# Field Day Logging Software & Logbook of The World

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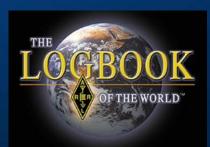
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# Why Electronic Logging?

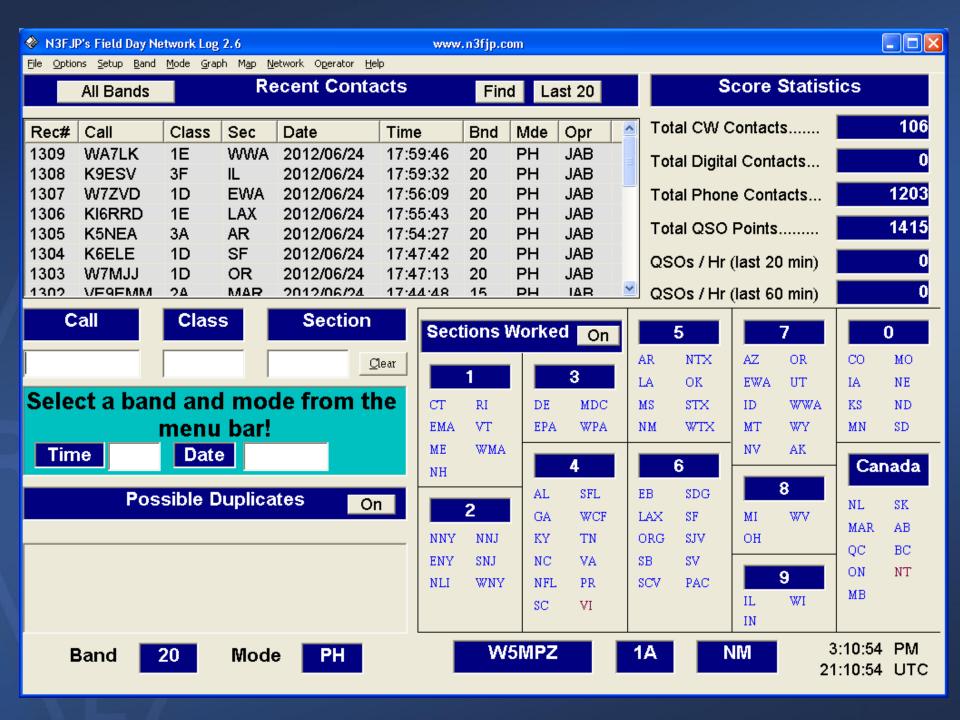
- Numerous people at Field Day + Messy handwriting = Lots of difficult deciphering
- Unsorted paper log pages
- Incorrect paper log entries
- Multiple stations? Need to integrate potentially messy, unsorted, incorrect paper logs from all of them
- Awkward to maintain historical paper logs, and refer to a specific QSO within them if needed
- Hard to put those hundreds/thousands of paper log entries to work for your club. More details about this later...

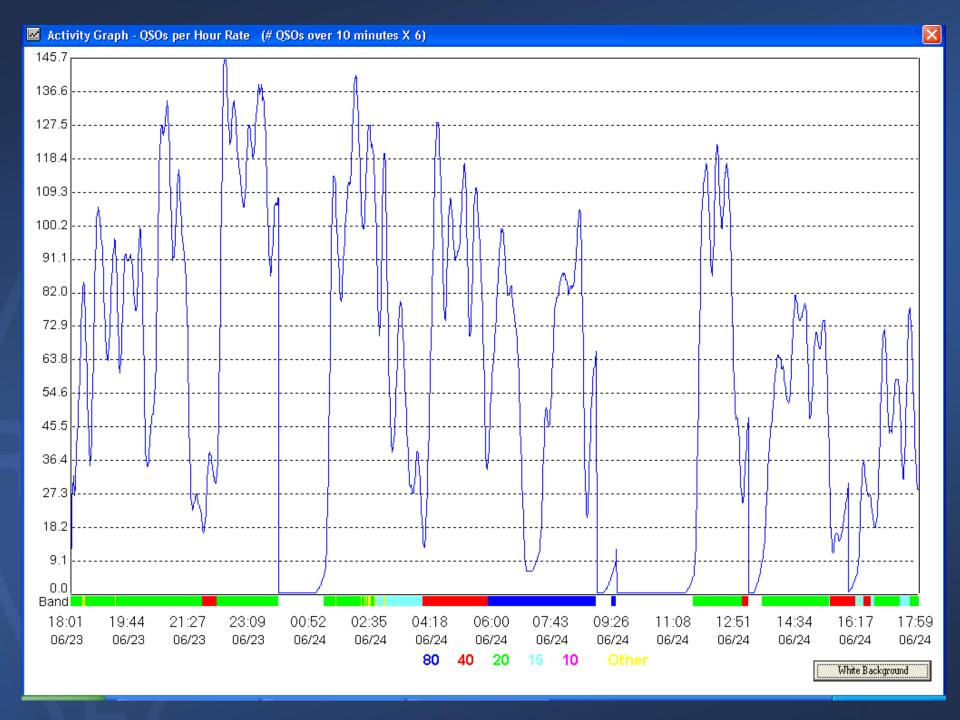
# N3FJP Field Day logging software

- It's Simple
  - no more "features" than what you need
  - anyone, even an inexperienced op, can use it with ease
- It's Networkable
  - multiple computers can be connected together to share a common database
- It's Free
  - Download at www.n3fjp.com









#### Total Contacts by Band, Operator and Station

	Total Contacts	<u></u> %
160	0	0
80	168	12
40	188	14
20	834	63
15	85	6
10	0	0
V/Uhf	34	2
Total	1309	

Operator
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Initials	Contacts	
WCR	679	
врм	269	
JAB	232	
EAJ	109	
SKF	20	

Close

#### Station

Station	Contacts	
user-af1b4	1275	
compaq-v24	34	

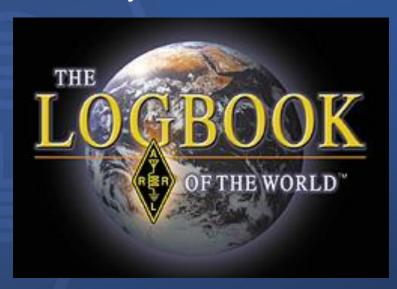
The station name is the network computer name by default. You can change the name by clicking Network from the main screen menu options. This will not change the name for any contacts

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# Section Map ᡝᠬᠾᠰᢆ

# Logbook of the World (LoTW)

- Established in 2003
- A repository of log records submitted by users from around the world.
- When two hams submit matching QSO records, the "match" can be used for ARRL/CQ award credit in the same way a QSL card would.





# What LoTW is not

- Logbook of the World is not a backup or on-line storage of your logs. Computer failures can and will happen so safeguards must be taken to protect important data. LoTW users should be in the habit of backing up important files to external media for safekeeping.
- Logbook of the World does not replace paper QSL cards. Many hams you enjoy swapping and collecting colorful QSL cards and are encouraged to go on with this time honored tradition in addition to using LoTW. Using LoTW saves QSL card collectors the hassle of sending cherished mementos to ARRL HQ for verification. 60th Anniversary of the Trinity Test

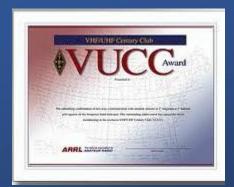
July 16, 1945 - July 16, 2005

# What Can I do with LoTW?

- Apply for ARRL/CQ awards
- Track DXCC credits
- Track WAS credits
- Track VUCC credits
- View award Matrix
- Search QSOs and QSLs
- View QSL Details









# **Additional Info**

- Creating a LoTW account is easy and it's FREE.
- When applying for awards users pay the appropriate application fees and QSO fees. No different than when making a paper application for an award, except...
  - LoTW credits towards DXCC are 12-cents each
  - Paper QSLing would require \$1 for postage, \$3 for green stamps.
    - LoTW: 12 cents x 100 = \$12
    - Paper QSL: \$4 x 100 = \$400



# LoTW Data Integrity

- To minimize the chance of fraudulent submissions to LoTW, all QSO records must be signed using a digital certificate obtained from ARRL.
- Obtaining such a certificate requires verification of the licensee's identity either through mail verification (US) or inspection by ARRL of required documentation (non-US).
- Obtaining such a certificate is easy.
- Software developed by ARRL can be used to convert a log file (in ADIF or Cabrillo file format) into a file of digitally signed QSO data, ready for submission to LoTW.

# LoTW Stats

#### **Logbook Status**

**450,281,176** QSO records have been entered into the system.

**61,023,637** QSL records have resulted.

53,230 Users are registered in

the system

80,001 Certificates are active

3,619,227 User files have been processed

(as of 22 October 2012)

# Account Status

You are W5MPZ

Log Off

You have **3,674** QSO records You have **615** QSL records

Award	Selected	Applied	Awarded	Total
Basic	49	0	0	49
<u>80M</u>	20	0	0	20
<u>40M</u>	27	0	0	27
<u>20M</u>	47	0	0	47
<u>15M</u>	19	0	0	19
<u>10M</u>	19	0	0	19
<u>6M</u>	16	0	0	16
<u>CW</u>	19	0	0	19
<u>Phone</u>	49	0	0	49
<u>Digital</u>	1	0	0	1
Digital-PSK31	1	0	0	1
80M Phone	20	0	0	20
40M Phone	27	0	0	27
20M Phone	47	0	0	47
20M CW	19	0	0	19
20M PSK31	1	0	0	1
15M Phone	19	0	0	19
10M Phone	19	0	0	19
6M Phone	16	0	0	16
Triple Play	69	0	0	69

# **QSO Detail**

#### Station

Call Sign W5MPZ

**DXCC** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CQ Zone 4

ITU Zone 7

Grid DM66pc

State NM

County RIO ARRIBA

#### **Worked Station**

Worked W1AW

**DXCC** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (291)

CQ Zone 5

ITU Zone 8

**Grid** FN31pr

State CT

County HARTFORD

Date/Time 2012-06-23 23:12:54

Mode SSB (PHONE)

Band 20M

QSL 2012-09-11 16:52:17

Record ID 443032478 Received: 2012-09-11 16:52:17

# **Getting Started with LoTW**

### Home Page

http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world

#### Tutorial

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/LoTW%20Resources/LoTW\_2011.pdf

# Our Challenge to You

- In 2013...
  - Establish a LoTW account for NM5HD
  - Convert club's paper logs to electronic and upload
  - Continue logging electronically (club call QSOs, Field Day, Kid's Day, Balloon Fiesta special event station)
  - Earn WAS through the efforts of HDARC's membership...then DXCC!



W5MPZ WAS in 24hr, Field Day 2012

# **Questions? Need More Info?**

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# Discussion / Questions.

