

Raymond Stone

30 Years of  
Amateur Radio  
as Told Through  
QSL Cards

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# Raymond Stone

- Born in 1936 – Passed Away in 2022
- First licensed in 1950 at age of 14 as WN1GZH
  - Cranston, Rhode Island
- Upgraded in 1955 to W1ZGH
- Spent time in Air Force in late 50's
  - Recognized for his ability to copy/send CW at 65 WPM and immediately shifted to signals/intel
- Moved to Texas in 1967 – W1GZH/5
  - 1967 Apartment in Irving
  - 1968 House in Irving – W5RBO
  - 1969 Moved to Anna
- Call Signs –
  - WN1GZH
  - W1GZH
  - W1GZH/5
  - W5RBO
- ARRL Member
- Grayson County Club Member (Sherman)
- QSL Mgr for 3D2ER, T2T, T3AC
- President of Selectouch in Anna

CRANSTON 9, RHODE ISLAND  
48 NICHOLS STREET

# W1ZGH

RADIO.....CONFIRMING QSO of.....19.....  
AT.....M. EST UR.....Mc.....SIGS RST.....  
XMTR:.....W. INPUT RCVR:.....  
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PSE QSL TNX. 73 RAYMOND E. STONE  
48 NICHOLS ST.

IRVING, TEXAS U. S. A. 75060  
2625 DEWITT

# W1ZGH/5

Radio.....Confirming QSO of.....19.....  
AT.....M. EST UR.....Mc.....SIGS RST.....  
XMTR: HT-32 - HT-33 1KW DC INPUT RCVR: 7544  
PSE QSL TNX 73, RAYMOND E. STONE  
DIRECT OR VIA W5 BUREAU

ANNA, TEXAS U.S.A.  
COLLIN COUNTY

# W5RBO

QSO WITH	DATE	MHZ	GMT	RST	TWO WAY

RECEIVER: 75A4  
TRANSMITTER: 1 KW DC  
ANTENNA: 4 element  
yagi monoband ft.

EX: W1ZGH  
DXCC - WAS - WAC  
TNX QSO 73

PSE QSL TO:  
RAYMOND E. STONE  
P.O. BOX 416  
ANNA, TEXAS 75003  
USA

ANNA, TEXAS U.S.A.  
ITU ZONE 7 COLLIN COUNTY CQ ZONE 4

# W5RBO

5B DXCC - 5B WAS - 6B WAC - 1.8 WAC - 1.8 WAS - 3.5 WAC - CQ DX SSB - CQ DX CW - WAZ  
QCWA - WAS - WAZ - EX: W1ZGH

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CALL NAME: W5RBO/mobile  
STREET: 141 Franklin Co.  
CITY: Florida  
STATE: Florida  
COUNTY: Florida

TO RADIO: W1ZGH/5  
CONFIRMING QSO ON 3-11-80 AT 7344 GMT

YOUR 143 MCS AM CW 2-SSB RTTY SIGS 5 9 R S T

RIG: 73, CUL ES GH

QSL PSE TNX PRINTED BY CLIP. KGBX

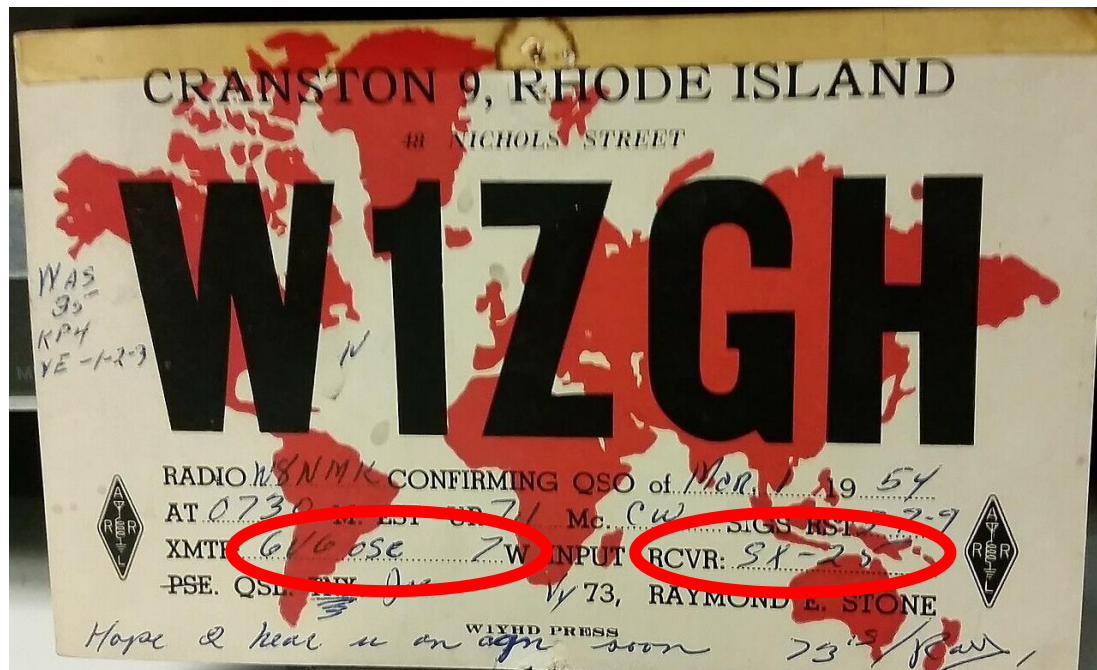


# Cranston RI - Station

Cranston, RI

- 1954
  - TX --- Homebrew 6V6 Oscillator -- 7W Input
  - RX -- Hallicrafters SX-25

Representative H/B 6V6  
Oscillator



SX-25

# Irving, TX - Station

Irving, TX

- 1968
  - TX --- Hallicrafters
    - HT-32 Transmitter
    - HT-33 Amplifier – 1KW Input
  - RX – Collins 75A4

HT-32



HT-33



IRVING, TEXAS U. S. A. 75060  
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**W1ZGH/5**

Radio SP9B12 Confirming QSO of APR 14 19 68  
A-67410 MESA UT 14 14 Mc2X5625105 RST 1

XMTR: HT-32 - HT-33 1KW INPUT RCVR: 75A4

PSE QSL TXN W1 73, RAYMOND E. STONE  
DIRECT OR VIA W5 BUREAU



75A4



# Anna, TX – Station - 1978

- TX ---
  - Kenwood TS820
  - Collins 32S3A
- RX —
  - Kenwood R-820
  - Collins 75A4
  - Collins 75S3B
- **Antennas**
  - **10m – 10 el Yagi at 80'**
  - **15m – 8 el Yagi at 90'**
  - **20m – 6 el Yagi at 100'**
  - **40m – 4 el Quad at 85'**
  - **160/80m – 157' Vertical**
  - **6 Beverage Receiving Antennas ranging from 540' to 3,600'**



TS-820



32S3A

**ANNA, TEXAS U.S.A.**

ITU ZONE 7      COLLIN COUNTY      CQ ZONE 4


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QSO WITH	DATE	MHZ	UTC	RST	TWO WAY

XTMR: 1 KW, TS-820, 32S3A  
RCVR: TS-820, R-820, 75A4, 7553B  
ANTENNAS: 10 M - 10 ELM YAGI, 80 ft.  
15 M - 8 ELM YAGI, 90 ft.  
20 M - 6 ELM YAGI, 100 ft.  
40 M - 4 ELM QUAD, 85 ft.  
160/80 M - 157 ft. VERTICAL  
\* 6 BEVERAGE RECEIVING ANTENNAS  
540 ft. TO 3,600 ft.

**PSE  
TNX** QSL DIRECT OR VIA BUREAU:  
Raymond Stone  
P.O. Box 416  
Anna, Texas 75003



R-820



75S3B

*NOTE: -- QSL Card indicates 1KW, but no mention of Make/Model of amp. Assuming the HT33 still in service*

# What Changed Since 2022?

- Received more QSL Cards
- Received some of W5RBO Logbooks
- Entered all into logging program
- Removed duplicates

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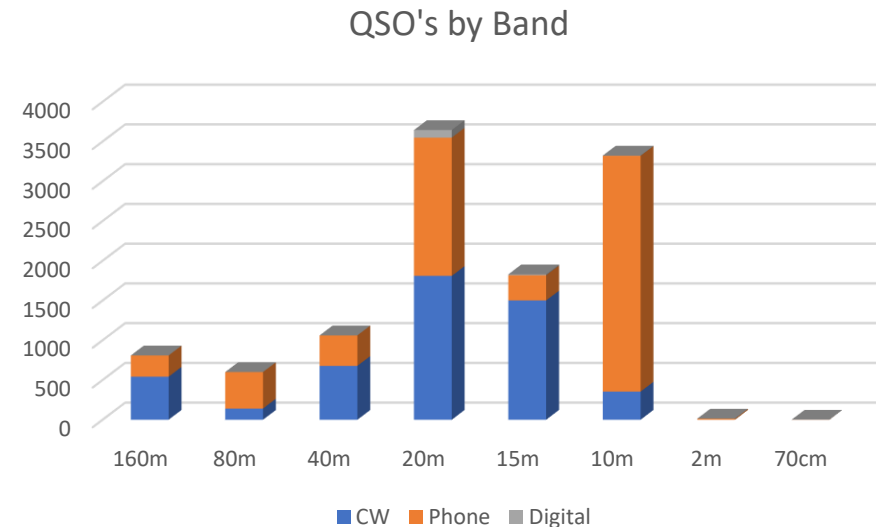
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													S R
		11-14-67											
343	1919	K5AWK/M	x	7220	5-9	5-9	7220	SSB	144	1920	Paul		
344	1920	WA8GGN	x	7220	5-5	5-5	7220	SSB	144	1926	St. Joseph, Mich. - Mike		
	1957	WA4NWH	x		5-9		7243	SSB	144		NO —		
	2011	WØHFX	x		5-8		7220	SSB	144		NO —		
		11-15-7											
345	234P	K5OSH	x	7225	5-9	5-9	7225	SSB	144	2415	Russ		
		11-16-7											
346	1910	W5FXZ	x	7205	5-9	5-9	7205	SSB	144	1935	Beam - Jackson, Miss. ✓		
	1931	W6HRA	x	7211	5-5	—	7211	SSB	144		NO COPY		
	1931	W4RAN/B	x	7211	5-5	—	7211	SSB	144		COPY - QRM - Neglect. —		
	2243	W6TYG	x	7228	5-9	QRM	7228	SSB	144	2247	Bill -		
	2248	CQ	x				7215	SSB	144		QRM - Someone calling -		
		11-17-67											
347	2325	W4STU/KPA	x	14229	5-9	5-5	14229	SSB	144	2328	Ramsey Air Force Base Puerto Rico - Mac.		
		11-18-67											
348	0735	KØDOB	x	14.3	5-9	5-9	14.3	SSB	144	0749	Manchester, Iowa TED		
349	0810	W4CNA	x	14.3	5-9	5-9	14.3	SSB	144	0833	CLEARWATER, FLA DALE		
	1135	CQ	x				28.6	SSB	144		NO —		
350	1140	W2SYC	x	28.6	5-9	5-9	28.6	SSB	144	1244	Woonchong, N.J. Ken		
351	1305	WA3ALU	x	28.6	5-9	5-9	28.6	SSB	144	1338	POCONO, MTS, PA. Henry		
352	1830	W5HHU	x	28.6	5-9	5-9	28.6	SSB	144	1837	DALLAS, Tex. Whit		
353	2205	K5OSH/M	x	7.2	5-9	5-9	7219	SSB	144	2207	Russ - DUNCANVILLE		
354	2205	W5LUB	x	7.2	5-9	5-9	7219	SSB	144	2450	DTT		
355	2205	K5HWA	x	7.2	5-9	5-9	7219	SSB	144	2330	EAPL		
356	2205	W5NZL/M	x	7219	5-9	5-9	7219	SSB	144	2325	Steve /		
357	2310	WA5TCA	x	7.2	5-9	5-9	7219	SSB	144	2345	Jeff - DALLAS		
358	2320	K5IME	x	7.2	5-9	5-9	7219	SSB	144	2401	Tom - IRVING		



# On-The-Air

- QSL Card Statistics
  - 16,11 QSO's documented
  - Only a small fraction of Ray's total QSO's
  - Most lost to water damage over the years
  - Includes Logbooks from 1967, 1968, 1971-1976, 77, & 78

Band	CW	Phone	Digital	Total	%
160m	542	267	0	809	5%
80m	142	686	0	8280	5%
40m	691	396	0	1087	7%
20m	2637	3537	97	6271	39%
15m	1538	642	11	2191	14%
10m	359	4542	2	4903	30%
2m	0	14	0	14	0%
70cm	0	1	0	1	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5909</b>	<b>10092</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>16111</b>	<b>100%</b>



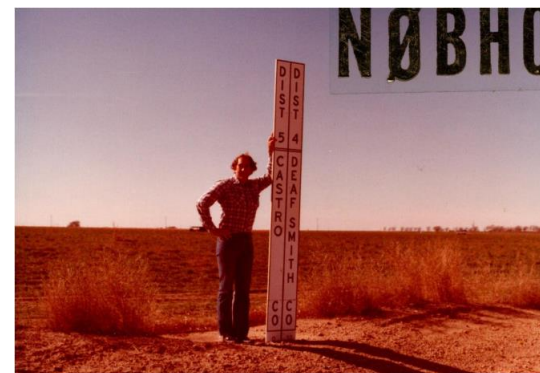
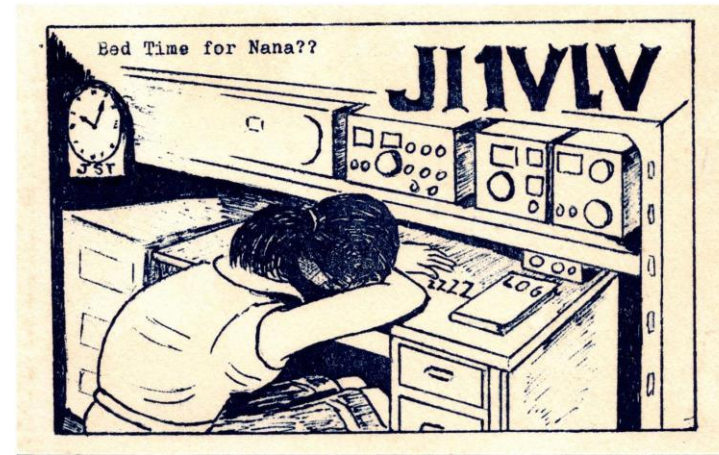
# Interesting QSL Statistics

Countries Worked – **318**

Islands On The Air Worked – **171**

Prefixes Worked – **1,142**

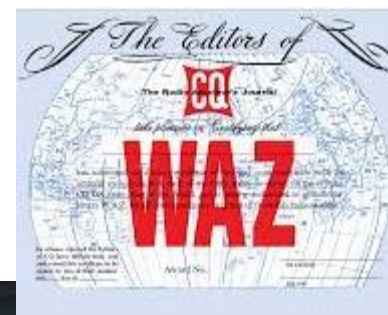
Top Countries Worked – USA –	<b>5,679</b>
Japan –	<b>1,887</b>
New Zealand –	<b>505</b>
Australia –	<b>468</b>
E.Germany –	<b>46</b>
European Russia –	<b>434</b>
England –	<b>298</b>



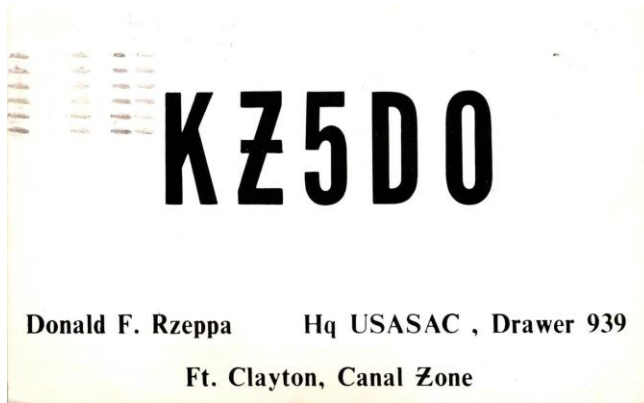


# Earned Awards

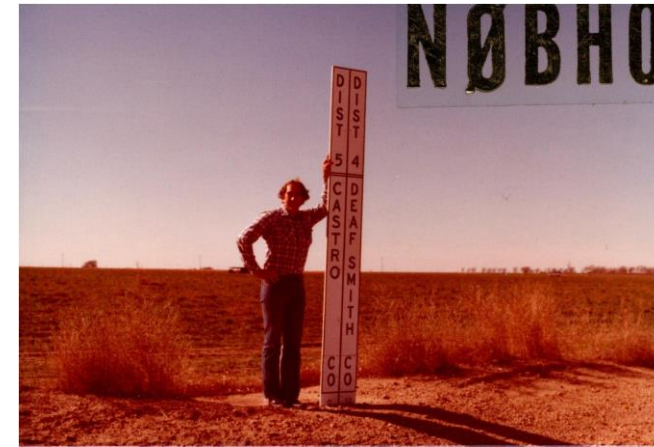
- 5-Band DX Century Club
- 5-Band Worked All States
- 6-Band Worked All Continents
- 160m – Worked All Continents
- 160m – Worked All States
- 80m – Worked All Continents
- CQ DX SSB Award
- CQ DX CW Award
- CQ Worked All Zones Award
- Quarter Century Wireless Association



# Notable QSL Cards



*The Canal Zone in Panama  
no longer exists*



*For those that wonder  
why some counties in  
Texas are so hard to  
get a QSL from*



*Nepal is exceptionally  
difficult to find*



# Notable QSL Cards

Quite a wall of equipment!!!!



## ADØS

STATION: 3D2ER QSO DATE: MO. 6 DAY 1 YR. 82 GMT: 0630  
FREQ.: 14265 MODE: FM, AM, SSB, CW OSCAR: \_\_\_\_\_ RST: 55  
TXRX: 101E, 401B, 227R, FTV 650B, 250, 2100B, FR101, FT-7 WATTS OUT: 100  
ANT: DIPOLE, 4ELQAGI-10M, 4ELYAGI, 2ELYAGI-40M, 5ELYAGI-6M, 11ELYAGI-2M, 14EL-7M  
REMARKS: TNA RAS CU AGN  
ANT. HGHT.: 24' MARS: \_\_\_\_\_  
PLSE QSL ✓ TNX \_\_\_\_\_  
OLD CALL: WDØC XK, XYL WDØDZL



73 George

**GEORGE CARLETON**  
**BOX 43 (crow wing county)**  
**MERRIFIELD, MN., U.S.A., 56465**



# Notable QSL Cards

*Not sure the van will stay upright  
while supporting that antenna*



# HB9AN

HB9AN  
HB9AN/P

to: W 5 RBO

DATE	GMT	QRG	MODE	RST
4/6/78	05 <sup>05</sup>	14	CW SSB	599

QTH:

ZH	ZG	GR	GE
BE	FR	AG	
LU	SO	TG	
UR	BS	TI	
SZ	SH	VD	
NW	AR	VS	
GL	SG	NE	

Repeater  
channels:

VHF: R7  
UHF: R82



Section  
Aargau

vy 73



# Notable QSL Cards

*Quite possibly THE Peter  
Bogdanovich of The Last Picture  
Show, Paper Moon, and others*

P. O. BOX 6604  
PANAMA 5  
REPUBLIC, OF PANAMA

1 REX4

**HP11E**

T.O. W1ZGH/5 FOR QSO ON 7 Jan 1968  
A.T. 1305 G.M.T. O.N. 28 M.C. C.W. SSBX2  
R.S.T. 59 Power Used 600W  
O.P. Pete 73 the ash line 73 Pete Bogdanovich



# Notable QSL Cards

*DX-Peditions are most often  
NOT Glamorous*

## CAYMAN ISLAND, B.W.I.



K4CAH - W4PJG - K4IA - WA4WIP

**Z  
F  
1  
E  
P**

# J5AG

APRIL 1981

## Guinea-Bissau

OPERATED BY:  
**SUNDSVALL DX GROUP**

Standing:  
SMØAGD Erik, SM3CXS Jörgen "Joe"

Sitting: SM3RL Leif "Lee",  
SM3DVN Gunnar "Gus", J5HTL Hillar

To Radio W5RBO

We are pleased to confirm your QSO with J5AG

1981	UT	MHZ	RST	MODE
APRIL, <u>3</u>	<u>0310</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>599</u>	2-way CW/SSB

QSL via SM3CXS, Jörgen Svensson,  
Berghemsvägen 11, S-863 00 Sundsbruk, Sweden.  
Thank you for your interest in our DXpedition.

73 de Gus

Verified by  
SM3CXS, SM3DVN, SM3EVR, SM3RL, SMØAGD

#### Equipment:

Transceivers: ICOM IC-720 and IC-701  
Linears: Heathkit SB 200 and HA 14  
Antennas: HyGain 14AVQ and 18AVT

#### Equipment supplied by courtesy of:

SM4MI, Hans Nordwall, Swedish Radio Supply AB  
SMØGMG, Lars Mohlin, Heathkit Scandinavia AB

#### QSL cards donated by:

Northern California DX Foundation Inc.

Printed by SM3BEE/Mercurs Tryckeri, Box 11, 871 01 Härnösand, Sweden

## Still going strong with Hy-Gain

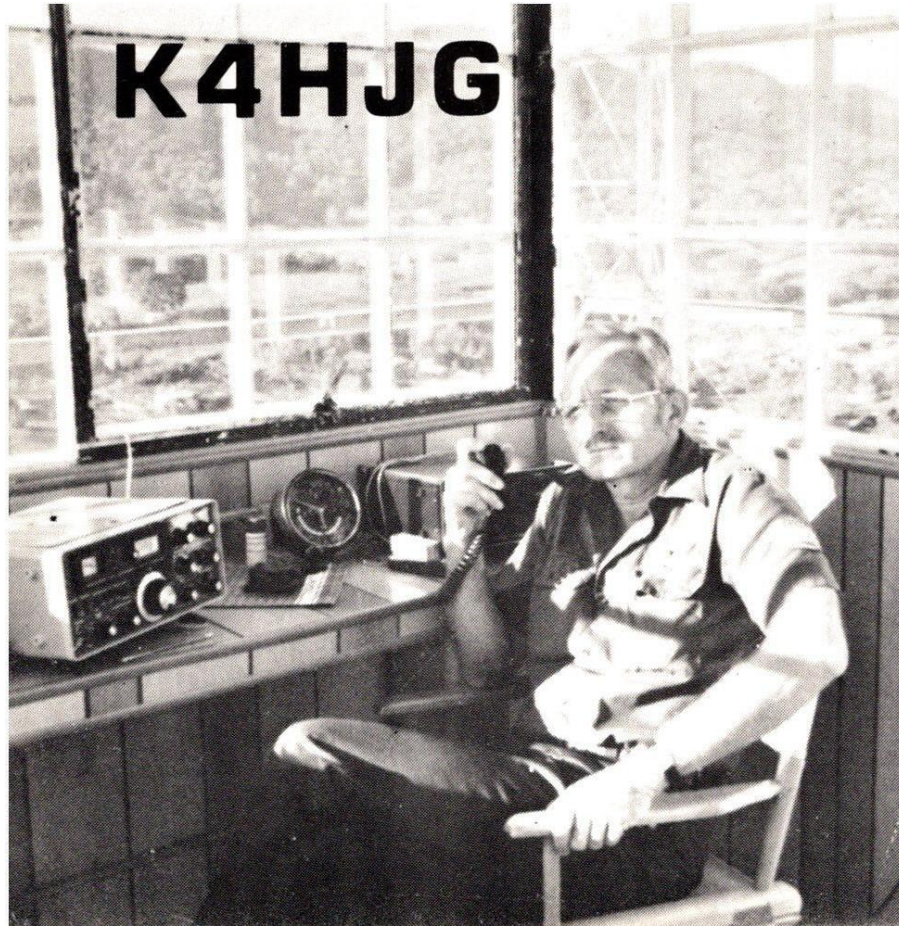
# ELFA

RADIO & TELEVISION AB  
171 17 SOLNA  
INDUSTRIVÄGEN 23 • 08/730 07 00



# Notable QSL Cards

*A great way to limit feed-line losses and the expense of building an antenna tower! – circa 1977*





# Notable QSL Cards

*UN Forces have been in the  
Middle East for quite some  
time – This example from the  
70's*



AUSTRIAN MILITARY RADIO SECTION  
AUSBATT - UNDOF SYRIA

CFMG OUR ~~SSB~~ CW - RTTY QSO - SWL  
ON **8. März 1978** *1457* GMT  
RST *56*  
80 - 40 - 20 - 15 - *10* - MTRS - QSB - QRM -

RIG: KWM 2A - 30 L1 -  
RHOMBIC - GP - LW

OPR: **Horst Donik**  
Freiheitsallee 29  
A - 8720 Knittelfeld

TNX QSO - 73 - 55 - BEST DX -  
GOOD LUCK!

PSE QSL VIA OE - BURO ONLY

BMfLV R 4800

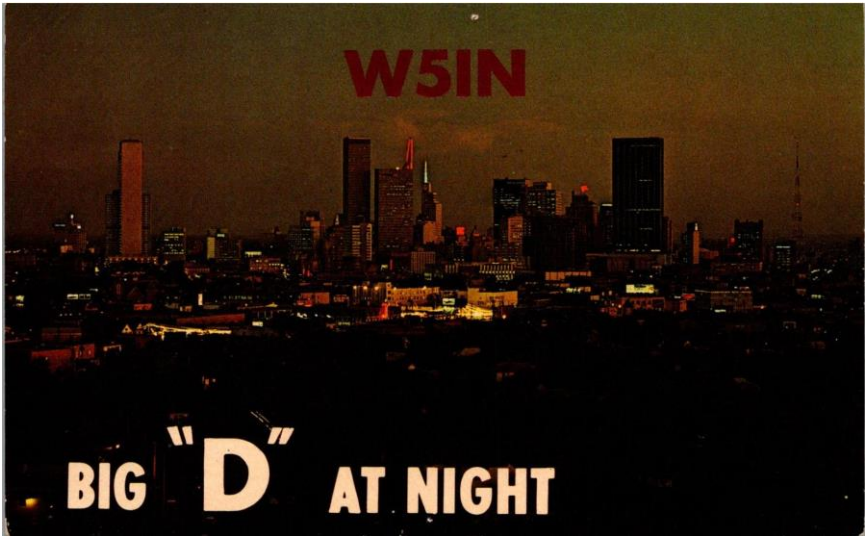
TO RADIO  
*W5RBD*

(pse qsl via .....)



# Notable QSL Cards

## 1968 Dallas Skyline



**DALLAS, TEXAS** P63628

Spectacular dusk view of the ultra-modern and colorful Big "D" Skyline, hub of business activity for the entire Southwest. Center of more than 1,500,000 population in 50 mile radius and gateway to fabulous "Six Flags Over Texas."

Radio. W1ZGH/5 26 MAR 1968

Confirming our QSO of 3024 at 0218 GMT. UR 5-9

Xmtr balv W Imp 300 PEP

Rcvr ✓ Ant. TA33

Remarks Nice to meet in Ray

PSE QSL TNX

NORMAN C. FINNEY - W5IN

4695 S. VERSAILLES

DALLAS, TEXAS 75209

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POST CARD

W1ZGH/5

To Amateur Radio Station

W1ZGH/3

2625 Delwitt

Irving Texas

75060

## A Worlds Fair in San Antonio





# Notable QSL Cards

## 1978 Digital Enabled Station



Norman R. Mc Laughlin  
Amateur Radio W 4 G J R  
Box 88  
Bethania, NC 27010

TO: Ray - W5BRO

Tnx fer nice chat on 40MCSSB on Jan 14 '78  
abt 0753Z when ur FB sigs were 5&9. Tnx fer  
ur QSL crd.

The TS900 shown hr has been replaced by a  
TS820S which I hope sounds as nice as urs!  
The linear is an SB200 and the antenna is  
a ground plane on the roof of the house.

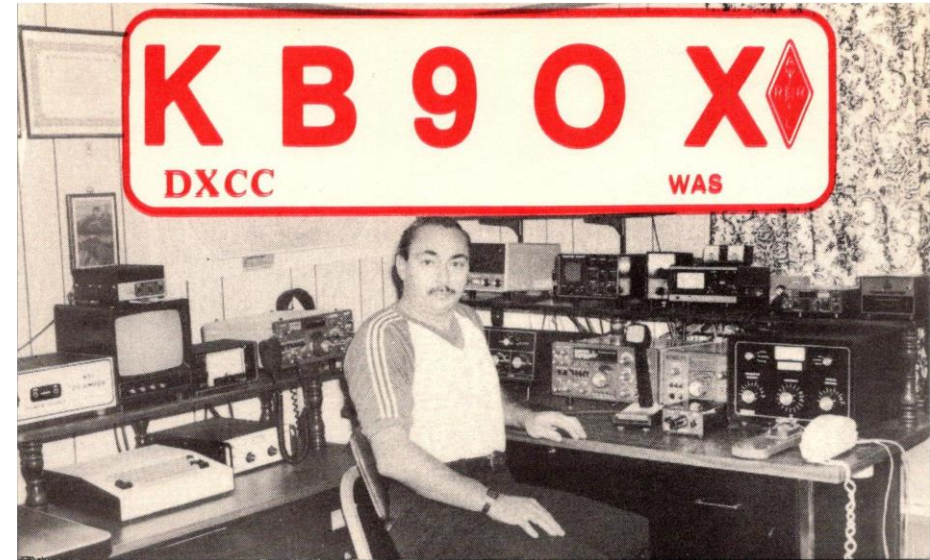
That vertical bent wire doing great.

73 NORM

W 4 G J R

BETHANIA (FORSYTH COUNTY) NORTH CAROLINA

## 1982 Digital Enabled Station



**K B 9 O X**  
DXCC WAS

### CONFIRMING OUR "QSO"

Radio 3D2ER Date 02 JUN 1982  
Time 05:50 to \_\_\_\_\_ G.M.T. R 59 T \_\_\_\_\_  
Freq. 14:218 Band Cond. \_\_\_\_\_

Wx. Here \_\_\_\_\_ Mode: AM CW SSB RTTY

RIG HERE: Transmitter Yaesu FT 101ZD Receiver Same

Antenna 4- Element Yagi @ 22 Meters

Remarks: TNX FOR NEW COUNTRY! GL

Zone 4 Howard County

PSE - QSL - TNX

73 Wayne  
K B 9 O X

Wayne A. Powell  
212 West Main Street  
Greentown, Indiana 46936

# Why Use Paper QSL's Today?

- Electronic QSLs – eQSL, Logbook of the World, QRZ, etc.
  - Quick!
  - Most free!
  - Integrated into electronic logging programs!
  - Instantaneous matching of QSO's!
  - Automated verification for Awards Credit!
  - Data belongs to someone else
  - Ephemeral
  - Requires the Internet
  - Requires a computer or phone
  - May DX stations may not have the ability to QSL electronically
- Paper QSL Cards
  - Can move no faster than the postal services
  - Relatively expensive – postage, printing, etc.
  - Sometimes complicated
    - Foreign postage
    - How to provide return postage for DX
  - Labor intensive
  - Poor response rates
  - Relatively permanent
  - The card and information belongs to you
  - No technology required to look at them
  - Educational
    - Learn about different countries
    - Currencies
    - Postal systems
    - Governments
  - QSL's continue to arrive even 10 or more years after the QSO
  - Stories are told through the cards themselves



# QSL Card Construction

# What Makes a Good QSL Card??

- ***CLEARLY communicates at least the minimum required information to confirm the QSO***
  - Call-Signs of both stations
  - Date
  - Band/Frequency
  - Operating Mode (SSB, Digital, CW, etc.)
  - Time (GMT/UTC Please!)
  - Signal Report
  - Address or other instructions for receiving a confirming QSL (e.g. via Bureau, direct, QSL Manager, etc.)

5W1AR is pleased to confirm the following QSO:

RADIO	DATE	TIME	FREQ	RST	2-WAY
W5RBO	1 Feb 1969	0830 GMT	14 MHz	58	SSB

Verified By: *Russ*  
W4ZXI  
Miami, Fla.

Opr.:  
T. A. Ferguson  
Faleolo Airpor  
Western Samoa

- ***Useful Information***

- County
- ITU Zone
- CQ Zone
- SMIRK, 10/10, or other numbers relevant to certain contests

- ***Optional Information***

- Equipment/Antennas
- Awards Earned
- Pets' names
- Kids' names
- Etc.



# What Makes a Good QSL Card??

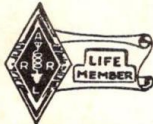
- ***CLEARLY communicates at least the minimum required information to confirm the QSO***
  - Penmanship if hand-writing information (Block letters are best)
  - High quality permanent ink
  - Clear format for Date
    - ~~10/11/2022 – NO!!~~
    - ~~11/10/2022 – NO!!~~
      - 11-X-2022 – OK (Roman for Month)
      - 11-Oct-2022 -- OK
      - October 11, 2022 -- OK
  - 24hr, four-digit time notation in GMT/UTC time
  - All information on ONE side of the card

**K 5 G H**

CONFIRMATION OF TWO-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION

Station	Date <small>day - month - year</small>	GMT	Freq. Band <small>Mhz</small>	RST	Mode
WSRBO	30 April 82	0200	146.49	59	FM

EX-WSKHP

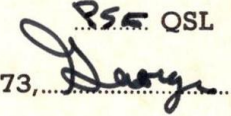
 LIFE MEMBER

DALLAS COUNTY

GEORGE HULING  
721 WHITE DR.  
GARLAND, TEXAS  
75040 U. S. A.

TNX FOR QSO

RSE QSL

73, 

# Great QSL Examples

**ANNA, TEXAS U.S.A.**  
COLLIN COUNTY

# W5RBO

QSO WITH	DATE	MHZ	GMT	RST	TWO WAY

RECEIVER: 75A4  
TRANSMITTER: 1 KW DC  
ANTENNA: 4 element  
yagi monoband ft.

EX: W1ZGH  
DXCC - WAS - WAC

## TNX QSO 73

PSE QSL TO:  
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P.O. BOX 416  
ANNA, TEXAS 75003  
USA

**IRVING, TEXAS U. S. A.** 75060  
2625 DEWITT

# W1ZGH / 5

Radio SP9BIZ Confirming QSO of APR 14 19 68  
At 0741Z <sup>GMT</sup> ~~M. EST~~ UR 14.204 Mc 2XSSB SIGS RST 5-6  
XMTR: HT-32 - HT-33 1KW DC INPUT RCVR: 75A4  
PSE QSL TNX W1 73, RAYMOND E. STONE  
DIRECT OR VIA W5 BUREAU

**CRANSTON 9, RHODE ISLAND U. S. A.**

# W1ZGH

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RADIO \_\_\_\_\_ CONFIRMING QSO OF \_\_\_\_\_ 195 \_\_\_\_  
AT \_\_\_\_\_ AM \_\_\_\_\_ PM \_\_\_\_\_ ST UR \_\_\_\_\_ MC. <sup>CW</sup> FONE SIGS RST \_\_\_\_\_  
XMTR: \_\_\_\_\_ W.INP. RCVR: \_\_\_\_\_

PSE QSL TNX.

73

RAYMOND E. STONE  
48 NICHOLS ST.



# Good QSL Examples


K  
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G  
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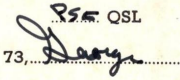
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CONFIRMATION OF TWO-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATION

Station	Date <small>day - month - year</small>	GMT	Freq. Band <small>Mhz</small>	RST	Mode
WSRBO	30 April 82	0200	146.49	59	FM

EX-WSKHP  
  
DALLAS COUNTY


GEORGE HULING  
721 WHITE DR.  
GARLAND, TEXAS  
75040 U. S. A.

TNX FOR QSO  
85 QSL  
73, 

Western  
Samoa


5W1AR

Trevor Ferguson



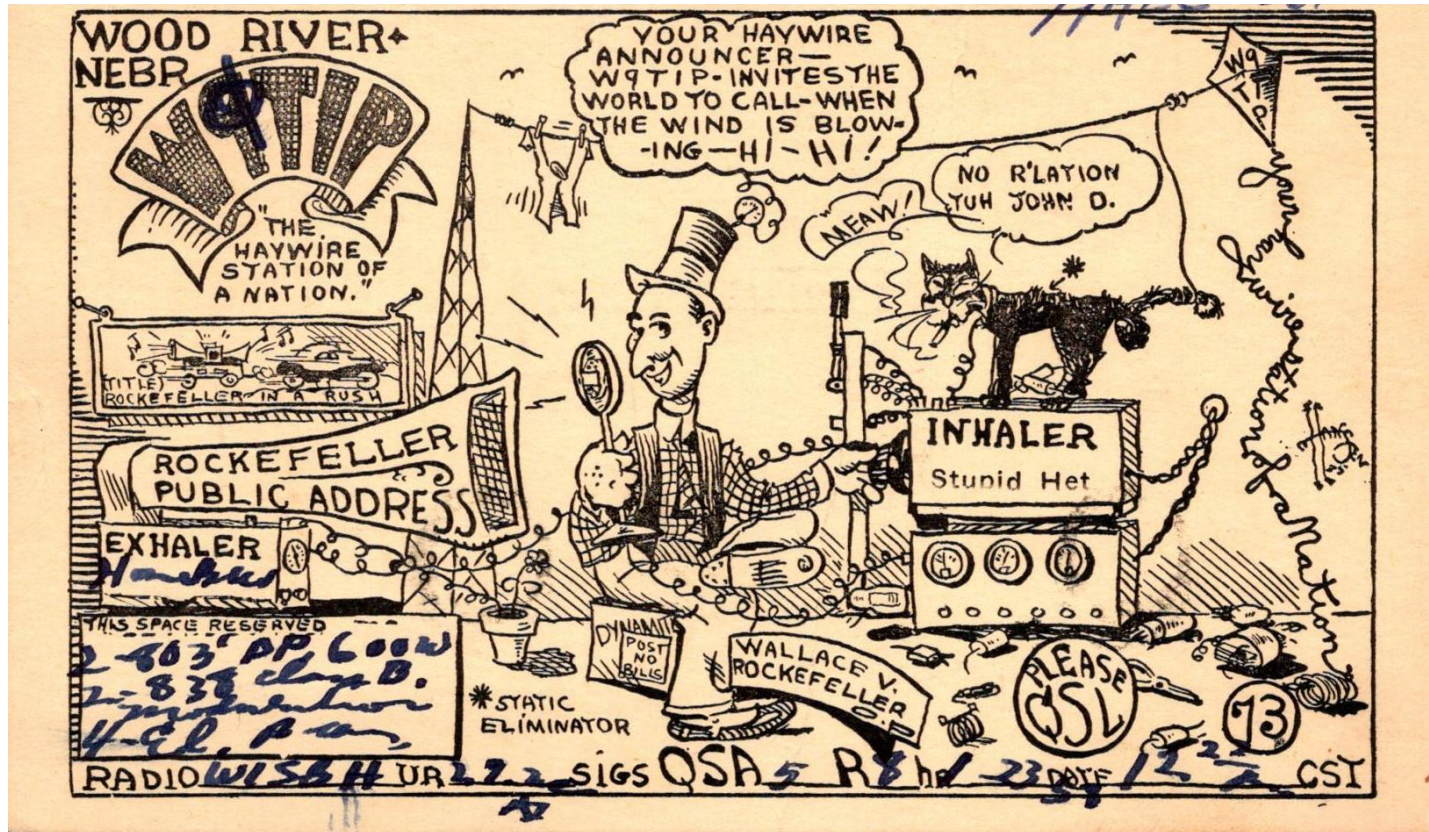
5W1AR is pleased to confirm the following QSO:

RADIO	DATE	TIME	FREQ	RST	2-WAY
WSRBO	1 Feb 1969	0830 GMT	14 MHz	58	SSB

Verified By:   
W4ZXI  
Miami, Fla.

Opr.:  
T. A. Ferguson  
Faleolo Airpor  
Western Samoa

# Room for Improvement





**WOOD RIVER  
NEBR**

**WQTI**

"THE HAYWIRE STATION OF A NATION."

TITLE ROCKEFELLE

**ROCKEFELLE  
PUBLIC ADDRESS**

**EXHALER**

THIS SPACE RESERVED  
803' DP LOON  
838 day D.  
4-El. P. a.

RADIO WLSB HUR

YOUR WIFE  
WQTI INVITES THE  
WORLD TO CALL-WHEN  
THE WIND IS BLOW-  
ING-HI-HI!

MEOW!

NO R'LATION  
YUH JOHN D.

**INHALER**  
Stupid Het

WALLACE  
ROCKE

STATIC  
ELIMINATOR

PLEASE  
QSL

SIGS QSA 5 RE

CSL

Positive --- All on one side of the card!



Room for  
Improvement –  
What is the Callsign?

**ÖREBRO**

heart of Sweden. Highly diversified economy — not so sensitive to changes in the economic trend. Vigorous land and building policies — firm investment for robust housing programme. Widely-ramified education — from comprehensive school to university college and other colleges. Richer leisure — constructive measures to benefit every age and interest.

The famous water-tower "The Mushroom"

Örebro Castle

SK  
4  
BX

Position:  
59° 17' N, 15° 12' E.

ÖSA club-station operator *37AC-kett*

TO RADIO	YEAR MONTH DAY	GMT	MHZ	RST	2X
<i>W5RBO</i>	<i>78-09-17</i>	<i>02<sup>26</sup></i>	<i>14</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>CW</i>

Pse tnx QSL via SSA or direct, Box 242, S-701 04 ÖREBRO Laen T for WASM II.  
Comune T 11 for SCA. Tnx for QSO es 73



Room for  
Improvement –  
What is the Callsign?

SWEDISH AMATEUR RADIO STATION



**S M O D Z H**

Björn Hägglund  
Tjurgränd 49  
S-175 45 Järfälla

# Room for Improvement – What is the Callsign?

S  
M  
3

län X  
for V/ASM 2



ALW

CFV

UL

AGO

DYB

DSO

BCZ

BWU

ANA

Add.  
Members  
are

CAG

CHE

DXC



# Room for Improvement – What is the Callsign?



**ØZ 1 A 000**

Grethe Dudahl-Lasjon



**ØZ 1 000**

Jørgen Dudahl-Lasjon



QTH: Strandhuse DK-4500 Nykøbing Sj.  
DENMARK



Room for  
Improvement –  
What is the Callsign?






Room for  
Improvement –  
What is the Callsign?

CALL	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	GMT	BAND	RST	2 WAY
W5RBO	77	10	30	16.28	28	59	SSB FM CW

"SWEET      MARIE'S      TWO      DIRTY      YELLOW      SHORTS"

# SM2DYS

JAN FORSBERG  
KROKUSVÄGEN 4  
SKELLEFTEÅ  
S-931 00  
SWEDEN    PHONE 0910-113 52

MEMBER OF  
  
SKELLEFTEÅ AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

TRX HW 101  
PA  
2 EL QUAD 10-20  
80 M INV.V  
40 M INV.V

LAEN AC FOR WASM II  
SCA AC 5  
QRA    KY 25 b  
ZONE 14

PSE QSL VIA BUREAU  
TNX OR DIRECT

BEST 73'S ES  
BCNU DE *Jan*

Room for  
Improvement –  
What is the Callsign?

To radio	W5RBO	QTH ANNA-TEXAS
<b>SM6DUA</b>		
Name: Karl-Gustaf "KaGe" Bylehed Addr: Rosenvägen 3, Box 3069, Vinninga QTH: S-531 03 Lidköping, SWEDEN		



Room for  
Improvement –  
What is the Callsign?

*Roseburg, Oregon 97470 U.S.A.*

*1643 W. Catherine Avenue*

**WPE7COX** *SWL*

*Member Newark News Radio ~~News~~ Radio Club*

*Donald C. Gross*

# SWL Card Examples

BRITISH EXPERIMENTAL SHORT WAVE RECEIVING STATION

QTH : 25, New Market Place, Beccles, Suffolk,  
ENGLAND

**BRS 27235**

To RADIO 14126405 On (one/cw/ssb) Sigs hrd on 14-2 1965 at 0835 GMT/BST  
Clg/wkg 7A QRM 14 Mca. RST 59 QSA R OSB to  
QRN R ORN Mod 14126405 WX WAT 14126405  
RX 14126405 ANT ES RY 14126405  
Remarks ES RA Real 240 SW THIS EARLY MORNING  
Py 73 as DX OM from 14126405

PSE QSL Direct or  
via RSGB

Print—A.B. Loe

This is a genuine Report of your Signals  
I should appreciate a verification

RON INGATE

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

# OK1-15688

To radio: *W12GH/5*

DATE	GMT	MHz	MODE	RST	WKG/cle
<i>19 MAY 68</i>	<i>0605</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>SSB</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>GI3JIM</i>

RX: LAFAYETTE HA-225  
 ANT. *20m W*  
 PSE QSL via CRC, P. O. box 69, PRAHA 1.  
*for my WAS*

op: Karel Brenner,  
 QTH: Kralupy n. Vlt. I/635  
*Y 731 DX Paul*

GERMANY

**DE - B 12 / 16528**

OP: Stefan-M. Bauer, QTH: 84 Regensburg, Roter Brachweg 43  
DOK: B 12

To Radio W1ZGH/5 hrd or A1/A3 (SSB) contact

Date	GMT	with	R	S	T	Mc/s
14/09/08	14.07	K1VXA	5	7	-	14

PSB  
FNN  
QSL

RX SSB+6: Stairs RSD + converter vy 73 ex best DX!

Ant: Dipole, 15 ft high OP: Stefan

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**POLISH SHORT WAVE AMATEUR RADIO STATION**

**SP9-649**

PZK  
CHC

Kazimierz Lisowicz, Bytom 2, Box 98

RADIO	DATE OF QSO	GMT	MC	RST	MODE
W1ZGH/5	706-68	05 <sup>30</sup>	14 <sup>20</sup>	58	SSB

WKG: Gg Contest      Ant.: 40 20m      Rx: SX-28

PSE QSL      VY4CZ      Vy 73 from op.: Kuzik

since 20. XII. 56

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

OK 1-00407

QTH PRAHA

To radio: W 1 ZGH

Ur A 1. *ew* sigs rcvd on *47*. 1955

at 02,32 GMT on *7* Mc/s. RST *5449*

Rx: *20 T. super* Ant: *40 m 1*

WKC *W 8 1YP*

Dx: *confim. 143 countries*

*11 36 zone 73!* *Lasky*


*OP. A. R. L. B. C.*

*PSE QSL 8 dr. RAY. 1. jun.*

Central Radio Club P. B. 69 Praha 1

AP 46

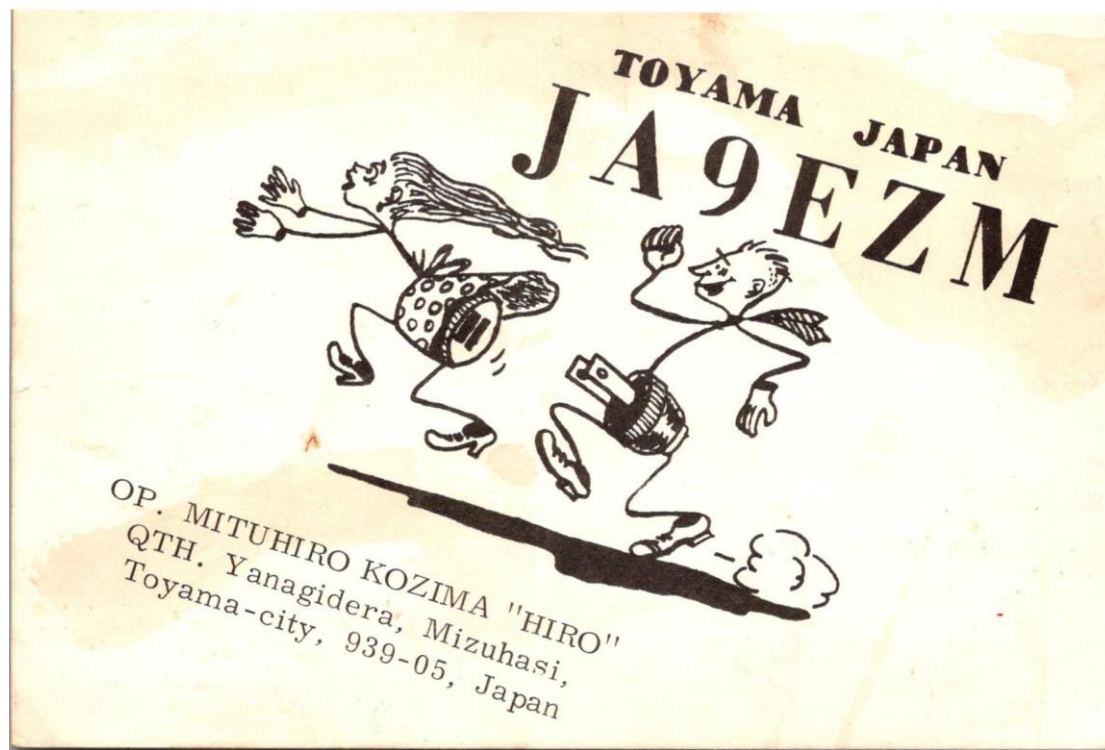
HEC  
P-2MT



\* 1850 ZDENĚK FIBICH † 1900  
A KNOWN CZECH COMPOSER

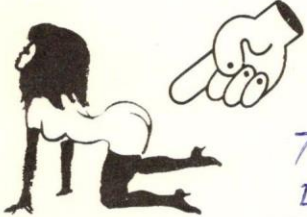


# BEWARE of Using Potentially Inappropriate Content



**JAPAN**

**JF1HEF**

 I'M ALWAYS AT THE BOTTOM OF "KOHOKU ULTRA-DX GANG"? *op go*

EX-JAØUC

TNX FIBQ-SD, 73's Ray san  
I want "WAS" I would appreciate a card from you very much!

TNX CFMG QSO

EQUIPMENT  
FT-DX 401 1015  
2 ELE QUAD 1/2 VERTICAL

RADIO	DATE	GMT	MHZ	RST	MODE 2X
W5RBO	10 Feb, 1977	14:29	14 217	589	CW SSB

Shuichi "Go" Kato 3757 NIPPA KOHOKU YOKOHAMA.C

# Where to Send Paper Cards

- Postal Address (also known as a “Direct” QSL)
  - US Postage for letters/post-cards less than 1oz is \$1.50
  - Recommend placing card in an envelope
  - Do NOT mention ham radio or your call-sign in return address or on the outside of the envelope
- QSL Bureau – ARRL Members can use the ARRL Outgoing Bureau **(DX ONLY)**
  - Costs are \$2 for 10 or fewer cards, \$3 for 11-20 cards, or \$0.75/oz. for 21 or more cards
- QSL Manager – either Direct to Manager or via Bureau
  - URL for information on ARRL Bureau is <https://www.arrl.org/outgoing-qsl-service>





# How to Direct QSL

- Locate the correct address
  - Ask during the QSO
  - Look in QRZ
  - Callbooks (both paper and virtual)
- Ensure you have the correct postage
- For faster more reliable returns send along a SASE
- For Dxpeditons and special events, pay VERY close attention to the QSL instructions and follow them precisely
- If DX Station requests “Green Stamps” this means cash. Make your decisions here carefully
- Some DX Stations may ask for IRC’s (International Reply Coupon). These are not available for purchase at the Post Office anymore, but can be purchased online at Swiss Post.



# Receiving QSLs via the Bureau

- ARRL Operates an incoming QSL Bureau – no ARRL member is required to use it.
- Each numeric call area in the US has its own incoming Service.
- URL for area 5 is:
  - <http://www.w5incomingbureau.net/>
- Rules and procedures are set by each area incoming bureau – so be sure to read up on what is expected
- Bureaus are slow -- I have received cards 10 years after the QSO!
- Some Dxpeditons and Special Events will send a QSL, but don't want yours – they use a system called OQRS.net to handle requests for cards when you make contact with them.





## More Info available

- Look up stations in QRZ many have QSL instructions
- ARRL Web-site has good resources
- Area incoming bureau pages have good resource links as well

ROCHESTER 9  
NEW YORK  
U.S.A.

DIO W1LGH

1FG QSO OF 3/9 1955

1CW ~~FONE~~ RST 599

1VR 570 - 40 meters

1TR Home Brew 25 PWR

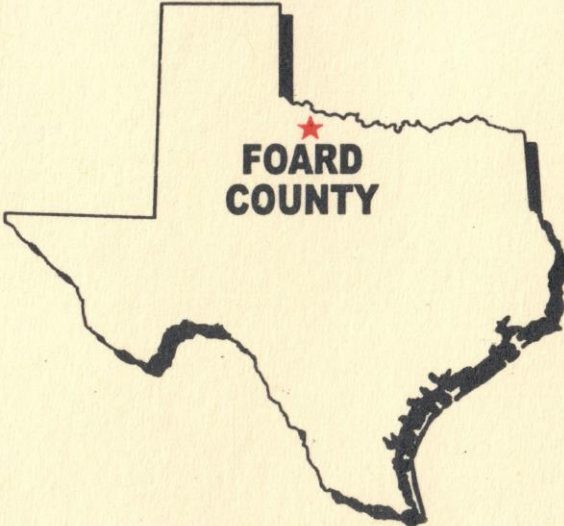
SE QSL TNX 73

# K2HV



ERIC J. LINGER  
34 TINDALE DRIVE

# Thanks for Listening



**TEXAS**  
FOARD COUNTY • EMØ3

**K5EEN**

**DAVID PIEKARSKI**  
18154 County Road 913  
Nevada, TX 75173 U.S.A.  
Email: [dpiekarski@ticnet.com](mailto:dpiekarski@ticnet.com)

CONFIRMING QSO WITH	DATE			UTC	MHz	RST	MODE 2-WAY	QSL
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR					
								PSE TNX

FOARD COUNTY ACTIVATION EXPEDITION

The QSL MAN® - W4MPY