to be featured here, both of them confirming contacts made in the November 1971 CQWW CW Contest! This QSL design could also be pressed into service to confirm QSOs made from the "off-by-one island" to the East, Bonaire (if one were to be temporarily offset from Paradise). Kees, who operated as PA0HT when in The Netherlands, appears to be still living there, having been included in a January 2014 "Old Timers Club" listing I found online (http://pdf.otcsite.nl/ledenlijstcall.pdf). As noted when I featured his other QSL card here, in the early 1970s he participated in Amateur Radio contests with the PJ1AA VERONA team operations, as well as hosting multi-op contest operations with his own PJ2HT callsign.
3/7/14	PJ2RM PJ2SA	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#374): PJ2RM PJ2SA 2007. Rolando PJ2RM is very active with the Scouting program on Curacao, and the PJ2SA callsign was used during the annual "Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA) program. There is a photo of Rolando in his scouting uniform on his QRZ.com page at http://files.qrz.com/m/pj2rm/pj2rm.jpg . This card is printed on photo paper, an effective way to send an attractive photo QSL for logs with small numbers of QSOs. The photo is of the rough North coast of the island, where the waves pound on the shore. Most of the development on Curacao is on the other side of the island, where the Caribbean waters are comparatively peaceful.

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3/6/14	PJ9JT	1976	Curacao QSL of the Day (#373): PJ9JT 1976. John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (SK) established his station near Santa Marta Bay in 1971, and had a well-known and very successful contest station using this callsign until 2000. During that time, he rented the house to Amateurs as well, serving as the site for many of the successful contest operations using other callsigns during that period. In 2000, the house became Signal Point PJ2T station. This QSL appears to be for a QSO made in the 1976 ARRL Phone DX Contest, and is one of nine different PJ9JT QSL designs I have in my collection.
3/5/14	PJ2/DL5RDP	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#372): PJ2/DL5RDP 2010. Bernie operated with the PJ2T team for the 2010 and 2012 CQWW SSB DX Contests. He also operated from the island in March 2012. The photo is of the water in front of and adjacent to the (now bankrupt and deteriorating) Sunset Waters Beach Resort (formerly Coral Cliff Hotel). VE3CNU posted a video of him working Bernie on March 16, 2012: http://ve3cnu.blogspot.com/2012/03/pj2dl5rdp.html .
3/4/14	PJ2WG	1982	Curacao QSL of the Day (#371): PJ2WG 1982. This is the third PJ2WG QSL card displayed here. The others were from 1989 and 1990, and all were for QSOs on 10-meter SSB, which was clearly a preference of this operator! The 1989 QSL was a reproduction of this one, with some minor changes.
3/3/14	PJ2LA	1976	Curacao QSL of the Day (#370): PJ2LA 1976. Another of my favorite Curacao QSLs that I thought I'd featured before, but which I find I have not! The callsign PJ2LA is prominently shown in printed CW (i.e. Morse Code). I don't know much about the operator, but he was part of large Multi-Multi teams of Curacao operators in the 1976 CQWW DX Contests. On phone they were PJ0A (ops PJ2ARI, PJ2BT, PJ2CW, PJ2FR, PJ2LA, PJ2VD, PJ3BB, PJ3BW, PJ3DB, PJ3DO, PJ3IDP, PJ3EC, PJ3EK, AND PJ3TH). On CW they were PJ1AA (ops PJ2ARI, PJ2LA, PJ2MP, and PJ2VD).
3/2/14	PJ2T	2001	Curacao QSL of the Day (#369): PJ2T 2001. When I reviewed the list of 'Curacao QSL of the Day' postings, I was surprised to find that I had not yet featured the original PJ2T QSL from 2001 through 2008! The view is from the front yard of the Signal Point station, looking Southeast along the shoreline, with the Caribbean 37 feet below. When the CCC started, some members used this same card for their non-contest operations, with a label on the front, back or both showing their "PJ2/homecall" callsign. For a short time, KN7Y served as QSL manager for PJ2T, then N9AG (SK) took over until his death in 2012. The current PJ2T QSL manager is the venerable W3HMK. PJ2T also QSLs via Logbook of the World, but a paper QSL is a document that lasts and marks a moment in Amateur Radio history. [The PJ2T station is on-the-air today in the ARRL SSB DX Contest with operators John K6AM and Martin G4XUM. Work them and send for a QSL!]
3/1/14	PJ2/AE9B PJ2/NW0L PJ2/WB9Z	2003is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#368): PJ2/AE9B PJ2/NW0L PJ2/WB9Z 2003. Tom, Marty, and Jerry operated the PJ2T station in the 2003 ARRL SSB DX Contest, and placed #1 in the World in the Multi-2 category. There are some photos of them during that contest trip at http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/photos.arrlssb.2003.1.htm . I joined them at PJ2T for the same contest in 2004 and 2005, and we finished #1 in the World Multi-2 in both of those years as well. Those were the only two phone contests I've ever operated from PJ2T in my 24 trips to Curacao since 2002. In recent years, Jerry WB9Z is still a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, but has been keeping busy for the past several years joining every major rare DXpedition operation around the World. Retired NFL player Tom AE9B fell from contest view while focusing on getting his kids through college. I'm not sure what Marty NW0L is doing these days, but he has been absent from contests for several years. [NOTE: I don't have an example of this QSL in my collection, just this smallish image. If you have one, please let me know!]

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2/28/14	PJ2VD	1969	Curacao QSL of the Day (#367): PJ2VD 1969. Joeke PA0VDV lived on Curacao for a long while, and held the PJ2VD callsign. He also operated as PJ1VD (in 1973), PJ2/PA0VDV, and PJ9/PA0VDV. I also have QSLs that show that over the years he used Curacao club stations PJ2RC, PJ2AA, and PJ1AA. I've featured several of those Curacao QSLs here. He now lives in The Netherlands, but visits Curacao on holidays, and is on the air operating when he does! He is apparently back on Curacao for a visit, as I am listening to him on 24.902 CW as I type this!
2/27/14	PJ2/WA4PGM	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#366): PJ2/WA4PGM 2006. Kyle has operated with the PJ2T team on Curacao four times, for CQWW CW (twice, 2005 & 2011) CQWW SSB (2009), and ARRL CW DX (2007) Contests. He is a bit of a 'contesting gypsy', having operated from the "off-by-one-East island" Bonaire (PJ4) in CQWW SSB four times, and also from Costa Rica (TI), Bermuda (VP9), Jamaica (6Y), and the Turks & Caicos Islands (VP5).
2/26/14			
2/25/14	PJ9EE	1985a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#365): PJ9EE 1985. Hard to believe, but this is the 365 th posting of "Curacao QSL of the Day", one full year's worth of different QSL designs sent for QSOs made from the island of Curacao in the Dutch Caribbean! It's appropriate that this QSL is one sent by Chet Brandon, who arguably boot-strapped the many, many very successful contest operations from this island over the past 50 years when he opened his Coral Cliff Hotel in Santa Marta Bay and included an Amateur Radio station for his guests. Also arguably, the many successful contest operations from Aruba and Bonaire, the "off-by-one" neighbors of Curacao, also owe much to Chet Brandon, as he and his guests demonstrated the almost magical nature of this area on Amateur Radio!
2/24/14	PJ2/K6AM	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#364): PJ2/K6AM 2011. John K6AM is headed down to the PJ2T station for the ARRL SSB DX Contest this coming weekend, as a part of a two-man Multi-Single operation with G4XUM. This will be John's fourth year in a row on Curacao for this contest.
2/23/14	PJ9TED	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day (#363): PJ9TED 1971. Ted Snyder (KP4DHF and later WA8RHE) was in Curacao from 1971 to 1973, apparently serving as a missionary/nurse with the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. The back of the QSL identifies his station as Heathkit: SB-401/SB-301/SB-220 with a "Gonset 3 Beam". From Curacao, Ted and his family relocated to Michigan. Most of what I know about him comes from an 'Adventist Amateur Radio Association' (AARA) newsletter from Summer 1989 (http://www.aarai.org/Archives/aara1989b.pdf), in which an article appeared describing his radio life and announcing his death in a farm accident.
2/22/14	PJ2L PJ2/K2LE	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#362): PJ2L PJ2/K2LE 2004. Andy K2LE travelled to the Signal Point station to operate in the 'FOC Marathon', the February members-only contest for the 'First Class CW Operators' Club' (FOC) (http://www.g4foc.org/). Google found no information on the results of that contest. As with all operations on Curacao, the special callsign PJ2L was used in the contest, and the CEPT callsign PJ2/K2LE was used for QSOs outside of the contest. The QSL also identifies Andy as a member of the "Order of Boiled Owls" of New York (http://obony.org/), a small (exclusive?) Amateur Radio contest club dating back to 1954.
2/21/14	PJ2WI PJ2/WI9WI	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day (#361): PJ2WI PJ2/WI9WI 2001-2010. Jim WI9WI has operated from the Signal Point station since 2001, often during the CQWW WPX Contests. He used the PJ2WI callsign only in the 2001 CQWW WPX SSB Contest, but in subsequent years used PJ2W and in recent years has used the PJ2T callsign. As discussed here before, special callsigns (like PJ2WI and PJ2W) can be requested for a contest weekend upon application and payment

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			of a \$61 fee to BT&P, the licensing authority on Curacao. Jim has just this week returned from Curacao, having been a part of the PJ2T ARRL CW DX Contest team last weekend. He has used this QSL from 2001 to at least 2010.
2/20/14	PJ9JT	1976a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#360): PJ2JT 1976. One of nine different PJ9JT QSLs I have, either as a paper card or only as an image. This photo of the first two houses to be built in the neighborhood was taken in the early 1970s, about the time that John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT first opened his house for rentals. That house (on the right) is now the Signal Point PJ2T station. The station worked, Marty K2PLF, is today returning from that same house after participating with the PJ2T team in the ARRL CW DX Contest last weekend!
2/19/14	PJ3CF	1964	Curacao QSL of the Day (#359): PJ3CF 1964. Operation by Amateur Alphons de Nijs from the Hotel Piscadera Bay Club, which was located just West of Willemstad. The rear of the card shows that his equipment was a Maurauder HX-10 transmitter, Drake 2B receiver, a TA33 triband yagi for 20-15-10 and a dipole for 80 and 40 meters. Note that the seahorse is not depicted at the same scale as the map of the island!
2/18/14	PJ2/DF7ZS PJ2/DK3DM PJ2/DK9VZ PJ2/DL2SAX	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (Repeat of #341 1/15/14): PJ2/DF7ZS PJ2/DK3DM PJ2/DK9VZ PJ2/DL2SAX 2005. A shared card for four of the five German operators (with DL8OBQ) at PJ2T in the 2005 CQWW WPX SSB Contest. They operated in the Multi-2 category, and placed 1 st in the World. The image is of the three towers at PJ2T. Text from the back of this card: "In March 2005 five German contesters visited Curacao...to participate in the sideband portion of the CQ WW WPX Contest. Some of us have never met before, but immediately we felt like a team working together since years. With the great support from Geoff (W0CG) and the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) letting us use their great station at Signal Point (PJ2T), we were able to claim 32 Million points." A photo of some of them (with W0CG/PJ2DX) from the CQ Magazine contest article is online at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/CQ_2006Jan_p24_Team_2005WPXSSB_PJ2T.jpg NOTE: I inadvertently repeated this Curacao QSL of the Day, which was featured back on January 15, 2014! I'll re-use the number (#359) for tomorrow, and just consider this a "Repeat"!
2/17/14	PJ2MI	1985is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#358): PJ2MI 1985. A QSO between Jossy (sk) and Dutch Radio Amateur PE1KLQ using the OSCAR 10 ("Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio") satellite! There have been and are many Amateur satellites (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OSCAR), generally launched into low Earth orbit as ballast on commercial satellite launches. Amateur Radio operators around the World can contact each other using CW, SSB, or FM during short passes of the satellite within their range. I have only a small image scan of this PJ2MI QSL design, which features the Curacao flag. If you have a sample of this card, please contact me!
2/16/14	PJ2/KE1B PJ2/W6NN	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#357): PJ2/KE1B PJ2/W6NN 2011. Rich and Anna rented the Signal Point house and stations for a week long non-contest visit in April/May 2011. The house with four full-power stations is available for rent to licensed Amateurs during the weeks not including one of a list of major contests. Members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium have priority, but there are many weeks during each year available for a holiday getaway in Paradise with radios, towers and antennas! Details at

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			http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/signal.point.rental.information.htm . The image is of one of the always-present Green Iguanas, included at no additional charge!
2/15/14	PJ2CA	1968	Curacao QSL of the Day (#356): PJ2CA 1968. This callsign was the first issued in 1951, when Amateur Radio was started in the Dutch Caribbean. This QSL, however, was for operation by the second Amateur to hold the PJ2CA callsign, it having been reissued sometime in the years before this QSO. From 1951 to 1967, PJ2Ax and PJ5Ax calls were issued for Amateurs on Aruba, PJ2Bx and PJ5Bx calls for Bonaire, PJ2Cx and PJ5Cx calls were for Curacao, with the PJ5 callsigns issued to visitors to the islands. Calls were issued in order with the last letter A, B, C, etc. In January 1969, the callsign scheme was revised by Landsradio (the licensing authority) officials including Jossy PJ2MI (sk) to assign a different prefix to each island (PJ2 for Curacao, PJ3 for Aruba, PJ4 for Bonaire, with PJ8 (CQ zone 8) and PJ9 (CQ zone 9) for visitors). Suffixes were no longer issued in sequence. PJ1 and PJ0 prefixes were used for special events. On the back of this Curacao QSL is hand-written: "To; PJ0CC Jhon [sic]. Tnx for nice QSO Jhon [sic]. Glad to be first PJ from Curacao to have a QSO with you. Good luck in the contest. Jaime" [PJ0CC was the second large contest DXpedition to Curacao, operating from the Coral Cliff Hotel. "Jhon" [sic] was John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk), and this was likely the first Curacao callsign he held!]
2/14/14	PJ2/K2PLF	2004 - 2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#355): PJ2/K2PLF 2004–2011. Marty is active on-the-air from Curacao right now until next Thursday. He is a part of the large (9 member) PJ2T Multi-Multi team there for the ARRL CW DX Contest which will take place this weekend. He has been a member since 2007 of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club which has built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station. A list of the 28 current members of CCC is available online at http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/list.of.members.and.officers.htm .
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2/12/14	PJ2/PA3DAJ	1984i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#354): PA3DAJ/PJ2 1984. I have been able to find nothing about this operation using Google and the CQ Magazine archives. It should be noted that the trees and house pictured are not to scale: Curacao is 38 miles long and the width varies from 3 to 8.6 miles at the widest point. From the card itself, I note that the operation was done with a 3-element yagi and 10 Watts. From the use of a PO Box on the island as the QSL address, one can deduce that Victor was living on the island rather than visiting for a short time.
2/11/14	PJ2/N7WA	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#353): PJ2/N7WA 2013. Mike ("Dink") was a member of the CQWW CW team at PJ2T in November 2013. The photos on the card are familiar scenes in the immediate neighborhood of Signal Point in the Santa Martha Bay area, except that the church pictured is not on the grounds of the PJ2T station! Since I was also a member of the same team, I was not able to have a QSO with this callsign from home: thanks to Mike for thinking of me and sending a sample of his card for my collection!
2/10/14	PJ3CC	1967c	Curacao QSL of the Day (#352): PJ3CC 1967. An operation in March 1967 from Chet Brandon's (PJ9EE) Coral Cliff Hotel by visitor WA2OJD. I know nothing about WA2OJD or his five day operation. Chet had equipped his hotel with a complete Amateur Radio station, which was available for the use of the guests. In 1967, this consisted of a Collins KWM-2 transceiver and 30L-1 amplifier and a long-wire antenna. Many Amateurs were introduced to Curacao either by operating from this station (later PJ2CC) or by making contact with it from their home stations.
2/9/14	PJ2/NT6X	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#351): PJ2/NT6X 2013. One of the operators at the Signal Point PJ2T station for the ARRL 10 Meter Contest in December 2013. The photo shows three of the four towers at the PJ2T station, looking towards NW Venezuela and Colombia. A YouTube video of a QSO made by KB9GSY

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			with PJ2/NT6X on 15-meter CW during his stay on Curacao is at http://youtu.be/aCZul1qqFqk .
2/8/14	PJ1AA	1975	Curacao QSL of the Day (#350): PJ1AA 1975. A QSL from the club station of VERONA (now PJ2A), then the national radio club of the Netherlands Antilles. This QSL confirms a QSO in the 1975 CQWW SSB Contest. VERONA was started by Amateurs at the huge Dutch Shell oil refinery on the island (now "Isla"). VERONA was founded in 1948, although Amateur Radio was not approved in the Dutch Caribbean until 1951. Jossy PJ2MI (sk) sent me an email in reply to an inquiry about the beginnings of Amateur Radio on Curacao with the following information: "If it was not for a group (of) SHELL employees, amateur radio would not have been started. ...One other matter was the relation between the locals and the Shell guys, the VERONA was a Shell club with a club in Muizenberg (at that time a Shell position). There were no locals on the first boards. Most rules and regulations were copies of the club system in Holland." PJ1AA was active with multi-op contest operations in the CQWW DX SSB Contests in 1964 through 1972 and in 1975, including the World #1 Multi-Single operation by PJ1AA in 1972.
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2/5/14	PJ2/K8UNP	1981i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#349): PJ2/K8UNP 1981. Pete is now N8PR. I don't know anything about this operation: Google has not been much help! This is one of three new QSLs I have just purchased from a fellow QSL collector.
2/4/14	PJ1RR	1973	Curacao QSL of the Day (#348): PJ1RR 1973. Roy Richardson PJ2RR used this call during the celebration of the 25th anniversary of VERONA, the national Amateur Radio. Others who used the PJ1 callsigns that year and had similar cards were PJ1CR, PJ1MI, and PJ1VD. My copy of Roy's PJ2RR QSL was seen online last year by his son (also named Roy), who asked me for it to remember his father. Roy Sr. died in a car crash while returning from the Dayton Hamvention in May 1977 when Roy Jr. was 6 years old. As it happens, at almost the same time as I received the email from Roy Jr., I obtained a second copy of the PJ2RR QSL and I sent one to him. He is still looking for a copy of his father's PJ3AR QSL from after they moved to Aruba.
2/3/14	PJ9FTX	1973	Curacao QSL of the Day (#347): PJ9FTX 1973. Richard W1FTX (sk) operated through the OSCAR 6 Amateur Radio satellite from Curacao with John Thompson W1BIH(sk) in 1973. An article by Richard in '73 Magazine' about operating using satellites from Curacao, Sint Maarten, and other Caribbean islands is online at: http://archive.org/stream/73-magazine-1975-07/07_July_1975#page/n21/mode/1up . Included in the article is a photo of W1BIH and W1FTX and the OSCAR station they set up on the East porch at the PJ9JT (now Signal Point PJ2T) house. There is a second photo showing W1BIH in the front yard pointing the antenna to follow the satellite! [Back to my daily posting of Curacao QSLs following my return from my vacation on Curacao! While gone, I purchased over a dozen additional and new (to me) Curacao QSLs!]
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1/24/14	PJ3CC	1967a	Curacao QSL of the Day PJ3CC 1967 (Repeat #40 1/16/13): The very first major Multi-Op contest operation from the island of Curacao, this one included famous contester and later to become ARRL President Vic Clark W4KFC (sk), as well as John Thompson W1BIH (sk) (later to become PJ9JT), and others who also came back to Curacao for later operations over the years. This is the earliest reference I've seen to John Thompson W1BIH on Curacao, and it may have been his first visit to the place where he later built a house next door to the hotel! As I type this, I am sitting in the house W1BIH built, and in the corner where the famous PJ9JT station was situated (now PJ2T Station #1). From here Jim W8WTS and I will participate in the CQWW 160 CW Contest this weekend! The 1967 operation set a new World Record, and earned the team a silver trophy cup, which is located here at Signal Point PJ2T.
1/23/14			
1/22/14	PJ2/SM4KYN	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#346): PJ2/SM4KYN 2013. Anders and his XYL Ingela rented the Signal Point PJ2T house/station for 4 weeks in December/January on holiday from cold Sweden! They spent most of their time outside enjoying Curacao, but Anders got on the air to make some QSO throughout the visit. They departed just days before I arrived for my current stay, and the QSLs have just been ordered: this is a "proof" copy of what will be sent to those who made contact with Anders.
1/21/14			
1/20/14	PJ2CC	1980b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#345): PJ2CC 1980b. A two-week operation by Elizabeth Anderson YB0ADT (later VE7YL) from the Coral Cliff Hotel. Elizabeth was a radio operator on merchant ships in the 1940s and 50s before she met her husband and started following him around to various Shell Oil postings around the world. This included a period living on Curacao, but that was before she became a Radio Amateur in 1971. She and her husband visited Curacao on holiday for this operation, and she used the permanently installed PJ2CC station provided by Chet Brandon PJ9EE. She later served as QSL manager for PJ2CC and PJ9EE. There is a description of the life of this very interesting woman online at https://www.rac.ca/en/amateur-radio/operating-technical/yl/sparks/postwwii.php .
1/19/14	PJ2/AF6WF	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#344): PJ2/AF6WF 2011. One of the operators at an all-woman non-contest operation at the PJ2T station for a week in March 2011. The other operators were K6GO, KG6TBR, KI6LAV, W5NYV, and N6UWW. The sunset is as viewed from the pavilion in the front yard of the Signal Point station.
1/18/14	PJ2/AA9A	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#343): PJ2/AA9A 2012. Tom operated from Curacao January 21 through February 4, 2012 on bands 40-10. The photo shows the famous Handelskade waterfront in the Punda neighborhood of Willemstad.
1/17/14			
1/16/14	PJ2CC	1979	Curacao QSL of the Day (#342): PJ2CC 1979. An operation in the CQWW CW Contest from Chet Brandon's Coral Cliff Hotel. They finished First in the World and set a new South America record for Multi-Multi in this contest with 20 million points.
1/15/14	PJ2/DF7ZS PJ2/DK3DM PJ2/DK9VZ PJ2/DL2SAX	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#341): PJ2/DF7ZS PJ2/DK3DM PJ2/DK9VZ PJ2/DL2SAX 2005. These German Amateurs (with DL8OBQ and W0CG) operated the CQWW WPX SSB Contest from the PJ2T station in March 2005. They finished First Worldwide in the Multi-Operator 2-Transmitter (Multi-2) category. This QSL was used for their individual operating outside of the contest. The photo was taken near sunset, and shows the three towers at the Signal Point station from the back yard. (A photo of the team (minus DL2SAX), from CQ Magazine! The photo was taken in front of the then-new pavilion area overlooking the Caribbean from atop the 37-foot cliff:

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			http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/2006Jan_CQ_p24_PJ2T_2005_WPX_SSB_Germans.bmp)
1/14/14	PJ2/M0AXF	2001i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#340): PJ2/M0AXF 2001. Neil was one of nine operators of the Bristol Contest Group from England for the IOTA (Islands on the Air) contest. Their PJ2Y operation finished 13th in the World. This was an early operation from the newly-renovated Signal Point / PJ2T station, only the third rental from an outside group. A card for which I have only a small, substandard-quality image (Got one? Send it to me, or at least send a scan >1024 pixels).
1/13/14	PJ2/K9NW PJ2/KA9FOX PJ2/WE9V	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#339): PJ2/K9NW PJ2/KA9FOX PJ2/WE9V 2007. These three were (with Geoff W0CG/PJ2DX) the team operating PJ2T in the 2007 ARRL SSB DX Contest. They finished #1 Worldwide in the Multi-Operator 2-Transmitter ("Multi-2") category. Small teams often create a single QSL card to use in confirming their non-contest QSOs, with the station worked identified by a check-off on the rear. Chad WE9V had operated from Curacao a year earlier, and had QSL for his PJ2/WE9V callsign which has been previously featured here (#229, 9/1/13).
1/12/14	PJ2/AC8AP	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#338): PJ2/AC8AP 2012. Alan operated from the Signal Point PJ2T station with this callsign March 20-22 while on vacation. He also operated as PJ2T during the 2012 CQ WPX SSB Contest as a Single Band 10-meter High Power entry. The main photo shows the view from the front yard, looking down to the water and the coral reef from the cliff 37-feet above. Although not visible in the photo, you can often see fish swimming on the reef. The inset shows the back yard with three towers.
1/11/14	PJ9JT	1974	Curacao QSL of the Day (Repeat of #107, 4/19/13): PJ9JT 1974. In honor of Frank W3LPL's birthday today, an operation in which he was one of the operators 39 years ago! A CQWW CW Contest operation from the Curacao station of John Thompson PJ9JT/W1BIH (sk). Their 9.75 million points fell short of the existing record, but it *was* at the bottom of the sunspot cycle! We have a photo of seven of the ten operators from this operation, which I'll post as a comment below: http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/PJ9JTnov1974.smaller.jpg . Happy Birthday Frank! [COMMENT POSTED: K4GKD (Dick, now N9CM), W1TX (Roy - SK), W3LPL (Frank), WA1STO (Rosalie, now K1STO), WA1STN (Jim, now K1TN), PJ9JT (John, W1BIH - SK), W1GNC (John, now K0IO) Not in Photo: DK3KR (Juergen), PJ2ARI (Ari - SK), PJ2VD (Joeke, now PA0VDV), PJ9EE (Chet - SK)]
1/10/14	PJ2CC	1980a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#337): PJ2CC 1980. A Multi-Multi CQWW Phone Contest operation from the Chet Brandon's (PJ9EE, sk) Coral Cliff Hotel, including some heavyweight contesters as listed on the QSL. Their score missed by just 4 QSOs setting a new World Record for Multi-Multi! I believe that this was the next-to-last contest operation using the PJ2CC callsign, the last being a single-operator 20-meter single-band effort by John K4BAI in the CQWW CW Contest in November 1980 in which he finished 2 nd in the World.
1/9/14	PJ2/DL1CW	2000	Curacao QSL of the Day (#336): PJ2/DL1CW 2000. One of two QSL designs for this callsign, for QSOs in January 2000 and October 2003. Arno records on the back of the card that he was on vacation, staying at Sun Reef Village (https://www.facebook.com/SunReefVillageOnSea) at Boca St. Michiel. This is a small resort of bungalows, primarily for SCUBA divers, located in a small fishing village a bit West of Willemstad.
1/8/14	PJ2/W1BIH	1983	Curacao QSL of the Day (#335): W1BIH/PJ2 1983. Beginning in 1971, John Thompson W1BIH (sk) operated from his house on Curacao using the famous PJ9JT callsign. For a period in the early 1980s, the licensing authorities on Curacao eliminated the issuing of calls from the PJ9 callsign block for visiting Amateurs, and turned to a PJ2/homecall callsign system. Reportedly, this was

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			due to some Amateurs inappropriately using a PJ9 callsign as if it were their primary callsign when operating from locations outside of the Netherlands Antilles. By 1989 and until his final departure from the island in 1999, John was again authorized to use the PJ9JT callsign.
1/7/14	PJ2/N7DD	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#334): PJ2/N7DD 2005. Larry operated with the PJ2T team in the 2005 ARRL CW DX Contest, which finished first Worldwide in the Multi-operator Multi-transmitter category. The image of cactus on his Arizona QSL looks eerily like the cactus in Curacao, although the undergrowth appears to be much more sparse in Arizona!
1/6/14	PJ2/W6DR	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#333): PJ2/W6DR 2013. One of the operators at PJ2T for the ARRL 10 Meter Contest this past December, which included three Amateurs from the US West Coast (W6DR, N9YS, and NT6X) plus Oklahoman N5OT and W0CG/PJ2DX. They finished 4 th (claimed score) in the Multi Operator/Single Transmitter category. (Note that the "GRID:" shown is incorrect on this card: the correct Maidenhead grid square for Curacao is FK52: grid square FK82 is ~350 miles East of Curacao.)
1/5/14	PJ2BVU	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day (#332): PJ2BVU 2006. This is the third of three very similar QSL designs Jean-Claude has used for QSOs from Curacao (Note: the map of Curacao is not to scale with the globe!). He is an active operator, originally from France but living for many years on Curacao. He favors 6-meter operation, although he sometimes is found on other bands as well. He enjoys building his own equipment, including Software Defined Radios and CW paddles, and is very good at it. He serves as "co-sysop" (with W8WTS and K8ND) for the PJ2T CW Skimmer Server, which monitors the CW signals on seven Amateur Radio bands and feeds the spots to the Reverse Beacon Network (RBN): http://www.reversebeacon.net/dxsd1/dxsd1.php?f=0&c=PJ2T&t=de . Comment: Jean-Claude recorded a video documenting his 6-meter QSO with 5J0BV on San Andres Island in 2010, taken mostly from surveillance videos. A bit more than just the image of the transceiver and audio of the QSO: check it out! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP3RXWUSiYQ
1/4/14	PJ2/OH6DO	2008	Curacao QSL of the Day (#331): PJ2/OH6DO 2008. Marko, now also N5ZO and living in California, operated from Curacao several times between 1990 and 2008, including operations as PJ9X between 1991 and 1993. He has used PJ2/OH6DO and PJ2/N5ZO callsigns for his non-contest QSOs. This QSL was sent for operations outside of the 2008 IARU HF Championships from the Signal Point PJ2T station: during the contest he used the call PJ2X.
1/3/14	PJ2MI	1996	Curacao QSL of the Day (#330): PJ2MI 1996. Another of Jossy's QSLs, one of 11 different designs I have for this callsign, and the eighth featured here so far. Jossy was knighted by the Queen of the Netherlands some years ago for his service to his country, so his official title is Sir Jose Cyntje. He was in charge of and issued licenses for PJ2, PJ4 and PJ7 for the Netherlands Antilles for many years. In 2010, with Curacao set to become an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Jossy wrote an article "The History of Radio Amateur Call Signs (Netherlands Antilles)", which can be read at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/PJ2MI_Article_BARC_Newsletter_November_2010_p12.pdf .
1/2/14	PJ2/XE1KK	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#329): PJ2/XE1KK 2013. Ramon operated from the Willemstad club station of VERONA (PJ2A) at the end of September and beginning of October in 2012. Short-term visitors to Curacao often arrange to use the club station for a taste of operating from Paradise. Ramon, however, is an experienced traveler and DX operator, having visited visiting 123 different DXCC entities ("countries") of the currently-defined 340, as a participant in

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			'DXFC', an Amateur Radio activity that keeps track of how many places the Amateur visits, but does not necessarily operate from. You can learn more at http://www.dxfc.org/ . Ramon describes his many operations on his entry on qrz.com : http://www.qrz.com/db/XE1KK .
1/1/14	PJ2CQ	1967	Curacao QSL of the Day (#1 - Repeat): For this New Years Day, I'm re-posting the first QSL I posted on Facebook - on December 4, 2012 - before the idea of posting one (almost) every day occurred to me. At that time, I had images of 287 different Curacao QSL designs in my collection and digital slideshow: I now have 410. I learned from Brett PJ2BR that Dick Capriles PJ2CQ became a Silent Key (i.e. passed away) in November 2012. This card records a QSO he made in 1967, and is among my top ten favorite Curacao QSLs. The value of a real (i.e. paper) QSL is in the recording of Amateur Radio history and the individual Amateurs active at a time. We are losing some of that with the new electronic QSLing methods.
12/31/13	PJ2/W1GNC	1979	Curacao QSL of the Day (#328): PJ2/W1GNC 1979. John W1GNC (now K0IO) operated many times from Curacao, including as a part of the PJ9JT, PJ9MM and PJ2CC operations starting in 1975. This QSL, used during the period when he was employed at ARRL Headquarters, combines several call signs including his PJ9MM and W1GNC/PJ2 call signs for Curacao. [NOTE: So ends 2013! I started posting these Curacao QSLs on December 4, 2012, and have posted 328 so far. When I started, I had fewer than 300 images of different QSLs, now I have 412 (two new this week). In the coming year, I'll pick one day a week and post a repeat of my favorite Curacao QSLs, especially the older ones.]
12/30/13	PJ2/DL0IPS	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#327): PJ2/DL0IPS 2013. A call sign used briefly by three German visitors (PJ2/DM3HZN and PJ2/DM3KZN and PJ2/DL6JFR) to the PJ2T station on a day visit on October 3, 2013. They used this club call sign for only a few QSOs. CEPT rules, which allow individual Radio Amateurs from signatory countries to operate using "PJ2/homecall" without any additional paperwork with the local licensing authorities, does not apply for club call signs, and they did not realize this. Once advised, they immediately reverted to using their individual German call signs. Although the QSL doesn't say so, I suspect that one of the Germans photographed the turtle in the image on the reef around Curacao.
12/29/13	PJ2/W9VA	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#326): PJ2/W9VA 2005. Bill is one of the Founding Members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) in 1998, the club with has built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station. Bill and I shared the station in October 2010, when we celebrated the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles and the new independent status of Curacao within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and as a new DXCC entity. Here's a photo of Bill during the October 2010 PJ2T operation. http://www.k8nd.com/.../PJ2T_10-10-10_W9VA_8134.jpg
12/28/13	PJ2/VA7AM	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#325): PJ2/VA7AM 2012. Dave has been a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (the club which built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station) since 2011. He has operated in several SSB contests, a RTTY contest, and is schedule for another trip to Curacao for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest in March 2014. The photo of the PJ2T station from the rear is one I took, and which was also used on my first PJ2/K8ND QSL. Unlike American Amateurs and those of most other CEPT signatory countries, Canadian Radio Amateurs must obtain a special CEPT permit before travel in order to operate from Curacao. The Canadian Minister of Industry has delegated Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) to issue CEPT permits. The application for a CEPT permit requires the name, address, call sign and class

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			of certificate of the applicant, along with photocopies of the station licence and operator certificate. RAC has set a fee of \$10 for this permit to cover the cost of administration and handling. More details about how to apply for a CEPT permit can be found on the RAC's Web site , at http://www.rac.ca .
12/27/13	PJ2/DM3KZN	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#324): PJ2/DM3KZN 2013. Another of the group of German tourists to Curacao who came out to the PJ2T station for several hours of operating on October 3, 2013. Also active at the same time were PJ2/DM3HZN and PJ2/DL6JFR. While Signal Point is about a 40-minute drive from the population center of Willemstad and the cruise ship "Mega-Pier", Amateurs who are visitors to the island often drive out to see the station and get on-the-air if they have time (and if someone is at the station already). I'm not sure what resort is shown, but in the background is the Queen Julian Bridge, a 4-lane road bridge across St. Anna Bay in Willemstad. It is 185 feet high at the center, to allow ships to pass underneath!
12/26/13	PJ2LS	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#323): PJ2LS 2011. Louis (Loet), the second holder of this callsign, was working on Curacao from 1990 to 1993 and from 1997 to 2000, and had the callsign PJ9LS. Now he is periodically active on the air, mostly on 6-meters in the past few months, but also on the HF bands, usually on SSB. This QSL (as well as the different one received in 2013, featured here 8/22/13) shows a SteppIR yagi, although his entry at QRZ.com shows that he now uses a 6-band HexBeam antenna at 30 feet. He has a web site describing his station at http://www.pj2ls.com . QSL PJ2LS via EB7DX.
12/25/13			
12/24/13	PJ2/DL6JFR	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#322): PJ2/DL6JFR 2013. One of a group of German tourists to Curacao, who came out to the PJ2T station for several hours of operating on October 3, 2013. Also active at the same time were PJ2/DM3HZN and PJ2/DM3KZN. They had come out earlier in the week for a tour with their XYLS and others in their holiday group, conducted by Wayne K8LEE who was staying at Signal Point. I now have QSLs from all of them, and will feature them all eventually. [My collection now includes images of 410 different QSL designs for operations on Curacao, between 1938 and the present!]
12/23/13	PJ2/N8BJQ	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#321): PJ2/N8BJQ 2005. Steve was Contest Director of the CQ WPX Contests, and is a member of the CQ WPX and CQWW Contest Committees. He is currently the Contest Director of the CQWW VHF Contest. He was also a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the host club of the PJ2T station, and operated in contests there between 2001 and 2006.
12/22/13	PJ2/DL2EVB	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#320): PJ2/DL2EVB 2013. Volker operated from Willemstad in Curacao in early November 2013. He replied to my QSL very quickly, and even returned my "green stamps", pointing out that I QSLed him without needing recompense, and that he should do the same! The photo is the famous Handelskade waterfront in Punda, Willemstad, looking in the direction of Eastern Venezuela. The colorful facades were mandated by an early Dutch Governor (Albert Kikkert 1761-1819) who reportedly suffered migraine headaches from being around the brilliant white buildings then present. Of course, it was only coincidence that he was part-owner of a paint factory on the island!
12/21/13	PJ2/PA0VDV	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day (#319): PJ2/PA0VDV 1988. One of seven different QSLs I have for this callsign, and eleven different QSLs for all Curacao callsigns (PJ2VD, PJ1VD) used by Joeke PA0VDV over the years from 1969 to the present.
12/20/13	PJ2CD	1955	Curacao QSL of the Day (#318): PJ2CD 1955. Amateur Radio was first approved in the Netherlands Antilles in 1952. As of August 1952, there were

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			<p>*only* four Curacao stations licensed in the Netherlands Antilles (S. Reitsma PJ2CA; J.L. Sterke PJ2CB; L. Klein PJ2CC; and C.F. Lingstuyl PJ2CD), and nine Aruba stations (PJ2AA through PJ2AI). From the Northern California DX Club DXer newsletter, September 1952: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/NCDXC_DXer_1952Sep_CuracaoLicensees.jpg</p> <p>By 1955, based on the evidence of QSLs in my collection, there had been at least eleven (11) PJ2 callsigns issued (the last to August Sprock PJ2CK).</p> <p>I don't have an example of this card: thanks to Tom K8CX for this image.</p>
12/19/13	W1GNC/PJ2	1978	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#317): PJ2/W1GNC 1978. A multi-operator Radiosport Contest operation from the house of John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT, which is now the Signal Point PJ2T station. The photo shows the single 60-foot crank-over aluminum tower at that station, which is still in use today, 35 years later! John W1GNC (now K0IO) operated several times from Curacao, including as a part of the PJ9JT, PJ9MM and PJ2CC operations starting in 1975.</p>
12/18/13	PJ2CR	1961	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#316): PJ2CR 1961. One of five different QSL card designs used by Isaac Kisilevich for QSOs between 1961 and 1967, and the second design that I know he used in 1961 alone. Ike was a skilled contest operator! He participated in some contests before the explosion of the big multi-multi Curacao operations, including as early as a Multi-Single operating in the 1963 CQWW SSB contest with PJ2CO and PJ2CY (now PJ2MI) as teammates. He then operated as a single-op or member of the PJ1AA multi-op teams in CQWW SSB for 1964 through 1972, including the World #1 Multi-Single operation by PJ1AA in 1972. The last reference I can find to PJ2CR active on the Amateur bands is to a QSL route in the May 1980 issue of CQ Magazine, but he has a QRZ.com entry with an email address, so Ike is apparently still with us! [I don't have a sample of this card: thanks to K8CX for this image!]</p>
12/17/13	PJ2/K5JP PJ2/NT5V PJ2/W5BOS	2013	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#315): PJ2/K5JP, PJ2/NT5V, PJ2/W5BOS 2013. A QSL received from K5JP yesterday. A shared card for an operation by a group from the area of Dallas Texas. They rented the Signal Point (PJ2T) house and stations for a week in October between the completion of the Club's major station work done in September and the CQWW SSB Contest. They made more than 15,000 QSOs during their non-contest operations. The photo shows the approximate view from the window at one of the four station positions. [The PJ2T station may be rented by licensed Amateurs during periods outside of the eight major contests each year. Information at: http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/signal.point.rental.information.htm.]</p>
12/16/13	PJ2/PA0VDV	1986	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#314): PJ2/PA0VDV 1986. One of Joeke's seven different Curacao QSL cards for this callsign in my digital slideshow, for QSOs between 1982 and the present. He was previously PJ2VD when living on the island, and I have QSLs for that callsign reflecting QSOs between 1969 and 1978. He also operated as PJ9/PA0VDV in 1998. [With addition of three new QSL images from Tom K8CX, my digital slideshow now includes the images of <i>405 different Curacao QSLs!</i>]</p>
12/15/13	PJ2NR	1972	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#313): PJ2NR 1972. I know absolutely nothing about this Amateur, except what is recorded on this QSL card. Google, Bing, QRZ.com, Hamcall, and the CQ Magazine archive all failed to return any reference to PJ2NR, and that is unusual in my experience researching these Curacao QSLs over the past couple of years. This is another reason why the sending of real (i.e. paper) QSLs is important: it memorializes your life as a</p>

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			Radio Amateur! Any information about the life of this Amateur would be welcome. Thanks to K8CX for the image of this Curacao QSL!
12/14/13	PJ2/W0RIC	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#312): PJ2/W0RIC 2013. Rick was a member of the PJ2T Multi-Multi Team in the 2013 CQWW SSB Contest, which set a new station record score. You can see the team photo at http://www.qrz.com/db/W0RIC . This card is his W0RIC QSL with "PJ2/" added with a Sharpee: I don't know if he will be creating a dedicated PJ2/W0RIC QSL, although he has a good candidate image on the page linked above!
12/13/13	PJ2/DF7DQ	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#311): PJ2/DF7DQ 2010. Peter DF7DQ/NT7D reports that he spent a couple of months on Curacao for business during the period September 2009 to March 2011. He has also operated from HB0 (Liechtenstein), CT3 (Madeira), EA5 (Spain), P4 (Aruba), and of course his native Germany. He has a web site at http://www.qsl.net/df7dq/ , which shows several different Curacao QSLs, including a striking one with large image of a local Curacao Hummingbird. Unfortunately, he has no more of them and I don't have good (large) images of these other QSLs. If you have any, please contact me!
12/12/13	PJ/N4GG	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#310): PJ2/N4GG 2005. Hal operated with the PJ2T team in the 2004 and 2005 CQWW SSB Contests. Hal has spent more time operating from one of the "off-by-one islands", Bonaire. The photo shows the Signal Point PJ2T station from the back, looking in the direction of Western Venezuela / Colombia / Central America. This is also the direction one would look for the fantastic sunsets seen while at the station!
12/11/13	PJ2/G4FKA	2002	Curacao QSL of the Day (#309): PJ2/G4FKA 2002. Geoff was one of the team of UK Amateurs (with G3TKF, G3XSV, M0WLF and G0HFX) who operated in the 2001 and 2002 IOTA Contest as PJ2Y. The main photo shows the view to the Southeast along the shore, and the inset photos show (top to bottom) an early photo of Signal Point from the rear (before the building of the wall, the sunroom addition, and the pavillion); the beach at the neighboring former Sunset Waters Beach Resort; and the three towers at PJ2T.
12/10/13	PJ2HB	1985is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#308): PJ2HB 1985. The fifth QSL from this station to be featured here. I have QSLs for QSOs between 1985 and 1994. Dr. Henk Beaujon was a graduate of Rutgers, and is (or was) an accomplished DXer with DXCC awards on at least 5 bands still on record with ARRL. Henk was on the Board of the VERONA club and representative from the Netherlands Antilles to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) as recently as 2003. I found an online note that he had been licensed in 1983. I have found a reference to Henk as a member of a team in fishing derbies, which is certainly the basis of this boat image on the QSL! Thanks to F6AJA for this image: I would like to obtain a sample of the card and a larger scan, if possible!
12/9/13	PJ2/PA1CC	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#307): PJ2/PA1CC 2013. Ton PA1CC was a member of the PJ2T team for the 2013 CQWW SSB Contest team in October, which set a station record by scoring a claimed score of 40.1 million points in Multi-Multi. The photo shows the PJ2T USA/JA tower.
12/8/13	PJ9U	1994	Curacao QSL of the Day (#306): PJ9U 1994. A 40-meter single-band operation by Seppo OH1VR in the CQWW SSB Contest, in which he finished First Worldwide. He returned to Curacao for several years for CQWW and CQ WPX Contests, using the 40-meter yagi left up from the PJ9A/PJ9W Radioteam Finland operations from the Coral Cliffs Hotel in 1989/1990. For four PJ9U operations, Seppo sent QSL cards with at least two designs, this green one and a very similar card in red (but with different sponsors!).
12/7/13	PJ2/KD0MND	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#305): PJ2/KD0MND 2013. Each September, a 'work trip' to the Signal Point PJ2T station is done to prepare for the upcoming contest season. This past September, a large ocean container of new hardware

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			(antennas, triplexer hardware, furniture, feedline, etc.) was shipped to the station and four CCC/PJ2T members (K8LEE, DL8OBQ, W0CG, W9NJY) and Jason KD0MND (now NR0X) travelled to do repairs and make substantial improvements to the station. Jason is a skilled professional tower climber, and proved an invaluable addition to the team! One of the inset photos on his QSL shows Jason dangling from his rope to work on the end element of the South America tribander.
12/6/13	PJ2/PE2MC	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#304): PJ2/PE2MC 2013. Marco (http://www.qrz.com/db/PE2MC) was one of the operators at the PJ2T 2013 CQWW SSB Contest Multi/Multi operation, which scored a station-record high 40.1 million point score! He was on Curacao from October 20-29, 2013. In previous years he has operated from the "off-by-one island" Bonaire (PJ4), one island East of Curacao. I have now received new QSLs for my Curacao QSL collection from four of the ten operators who were at Signal Point for this contest.
12/5/13	PJ2CE	1962i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#303): PJ2CE 1962. The fifth QSL from this callsign, for QSOs dating from 1953 through 1962. This is the only photo card. I like the piece of 2x4 used as a base for his hand key! As discussed with a different card, max Huith was a government official, Administrator of Saba during and after WWII, and served as "Vice Lt. Governor of the Windward Islands" at some point. Thanks to F6AJA for the image of this QSL (I would like to obtain an example of the actual card, if you have one you are willing to give or sell me!). During my trip, USPS delivered several new Curacao QSLs to me for my collection, and I am now up to images of 401 different QSL designs sent to confirm contacts with Curacao!
12/4/13	PJ2/OH1MA	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#302): PJ2/OH1MA 1990. Jaakko operated from the Coral Cliff Hotel in February 1990 (presumably for the ARRL CW DX Contest) after the initial massive operation by the Finns in the CQWW contests in October/November 1989. The towers and yagis installed were still available and in waiting for a long parade of Finn operations from the island into the mid-1990s. The photo looks down on the beach at Coral Cliff, from the restaurant. [This posting represents a return to daily postings after my vacation at the Signal Point PJ2T station on Curacao, including the CQWW CW Contest!]
11/19/13 - 12/3/13			(Vacation at Signal Point, CQWW CW)
11/18/13	PJ2/OH4RH	1989	Curacao QSL of the Day (#301): PJ2/OH4RH 1989. Another of the Finns who build a mega-station at the Coral Cliff Hotel and in the neighborhood, with all huge towers and yagis built by "Mr. Aluminum" Touko OH6RM. They used those towers and antennas for a few years in multi-op and single-op contest operations, apparently until the antennas had all fallen down. Mauri OH4RH was one of those who were there for the first operations in CQWW 1989. [NOTE: I will be travelling to Curacao for the CQWW CW Contest next weekend, and while I am gone I plan to feature some of the most interesting Curacao QSLs from the first featured here, in February 2013. Look for PJ2/K8ND on 160- and 80-meters before and after the contest, and work PJ2T on six bands during the contest!]
11/17/13	PJ9KR	1975	Curacao QSL of the Day (#300): PJ9KR 1975. Operated by Dr. Jurgen Rottger DJ3KR at the station of Joeke PJ2VD. Jurgen has operated at a PJ9JT operation, as well as operating from several other countries as well, most recently from Taiwan in 2010.
11/16/13	PJ2/NX1L	1985is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#299): PJ2/NX1L 1985. I don't know much about Naoki Akiyama, NX1L, but Google shows that he has operated from several countries around the World. I wasn't able to confirm if he is still working at

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			ARRL. I don't have a copy of this card (Got one? Contact me!), and this image is a bit smaller than I prefer for my "Curacao QSLs" digital slideshow, which is now at 396 different Curacao QSL designs! (Thanks to F6AJA for this QSL scan, as well as several other from his QSL collection!)
11/15/13	PJ2/DL3HAH	1990i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#298): PJ2/DL3HAH 1990. Another of the operators at the huge PJ9A Multi-Multi operation (#1 World - 34.9 million points) in the 1990 CQWW CW Contest by Radioteam Finland (9 Finns, 2 Germans, 1 Venezuelan). Dr. Kai Huebener DL3HAH was licensed in 1980, and has operated from several countries over the years since. Thanks to F6AJA for this QSL scan, as well as several other from his QSL collection!
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11/13/13	PJ9AR	1985	Curacao QSL of the Day (#297): PJ9AR 1985. I was not able to find anything at all online about "A. Roos. There was never an entry in by PJ9AR in CQWW SSB (which corresponded with the date of this QSO. I had a too-small image of this card located online long ago, but none large enough to use in my digital slideshow "Curacao QSLs". Thanks to F6AJA for this QSL image and several others from his collection (http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php)!
11/12/13	PJ2/DL5XX	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#296): PJ2/DL5XX 1990. Stefan DL5XX was an operator with the Finnish PJ9A Multi-Multi operation in the 1990 CQWW CW Contest, and sent this QSL for QSOs made outside of the contest. Not the most attractive QSL design in my collection (now with 393 different Curacao QSL designs), but it serves the purpose of confirming contact between the stations! Dr. Radtke operated in countries in South, Africa and Europe, sometimes in contests as a part of large multi-op efforts, and sometimes as a side activity for his business travel.
11/11/13	PJ9/PA0VDV	1998	Curacao QSL of the Day (#295): PJ9/PA0VDV 1998. Joeke has a long history of Amateur Radio on Curacao, with this callsign and with PJ2/PA0VDV, PJ2VD, and PJ1VD. Between those callsigns I have QSL cards that document QSOs made between 1969 and 2013. I have 12 different QSL designs used by Joeke over the years. The 'PJ9/' designation for visitors was apparently used only for a couple of years in the late 1990s: 'PJ2/' callsigns were used before and after. The 'PJ9xx' callsigns were issued to non-resident Amateurs starting in the early 1970s and "grandfathered" for some to use into the late 1990s. The most famous of those were PJ9EE (Chet Brandon), PJ9JT (John Thompson W1BIH sk) and PJ9JR (Jack Reichert N4RV).
11/10/13	PJ2HB	1994	Curacao QSL of the Day (#294): PJ2HB 1994. The fourth QSL design sent by Dr. Beaujon that I've featured here, and the latest. Henk was very active in the decade of the 1990s, including (as indicated on this card) with QSOs through the Amateur Radio satellites. He was also a member of the Board of VERONA, the national Amateur radio club of Curacao.
11/9/13	PJ1MI	1973	Curacao QSL of the Day (#293): PJ1MI 1973. The national Amateur Radio organization of Curacao, VERONA, celebrated 25 anniversary as an organization in 1973, and Curacao Amateurs were authorized to replace the "PJ2" in their callsign with "PJ1". This QSL was sent by Jossy PJ2MI, and I also have QSLs from PJ1CR and PJ1VD from 1973. The VERONA club station was using the PJ1AA callsign previously, and kept that call from (at least) 1969 and 1975 (the current call is PJ2A). VERONA was started by Amateurs at the huge Dutch Shell oil refinery on the island (now "Isla"). Jossy recently sent an email in reply to an inquiry from me about the beginnings of Amateur Radio on Curacao with the following information: "If it was not for a group (of) SHELL employees, amateur radio would not have been started. ...One other matter was the relation between the locals and the Shell guys, the VERONA was a Shell club with a club in Muizenberg (at that time a Shell position). There were

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			no locals on the first boards. Most rules and regulations were copies of the club system in Holland."
11/8/13	PJ2/G3TXF	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#292): PJ2/G3TXF 2013. Nigel visited the Signal Point PJ2T station for a single day on 9/23/13, flying over from Bonaire and then back. This QSL was made specifically for that one-day visit, during which 3300 QSOs were made. Nigel had previously visited the PJ2T station in 2007 and operated the WAE CW contest using the callsign PJ2P. The QSL for that operation was previously featured here back in May. Nigel is a World traveler and very active Amateur Radio operator, and a list of his many operations is available on his website: http://www.g3txf.com/ .
11/7/13	PJ9U	1993	Curacao QSL of the Day (#291): PJ9U 1993. One of four 40-meter single-band operations by OH1VR 1992 to 1994 in the CQWW CW Contest. Inexplicably, PJ9U does not appear in the results listing for the 1993 contest, but Seppo was 1 st in the World for the other three years, using the 40-meter yagi left up from the PJ9A/PJ9W Radioteam Finland operations from the Coral Cliffs Hotel neighborhood. For those four PJ9U operations, Seppo sent QSL cards with at least two designs, this red one and a very similar card in green (but with different sponsors!).
11/6/13	PJ2/OH6VR	1991	Curacao QSL of the Day (#290): PJ2/OH6VR 1991. On the back is OH6VR's home station QSL, with line drawing of his house and tower, with cubical quad. He was a member of the winning Radioteam Finland PJ9A Multi-Multi crew in the 1991 CQWW CW Contest, and used the PJ2/OH6VR callsign before and after the contest.
11/5/13	PJ2/G4EWQ	1984	Curacao QSL of the Day (#289): G4EWQ/PJ2 1984. As shown by his previous callsigns, the Episcopal Rev. A.E.A. Murray-Stone was one well-travelled man of God, primarily in Africa and the Middle East. Decoding his previous callsigns for non-Amateurs (and some younger Amateurs): Nigeria, Togo, Niger, Gabon, Ghana, Bahrain, Chad, Qatar, Australia, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Chagos Island, Cyprus, and Benin. His church at this time was the 'All Saints Rectory', in the Southwest part of Willemstad on Curacao.
11/4/13	PJ9GIW	1973	Curacao QSL of the Day (#288): PJ9GIW 1973. Contest operation by Southeast DX Club. Ops: W4GIW, W4MGM, W4GKF, K4BAI, WB4RUA, W4YWX, K4DJC, W4SSU, K4CEF. Who can fill me in on who is still around (other than the perpetual K4BAI), and who has a new callsign? (I had just graduated high school and this may have been one of my first contests with the W8LT crew at The Ohio State University.) 11/5/13: I received an email from John K4BAI, and he filled in the blanks on the operators in this crew. W4GIW (PJ9GIW) is still very QRV from SC. W4MCM became W4HR and is a SK. He was a Delta pilot. W4GKF is still very much QRV in the Atlanta area and is the webmaster for SECC and SEDXC. WB4RUA still has that call, but hasn't been QRV in years. W4YWX is now N4PN and has the W4YWX call as a club call. K4DJC became K4SB and is a SK. He was a Delta pilot or co-pilot. W4SSU is a SK. He was a Delta pilot. K4CEF is W4NS and lives in or near Huntsville, AL. He has not been QRV at all in years.

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			<p>Jeff is correct that my first operation from Curacao was with PJ0CW in CQWW CW 1969. I had just returned from Korea where I was HL9KQ May 68 to June 69.</p> <p>Good memories.</p> <p>The PJ9GIW trip is the one where I made a trip to the car from the Thompson's house and returned with a load of something in my arms and someone had closed the plate glass door I had left open behind me when I went out. My face hit the door hard and it didn't give. The impact caused a cut on my face between my nose and my upper lip. I went to the hospital in Willemstad and got three stitches. So, I had to do a SSB contest with stitches just above my upper lip. Fortunately, it healed without a scar.</p> <p>I was treated by a very attractive female red headed Dutch nurse (note that my XYL whom I married a year later on CQ WW CW weekend 1974 is also a red head). The charge was, as I recall, \$14.50 and I was told in all seriousness that I would not be permitted to leave the island until the bill was paid in full.</p> <p>73, John.</p>
11/3/13	PJ2CE	1953	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#287): PJ2CE 1953. The fourth QSL for that callsign, representing the earliest of cards ranging from 1953 through 1959. I'm still looking for a later photo QSL sent by Max Huith in 1962: I've only seen a small image of this one. Max Huith was a native of Sint Maarten, and had been the Administrator of Saba during and after WWII, and served as Vice Lt. Governor of the Windward Islands" at some point. There is a photo of him giving a tour of the oil refinery on Curacao to George Pataki WB2AQC in 1974 at http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/CQ_Jan1974_p35_PJ2CW_w_WB2AQC.jpg.</p>
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10/31/13	PJ2IARU	1992	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#286): PJ2IARU 1992. A QSL for the special events station on the occasion of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) XI General Assembly, held on Curacao in August 1992. This is among 25 Curacao QSLs received yesterday from QSL collector Patrick Rigg, a QSL collector who is not a licensed Radio Amateur (his father was W6AJJ). He sent the cards in his files that he did not need/want, and I appreciate it! Ten of the 25 were completely new to me (including this one), and several others were in better condition than the examples I already had for that card design.</p>
10/30/13	PJ0R	1988	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#285): PJ0R 1988. The companion QSL to the PJ2/N5RM QSL featured here yesterday. PJ0R was his callsign during the 1988 CQWW WPX CW Contest, in which Bob N5RM (SK) finished 4th place in Single-Operator All-Bands category. (NOTE: The N5RM callsign was reissued in 2012.)</p>
10/29/13	PJ2/N5RM	1988	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#284): PJ2/N5RM 1988. Bob N5RM (SK) was on the island to operate as PJ0R in the WPX CW Contest, in which he finished 4th. This QSL was sent for QSOs outside of the contest. Before the contest, an item was included in CQ Magazine, announcing the operation and specifically that Bob would operate 160 meters 1800-1850 and 1950-2000 kHz.</p>
10/28/13	PJ2YL	1978	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#283): PJ2YL 1978. A Curacao postcard with callsign and QSO information entered with a typewriter. In amateur Radio, a "YL" is a woman operator, the letters standing for "Young Lady". PJ2YL was Helen van der Velde, likely related to Joeke van der Velde PA0VDV (ex-PJ2VD), although I don't know that for sure. Another example of a "low volume" QSL, a way to</p>

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			confirm the QSO without the expense of printing a stock of custom QSL cards. The postcard legend on the back reads: "Typical Country Road: Cactus-lines dirt road in the countryside (known as 'koonookoo' to the native. Curacao NA". It may have been typical once, but not today!
10/27/13	PJ2CL	1956i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#282): PJ2CL 1956. This callsign has been re-issued since this operator held the call, and is now held by Radio Amateur Ronny Gibbs. I don't know when that happened, so I don't know which PJ2CL was contesting with Team VERONA PJ2AA in the 1970s: Ronny or "W. van Oeveren". KLM's first transatlantic flight was to Curacao in 1934, and they also have flown the Miami to Curacao route since the 1930s, QSL image courtesy of Patrick Rigg, a QSL collector who is not a licensed Radio Amateur (his father was W6AJJ). He had four old Curacao QSLs in his collection which are not yet in mine, and he is sending me one (PJ2CE 1953). He agreed to scan and send me images of the other three for my slideshow until I can find my own copies!
10/26/13	PJ2/W2AU	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#281): PJ2/W2AU 2004. Dan was at the time 'Young Contester of the Year' when he travelled to PJ2T and participated with a team of local Curacao Amateurs using the call PJ2HQ in the IARU World Championships (coverage at http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/iaru.2004.home.htm). The photo shows him at the PJ2T Station #1 position, in the same corner of the Signal Point house as was home for the PJ9JT station. That's a PJ9JT QSL framed on the wall (upper-right). The switches under the amplifier route antennas to the four permanent stations. The aluminum panels on the wall are the feed-through for all of the feedlines running to the antennas.
10/25/13	PJ2MI	1992	Curacao QSL of the Day (#280): PJ2MI 1992. Another of Jossy's QSLs, one of 11 different designs I have for this callsign, and the seventh featured here so far. Jossy was knighted by the Queen of the Netherlands some years ago for his service to his country, so his official title is Sir Jose Cyntje. He was in charge of and issued licenses for PJ2, PJ4 and PJ7 for the Netherlands Antilles for many years. In 2010, with Curacao set to become an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Jossy wrote an article "The History of Radio Amateur Call Signs (Netherlands Antilles)", which can be read at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/PJ2MI_Article_BARC_Newsletter_November_2010_p12.pdf .
10/24/13	PJ2/DJ8NK PJ2/DJ9ON PJ2/DK9KX	2011i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#279): PJ2/DJ8NK PJ2/DJ9ON PJ2/DK9KX 2011. An operation from 'Landhuis Daniel' during the period 26 June to 7 July 2011. The back of the card says that they were emphasizing 6-meter operation, and in fact I worked them on 6-meters, one of the few DX QSOs I've made with my K3 on that band! The main photo is the famous Handelskade in Punda, on the waterfront of Willemstad. The yellow building is Penha Punda. Built in 1708, it now contains the Penha flagship store, selling top fragrances, cosmetics and apparel. http://www.jlpenha.com/English/curacao . (G3NKC also sent this QSL image to me.)
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10/22/13	PJ2/OH2BSS PJ2/OH4RW PJ2/OH4RY PJ2/OH5BM PJ2/OH6FT PJ2/OH6MV PJ2/OH6NU PJ2/OH6RI PJ2/OH6RM PJ2/OH6XY	1989i	Curacao QSL of the Day (#278): PJ2/OH2BSS PJ2/OH4RW PJ2/OH4RY PJ2/OH5BM PJ2/OH6FT PJ2/OH6MV PJ2/OH6NU PJ2/OH6RI PJ2/OH6RM PJ2/OH6XY 1989. Image of this QSL courtesy of G3NKC. Same blue-tone photo of the PJ9W contest team as used on the PJ9W QSL, but with checkboxes for each of the ten Finnish operators listed above to allow them to QSL their non-contest QSOs. This is the most operators I've ever seen on a shared QSL. In the 1989 CQWW SSB Contest, they operated as a Multi-Single entry with 14 operators, and finished in second place to a 4-man P40V team next door on Aruba. It was a warmup for their massive PJ9W/PJ9A efforts the following year. In the 1990 CQWW SSB Contest, they operated as a Multi-Multi

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			effort with 19 operators, and finished...in second place to PJ1B, on Bonaire, the neighboring island in the other direction! The Finns spent hundreds of thousands of dollars assembling the towers, antennas and other equipment for these operations, shipped it all in containers from Finland, expended energy installing it all on Curacao, and never finished higher than 2nd place in the phone contests!
10/21/13	PJ2MI	1976	Curacao QSL of the Day (#277): PJ2MI 1976. Another of Jossy's QSLs, one of 11 different designs I have for this callsign, and the sixth featured here so far. I know that there are other designs he's used, but so far I don't have examples of them. At 83 years old, he is still active on-the-air each week, primarily on digital modes. QSL via EB7DX.
10/20/13	PJ2CK	1954	Curacao QSL of the Day (#276): PJ2CK 1954. August Sprock was one of the most active Curacao Amateurs in the 1950s, the first decade that Amateur Radio was legal in the Dutch Caribbean. This is the earliest QSL design that I've found for him so far, but have three other QSL designs he sent for QSOs in 1955, 1957, and 1967. This is one of 13 new Curacao QSLs I have purchased this week, courtesy of QSL card collector Tony G4UZN! I hope to have these additions to the collection in hand this coming week.
10/19/13	PJ2/N5RM	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day (#275): PJ2/N5RM 1988. Bob Mitchell N5RM (sk) travelled to Curacao for the CQWW WPX CW contest in May 1988. He operated in the contest as PJ0R, finishing 4 th Worldwide in All Band Single Op. He made a point in advance of the contest to announce that he would be active on 160-meters during his visit on Curacao, so he was clearly a superior Amateur! [NOTE: I have only the image of this QSL and would like a copy of the card itself. I have neither image nor card for PJ0R. If you have either, please contact me!]
10/18/13	PJ2CJ	1958	Curacao QSL of the Day (#274): PJ2CJ 1958. The second QSL from this operator to be featured here – the first was from 1956 and was 'Curacao QSL of the Day' #86 back in March. Frans participated in and sent in a checklog for the 1958 CQWW CW DX Contest, so he did at least some contesting! I like these older photo QSLs, especially those showing homebrew transmitters, receivers, and accessories. The transmitter shown is very nicely executed! By 1974, the PJ2CJ callsign had been reissued to another local Amateur ("Eddy").
10/17/13			
10/16/13	PJ2/W6NRJ	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#273): PJ2/W6NRJ 2004. Jim W6NRJ (now W3NRJ) and Dennis N6KD rented the PJ2T station for a non-contest operation in the first week of April 2004. Not all who make QSOs from Curacao have a custom QSL card: some don't make enough QSOs to justify ordering cards, some run out of the stock of cards they've purchased! This is a case where Jim ran out of his PJ2 cards, and adapted by using his stateside QSL to respond to a QSL request from me. If you have one of the original PJ2/W6NRJ cards, please contact me!
10/15/13	PJ2/W1NG	2010b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#272): PJ2/W1NG 2010. Ken (with K2TQC, K2NV, and N2MF) spent a week battling massive non-contest pileups from the Signal Point station PJ2T less than a month after Curacao achieved its new status as an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands (on 10 October 2010) and as a new DXCC country. This is one of two different QSL cards he sent to those with whom he made contact: the other was featured here as 'Curacao QSL of the Day' #87 on March 27, 2013.
10/14/13	PJ2BEP	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#271): PJ2BEP 1990. Operator T. B. Vos. I find a brief reference to him as PA3EQE in 1995, but not much is online about either PJ2BEP or PA3EQE. The QSL I have in my collection and which is shown is

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			for a PA3EQE QSO in 1990, but I consider it a 'Curacao QSL', as he would likely have used it to confirm earlier QSOs as well.
10/13/13	PJ2/W8CJQ	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day (#270): PJ2/W8CJQ 2003. Terrie operated twice from the PJ2T station, in 2003 (with W9EFL and K8CJQ (sk)) for an Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society special event operation in October, and in February 2006 for the ARRL CW DX Contest with a large team. This QSL shows the view from the front yard of the Signal point station, looking Southeast back before the installation of a wall, sidewalk, and a "Captain's Walk" area to sit and watch the ships and fish go by at the edge of the 37-foot cliff above the Caribbean.
10/12/13	PJ2AMR	2010is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#269): A QSL for which I have a (small) image, but I do not have a paper example of the card in my archives (got one? I want it!). Online searches find that Anthmar is 38 years old and works in the telecommunications industry, but I can find little online indication that he is active on-the-air. He was among the local Curacao Amateurs who participated in the PJ2HQ operation in the 2006 IARU HF World Championships from the PJ2T station. He has an entry on QRZ.com, which includes a photo of his station at http://files.qrz.com/r/pj2amr/DSC01759_small.jpg . Know more about PJ2AMR? Please let me know!
10/11/13	PJ2/N2MF	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#268): PJ2/N2MF 2010. Brian N2MF with K2NV, K2TQC, and W1NG travelled to the Signal Point PJ2T station for a non-contest operation in early November, after the change in country status on October 10, 2010. The photo is of the PJ2T station towers and antennas, looking in the direction of Central America and Eastern Australia beyond. Although you cannot tell from the photo, anything green you can see has long sharp spines and wants to rend your flesh!
10/10/13	PJ2MI	1978	Curacao QSL of the Day (#267): PJ2MI 1978. Another eBay acquisition from last week! I now have images of 12 different PJ2MI QSL designs, and 8 different PJ2MI paper QSLs in my collection. This is the sixth PJ2MI QSL to be featured here. Jossy PJ2MI, at 83 years old, is still active on-the-air almost daily, primarily on digital mode JT65. He became interested in Amateur Radio when he was 17, just after WW2. He was active in Curacao for many years before relocating to Sint Maarten in 1964, then came back to Curacao in 1971. During his working years, he worked in the Bureau of Telecommunications and Posts, the agency regulating radio in the Netherlands Antilles, and so he had a unique insider's and participant's view of how Amateur Radio regulation evolved in the Dutch Caribbean.
10/9/13	PJ9JR	1978	Curacao QSL of the Day (#266): PJ9JR 1978. One of the Curacao QSLs I recently found on eBay, and the fifth PJ9JR QSL in the collection (all have now been featured here)! This call, held by Jack N4RV (formerly W3ZKH), was used in contests during the 1970s from the Coral Cliffs Hotel, in both single-operator and multi-operator operations with PVRC. I know that there are other QSL designs for this callsign, and I am always willing to obtain them! The images of the five PJ9JR QSL images I already have in hand are online in a "subinventory" document at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/PJ9JR_SubInventory.pdf .
10/8/13	PJ2/S50R	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day (#265): PJ2/S50R 2003. Leo joined the PJ2T team for the 2003 CQWW CW Contest team, which finished 2 nd in the World, Multi-2, and stayed over for a while longer to enjoy the island. This is a combined card for four of his operations (in Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, and Curacao), during which he often combines Amateur Radio and Scuba. Since I was on the island for the same time as Leo, I never got the chance to make a QSO with him on Curacao, so I did not have this QSL. Leo kindly sent a copy last week for my Curacao QSL collection!

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10/7/13	PJ2/DL5RDO	2010a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#264): PJ2/DL5RDO 2010. Dieter ("Sam") was a member of the PJ2T team in the 2010 and 2012 CQWW SSB DX Contests. This is one of two similar QSL card he has sent to confirm his QSOs made before and after the contest period, with slightly different fronts and different backs. The Green Iguana is a common sight on the island, and are often seen sunning themselves on the cliff in front of the Signal Point PJ2T station. [Thanks to Dieter for his support of my collection! I now have images of 373 different Curacao QSL cards, and samples of 342 different cards in the file.]
10/6/13	PJ2/GM4AFF	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#263): PJ2/GM4AFF 2010. Stewart was a member of the 2010 PJ2T CQWW CW Multi-Multi team, which finished #2 in the World. Stewart was an interesting guest at Signal Point (in addition to being a good contest operator): he had served in the Falklands War as a helicopter pilot, and in that role had participated in one of the most harrowing rescue missions imaginable. It was documented in the Smithsonian Channel's "Helicopter Missions" program episode "White Out" (http://www.smithsonianchannel.com/sc/web/series/729/helicopter-missions/135430/white-out). The QSL shows the PJ2T towers with an inset photo of Stewart. The back includes a B&W photo of the Willemstad waterfront. [Thanks to Stewart for sending samples of his card. It was a big week for new cards: 7 received this week (4 from eBay, 3 from the operators) spanning 46 years].
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10/4/13	PJ2/PA0VDV	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#262): PJ2/PA0VDV 2005. Joeke has a long history of Amateur Radio on Curacao, both with this callsign and as PJ2VD. Between those two callsigns I have QSL cards that document QSOs made between 1969 and 2013. This is one of several similar QSL designs used by Joeke between 1982 and 2005, differing mostly in color and the selection of callsigns included. Thanks to Joeke for helping me to fill in my collection of his many Curacao QSL designs from over the past 44 years! I have three more to display here, and several that I have not yet added to my collection.
10/3/13	PJ2/W8WTS	2003 - 2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#261): PJ2/W8WTS 2003-2013. Jim is a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC), the club which has built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station. Jim is a regular member of the PJ2T CQWW CW Contest team, and is my Multi-Op partner in the CQWW 160 CW Contests. The image is the PJ2T antennas from behind, showing (L-R) 80-foot USA/JA tower, 55-foot WARC tower, and 100-foot Europe tower. Jim is not shown to scale in the inset photo.
10/2/13	PJ2FR	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day (#260): PJ2FR 1988. This is the fourth of four QSL designs for this callsign that I have in my collection. Freddy PJ2FR, a contest operator himself, made his station available to several American contest operators for operations throughout the 1980s. This QSL is for a QSO made in the 1988 CQWW SSB Contest, in which Rich N6KT finished 3 rd Single-Op. He operated PJ2FR to 1 st Single-Op in the 1983, 1984, and 1985 versions of that contest.
10/1/13	PJ2/DB5IJ PJ2/DF9MV PJ2/DJ1MGK PJ2/DL5MFL	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#259): PJ2/DB5IJ PJ2/DF9MV PJ2/DJ1MGK PJ2/DL5MFL 2012. Another new QSL card for me, having arrived just this past Saturday! During their stay PJ2/DF9MV operated in the Worked All Europe (RTTY) contest, scoring 1.3 million points with 1066 QSOs, but this was primarily a non-contest operation in early November 2012. The photo was taken on the side of the Signal Point PJ2T house, the inset photo shows the back yard with WARC and Europe towers and the overhead feedline bundle. The Green Iguana shown is not to scale!
9/30/13	PJ2MI	1974	Curacao QSL of the Day (#258): PJ2MI 1974. ! I now have images of 11 different PJ2MI QSL designs, and 7 different PJ2MI paper QSLs in my

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			<p>collection. This is the fifth PJ2MI QSL to be featured here. Jossy PJ2MI, at 83 years old, is still active on-the-air almost daily, primarily on digital mode JT65. He became interested in Amateur Radio when he was 17, just after WW2. He was active in Curacao for many years before relocating to Sint Maarten in 1964, then came back to Curacao in 1971. During his working years, he worked in the Bureau of Telecommunications and Posts, the agency regulating radio in the Netherlands Antilles, and so he had a unique insider's and participant's view of how Amateur Radio regulation evolved in the Dutch Caribbean.</p>
9/29/13	<p>PJ2/KC9OS PJ2/W7DLE PJ2/W9AEB PJ2/WF9V PJ2/WG9J PJ2/WW9WW</p>	2003	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#257): PJ2/KC9OS, PJ2/W7DLE, PJ2/W9AEB, PJ2/WF9V, PJ2/WG9J, PJ2/WW9WW 2003. A shared card for a six-man group who held a non-contest operation from the Signal Point PJ2T station in December 2003. This group picked a new island or South America country each year, rented a house/station, and spent time operating Amateur Radio. They were kind enough to allow me to use the PJ2T station for the 2003 ARRL 160 Meter Contest, my first chance to operate that contest from Curacao (I finished 1st Worldwide on the DX side, and set a new South America record).</p>
9/28/13	PJ9/DL5LYM	1997	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#256): PJ9/DL5LYM 1997. A combined QSL for operations on Sint Maarten (PJ8) and Curacao (PJ9). This QSL was used for an operation by four operators: DL3XM, DL4LQM, DL5LYM, and DL8WAA, who travelled the Caribbean and operated from Aruba, French and Dutch St. Maarten, and from Anguilla. They were active on Curacao August 2-6 1997, and made 954 QSO on cw and 1 on RTTY operating from the Trupial Inn in Willemstad. One of the operators has described their adventures on this trip at http://dl3xm.dl0xm.de/carrib/carrib.html. (This card arrived this week, following another round of my QSLing my QSOs with Curacao over the years. I sent (or re-sent) a dozen QSLs, so I hope for even more new additions to the collection!)</p>
9/27/13	PJ2/PA0VDV	1982	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#255): PJ2/PA0VDV 1982. Joeke has a long history of Amateur Radio on Curacao, both with this callsign and as PJ2VD. Between those two callsigns I have QSL cards that document QSOs made between 1969 and 2013. This is the first of several similar QSL designs used by Joeke between 1982 and 2005, differing mostly in color and the selection of Dutch Caribbean islands included. Thanks to Joeke for helping me to fill in my collection of his many Curacao QSL designs from over the past 44 years! I have four more to display here, and several that I have not yet added to my collection.</p>
9/26/13	PJ2BVU	2011	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#254): PJ2BVU 2011. This is the second of three very similar QSL designs Jean-Claude has used for QSOs from Curacao (Note: the map of Curacao is not to scale with the globe!). He is an active operator, originally from France but living for many years on Curacao. He favors 6-meter operation, although he sometimes is found on other bands as well. He enjoys building his own equipment, including Software Defined Radios and CW paddles, and is very good at it. He serves as "co-sysop" (with W8WTS and K8ND) for the PJ2T CW Skimmer Server, which monitors the CW signals on seven Amateur Radio bands and feeds the spots to the Reverse Beacon Network (RBN): http://www.reversebeacon.net/dxsd1/dxsd1.php?f=0&c=PJ2T&t=de.</p> <p>Comment: Jean-Claude recorded a video documenting his 6-meter QSO with 5J0BV on San Andres Island in 2010, taken mostly from surveillance videos. A bit more than just the image of the transceiver and audio of the QSO: check it out! http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP3RXWUSiYQ</p>

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9/25/13	PJ2/N4LZ	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#253): PJ2/N4LZ 2011. Maurice operated from Curacao in March 2010 and June 2011. There are some clues online, but I'm not sure from where on the island he operates (maybe the Hyatt Regency Curacao, before it lost control of the Hotel this year), but it's not from the PJ2T station. There is a YouTube video of someone (can't tell who or where, but maybe Italy?) listening to him operating on 15-meter SSB: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7k2i6Sze5ZA .
9/24/13	PJ2/PE1L	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#252): PJ2/PE1L 2011. This was an EME (Earth-Moon-Earth, or "Moonbounce") operation from Curacao! Jurgen PE1LWT, Rene PE1L and Johan PA3FPQ used this call during April 2011. Their 144 MHz signals are transmitted at the moon and the stations being worked receive the reflected signal and vice versa to make 2-way communications. Normally, 144-MHz signals may only be used for short-distance contacts, but using the moon as a reflector makes QSOs around the World possible. There are some videos on YouTube showing their station and accommodations on Curacao. One is at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KD2sLbY3TGc .
9/23/13	PJ2CR	1967is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#251): PJ2CR 1967. The most recent QSL design I have (image only) for this station, with three others in my collection representing QSOs from 1961 to 1967. The most recent references I can find to PJ2CR are listed as an operator in the results article of the PJ1AA Multi-Multi entry in the 1975 CQWW SSB Contest (#2 in the World), and the listing of a QSL route (via K2TJ) published in the May 1980 issue of CQ Magazine. The image on the front of the card is the same as used by other Curacao Amateurs in the late 1960s and early 1970s, probably made available by tourism folk. [I don't have a sample of this card in paper form: if you have one, please contact me!]
9/22/13	PJ2/N6KD	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#250): PJ2/N6KD 2004. Dennis N6KD and Jim W6NRJ rented the Signal Point PJ2T station for a week-long non-contest operation in March/April 2004. The back of this QSL states that Dennis' operation was a "QRP Expedition", and reports that he made 760 QSOs in 78 countries with 5 watts or less, with 80% of the QSOs on the 40 meter band. The 40 meter antenna at the station is a rotatable 2-element yagi at 107-feet. [The Signal Point PJ2T station on Curacao, with all antennas and four full-power stations, is available for rent by the week by licensed Amateurs only. Rental information can be found online at http://www.pj2t.org/ccq/signal.point.rental.information.htm .]
9/21/13	PJ2/VE7ACN	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#249): PJ2/VE7ACN 2012. Mike is also RW0CN and AA7CH. He operated with the PJ2T 2012 CQWW CW team in 2012 (#2 World High claimed score, Multi-2) and will operate from PJ2T again this coming CQWW CW in November 2013. He's also scheduled to operate in the 2014 CQWW WPX SSB at PJ2T. This is a 2-sided-color card printed by UX5UO, who is producing some the very nicest QSL cards I have seen. I'll display the back of this card in the comments below.
9/20/13	W3JJE/PJ2	1946	Curacao QSL of the Day (#248): W3JJE/PJ 1946. I don't have this card: the image courtesy of Tom K8CX at Hamgallery.com. The front and back are shown at http://hamgallery.com/qsl/deleted/Netherlands_Antilles/w3jje.htm . I have not found more about this operation, but I can say that it was unauthorized – a pirate operation. Amateur operation was not authorized from the Dutch Caribbean in the 1940s, except for a few Dutch Amateurs with government or military contacts who obtained authorization to operate as "experimental stations" (PJ0X and PJ3X are known to fall into this category). I have found nothing online or in the CQ Magazine archives about Val W3JJE.

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			[Like all Curacao QSL cards I don't already have in my archives, if you have one I would like to buy it!]
9/19/13	PJ2/N0YY	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#247): PJ2/N0YY 2011. Rick is the current President of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club that built, maintains and operates the PJ2T station. For the upcoming CQWW CW operation in November, he will act as Contest Coordinator at PJ2T. QSL PJ2/N0YY to W3HNK or ARRL Logbook of the World.
9/18/13	PJ2HB	1992	Curacao QSL of the Day (#246): PJ2HB 1992. The third QSL design I've featured for this callsign (1985, 1990, 1992). Dr. Henk Beaujon was a graduate of Rutgers, and is (or was) an accomplished DXer with DXCC awards on at least 5 bands still on record with ARRL. Henk was on the Board of the VERONA club and representative from the Netherlands Antilles to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) as recently as 2003. I found an online note that he had been licensed in 1983. WA2NHA is most recently listed as his QSL manager. I've emailed Howard to see what he can tell me about Henk's current status, and to see if he has any different QSL card designs that I can add to the Curacao QSLs archive!
9/17/13	PJ2/K2TQC	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#245): PJ2/K2TQC 2010. K2TQC with K2NV, N2MF, and W1NG travelled to the Signal Point PJ2T station for a non-contest operation in early November, after the change in country status on October 10, 2010. There had been two previous operations since 10-10-10: Together, they made 28685 QSOs in 6.5 days of operating. Bill concentrated on the WARC bands and had almost 8000 QSOs. The view is Southeast along the coast. From this view, Venezuela is ~50 miles to the right.
9/16/13	PJ9JR	197x	Curacao QSL of the Day (#244): PJ9JR 197x. Happy Birthday Jack N4RV! The fourth of four Curacao QSLs I have for this callsign. This card was used sometime in the 1970s – note that the year is pre-printed as “197-“. The “PJ9” prefix was used for non-resident Amateurs operating from Curacao from about 1970 through the late 1990s. Jack N4RV (ex-W3ZKH) is still operating from Curacao, a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium – PJ2T – since 2005. He was most recently part of the PJ2T team in the 2012 ARRL 10 Meter Contest in December, and is scheduled to operate there again in CQWW SSB in October and CQ WPX SSB contest in March 2014.
9/15/13	PJ2FR	1984	Curacao QSL of the Day (#243): PJ2FR 1984 (N6KT, Operator). Freddy PJ2FR was an active Amateur on Curacao over a long period: I have PJ2FR QSLs for 1977 through 1988, and this is the third I've featured here. He made his station available to visiting Amateurs, notably to Rich N6KT for contest operations. PJ2FR (N6KT, opr) finished first single-op in the World in the CQWW SSB Contests in 1983, 1984, and 1985! I particularly like the “QSL 99%” note! A photo of N6KT at PJ2FR in the 1984 CQWW SSB Contest is at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/PJ2FR_N6KT_Opr_1984_CQWWssb.jpg .
9/14/13	PJ2/K4ZLE PJ2/N0FW PJ2/KE0A PJ2/N9NS	2009	Curacao QSL of the Day (#242): PJ2/K4ZLE, PJ2/N0FW, PJ2/KE0A, PJ2/N9NS 2009. This QSL (for a QSO with PJ2/KE0A) was just received in today's mail! A shared QSL for four of the five operators in the 2009 ARRL 160 Meter Contest as PJ2T (the other was K8LEE, who has his own Curacao QSL card). They finished #1 in the World DX Multi-Op, and set a new South America record.
9/13/13	PJ2CT	1967	Curacao QSL of the Day (#241): PJ2CT 1967. I don't know much about this operator, AAD Hilhorst. I found a reference to someone having a QSO with him in the DX column of the October 1955 issue of CQ Magazine, so this operator was licensed and active for over a decade. There were no other references to this callsign in CQ Magazine from 1945 forward, and Google finds nothing about PJ2CT. The card itself appears to be one provided to several Amateurs

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			on Curacao, which is customized by the Amateur rubber-stamping his personal information on the front and back. It is printed with the confirmation block on the back, and perhaps was printed by the Curacao tourism people specifically for VERONA, the national Amateur Radio club on Curacao. I have samples of three different Curacao callsigns using this card design in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
9/12/13	PJ2/N0YY	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#240): PJ2/N0YY 2005. Rick is the current President of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club that built, maintains and operates the PJ2T station. Rick started with two operations in CQWW SSB, and has switch for the past two years to operate with the PJ2T CQWW CW team. For the upcoming CQWW CW operation in November, he will act as Contest Coordinator at PJ2T. QSL PJ2/N0YY to W3HNK or ARRL Logbook of the World.
9/11/13	PJ2CR	1961	Curacao QSL of the Day (#239): PJ2CR 1961. One of four different QSL card designs used by Isaac Kisilevich for QSOs between 1961 and 1967. I actually have two copies of this QSL in my collection, one from July 1961 and one from March 1962. The back of these cards show that Ike was using a Globe Chief Deluxe transmitter and a Hallicrafters S-76 receiver. In 1961 he was using a 15m dipole, and by 1962 he had a TA-33JR triband yagi. Ike was a skilled contest operator! He participated in some contests before the explosion of the big multi-multi Curacao operations, including as early as a Multi-Single operating in the 1963 CQWW SSB contest with PJ2CO and PJ2CY (now PJ2MI) as teammates. He then operated as a single-op or member of the PJ1AA multi-op teams in CQWW SSB for 1964 through 1972, including the World #1 Multi-Single operation by PJ1AA in 1972. The last reference I can find to PJ2CR active on the Amateur bands is to a QSL route in the May 1980 issue of CQ Magazine, but he has a QRZ.com entry with an email address, so Ike is apparently still with us!
9/10/13	PJ2/WB9Z	2002	Curacao QSL of the Day (#238): PJ2/WB9Z 2002. One of two QSL designs used by Jerry since he first operated from the PJ2T station in 2002. From his entry at qrz.com: "I love to contest at PJ2T. In the 2003 ARRL DX SSB Contest, AE9B, NW0L and I made 12,509 contacts in the multi-operator, two transmitter category, which placed us number ONE in the world. You can read about that operation written by Tom AE9B in the September/October 2003 issue of the NATIONAL CONTEST JOURNAL Along with other operators we won in 2004, 2005 & 2006. In the 2010 ARRL DX SSB Contest I operated PJ2T single op. all band, high power and made 6,669 QSO's, operating 47 of the 48 hour competition." Jerry has also participated in some of the most high-profile Dxpeditions over the past several years, and will be operating in the upcoming Wake Island (K9W) DXpedition in October 2013 and the massive FT5ZM DXpedition in January/February 2014.
9/9/13	PJ2FM	1970	Curacao QSL of the Day (#237): PJ2FM 1970. I have this QSL card for a 1970 QSO, and Google found reference to a QSO he made in 1992, so Fred Chumaceiro was active on amateur Radio for at least 22 years on Curacao. However, I also found other references to Fred as Technical advisor to Radio Hoyer, which made history in 1984 by becoming the first commercial FM radio station ((101.9 MHz and 105.1 MHz) in the world run on 100% solar power! (http://1000awesomethingsaboutcuracao.com/2012/11/07/859-e-solo-di-pueblo-the-peoples-sun/) I also have seen references to Fred as a volunteer with NAAM, the official archaeology and history organization on Curacao, serving as a member of the Archeology Working Group as recently as 2012, investigating historical sites on the island. [NOTE: Look on-the-air for the operators of the five-man work team currently at the PJ2T station! PJ2DX, PJ2/K8LEE, PJ2/DL8OBQ, PJ2/W9NJY, and PJ2/KD0MND.]

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9/8/13	PJ2/WA8OSS	2013b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#236): PJ2/WA8OSS 2013. Jim's X?YL Pam is a friend of Geoff W0CG/PJ2DX, the owner of the PJ2T house and grounds, both Geoff and Pam having worked and retired from Kent State University. Jim and his wife first visited PJ2T briefly during a visit to the island by a cruise ship, and they later spent two weeks there in March 2013. Jim had been inactive for a number of years, but has recently upgraded to his USA Extra class license. He is now back on the air and becoming interested again in HF radio! (Jim and Pam are traveling in France right now, without radio.)
9/7/13	PJ2JM	1982	Curacao QSL of the Day (#235): PJ2JM 1982. The QRZ.com entry for this callsign indicates that he has held this callsign since 1977, and is not currently active. At least one record found online indicates that he is currently living in Spain. As with all of the 'Curacao QSL of the Day' entries, anyone with more information about the operator or operation represented by the QSL card is invited to provide it in the comments!
9/6/13	PJ2/K9SG	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#234): PJ2/K9SG 2004. Gary is a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club that built and operates the PJ2T station, joining in 2003 and currently serving as Treasurer. Gary is a physician, and has participated in several large-scale DXpeditions as an operator and as medical support, including operations from 3Y0X (Peter I island), K5D (Desecheo Island), and HK0NA (Malpelo Island). He lives in Arizona, but operates his old station in Indiana by remote control. The photo on this card, showing the PJ2T station from the back, was taken by me in 2002, and was also used on my first PJ2/K8ND QSL card.
9/5/13	PJ2MN	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#233): PJ2MN 1990. I don't know much about this operator, but his callsign shows up in CQWW SSB Contest results between 1984 and 1990, sometimes as a single-op entry and once as a part of the multi-national 1989 PJ1B Multi-Multi operation that finished as World #1! I've seen references to PJ2MN as being active with the VERONA club as recently as 2003, having participated in Field Day operations and in the PJ2HQ IARU operation from the PJ2T station. Perhaps one of the readers of this item on Curacao can update me on Nel's current status.
9/4/13	PJ2/ON6DX	2013b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#232): PJ2/ON6DX 2013. This QSL was received in yesterday's mail for QSOs made in June/July 2013. This is the 2 nd card design featured here for this callsign and this operation. The first was an image from his website that I obtained during the operation, and I'm not sure if he ever sent a card of that design. For this design, I have the card in hand! A nice photo of the colorful Punda waterfront! Wim has operated from several locations in the Caribbean, in Africa, and in Asia. [My collection now has images of 363 different Curacao QSL designs in my "Curacao QSLs" slideshow, and 333 different card designs in physical (paper) form!]
9/3/13	PJ2P PJ2/DL6LAU PJ2/DL8OBQ	2009	Curacao QSL of the Day (#231): PJ2P, PJ2/DL6LAU, PJ2/DL8OBQ 2009. A shared card by two German Amateurs, who operated in the WAE DX SSB Contests in 2004 and 2009, and the IARU Radiosport contest in 2007. DL8OBQ operated with a larger group of German Amateurs in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest in 2005 as PJ2T. Carsten DL6LAU joined some American ops for the 2003 CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX Contest in 2003, and joined the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) in 2009. As a member, he went to Curacao with his XYL (wife) for a non-contest holiday in 2011. The image is of one of the old country houses typical in the "olden days". Their operations were from the Signal Point PJ2T station, and this is not an image of the house there!
9/2/13	PJ2CU	1968	Curacao QSL of the Day (#230): PJ2CU 1968. This operator, Jack Caljouw, was active with the PJ1AA VERONA operations in the CQWW SSB Contests in 1969, 1970, and 1971. Google found a reference to PJ2CU having DXCC by satellite, with 108 countries! I don't know any more about this station (Know

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			something? Contact me!). (I do not have one of these cards in my collection – if you have one, contact me!)
9/1/13	PJ2/WE9V	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day (#229): PJ2/WE9V 2006. Chad operated from the Signal Point PJ2T station three times in ARRL SSB DX Contests (2006 Multi-2; 2007 Multi-2; and 2008 Single-Op-Assisted All Band). The image is of the beach and artificial atoll at the Sunset Waters Beach Resort (SWBR), taken from the restaurant. Sunset Waters, originally Coral Cliffs Hotel, was built and operated by Chet Brandon, and was the site of the original contest operations that led directly to all current contest operations on Curacao and Bonaire. It was located next door (about 1/3 mile across the brush) to the PJ2T station. Alas, Sunset Waters went bankrupt in July 2009, and was subsequently looted by government auctioneers and other vandals. The beach is still open to the public, although it is not maintained.
8/31/13	PJ2CK	1955	Curacao QSL of the Day (#228): PJ2CK 1955. The third QSL for this callsign/operator to be featured here, the other two QSL designs sent for QSOs in 1957 and 1967. This is a QSL I do not have in my collection: QSL image courtesy of K8CX and his Hamgallery QSL collection. (If you have one, please contact me!) PJ2CK had an interest in 160-meters, but Amateur regulation on Curacao did not allow them to transmit on Topband until the rule was changed in 1968. I have not found an indication that PJ2CK was ever able to make QSOs on Topband. I will link to a photo of August and his station from the November 1959 of CQ Magazine in the comments below. (I don't know why the QSL features an image of a rum distillery on Puerto Rico!) A photo of PJ2CK's impressive 1959 station from CQ Magazine, November 1955, page 107. http://www.k8nd.com/.../CQ_1959Nov_p107_PJ2CK_Photo1.jpg
8/30/13	PJ2/W9VA	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#227): PJ2/W9VA 2012. Bill is one of the Founding Members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) in 1998, the club with has built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station, shown on the card. The image was taken from the water, looking up to the top of the 37-foot cliff. The photo, taken by Geoff W0CG/PJ2DX, has been used on several QSL cards, including the current PJ2T QSL. Bill and I shared the station in October 2010, when we celebrated the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles and the new independent status of Curacao within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and as a new DXCC entity. Here's a photo of Bill during the October 2010 PJ2T operation. http://www.k8nd.com/.../PJ2T_10-10-10_W9VA_8134.jpg
8/29/13	PJ2/WK4Y	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#226): PJ2/WK4Y 2007. A combined QSL card for operations on Curacao (PJ2/) and nearby island Bonaire (PJ4/). Roy's operations were primarily from Bonaire (which I consider one of the two "off-by-one" islands) with PJ4E, and I suspect that his 2007 operation from Curacao was brief during a travel layover. The QSL shown shows the station on Bonaire, and is printed on photo paper, a good way to provide an attractive confirmation for low-volume operations. Roy's entry on qrz.com says "LOTW ONLY" for confirmations now, a trend that I understand but find disheartening. "Paper QSLs" are a tradition that provides a "paper trail" of the history of Amateur Radio.
8/28/13	PJ2L	2012is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#225): PJ2L 2012. This was a special callsign issued for a lighthouse operation from Noordpunt Light near Westpunt on Curacao in 2012 and 2013. Operators included PJ2LS, IW1FC, and others. There are a number of Amateurs around the World who enjoy making contact with stations operating from as many lighthouses and lightships as possible. This lighthouse was established in 1913, although the current structure was built at some later date. There are three lighthouses on Curacao, and another on the small island Klein Curacao to the East of the main island of Curacao. You can see photos of

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			the Curacao lighthouses online at: http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/photos/Caribbean/Curacao/index.htm .
8/27/13	PJ2/K8GU	2009	Curacao QSL of the Day (#224): PJ2/K8GU 2009. A QSL from a very brief (four hour) operation from the PJ2T station in March 2009. Ethan was on Curacao during a layover on his way home from Bonaire where he had been doing space / ionospheric physics and remote sensing field research.
8/26/13	PJ2CF	1952	Curacao QSL of the Day (#223): PJ2CF 1952. Marius P. De Pree was issued this callsign in 1952, when Amateur Radio was first officially permitted in the Netherlands Antilles and Curacao. He was an employee of Landsradio at the time, and (according to info found with Google) in 1959 he went on to found PJD-2, a broadcast radio station on Sint Maarten that is still going strong. This QSL is very special: it references that Amateur Radio was in place on Curacao before the 1952 official date, but was "...worked under cover"! I have in my collection QSL cards (or images of cards) from 1938 forward. This card was a new acquisition for me from eBay: always interested in a new Curacao QSL card!
8/25/13	PJ2HT	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day (#222): PJ2HT 1971. In the 1970s, the Amateur Radio contesting successes at Chet Brandon's new Coral Cliffs Hotel started a series of contest operations by local Curacao operators. PJ2HT contested with PJ1AA VERONA contest operations, as well as hosting multi-op contest operations with his own callsign in the early 1970s.
8/24/13	PJ2/KI6LAV	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#221): PJ2/KI6LAV. Georgia was one of an all-woman non-contest operation at the PJ2T station for a week in March 2011. The other operators were AF6WF, K6GO, KG6TBR, W5NYV, and N6UWW.
8/23/13	PJ2/IW1FC	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#220): PJ2/IW1FC 2013. This station is active right now, scheduled to be on Curacao from August 15 through 25 although actually first spotted on-the-air on August 20. I worked him yesterday on 10 meters SSB, and he said that he will also be on 20-meters. Silvano is currently living in Argentina, and I assume that he is on holiday on Curacao. QSL PJ2/IW1FC via IZ1MLQ.
8/22/13	PJ2LS	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#219): PJ2LS 2013. The current user of the PJ2LS callsign! From 1990 to 1993 and 1997 to 2000 Loet was working on Curacao, and had the callsign PJ9LS. He is periodically active on the air, mostly on 6-meters (50.100) in the past few months, but also on the HF bands, usually on SSB. He has a web site describing his station at http://www.pj2ls.com . QSL PJ2LS via EB7DX.
8/21/13	PJ2LS	1985	Curacao QSL of the Day (#218): PJ2LS 1985. The PJ2LS callsign has been reissued since this QSL was sent. The operator in 1985 (Hans van Hese, ex-PA0JLS) was different than the currently active holder of that callsign (Loet van Sermondt). This PJ2LS operator operated several contests as a single-operator entry, notably CQWW WPX CW Contests in 1985 and 1986. I do not know more about this operator. (It should be noted that the parrot pictured over the map of Curacao is not to scale.)
8/20/13	PJ2/K1XX	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#217): PJ2/K1XX 2007. K1XX participated as a member of the PJ2T team in the 2004, 2005, and 2007 CQWW SSB DX Contests. This is one of the Curacao QSL cards for which I do not have a physical card in my collection (Got one? I want it!) and for which the image I do have is too small (less than 1024 pixels on the longest side) for my digital slideshow of 358 different Curacao QSL cards. << I've put my historical record of Curacao QSL of the Day online! This is the list which I use to prevent duplication in the use of my 358 different QSL images. This includes the date and text used here on Facebook for each of the Curacao QSLs of the Day so far, from the first on December 4, 2012 until

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			yesterday's. I will update this list every week or so. http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/Curacao_QSL_of_the_Day.pdf >>
8/19/13	PJ2AAX	1978	Curacao QSL of the Day (#216): PJ2AAX 1978. John is also PA0AAX. I haven't found much information about this station, although PJ2AAX was a member of the winning PJ9JR Multi-Multi operation in the 1978 CQWW SSB DX Contest, along with K3EST, K3NA, K3RT, W3AZD, WA3ZAS, K4VX, N4MM, N4RV, PJ2ARI, and PJ2FR. An article from CQ Magazine on their PJ9JR operation can be read at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/CQ_1980July_PJ9JR_Article.pdf
8/18/13	PJ2/K2NV	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#215): PJ2/K2NV 2010. K2NV, W1NG, and K2TQC rented the Signal Point PJ2T station in early November 2010, less than a month after the dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles when Curacao became an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and thus became a new DXCC "entity". Once again, the photo is from the Signal Point front yard looking Southeast along the coast. The Signal point station is available for rental by the week by licensed Amateurs whenever it is not in use by club members or our scheduled annual nine (9) "official contests". You can see the available weeks and rental information online at: http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/signal.point.rental.information.htm .
8/17/13	PJ2JW	1994	Curacao QSL of the Day (#214): I previously featured a PJ2JW QSL from 1972, here's one from 1994, and Joop Willems is still an active Amateur on the island! He received a mention in the August 1973 issue of CQ Magazine as being active in the 15-meter Novice band, and he participated in contest operations in the 1970s. In 1996 he was singled-out by the German town of Bad Bentheim for their "Golden Antenna" award, issued to a Radio Amateur for an exceptional humanitarian deed in the field of Amateur Radio. Joop had provided disaster communications during and after a hurricane hit the island of Sint Maarten. There is a photo of PJ2JW (and many other Curacao Amateurs) at the 2003 Curacao Field Day operation at http://www.muurkrant.nl/extern/verona/uk/pictures.htm
8/16/13	PJ2/W1MD	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day (#213): PJ2/W1MD 2006. Marty operated with the PJ2T contest teams for CQWW SSB Contests in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007 and 2008, and he operated PJ2T as a single-op in WPX SSB Contests in 2004 (single-op 15m) and 2006 (single-op all band). Since 2010, he has been operating from the "off-by-one" island of Bonaire, about 60 miles East of Curacao. He was a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) (the club which built and operated Signal Point PJ2T) for many years, but is not a member at present.
8/15/13	PJ2FR	1977	Curacao QSL of the Day (#212): PJ2FR 1977. Freddy was an active Amateur on Curacao over a long period: I have PJ2FR QSLs for 1977 through 1988. He made his station available to visiting Amateurs, notably to Rich N6KT for contest operations. PJ2FR (N6KT, opr) finished first single-op in the World in the CQWW SSB Contests in 1983, 1984, and 1985! A photo of N6KT at PJ2FR in the 1984 CQWW SSB Contest is at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/PJ2FR_N6KT_Opr_1984_CQWWssb.jpg .
8/14/13	PJ2/N1ZZ	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#211): PJ2/N1ZZ 2011. The third of three Curacao QSLs from Dan, former owner of West Mountain Radio, used for his QSOs made during 12 visits to the island to participate as a member of a PJ2T contest team. The photo is the famous Handelskad on the Punda side of Willemstad. I'm not sure when it could have been taken: I see *no* people there!

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8/13/13	PJ2/N8LGP	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day (#210): PJ2/N8LGP 2006. A second QSL from Steve. He was a key part of the PJ2T station before the station was installed, having donated and/or homebrewed many of the yagis in place at the station, and having done much of the work rebuilding and preparing the collection parts before they were shipped to the island in an ocean freight container in 2000. He was also a member of the PJ2T ARRL CW DX Contest Teams in 2002, 2006, and 2007. The view is from the front yard at Signal Point, on a cliff 37 feet above the Caribbean, looking along the coast to the Southeast. No fence separating the careless from a fall to the coral reef below!
8/12/13	PJ2/OH1VR	1994	Curacao QSL of the Day (#209): PJ2/OH1VR 1994. Extending 'Finn Week'. On the island for a 40-meter single-band operation in the 1994 CQWW SSB DX Contest as PJ9U, Seppo sent this card for QSOs outside of the contest. In the contest, he finished 2 nd in the World (after EA9EO). He returned to Curacao in 2010.
8/11/13	PJ2/OH6YF	1991	Curacao QSL of the Day (#208): PJ2/OH6YF 1991. 'Finn Week' continues! Harri was a part of the 1990 PJ9W operation, and returned for the 1991 CQWW SSB Contest Multi-Multi operation as well. The results line-scores show that they finished first in the world, although they are not listed in the tabulation of the Top 5. The photo is of the beach at the Coral Cliff Hotel, which is not actually colored in monochrome blue. Harri has a web page describing this operation, including a photo of the PJ9W team and a list of the very impressive selection of antennas (especially the 3-element full-sized 80-meter yagi at 42 meters and two 4-element full-sized 40-meter yagis at 36 and 45 meters!) still in place at Coral Cliff Hotel: http://www.qsl.net/oh6yf/pedition/pj9w91.htm . This QSL card was added to my collection by the kind donation by Mike K9NW.
8/10/13	PJ2/OH3RB	1991	Curacao QSL of the Day (#207): PJ2/OH3RB 1991. More for 'Finn Week'! The year following the massive PJ9W/PJ9A operation in 1990, the Finns continued to flock to Curacao, most using the antennas that remained in the area around Coral Cliff Hotel. I couldn't find out much about this operation, other than this QSL card is for a QSO made in mid-November 1991, and I could not find any indication that he participated in a contest operation from Curacao during this period.
8/9/13	PJ2/OH1TD	1989	Curacao QSL of the Day (#206): PJ2/OH1TD 1989. More for 'Finn Week'! Tony was one of the ops at the exploratory PJ9W operation in the 1989 CQWW SSB Contest, the year prior to the massive PJ9A/PJ9W operation.
8/8/13	PJ2/OH2KU PJ2/OH2MLP PJ2/OH5PT PJ2/OH9RP	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#205): PJ2/OH2KU, PJ2/OH2MLP, PJ2/OH5PT, PJ2/OH9RP 1990. Continuing "Finn Week", more of the PJ9A group from RadioTeam Finland in the 1990 CQWW CW Contest.
8/7/13	PJ2/OH1EG, PJ2/OH1LD, PJ2/OH1SX, PJ2/OH1WR	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#204): , PJ2/OH1EG, PJ2/OH1LD, PJ2/OH1SX, PJ2/OH1WR 1990. A photo QSL of more of the crew from RadioTeam Finland on Curacao for the PJ9A 1990 CQWW CW Contest operation. Over 100 Finns participated in the preparation, setup and operating for PJ9W and PJ9A that year!
8/6/13	PJ2/OH2BGD	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#203): PJ2/OH2BGD 1990. Continuing "Finn Week" (or is that "Shark Week?"), Raimo OH2BGD was not part of the PJ9W/PJ9A operations in 1989 and 1990, but operated from Curacao at least twice in 1990. This QSL is for a radioteletype (RTTY) QSO in January 1990. Google and the CQ Magazine archives suggest that RTTY was his preferred mode of operation. I don't recognize this beach, but it is not the beach at the Coral Cliff Hotel. Curacao has many excellent locations for snorkelers and scuba divers.
8/5/13	PJ2/OH1XX	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#202): PJ2/OH1XX 1990. One of the 'Radioteam Finland' operators at the PJ9W "mega-station" for the 1990 CQWW SSB

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			<p>Contest, this QSL was for Hannu's non-contest QSOs. The card has a photo of some of the PJ9W/PJ9A towers and antennas transported from Finland and erected Field Day style at the Coral Cliff Hotel and the PJ9JT station (now PJ2T).</p> <p>(NOTE: This is one of many Curacao QSL cards for which I have an image, but do not have a physical example of the card in my collection. If you have one, I'd like to acquire it from you! A list of some of the other Curacao QSLs I also want (I need larger images of all of these, too!) is online at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/PJ2_QSL_Wanted_K8ND.pdf.)</p>
8/4/13	PJ9W	1989	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#201): PJ9W 1989. The year prior to the huge PJ9W/PJ9A Multi/Multi operations, Radioteam Finland started their relationship with Curacao by mounting a Multi-Single operation in the 1989 CQWW SSB after just 9 weeks of preparation. As would be expanded for the following years, custom-built towers and yagis were fabricated by OH6RM and shipped to the island to be installed 'Field Day style' at the Coral Cliff Hotel. This first container of equipment included: 150 meters of aluminum tower, full-sized verticals for 160 and 80, yagis: 3L40, 4L20, 5L15, 5L10, six transceivers, 5 amplifiers, 2500 meters of coax, and many accessories. They finished in 2nd place in the World, losing to the team at P40V on the neighbor island Aruba!</p>
8/3/13	PJ9A & PJ9W	1990	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#200): PJ9W, PJ9A 1990. The largest contest DXpedition effort EVER! Mounted by RadioTeam Finland, planning, installation, and operating these two contest operations (PJ9W in the 1990 CQWW SSB DX Contest, and PJ9A in the 1990 CQWW CW DX Contest) involved over 100 people. They used 15 brand-new FT-1000 transceivers, 15 amplifiers (Cary LK-800: 3 x 3CX800A7), 28 antennas, and 19 towers! All of the antennas and towers were fabricated from aluminum in Finland by OH6RM, and shipped by container ship to Curacao. Each station had its own generator, and self-contained air-conditioned operating shacks were commissioned to be built on Curacao and positioned in the area around the Coral Cliff Hotel and the PJ9JT house at Santa Martha Bay. Jack WA7LNW produced a video of the operation titled "Spirit of Victory". You can read about their amazing operation in the November 1991 CQ Magazine article online at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/CQ_1991Nov_PJ9A_PJ9W.pdf. So, how did they do in the contests? First in the World on CW, with 15,242 QSOs, narrowly over CN5N in Morocco. On SSB, though, they placed 2nd in the World, to PJ1B, a team of a dozen USA Hams on the neighboring island of Bonaire!</p>
8/2/13	PJ9X	1992	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#199): PJ9X 1992. A single-band single-operator effort in the 1992 WPX CW Contest by Marko N5ZO (then OH6DO). He placed fourth in the World (After ZV5A, P31A, and 8P9EA).</p> <p>[NOTE: Tomorrow will be the 200th 'Curacao QSL of the Day'! I will feature a QSL from the largest Multi / Multi operation ever mounted from Curacao (and perhaps anywhere else)!]</p>
8/1/13	PJ2/OH6DO	1993	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#198): PJ2/OH6DO 1993. Marko, now also N5ZO and living in California, operated from Curacao several times between 1990 and 2008, including operations as PJ9X between 1991 and 1993. I just noticed that I featured his 2008 QSL for PJ2/N5ZO as #98, exactly 100 Curacao QSLs ago! This QSL was for the non-contest QSOs made around his PJ9X operation in the 1993 CQWW WPX SSB Contest, in which they finished 3rd in the World in the Multi-Operator/Single Transmitter category.</p>
7/31/13	PJ2MI	2013b	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#197): PJ2MI 2013. Another of Jossy's QSLs, apparently still being sent by his QSL manager EB7DX. The background is a stylized Curacao flag, with added shield. The photo is "The Man" himself, as his</p>

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			former station at his house. He has since relocated to an assisted living facility, and downsized his station. Jossy is still very sharp and is a wellspring of Curacao Amateur Radio history!
7/30/13	PJ2MI	2013a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#196): PJ2MI 2013. Yesterday was another day when new Curacao QSL designs arrived in my mailbox! I now have images of 11 different PJ2MI QSL designs, and 7 different PJ2MI QSLs in my collection. This is the third PJ2MI QSL to be featured here, one of the two current QSLs used by Jossy's QSL manager EB7DX. Jossy is 83 years old and still active every few days on 6 meters and on digital modes (PT65, PJ9, PSK31, BPSK31) on HF. Not sure which of Curacao's beaches is shown in the photo, but I think I'd enjoy reading my Kindle there! [K8MR or W8WTS would string a wire in the palm tree and sit with their KX3 transceiver making QSOs!]
7/29/13	PJ2/N1ZZ	2008	Curacao QSL of the Day (#195): PJ2/N1ZZ 2008. Dan N1ZZ was a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club which operates the Signal Point station PJ2T. He has operated many times (I count 13 times since 2002) at PJ2T operations in ARRL CW and CQWW CW contests. Dan was owner of West Mountain Radio, and is a very skilled engineer! This is the second of three different QSL cards Dan has sent, and the second I have featured here. The photo shows Dan operating at the PJ2T #2 station, which looks directly out a picture window over the blue Caribbean towards Venezuela. Dan is scheduled to next be on Curacao for the ARRL CW DX Contest in February 2014.
7/28/13	PJ2/DF8ZH	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#194): PJ2/DF8ZH 2012. QSL received just yesterday! Stephan works for a German bank with a location on the island, so he expects to be operating from Curacao often in the future. When there, he operates from the PJ2A club station of VERONA in Willemstad. The photo shows an aerial view of Willemstad, looking Southwest toward Otrabanda. The famous Punda waterfront is on the left in this view, and the large sheltered bay Schottegat is on the right. The left photo shows an operating position at the PJ2A station. [Note: the PJ2T Skimmer Server PC and receiver hardware is located on this same desk, to the right and out of view. You can see what it is hearing on the Reverse Beacon network at: http://www.reversebeacon.net/dxsd1/dxsd1.php?f=0&c=PJ2T&t=de]
7/27/13	PJ2GG	1993	Curacao QSL of the Day (#193): PJ2GG 1993. I don't know much about this station. A Google search on his name found a reference (in Dutch) in a Curacao newspaper that he became a Silent Key (SK) on August 18, 2008. (Obit at http://www.curacaotoday.com/index.php?cp=1438)
7/26/13	PJ2/PA0VDV	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#192): PJ2/PA0VDV 2010-2013. This is the QSL design used by Joeke for his holiday operations from Curacao in recent years. Including a photo of the famous Punda waterfront in Willemstad, the card also notes that Curacao's DXCC status changed on October 10, 2010, when the island became an independent country in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The boat-like bows seen at the lower right are the floats for the famous Queen Emma pontoon bridge, which provides a path between Punda and Otrabanda ("the other side") and which swings open to allow ships to pass.
7/25/13	PJ1VD	1973	Curacao QSL of the Day (#191): PJ1VD 1973. Joeke (Also PA0VDV, PJ2VD, et. al.) was one of the most active Amateurs on Curacao when he lived there (in the 1960s and 1970s), and has returned many times on holiday since. In December 1973, to celebrate the 25 th anniversary of VERONA, the Amateur Radio society of the Netherlands Antilles, Amateurs were allowed to use the special PJ1 prefix in place of their PJ2 prefixes. This is one of three special QSLs I have for this period: PJ1AA (VERONA club station), PJ1CR, and this card PJ1VD. [I have just received five new QSLs from Joeke for my collection, each one of the cards he has used over the years and which I did not have

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			previously! I now have 10 Curacao QSL designs used by Joeke over the years! Thank Joeke!]
7/24/13			
7/23/13	PJ2/N8LGP	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#190): PJ2/N8LGP 2007. Steve N8LGP was a key part of the PJ2T station before the station was installed, having donated and/or homebrewed many of the yagis, and having done much of the work rebuilding and preparing the collection parts before they were shipped to the island in an ocean freight container in 2000. He was also a member of the PJ2T ARRL CW DX Contest Teams in 2002, 2006, and 2007, Steve was also interested in the activities of the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society, and activated the lighthouse at Nordpoint Lighthouse (# NEA-008) near Westpunt on Curacao in 2002, 2006 and 2007. That's the lighthouse in the photo.
7/22/13	PJ2/EI8GNB	2011b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#189): PJ2/EI8GNB 2011. This is a second QSL design featured for this callsign, from David VE7DXC/EI8GNB. He was part of the PJ2T team for the 2011 CQWW SSB Contest. This is one of two QSL designs he sent for his QSOs while there. As he didn't make many QSOs, he opted to produce these himself with Photoshop and his local drugstore photo booth, rather than having them commercially printed. You can see his description of the process on his blog at http://www.va7dxc.com/?p=386 . As he points out, this is a good approach for low-volume QSL needs! << NOTE: With the receipt of this QSL image by email yesterday, my Curacao QSL Slideshow displays 350 different QSLs for Curacao operations between 1938 and the present! >>.
7/21/13	PJ2CC	1980c	Curacao QSL of the Day (#188): PJ2CC 1980. A Single-Operator Single-Band operation on 20-meters by John K4BAI in the 1980 CQWW CW Contest. Operating from Chet Brandon's station at the Coral Cliff Hotel, John finished second in the World and set a new South America record, losing by only 35,000 points to N4PN operating as VP2KAA on St. Kitts. This card is new to my collection: John sent me this one and a couple QSLs from other of his operations. I all, I have images of six PJ2CC QSLs from between 1970 and 1980. The PJ2CC callsign was used by guests at the Coral Cliff Hotel, who operated using the well-equipped station provided by owner Chet Brandon PJ9EE.
7/20/13	P41E	1981	Curacao QSL of the Day (#187): P41E 1981. An operation from Coral Cliff Hotel in the 1981 CQWW CW Contest. John K4BAI provided me with this card (and a couple others from his several operations on Curacao), and provided some details of the operation as well. While listed as an operator, Pat K000 was injured before the contest, and was in bed the entire weekend. Here's John's description: "When I arrived, Vic, N4TO was in the bar. When I asked about Pat, K000, he said that Pat was putting out a beverage antenna. I followed the antenna across the road and into the brush and heard Pat calling for Vic. He had apparently started climbing up a road outcropping and fell backward onto his head and had been unconscious for a couple of hours. He refused my offer to take him to the local hospital. Instead, he insisted that I take him to a U.S. Naval ship in the harbor and he went aboard to see the Naval surgeon. ...I waited at the end of the gangplank and eventually he came back with his head wrapped a time or two and he said that he had been instructed to stay in bed for the whole weekend. In fact, he did stay in bed for the whole weekend while I operated the radio in the room where he slept or dozed." Amateur Radio can be a dangerous undertaking!
7/19/13			
7/18/13	PJ2K PJ2/K6RO PJ2/W6UL	2002	Curacao QSL of the Day (#186): PJ2K, PJ2/K6RO, PJ2/W6UL 2002. The second PJ2K operation from the Signal Point PJ2T station, Larry and Ron operated in the 2002 ARRL SSB DX Contest as a Multi-Operator Single

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			Transmitter entry. The back of the card notes that the station had been greatly improved in 2002 from it's state during their 2001 operation. The photos are of the PJ2T 100-foot Europe tower and the sunset as seen from the station, with insets of the two operators.
7/17/13	PJ2K PJ2/K6RO	2001	Curacao QSL of the Day (#185): PJ2K, PJ2/K6RO 2001. Just the second contest operation from the new Signal Point PJ2T station, Larry K6RO operated as PJ2K in the 2001 ARRL SSB DX Contest. He was a Single-Operator High-Power operation, and made 5.5 million points for 6 th place Worldwide. He also made 967 QSOs outside of the contest, from 160 – 6 meters. I just received this card and added it to my Curacao QSL collection yesterday!
7/16/13	PJ2/K8LEE	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#184): PJ2/K8LEE 2010. Wayne joined the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) in 2009, and is a Director of the Club and a member of the Station Committee. He will be one of the team of people going down to the Signal Point PJ2T station in September to install some significant station improvements. A shipment of an ocean container is being organized to move a collection of many large items from Ohio to Curacao, including some new antennas, a triplexer system for our European triband yagi up on the 225-foot-high ridge behind the house, and some new furniture to contain a new AC power distribution system. The work team will include KD0MND, K8LEE, DL8OBQ, W0CG, and W9NJY. Much of the work will involve tower climbing. The work plan for the September trip, assembled by W0CG, is online on the PJ2T website at http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/sept.2013.work.trip.htm .
7/15/13	PJ0X	1948b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#183): PJ0X 1948. This is the second design of a QSL for this callsign, both for QSOs in 1948. Before 1951, there was no official Amateur Radio licenses on Curacao, as the government did not issue them. They did, however, authorize a small number of 'government experimental licenses' who could operate in the Amateur Radio bands, including PJ0X. Other of these licenses, featured here earlier, were PJ3X in 1946 and PJ3XA in 1951. PJ0X was operated by Henry PA0GF, who also later operated as JZ0KF in Dutch new Guinea. Some other Amateur Radio operation before 1951 may have been illegal ("pirate") operations.
7/14/13	PJ9X	1993b	Curacao QSL of the Day (#182): PJ9X 1993. This is the third PJ9X QSL featured here, all for contest operations in 1993. This one is for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest, operated in the Multi-Op Single Transmitter category by Marko OH6DO and Olli OH0XX. They finished third in the World, using the remains of the PJ9W/PJ9A antennas installed in 1989/1990, with a score (25.6 million points) that nearly broke the previous World Record.
7/13/13	PJ2JB	1996	Curacao QSL of the Day (#181): PJ2JB 1996. This is a QSL image for which I don't have the card (got one? I want it!). This image courtesy of Tom K8CX from his Hamgallery QSL collection (http://hamgallery.com/qs/). I have not been able to find anything about this Amateur Radio operator outside of this card image: another reason why paper QSL cards are important as Amateur Radio historical markers!
7/12/13	PJ2/K8MFO	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day (#180): PJ2/K8MFO 2003. Don operated with the PJ2T team in the 2003 CQWW CW DX Contest, in which the team finished 2 nd Worldwide in Multi-Op 2-Transmitter, losing to CT9L by less than 30,000 points out of almost 25 million points total. Don is a DXer and contester who has operated from many exotic spots, including VS6 - Hong Kong, BV2 - Taiwan, XV5 - Vietnam, OJ0 - Market Reef, and several other locations in the Caribbean.
7/11/13	PJ9JR	1975	Curacao QSL of the Day (#179): PJ9JR 1975. This is the third QSL for this call to be featured here, this one for an operation in the 1975 CQWW SSB DX Contest. The PJ9JR call was held by Jack N4RV (then W3ZKH). I was unable

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			to find PJ9JR in the results listing for this contest (even as a check log), although PJ1AA, with an all-local Curacao team of operators, was 2 nd Multi-Multi worldwide! In the previous year, PJ9JR set the new CQWW SSB DX Contest Multi-Multi World Record with 19.4 million points, a record which stood for three years!
7/10/13			
7/9/13	PJ2RB	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day (#178): PJ2RB 1971. Another of the local Curacao Amateurs who dipped his toe into contesting, but did not find it to be his 'cup of meat'. He operated with the VERONA PJ1AA team in the 1970 CQWW SSB Contest, but not in any later contest operations as best I can find. PJ1AA in that contest was one of two Curacao Multi-Single operations, the other being PJ9AF, with ops W1FJJ (now W1FJ) and W3KMV (now W3XO). PJ9AF won the category with 500,000 more points, with PJ1AA 2nd place Worldwide. PJ9AF had 1200 more QSOs, but PJ1AA had 10 more Zones and 66 more Countries!
7/8/13	PJ2/W6KK	2001	Curacao QSL of the Day (#177): PJ2/W6KK 2001. Charlie came to the newly-opened Signal Point PJ2T station with K6RO. K6RO operated single-op in the 2001 ARRL SSB DX Contest using the call PJ2K, while Charlie operated only outside of the contest using PJ2/W6KK. This was only the second rental for the Signal Point station after it was purchased from John Thompson W1BIH (sk) and refitted. On a personal note, I had just been invited and joined the Caribbean Contesting Consortium – PJ2T, although it would be almost two years before I got down to the station for the first time for 2002 CQWW CW due to work commitments. [BTW, I do not have a PJ2K QSL card, although I would dearly like to have one!]
7/7/13	PJ9J	1987	Curacao QSL of the Day (#176): PJ9J 1987. The second design of a PJ9J QSL (the other was green-on-white) used by John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk). This call was only used in 1987 and 1988, after which John resumed using the PJ9JT callsign. I'm not sure why he would bother with the change: the PJ9JT callsign was so famous and recognized by that time that the change could only create confusion in a contest!
7/6/13	PJ2TR	1984	Curacao QSL of the Day (#175): PJ2TR 1984. Hubert operated with PJ1AA in the 1970 CQWW SSB Contest, but not in any later contest operations as best I can find. PJ1AA was the club call of the national Amateur Radio club of the Netherlands Antilles (VERONA), which was heard in several CQWW SSB and CW contests in the early 1970s. The current VERONA club callsigns are PJ2A and PJ2R. This QSL is from 1984.
7/5/13	PJ2/K1RM	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#174): PJ2/K1RM 1990. Vince operated as PJ2J with John W1BIH and Jack W1WEF as a Multi-Single entry in the 1990 ARRL CW DX Contest, finishing 2 nd Worldwide. I don't have a QSL card (nor an image capture of it) from PJ2J that year. I have this image of the PJ2/K1RM QSL, but don't have the card itself, and the scan I have is a bit small for my slideshow application. If you have either QSL card in your files, please contact me!
7/4/13	PJ2/K1AR	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day (#173): PJ2/K1AR 2003. John has been a member of the CQ Contesting Hall of Fame since 1997, and participated on the PJ2T Teams in the 2002 and 2003 CQWW SSB Contests. During the 2003 contest, he logged 417 QSOs in a clock hour! His 'Contesting' column in the March 2003 issue of CQ Magazine describes his experiences on Curacao: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/CQ_2003Mar_PJ2T_K1AR.pdf .
7/3/13	PJ2/ON6DX	2013a_is	Curacao QSL of the Day (#172): PJ2/ON6DX 2013. This operation by Wim is still in progress, having started on June 28 and ending on July 7. He planned to be active on HF and 6 meters on CW, SSB and RTTY, and most of the spots for him on the PacketCluster so far have been on 20m SSB, 20m RTTY, 17m RTTY, and 6 meters CW. Wim has a Webpage at http://dpxpedition.be/PJ2-

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			ON6DX.html with more details. QSL via ON6DX either direct, via the bureau, LoTW and eqsl. If you have an Amateur Radio license and equipment, make contact with this station and collect this Curacao QSL card for yourself!
7/2/13	PJ2W	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day (#171): PJ2W 2003. Jim WI9WI used this callsign in the CQWW WPX CW Contests in 2003, 2004, and 2005. He used the callsign PJ2WI in the 2002 WPX CW Contest. In recent years, he has been using the PJ2T callsign for this contest. [PJ2W was used by a group of YL operators in 2011 in the Russian DX Contest].
7/1/13			
6/30/13	PJ1AA	1969a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#170): PJ1AA 1969. This was the QSL of the club station of the VERONA club (Vereniging Radio Onderzoek Nederlandse Antillen), the national radio club of the Netherlands Antilles. This QSL is for a Multi-Op Single Transmitter operation in the 1969 CQWW SSB Contest. The current callsign for the VERONA club station is PJ2A. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Verona-Vereniging-Radio-Onderzoek-Nederlandse-Antillen/134126896658811
6/29/13	PJ9JT	1993	Curacao QSL of the Day (#169): PJ9JT 1993. I have nine (9) different QSL card designs for John Thompson W1BIH's (sk) famous PJ9JT callsign, for QSOs made between 1971 and 1993. This is the latest QSO for which I have a card, although John was still on the island until 19xx. The latest contest operation for the PJ9JT callsign that I've been able to find was in the 1997 CQWW 160 SSB and CW Contests. There were later contest operations from the same station in ARRL DX Contests using a different (PJ9C) callsign. In 2000, John sold the PJ9JT house, and it became the station of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (PJ2T).
6/28/13	PJ2CC	1970a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#168): PJ2CC 1970. PJ2CC was the callsign of the Chet Brandon's Coral Cliff Hotel, and was available for hotel guests to use while on Curacao. I believe that this was a card which one of the visitors had printed following his operation in August 1970, as the back does not include the Coral Cliff Hotel promotional information common on the other PJ2CC QSLs sent by Chet Brandon himself. I don't know who the operator was: he signed the card "Doc". The station description was hand-written: KWM2 transceiver, 30L-1 amp, 6-element yagi antenna for this 10-meter QSO.
6/27/13	PJ2/AL7BA	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day (#167): PJ2/AL7BA 2010. Jim was one of the eight (8) operators at the 2010 CQWW WPX SSB Contest in March 2010.
6/26/13	PJ2/WB2LCH	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day (#166): PJ2/WB2LCH 1988. I know nothing at all about this operation, but I have the QSL card! This is one main reason why QSLs are better than the electronic confirmation methods that are now becoming the primary way to confirm a QSO: 25 years later, and I'm researching this operation using Google and the CQ magazine archives! A QSL card is permanent evidence that Gene was on Curacao with a radio in April of 1988!
6/25/13	PJ2X	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day (#165): PJ2X 1988. A QSL for the PJ2X CQWW CW Contest Multi-Single operation by K1XM, KQ1F, K2WR, and KD2HE. They finished 2 nd Worldwide in this contest, narrowly being beaten by VP2MW. Their operation was from the QTH of Dick K4EIH. Paul K1XM and Charlotte KQ1F had a second QSL (featured here back on February 19) for their non-contest QSOs and also for the PJ2X contest QSOs. The image is of a Spiny Lobster, photographed by Paul on the reef offshore at Santa Marta Bay (location of Coral Cliff Hotel, PJ9JT, and (now) Signal Point PJ2T). The PJ2X callsign has been used for at least two other operations in the years since.
6/24/13	PJ2PS	1971a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#164): PJ2PS 1971. The third different QSL design from Paul Schulinck, the other two having been previously shown here. This

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			card includes a list of awards (5BWAS, DXCC, PACC, WAS, WAC, RCC and DLD100), which indicate that he was very active on-the-air! At the time of this QSL he was using a Hallicrafters HT-46 transmitter (150W), Hallicrafters SX-146 receiver, and a Hy-Gain 14-AVS vertical antenna.
6/23/13	PJ9CG	1976-1978	Curacao QSL of the Day (#163): PJ9CG 1976-1978. Clarke Green K1JX (formerly WA1JLD during that period) held this call, and used it in CQWW CW and SSB contests in the period 1976 to 1978, operating in the single-operator category. He first Worldwide in the 1976 and 1977 CQWW SSB contest, and was 2 nd Worldwide in the 1977 CQWW CW contest. (Thanks to Rick W6RKC for this addition to my collection!)
6/22/13	PJ2/NH7C	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day (#162): PJ2/NH7C 2003. A member of the PJ2P team in the 2003 CQWW RTTY DX Contest from the PJ2T station. They finished 2 nd Worldwide in the Multi-Single Low Power category with 1408 QSOs. The PJ2T station has never been set up for optimized operations on the digital modes, although there have been some movements over the past few years towards equipping two of the stations with permanently-installed digital interfaces and software. At the time of this operation, those interested in digital modes brought their own interfaces and laptops to use in RTTY contesting.
6/21/13	PJ2/EI8GNB	2011a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#161): PJ2/EI8GNB 2011. David is also VA7DXC, and was part of the PJ2T team for the 2011 CQWW SSB Contest. This is one of two QSL designs he sent for his QSOs while there. As he didn't make many QSOs, he opted to produce these himself with Photoshop and his local drugstore photo booth, rather than having them commercially printed. You can see his description of the process on his blog at http://www.va7dxc.com/?p=386 . As he points out, this is a good approach for low-volume QSL needs!
6/20/13	PJ2/DM3HZN	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#160): PJ2/DM3HZN 2011. Achim was a one-day visitor to the PJ2T station, probably from a cruise ship. Visiting Amateurs to the island are generally welcome to come to the station if someone is in residence, although it's about a 40-minute drive from Willemstad to the station. Not sure what type of Hummingbird is shown: there are two types living on Curacao: Blue-tailed Emerald and Ruby-topaz. NOTE: The IOTA ("Islands on the Air") number shown (SA-006) was the correct number prior to the change in status of Curacao on October 10, 2010, but incorrect for the date of this QSO in 2011. The correct IOTA number for Curacao is now SA-099.
6/19/13	PJ2HR	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day (#159): PJ2HR 1971. One of two QSL designs I have from this C.H.M.M. "Wally" Walmann, the other from a 1969 QSO. He was a member of the CQWW SSB Multi-Single winning team of PJ1AA, a group of all local Curacao Amateurs. I have not found any indication that he participated in any other contests, however. This card uses a popular watercolor postcard image from that era, and other Amateurs used it as well.
6/18/13	PJ2/N0VD	2006 to Present	Curacao QSL of the Day (#158): PJ2/N0VD 2006 to Present. Kelly N0VD is a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium/PJ2T, and has been a part of seven PJ2T contest teams since 2006. Although this QSL shows an image taken on Bonaire, the "off-by-one" island to the East of Curacao (he uses the card to confirm QSOs he's made from both islands), and he enjoys operating from that island, we forgive him! The back includes a short history of the Southern Dutch Caribbean, and a map showing the "ABC islands" – Aruba (off-by-one to the West), Bonaire (off-by-one to the East, and Curacao (*just right*)!
6/17/13	PJ2D PJ2/KZ5D PJ2/W5ZR	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day (#157): PJ2D, PJ2/KZ5D & PJ2/W5ZR 2005. A 2-man multi-single operation in the 2005 IARU HF World Championships from the Signal Point PJ2T station. ARRL has not posted results articles for operations this far back (yet) on their web site, so I can't say how they placed in the contest. This is the only use of PJ2D that I've found. [I am always looking for

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			Curacao QSL cards I do not already have! You can see a list of my "Most Wanted" cards at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/PJ2_QSL_Wanted_K8ND.pdf . Any of these cards, of a large (> 1024 pixels) scan of them, would be most welcomed! - K8ND]
6/16/13	PJ2CO	1961	Curacao QSL of the Day (#156): PJ2CO 1961. A QSL for a QSO with Erv W2LT on 15-meter phone. The back of this card says that Jose was using a Globe Chief transmitter and a Hallicrafters SX-71 receiver. His antenna was a "1 element rotary", something we seldom see anymore. I've seen evidence that Jose was still active with that same callsign as late as 1995, 34 years after this QSO!
6/15/13	PJ2S & PJ2/G0CKP	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#155): Steve G0CKP travelled to the Signal Point PJ2T station for the 2004 CQWW 160 Meter CW Contest, which he operated as a single-operator. He finished third in the World, after EA8BH (in the Canary Islands) and D4B (in Cape Verde). He made comment in the contest article in CQ Magazine that the 1000-foot Beverage receiving antenna pointed at Europe worked well for him!
6/14/13	PJ2/PD4JOF	2011-2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#154): PJ2/PD4JOF 2011, 2012. Jeoff has spent a couple of weeks on vacation on Curacao each year starting in 2011, and plans to do so again the first two weeks of October. His operations are from Westpunt, an fishing village in the wilder West end (Banda Bou) of the island, and now also the location of Kura Hulanda Lodge, a very nice resort built in the past few years. Curacao is a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and attracts many 'holiday makers' from the Netherlands. It is always awe-inspiring to watch one of the daily KLM 747 flights from Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam disgorge hundreds of (mostly fit, mostly blond) passengers, who parade to the Customs area of Hato Airport on Curacao! (Note: it's less impressive and more annoying if the American flight is delayed and you are stuck behind all those people!)
6/13/13	PJ2/W1ASB	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#153): PJ2/W1ASB 2011. Adam was on the PJ2T Multi-Multi team in the 2011 CQWW SSB Contest, and became a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium in 2013. Adam became a Radio Amateur while in school in Poland, and operated at club station SP4PBI. He now resides in Connecticut.
6/12/13	PJ2PS	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day (#152): PJ2PS 1971. This is the second QSL design from Paul Schulinck PJ2PS. Paul was active in the early 1970s, including operating in some contests as a single-operator and as a part of VERONA PJ1AA multi-operator contest operations. As a right-thinking man, he had a beard (I'll post a photo of Paul and his wife Ine in a comment below). http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/temp/photo_PJ2PS_CQ_Jan1971_p60.jpg
6/11/13	PJ2J	1991	Curacao QSL of the Day (#151): PJ2J 1991. John W1BIH (sk) and Jack W1WEF used this call in the ARRL CW DX Contests between 1989 and 1992. In each of these four years they finished #1 in South America in the Multi-Single category. The ARRL results archive doesn't go back beyond 1999, so I can't tell how they did relative to the rest of the World. (I am always looking for a QSL card from Curacao that I have not yet added to my collection. You can see my online inventory - PDF file, no photos - at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/K8ND_PJ2_QSL_Inventory_Sorted.pdf . If you have a QSL that I don't already have, please contact me!).
6/10/13	PJ2/WB8LCD	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#150): PJ2/WB8LCD 2013. Tom and is from Kent Ohio, near the previous home of Geoff W0CG/PJ2DX. He was visiting Curacao from a cruise ship, came to the PJ2T station for some hours, and operated the station for 3 hours making 163 QSOs. This was his first opportunity to operate "from the DX side"! The photo is a different view of the waterfront in Willemstad

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			than usually shown in photos. And yes, 'Curacao' is misspelled, an error of proofreading!
6/9/13	PJ2HQ	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#149): PJ2HQ 2007. PJ2HQ is a special callsign used in the IARU HF World Championships, where the station represents the IARU national organization in Curacao (VERONA). Other countries also had callsigns ending in 'HQ'. In 2003 and 2004, the Signal Point PJ2T station hosted groups of local PJ2 Amateurs; but in 2007 a group of Germans join Geoff W0CG/PJ2DX to operate in the contest using this call. They didn't finish very high in the contest – 27 th among national HQ stations.
6/8/13	PJ2/W8TK	2002 - Present	Curacao QSL of the Day (#148): PJ2/W8TK 2002 – 2010. Tom was one of the founding members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC), the club that built and maintains the Signal Point PJ2T station. In the early days of the station, Tom provided many of the radios, amplifiers, keyers and paddles required to make it a contest station! He participated in 10 contest operations at PJ2T from 2002 to 2010, all CW, mostly ARRL CW DX Contests, but also one CQWW CW and one ARRL 10 Meter Contest. Having moved from Ohio to Arizona, Tom intensely dislikes travel on the airlines, has not recently been to Curacao, and is now one of our 'Members Emeritus'. (You can see the list of CCC members at: http://www.pj2t.org/ccc/list.of.members.and.officers.htm).
6/7/13	PJ2CW	1974	Curacao QSL of the Day (#147): PJ2CW 1974. The second QSL design from Bert Dudart, who had also held the call PJ3AA. Burt was licensed in August 1958, and was active on Curacao at least until 1976. He was very active on the air, and earned 5BDXCC and WAC-80m awards! He participated in several contest operations as PJ1AA in CQWW SSB Multi-Single operations in the 1970s, which were operated almost exclusively by local Curacao Amateurs, and which placed 1 st or 2 nd in the World! He operated some contests as a single-op through 1976 as well. I'm not sure what happened to Bert, but there is an 'H. Dudart' PA3FHQ listed currently in Dronten in The Netherlands. Does anyone know if it's the same Amateur?
6/6/13	PJ9EE	1976	Curacao QSL of the Day (#146): PJ9EE 1976. The third QSL of Chet Brandon to be featured here. Chet was the builder of Coral Cliff Hotel and arguably "the Father of Curacao (and Bonaire) Contesting". Chet opened Coral Cliff on January 15, 1964, and provided an Amateur Radio station (Collins KWM2 transceiver and 30L-1 amp) and callsign (PJ3CC) for ham guests at the hotel. PJ9EE was his personal callsign for most of his time on Curacao and Bonaire. Although not a contester himself, Chet open the hotel and grounds to some of the most successful contest operations in the 1960s and 1970s, and built the neighborhood houses nearby which included one for John W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk), which is now the Signal Point PJ2T station. On the back of this card, Chet commented to Frank W3LPL that after their discussion, he would "...abandon the 40 vert and construct a 40 mtr 3 element beam." I don't know (yet) whether he ever followed through on that project, but Chet was not shy of major projects!
6/5/13	PJ2/W6SR	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day (#145): PJ2/W6SR 2006. Rick was a member of the 2006 PJ2T CQWW SSB Contest Team, which finished 3 rd in the World Multi-Operator Multi-transmitter category with 9852 QSOs and about 18.6 million points.
6/4/13	PJ2AM	1989	Curacao QSL of the Day (#144): PJ2AM 1989. This is the second (blue) variant of a QSL from Art Mayer PJ2AM, the first (red) having been featured here on Christmas day. As I observed at that time, the tower is *not* to scale! In 1951, the licensing scheme of the Netherlands Antilles was established, assigning PJ2Mx callsigns on Sint Maarten, PJ2Cx callsigns on Curacao, and PJ2Ax callsigns on Aruba. Before being held by Art Mayer on Curacao, PJ2AM had been assigned in 1952 to 'H. Hansen' on Aruba. At some point, that pattern

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			was broken: Art Mayer on Curacao was issued a call suffix with his initials. Art became a Silent Key (SK) in March 2003.
6/3/13	PJ2/DL1THM	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#143): PJ2/DL1THM 2011. The companion card for the PJ2/DH2AK QSL featured yesterday. The German pair had previously vacationed on C6 (Bahamas) and ZF (Cayman Islands), and later from PJ4 (Bonaire).
6/2/13	PJ2/DH2AK	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#142): PJ2/DH2AK 2011. Anja DH2AK and Torsten DL1THM operated from Curacao August 21 to September 8, 2011, primarily using their portable station: a Buddipole, IC-7000 and some LiPo battery packs. They also operated from the VERONA club station PJ2A in Willemstad: the tower and antenna shown on the card is there. They returned to Curacao in May 2012. The photo shows the famous colorful Punda waterfront, on one side of Sint Anna Bay, the access into the large inland harbor call the Schottegat.
6/1/13	PJ3X	1946	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#141): PJ3X 1946. I'm repeating this QSL, since I have discovered much more about the station and the operator in the pages of CQ Magazine, archived at the Hamcall.net (http://hamcall.net/cqcgj).</p> <p>From CQ Magazine, Sept. 1946, p 35.</p> <p>"Following is a letter from PJ3X located in Curacao: PJ3X started on the third of March 1946 and has been classified as an experimental government station, since normal licenses are not granted down here. Curacao seems to be unknown to many hams – the position of the island, which is Dutch, is 12.06 N. and 68.55 W (this is the location of my antenna). The input is between 100 and 200 watts. Antennas are two dipoles, one horizontal and one vertical. The horizontal one can be turned. The location of the antennas is bad, completely surrounded by hills. The antennas are only 30 feet high. I started with ham radio in 1930 with call PA0DH. Till my departure to the West Indies I was active on 40 and 20 meters c.w. For the present I'm only active on ten meters. If I knew somebody in the vicinity, I would be glad to experiment on five meters or lower. Within a couple of months I expect to leave this island so that PJ3X won't have a long life - J. P. Daudey P.S. – Many times I was asked what I was doing down here. I can't answer that question, but I'm a army first lieutenant, and communications officer for army and navy."</p>
5/31/13	PJ1BV	1938	Curacao QSL of the Day (#140): PJ1BV 1938. This is the second different QSL design for this callsign, both for QSOs in 1938! The other design was featured here on February 8. I don't have the physical card for either of these: just the images. I have been advised that all Amateur Radio operation from Curacao prior to the early 1950s was unauthorized, and so was illegal. The Shell refinery on the island attracted workers from The Netherlands and from the USA, and Amateurs appear to have brought their radio hobby with them.
5/30/13	PJ2CFM	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day (#139): PJ2CFM 2004. Castro was PJ9CM previously, and a 1987 QSL for that callsign was featured here previously. He was first licensed in 1980 in the Netherlands as PA3DVP. Castro has long been active with VERONA, the Amateur Radio club of Curacao, serving as Treasurer. He has participated in PJ2HQ contest operations in the IARU HF World championships from the PJ2T station, and also has been heard in other contests as a single-operator. Castro is an accountant/entrepreneurial economist and teacher of accounting at the CPA level. He is also Vice President of Adventist Amateur Radio Association International.

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5/29/13	PJ2N PJ2/N6EE PJ2/W6XK	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#138): PJ2N, PJ2/N6EE, PJ2/W6XK 2012. A shared card for a contest operation in the January ARRL RTTY Roundup and non-contest operations by the two operators. They finished 1 st in the World in the Multioperator high Power category by a large margin, setting a new South America record and they barely missed breaking the current World Record! The photo of the Green Iguana looks down into the crystal-clear water on the coral reef at the bottom of the 37-foot cliff at Signal Point (the PJ2T station).
5/28/13			
5/27/13	PJ2Z	2001	Curacao QSL of the Day (#137): PJ2Z 2001. An early contest operation (the fifth) from the new (and still under construction) Signal Point PJ2T station. In the 2001 CQWW SSB DX Contest they finished sixth Worldwide in Multi-Single. Operators were as shown on the front of the QSL card. (Some information about their operation and some photos are available at: http://www.pj2t.org/cqc/cqww.ssb.2001.results.htm)
5/26/13	PJ9C	1997	Curacao QSL of the Day (#136): PJ9C 1996-98. Operations in three ARRL DX CW Contests by long-time collaborators John W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk) and Jack W1WEF. This is a callsign they used in 1996, 97, and 98, winning World #1 Multi-Single each time! It's important to note that John's Curacao station had only tribander and wires for antennas! (Thanks to Bob K1CPJ, who was QSL manager for this callsign and provided me with this card!)
5/25/13			
5/24/13	PJ2/DK8YY, PJ2/DL4JS, PJ2/DL8AKI, PJ2/HA9DMD, PJ2/ KD8DXU	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day (#135): PJ2/DK8YY, PJ2/DL4JS, PJ2/DL8AKI, PJ2/HA9DMD, PJ2/ KD8DXU 2012. A shared QSL for five of the nine operators at PJ2T for CQWW SSB Contest in October 2012, in which they finished 3 rd Multi-Multi in the World. All of the listed operators on this card were, in fact, Germans, members of the Bavarian Contest Club (BCC). One of the ops, Ingolf DL4JS, was later killed in an accident during a DXpedition to Tuvalu (T2YY) in March 2013.
5/23/13	PJ2/N4QQ	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#134): PJ2/N4QQ 2011. John is a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club that owns and operates the PJ2T station. John has operated from the station five times (in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011) as members of CW contest teams. He is also active with AMSAT (http://ww2.amsat.org/), the Amateur Radio satellite organization, and he has made Curacao available for QSOs on the AO51 satellite during his visits!
5/22/13			
5/21/13	PJ2/G0WKW	2001	Curacao QSL of the Day (#133): PJ2/G0WKW 2001. One of nine operators of the Bristol Contest Group from England for the IOTA (Islands on the Air) contest. Their PJ2Y operation finished 13th in the World. This was an early operation from the newly-renovated Signal Point / PJ2T station, only the third rental from an outside group.
5/20/13	PJ2/AA1M	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#132): AA1M 2013. Bob AA1M, Mike W1USN, and Scott W1SSR were operating from Curacao between March 8 – 22, 2013. Operation was planned to be on all bands 160m to 10m SSB/CW/PSK/RTTY. DX Summit recorded only a few spots for them during their stay.
5/19/13			
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5/15/13	PJ2/WB9Z	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day (#131): PJ2/WB9Z 2006. Jerry is a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium / PJ2T, having joined in 2002 and operated in several PJ2T contest operations since. This is second of two QSL cards he's sent. He is also the proprietor of his own contest superstation WB9Z (http://www.w9az.com/wb9z-antfarm.html). Jerry will be part of the upcoming major Dxpeditons to Wake island (K9W, October 2013) and Amsterdam Island

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			(FT5ZM, Jan/Feb 2014. Previous major Dxpeditions he's been a part of are: Swains Is./NH8S; Malpelo/HK0NA; South Orkney/VP8ORK; Desecheo Is./K5D; Spratley Is./ 9M0M; Christmas Is./ VK9XX; and Cocos Keeling/VK9YY.
5/14/13	PJ3CR	1967a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#130): PJ3CR 1967. Arie de Groot later held the callsign PJ2ARI, but during the short period that Curacao was using the PJ3 prefix, he used this QSL card and at least one other already featured here. In the mid-1970s, Ari (it appears that he spelled it both ways) was active with various teams in radio contests, including local VERONA operations (PJ1AA) and operations by Amateurs from off-island (PJ2CC, PJ9EE, PJ9JT, PJ0MM).
5/13/13	PJ2/K9QVB	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day (#129): PJ2/K9QVB 2013. The newest addition to my collection of Curacao QSLs! John was on the PJ2T ARRL CW DX Contest Team this year, which appears to have finished 3 rd Worldwide in the Multi-2 category.
5/12/13	PJ1AA	1972	Curacao QSL of the Day (#128): PJ1AA 1972. A QSL for a large-scale contest operation by a local Amateur contingent, members of VERONA: PJ2ARI, PJ2AW, PJ2CL, PJ2CR, PJ2CW, PJ2HR, PJ2MI, PJ2VD, PJ2WI, PJ9CB, and PJ9VR. This local team won the 1972 CQWW SSB Contest Multi-Single category: 4.2 million points and 3405 QSOs! Many of these callsigns have already had QSLs featured here. The VERONA club station now uses callsign PJ2A. The results of the 1972 CQWW SSB Contest can be seen online at http://www.cqww.com/results/1972_cqwwdx_ssb.pdf .
5/11/13	PJ2PA	1994	Curacao QSL of the Day (#127): PJ2PA 1994. I don't know anything about Ed Palm, although Google tells me that there was a well-known Curacaoan pianist named Edgar Palm who died in 1998. I do not know if this Amateur is the same man. This card shows a representation of the Curacao flag, with a large star representing Curacao and the small star representing Klein Curacao, the small companion island to the East. This is a card contributed to my Curacao QSL collection by Frank W3LPL. My collection has just exceeded 300 different Curacao QSL card designs, and is still growing as I find an old card or work a new station on Curacao!
5/10/13	PJ2G & PJ2/G3TXF	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#126): PJ2G & PJ2/G3TXF 2007. Nigel G3TXF operated in the 2007 WAE CW Contest from the Signal Point PJ2T station using the PJ2G callsign. Non-contest QSOs were made using the PJ2/G3TXF callsign. He made a total of 1600 CW QSOs during his stay. The photo on the card is a look up the 80-foot USA/JA tower. He has posted a web page with nice photos of his stay at Signal Point at: http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/PJ2G/PJ2G.html .
5/9/13	PJ3CC	1970	Curacao QSL of the Day (#125): PJ3CC 1970. A QSL created from a photo postcard showing the Coral Cliff Hotel and Santa Martha Bay, for the callsign of Chet Brandon for that facility. This callsign and QSL card were used by visiting Amateurs from 1964 through 1970, when the callsign structure of Curacao caused the callsign at Coral cliff to change to PJ2CC. From the back of the postcard: "Coral Cliff Hotel, Santa Martha Bay, Curacao Netherlands Antilles, View of the Coral Cliff Hotel showing the thirty five ocean facing rooms with activities building and restaurant. The hotel is located directly on the Caribbean at Santa Martha Bay, where tropical tradewinds insure year around unexcelled climate beneath constant sunshine. Sailing, fishing, snorkeling, tennis, water skiing, beach combing, bicycling and just plain loafing provide enjoyable vacation activities."
5/8/13	PJ2/K1QX	2007/2008	Curacao QSL of the Day (#124): PJ2/K1QX 2007-2008. QSL for Radioware founder Craig Clark, who was on the 2007 and 2008 CQWW SSB Contest Team at the Signal Point PJ2T station. The photo was, I believe, taken at the Rif Fort in Willemstad, which was built for defense in the early 1800s and is currently used as a shopping center and site for some of the good restaurants

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			on the island (http://riffortcuracao.com/). In several years since, Craig has operated with PJ4X from Bonaire (PJ4), the neighboring island to Curacao which I generally refer to (along with Aruba, P4) as "the off-by-one-error island"!
5/7/13	PJ2HB	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day (#123): PJ2HB 1990. The second QSL design I've featured from Dr. Henk Beaujon, the first being for a QSO in 1985. I've checked the DX Summit archives of Packetcluster spots, and the last year for which I can find an on-air spot for this callsign was in July 1999. Henk was a graduate of Rutgers, and was an accomplished DXer with DXCC awards on at least 5 bands still on record with ARRL. This callsign is still listed on the qrz.com web site, and Henk was on the Board of the VERONA club and representative from the Netherlands Antilles to the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) as recently as 2003.
5/6/13	PJ5CG PJ5CH	1963	Curacao QSL of the Day (#122): PJ5CG & PJ5CH 1963. These calls were issued to Americans Kirk and Virginia Bush of Harper Kansas. He was K0GZN and she was K0GZO. From the printing on the back of the card, it appears that they operated only 20-meter SSB (voice) using a Swan 120 transceiver and a Hornett TB-500 triband yagi antenna (which sold for \$49.95 back in the 1960s!). The PJ5 prefix was used for visitors to Curacao for only a few years, 1957 through 1964.
5/5/13	PJ2/G3NKC	2009	Curacao QSL of the Day (#121): PJ2/G3NKC. Dave Sharred G3NKC was a member of the PJ2T team which was the 2009 CQWW SSB Multi-Multi champion! A description of that operation and a photo of the team can be found on the PJ2T website at: http://www.pj2t.org/cqc/cqww.ssb.2009.htm . Dave is scheduled to be a member of the 2013 PJ2T CQWW SSB team in October.
5/4/13	PJ2CZ	1980	Curacao QSL of the Day (#120): PJ2CZ 1980. The second QSL I've featured from this station, the first was for a QSO in 1964. In those 16 years, Herman upgraded his station: in 1964 he was using an Apache transmitter and Drake 2B receiver. In 1980, he was using a Drake C-Line (T4XC, R4C). For both QSOs, he was using a 3 element yagi antenna. The note on the 1980 card indicates that he is a 'county hunter', attempting to contact stations in all of the counties in the USA for an award.
5/3/13	PJ1UF	1951	Curacao QSL of the Day (#119): PJ1UF 1951. The backside of this QSL says that the Dutch operator, J.L. Sterke, was using a 20-Watt crystal-controlled transmitter with crystals for 14020 and 14076 kHz. The receiver was a BC-348 (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/BC-348), a WW2-era receiver used in large military aircraft (bombers and transports) and some ground transports, staying in service as late as the 1970s. His antenna was a folded dipole, oriented North-South.
5/2/13	PJ0FC	1970	Curacao QSL of the Day (#118): PJ0FC 1970. Another CQWW CW Contest operation from the Coral Cliff Hotel. Led by the famous contester and one-time ARRL President (1982-83) Vic Clark W4KFC (sk), the roster includes some high-powered operators as shown on the card! (Who can translate the old calls to any new calls?) Their winning score was more than twice that of the next highest Multi-Multi entry.
5/1/13	PJ2/W9JUV		Curacao QSL of the Day (#117): PJ2/W9JUV. A special version today, honoring Joe Schroeder W9JUV (sk), who passed away yesterday at age 83, and who will be sorely missed by many. Joe was a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC), the club that has built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station, and he was often heard operating as PJ2/W9JUV. The photo is of Joe operating from the pavilion area at PJ2T overlooking the Caribbean. Unfortunately, I don't have a Curacao QSL from him: he used the PJ2T QSL stock with a sticker on the back with his Curacao callsign. Joe participated in 11 contest operations at PJ2T since 2001 (the most recent for the 2012 CQWW SSB Contest), and spent another 4 week-long

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			<p>periods on Curacao for non-contest vacations with his XYL Janet and with Bill W9VA. Whenever someone from the Club is at the PJ2T station, we have a standing daily sked on 20-meters, and Joe was the most reliable anchor whether he was in the USA or on Curacao. His call appears a few hundred times in my K8ND and PJ2/K8ND logs. Joe was the first DXer in the World to work Curacao as a new DXCC country on October 10, 2010. You can read descriptions of Joe's accomplishments as a 'top-of-the-Honor-Roll' DXer since 1979, with 394 (Mixed) countries (see the May QST page 88 "Amateur Radio's Top DXers" for some details. This was written before the severity of Joe's final illness was known, and he had a chance to see it). He was an accomplished firearms collector and expert, having authored several books. He was an editor of 'ham radio Magazine'. He was an active pilot and member of the Civil Air Patrol. At 83, he braved the snow and wind of the Chicago area to tune to his Hy-Tower vertical specifically so that he could make a QSO with me at PJ2T in the CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest this past January. I'll close by asking you to listen to Joe's voice in this YouTube video of a six-meter QSO between PJ2/W9JUV and LU5FF on January 11, 2011: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jEeXOYxtlfA.</p>
4/30/13	PJ2/K6GO	2011	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#116): PJ2/K6GO 2011. One of the six-woman non-contest operation at the PJ2T station for a week in March 2011. The other operators were AF6WF, KI6LAV, KG6TBR, W5NYV, and N6UWW. The photograph was taken outside the wall around the Signal point back yard / tower field. [Sorry for the missed postings for the past days over the weekend – I was off in Minneapolis at the wedding of my nephew and his lovely bride!]</p>
4/29/13			<p>Curacao QSL of the Day</p>
4/28/13			<p>Curacao QSL of the Day</p>
4/27/13			<p>Curacao QSL of the Day</p>
4/26/13	PJ2/KD2HE	1988	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#115): PJ2/KD2HE 1988. I don't have this card – just the image of it shown here. KD2HE was one of the operators in the PJ2X CQWW CW Contest operation, and this is the card for his personal QSOs. The photo is of Mt. Christoffel, the highest point on the island of Curacao, located in the large Christoffel Park, which covers much of the West end of the island. (If you have this card, please contact me!).</p>
4/25/13	PJ2HR	1969	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#114): PJ2HR 1969. The most recent addition to my Curacao QSL collection, having arrived in the mail Tuesday! I have two different QSL designs for this callsign, from 1969 and 1971. Over the past few years, I've gathered this collection of almost 300 different QSL designs, getting some from my own files, some from donations of cards, and many from purchases on eBay. This last one was an eBay purchase: you can find *anything* on eBay! (Someone on eBay is currently selling two different VP2E QSL cards that I mailed out in 1982!)</p>
4/24/13	PJ2B	2005	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#113): PJ2B 2005. A Multi-Multi operation by K5ZM, K9JS, K9MUG, and WW4LL in the CQWW Radioteletype (RTTY) Contest. Operation was from the Signal Point PJ2T station. I don't have a copy of the published results, but the unofficial 3830 listing shows them with the second place claimed M/M score worldwide, with A61AJ (in the United Arab Emirates) the top M/M. As I've discussed before, the short callsigns (PJ2x) are available from the Curacao licensing authority upon application and payment of a \$61 fee, and are valid only for contest periods (typically 48 hours). Only PJ2A and PJ2R are currently issued (to VERONA, the Curacao Amateur Radio society) for use full time.</p>
4/23/13	PJ9EE	1983	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#112): PJ9EE 1983. Chet Brandon PJ9EE was an American who moved to Curacao in 1964 and built the Coral Cliff Hotel (renamed Sunset Waters Beach Resort by later owners) at Santa Martabaai on</p>

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			<p>the Southwest shore. This photo is a postcard showing the hotel and the bay, with Mt. Christoffel, the highest point on the island, in the background. Reportedly, when Chet arrived on the island, he began a search for a suitable location for his planned hotel, and initially searched by being flown over the island and then by moving through the dense, spiky growth of the island on horseback as there were paths used by fishermen but no roads. Coral Cliffs was *the* destination for contest DXpeditions on Curacao for decades! (I have this small image of this QSL but not a copy of the QSL itself for my collection. If you have one, I'd like to discuss it with you!)</p>
4/22/13	PJ2/W8AV	2010	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#111): PJ2/W8AV 2010. Goose W8AV is a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the 25-member club that owns/operates the Signal Point PJ2T station. Goose is one of three remaining "Founding Members" in the club. Goose operated from the station in 2004, 2006, 2008, and 2010, but his busy life in retirement has kept him from recent visits!</p>
4/21/13	PJ2A	2010	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#110): PJ2A 2010. A nice photo QSL for the VERONA club station, created to commemorate the 2010 Global Amateur Radio Emergency Conference (GAREC), held in Willemstad on Curacao in October 2010. The meeting corresponded to the October 10 2010 ("10-10-10") dissolution of the Netherlands Antilles and the recognition of Curacao as a separate country (including for DXCC purposes). The PJ2A station was open for the attendees of the GAREC meeting to use to pass out the new DXCC country! The photo shows the famous Punda waterfront in Willemstad.</p>
4/20/13	PJ1AA	1969b	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#108): PJ1AA 1969. A Field Day operation by VERONA, the radio club of Curacao. Notice that many local Amateur callsigns are listed as the operators, and many of those callsigns have had their QSL cards featured here! The PJ1 prefix was used between 1969 and 1975 for VERONA special events.</p>
4/19/13	PJ9JT	1974	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#107): PJ9JT 1974. A CQWW CW Contest operation from the Curacao station of John Thompson PJ9JT/W1BIH (sk). Their 9.75 million points fell short of the existing record, but it *was* at the bottom of the sunspot cycle! We have a photo of seven of the ten operators from this operation: VERY 1970s! Who can identify all of the operators in this 40-year-old photo?</p>
4/18/13	PJ2CE	1959	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#106): PJ2CE 1959. The third QSL card sent by Max Huith PJ2CE between 1954 and 1959. Mr. Huith was the neighbor of the 17-year-old Jossy Cijntje, and introduced him to Amateur Radio several years before this card was sent! Jossy became the still-active PJ2MI. The station worked, Skipper W8QEF, was located in Northern Columbus OH, about 1.5 miles from where I lived with my parents during my teen years in the 1970s when I was licensed as WN8JXS (I never met him)! The card was sent airmail as a postcard, and Skipper's address is on the back. I was 4 years old and living 3 miles South of W8QEF at the time of the QSO!</p>
4/17/13	PJ2/W5XU, PJ2/W5ZPA, PJ2/N5HZ, PJ2/W5FKX	2011	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#105): PJ2/W5XU, PJ2/W5ZPA, PJ2/N5HZ, PJ2/W5FKX 2011. Four friends from the Delta DX Association who rented the Signal Point station and operated for a week in March 2011: there was no contest operation associated with their stay. This is the card used by W5XU to confirm his QSOs. Others in the group had similar QSLs with the same photo but different details on front and back. The photo shows them sitting in front of Stations #1 (right) and #2 (left) at Signal Point.</p>
4/16/13	PJ9Z PJ9/W8UVZ PJ9/K8GG	1996	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day (#104): PJ9Z, PJ9/W8UVZ, & PJ9/K8GG 1996. An operation by well-known Topbanders George and George in my favorite contest from my favorite island, five years before the PJ2T group (Caribbean Contesting Consortium) built the Signal Point station. 1996 was a good year for</p>

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			160-meter operations, with sunspot activity near the bottom of the 11-year solar cycle. They set a South America Multi-Op record that stood until they returned to Curacao (with KD9SV) in 2003 to operate as PJ2X in the same contest from the Signal Point station. That new South America record stood until Jim W8WTS and I took it in 2007 and again in 2009 using the PJ2T callsign.
4/15/13	PJ2CR	1963	Curacao QSL of the Day (#103): PJ2CR 1963. The second QSL I've featured from Isaac Kisilevich PJ2CR. I have images of four different QSL designs that he used between (at least) 1962 and 1967. I don't have this card, but a year earlier he was using a Globe Chief Deluxe transmitter, Hallicrafters S76 receiver: the photo shows a well-equipped station, and the HT-37 transmitter and NC-300 receiver were a definite step up!
4/14/13	P42J	1985	Curacao QSL of the Day (#102): P42J 1985. This is a special callsign used in contests by John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk) in the early to mid-1980s. During this period, Aruba was moving towards independence from the Netherlands Antilles, and was eventually assigned the "P4" block of callsigns. This ended the use of P42J on Curacao after the 1985 season, and John went back to using his famous PJ9JT callsign. This is the second QSL design I have for this callsign, the first was black letters on white stock and had contest dates pre-printed on the card, this one has green ink and a general-purpose QSO information block.
4/13/13	PJ2F & PJ2/LY4F	2006, 2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#101): PJ2F & PJ2/LY4F 2006, 2007. Slava LY4F traveled from Lithuania to Curacao for the Worked All Europe DX Contest (SSB) in 2006 and 2007, using the PJ2F callsign and operating from the Signal Point station. Slava reportedly was a scuba diver, and took advantage of some of the many dive sites on the island with Sunset Divers, then the dive operators at the former Sunset Waters Beach Resort next to the Signal point station.
4/11/13	PJ2MI	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day (#100): PJ2MI 1971. A special entry today! Jossy PJ2MI, at 83 years old, is still active on-the-air almost daily, primarily on digital mode JT65. He became interested in Amateur Radio when he was 17, just after WW2. He was active in Curacao for many years before relocating to Sint Maarten in 1964, then came back to Curacao in 1971. I have 10 different PJ2MI QSL designs in my collection. During his working years, he worked in the Bureau of Telecommunications and Posts, the agency regulating radio in the Netherlands Antilles, and so he had a unique insider's view of how Amateur Radio regulation evolved in the Dutch Caribbean. The photo shows Jossy last month, the digital picture frame that displays my Curacao QSL slideshow with 319 different Curacao QSL card designs. Reminders of the history in which he has been a participant for over 65 years!
4/9/13	PJ2/W0CN	2007	Curacao QSL of the Day (#99): PJ2/W0CN 2007. This was a one-day operation by an Amateur passing through Curacao and visiting the PJ2T station. Many travelers headed to the nearby Aruba or Bonaire islands land on Curacao before flying on to their final destination, and while there some come to the Signal Point PJ2T station for a tour and some on-the-air operating. In addition, many cruise ships dock at Curacao, and often an Amateur will come to visit and operate. The photo is the view Southeast along the coast from the 37-foot high cliff upon which Signal Point sits.
4/7/13	PJ2/N5ZO	2008	Curacao QSL of the Day (#98): PJ2/N5ZO 2008. The QSL for Marko operating during his stay before and after the 2008 IARU HF Championships. During the contest, he was PJ2X, confirmed by the QSL card featured yesterday. The 2x1 callsigns on Curacao (including the well-known PJ2T) are only available for operation during limited contest periods (typically 48 hours), and require a \$62 application fee for each use. The exceptions are the permanent club stations on the island, PJ2A (VERONA club station) and PJ2R (VERONA repeater).

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4/6/13	PJ2X	2008	Curacao QSL of the Day (#97): PJ2X 2008. A Single-Operator, Phone Only, High Power operation in the 2008 IARU HF Championship Contest by Marko N5ZO/OH6DO. He finished 9 th in the World in that category. Operation was from the Signal Point PJ2T station. Marko has operated contests from this same area of Curacao as far back as the 1990s, when many Amateurs from Finland started a many-year period of contest visits to the island. The main part of the photo shows the view to the Southeast from the top of the 80-foot USA/JA tower, at the level of the rotatable CL-33 tribander. The photo insert at the bottom left shows Marko at the Station #1 position.
4/5/13	PJ9JR	1974	Curacao QSL of the Day (#96): PJ9JR 1974. The second of four different Curacao QSLs used by Jack N4RV (then W3ZKH) for his operations in the 1970s from the Coral Cliff Hotel and from the neighboring PJ9JT station of John Thompson W1BIH (sk). The QSO confirmed by this QSL is with well-known Amateur Fred Laun K3ZO (then W9SZR).
4/4/13	PJ3CJ	1967	Curacao QSL of the Day (#95): PJ3CJ 1967. The back reveals that he had a very nice station, with Collins 32S-1 transmitter and National NC-300 receiver. QSO was on 20-meter CW. The PJ3 prefix was used until 1968, when the regulations were changed to start using distinctive numbers in the prefix for each island in the Netherlands Antilles (Curacao PJ2, Bonaire PJ4, etc.).
4/3/13	PJ2CE	1957	Curacao QSL of the Day (#94): PJ2CE 1957. The second card featured here for Max Huith, for QSOs between 1954 and 1957. This QSO, with ZL1ACI in Auckland New Zealand, was sent airmail as a postcard, with two Netherlands Antilles 0.225-Guilder stamps and the address on the back! One of the other two PJ2CE QSLs was also mailed as a postcard, that one to the USA.
4/2/13	PJ2/F6AUS	1996	Curacao QSL of the Day (#93): PJ2/F6AUS 1996. The only QSL for an operation by a vacationing Frenchman on Curacao that I've seen. From the date on this QSL, he was there in November, but there is no indication in the results that he stayed for the CQWW CW Contest that year. Interestingly, this is one of the few QSLs that reflect the long nautical history of Curacao, including explorers, pirates, warships, traders (including slave traders), and dry dock operations.
4/1/13	PJ9X	1993a	Curacao QSL of the Day (#92): PJ9X 1993. A multi-operator, single-transmitter operation by Finns OH6DO and OH0XX in the 1993 CQWW WPX SSB Contest. They operated from Coral Cliff Hotel, using the remaining towers and 20-, 15-, and 10-meter monobanders left from the huge 1989 and 1990 PJ9W Multi-Multi CQWW operations. For 80 and 40 they used dipoles.
3/31/13	PJ2WG	1989	Curacao QSL of the Day (#91): PJ2WG 1989. This is the second PJ2WG QSL card displayed here. The other was from 1990, and both were for QSOs on 10-meter SSB, which was clearly a preference of this operator!
3/30/13	PJ9V & PJ2/OH4EA	1992	Curacao QSL of the Day (#90): PJ9V & PJ2/OH4EA 1992. The callsign PJ9V was used in a single-band 160-meter operation for the 1992 CQWW CW DX Contest, one of three operations in that contest from Curacao that year (PJ9M 10-meter single-band, and PJ9U 40-meter single-band were the others)! It was apparently a low-powered operation, and with no receiving antennas, he made only 419 QSOs in 33 countries. His score of 53,251 points did not finish in the Top Five 160-meter single-band operations that year. The PJ2/OH4EA callsign was used outside of the contest period.
3/29/13	PJ2/EI2GNB	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day (#89): PJ2/EI2GNB 2011. Dave VA7DXC/EI2GNB was a part of the PJ2T 2011 CQWW DX SSB Contest team. The card shows some scenes from the Signal Point station. The towers shown are (L-R): 100-foot high Europe (only the fixed south America tribander shown), 80-foot high USA/Japan, and the 54-foot high WARC (which also supports the 160-meter inverted-L). They are not as close together as this photo seems to show, although the entire Signal Point property is only 200 by 100 feet!

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3/28/13	PJ2PS	1969	Curacao QSL of the Day (#88): PJ2PS 1969. One of three different QSL designs I have for this callsign, for QSOs between 1969 and 1971. The equipment used is printed on each, and he changed both transmitters (from DX-100 to HT-46) and receivers (from HQ-129X to National NC-300 to SX-146) in those years. One of the 1971 cards includes a list of awards (5BWAS, DXCC, PACC, WAS, WAC, RCC and DLD100) which indicate that he was active on-the-air for much longer than the record of the QSL cards I have indicate!
3/27/13	PJ2/W1NG	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/W1NG 2010. Ken spent a week battling pileups from the Signal Point station PJ2T less than a month after Curacao achieved its new status as an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands and as a new DXCC country (on 10 October 2010). This is one of two different QSL cards he sent to those with whom he made contact.
3/26/13	PJ2CJ	1956	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CJ 1956. The PJ2Cx series of callsigns were issued to Amateurs on Curacao starting in 1951, working from PJ2CA, PJ2CB, etc. By 1954, at least 10 licenses had been issued. I have recently learned that all Amateur Radio operation from Curacao before 1951 was unlicensed/unauthorized (pirate) operation.
3/25/13	PJ9CB	1972	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9CB 1972. Another card for which I have only a small (450 x 277 pixel) image. Licensee Charles Groves WB5AGH is still licensed in Emory Texas. In addition to the many holiday visitors, many Americans have lived on Curacao temporarily, most working either for the Shell refinery or stationed there by the US military. In those pre-CEPT days, Amateur Radio operators needed to apply for and receive a license from the licensing authorities, and the PJ9 callsigns were issued to them. This was discontinued in the 1970s, and PJ9 callsigns after that were issued for short-term (contest) use. American John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk), had resident status as a property owner on the island, and retained his PJ9 callsign until his departure in 1999.
3/24/13	PJ2/DL5AXX	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/DL5AXX 2013. Another very-new QSL design, Ulf was active on his Curacao holiday during a couple of weeks in late February and early March. The island Curacao is famous for Curacao Liqueur, distilled from the nearly-inedible Valencia oranges which grew in the poor soil of the island. This photo was taken at the distillery: http://www.curacaoliqueur.com/history . One of my favorite of all the Curacao QSLs (so far)!
3/23/13	PJ2HB	1985	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2HB 1985. This is one of 23 Curacao QSL card images I have which are too low in quality for use in my Curacao QSL slideshow. I don't have the physical card, and the images I've found online are typically 250 pixels on the longest side. I'm posting this one to ask that my Amateur FB friends check their QSL collections and help me to get good images (at least 1024 pixels on the longest side) of these cards! A list of the Curacao QSLs I'm looking for (either as a physical card for my collection, or as a good scan) can be found online at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/PJ2_QSL_Wanted_K8ND.pdf .
3/22/13	PJ2/W9NJY	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/W9NJY 2013. The newest of the Curacao QSLs, the card just received from Andy W9NJY! He is the newest of the 24 members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC), the club that has built and operates the PJ2T station at Signal Point. He was part of the PJ2T Multi-2 team for the ARRL CW DX Contest in February.
3/20/13	PJ2JW	1972	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2JW 1972. 40+ years later, Joop Willems PJ2JW is still alive and active with the Curacao radio club VERONA.
3/19/13	PJ0K	1999	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ0K 1999. This card confuses me. It was originally for a CQWW SSB operation in 1988, but the QSO on the card is apparently

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			<p>from a CQWW SSB operation 1999, eleven years later. The card is a shared card for the PJ0K callsign as well as for each of the five operators printed thereon, and there is no clarification what callsign this QSO is for. The only other operations using PJ0 callsigns I've seen were from the two years either side of 1970, and this one is much later. The photo shows, I believe, Chet Brandon's (PJ9EE) antenna pole on the ridge up over the PJ2T site, looking toward the sunset (Chet had long departed Curacao by the 1988 operation). For the original operation, they apparently hauled an ARD-230A amplifier down, a large amp (designed by my neighbor Jerry K8RA) that would not be my choice for a DXpedition amplifier! Many mysteries on this card!</p>
3/18/13	PJ9CM	1987	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9CM 1987. A QSL from Castro, now PJ2CFM and still active 26 years later. He can be found on the Antillean Net (Sundays 1800Z on 7.190 MHz), and is active with VERONA, the national radio club of Curacao. Curacao has an active body of local Amateurs, although it may seem from the "invasion" of 'PJ2/xxxx' callsigns on-the-air that there are no locals! A photo of Castro is currently on the VERONA Facebook page:http://www.facebook.com/pages/Verona-Vereniging-Radio-Onderzoek-Nederlandse-Antillen/134126896658811. (Most of the members of the PJ2T club - the Caribbean Contesting Consortium - are also members of VERONA, believing that it is important to support the local Amateur community).</p>
3/17/13	PJ2/DL5CW	2004	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/DL5CW. The photo was taken of the beach/dock at Westpunt, a historic fishing village on the West end of Curacao. Curacao has been a popular holiday destination for German Radio Amateurs over the years (as well as for those from Finland and the United States). This operation, during the first two weeks of November 2004, was from Kashimiri Apartments at the village of Sint Michiel, located just West of Willemstad.</p>
3/16/13	PJ2CW	1971	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CW 1971. This is a great callsign, but the QSL is for an SSB contact! (Note for non-Amateur Radio folk: 'CW' is Morse Code, and 'SSB' is a voice communications mode). The Amateur Radio station with whom he had contact '3B8CZ' was on Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean, 9000 miles away from Curacao. Apparently, Bert Dudart also held the callsign PJ3AA at some time in the 1960s.</p>
3/15/13	PJ3CR	1967	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ3CR 1967. Another QSL from Arie De Groot, later PJ2ARI. At this time, Arie's equipment was Hallicrafters HT-46 transmitter, Hallicrafters SX146 receiver, and a TA-33JR tribander. The QSO was with Stella WB2YOP, a YL (woman) operator in NJ. The photo was taken overlooking the entrance to Spanish Water, which is now heavily developed and lined by luxury real estate.</p>
3/14/13	PJ0CW	1969	<p>Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ0CW 1969. Another CQWW CW operation from Chet Brandon's Coral Cliff Hotel. At this time (or soon thereafter) Chet started building the first two houses on the land adjacent to the hotel (but separated from it by land for expansion of the hotel), and another house up on the ridge above the other houses for himself. The first of the houses below (known as "House #1") was purchased by John Thompson W1BIH, became famous as PJ9JT, and is now Signal Point PJ2T. The score in this contest was the best yet from what became the center of Amateur Radio contesting in the Southern Caribbean.</p> <p>Email from John K4BAI 11/5/13: "Jeff is correct that my first operation from Curacao was with PJ0CW in CQWW CW 1969. I had just returned from Korea where I was HL9KQ May 68 to June 69.</p>

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			Good memories.”
3/12/13	PJ2C	1999	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2C 1999. An operation by the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC – PJ2T) on Curacao before the purchase of the PJ9JT site. This Multi-Single operation in CQWW SSB was done by W0CG, K8RF, N4OKX, WA8LOW, W9EFL, WD8ATP, W8KKF, N7WDX, and N6HR. They finished first World Multi-Single with 11.5 million points. They set up their station at a villa at the Kadushi Cliffs Resort on the Northwest tip of the island. It no longer exists, having been purchased and included as a part of the fantastic Kura Hulanda Lodge complex. Equipment brought to the island for this operation was stored in a storage facility while the search continued for a permanent home on Curacao, which ended with the purchase of the PJ9JT house and property and establishment of the Signal Point PJ2T station.
3/11/13	PJ9JR	1972	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9JR 1972. The earliest of four different QSLs used by Jack N4RV/W3ZKH in his many operations from Curacao from Coral Cliff Hotel and from the PJ9JT station. Jack is still operating from Curacao, as a member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium – PJ2T, and is scheduled to be part of the team for the upcoming CQ WPX Contest in late March. Jack was a good friend of Coral Cliff owner Chet Brandon and of John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk), two of the most influential people to the development of Amateur Radio contesting in the Southern Caribbean.
3/10/13	PJ2/DF9LJ	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/DF9LJ 2012. German op Joerg DF9LJ joined our PJ2T Team on Curacao for the 2012 CQWW CW Contest in November. This is the only Curacao QSL to date with the bad fashion sense (!) to include an image with me in it (with the Team around the dinner table in the pavilion), but the other photos taken at Signal Point are nice!
3/8/13	PJ2WG	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2WG 1990. Featuring the Curacao flag. The large star and small star represent Curacao and Klein Curacao. Klein Curacao is the small island in the Caribbean East of the main island. Klein Curacao once had a working lighthouse, but today it is primarily used as a destination for day tours and scuba divers. During the period before 10/10/10, when Curacao was part of the Netherlands Antilles, there was a flag for Curacao and a flag for the Netherlands Antilles. I have two different QSLs from PJ2WG, for QSOs in 1989 and 1990.
3/5/13			Curacao QSL of the Day: The Slideshow. For the past few years I've been collecting QSL cards sent by Amateur Radio operators for QSOs made from Curacao. In searching for these, I also found images of cards that I do not have and have not been able (yet!) to obtain. In all, I have 317 QSL images, which I've combined into a slideshow and installed on digital picture frames. One was donated to VERONA, the Curacao amateur radio club, and another has been left at the Signal Point PJ2T station. The photo shows four more digital frames, each cycling through the QSL images to test and “burn them in”. I'll be bringing one or two to the Dayton Hamvention in May, and hope to find places in a suite or two to display them!
3/4/13	P41C	1981	Curacao QSL of the Day: P41C 1981. A record-setting operation in the 1981 CQWW SSB Contest, with 42 million points! The contest write-up (available online at http://www.cqww.com/results/1981_cqwwdx_ssb.pdf) notes that this was the highest Amateur Radio contest score *ever* at the time, and includes a photo of the team! Note the impressive list of contest operators listed. As I noted for two previous QSLs, the P4 callsigns were available for special events on Curacao before the event of independence of Aruba in January 1986, and John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT used P42 callsigns during 1982 and 1983.
3/3/13	PJ2U	1989	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2U 1989. A nice photo QSL. I'll have to say that I have a problem with having “DXpedition sponsors” for a stay on an island that

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			tens of thousands of people pay their money to visit on vacation each year! I think there should be a simple rule: if you don't need to rent a ship and/or helicopter to get to the island; if you don't need to operate from a tent with generator(s); and if you don't have to negotiate with armed Government representatives or have special landing permits or licenses, then DO NOT ASK FOR SPONSORS TO PAY YOUR WAY! (Sorry: pet peeve).
3/2/13	PJ2/PA7JWC PJ2/PD7DB	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/PA7JWC & PJ2/PD7DB 2012. Jan-Willem and his girlfriend Monique were on Curacao holidays in 2011 and 2012, and Jan-Willem had visited the island several times in the past, operating from the Piscadera Bay Resort near Willemstad. The photo is, of course, the famous waterfront of Punda in Willemstad. Curacao is a very popular holiday destination for the Dutch, and airline KLM flies daily 747 flights from Amsterdam, disgorging a seemingly unending parade of arriving passengers through Curacao Immigrations at Hato Airport.
3/1/13	PJ2GT	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2GT 2010. Mark de Hoo was active on-the-air between 2004 and 2010, but I haven't seen him spotted on the PacketCluster since. His web site (www.pj2gt.com) is no longer online. Mark helped start a business offering jeep tours of the island (originally as 'Yellow Jeep Tours'), and that company (Yellow Adventures Curacao) has apparently associated itself with several of the large hotels on the island as their in-house 'action tourism' operator (http://yellowadventures.com/).
2/28/13	PJ9Y	1990	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9Y 1990. Another operation from Chet Brandon's Coral Cliff Hotel. The image on the card is the dive shop at the hotel, situated at the inlet to Santa Marta Bay. There was a dive operation at the hotel from the earliest days in 1964 until the hotel (now with the name Sunset Waters Beach Resort) shut down in July 2009. This QSL represents one of many visits to Curacao by Amateurs from Finland, following the enormous PJ9W contest operations in the CQWW SSB and CW Contests. The many towers and monoband antennas from that operation remained standing after the contests, and were used by subsequent DXpeditions until they reportedly each fell down.
2/27/13	PJ3CO	1939	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ3CO 1939. This QSL card is one year newer than the earliest Curacao QSL card I've found! No frequency or wavelength is listed. I note that these early cards include a field for "QRM" (interference), and that this one is filled with "Sum".
2/26/13	PJ1CR	1973	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ1CR 1973. VERONA is the Amateur Radio club on Curacao, and most of the members of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium - PJ2T are members today. Ike Kisilevich PJ2CR, one of the most active of the Amateurs on-the-air from the early 1960s through this 1973 date, used this special PJ1 callsign to commemorate VERONA's 25th anniversary. I don't know if this was blanket permission for the local Amateurs: I have no other QSLs from that period that would confirm this.
2/25/13	PJ0CC	1968	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ0CC 1968. An all-star CQWW CW DX Contest operation from Chet Brandon's Coral Cliffs Hotel, with the call issued to John Thompson W1BIH (later PJ9JT) (sk). Most (if not all) of the listed operators returned to Curacao in later years for more contest operations, but 1968 is the earliest contest operation from Coral Cliffs I've found.
2/24/13	PJ2/PA0VDV	1993	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/PA0VDV 1993. Joeke is currently active on Curacao on holiday! A resident of Curacao for at least ten years as PJ2VD (I have QSLs he sent between 1969 and 1978 for that callsign), he frequently returns for vacations, and is active on-the-air when he does.
2/23/13	PJ2CA	1951	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CA 1951. Not much to say about this one, other than the operator was working at the oil refinery that has long been the major economic driver on Curacao. The "c/o C.P.I.M." refers to Curaçao Petroleum Industry Maatschappij N.V., the refinery, which became Shell Curacao in 1959

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			and is currently operating as “Refineria Isla Curacao” on lease to the Venezuelan state oil company PDVSA. There is some indication (using Google) that the PJ2CA callsign has been re-issued to another operator “J. Rofina” in the years since (please forward any information you might have!).
2/22/13	PJ5CE	1964	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ5CE 1964. I believe that this is an early QSL from Chet Brandon (later PJ9EE, PJ2CC) from his Coral Cliffs Hotel. As I’ve written before, Chet was *the* key promoter of “Amateur Radio Tourism” on Curacao (and later on Bonaire), by opening his hotel and station to large- and small-scale contest and vacation DXpeditions. The QSL is printed on a commercial postcard of the Punda waterfront and the famous Queen Emma Bridge, a floating pontoon bridge that opens to allow ships to pass into Santa Anna Bay in Willemstad. Note the vintage autos! (Does anyone know if Chet Brandon had a USA callsign, and (if so) what it was?)
2/21/13	PJ9KW	1978	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9KW 1978. Robert Gates K7INE was living on Curacao at the time of this QSO, and became inactive soon thereafter. I found a posting to the CQ-Contest reflector in 2003 that he had become licensed as KG7KW and was active again, but that call is no longer active, having been cancelled in 2004.
2/20/13	W1BIH/PJ2	1986	Curacao QSL of the Day: W1BIH/PJ2 1986. Another QSL from John Thompson (sk) W1BIH/PJ9JT/P42J. I’m not sure why John used this callsign, when he had been using the PJ9JT call for more than a decade before and after the date on this card: I assume that it must have been during a transition in licensing policy from the Bureau of Telecommunications & Post (BTP), the licensing authority on Curacao. The photo of his house/station and the neighboring house, the first two built in the neighborhood, has been used on a number of different QSLs over the years. The aluminum self-supporting tower is still in use at PJ2T, supporting the WARC antennas and the 160-meter inv-L. I have twelve different Curacao QSLs sent by John over the years!
2/19/13	PJ2X	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2X 1988. A CQWW CW Contest operation by Paul K1XM and Charlotte KQ1F. The image is of a Spotted Moray Eel, Photographed by Paul on the reef offshore at Santa Marta Bay (location of Coral Cliffs Hotel, PJ9JT, and (now) Signal Point PJ2T. The PJ2X callsign has been used for at least two other operations in the years since. The special 2x1 callsigns (PJ2B, PJ2C, etc.) are issued for limited-time contest operations. These special short callsigns (including PJ2T) on Curacao are valid only for the contest period, and require an application fee of \$61. The only two Curacao callsigns of this type to be permanently issued are PJ2A and PJ2R, both issued to VERONA, the Curacao Amateur Radio club. PJ2T is issued for *each* contest.
2/18/13	PJ3XA	1951	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ3XA 1951. This 20-meter QSO was made with 80 watts and a “BAD (CLOTHS LINE)” antenna. One of 20+ new Curacao QSL images just received from Tom K8CX, who has a huge collection of QSL cards, many displayed at his Ham Gallery website (http://hamgallery.com/qsl/). These will be added to my current Curacao QSL slideshow, now with over 300 different QSLs on display!
2/15/13	PJ2CC	1952	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CC 1952. Almost 20 years before this callsign was issued to Chet Brandon’s Coral Cliffs Hotel, it was issued and used by “L. Klein”. This is the only case I’ve seen of a Curacao callsign being “recycled” for Amateurs living on the island.
2/14/13	PJ9X	1993	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9X 1993. An operation in the 1993 CQWW WPX SSB Contest by OH6DO and OH0XX from the Coral Cliffs Hotel. Starting in 1989, Amateurs from Finland made repeated visits to Curacao, including a well-funded record-setting pair of CQWW operations using as PJ9W in 1989, using enormous antennas and aluminum towers built by OH6RM and shipped

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			from Finland to Curacao. For the next several years, Finns made return trips to use the antenna, until they fell over and were (reportedly) scrapped/sold on the island. This operation used (among others): 5-over-5 element fixed arrays on 20- and 15-meters, and rotatable 5-element yagis on 20-10 meters. The big yagis on 80- and 40-meters installed for the PJ9W operation were apparently already fallen by this operation in 1993, as they used dipoles.
2/13/13	PJ1W	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ1W 1988. Another CQWW SSB Contest operation from Chet Brandon's Coral Cliffs Hotel, this time by NX4N, N4WW, and WS4Q. The results (http://www.cqww.com/results/1988_cqwwdx_ssb.pdf) show that they finished second in the Multi-Operator Single Transmitter category, losing to EA8AGD (Canary Islands). That year, in the same contest, another station on Curacao finished third in the Single-Operator category - PJ2FR (N6KT, opr).
2/12/13	PJ2/K8ND	2002	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/K8ND 2002. My original QSL. The large original order of these cards have all been sent, so this design is now retired (start looking for them on eBay!) ;-). I took this photo looking down on the PJ2T station, featuring the blue Caribbean and the three towers (left to right: 80-foot USA/JA, 55-foot WARC, and 100-foot Europe). I now have two different QSL designs in use: one for lowband (160- and 80-meter) QSOs only, and one for all the other bands.
2/11/13	PJ9J	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9J 1988. A special (shorter) call used by John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk) in some contests in the late 1980s. Although PJ9JT was the famous callsign for his station, he used this call (as well as P42J) in contests over a period of almost 30 years starting in 1971. It is amazing to note that all the contest successes (including several 1 st World finishes in CQWW and ARRL DX Contests) during these years were accomplished with a single tribander, wire antennas, and the magic of the location!
2/10/13	PJ2CZ	1964	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CZ 1964. I don't know much about this station and operator Herman Maynard, but he was active with many others on Curacao with PJ2Cx-form callsigns in the 1960s and 1970s. I have eleven different QSLs with 2x2 callsigns of the form PJ2Cx.
2/9/13	PJ2/NP2L	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/NP2L 2006. Mal NP2L is a long-time member and supporter of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium, the club which has built up and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station. (A list of the 23 current CCC members and officers is online at: http://www.pj2t.org/ccclists.of.members.and.officers.htm). He will be back down to Curacao in a few days as a part of the PJ2T team for the ARRL CW DX Contest taking place next weekend.
2/8/13	PJ1BV	1938	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ1BV 1938. The PJ1 callsign prefix was apparently used both pre- and post-WW2, and periodically as a special callsign through the late 1980s. This pre-war QSL from Curacao is not in my collection: I have only this small image. The front of the card unfortunately does not give any clue as to who the operator was, nor even the band of the QSO. This is the earliest QSL from Curacao that I know exists (somewhere).
2/7/13	PJ2Y	2002	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2Y 2002. An operation by five members of the Bristol Contest Group (G6YB), who came from England to the Signal Point PJ2T station for the 2002 Islands On The Air (IOTA) Contest. The photo was taken at the beach of the now-bankrupt Sunset Waters Beach Resort, the neighbor of the Signal Point house. This card in my collection is courtesy of Alan G3XSV. They also operated in the same contest in 2001, but I don't have the (different) QSL card from that operation. A list of cards for which I have too-small images (and no card) but which I want to obtain for my Curacao QSL card collection can be seen at:

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			http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/PJ2_QSL_Wanted.pdf . If you have one of these, please let me know!
2/6/13	PJ9MM	1977	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9MM 1977. A QSL card for (at least) two operations (1976 CQWW CW, July 1977) from the PJ9JT station (now PJ2T). The photo shows the single aluminum self-supporting tower, which is still in use as the "WARC tower" at PJ2T. Operators were W1GNC (now K0IO) and John W1XX. The house and station look very different now, with two additional towers, a fence around the perimeter, and a major addition to the house! A nice historic view of an iconic Amateur Radio station!
2/5/13	PJ2CK	1957	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CK 1957. This is the second QSL from August Sprock PJ2CK I've featured here, the first a B&W photo card from 1967. This one shows a map of the island. The items on the island are not to scale, although they are closer than most map QSLs I have!
2/4/13	PJ2/DL4WK, PJ2/DL7DF, PJ2/DL7UFN, PJ2/DL7UFR	2002	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/DL4WK, PJ2/DL7DF, PJ2/DL7UFN, PJ2/DL7UFR 2002. Often, a single card may be shared by multiple Amateurs, usually in the same group visiting the island. This group of German operators described their operation from Villa Tobago in Coral Estate Rif St. Marie. They cumulatively made 25,363 QSOs on bands 160 – 6 Meters. The image chosen for this card is Landhuis Papaya in Groteberg, along the main road from the airport or Willemstad to Banda Abou (the West end of the island). This Landhouse, built in 1850, is now used as a Christian rehabilitation center for men addicted to alcohol or drugs. One visitor to the Landhuis wrote the following description of their visit: http://travelers2001.wordpress.com/tag/landhuis-papaya/ .
2/3/13	P42E	1982	Curacao QSL of the Day: P42E 1982. Prior to the January 1986 separation of Aruba from the Netherlands Antilles, the P4 callsign block was occasionally used on the other islands for special purposes. This CQWW CW contest operation from Coral Cliffs Hotel includes a collection of some of the best contest operators of the era, many of which are still running up scores! One of the ops, Rob WB6SHD (now NH6V), had been a member of the record-setting team (with me) at VP2E earlier that year for the ARRL SSB DX Contest.
1/17/13	PJ0DX	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ0DX 1971. A week ago, I featured a different card with the same callsign from a PVRC Multi-Multi CQWW SSB contest operation in 1969. This operation in 1971 was by John K3NPV (later K4YF) (sk), and appears to have been a non-contest DXpedition trip. Note that the radio he was using was a Signal One, probably a CX7A model.
1/16/13	PJ3CC	1967a	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ3CC 1967. Another operation from Chet Brandon's Coral Cliffs Hotel, this one included famous contesteer and later to become ARRL President Vic Clark W4KFC (sk), as well as W1BIH (sk) (later to become PJ9JT), and others who also came back to Curacao for later operations over the years. This is the earliest reference I've seen to John Thompson W1BIH on Curacao, and it may have been his first visit to the place where he later built a house next door to the hotel!
1/15/13	PJ2CE	1954	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CE 1954. I have three different QSL designs used by Max Huith PJ2CE, representing QSOs between 1954 and 1959, and I've seen an image of a fourth (a B&W photo card) from 1961. I have a small (250 pixels wide) image of that photo card, but it is among a group of eleven Curacao QSL card designs that I know exist, but of which I don't have good-quality scans. I am interested in obtaining these cards (or, at least, good-quality scans of them): if you have any of them in your QSL files, please let me know! The list of eleven desired cards is listed online at: http://www.k8nd.com/Radio/PJ2_QSL_Wanted.pdf .
1/14/13	PJ2T	2009	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2T 2009. The second of the PJ2T QSL card designs used since 2001, this shows the Signal Point house and station from

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			the viewpoint of the water. The cliff rises 37 feet out of the Caribbean, and the tile-topped pavilion is at cliff's edge. This earlier photo does not show the new 2-story addition done in 2009 to the right of the main house. The three towers are (L to R): 54-foot WARC tower, 80-foot US/JA tower, and 100-foot Europe tower with fixed monobanders on the latter two towers. PJ2T has been identified as the "most-worked callsign in Amateur Radio", and currently has over 585,000 QSOs recorded on Logbook of the World (LOTW) since 2000.
1/13/13	PJ9AF	1970	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9AF 1970. The image is a seldom-seen view of a part of the Coral Cliffs Hotel, taken from the water offshore. The cliffs along the shore in the area are 20-40 feet over the blue Caribbean water. An operation in the CQWW SSB Contest by W3KMOV (now W3XO) and W1FJJ (now W1FJ). They finished first in the World in Multi-Single that year with over 4800 QSOs. W3KMOV/W3XO you may recall as the conductor of the QST magazine VHF column for 17 years, but he was also a long-time member of the PVRC contest club and one of the founders of AMSAT, the Amateur Radio satellite organization. W1FJ remains a contest operator on the East Coast.
1/12/13	PJ2BVU	2005	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2BVU 2005. Jean-Claude is an active operator living on the island, favoring 6-meter operation, although he sometimes is found on other bands as well. He serves as "co-sysop" (with W8WTS and K8ND) for the PJ2T CW Skimmer Server, which feeds the Reverse Beacon Network (RBN). He enjoys building his own equipment. Jean-Claude is one of the many 'Friends of PJ2T' on Curacao!
1/11/13	PJ0DX	1969	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ0DX 1969. An operation by the PVRC contest club in the CQWW SSB Contest. With a very impressive list of contest operators of the day, the operation was from the Coral Cliffs Hotel of Chet Brandon PJ2CC, next door to the current PJ2T station. Following the building of Coral Cliffs, it became *the* place for operators from around the World visiting Curacao for contests or casual DXpeditions.
1/10/13	PJ3X	1946	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ3X 1946. Amateur Radio was restored fairly soon after WW2, with USA Amateurs allowed on VHF frequencies as early as 4 days after the end of the War in August 1945. On November 15 1945, US Amateurs were allowed back on 10 meters. By the Summer of 1946, USA Amateurs were back on 3.5 to 30 Mhz. This QSO between Curacao and California appears to have been on March 18 1946 on the 10-meter band. With Google, I found the following photo display of the W6EAK shack in 1935, 11 years before this QSO! http://hamgallery.com/qsq/country/USA/California/w6eak.htm
1/9/13	PJ2/PA0JMY	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/PA0JMY 2004. An operation from Willemstad. Willemstad is the main population center on Curacao. It is a town wrapped around the very large protected bay, Schottegat, which helped to make Curacao a center for shipping and ship maintenance. This card incorrectly says that the operation was from Maidenhead Grid FK32ma, which would place it 200+ miles West of Curacao: all of the island is in the FK52 grid. The SA-006 IOTA ("Islands On The Air") assignment was correct at the time of this operation, but was changed in 2010 to SA-099 when Curacao became an independent country in the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
1/8/13	PJ2ARI	1975	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2ARI 1975. With a rendering of the Divi Divi tree, a common tree on Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire seen bowed from the constant trade winds across the islands. Those winds blow from East to West, so the tree always "point" to the West.
1/7/13	PJ2/W5MPC	2010	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/W5MPC 2010. This photo card shows the colorful iconic Punda waterfront in Willemstad. The tradition of painting buildings in pastels dates from a law passed when an early Governor of the island complained that the then brilliant white buildings in the Caribbean sun induced headaches! W5MPC is now K11U, and is the Emergency

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			Preparedness Manager for ARRL, and was on Curacao representing ARRL at the 2010 Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference (GAREC), which corresponded with the transition of Curacao to an independent country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
1/6/13	PJ9GF	1970	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9GF 1970. Another operation (including the ARRL SSB DX Contest) from the Coral Cliffs Hotel, this one including John Thompson W1BIH. This was probably during the construction of John's house next door "House #1", which would become known as the site of PJ9JT operations, and is now used as PJ2T. I believe that all three of these operators are now Silent Key (W4GF has been re-issued).
1/5/13	PJ2X PJ2/K8GG PJ2/KD9SV PJ2/W8UVZ	2003	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2X PJ2/K8GG PJ2/KD9SV PJ2/W8UVZ 2003. This operation by K8GG, KD9SV, and W8UVZ in the 2003 CQWW 160-Meter CW Contest was the first of many 160-meter contest operations from the Signal Point PJ2T station. They placed 2 nd in the World in the Multi-Op category with 1028 QSOs, 56 States & Provinces, and 51 DXCC countries. My operation as PJ2T (Single-Op or Single-Op Assisted) in the upcoming version of that contest will be my seventh since 2006.
1/4/13	PJ2CB	1968	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CB 1968. During the 1950s and 60s, the licensing authority on Curacao was issuing callsigns to new Amateur Radio operators from the series PJ2Cx, and this call was one of those. Since the operator's name is not on the front of the card, we can't know too much about this operator, except that his name was apparently "Bob", his radio was a Heathkit SB-101, and his antenna on 15-meters was a dipole.
1/3/13	PJ2/WJ2O	1993	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/WJ2O 1993. One of 20 DX operations from WJ2O, operation was from the Princess Beach Hotel and Casino in Willemstad. Dave Farnsworth has a web page describing his operations, so we know a bit about the operation for this card. (From http://www.wj2o.com/wj2o_DXPeditions.asp?TripID=PJ2&TabID=Summary) "This hotel was very nice about letting me place my vertical on the top of their 5 story "tower" building. I was visited one morning by two officials from Landsradio while we were at breakfast. The hotel manager was in a tizzy as she thought I was in trouble plus she couldn't locate me quickly. The officials were very nice stating that their visit was routine and tried to calm the hotel manager down. They said that they used to inspect every visiting ham's installation, but budget restraints have made that impractical. "They stated that they were on the hunt for a "source of interference" and spotted my antenna from the road. I asked if it was voice modulated or morse code, as I operate code almost completely. They didn't answer. They asked me to tune up on a couple of bands so they could take power out and reflected power readings. My SWR was very low which seemed to make them happy. After showing them a copy of my license they thanked me for my time and were on their way."
1/2/13	PJ5CA	1957	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ5CA 1957. The PJ5 prefix is now assigned to the northern-Caribbean island of St. Eustatius – also part of the Dutch Caribbean - but was issued in Curacao at least from the 1930s through the early 1960s. This QSL is for an operation by G5RV, designer of the famous multi-band wire antenna. Louis also drew the image of the shore with palm trees.
1/1/13	PJ9CDC	1975	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9CDC 1975. This call was used by Alex W1CDC (now in Albuquerque NM) in 1975-76. This operation was from Santa Martha Bay, and was likely from the Coral Cliffs Hotel (later Sunset Waters Beach Resort), which was built and run by Chet Brandon PJ9EE adjacent to the

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			current location of PJ2T. The black star at the upper left indicates the approximate location on the rough map of Curacao.
12/31/1 2	PJ2CK	1967	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CK 1967. To end this old year, this early photo QSL shows the very-well-equipped station of August Sprock. One of two cards for this Amateur I have, the other from 1957 showing a map of Curacao.
12/30/1 2	PJ2/K8ND	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/K8ND 2013 (#2). The second of my new QSL designs for the New Year. Having used up the large supply of my first QSL card design, I decided to order smaller lots of two or three designs this time. This one is to be used for QSOs on my preferred Lowbands (160- and 80-meters). The front is a Curacao sunset, the back is promotion of 'Topbanders for a Modern Maunder', that 70-year period of very low sunspots which would provide excellent lowband operation.
12/29/1 2	PJ2CR	1966	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CR 1966. PJ2CR was issued to Isaac (Ike) Kisilevich, and this is one of three QSL card designs I have that he sent between 1962 and 1967. This card is interesting in that the text describing the island is on the front rather than on the back! At that time, the card claims that 36 Amateur Radio callsigns for Curacao had been issued up to 1965, although it's not clear whether this is for all time or just since the founding of Curacao's Amateur Radio club VERONA in 1948.
12/28/1 2	PJ0X	1948	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ0X 1948. Following WW2, Amateur Radio returned to Curacao as it did to the USA and to other areas of the World. This is one of the earliest post-war Curacao QSL I have in my collection. During the War, Curacao was an important producer of gasoline and diesel for the military effort of the Allies, and came under attack from Nazi submarines! US forces were stationed on the island as its defense. The February 1943 issue of National Geographic described some of the preparations Curacao had made (with much security censoring).
12/27/1 2	PJ2MI	1994	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2MI 1994. This is one of eight different QSL designs I have from PJ2MI, the earliest dated 1971, and I know that there is at least one design that I do not possess as yet! He moved into an assisted living facility a couple of years ago, and is still one of the most active of the Amateurs living on Curacao, operating nearly daily on digital modes (primarily JT65A and BPSK31).
12/26/1 2	W6QL/PJ2	1982	Curacao QSL of the Day: W6QL/PJ2 1982. Of course the Colvins operated from Curacao! W6QL Iris Colvin (sk) was half of a famous pair of DXpeditioners with her husband Lloyd W6KG (sk). The reference to "BANDABRO" is probably a misspelling of "Banda Abou", the West end of the island, where the Coral Cliffs Hotel (and now the PJ2T station) are located. "The Colvins racked up more than a million contacts over the years. It is thought that they worked more than half of the active amateurs of the world and amassed one of the largest QSL collections in the world - more than a half million QSL cards. The collection occupied an entire room in the Colvins' home."
12/25/1 2	PJ2AM	1988	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2AM 1988. I looked over my collection of nearly 300 different QSLs from Amateurs on Curacao, looking for a nice Christmas-sy card with snow drifts and reindeer, but found none! I have two different but similar cards - one red and one blue - from Art Mayer, sent in 1988 and 1989. Again, the tower is not represented to scale!
12/24/1 2	PJ2CC	1970	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2CC 1970. An early card from Chet Brandon at the Coral Cliffs Hotel. This image shows Coral Cliffs (later Sunset Waters Beach Resort) and Santa Martha Bay in the background. Chet also developed the

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			neighborhood including the Signal Point house (formerly PJ9JT and now PJ2T) located about 1/4-mile to the right of the image area shown. This was a postcard (without the callsign) that was sold at Coral Cliffs to visitors.
12/23/12	PJ2/K8ND	2013	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/K8ND 2013. After finally using up my large stock of my first PJ2/K8ND QSL card, I am beginning the process of ordering a new stock. This is the first of three QSL designs I'm ordering so that I can mix up the QSLs sent to "repeat customers"! The iguana is the glossy front side, the reverse will have a color overview photo of the Signal Point PJ2T station and space into which the QSO data is written. The second new QSL design will be one specifically for 160-Meter QSOs, and the third is not yet decided. I'll be receiving the first order soon after the beginning of 2013.
12/22/12	PJ2VD	1970	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2VD 1970. One of three QSLs I have from this Curacao Amateur, Joeke van der Velde, representing QSOs from 1969 through 1978. His signature also appears on cards for operations from the Red Cross station PJ2RC and his call is included on QSLs for several contest operations from Coral Cliffs along with visiting American operators during this period. One of just a few QSL designs that involve paintings or line drawings of life on Curacao: some of my favorites!
12/21/12	P42J	1983	Curacao QSL of the Day: P42J 1983. This is a special callsign used in contests by John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk) in the early to mid-1980s. During this period, Aruba was moving towards independence from the Netherlands Antilles, and was eventually assigned the "P4" block of callsigns. This ended the use of P42J on Curacao after the 1985 season, and John went back to using his famous PJ9JT callsign.
12/20/12	PJ9VR	1969	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9VR 1969. The PJ9 prefix was issued for a period in the 60s and 70s to non-Curacao Amateurs visiting or living on the island. I should point out that the graphical representation on this card is **not** to scale! While the island is small (38 miles long), none of the houses are quite that large.
12/19/12	PJ2FR	1979	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2FR 1979. A 75-meter Short Wave Listener (SWL) confirmation. I can say that the image is accurate WRT pileups from the DX side... All that's missing is a "pileup cop" standing next to the pileup wagging his finger and covering up the DX station sending "Up! Up!"
12/18/12	PJ2/KB7Q	2012	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/KB7Q 2012. The newest QSL from Curacao, showing one of the many beaches! Gene joined us from cold Montana for the 2012 CQWW CW Contest from PJ2T, and has posted a slideshow of his visit at https://picasaweb.google.com/geneshea/PJ2T#slideshow/5815949996080887346 .
12/17/12	PJ9EE	1975	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9EE 1975. Chet Brandon was the primary force in the trend of Curacao being a "radio contest destination" for Amateur Radio operators. In the 1960s, he built the Coral Cliffs Hotel at Santa Martha Bay, and developed the neighboring homes along the cliffs to the East. This included "House #1", built for John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT, which is now the Signal Point PJ2T contest station. Over the past 45 years, hundreds of Amateur operations have been undertaken from that hotel (later renamed Sunset Waters Beach Resort) and that house! More on Chet, Coral Cliffs Hotel, and the W1BIH/PJ9JT house on the PJ2T web site at http://www.pj2t.org/ccs/signal.point.home.htm .
12/16/12	PJ2/WX7P	2011	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/WX7P 2011. This view shows the Signal Point PJ2T US/JA tower, photographed from the top of the Europe tower by Jim W8WTS. Wilce WX7P may be better known as ex-KL7CQ, and is a member of the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame for his efforts in establishing the Volunteer Examiner program. Wilce is also remembered for his 1980s efforts to install large yagi antennas using a hot air balloon and helicopter in Alaska!

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12/15/12	PJ2/N1ZZ	2004	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/N1ZZ 2004. Dan, a long-time member of the Caribbean Contesting Consortium (CCC) - the club that has built and operates the Signal Point PJ2T station - has operated from the station many times. He has used QSL cards with at least three different QSL designs. He painted the watercolor that is the basis for this card, and one of his paintings hangs on the wall at Signal Point.
12/14/12	PJ5EE	1939	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ5EE 1939. The oldest Curacao QSL card I've seen (so far), and the only pre-WW2 one. Yes, the PJ5 prefix was issued to Amateurs in Curacao at one time, as have been PJ0, PJ1, PJ2, PJ3, and PJ9. Currently, PJ5 is assigned for use on the island of St. Eustatius, and only PJ2 callsigns are assigned on Curacao.
12/13/12	PJ2RC	1975	QSL of the Day: PJ2RC 1975. The Red Cross on Curacao is supported by VERONA, the Curacao national Amateur Radio club. Today, the VERONA club station shares a building in Willemstad with Red Cross, and has the callsign PJ2A. This QSO was made and QSLed by VERONA member Joeke PJ2VD (now PA0VDV, and currently visiting the island on vacation and active on-the-air operating as PJ2/PA0VDV).
12/12/12	PJ2RR	1974	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2RR 1974
12/11/12	PJ2/G0RTN	2006	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ2/G0RTN 2006. Gerry joined the PJ2T Team for the CQWW CW Contest in November 2007 (#4 World Multi-2). Here he is sitting in front of one of the much-photographed overlooks on the island, showing Santa Martha Bay from the road about 1/2-mile from the PJ2T station. — with Gerry Lynch .
12/10/12	PJ9JT	1971	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ9JT 1971. John Thompson W1BIH/PJ9JT (sk) was the original owner of what is now the Signal Point PJ2T house/station, shown here on the right. The single fold-over aluminum tower shown is still there, along with 100- and 80-foot towers installed by the Caribbean Contesting Consortium in 2001. These first two houses in the neighborhood were built by Chet Brandon PJ2CC, who also developed the neighboring Coral Cliffs Hotel (later Sunset Waters Beach Resort, now bankrupt and destroyed).
12/9/12	PJ3CD	1965	Curacao QSL of the Day: PJ3CD 1965. One of 287 different Amateur Radio QSL card images in my collection. The island of Curacao has had callsigns issued with prefixes PJ0, PJ2, PJ3, PJ5 and PJ9 at different times. Currently, only the 'PJ2' prefix is authorized.
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12/4/12	PJ2CQ	1967	One of the almost-300 QSL card designs I've collected from the island of Curacao. I learned from Brett PJ2BR that Dick Capriles PJ2CQ became a silent key just a month ago. This card records a QSO in 1967.