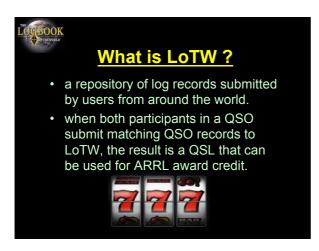


What is Logbook of The World (LoTW)?

An exciting way for Radio
Amateurs to confirm two way
contacts they have made and
use the confirmations as
credit toward various awards





How popular is it?

- Commenced 15 Sept 2003
- 585,062,626 QSO's entered onto system
- 85,559,919 QSL records have resulted
- 99,927 users registered
- SWL reports NO
- Contesters
- 1 in 3 QSOs



Is LoTW Secure?

 to minimize the chance of fraudulent submissions to LoTW, all QSO records <u>must be digitally signed</u> using a digital certificate obtained from ARRL....





Is LoTW Secure?

- · Double blind comparison
- All files uploaded to LoTW are electronically signed by verified users (via TQSL)
- Users cannot see what others have uploaded....
- ·unless there is a matched QSO

What constitutes a QSO match?

- To match, the 2 QSO records (yours and the other station's) must have:
 - o Ca
 - o Same mode group o e.g. SSB & PHONE match
 - o The date/time
 - o Same within 30 minutes
 - o Must be in UTC





What about software?

- LoTW uses <u>FREE</u> software called TQSL.
- TQSL is free to download and use.
- TQSL works with:
 - Microsoft Windows (95 / 98 / Me / NT /2000 / XP / Vista / Windows 7/ Windows 8)
 - o Mac OS X
 - o Linux





What about software?

- Convert a log file (in ADIF₁ or Cabrillo₂ format) into a file of digitally signed QSO data, ready for submission to LoTW
- · TQSL previously contained 2 programs:
 - o TQSL-Cert (listing your certs) &
 - TQSL (for signing files)
 - Latest version TQSL 2.0.1
 - o released April 2014
 - o Version 2 Major changeS
- Single program
 - o Formerly 2 separate programs
- 1. Amateur Data Interchange format (ADIF)





How much does it cost?

- LoTW is <u>FREE</u> to all radio amateurs around the world.
 - o No charge for digital certificates
 - No charge for submitting log data
- Membership in ARRL is <u>not</u> required for awards (outside of USA).
- Users may upload logs and view data anytime with no charges or fees.



What About Application Fees?

- When applying for awards users pay the appropriate application fees and QSO fees.3
- This is no different than when making a paper application for an award.
- vary depending on how many credits you buy at one time.

 (0.12 USD)





How is LoTW different from e-QSL or other online QSL services ?

- Because LoTW uses private key public key encryption technology, users are verified and data uploaded to the system is secure.
- LoTW is constantly comparing uploaded data for matches.
- There are no paper cards printed that have the potential to be altered.

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

How Do I Get Started?

- 1. Download & install the software
- 2. Request a certificate for your callsign
- 3. Authenticate your location
- 4. Accept your Callsign certificate (TQ6 file)
- 5. Create a station location
- 6. Sign Upload Your Log Files via the Internet













Trusted QSL Icon on desktop TQSL is where you will manage all LOTW functions including call sign certificates, station locations, & signing/uploading your log files.



What is a Callsign certificate?

- a unique file issued by the ARRL to a user
- · used to digitally sign a log file
- · thereby confirming its authenticity
- · Valid for 3 years.
 - Need to renew your certificate
 - Use TQSL menu 'Renew certificate'
- Part of the overall plan for maintaining security/integrity

Callsign Certificate

- Unique digital signatures
- · Must match each other



Callsign Certificate

- Certificate request (TQ5) file) sent to ARRL
- · Answered with a TQ6 file
- When TQ6 files is loaded into TQSL you have your certificate (indicated by gold ribbon next to your call sign)
- Used to electronically to sign your log files



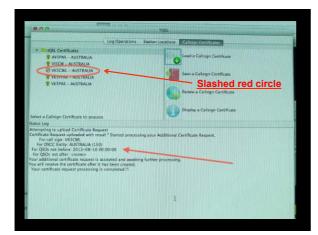
Request a Callsign certificate

- A simple process of entering some basic information.
 - o e.g. call sign, name & address, e-mail address
- · Callsign Certificate
 - Request a New Callsign Certificate



Callsign Certificate

- Name & address
- Next....
- E-mail address
 - You will receive your TQ6 certificate file, username and password in an e-mail
- Next
- Password (Optional)...public computer
- Next....
- Upload certificate request to LOTW server



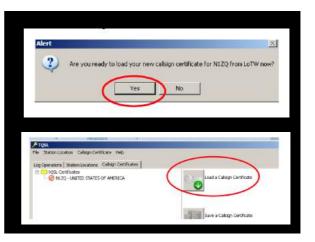
3. Authenticate your location (Non USA) (1st ever request)

- Mail to ARRL....
- Proof of amateur radio licence
 - photocopy
- Copy of an official identification document
 - o e.g. drivers licence, passport
 - o Only 1 required



4. Accept Your Call Sign Certificate (TQ6 file)

- At this stage you have.....
 - o Received an e-mail from LOTW
 - o containing TQ6 file
 - o with instructions
 - o Username (your call sign)
 - o Password to log onto the LOTW user page



5. Create a Station location

- Contains all of the geographic information for your operation
- Includes ITU & CQ zones
- If you operated from an IOTA island
- Please be accurate & complete

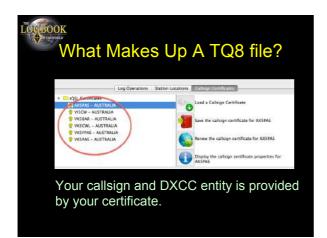
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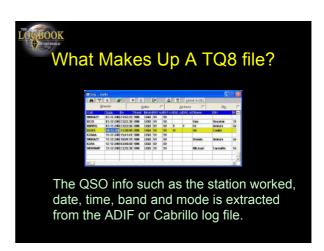
6. Sign And Upload Your Log

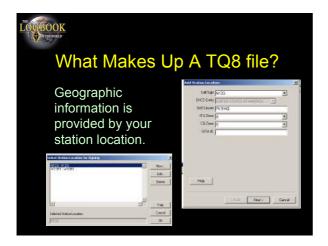
- Trusted QSL files
- LoTW will digitally sign ADIF and Cabrillo files.
- · Creates TQ8 file









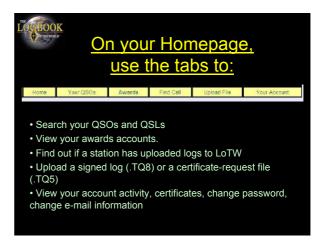


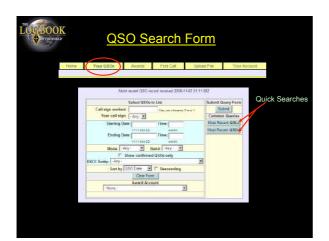


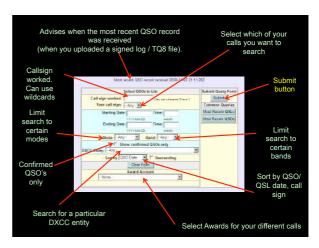


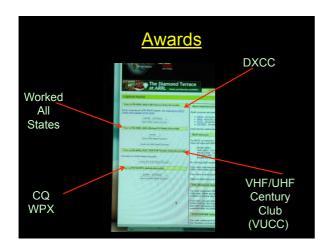






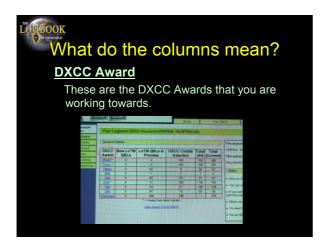






<u>Awards</u>

- Award accounts are created either automatically as needed or when you create them....
 - o DXCC created automatically
 - o Worked All States created by you
 - o VUCC created by you
 - o CQ WPX created by you

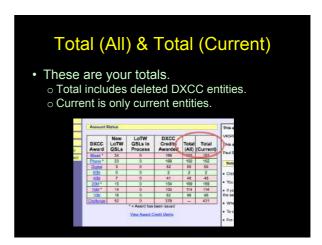


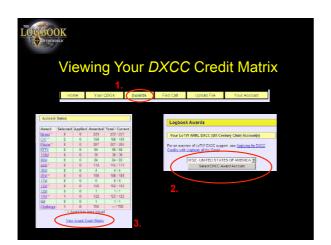
LoTW QSLs in Process

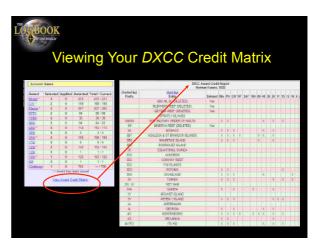
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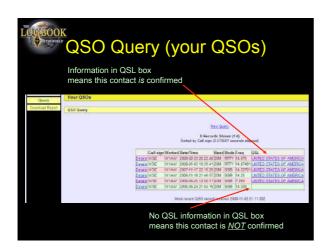
They are processed and will appear in your Awarded column after your applications have been processed (credits you have not yet paid for).

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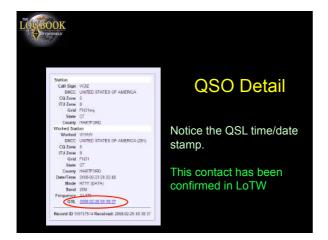


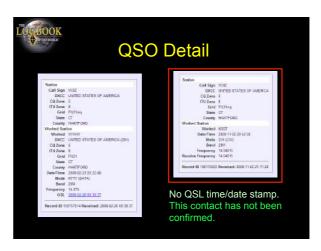


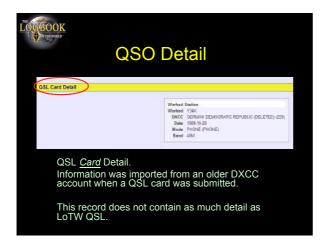


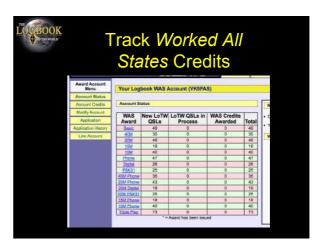


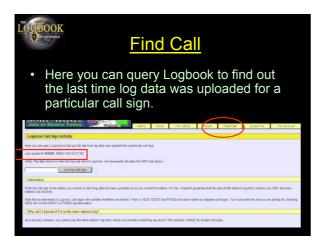




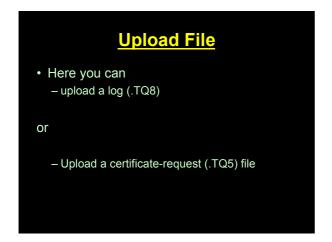


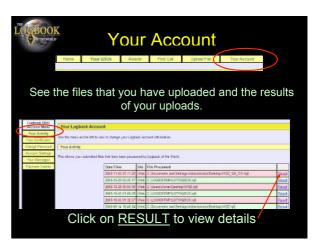


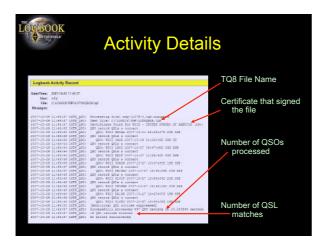


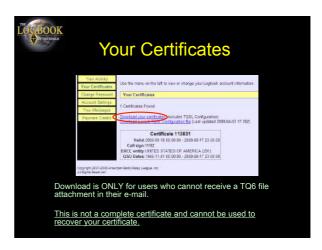




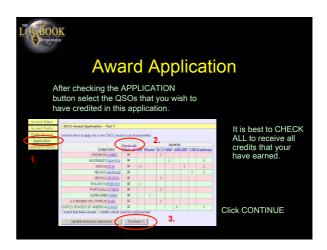


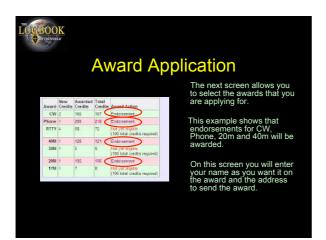














Fees • LoTW QSL record – used to claim award credit • \$0.12 (USD) • Application Fee • \$5.00 (USD) • Certificate Fee • \$16.50 The specific fees charged for using Logbook data for awards vary depending on how many credits you buy at one time.

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