

In this issue, "NCJ Profiles" takes a brief snapshot of some of the competitors headed for Florianopolis, Brazil to compete in WRTC-2006. Competitors shown below are listed in alphabetical call sign order. Previous WRTC experience is listed for competitors and/or those who served in an official capacity such as organizing or refereeing/judging.



**Competitor: Bernd "Ben" Och, DL6FBL**  
WRTC-2006 team: +DL2CC  
Age: 39  
Year First Licensed: 1981  
Occupation: Owner, BOC Computersysteme GmbH  
Home: Fulda, Germany  
Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000, 2002.  
Memorable moment: CN8WW M/M World Champions 1999 + 2000, 9Y4ZC single op Assisted win SSB 2003 CW 2004.



K1DG (left) with N2NT.

**Competitor: Doug Grant, K1DG**  
WRTC-2006 team: +N2NT  
Age: 52  
Year First Licensed: 1967  
Occupation: Marketing Director, semiconductor company  
Home: Windham, NH, USA  
Previous WRTC experience: Competitor 1990, 1996, 2000, 2002.  
Memorable moment: Every contest is a great experience, but winning the gold at WRTC-1990 was the best.



**Competitor: Tonno Vahk, ES5TV**  
WRTC-2006 team: +ES2RR  
Age: 28  
Year First Licensed: 1992  
Occupation: Hedge Fund Manager  
Home: Jogeva, Estonia  
Previous WRTC experience: None  
Memorable moment: First 48 hour-awake contest—CQWW SSB 2003 SOAB. Sixty-five hours straight, including antenna work.



**Competitor: Jacques Saget, F6BEE**  
WRTC-2006 team: +W2GD  
Age: 52  
Year First Licensed: 1970  
Occupation: Electronics Engineer / Project Manager  
Home: 45 km SW of Paris, France  
Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000. Referee, 2002.  
Memorable moment: First contest plaque 1981. First time operating at a DX location, FY5KE WPX CW 2000



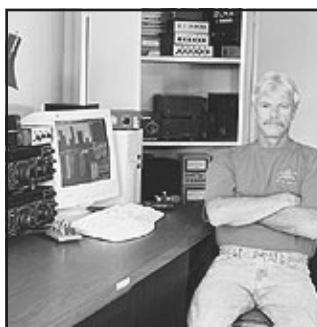
**Competitor: Tom Frenaye, K1KI**  
WRTC-2006 team: +K1ZM  
Age: 55  
Year First Licensed: 1964  
Occupation: Information Technology Consultant  
Home: West Suffield, CT, USA  
Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996, 2002. Referee, 2000.  
Memorable moment: Operating Field Day from Antarctica



**Competitor: Stefano Brioschi, IK2QE1**  
WRTC-2006 team: +IK2JUB  
Age: 33  
Year First Licensed: 1991  
Occupation: Networking System Engineer  
Home: Milan, Italy  
Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000, 2002.  
Memorable moment: IG9A CQWW SSB '99, CT9L M/2 WW CW 2003 World Record, SY8A, IR4T, TO1A etc...



**Competitor: Jeff Briggs, K1ZM**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +K1KI**  
**Age: 59**  
**Year First Licensed: 1958**  
**Occupation: Retired Banker**  
**Home: East Fishkill, NY, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: First USA East Coast station to work Japan long path on 160 meters at 2137Z on 12/25/96—JA1JRK**



**Competitor: Mike Gibson, KH6ND**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +K9PG**  
**Age: 52**  
**Year First Licensed: 1966**  
**Occupation: Communications**  
**Home: Oahu, HI, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: ARRL DX World Combined Plaque in the mail in 1981—wasn't even aware it existed!**



**Competitor: John T. Laney III, K4BAI**  
**Age: 64**  
**Year First Licensed: 1954**  
**Occupation: Judge - United States Bankruptcy Court**  
**Home: Columbus, GA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996, 2000, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Winning the Silver Medal (with W4AN as partner) at WRTC 96 in San Francisco.**



**Competitor: Dave Pascoe, KM3T**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +K5TR**  
**Age: 43**  
**Year First Licensed: 1980**  
**Occupation: Consultant**  
**Home: Leominster, MA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Referee, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Posting high claimed SOAB score in CQWW SSB 2005 from K5ZD**

**Competitor: George Fremin III, K5TR**  
*(photo unavailable)*  
**WRTC-2006 team: +KM3T**  
**Age: 41**  
**Year First Licensed: 1976**  
**Occupation: Computer support / information research**  
**Home: Johnson City, TX, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: There are many.**



**Competitor: Jeff Clarke, KU8E**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +K4BAI**  
**Age: 45**  
**Year First Licensed: 1976**  
**Occupation: IT application developer at AFLAC**  
**Home: Hamilton, GA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: WRTC-2006 will be the highlight of my contesting career.**



**Competitor: Randy Thompson, K5ZD**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +W2SC**  
**Age: 46**  
**Year First Licensed: 1973**  
**Occupation: Sales Manager**  
**Home: Uxbridge, MA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996, 2000, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Setting the CQWW CW USA SOAB record from my own station in 2000!**



**Competitor: Lucas Malorov LU1FAM**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +LU5DX**  
**Age: 24**  
**Year First Licensed: 1997**  
**Occupation: Employee of a Contact Center / Call Center services company**  
**Home: Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: A great USA pile up run on Top Band during ARRL CW 03 from LT1F**



**Competitor: Martin Monsalvo, LU5DX**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +LU1FAM**  
**Age: 33**  
**Year First Licensed: 1988**  
**Occupation: System Analyst**  
**Home: Lujan, Buenos Aires, Argentina**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000.**  
**Memorable moment: Sharing ARRL 10-Meter Contests with my (now 10 year-old) daughter Lucila at LT1F.**



**Competitor: Christo Ignatov, LZ3FN**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +LZ4AX**  
**Age: 35**  
**Year First Licensed: 1987**  
**Occupation: Doctor of dental surgery**  
**Home: Sofia, Bulgaria**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: My greatest contest moments are still in the future.**



**Competitor: Dave Mueller, N2NL**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +N6MJ**  
**Age: 35**  
**Year First Licensed: 1986**  
**Occupation: Chief Petty Officer, US Coast Guard**  
**Home: Novato, CA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2002**  
**Memorable moment: Competing in Finland at WRTC-2002.**



**Competitor: Dean Straw, N6BV**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +AG9A**  
**Age: 60**  
**Year First Licensed: 1959**  
**Occupation: Senior Assistant Technical Editor, ARRL**  
**Home: San Francisco, CA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Being part of Team Vertical at 6Y2A in CQ WW CW 1998**



**Competitor: Patrick Barkey, N9RV**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +K3LR**  
**Age: 51**  
**Year First Licensed: 1967**  
**Occupation: Economist**  
**Home: Albany, IN, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor 1996, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Seeing so many of the people I've worked in contests at Dayton and WRTCs**



**Competitor: Ward Silver, NOAX**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +KL9A**  
**Age: 51**  
**Year First Licensed: 1972**  
**Occupation: Writer, teacher, engineer, electrophilosopher**  
**Home: Vashon Island, WA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Organizing committee and station host, 1990. Referee 1996, 2000, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Operating QRP and snagging HZ1HZ out of a huge pileup with just the right timing.**

**Competitor: Juha Tuovinen, OH1JT (photo unavailable)**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +OH2IW**  
**Age: 43**  
**Year First Licensed: 1979**  
**Occupation: Unavailable**  
**Home: Helsinki, Finland**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996. Organizing committee, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment in contesting: Team "Paksalo Philharmonics" and the CQWW CW M/M EU wins + EU record at OH2U**



**Competitor: Pasi Luoma-aho, OH2IW**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +OH1JT**  
**Age: 46**  
**Year First Licensed: 1974**  
**Occupation: Training Manager at SysOpen Digia Plc**  
**Home: Espoo, Finland**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996. Organizing committee, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Team "Paksalo Philharmonics" and the CQWW CW M/M EU wins + EU record at OH2U**



**Competitor: Toni Lindén, OH2UA**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +OH4JFN**  
**Age: 26**  
**Year First Licensed: 1996**  
**Occupation: Military officer, signal corps**  
**Home: Helsinki, Finland**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Being called by P5/4L4FN in Scandinavian Activity Contest and moving him through 20/15/10 meters**



**Competitor: Marko Holmavuo, OH4JFN**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +OH2UA**  
**Age: 27**  
**Year First Licensed: 1993**  
**Occupation: Designer**  
**Home: Kuopio, Finland**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Winning M/M CQ WW CW (02) and SSB (04) with OH2U team using the EA8ZS call sign.**



**Competitor: Vitor Luis Aida dos Santos, PY2NY**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +PY2EMC**  
**Age: 40**  
**Year First Licensed: 1981**  
**Occupation: Public service – local justice court**  
**Home: Jaboticabal, SP, Brazil**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000.**  
**Memorable contest moment: This was my best ham radio moment!**



**Competitor: Jiri Kral, OK2RZ**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +OL5Y**  
**Age: 59**  
**Year First Licensed: 1967**  
**Occupation: Retired from my own company (PRINTO Ltd.)**  
**Home: Ostrava, Czech Republic**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Referee, 2000.**  
**Memorable moment: First night during CQ WW CW 2004 on 80 meters. 7 hours = 950 Qs.**



**Competitor: Max Pustovit, RV3BA**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +RA3CO**  
**Age: 29**  
**Year First Licensed: 1992**  
**Occupation: Radio communication**  
**Home: Moscow, Russia**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Russian DX Contest 2005 at EX9A, where I made 271 QSOs in the first hour**



**Competitor: Marin Huml, OK1FUA (OL5Y)**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +OK2RZ**  
**Age: 37**  
**Year First Licensed: 1984**  
**Occupation: CFO & CIO**  
**Home: Prague, Czech Republic**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000**  
**Memorable moment: Winning the IARU HF World Championship mixed mode 2003**



**Competitor: Roman Thomas, RZ3AA**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +UA9AM**  
**Age: 47**  
**Year First Licensed: 1975**  
**Occupation: Managing director of manufacturing and development**  
**Home: Moscow, Russia**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Referee, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: None**



**Competitor: Franc Bogataj, S59AA**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +S5ØA**  
**Age: 70**  
**Year First Licensed: 1950**  
**Occupation: Radio engineer (retired)**  
**Home: Ljubljana, Slovenia**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Referee, 1996. Organizing committee, 2000. Competitor, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: None**



**Competitor: Kazimierz Drzewiecki, SP2FAX**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +SP7GIQ**  
**Age: 52**  
**Year First Licensed: 1968**  
**Occupation: Chemist**  
**Home: Kolaczkowo, Poland**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: 2002 when propagation in Poland permitted me to make 5000 NA QSOs with rate of 277.**



**Competitor: Krzysztof Sobon, SP7GIQ**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +SP2FAX**  
**Age: 50**  
**Year First Licensed: 1972**  
**Occupation: Electrical engineer**  
**Home: Lask, Poland**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: First serious effort with 4 element quad on 40 meters during CQWW CW 1995. First place in EU.**



**Competitor: Tine J. Brajnik, S5ØA**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +S59AA**  
**Age: 57**  
**Year First Licensed: 1963**  
**Occupation: Government employee**  
**Home: Ljubljana, Slovenia**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1990, 2002. Referee, 1996. Organizing committee president, 2000.**  
**Memorable moment: Deciding to organize WRTC-2000 in Slovenia.**



**Competitor: Yuri Kurinyi, UA9AM**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +RZ3AA**  
**Age: 51**  
**Year First Licensed: 1972**  
**Occupation: Owner of a professional HF, VHF & UHF radio systems firm**  
**Home: Chelyabinsk, Asiatic Russia**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1990.**  
**Memorable moment: My first child, Alexey, was born in the middle of 1976 CQ WW SSB.**



**Competitor: Teemu S. Korhonen, SMØW**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +OZ1AA**  
**Age: 23**  
**Year First Licensed: 1996**  
**Occupation: Student**  
**Home: Stockholm, Sweden**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Videographer for official video, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Operating CQ WW SSB single band 80 meters with a 3 element Yagi**



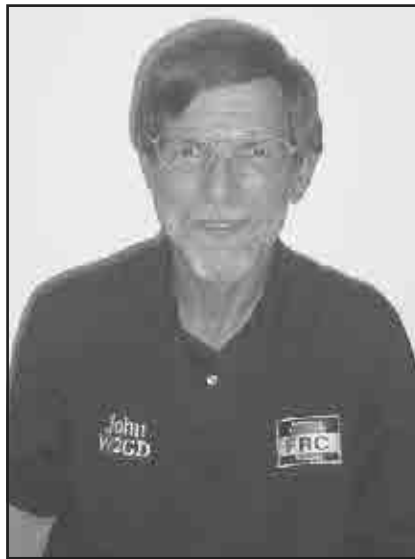
**Competitor: Yuri Onipko, UT4UZ (VE3DZ)**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +UT5UGR**  
**Age: 45**  
**Year First Licensed: 1977**  
**Occupation: Technician**  
**Home: Toronto, ON, Canada**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996, 2000, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Operating CQ WW Contests from Zone 2 and other DX locations...**



**Competitor: John Sluymer, VE3EJ**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +VE7ZO**  
**Age: 51**  
**Year First Licensed: 1972**  
**Occupation: Broadcast Consulting (semi-retired)**  
**Home: Grassie, ON, Canada**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor 1996, 2000, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Operating 3 previous WRTC events with VE7ZO representing Canada has been a huge privilege.**



**Competitor: Jim Roberts, VE7ZO**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +VE3EJ**  
**Age: 54**  
**Year First Licensed: 1967**  
**Occupation: Sales Manager**  
**Home: Atlanta, GA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996, 2000, 2002.**  
**Memorable moment: Dismantling and re-erecting the triband beam and tower at OJ5A Friday night.**



**Competitor: John Crovelli, W2GD**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +F6BEE**  
**Age: 57**  
**Year First Licensed: 1961**  
**Occupation: Self Employed – Mgmt. Consulting, Antenna and Tower**  
**Home: Solebury, PA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 1996, 2000.**  
**Memorable moment: Induction into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, 1999.**



**Competitor: David C. Hodge, XE1NTT**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +XE1KK**  
**Age: 51**  
**Year First Licensed: 1969**  
**Occupation: TV Maintenance Engineer**  
**Home: Pasadena, CA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Realizing I have been contesting for more than 30 years!**



**Competitor: Tom Georgens, W2SC**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +K5ZD**  
**Age: 46**  
**Year First Licensed: 1974**  
**Occupation: Manager**  
**Home: Danville, CA, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Winning CQWW SSB SOAB World in 2001**



**Competitor: Ramon Santoyo V., XE1KK**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +XE1NTT**  
**Age: 46**  
**Year First Licensed: 1979**  
**Occupation: Real estate developer**  
**Home: Mexico City, Mexico**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Working someone you personally know on the other side of the world is always exciting!**



**Competitor: Girts Budis, YL2KL**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +YL1ZF**  
**Age: 49**  
**Year First Licensed: 1975**  
**Occupation: General manager in a veterinary pharmaceuticals company**  
**Home: Ainazi, Latvia**  
**Previous WRTC experience: Competitor 2002. Referee, 2000.**  
**Memorable moment: Winning the ARRL CW 2005 SOABHP(A) from Tobago 9Y4W.**



**Competitor: Ann M. Santos, WA1S**  
**WRTC-2006 team: +P43E**  
**Age: 45**  
**Year First Licensed: 1979**  
**Occupation: Electronics Engineer**  
**Home: Milford, NH, USA**  
**Previous WRTC experience: None**  
**Memorable moment: Being the first woman to win a major category in CQWW (SOLP USA SSB 1997).**





Competitor: Andy Ruse, YO3JR (YR1A)  
 WRTC-2006 team: +YO9GZU  
 Age: 26  
 Year First Licensed: 1995  
 Occupation: Psychologist  
 Home: Bucharest, Romania  
 Previous WRTC experience: None  
 Memorable moment: Generating and managing pile-up in CQ WW CW/SSB is the ultimate challenge for me

Competitor: Tibi Tebelca, YO9GZU (YR1Z)  
 WRTC-2006 team: +YO3JR  
 Age: 23  
 Year First Licensed: 1999  
 Occupation: Medical student, Carol Davila University, Bucharest  
 Home: Pucioasa, DB, Romania  
 Previous WRTC experience: None  
 Memorable moment: Receiving QTCs in WAE DX Contests

Left to right: YO9GZU, YO3CTK and YO3JR.



YT6A with his son.

Competitor: Ranko Boca, YT6A  
 WRTC-2006 team: +YT6T  
 Age: 45  
 Year First Licensed: 1981  
 Occupation: Telecommunication engineer.  
 Home: Herceg Novi, Montenegro, Serbia & Montenegro  
 Previous WRTC experience: Referee, 2000.  
 Memorable moment: Founder of SKY Contest Club and organizer of many contest DXpeditions in past years.



5B4AFM (left) with 5B4WN

Competitor: Stavros Tsiakkouris, 5B4AFM  
 WRTC-2006 team: +5B4WN  
 Age: 29  
 Year First Licensed: 1994  
 Occupation: Graduate student, Electrical & Computer Engineering  
 Home: Nicosia, Cyprus  
 Previous WRTC experience: None  
 Memorable moment: Winning CQ WW is my dream.

Competitor: Marios Nicolau, 5B4WN  
 WRTC-2006 team: +5B4AFM  
 Age: 33  
 Year First Licensed: 1988  
 Occupation: MD/Medical Research  
 Home: Nicosia, Cyprus and London, UK  
 Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000 and 2002.  
 Memorable moment: Winning Asia in CQ WW SSB 2003



Competitor: Bernie van der Walt, ZS4TX  
 WRTC-2006 team: +N2IC  
 Age: 40  
 Year First Licensed: 1983  
 Occupation: Director of Telecommunications Company  
 Home: Bloemfontein, Republic of South Africa  
 Previous WRTC experience: Competitor, 2000, 2002.  
 Memorable moment: CQWW, every time a ZL calls in over the long path (or any path!).