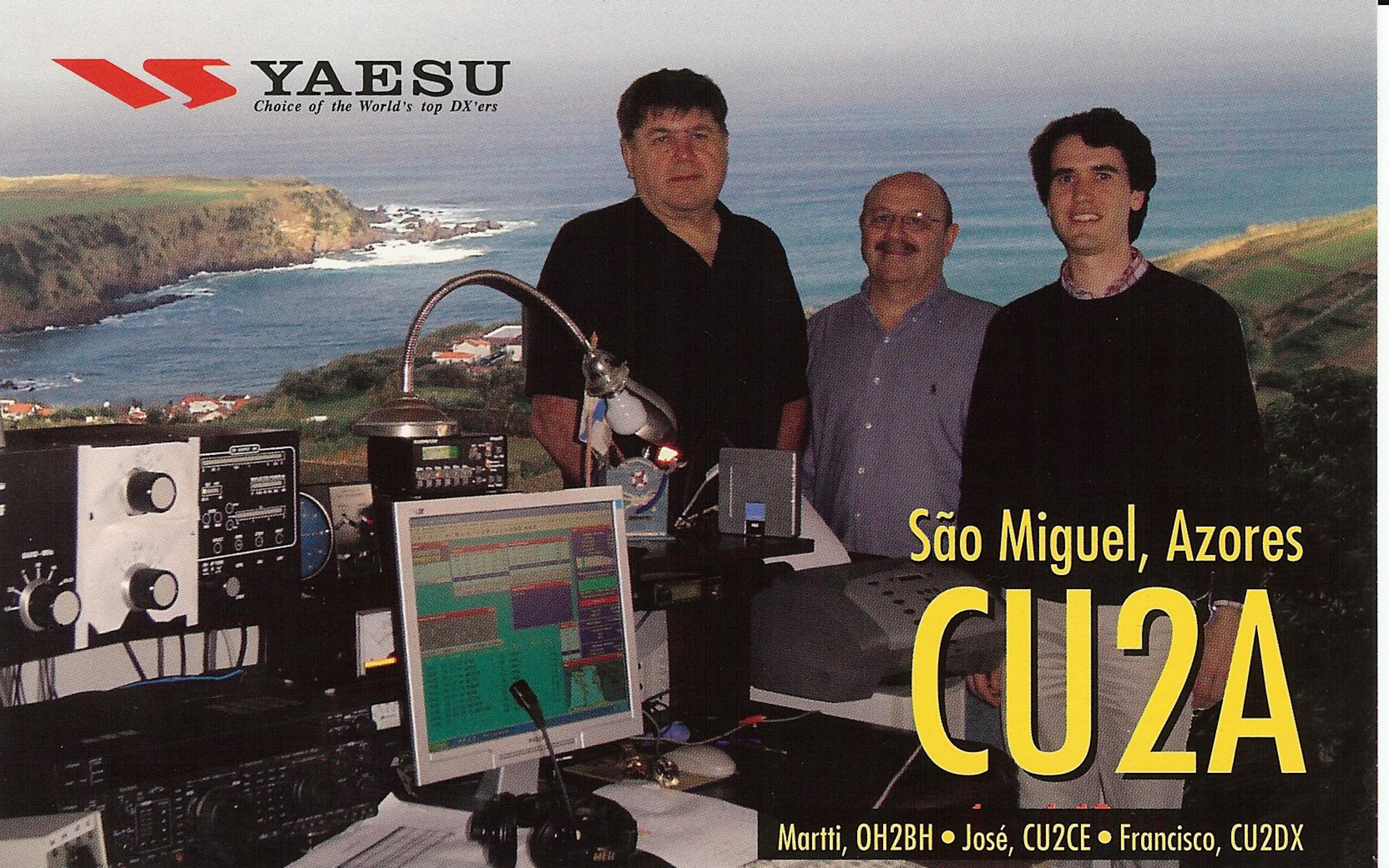




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São Miguel, Azores

**CU2A**

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## IT WAS A ROARING SUCCESS FOR THE FIRST RACING YEAR

One cannot be more fortunate than us with our case in the Azores. Two prominent, internationally minded hams were all in favor of teaming up with us. They saw the value of cooperation with a distant land such as Finland. Fernando, CU2BV, Finland's Honorary Consul in the Azores, naturally saw the benefits in the context of his high office and stepped forth along with always energetic Jose, CU2CE to make things jell.

The Azores—Finland Friendship Consortium was founded in 2005 with a clear mission: apply a true Ham Spirit and enjoy good Amateur Radio camaraderie while utilizing the latest contesting technology over the beautiful Azores landscape, a most western point of Europe.

The year 2006 saw the first full season of racing at CU2A. Not yet with full capacity but getting familiar with the true potential of the Azores. No doubt CU-land is scoring high in the races with U.S. dominance while the balance between East and West is not ideal — it is hard to catch volume or multipliers out in the East.

### The 2006/2007 results from Europe:

1: In January 2006, Martti, OH2BH won the **CQ 160M CW Contest** with a new European record. That record was smashed in 2007 placing Martti on a par with the 160M Contest world winner.

2: In March 2006, Toni, OH2UA outdid the **ARRL DX Contest** European CW record, with 10M practically closed. In the 2007 ARRL SSB Contest the team CU2CE, CU2DX and OH2BH won the SSB part from Europe in the single transmitter category.

3: In May 2006, Pertti, OH2PM piloted CU2A to a new European record in the **WPX CW** part while struggling with several technical issues, including a burnt 40M beam trap.

4: Finally, Toni, OH2UA raced in the 2006 **CQWW SSB** and **CQWW CW** Contests racking up Europe's winning all-band scores in both plus a new European CW record.

To Radio:

# KI4QCS

I'm happy to confirm the following 2-way Qso(s):

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## THE AZORES-FINLAND FRIENDSHIP CONSORTIUM – CU2A

**Fernando Taveres, CU2BV**

**Jose Melo, CU2CE**

**Francisco Gil, CU2DX**

**Paula Melo, CU2YL**

**Martti Laine, OH2BH**

**Pertti Simovaara, OH2PM**

**Toni Linden, OH2UA**

**Leena Laine, OH2BE**

### Equipment:

**2x Yaesu FT-1000MP Field, 2x OM2500**

**Antennas: SteppIR (2) & 40M Cushcraft 2-L, 160/80M L-antenna**

We are busy adjusting to new FT2000 engines for 2007, and SteppIR has also urged us to improve our firepower at the tower. We are obliged to our supporters, Yaesu and SteppIR, for their continuing support of our efforts.