

Ham Radio Logging Then and Now

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Subjects

- Paper logs
- Early logging & contesting programs
- ADIF
- Which current program is best to use?
- N1MM, DXbase, DXLab, N3FJP, HRD
- LoTW, eQSL, Club Log
- Hard File Backups
- Connecting a computer to a radio

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Hardcopy Logs

The traditional paper log book has been the mainstay of amateur logging since Marconi first made notes on a transmission. If you don't do a lot of award hunting or contesting and you spend most of your time chewing the rag then the log book will meet all of your needs. Plus, there is something warm and personal about a hardcopy log that you can hold in your hand.

Logs

- The FCC no longer requires logs
- The next slide is from a 1960 Short Course for Novices about log requirements

5. What is the log of an amateur station, and what information is required to be entered therein? How long must it be preserved?

A log of an amateur radio station is a written record of certain important information pertaining to any transmission. The data that has to be incorporated in the log is:

- a) the date and each time of transmission
- b) the call sign of the station contacted or called
- c) the frequency band used (this information need be entered once for all transmissions until a change in band is made)
- d) the type of emission used (this need be entered only once until a different emission is contemplated)
- e) the input power to the final amplifier stage or oscillator if no power amplifier is employed (this need be entered once, provided power is not changed)
- f) the location of the fixed station or approximate geographical position of a mobile station (single entry for fixed location and necessary changes when mobile)
- g) the signature of each licensed operator who uses the transmitting equipment and the name of any person not holding a valid license who transmits under supervision of a licensed operator

A log must be retained for one year.

Typical Log

May 1983 8 COMMENTS **QSL** STATION REPORT TIME OFF DATE FREO. MODE POWER TIME SR REC'D OSL VIA SENT NAME WORKED QTH VLAP UTRAINE 0128 UBSFAM 559 599 AI ITW 5/11 14.0095 OSB AZERBAIJAN MDGDFF 0156 14.004.7 539 11 11 HAZAKH c 0207 MLTCT 589 599 14 025.2 1 46 549 VCR ? UKRAINE 7.003.6 0248 NBYUCR LI LI 257 ARB EM AG XAD ISYG Z 14. 2579 A3 58 UNITED LI 2350 59 5/13 21,293.2 A3 WIPHZ Frank 59+20 allows MASS 0008 58 600 chech. V TED BIRUT SMODJZ ZU ODSLX 0306 599 599 14.011.9 AI ITW BU 5/14 0139 COIRH DICK CUBA 579 7.0742 100 59 AI WIFT HAITI HHZUP 599 VICTOR 0154 599 7,006.6 AB 100 32 HAITI Iswath 1923 57 WBYOSN A3 HHZPR 55 RIERRE 50,110 10 Kente But KVYAD 59 4 1939 59 F178 50.102.5 11 WBIGQQ 33 GARY -1 55 59 2024 4646N 50.110, ve 34 Robert ST. VINCENT J88AR AI 41 2037 449 50,121 GRIP SYRACUSE W2RHQ 589 599 CARL AI 11 2224 2227 FNIS 50,100 WAZHANT 57 2233 Cals 50,133 A3 4 2229 57 LIVERPOOL WAZTPR 1 2235 59 2240 55 CARROLL Syrame N.Y. 50.133 41 LI 5/15 28.885. 1431 57 FOSTE 18EFS A3 7 S3E 55 Itw wass 1450 WITHM 83 Bob 41 LI 41 1619 1612 A82LC/ELZAH 59 59+ TONY 11 4 SM YCWY 28.7133 5/16 14.025,8 AL Itw 2258 559 77C 599

QSLs Arrive



Check the Log

- Find each entry in the log
- QSLs may be years old
- Search multiple logs
- Do you need to send a card?
- Or is one coming back from a request you made?

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DXCC on paper

THE ARRL DXCC COUNTRIES LIST

Published by The American Radio Relay League, Inc. 225 Main Street • Newington, CT • 06111 • USA

DXCC

5. Send your cards to the ARRL Membership Outgoing QSL Service, ARRL Hq., 225 Main Street, Newington, C 06111. and enclose payment in cash, check or money order.

6. Further details are available from the Outgoing QSL Bureau at ARRL Hq.

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For DXCC keep track of

- Not worked
- Worked
- Sent for Card
- Confirmed
- Accepted at the ARRL
- Next submission, which ones are new?



Computer logging

- It is so much easier to let a computer do the work
- When a QSL arrives, it is easy to find the QSO, just type the call, no searching paper logs
- Keeps the records for you
- Prints forms

1994 Logging software (DOS)

• ElusterLog EOS SR VKOH XE 3V IAO - The Complete DX Tracking System / Version 1.95 PYOF P YI YA /K9ch TJ

Introduction to DXLOG

Thank you for purchasing DXLOG!

The DX Century Club program, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, and the Worked All Zones program, sponsored by CQ Magazine are among the most popular awards in amateur radio. With these and so many other awards available, the requirements for record keeping, QSLing, and award form submission can be overwhelming. DXLOG was written by hams at PAYL Software who prefer to spend their time working DX, not keeping records. The time you spend initially entering your DX information will payoff quickly. DXLOG's features make DXing more fun!

- Eliminate handwritten logbooks and manual QSL and award records!
- Determine worked & needed countries and beam headings instantly!
- Print DXCC, CQ Zone, and WAS References for complete status information!
- · Know when you are eligible for new awards, then print completed application forms!
- · Print reports listing outstanding QSLs & produce attractive QSL labels automatically!
- · Import QSOs and manage QSLs from your contest program files!
- Add ClusterLog for full automation of your PacketClusterTM equipped station!

PacketCluster®

- Developed by Dick Newell, AK1A
- First ® in 1986
- System to share DX & Contesting information via Packet Radio (VHF)
- Multiple connections to one TNC
- Kantronics TNC allowed 26 connections
- Over the years, moved to the internet with new software

DX Log

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Callsign :	NATL	
by PAYL	SOFEWA	472

DXLOG Main Menu



List all QSOs with a given country or callsign, or view your logbook.

• No Mouse needed

DXLOG Edit QSO Menu

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DXLOG QSO input



DX Log

- Year 2000 shown as 19100
- Fixed for year 2000
- Never updated for Windows
- I did not log all my contacts in it
- Only the ones for DXCC & WAS
- No connection to the Radio

Contesting

- Different requirement from general logging
- Rules different for various contests
- Different Log sheets for each contest
- Some require a Log sheet for each band
- Need dupe sheets
- Score sheet

IARU Log Sheet

IARU RADIOSPORT CHAMPIONSHIP

SSB

7/11/81

LOG Sheet _____ of _____

Callsign N4TL



CountryUSA	
ITU Zone	

BAND	DATE/TIME		COMPLETE EXCHANGE				ZONE					
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US Dupe Sheet



Early Contesting Software

- CT by K1EA for DOS still available
- CT DOS version 9.89.003
- www.k1ea.com/download/index.htm
- CT was updated to run on Windows
- CTWIN 10.04.001
- Website last modified on 12 Dec 2008

Contesting Software

- Knows Contests rules
- Keeps your score
- <u>Shows dupes</u> before you work them
- Sends CW
- Prints forms to send to the organization running the contest
- Exports log for importing to another program (ADIF)

ADIF

- What ever program you use it should have the ability to export and import ADIF files
- ADIF is Amateur Data Interchange Format
- ADIF is an open standard for exchange of data between ham radio software packages available from different vendors
- All of the ones I looked at have this

Date and Time

- The date and time for the log is read from the computers Operating System
- The computer's Real Time clock is not a precision instrument
- It can be set from an Internet time server
- Modern Logging programs automatically adjust from local time to UTC

Computer to Radio connection

- "Newer" radios have a computer interface
- You have to go back many years to find one without this
- This allows logging programs to read & write the frequency & Mode
- Reduces the problem with the wrong band or frequency in the log

Call, Name

 You still have to type the Call Sign, Signal Report, Name and any notes you want

Which Logging program is best?

- Good question
- All depends on what a person likes
- I asked via email, Which programs are being used for logging, contesting, DX
- 42 responses for 22 different programs

Contesting

- For contests the clear winner by a huge margin is N1MM
- N1MM 24
- N3FPJ 4
- Paper 3
- N1MM, Its free and well supported
- More later

Everyday & DX

- DXLab 13 13
- Paper 10 4
- N3FJP 6 5
- DX4WIN 3 2
- WIN-EQF 3 3
- And many others
- Ham Radio Deluxe

1 user

Paper

- A few people said they only use paper
- A few others say they log on paper and then enter it to a logging program

Larger Survey

- My survey only had 42 responses
- Need a larger sample size
- I looked at eHam reviews for a larger group

eHam Software Reviews


www.eham.net



Classifieds Ham Exams Ham Links List Archives News Articles Product Reviews

<u>Kenwood TS-870S</u> - Kenwood Audio! <u>Victor Frequency Counter VC-3165</u> - Very accurate for me. It's a great deal. <u>Ameritron AL811HD</u> - Cool Customer On AM <u>Yaesu FT-757GXII</u> - Hike this radio <u>SteppIr 2 element</u> - Second winter and still working!



Follow the links in the table to read reviews.

You can also add a new product or service in the Ham Software - Logging category.

Product 🔺	Reviews	Average rating	Last review	MSRP
59+ Log, Analyzer, Converter	4	4.3	31-Dec-2003	\$25
AALog for Windows 3.1/9x/NT	17	4.8	08-Nov-2009	\$49,00
AATest	1	5.0	19-Oct-2005	\$free
AC Log by N3FJP	155	4.8	06-Mar-2013	\$15.00
Aether (Logger) by Andrew Madsen	13	4.8	17-Sep-2012	\$\$39.00
AIO (All In One) by WD8KNC	2	3.0	21-Jul-2012	\$Free
ARRL - Logbook of the World - LoTW	466	3.3	11-Apr-2013	\$00.00
<u>BBlogger</u>	11	4.8	03-Aug-2012	\$FREE
Cab-converter v1.01	3	5.0	15-Mar-2006	\$free
Clublog	10	4.9	08-Oct-2012	\$Free
<u>CommCat</u>	30	5.0	07-Aug-2012	\$49.95 d/l Demo d/l free
CommCat Mobile	6	5.0	13-Nov-2012	\$FREE
Contest Log Checker	1	2.0	01-Nov-2011	\$25
CQ/X by NO5VV	2	5.0	18-Jul-2009	\$FREE
CQRLOG for Linux	11	4.1	17-Jan-2012	\$0 - free
CT by K1EA	10	3.9	28-Apr-2006	\$Free
DH9SB WordPress ADIF Log Search Widget	2	3.5	03-Feb-2012	\$freeware
<u>DX Tracker</u>	3	4.3	29-Nov-2004	\$39.95
DX4Win	59	4.0	05-Jan-2013	\$89.95

Many Reviews

- 99 Logging programs listed
- Many with single review
- Ham Radio Deluxe listed under "Ham Software - Other than logging"
- 100 total
- Next Slide shows 21 with the most reviews

Sorted by # of Reviews

1	Product	Reviews	Average rating	Last review	MSRP
2	ARRL - Logbook of the World - LoTW	466	3.3	11-Apr-2013	\$0.00
3	Ham Radio Deluxe	292	4.4	6-Aug-2013	\$99
4	AC Log by N3FJP	155	4.8	06-Mar-2013	\$15.00
5	MacLoggerDX	113	4.8	23-Mar-2013	\$95.00
6	DXLab by AA6YQ	109	4.8	09-Apr-2013	ŞFree
7	N1MMlogger	73	4.7	08-Apr-2013	\$0.00
8	Prolog2K	64	4.8	27-Aug-2012	\$60 USD
9	Win-EQF	62	4.9	16-Jul-2012	\$59.95
10	DX4Win	59	4.0	05-Jan-2013	\$89.95
11	DXBase 2000 and later versions	55	4.5	30-Nov-2012	\$99
12	N3FJP Contesting Software	52	4.9	27-Mar-2013	\$6.00
13	Winlog32	51	4.6	13-Mar-2013	\$0.00
14	Logger32	42	4.8	11-Dec-2012	ŞFREE
15	WriteLog by W5XD	41	4.4	12-Jan-2012	\$75.00
16	Log Window	35	4.0	12-Jan-2011	\$89.95
17	Logger	34	4.4	21-Mar-2006	\$0.00
18	CommCat	30	5.0	07-Aug-2012	\$49.95 d/l Demo d/l free
19	LOGic 8 - Logging for windows	26	4.8	27-Aug-2011	\$129 new, \$69 & \$39 upgrade
20	SD by EI5DI	26	4.7	04-Feb-2013	\$hareware - 20 Euros Reg
21	LOGic 5.0 for Windows	24	3.6	16-Oct-2003	\$129
22	Win-Test contest logging software	23	4.7	22-Mar-2011	\$45.00 EU

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How do you choose?

- Read the reviews
- Try it before buying it
- Talk to friends
- How good is the support?
- Many have reflectors for help
- Maybe we could have a presentation on one that QCWA members are interested in

Logging Programs

- N1MM Free, Supports many contests
- HRD 6.0 \$99.95
- DXLAB Free
- N3FJP \$24.95, contests additional
- DX4WIN \$89.95
- WIN-EQF \$59.95
- MACLOGGER \$95
- COMMCAT \$49.95

Contesting software, N1MM

- Very popular contest program
- Web site has a lot of information
- The website has instructional videos
- www.n1mm.com

Northern California Contest Club

- www.nccc.cc/webinars.html
- "N1MM: How To Configure And Operate"
- They also have a good RTTY webinar
- "RTTY For Newbies"
- They show how to operate RTTY
- And how to use RTTY in N1MM

NCCC Webinars

Previous Webinars

- July 8, 2009: "How to set up a Microham keyer", Ira (K2RD) -- Recording available here (62 MB)
- July 22, 2009: "Homebrewing a micro based (SO2R) station controller", Jack (KF6T) -- Recording available here
- August 12, 2009: "N1MM: How To Configure And Operate", John (K6MM) -- Recording available here (173 MB)
- August 26, 2009:"WriteLog: How To Configure And Operate", Mark (K6UFO) -- Recording available here (108 MB)
- September 2, 2009: "A 160m Helically Wound Vertical", John (K6MM) -- Recording available here (50 MB)
- September 24, 2009: "Hints and Kinks for Using HFTA", Dean (N6BV) -- Recording available here (137 MB)
- October 14, 2009 (NCCC/PVRC Joint Webinar): "A 160m Helically Wound Vertical", John (K6MM) -- Recording available here (95 MB)
- December 9, 2009: "RTTY For Newbies", (Fred, K6DGW; John, K6MM; Dean, N6DE; Iain, N6ML) -- Recording available <u>here</u> (115 MB)
- February 2, 2010: "How to Operate the CW Sprint", (Bob, N6TV) -- Recording available here (38 MB)
- June 7, 2010: "Tactical Use of Propagation Predictions for HF Contesting", (Dean, N6BV) -- Recording available here (83 MB). PDF version of the presentation available here.
- November 23, 2010: "HF Propagation and Sporadic-E, a Case Study: WRTC 2010", (Dean, N6BV) -- Recording available here (50 MB). PDF version of the presentation available here.
- August 30, 2011: "Improving Your CW Contest Speed", (Dean, N6DE) -- Recording available here (19 MB).
- September 22, 2011: "Contesting Basics", (Bob, K6XX) -- Recording available here (137 MB).
- October 18, 2011: "Antennas For Contesting", (Dean, N6BV) -- Recording available here (185 MB).
- October 25, 2011: "Logging Accuracy: Error Control For SS", (Tom, ND2T) -- Recording available here (130 MB).
- November 15, 2011: "Recording & Using Voice Messages", (Jim, K9YC) -- Recording available here (340 MB)
- February 11, 2013: "General Meeting" -- No recording available -- technical difficulties

N1MM



N1MM



N1MM RTTY

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After the contest

- Export a Cabrillo file and send it in
- Export an ADIF file & Import in to your logging program
- Now you can answer QSL card requests with the logging program
- And you have all contacts in one place

N1MM Grayline



HRD SOFTWARE LLC



Welcome to the HRD site.

TO BUY HRD Click HERE



30 Day free full featured demo of HRD 6.1!

Live - Version 6.1.02 Release Available Click Here

HRD 6.0:

Version 6 Release Still Available, Click Here

HRD Version 6

- The October issue of CQ magazine has a 5 page review of HRD Version 6
- See Pages 46 to 50
- Back issues of CQ are available
- http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/

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DXLab

- www.dxlabsuite.com
- Install the launcher first
- It will install the programs if you want them

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DXLab Suite

- Commander, Radio Control
- DXKeeper, Log program
- DXView, DX information
- Pathfinder, QSL information
- PropView, Propagation info
- SpotCollector, Packet Cluster data
- WinWarbler, Digital modes





DXLab Suite

- Too much to cover today
- If members are interested a separate presentation could be done
- December QST, Short Takes, page 48 article about DXLab Suite

N3FJP

- Amateur Contact Log
- http://www.n3fjp.com/aclog.html
- You can use it for 45 days free
- It does everything in one program
- Logging, DX spotting
- Keeps track of WAS, DXCC & others
- If members are interested a separate presentation could be done

LoTW, eQSL, Club Log

- ADIF allows uploading to these internet websites
- ARRL's Log Book of The World, QSLs
- eQSL another way to do QSLs and awards
- Club Log. Will show information about your log. It will also send you an email about possible errors in your log

Club Log

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Club Log TimeLine

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Feedback after Upload

Callsign: 3D2RJ Date: 1982-09-21 11:22:00 Band: 20 QSL: No

- Your log claims ROTUMA. Club Log has a specific exception for 3D2RJ and will use FIJI ISLANDS.
- See https://secure.clublog.org/t.php?c=3D2RJ&t=401455320 for details.

Callsign: 600A Date: 2004-08-24 00:41:00 Band: 17 QSL: No

600A is an invalid QSO, either under the ARRL DXCC rules or because it is outside the known dates of a valid operation. Club Log is storing this QSO, but marking it as invalid. For more information, please see http://clublog.freshdesk.com/solution/articles/53820invalid-mappings

Paper Logs to computer

- Like many other hams, I decided to enter all my paper logs in to the computer
- My paper logs have 16,355 contacts
- I started typing June 2011
- Not full time effort
- Finished July 2012, merged to DXbase log
- Uploaded to LoTW, found a number of new QSLs

Paper Logs to computer

- I use DXBase 2007 for logging
- Its not easy to type in old contacts because you have to use both the keyboard and mouse

Fast Log Entry

- Fast Log Entry (FLE) by DF3CB
- Only have to use the keyboard
- It generates an ADIF file that can be imported by a logging program
- http://www.df3cb.com/fle/
- If something stays the same you don't have to type it again
- Like the band or mode
Fast Log Entry

- If you use it, type a page and test the import of the ADIF in to the program you use
- Make sure it works correctly before doing a lot of typing

Backups

- One issue with computers
- If you loose your hardfile, will you loose your log?
- Backups are important
- Copy your log(s), keep in a safe place
- USB memories
- USB external hardfile

Backups

- Second internal HF
- Norton Ghost 10
- Makes a full back up once a month.
- Makes an incremental back up as often as you want
- Also works with USB external hardfile

Backups

- Chose a method to use
- Implement it NOW not later
- DON'T WAIT for your hardfile to crash $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$

Connecting the Radio

- Serial port on the computer is connected to the radio
- Different names are used
- Serial port, com port, RS-232
- Some newer radios have USB connections

Yaesu FT-450 serial port



Kenwood TS-590

- Has both a serial port and a USB port
- Works with RS-232 serial cable
- Or a A-B USB cable
- If the A-B USB cable is used a virtual com port driver has to be installed
- The manual says "pre-installed", so install the driver before making the connection

Elecraft K3

- Has a Serial Port
- It is setup in a menu in the radio
- Set CONFIG:RS232 for the desired baud rate

Your Radio's Setting?

- Check your radio's manual to find out the requirements for connecting the computer
- Baud rate, parity and stop bits have to be set the same in the radio and computer

ICOM CT-17

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ICOM CT-17

- Price of the CT-17 is \$135.97
- The CT-17 will connect to 4 radios
- DXbase and N1MM will only allow one radio per serial port
- Other programs probably have the same restriction

Lower cost CI-V, homebrew



New computers, No serial port

- For these computers, a USB to serial port adapter can be used
- If you use one, first find out what adapter others are using that works with no problems

USB to RS-232



USB to RS-232 to radio

- USB uses positive 5 volts
- RS-232 uses positive and negative voltage
- ICOM Radio positive voltage only
- So why convert to RS-232 voltages and back?

USB to ICOM

- "Kawamall" ICOM interface cable, \$18
- I found the cable on ebay
- http://www.kawamall.com/
- Has a Prolific USB to Serial chip inside
- The Prolific chip has been counterfeited.
- They do not work on Windows 10
- Looks like a serial port to the software

USB to ICOM

- November 2016 update
- I have changed to interface cables that use the FTDI chip. That one works with windows 10.
- I purchased mine from Valley Enterprises
- Valley-ent.com

Which Serial Port?

 Windows XP, Control panel, System, System Properties, Hardware, Device manager, ports



Logging program Configuration

- In the Logging program there will be a place to set which serial port to use
- Check your radio manual to find out what the BAUD rate, Parity, number of bits and number of stop bits are
- The radio and logging program need to be set the same
- Some setups have automatic detection

ICOM CI-V address

- There is a 2 digit hex address for each model of radio
- The logging setup has to match the radio
- In DXbase & N1MM just select the Brand and Model

Newer ICOM

- Newer ICOM radios have a USB port as well as the CI-V port
- USB supports the CI-V commands
- The ICOM manual has: NOTE: BE SURE to install the USB driver BEFORE connecting the USB cable between the radio and the PC

Questions?

Other connections

- Computer sent CW
- If your Logging program supports this check the manual for the connections
- Many programs use a simple transistor circuit from a serial or parallel port to the key input of the radio.
- May not work with a USB to serial port adapter, find out what others are using

CW circuit



GND

(DB25M pin 18)

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USB to CW

- Winkeyer USB
- www.k1el.com
- Connects to the computer with USB
- Connects to the radio's straight key input
- Its not dependent on Windows doing the CW timing correctly
- Review Oct 2013 QST
- Page 59



RTTY connections

- Two ways to do this, true frequency shift or audio in to the radio
- Easy interface to use is SignalLink USB to Radio for RTTY, sends audio to radio



Questions?

Things to remember

- Laser pointer
- USB Memory to show & put presentation on it
- USB Hardfile to show
- USB to ICOM cable adapter
- USB to serial cable adapter
- Red Packet Cluster binder
- Handouts
- Water