

SLSRC Back to the Basics- 4th Session

Confirming QSOs, QSL Cards, LOTW, eQSLs, etc."

Open discussion...questions, comments, at any time



SLSRC January Meeting on the 19th due to Winterfest on the 27th

Advance tickets can be purchased for a \$2.00 savings (\$8 vs \$10) (deadline midnight January 25)

Tables available online for \$30 per table

Doors open at 8 AM

2 Forums: 10 AM and 11:30 AM

VE testing by Cliff Cave VE team (8:30 AM)

Winterfest.slsrc.org



SLSRC Back to Basics October 2017- March 2018

- October- Tech Privileges and setting up your first VHF/UHF station.
- November- Repeater usage and checking into nets.
- December-My first HF radio, Calling CQ, Modes and Operating procedures, HF antennas and coax.
- January- QSOs and QSL cards, etc
- February- Emergency Communications and Public Service
- March- Other aspects/modes of Amateur Radio

All Back to Basics PowerPoint Presentions, and video of HF session can be viewed at

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What is a QSO?





- "QSL"is a telegrapher's shorthand for:
- "I acknowledge receipt of your message or transmission."
- A QSL card is written confirmation or acknowledgment of a contact.
- Stations who have made a contact are said to have "worked" each other.







Why should a QSO be confirmed?





Think of a QSL card as a "Thank you note" to the person/station with whom you "worked."



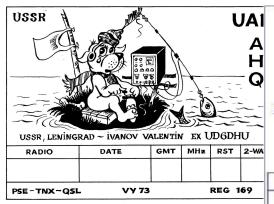




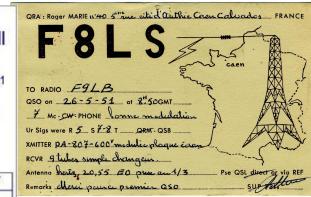
Other reasons to confirm a QSO?

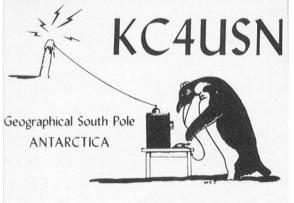
- 1. **Awards** QSL cards serve as proof of a two way contact needed for certain awards.
- 2. **Tradition** Exchanging QSL cards has been a long tradition in ham radio and it is fun to get cards from other contacted hams.

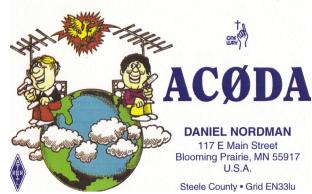














"Real" QSL Cards



Displaying QSL Cards

Albums	Wall Hangers	Display Boards	Frames
Show by band, mode, award	 Easy to hang and change cards 	Great for presentations or shows	Display special cards or events
Easy to carry to meetings or conventions	Minimal attachment to walls		
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More Real QSL Cards







Doug Gehring and his Wall of QSL Cards











Ordering your Personal QSL Card

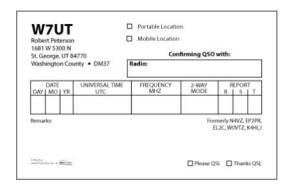
- http://www.eham.net/reviews/products/23
- www.cheapqsls.com (California 5.0/5.0)
- Kb3ifh.homestead.com (Maryland 5.0/5.0)
- www.k4jsg.co (Virginia 5.0/5.0)
- http://thesignman.com/qsl/ (Louisiana 5.0/5.0)
- <u>UX5UO world of QSLs (Ukraine 5.0/5.0)</u>
- Google and eBay search



Information on a QSL Card

- 1. Call Sign
- 2. Location
- 3. Time and Date
- 4. Frequency
- 5. Mode
- 6. Signal Report

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Additional (Optional) Information

- 1. Club Membership
- 2. Organization affiliations
- 3. Email address
- 4. Awards earned
- 5. Previous call signs held



More Additional Information

IF you make a mistake when filling out a QSL card, throw it away and start over.

Crossed outr out or written over information will disqualify any card being submitted towards an award.



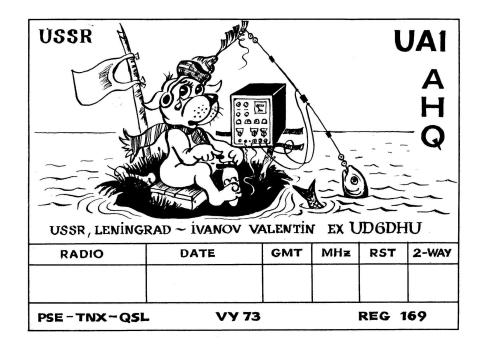
PSE QSL TNX





Circle "QSL TNX" to indicate that you are answering a QSL: "Thanks for QSL"

Circle "**PSE QSL**" to indicate that you are requesting a QSL: "Please QSL"







- Religious or political statements
- Risque pictures, drawings, remarks, or humor
- Anything that could generally be offensive



How do you send QSL Cards?



Your personal "paper" QSL card

- 1.Mail it directly to the person/station you worked.
- a. Nice to include a stamp for postage
- Not necessary, but will probably increase the likelihood of you receiving one in return.
- 2.Use QRZ for address. (Many foreign stations are included on QRZ)





ARRL QSL Service

Since it's official formation in November 1976, tens of millions of QSL cards have been shipped from the ARRL headquarters to Amateur Radio QSL bureaus of other national societies worldwide.

Incoming QSL Service. The incoming QSL service acts as a central clearing house for QSL cards arriving from foreigh countries. The outgoing service is for ARRL members who wish to have their QSL cards sent to contacts.

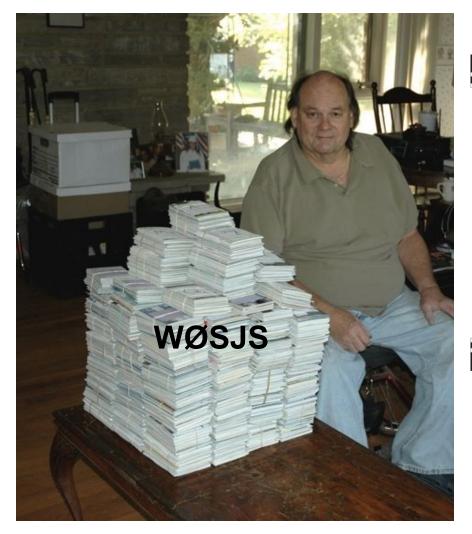
www.arrl.org/qsl-service for much more information about their service

Minus				
Not "time sensitive" AKA SLOOOOW Not all DX use the Bureau				



ARRL Headquarters- over 1 million cards processed each year





ARRL Official Relay Station



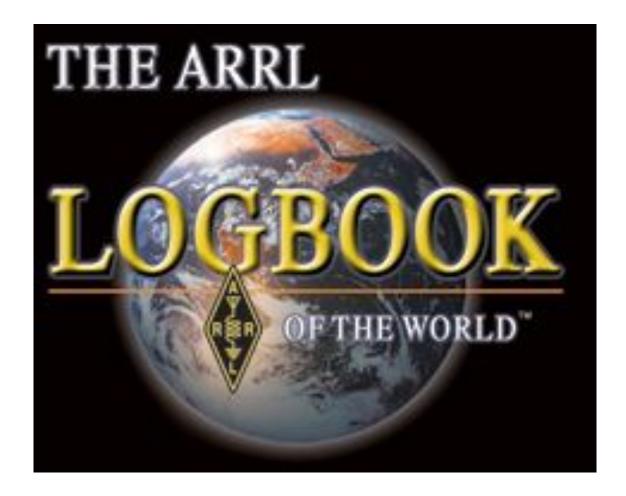
The American Radio Relay League













Logbook of the World (LoTW)

- ARRL's LoTW system is a repository of log records submitted by users from around the world.
- When both participants in a QSO submit matching QSO responds to LoTW, the result is a QSL that can be used for ARRL award credit.
- To minimize the chance of fraudulent submissions, all QSA records must be digitally signed using a digital certificate obtained from ARRL.
- LoTW uses software called TQSL. (http://www.arrl.org/tqsl-download)
 - TQSL works with Windows, Mac OS and Linux and is FREE to download
- LoTW is <u>FREE</u> to all radio amateurs around the world. ARRL membership is <u>not</u> required.
- LoTW does not replace QSL collecting. (ARRL QSL Bureau is still a member benefit)



Logbook of the World (LoTW)

Logbook of the World (LoTW) is an online service that enables you to

- Electronically submit contacts (QSOs) for confirmation
- View your submitted QSOs and resulting confirmations online
- View your <u>DXCC</u>, <u>VUCC</u>, <u>WAS</u>, <u>WAZ</u> and <u>WPX</u> award progress online
- Electronically submit confirmations for <u>credit</u> toward DXCC, VUCC, WAS, WAZ and WPX awards

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The wait is over! After weeks of beta testing, the ARRL launched the integration of Logbook of The World (LoTW) -- its electronic confirmation system -- with *CQ*Magazine's Worked All Prefixes (WPX) Award on Monday, July 2. The WPX Award is the first of the *CQ*-sponsored awards that LoTW will support. More than 51,000 radio amateurs worldwide use Logbook of The World, and there are currently almost 432 million QSOs in the LoTW system.

The VHF/UHF Century Club (VUCC) is awarded for contact with a minimum number of Maidenhead 2 degrees by 1 degree grid locators per band as indicated below. Grid locators are designated by a combination of two letters and two numbers. More information on grid locators can be found in January 1983 QST, pp 49-51 (reprint available upon request. Send a 9 × 12-inch SASE with 3 units of postage). The ARRL World Grid Loca

Logbook of the World to Add Support for CQ WAZ Award

12/14/2017

Participants in *CQ* magazine's Worked All Zones (**WAZ**) award program will soon be able to use the Logbook of the World (**LoTW**) system of ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio, to apply for the WAZ award and its endorsements, both ARRL and *CQ* announced on December 14.

Amateur Radio operators will be able to use LoTW logs to generate lists of confirmed contacts to be submitted for WAZ credit. Standard LoTW credit fees and separate *CQ* award fees will apply.



Electronic QSL (LoTW)

Log Book of The World

www.lotw.arrl.org

http://www.arrl.org/quick-start

- LoTW is a tool to confirm contacts and use the confirmations as credit toward awards.
 - Membership in the ARRL is not a requirement.
- To use LoTW, <u>download the free TQSL application</u> and direct it to request participation. You'll be issued a unique <u>Callsign Certificate</u>, and provided with access to an <u>LoTW Account</u> via the world wide web.
- After you're registered, you can submit QSOs to LoTW by either using <u>TQSL</u> to <u>digitally sign</u> those QSOs and convey them to LoTW via the internet, or by using <u>one of the many logging applications</u> that provide this capability.
- If the information in a submitted QSO matches the information submitted to LoTW by the your QSO partner, the LoTW
 Accounts of both you and your QSO partner will show the submitted QSO as confirmed.



https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/



Advantages

- Fast upload
- Secure
- Apply for awards online
- Upload feature built in on some logging programs

Disadvantages

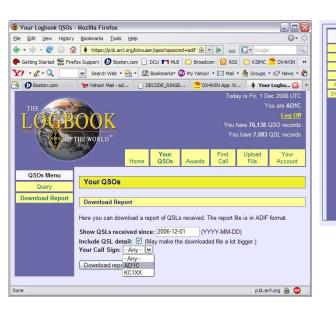
- Only matches QSO with other LOTW users
- No "Real" QSL card to display

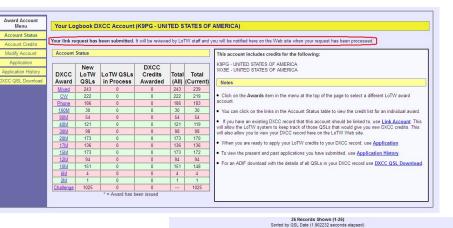


What can I do with LoTW?

- Apply for awards
- Track DXCC credits
- View DXCC matrix
- Track WAS Credits
- Search QSOs and QSLs
- View QSL Details







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eQSL (www.eQSL.cc)

eQSL is a <u>free</u> online service that lets you exchange electronic QSL cards with other amateurs that you have worked. Some amateurs collect paper QSL cards, but others prefer the immediacy of getting an electronic QSL card. It is faster and cheaper. (Can't beat free)





Why do we need Electronic QSL cards?

- Conventional QSL cards take time to write out
- Conventional QSL cards cost money to print and mail
- You have to wait a long time to get a conventional QSL card in the mail
- If your QTH or other fixed data change, you have to reprint the cards
- Rare DX stations would much rather use electronic QSL cards

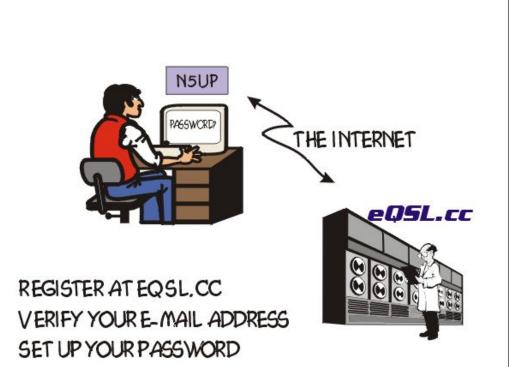


Step1

- <u>Step 1</u> Register
- Step 2 Design eQSL
- <u>Step 3</u> Verify Identity
- <u>Step 4</u> QSO
- Step 5 Upload Log to OutBox
- Step 6 Automatic Transfer
- Step 7 Details of Transfer
- Step 8 Retrieve from InBox

How?

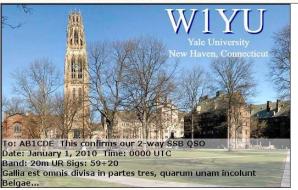
Go to Register on the Home Page





What does an eQSL card look like?









When printed, the card will typically be about the same size as a conventional QSL card, as long as you don't change the dimensions of the browser box to make it too wide or too high.

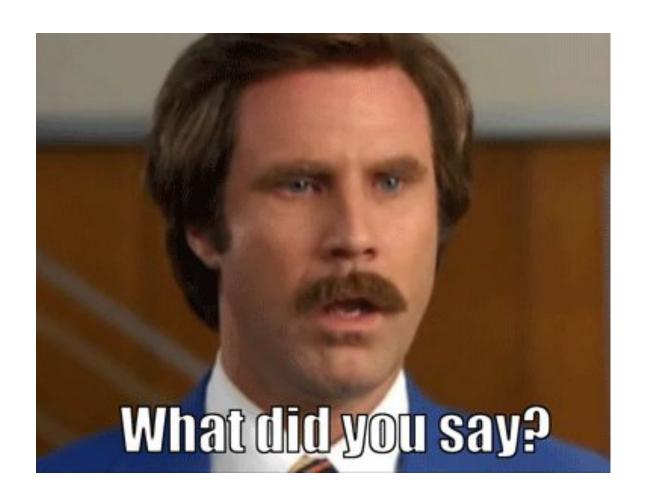


Technical information about eQSL

The Application server has dual hex-core 2GHz Xeon processors, 64-bit Windows server OS, 32GB of RAM, 4 each 500GB disks in RAID 10 and a Terabyte backup disk. The Database Server has dual hex-core 2GHz Xeon processors, 64-bit Windows server OS, 32GB of RAM, 4 each 1.7TB solid state disks in RAID 10 and a 4 Terabyte local backup disk. Collectively, these two servers are able to handle over 99.6% of all database requests directly from memory without requiring a disk access, and can handle over 200 simultaneous user connections with less than 5% of the processor resources, generally resulting in an overall average of less than 3 second response times for most pages.

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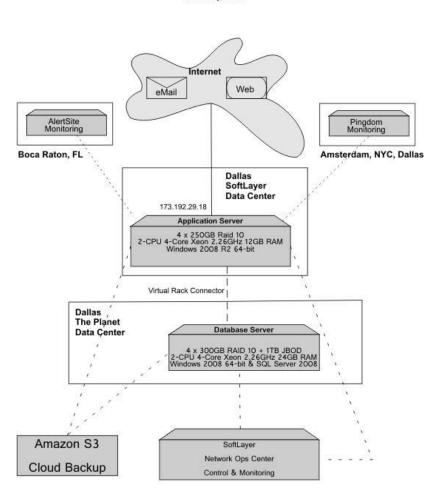






eQSL Server Farm

as of July, 2012



All our servers utilize RAID 10 arrays of fault-tolerant disks. This means we have multiple disks doing the job of 1, providing redundancy and faster access to data. Database transaction logs are backed up locally every hour, and full or differential database backups are made locally onto separate disks every 6 hours. In the event of a natural disaster (tornadoes, explosions, terrorist attacks), we have an automated cloud backup using an offsite facility that stores copies of both servers and updates them frequently as a last-chance disaster recovery method. Our servers are monitored around the clock by several different automated monitoring systems in different parts of the world. Any outage automatically triggers a multi-tier support system. The first notification occurs within seconds of a web server or mail server failure and will be detected by on-premises monitors as well as remote monitors in other parts of the world. The data center NOC is notified on a monitoring screen, and the webmaster is notified by text message (SMS). If nothing is corrected within 30 minutes, NOC personnel begin calling a series of phone numbers for the webmaster, backup support personnel, and Advisory Board members. Between the many Advisory Board members around the world, someone is usually on the system and can notify the webmaster by cellphone whenever something unusual occurs that might not be considered a server failure, but which affects the usability of the system and needs to be addressed.





Comments/Suggestions



Logging Programs

- http://www.eham.net/reviews/products/27
- https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/SubmitLoggingApp/
- http://www.n3fjp.com/
- MacLoggerDX (http://www.dogparksoftware.com/MacLoggerDX.html)
- Ham Radio Deluxe 5





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