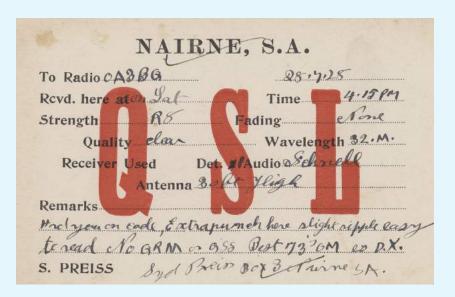
# QSL CARDS









### BY PAUL VK5PAS

### A little bit about me

- married to Marija (VK5MAZ)
- 2 children & 2 grandchildren
- Retired Detective
- avid SWL as a teenager
- licenced in June 2010 VK5FPAS
- upgraded 12 months later VK5PAS
- abt 110,000 QSOs
- card checker for ARRL
- card checker for CQ
- WWFF National Co-Ordinator – VK & ZL
- former WIA Director





# My QTH – South Australia













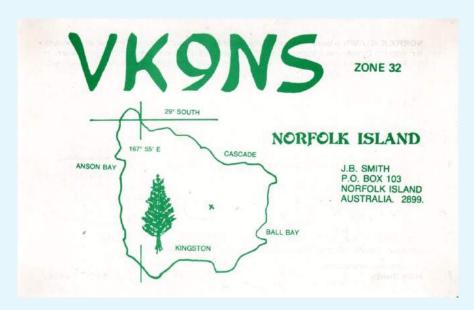


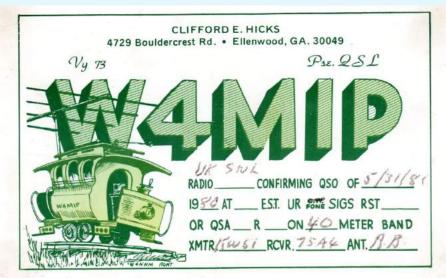


## What is an amateur radio QSL card?

 a documented confirmation of a contact with another amateur radio station

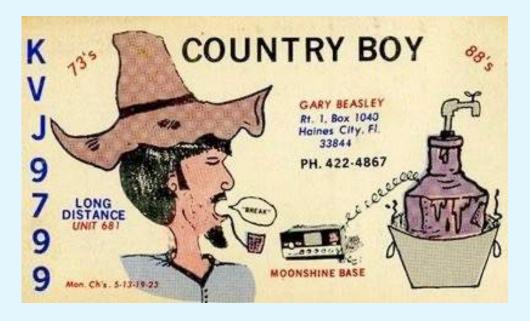






# QSL cards also used by.....

- CB radio operators
- Short Wave Listeners (SWL)
- Broadcast stations

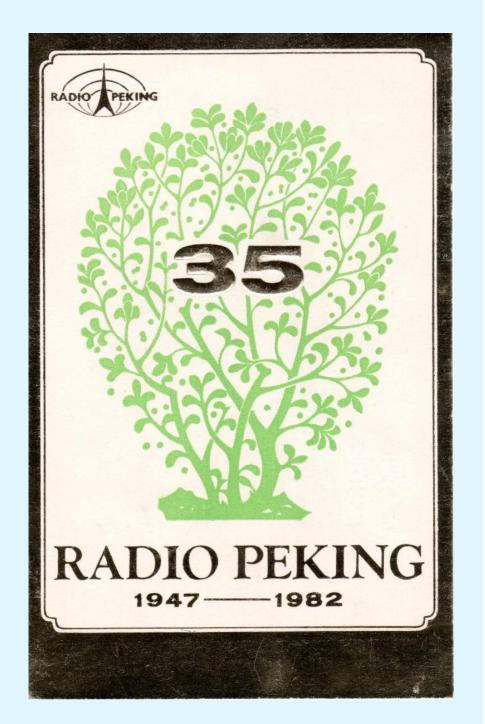














### VERIFICATION CARD

RADIO THE VOICE OF VIET NAM SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM THE VOICE OF VIET NAM

### VERIFICATION

To Paul Simmonds.

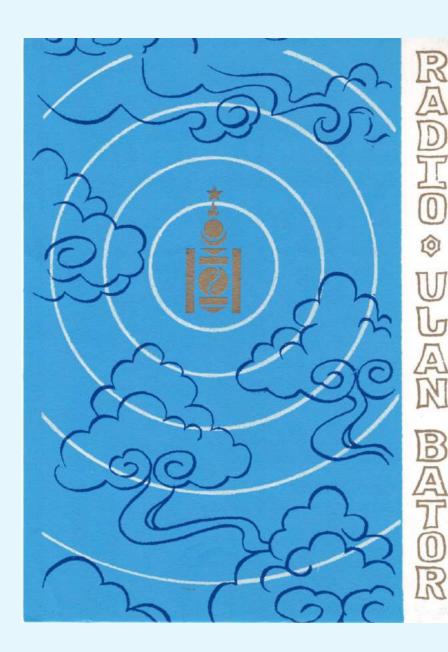
Thank you for your Reception report

date: 26. 2. 1984.

Frequency: 10040 Klit.

English. All details of your Reception Report correspond well with our station log, with the compliment of the Director of the overseas Service of the Voice of Vietnam Good DX – Best 73-51-55-88 Hanoi:

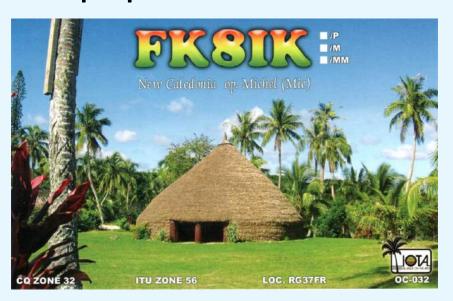




### A tradition of amateur radio

- sending and receiving QSL cards is a traditional part of the hobby of amateur radio
- dates back to the early years of the hobby
- 'final courtesy of a QSO.'
- sometimes refers to as 'wallpaper'





References.

# 'More than a mere piece of wallpaper'

 "To me a QSL card is more than a mere piece of wallpaper. (I don't think the term wallpaper does justice to a QSL card anyway). A QSL card is a picture, portraying the thoughts of a man and woman in layout, wording and colour schemes......Above all things, a QSL card helps to set the seal of friendship established between peoples of various races, colors, and creeds in some 260 countries of the world."

# What does QSL mean?

- adopted from the Q code
- a standardized collection of 3 letter codes that each start with Q
- initially designed for commercial radiotelegraph communication (later adopted by amateur radio)
- Q codes created c. 1909 British Govt "List of abbreviations ... prepared for the use of British ships and coast stations licensed by the Postmaster General

# What does QSL mean?

- Q: Can you acknowledge receipt?
- A: Yes I am
   acknowledging receipt.
- QSL card is an acknowledgement card



# **History of QSL cards**



### Some important dates

- 1901 Guglielmo Marconi communicated across the Atlantic
- following Marconi's success, many people commenced experimenting
- 1905 first commercially produced wireless telegraphy transmitter/receiver became available
- 1905 Wireless Telegraphy Act Australia
- 1908 Wireless Telegraphy Club of Columbia University
  - Earliest recorded amateur radio club



# Some important dates

- 1910 Wireless Institute of Australia (WIA) was formed
   first & oldest national amateur radio society
- 1912 sinking of the Titanic
  - Prompted new international radio laws
- 1912 US Congress approved the Radio Act of 1912
  - ❖ Required amateurs to be licenced & restricted to the single wavelength of 200 m
- 1914 American Radio Relay League (ARRL) was formed
- 1914 WW1
  - all amateur radio operation ceased in Australia
- 1917 WW1
  - all amateur radio operation ceased in the USA

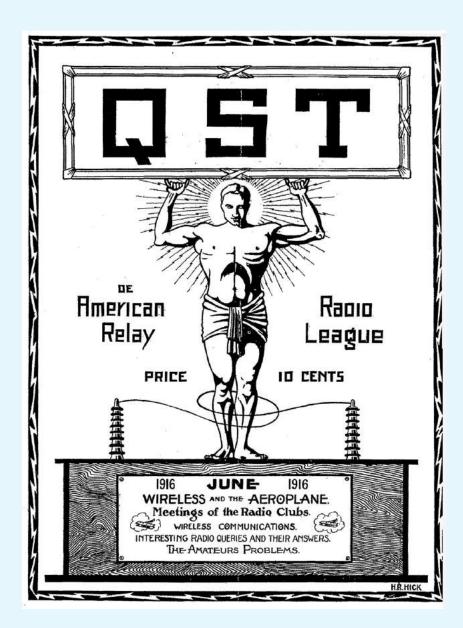
# 3TQ's letter to QST magazine

- June 1916 issue of QST magazine
  - magazine commenced in December 1915
- letter by Edward Andrews 3TQ of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- card received from William T. Fraser 8VX in Buffalo, New York
- signals heard 'clear and strong'

# **Comments by Mr Andrews 3TQ**

- "I wish to commend the spirit of unselfishness that is quite evident in Mr. Fraser and others who send cards which tell of receiving the signals of a fellow amateur."
- "I would urge upon the members of the A.R.R.L. and the readers of QST to notify by postal and by the very next mail the owner of the station whose signals they hear and to give such other information as they may think of aid or inspiration to the recipient".

# The letter to QST magazine



QSL

The Editor received a letter as follows from Mr. Edward C. Andrews of Phila-

delphia. Pa.:

I am enclosing a postal which I have received from Mr. W. T. Fraser of Buffalo, N. Y. (8VX) on which he states my signals were heard in Buffalo clear and strong. This is a distance of over 400 miles and I naturally felt somewhat elated as it was accomplished with 1-4 Kw. Chambers open core transformer.

But aside from the fact that this is a fairly good record, I wish to commend the spirit of unselfishness that is quite evident in Mr. Fraser and others who send cards which tell of receiving the signals of a fellow amateur. While these cards of 8VX (Mr. Fraser) may have come to your attention before, I have never seen a notice about it in our magazine. When one goes to the trouble and expense of having a postal printed in order to inform those who signals he hears, it seems to me that a long stride has been taken, toward aiding the perfection and inspiration to amateur work.

Until I received word from 8VX, I thought my maximum sending range was seventyfive miles. At Mauch Chunk and the Delaware Gap my signals are slightly stronger than NAI and quite similar to WHE.

I would urge upon the members of the A. R. R. L. and the readers of QST to notify by postal and by the very next mail the owner of the station whose signals they hear and to give such other information as they may think of aid or inspiration to the recipient.

Respectfully,

(Sgd) Edward C. Andrews, 3TQ.

### **Editor's comment**

EDITOR'S COMMENT: The idea of notifying the amateurs is a fine one, and the Editor earnestly recommends that all of our readers adopt this plan. At small expense, a postal can be had and on it printed a short description of the receiving station and other data which bring the amateurs of our great organization in closer touch with each other.

# **8VX QSL card from January 1917**

| 894 E |   |
|-------|---|
|       | From Wireless Sta. 8VX, 48 Glenwood Av. Buffalo, N.Y. Jan 3 191.7   |
|       | At 1045 p.M. Eastern time, we heard you calling talking to 8VX.   |
|       | Local long distance Qrm bad Qrn little Your sigs Very load  |
|       | At 10.45 p.M. Eastern time, we heard you calling talking to 8.V.X.  Local - long distance Qrm. bad Qrn. little Your sigs. Very loud  This is in Confirmation of our Short talk  Hope to do better her time. Will Write  |
| later | Hope to do beller hext time. Will Write   |
|       | We have a 70 st. slat top, 6 wire aerial, spaced 3 st., 45 st. high, pointing North from lead in. Ground: 8 No. 14 wires connected to water and gas pipes in cellar. Own make 1 k.w. closed core, 25 cycle, 20,000 volt transformer. Gap: 8, 1-4" brass points mounted on 11" circle on marble back, arm revolves with motor shaft. Oil Condenser, 20 8x10 plates in series parallel, adjustable. O. T.: Pancake type, 20 gage brass ribbon 5-8" wide, secondary 10 turns spaced 1-2", outside turn 13" diameter, primary 2 turns, coupling 4 1-2". 5.3 amps with H.W.A. in aerial ckt. Regenerative receiver. A description, as above, of your set would be greatly appreciated. |
|       |   |

# Letter to QST magazine by 8UX

- August 1919 letter to QST magazine from Carl D. (Don) Hoffman 8UX
- cartoonist with QST magazine



"Here's a little idea-run a suggestion that the fellows with long distance ham receiving sets make themselves up a form for post cards something like this and send each time a new long distance station is heard."

 He was accredited the inventor of the 'amateur DX report card' by QST magazine.

- w2pa.net
- 2. worldradiohistory.com

# Letter to QST magazine by 8UX



### FROM QST'S CARTOONIST, 8ADU

Pvt. 1st Cl. Donald A. Hoffman, ex-8ADU, now 7th Svc. Co., S. C., Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., writes us in part as follows:

"QST is starting out again fine. I get my copies OK thru my home address, Akron, O.

Guess I'm stuck for service down here a while longer till the "emergency" is off.

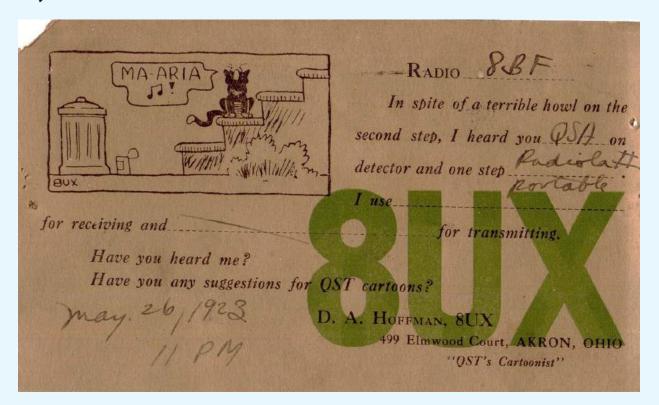
Here's a little idea—run a suggestion that the fellows with long distance ham receiving sets make themselves up a form for post cards something like this and send

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| Ap  | paratus I use                          |
| Do  | you hear me?                           |
|     |  |
|     | ************************************** |
|     | Call                                   |

each time a new long distance station is heard. In this way numerous relay possibilities will be discovered where some were careless and didn't notify stations heard formerly. Fellows receiving cards would keep them on file, etc. I used to do this and got a lot of thanks for it from the ones I wrote the cards to."

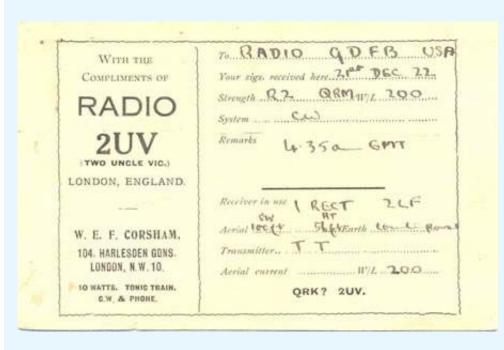
# A standardized card designed?

 1919 - standardised card with callsign, frequency, date, etc. may have been developed by C.D. Hoffman, 8UX, in Akron, Ohio



### **Uncle Vic 2UV**

- William Edward 'Bill' 'Uncle Vic' Corsham 2UV (later G2UV)
- produced first ever QSL card in Europe





### References.

- 1. http://hamgallery.com/
- 2. The Shortwave magazine
- . Wikipedia

# 2UV closing down.

 "This is 2UV, 2UV. Amateur Radio Station 2UV transmitting a test programme from 104 Harlesden Gardens, Harlesden, London NW10 in England. I would be pleased to receive reports on this transmission. All reports will be gratefully acknowledged. This is 2UV transmitting and closing down."



### References.

- 1. Radio Society of Harrow
- 2. .The Emergence of Broadcasting in Britain

### "the International Fad That 8UX Started."

- September 1924 article of QST magazine
- Howard S. Pyle 8ST
  - "the majority of amateur DX report cards have many faults."
  - "why plaster the station walls with report cards?
    It does not appear to be a really good stunt."
  - "avoid cheapening your card by a display of 'vaudeville humor.'"
  - "take a little time and see if you can't evolve a DX card that will be a credit to your station"

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### The Amateur DX Report Card

### A Study of the International Fad That 8UX Started By Howard S. Pyle, 8FT

HE majority of amateur DX report cards have many faults which indicate a lack of thought in laying them out. Now it is true that the American amateur is distinctly an individual and that he will be governed first of all by his individual ideas when designing a card. Still he should not neglect the fact that the card has a real purpose, and should try to make it fulfill that purpose.

### What Goes on the Card

DX report cards are intended to convey certain definite information, to establish beyond a doubt that a station was heard or communicated with. It therefore follows that it will be necessary to give plainly-

1-The Call and address of station sending the card.

2-The time and date at which the other station was heard or worked (and perhaps a few words of the transmitted matter), possibly also the wavelength. That is really the only essential information.

The writer's theory is that much of the information on cards is a waste of space. Take for instance antenna data. An amateur's antenna is usually governed entirely by his local surroundings-he cannot use anything else. Therefore what his brother amateur uses is of no interest in nine cases out of ten. If some really radically different scheme has been developed a brief description might be included but even that is doubtful-such material belongs in QST where it can help many more than if it



-much of the information on cards is a waste

were on a card. After that the card can say "Special antenna-see p. 732, QST, June, 1924."

An argument can easily be started be-

tween amateurs as to the usefulness of information on the receiver and transmitter. Again the writer is of the opinion that a few words are enough. What more is needed than—"Hartley circuit, 60 watts input, 11/2 amps. antenna current"....

"Reinartz receiver, one stage A.F."? Even this is too much for the experimental amateur, who is always changing



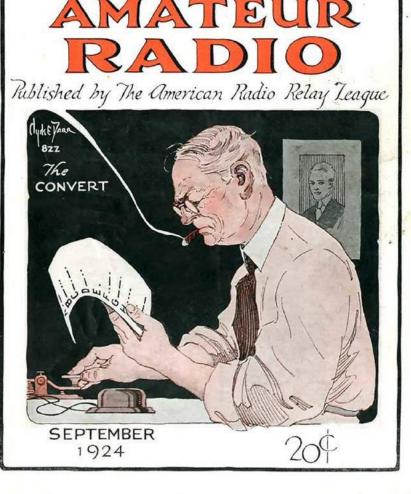
"-It is advisable to leave blank spaces".

his station, increasing his input, shifting receivers, changing tubes. For this class (which includes most of us) it is advisable to leave blank spaces such as-"-Circuit watts input antenna amperes" and "Receiver steps R.F. steps A.F." This will save much time otherwise wasted in crossing out old information-and if many cards are mailed daily time is important.

### Size of Letters

It is customary to put the station call on the card in letters that vary from those an inch high to great flaring ones taking up the whole surface of the card. The reason for the big letters is that the designer wants the card to stand out prom-inently when tacked on a station wall—even when the wall is photographed and reproduced in the pages of a magazine. This is desirable but the letters should not run into the writing space for printer's ink is greasy and hard to write over.

Right here an important point comes in. The large call letters will frequently not photograph well because the color is wrong, Red and black photograph well, showing dead black in a photograph. A deep green or strong purple shows up next best but pale colors, particularly light blue, fade right into the background as if they were white. In most cases they can not even

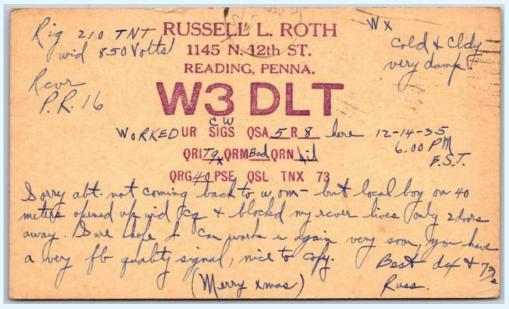


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# **Amateur DX Report cards**

- Originally referred to as Amateur Radio DX Report cards.
- later referred to as QSL cards





# WW1 & WW2 – a lean time for QSLing

- Amateur operations ceased during WW1 (1914-1918)
- 1940 US operators forbidden to contact foreign countries
- 1941 USA entered
   WW2 amateur
   activities ceased.

AMATEURS! HAMS! NOTICE THESE PRICES ON "QSL" CARDS. 500 POSTAL SIZE CARDS PRINTED IN BLACK INK WITH LARGE RED CALL LETTERS, \$4.00. A.R.R.L. CUT USED IF WANTED BY MEMBER. TWO COLOR APPLAUSE CARDS FOR BCLS AT THIS PRICE ALSO. NOT MORE THAN TEN LINES OF PRINTING. THIS RATE ON 500 ONLY. CASH WITH ORDER. A.R.R.L. MEMBER CURTIS, 1109M EIGHTH AVENUE, FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

September 29, 1934

### Quick-Action Classified Advertisements

7c. per word. \$1.00 minimum.

SPECIAL—500 business cards, \$1.25. QSL cards, lowest prices. Cumberland Printing Co., Box 2145, Knoxville, Tenn.

3/c RENEWS DRY CEL. 13 htructions 10c.

### References.

- cochranp.wixsite.com
- Radio World magazine, Sept 1934

# **USA** call sign districts

- following the Radio Act 1912
- callsigns
  - district number
  - followed by letters assigned to the operator



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John Findling

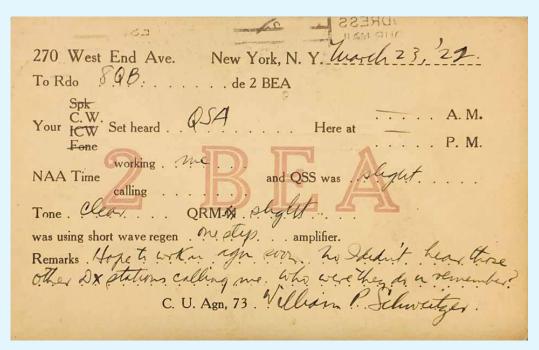
### **NU-6BZC**

 some ops used U for USA or NU for North America USA.



# 2BEA, New York

1922 QSL of 2BEA who was William P.
 Schweitzer of New York, NY.





### **ARRL station 9AIO**

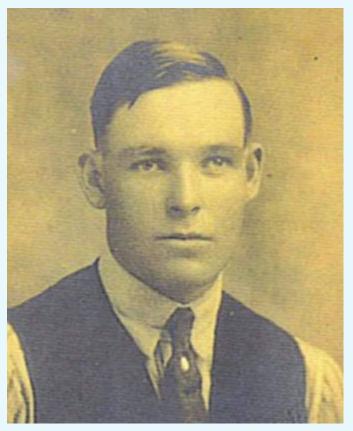
1924 QSL card of 9AIO

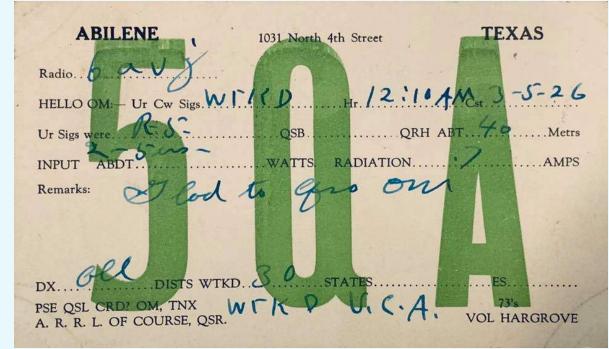




## 5QA, Texas

 1926 QSL card of Rufus Valentine "Vol" Hargrove SR of Abilene, Texas





# Alfred Hermann 'Alf' Traeger A-5AX

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| BRIGALOW AVENUE, KENSINGTON GARDE.   | NS,  |
| SOUTH AUSTRALIA 19-7-  | 1927   |
| To Radio W 9 Walker ur O letter sigs crd   | - wkd  |
| Roud here atTime   | .19  |
| Strength QSB   | ;  |
| Receiver used: 3 coil det 1 audio  | İ  |
| Transmitter: Always Crystal Controlled   | İ  |
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#### **Blackwood Radio Club**

 This is now the Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society Club, the club to which I belong

| SOUTH AUSTRALIA  |
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| To Radio UR CW Sign HRD Here on  |
| AUD. R. QSB. QRH. QSS. QSSS. QRM. QRN                                    |
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| Toobs. H.C. Fed into Imput. Volts Watts . RDN. /                         |
| Short Wave Set I.F. GCKT Ato. Toob. 200. Volts Watts RDN                 |
| Aerial. A. Single wire.  |
| Power Supply, R.A.C., Raytheon Toob                                      |
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| BLACKWOOD RADIO CLUB   |
| The Oldest Club in S.A.  |
| QRK - OA - 5BR.  O. K. GRIFFITHS, Hon. Sec  PSE QSL.  Box 24, Blackwood, |
| PSE QSL.  Box 24, Blackwood, South Aust.                                 |
| Double Page  |

# QSL card from S. Preiss

|            | NAIRN        | VE, S.A.      |                 |
|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
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|            |              | Time          | 4.15 PM         |
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# International Radiotelegraph Convention

- 1927 International Radiotelegraph Convention of Washington
- Radiotelegraph Regulations,
   Washington, 1927
  - Assigned call signs to each country
    - **❖** K, N, W − USA
    - ❖G Great Britain
    - ❖VHA-VMZ Australia



INTERNATIONAL RADIOTELEGRAPH CONVENTION OF WASHINGTON, 1927.

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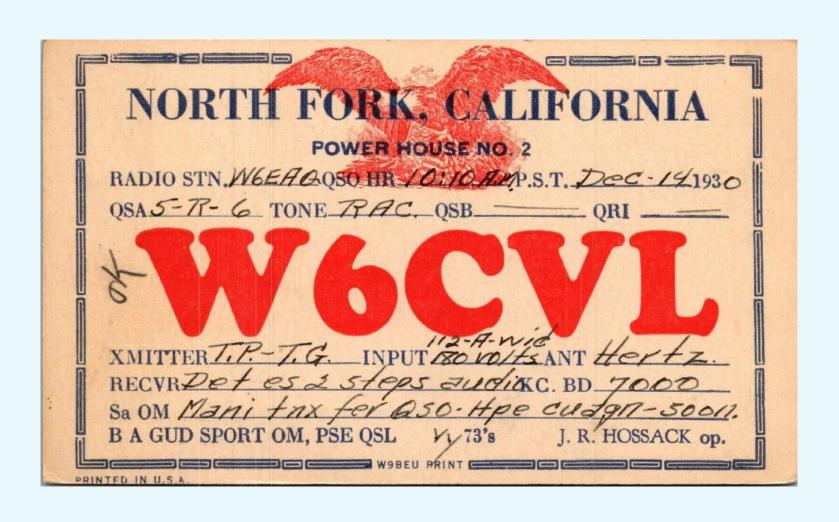
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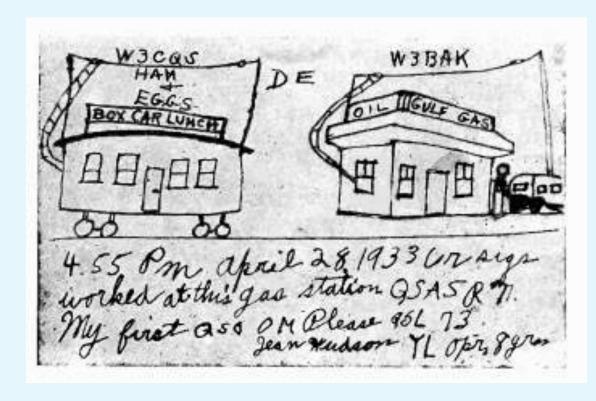
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# Example of the new USA callsigns



#### Jean Hudson W3BAK

- 1933
- 8 years old
- The world's youngest 'YL"





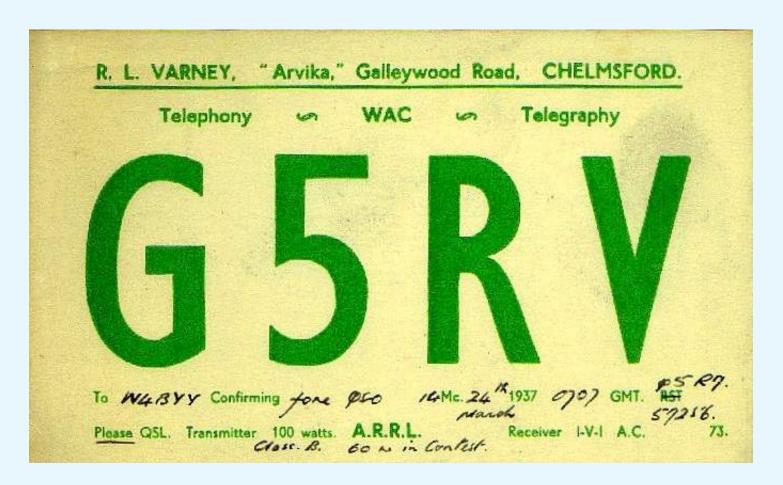
#### Jeanne Poli, W1MJC

- 1940 QSL card of W1MJC, Connecticut
  - Tho most girls prefer hair waves I get a big thrill out of Air Waves!



### R.L. Varney G5RV

Louis Varney, inventor of the G5RV antenna



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BANJUL, THE GAMBIA, W. AFRICA.

ARRL.

CONFIRMING REPORT OF USO WITH WESLEE WITH RADIO GMT MHZ RST MODE

0724 MY SSB SWL - L50000

DATE: 5 JUNE 1983

CONFIRMING OUR QSO

TX - RX FTIOI 2D

73 CHAS PYNE

73 QSL VIA G3LQP QSL MANAGER

PSE - TNX QSL DIRECT - VIA BUREAU

#### PITCAIRN ISLAND WHE JE I DPL To PAUL SIMMONDS confirming SSB/CW QSO on 14 MHz at 0810 GMT on DEC 18, 1781 Report TNX TOM CHRISTIAN

P. O. BOX 1-ADAMSTOWN 75 SOUTH PACIFIC

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The Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station

ARRL Centennial Station – April 23 – 29, 2014

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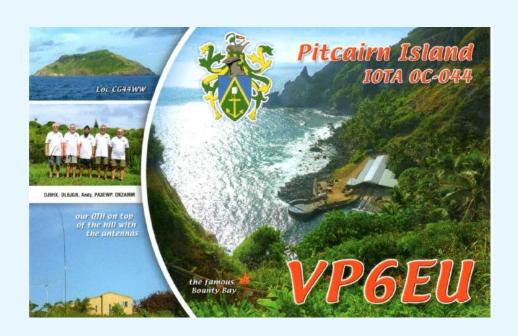
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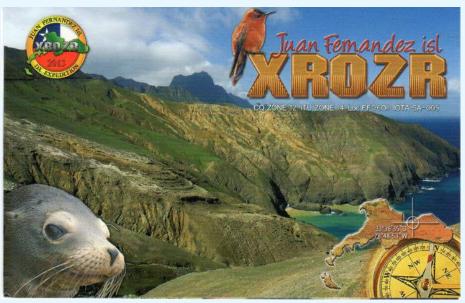
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#### **DXpedition QSL cards**





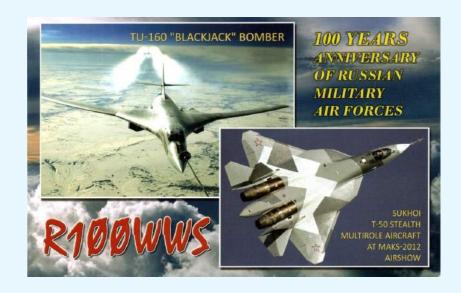


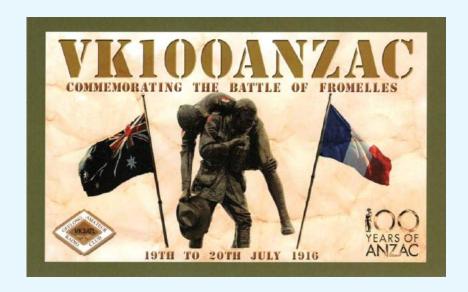


# **Special event QSL cards**









#### **Obsolete countries**





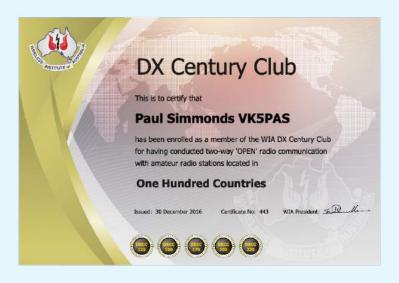




# Why QSL?

- thrill of receiving a QSL in the mail
- awards
- tradition
- hobby within a hobby
- create memories





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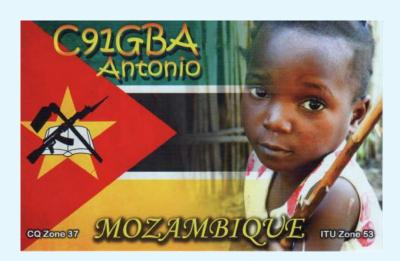
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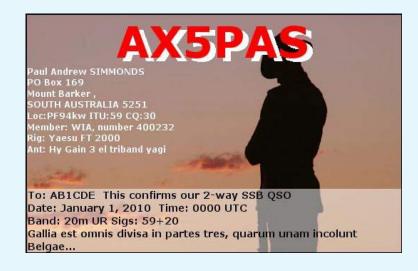
#### Do I have to send a QSL card?

- not compulsory to send a QSL card to confirm a contact
- it is considered environmentally wasteful to send one for each contact made with the same station.

# **Types of QSL cards**

- Hard copies
  - Direct or via theBureau
- eQSL
- Logbook of the World (LOTW)
- Electronic
  - email





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# **Choosing a QSL card**

- design your own and have a local printer produce them
- QSL creators web
- order from one of the many large QSL card printing companies
- Give consideration to the layout of the card
   photos, logos
- Consider the quantity you will need
  - Larger quantities are generally less expensive

#### Standard size

- IARU & member societies recommend a maximum size of 3½ by 5½ inches (140 mm by 90 mm)
- Cards of unusual dimensions slow the work of Bureaus
- Some cards (especially from DXpeditions) can be a gate-fold design with multiple pages.

- ARRL, The ARRL Outgoing QSL Service, 2022
- Wikipedia





#### **Troubridge Island**

The Island is located in the southwestern corner of Gulf St Vincent in South Australia, about 8 km offshore from the town of Edithburgh on the Yorke Peninsula, and about 80 km southwest of Adelaide across the water.

The island is about 800 metres long and about 440 metres wide and is a Conservation Park.

The Narungga aboriginal people have traditional association with Troubridge Island and other islands in the area. The Island and shoal was first named by British navigator and cartographer Captain Matthew Flinders on the 24th day of March 1802, after Admiral Sir Thomas Troubridge.

The Troubridge Island lighthouse was lit permanently for the first time on the 1st day of January 1856. It was the second lighthouse to be built in South Australia, the first being Cape Willoughby on Kangaroo Island.

The lighthouse was constructed of ten cylindrical cast iron segments which were shipped out from Britain and were bolted together on site. It is believed that Troubridge Island lighthouse is only one of two towers of this type constructed in





### What does a QSL card contain?

- amateur radio station callsign
- location
- licensee's name
- postal address
- details on radio equipment
- date/time of contact
- frequency/mode
- signal report
- Comments
- IOTA reference & Island name
- CQ zone/ITU zone

#### References.

- Amateur Radio Victoria
- m0oxo.com
- m0urx.com

#### What should the card not contain?

- religious statements
- political statements
- what seems humorous to you, may not be to somebody in a foreign country
- what may not be offensive to you, may be to someone in a foreign country

# **Comments by Tim MOURX**

"The first thing I would say is that a QSL card should be given as much thought as the radio station in your shack. A QSL card for me is more than just a confirmation of a two way QSO. The QSL can show your culture, shack, antennas, job and so much more with just a little imagination."

# My QSL card



# My QSL card

|         | DATE  |      | UNIVERSAL TIME |
|---------|-------|------|----------------|
| Day   N | Month | Year | UTC            |

| Mode | Band Ur Signals |   |   | s |
|------|-----------------|---|---|---|
| 2way | MHz             | R | S | Т |
|      |                 |   | 8 | 3 |
|      |                 |   |   |   |
|      |                 |   |   |   |

Best wishes from Australia

very 73

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Email: vk5pas@wia.org.au

Pse QSL via QSL Manager M0OXO, eQSL, or LOTW.

#### To Radio



MY RIGS: Yaesu FTDX101MP, FT2000, FT1000

Yaesu FT450 / Kenwood TS820s

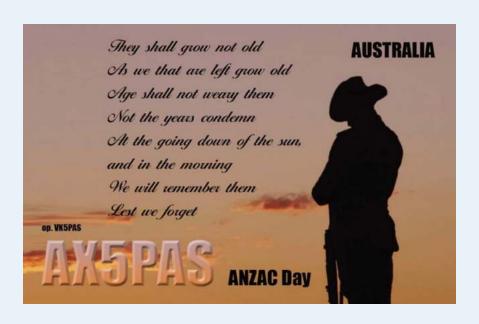
MY ANTENNAS: 1. TET Emtron TE-53 5 el yagi

2. 40/17/6 m rotary dipole.

3. Home brew 80m dipole

ITU: 59 CQ: 30 IOTA: OC001 Grid: PF94jr

# **Special QSL cards**

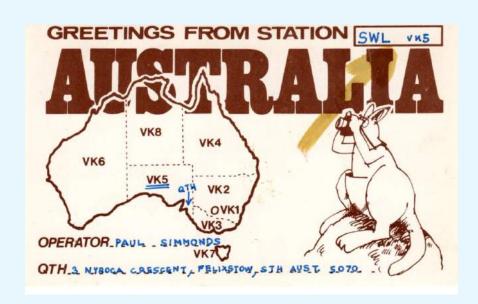


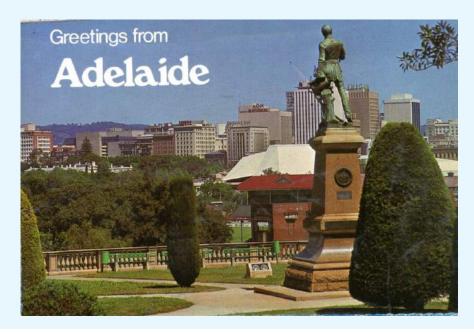






# My old SWL QSL cards





|         |      |                                |       |  | ANTIVERTICAL   |
|---------|------|--------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| DATE    | GHT  | gst                            | MHZ   | STATIONS   | REMARKS  |
| 25/5/81 | 1100 | V#584 - 2<br>V#510-5           | 7     | VNSBQ-VK51D  | YK580 -BARRY.  |
| 25/5/81 | 1105 | 4                              | 7     | VK3XI-VK3AWB   | 443×1-4-(5/7)-Harry.   |
| 25 5 5  | 1145 | V#5PN-5<br>VK3NMB-2<br>V#58G-2 | 3-626 | VK3NMB-VK5PN   | V#5PN- T58205- DIPOLE -  |
| 16 5 81 | 1200 | VASUE-5                        | 3 6   | VK58G-VK50F  |  |
| 28/5/91 | 1030 | VM3DNA-3                       | 7     | VK3DNA-VK7FH   |  |
| 28/5/8/ | 1045 | 3                              | 7     | VK 38TG PORTABLE 2- VK3KOK   | Maria de la compansa del compansa de la compansa del compansa de la compansa de l |
| 28/5/5/ | 1050 | V#510-5<br>V#580-3             | 7     | VKSJP-VKSBQ  | 200 10   |
| 2915/81 | 0730 | 4                              | 7     | VK2BY-VK3AEG-VK3BRB  |  |
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|         |      | 0                              | 100   |  | WG-#   |
| 29/5/81 | 0800 | 1                              | 7     | VKSCI- <u>VKSWG</u>  | ZL28KU -A-(5/7)  |
| 29/5/8/ | 0320 | 3                              | 7     | ZLZAYU-YKZBLR-ZLZBKU   | zL2AYU -4 -(5/7)   |
| 2915[8] | 0845 | 4                              | 7     | VK3WU-VK3DNA   | v×3 - ■  |
| 29/5/81 | 0420 | 3                              | 3-550 | VWSNOJ-VK5NJB  | and the second   |
| 30/5/8/ | 0745 | 5                              | 7     | VMSDI-VKZZI  | VK2-FRANK-#  |
| 30/5/81 | 0750 | 4                              | 7     | VK10K-VK3BRB-VK3AUG  | vx1-■  |
| 30/5/81 | 0310 | 5                              | 7-075 | VKSUY-VK7FH_   | V17-8  |
| 30(5)8) | 0820 | 3                              | ,     | VX22B-VX3AZX   | 215-6  |
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| 3115/81 | 2310 | 3                              | 7     | VHSLQ -VHSVT- VHSFJ PO ENCOUNTER BAT   |  |
| 31[5]81 | 2320 | 5                              | 7     | VM5WR-VK5BG  | E 2180 18  |
| 3/15/81 | 2445 | 5x1-3<br>5RI-5                 | 7     | VMSRI-VMSXL  | A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH |
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| 31/5/81 | 0600 | VKGANE-2                       |       | VV-ANE-VK2FM   |  |
| 31/5/81 | 0710 | 4                              | 7     | VKSLT-VKS×L  |  |
| 31/5/81 | 0715 | 5                              | 7     | VK3 AUG- VK2BY-VK3BRB- VK10K   |  |
| 31/5/91 | 0300 | 5                              | 7     | VK3DNA-VK7FH-VK5UY   | The Control of the Control   |
| 31/5/61 | 090  | 4                              | 7     | VK50G-VK1GAY-VK3ALU  | VX1- E   |
| 31/5/31 | 0850 | .5                             | 7     | VK ZEU-VKGCW MOBILE PORT AUGUSTA   | 4X1EU- RIG 107M - LONG WI  |
| 31/5/51 | 0900 | 5                              | 7     | VHECH-VKERG - VKZEU  | GRA-   |
| 31/5/81 | 0910 | VE2ACP-1                       | 7     | VE2 ACP - VK2 PY   | VE (B)   |
|         | 0915 | 2                              | 7     | VMGHD-VE1ACP   |  |
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| 31/5/81 | 0935 | 5                              | 7     | VV5MG-VV5RG  | A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR |

### My old SWL QSL cards



#### VK5003SWL

Please confirm my SWL report

| TIME |
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| Your QSO | Band | U | s |   |
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| with     | MHz  | R | S | T |
|          |      |   |   | _ |
|          |      |   |   |   |

Best wishes from Australia

Pse QSL direct or via VK5 bureau very

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Rig: Yaesu FRG7700 Ant: Alpha Delta DX-SWL sloper.

To Radio





#### Some basics when filling out a card

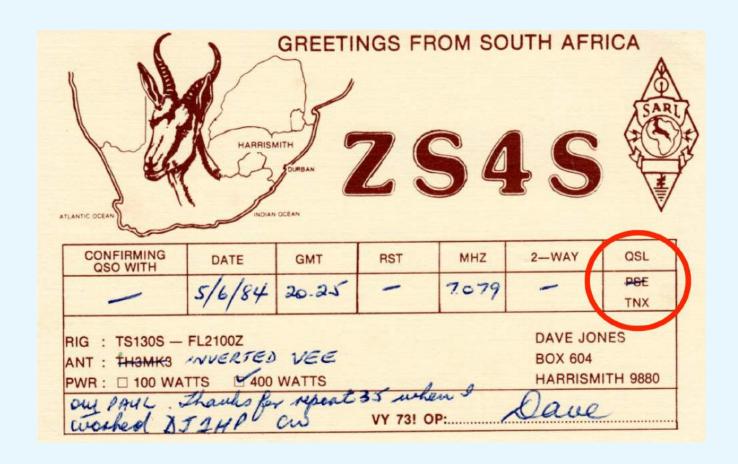
- ALWAYS use UTC time NEVER local time
  - ensure your shack clock is accurate
- signal reports using the RST system
- use legible writing
  - use printed labels if your handwriting is poor
- ensure the details on the card are accurate
- do not cross out mistakes start again
- multiple QSOs list in chronological order

# Other tips

- be patient
  - QSL Bureau takes considerable time
  - Direct QSLs don't come back overnight
- listen to any QSL instructions given by the station on air
- ensure the DX station has your callsign correct
- Ensure you have the DX stations callsign correct
  - dopying errors from the DX Cluster and not listening

#### What does Pse & Tnx mean?

- Pse Please QSL
- Tnx Thanks



# Lack of response

If you say you QSL, then please QSL.

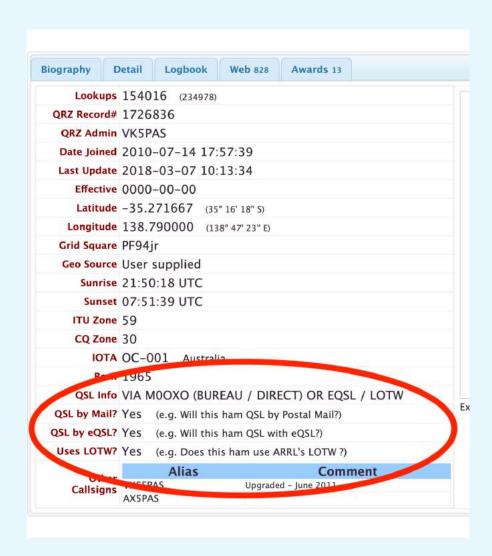


### Read the QSL instructions

- Take the time to read carefully the QSL instructions
  - QRZ.com page
  - **❖**website



### Read the QSL instructions



### Read the QSL instructions

#### DON'T LET THE QSL CULTURE DIE

DO YOU NEED A OSL MANAGER? PLEASE CONTACT ME. MY SERVICES ARE FREE.

NECESITAS UN QSL MANAGER?POR FAVOR CONTACTA

CONMIGO. MIS SERVICIOS SON GRATUITOS

#### How to get a QSL?

#### **OQRS** through PayPal

- 1- Send 3,5 EUROS to ea5gl@hotmail.com as "send to a friend or to pay for a service", Paypal take taxes.
- 2- Write me the QSO details and your postal address, Your QSL is not needed, save your mail cost...

All amount received will be used to finance an upcoming expedition, for that all extra funds will be apreciated

#### For direct replay

3\$ +SAE or 5 Euros. Please do not send coins, many times they tear the envelope or the postal workers keep them

If you send insufficient funds your QSL will be sent by the bureau

Please, do not send IRC. I can not change them

I prefer ONLY 1 QSL/station per envelope. Not all logs are received

at the same time but if you need a multiple request, let me know first.

If you have some question, please don't hesitate to email me

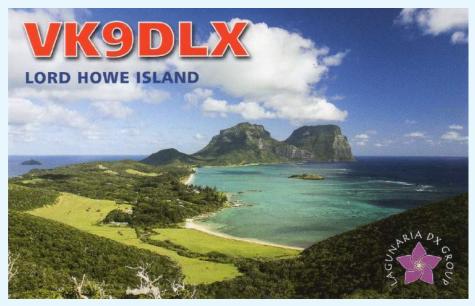
If you write your email address on your QSL card, I will let you know when the QSL will be sent.

QSL VIA BUREAU ACCEPTED AND FREE. IF YOU WANT SEND A SMALL DONATION TO COVER EXPESES (EVEN FEW CENTS) WILL BE VERY APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED.

# Physically sending out QSL cards

- Bureau
- Direct
- QSL Manager





#### **QSL Bureau**

- specialised 'post office' for QSL cards
- least expensive way
- not everyone uses the Bureau
- VK more than 10,000 QSL cards received from overseas per month
- cards are forwarded to IARU officially recognized Bureaus
- For many years the Bureau was reliable, inexpensive & universal for most countries





#### References

- Amateur Radio Victoria
- 2. ARR
- 3. International Amateur Radio Union, iaru-r1.org

#### **QSL** Bureau

- developed due to addresses of individual stations not being widely available
- international postage was expensive
- following WWII difficult to obtain addresses for amateurs in Soviet Union and most other Warsaw Pact countries
- callbooks were incomplete for many countries

#### VK QSL Bureau

• c. 1928 - First QSL Bureau in Australia

AUSTRALIAN QSL BUREAU
Ray Jones, VK3RJ, Australian W.I.A.
QSL Bureau, handled 244,528 QSL cards
during the year just concluded, which is
some feat. Of these cards approximately
70 per cent. were inwards. The work
done throughout Australia, and for that
matter the world, by QSL officers in an
honorary capacity, is highly commendable.

#### **ARRL QSL Bureau, USA**

- c. 1932 idea of a QSL Bureau originated
- prior cards distributed from ARRL HQ in Hartford
- Herman 'Herm" Schmidt W2AEN, Bronx, New York – took over the first Bureau

#### A New A.R.R.L. QSL Forwarding Service

District Manager Distribution System, Effective Immediately, Will Permit Forwarding All Foreign Cards

By A. L. Budlong, Assistant Secretary A.R.R.L.

ELL, gang, we've finally got a system for QSL card distribution that will enable the much-desired forwarding of all foreign QSL cards—listener cards, QSO confirmations, or what have you—and will accomplish it with more dispatch than ever before. Not only do we have the system, but we've been giving it a trial in the second district, and for ten months it has demonstrated its ability to work perfectly. On this basis of proved performance, then, we now announce its extension to other districts.

League members will recall that on page 24 of the March, 1932, QST there was announced a change in the League's OSL forwarding service manager. Very kindly he agreed, and so we got out a letter to all League members in the Hudson Division (which corresponds to the second district) explaining what we were going to try and telling them to send stamped envelopes to W2AEN, if they wanted to receive QSL cards.

That was early last May — just before the Board met for its annual meeting. The system has been working in the second district ever since, has the whole-hearted approval of everybody, and can definitely be regarded as the solution to the problem.

Now, to start off, let's name the new District QSL Managers who have volunteered to get this thing going. Here they are:

#### References.

- 11. QST magazine, 1933
- 12. Radio magazine, 'After the SK' 1938

### **ARRL QSL Bureau, USA**

- 1933 Second district 10,174 cards
- 1937 Second district 35,716 cards
- 1937 over 300,00 cards handled by the 9 Bureaus
- 2022 abt 300,000 outgoing cards per year
- ARRL membership
- Small fee per amount of cards

#### A.R.R.L. QSL Bureau

FOR the convenience of its members, the League maintains a QSL-card forwarding system which operates through volunteer "District QSL Managers" in each of the nine U. S. and five Canadian districts. In order to secure such forcign cards as may be received for you, send your district manager a standard No. 8 stamped envelope. If you have reason to expect a considerable number of cards, put on an extra stamp so that it has a total of six-cents postage. Your own name and address go in the customary place on the face, and your station call should be printed prominently in the upper-left-hand corner. When you receive cards, you should immediately furnish your QSL manager with another such envelope to replace the used one. List of managers follows:

W1—Allen W. Jones, W1NW, 1626 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass.

W2-H. W. Yahnel, W2SN, Lake Ave., Helmetta, N. J.

W3-R. E. Macomber, W3CZE, 418 10th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

W4—B. W. Benning, W4CBY, 520 Whiteford Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

W5—E. H. Treadaway, W5DKR, 2749 Myrtle St., New Orleans, La.

W6-C. E. Spitz, W6FZQ, Box 1804, Phoenix,

W7—L. Q. Kelly, W7BPC, 4919 So. Prospect St., Tacoma, Wash.

W8-F. W. Allen, W8GER, 324 Richmond Ave., Dayton, Ohio

W9—George Dammann, W9JO, 319 Sherman Ave., Evanston, Ill.

VE1-J. E. Roue, VE1FB, 84 Spring Garden Rd., Halifax, N. S.

VE2-W. H. Oke, VE2AH, 5184 Mountain Sights Ave., N. D. G., Montreal, P. Q. VE3-Bert Knowles, VE3QB, Lanark, Ont.

VE4—Dr. J. J. Dobry, VE4DR, Killam, Alberta. VE5—E. H. Cooper, VE5EC, 2024 Carnarvon St., Victoria, B. C.

#### References.

# ARRL QSL Bureau, USA

https://youtu.be/Vxgcn3sMVtU



### Impacts on QSL Bureaus

- Amateurs have become environmentally conscious
- Electronic confirmation systems eg. eQSL, LOTW
- Newer hams not as interested in the tradition of QSL cards
- Cost of sending packages of QSL cards internationally has dramatically increased
- Budgetary pressures on member societies forcing them to reassess their priorities
- Difficult to recruit volunteers

#### **IARU** Resolution 18-1

 IARU Administrative Council, Seoul, Sept 2018

"resolves that member societies are encouraged to continue to offer QSL bureau service in their countries, exchanging cards with the bureaus of other member-societies, for as long as doing so is economically justifiable..."

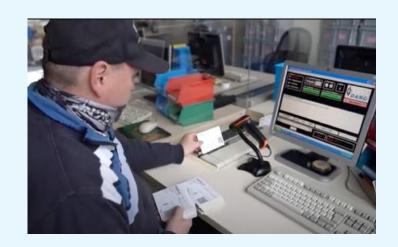


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### **Tips for Bureau cards**

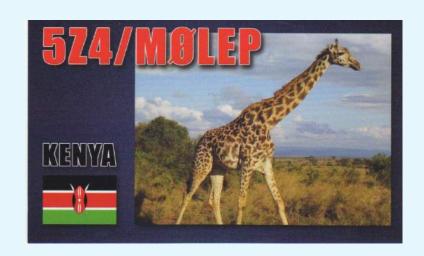
- follow the instructions of your representative body, e.g. ARRL, WIA
- if the station has a QSL Manager, then the card goes to that countries Bureau, not the station worked – enter in 'via" area on card
- be prepared to wait it can take time
- some Bureaus are quicker than others & have better technology
- staffed by volunteers





#### **Direct**

- most expensive way
  - Paying postage both ways
- sent to the station worked or a QSL Manager
- generally good return rate
- return is normally quick
- you have a physical card





References.

1. ARRL

#### **USD & IRC**

- US Dollars
- International Reply Coupon (IRC)
  - Not valid in some countries
- follow QSL instructions





# **Tips when sending Direct**

- follow the instructions on QRZ.com
- Send to the correct address
  - if they have a QSL Manager, then the card goes there
- include a self address envelope
- Use heay duty envelopes not flimsy
- include return postage USD or IRC
- Don't let the \$\$ or IRC be visible
- Postal theft
- Don't write callsigns on envelope

# **Tips when sending Direct**

- Seal the envelope with sticky tape to prevent tampering
- Don't use commemorative stamps
- Make the letter look like a professional letter, not a personal letter
- cut a small corner so the contents of the envelope can be inspected

# **QSL Managers**

- manage QSL operations on behalf of other amateurs.
- particularly Dxpeditions
- reasons
  - no bureau exists for that country
  - operation is only short lived e.g. Dxpedition
  - postal services may be poor
  - maximise operating time





References.

1. electronic-notes.com

#### **OQRS - Online QSL Requests**

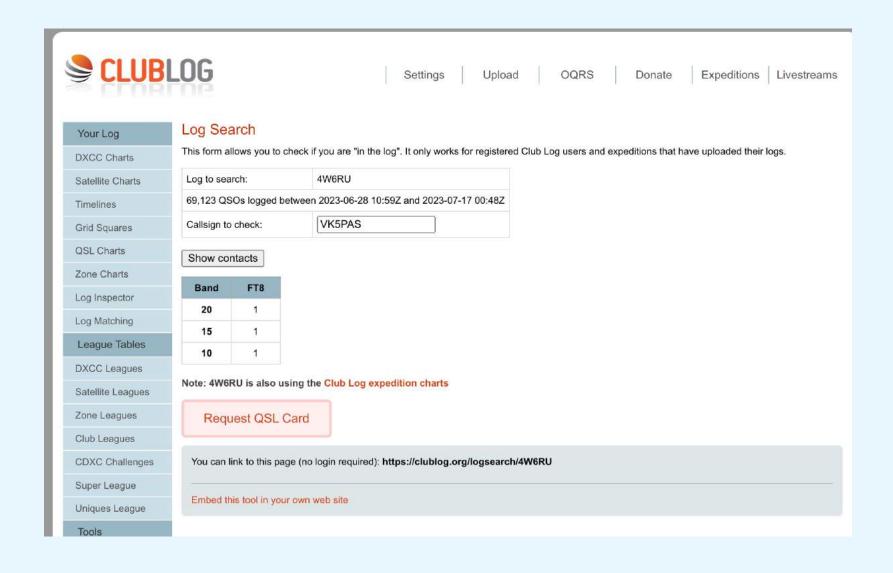


- enables amateurs to request a QSL card through the log search page in Club Log.
- option to have card sent direct (payment) or via the bureau
- available to all Club Log users
- a free web-based tool for producing DXCC league tables, expedition tools, log search services & most wanted lists
- quicker option
- No need to send your QSL card

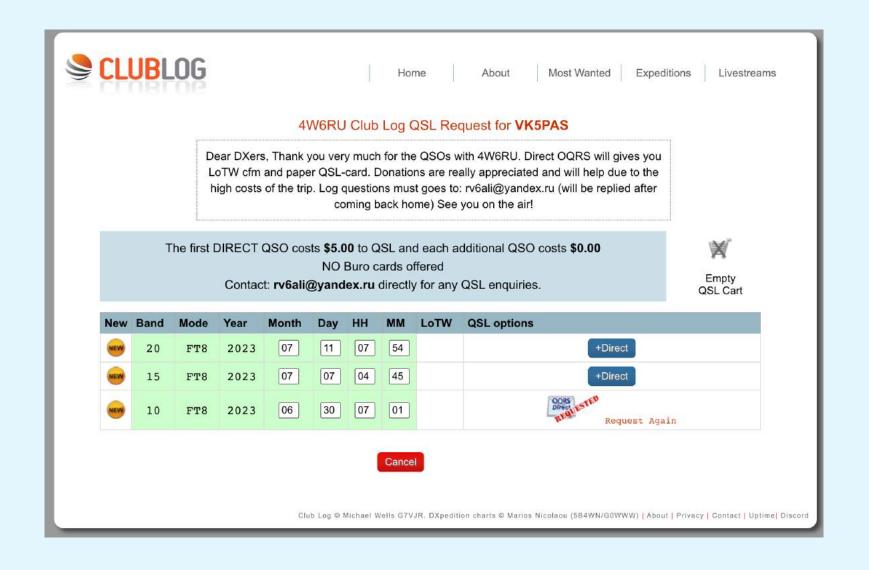
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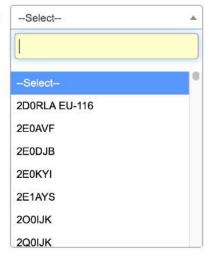
#### Log search & OQRS

Home Log search & OQRS

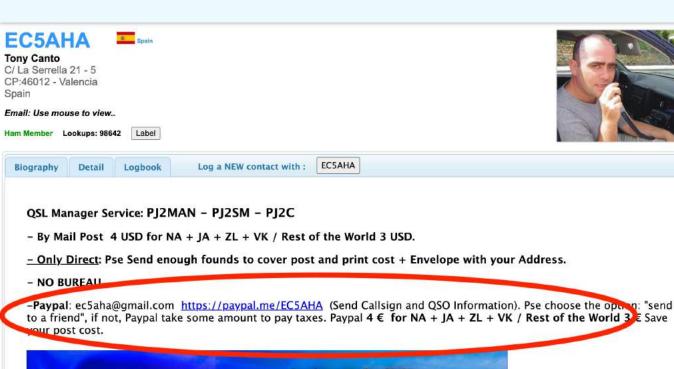
#### Log Search & OQRS







# Pay via Paypal





## eQSL

- designed to be the fastest, easiest, and cheapest way to exchange QSO confirmations
- Fast upload
- Apply for awards online
- Can print out the card



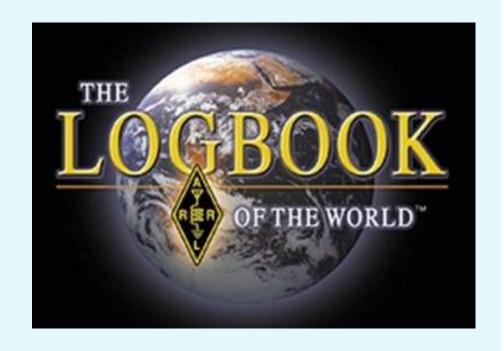
### eQSL

https://www.eqsl.cc/qslcard/index.cfm



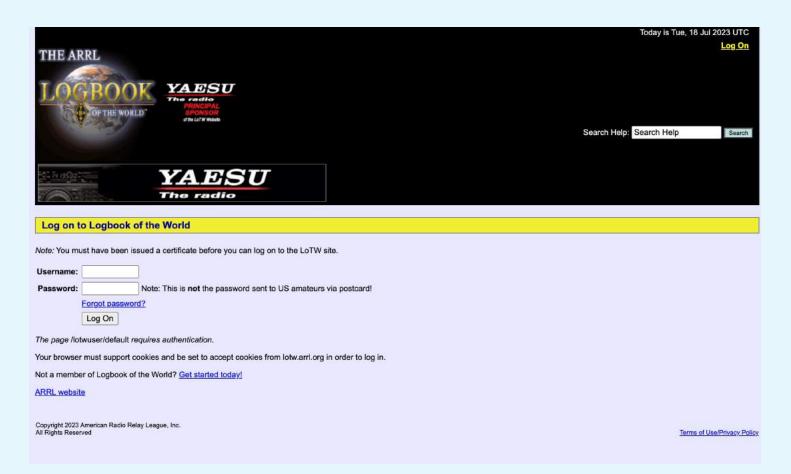
# Logbook Of The World (LOTW)

- Fast upload
- No physical cards or electronic card
- Receive a credit towards DXCC & other awards
- Fees charged



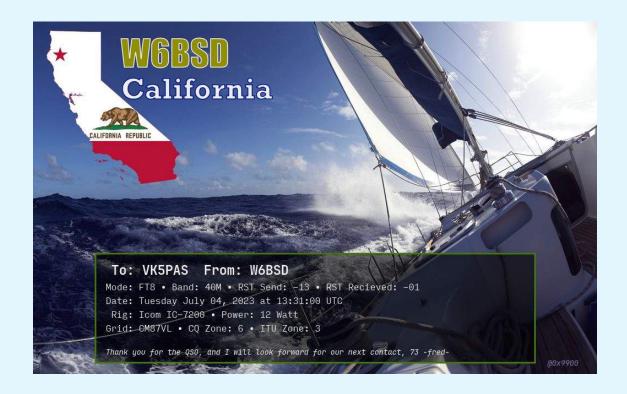
# Logbook Of The World (LOTW)

https://lotw.arrl.org/



#### **Electronic**

Due to costs, there has been an increase in electronic QSLing



## **Electronic – my wife Marija VK5MAZ**





## What to do with all of your QSL cards

- Photo albums
- Display boards
- Frames
- website



# **Upon your passing**

 Consider passing on your collection to one of the historical QSL card collections



#### Interesting sites & You Tube videos

- https://groups.io/g/qslcardcollectors
- http://hamgallery.com/qsl/
- https://www.oldqslcards.com/
- https://www.ik3qar.it/manager/

- https://youtu.be/X1SjLIEDIHw
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# **Questions?**

