

### BIG GUN OR LITTLE PISTOL



AB5K stack



WBOYEA Vertical

K3GO Pro67

DX is the thrill of the hunt. No matter what size station you have its always and adventure when you turn on the radio. You never know what person, country your rig will share with you.

You will meet and make lifelong friends and experiences.

#### DXCC ORIGIN AND LOTW

- The DXCC List is based on Clinton B. DeSoto's, W1CBD, landmark 1935 QST article, "How to Count Countries Worked, A New DX Scoring System."
- There are 19 DXCC awards plus honor roll.
- LoTW (Logbook of the world) is a secure, central repository of logs from ham operators around the world. One of the main features is it will allow DXCC, WAS and VUCC program participants to claim credit without the need for having a QSL card in hand.
- To use LoTW you need to install TQSL and obtain a callsign certificate and password. See <a href="https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started/">https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/getting-started/</a>
- Once you are setup there are these standings for awards as well as plaques (Listed on right)
- The DXCC Challenge Award is earned by working and confirming at least 1,000 DXCC band-points on any Amateur bands, 160 through 6 meters (except 60 meters). Cup to annual winner and plaque/medallion runner ups.

#### **Awards**

Awaras
Mixed
Phone
CW
RTTY/Digital
Satellite
160 Meters
80 Meters
40 Meters
30 Meters
20 Meters
17 Meters
15 Meters
12 Meters
10 Meters
6 Meters
2 Meters
70 Centimeters
Challenge

Honor Roll

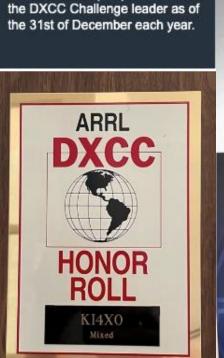
# THE DX CENTURY CLUB AWARD

• There are 19 DXCC awards plus Honor Roll.

# Here are couple of examples of awards -







Challenge Cup

The DeSoto Cup is presented to



### **ADDITIONAL LOGBOOK AWARDS**

#### Your Logbook DXCC Account (K3GO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

#### **Account Status**

DXCC Award	New LoTW QSLs	LoTW QSLs in Process	DXCC Credits Awarded	Total (All)	Total (Current)	
Mixed *	0	0	348	348	336	
<u>CW</u> *	2	0	264	266	260	
Phone *	0	0	332	332	320	
<u>Digital</u> *	15	0	138	153	150	
<u>160M</u>	0	0	54	54	52	
<u>80M</u> *	2	0	119	121	121	
40M *	1	0	154	155	153	
30M *	5	0	103	108	108	
20M *	2	0	265	267	261	
<u>17M</u> *	7	0	109	116	115	
<u>15M</u> *	5	0	205	210	204	
<u>12M</u> *	12	0	107	119	118	
<u>10M</u> *	7	0	188	195	187	
<u>6M</u>	2	0	13	15	15	
Challenge *	43	0	1291		1334	
5-Band *			-			
5-Band 30M *			-			
5-Band 17M *						
5-Band 12M *						

This account includes credits for the following:

K3GO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA KI4XO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WD5GYD - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA This account is linked with DXCC record:

JOHN T SMITH, K3GO

#### Notes

- · Click on the Awards item in the menu at the top of the page to select a different LoTW award account.
- · You can click on the links in the Account Status table to view the credit list for an individual award.
- When you are ready to apply your LoTW credits to your DXCC record. use Application
- To view the present and past applications you have submitted, use Application History.
- . For an ADIF download with the details of all QSLs in your DXCC record use DXCC QSL Download.

**Logbook Awards** WAS Worked all states

VUCC VHF-UHF

Your LoTW ARRL DXCC (DX Century Club) Account(s)

For an overview of LoTW DXCC support, see Applying for DXCC

CQ WPC prefixes awards

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Credits with Logbook of the World.

K3GO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMPANY

CQ WAZ worked all zones

Select WAS Award Account Create New WAS Award Account Your LoTW ARRL VUCC (VHF/UHF Century Club) Account(s)

K3GO- WAS (FL)

You have no VUCC Award accounts.

Create New VUCC Award Account

Your LoTW CQ WPX Awards Account(s)

K3GO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Select CQ WPX Award Account

Your LoTW CQ WAZ Awards Account(s)

K3GO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Select CO WAZ Award Account

This is what a DXCC summary looks like in LOTW

Currently there are 340 DXCC entities

Your LoTW ARRL WAS (Worked All States) Account(s)

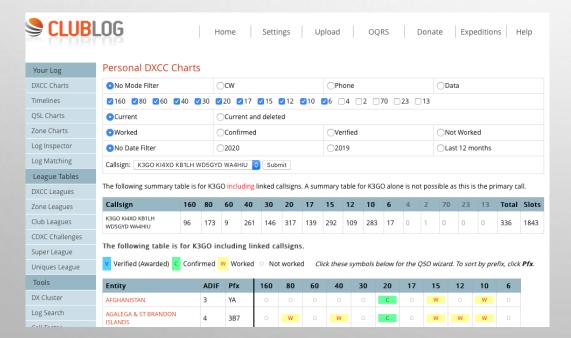
### THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS TO TRACK DX

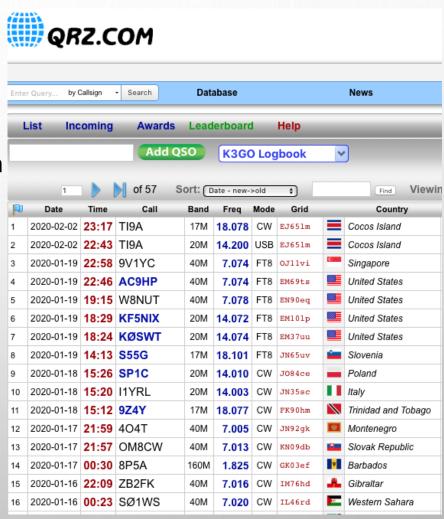
#### Not everyone uses LOTW but why not.

There are several alternatives to name a few

- QRZ.COM https://www.qrz.com/
- CLUB Log <a href="https://clublog.org/login.php">https://clublog.org/login.php</a>
- eQSL.cc <a href="http://eqsl.cc/qslcard/Index.cfm">http://eqsl.cc/qslcard/Index.cfm</a>

These sites are free but subscribing helps maintain them, gets access to OCRS (Online QSL requests) which results in a card confirmation.

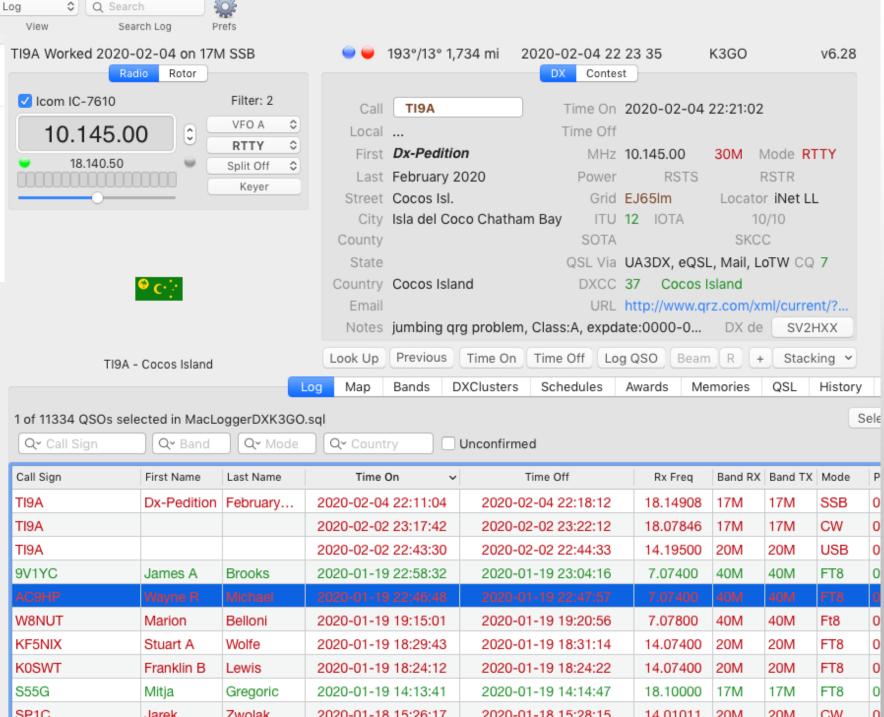






# Live example of LOTW confirmation of FT8

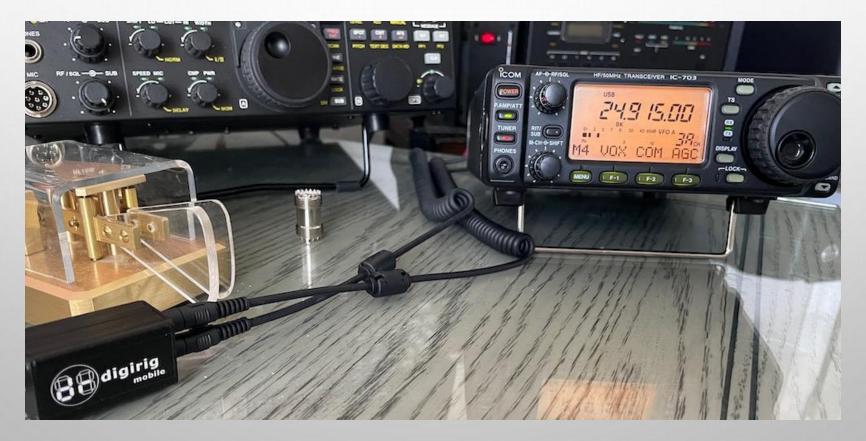
Worked 9V1YC on 1-19-2020 Confirmed LOTW a couple days later



# LIVE EXAMPLE OF LOW POWER STATION - MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

- I decided to demonstrate what a low power rig, wire antenna, Digirig interface on FT8 could deliver towards working to a 100 country DXCC award.
- I achieved 15 countries in after noon on May 1st.

  Station was Icom 703+, OCF 40 meter dipole, Digirig interface, JTDX (FT8 software) and MacLogger.



### LOG FOR 15 COUNTRIES LOW POWER + WIRE ANTENNA

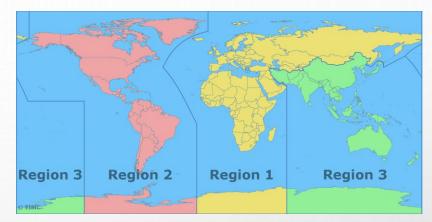
- I decided to demonstrate what a low power rig, wire antenna, Digirig interface on FT8 could deliver.
- Results are impressive for a 10 watt setup. 15-12-10 meters are hot now.
- Running 15 countries in several hours. A DXCC may be achieved with limited space and patience.

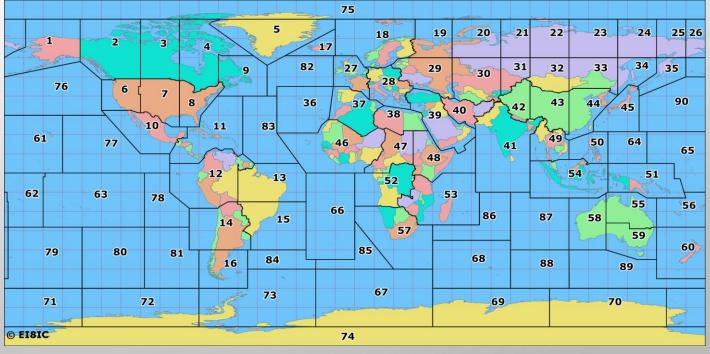


1 of 13089 QSOs (9645 calls) selected in MacLoggerDXK3GO.sql

# ITU WORLD REGIONS & ZONES IARU HF CHAMPIONSHIPS

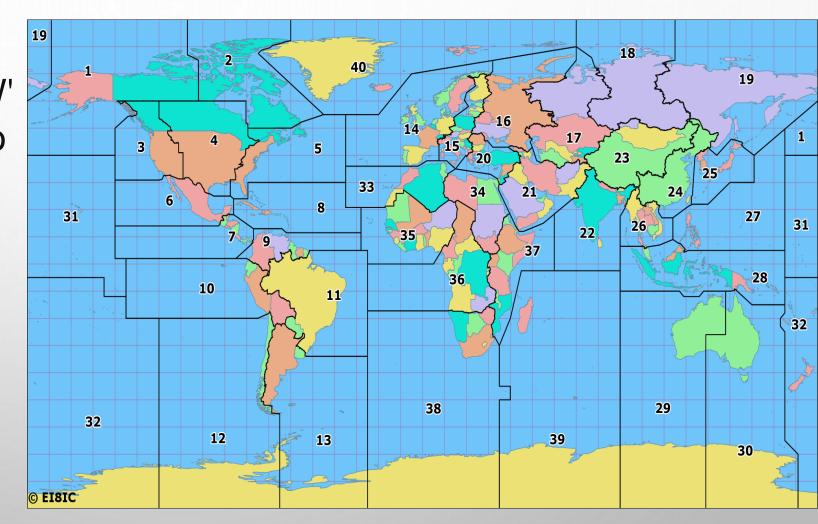
- ITU Regions
  - ✓ Some different frequency assignments and rules in each Region
  - ✓ Telephone, short wave, local broadcasting, disputes
- ITU Zones
  - ✓ Different adminstrative control zones





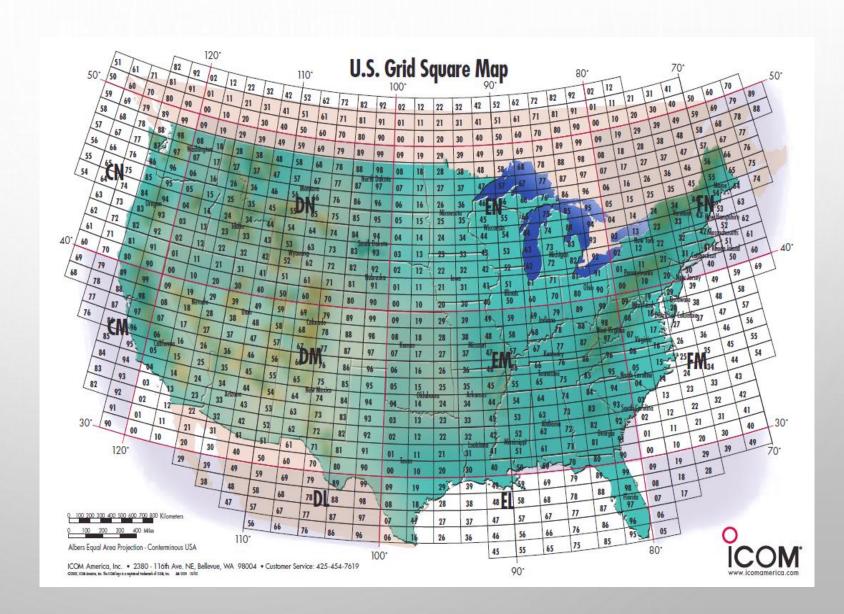
### CQ ZONE AWARDS

- CQ Zone maps are suitable for the 'CQ WW' series of Amateur Radio Worldwide Contests, and other zone-hunting awards and competitions.
- They show CQ Zones over a background of Ham Countries.



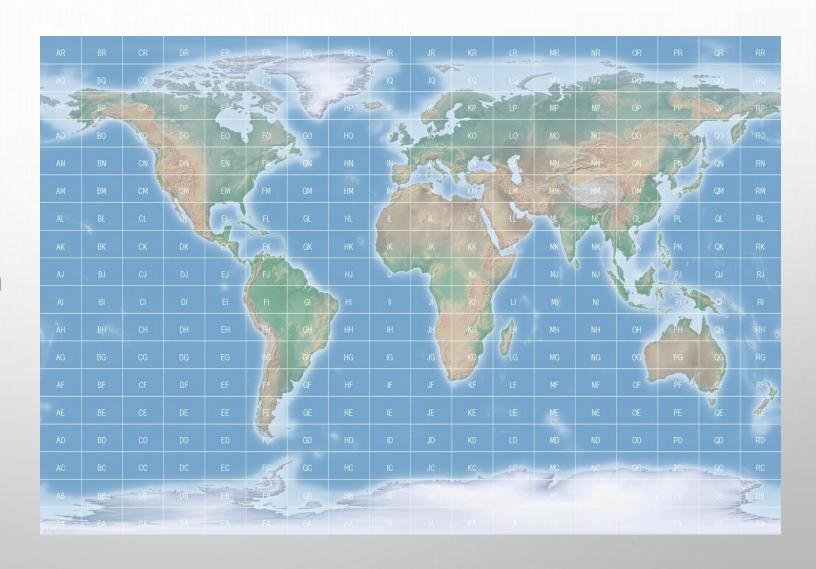
# GRID SQUARE MAP FOR VHF DXCC

 Grid square maps are used for VHF, UHF, microwave contest and awards as well



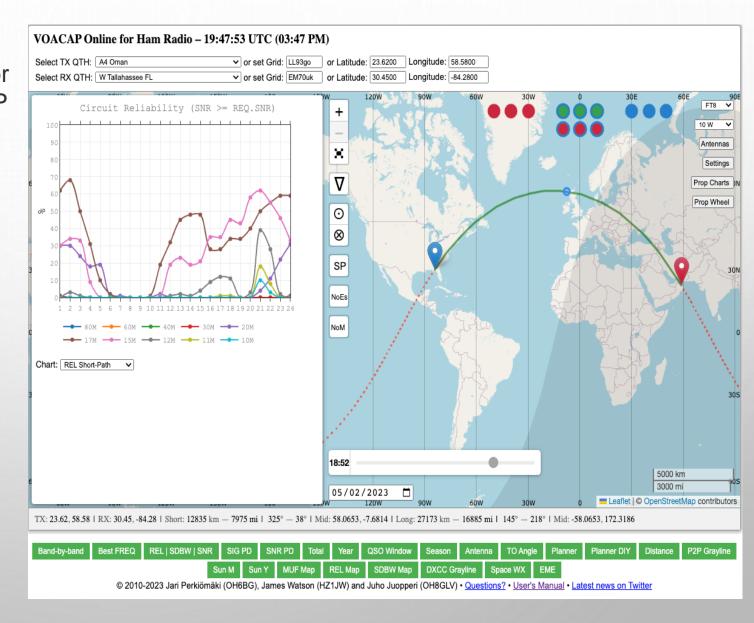
# MAIDENHEAD LOCATOR (WHAT WE USE IN FT8 FOR LOCATION)

 The Maidenhead Locator System (named after the town outside London where it was first conceived by a meeting of European VHF managers in 1980), a grid square measures 1° latitude by 2° longitude and measures approximately 70 × 100 miles in the continental US



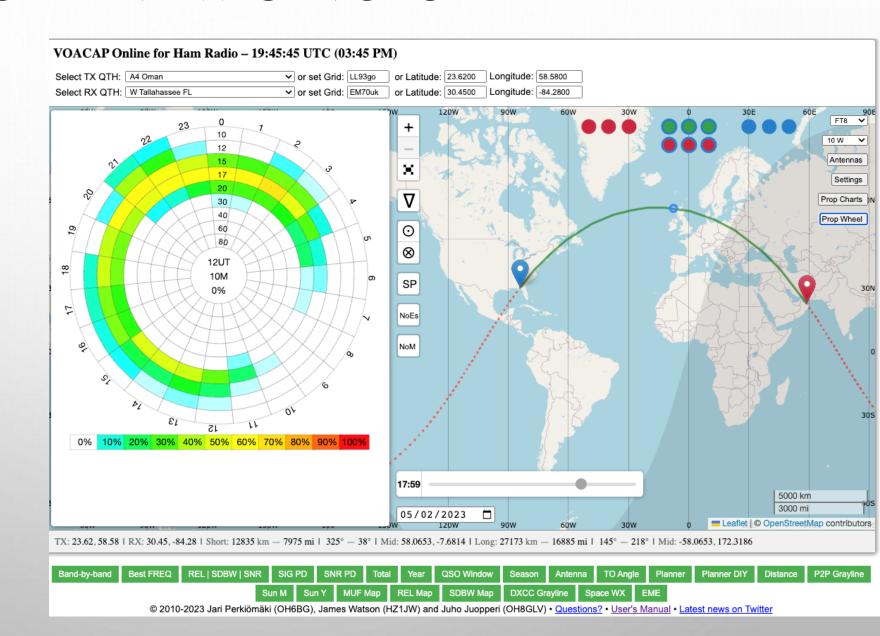
### VOACAP ONLINE FOR HAM RADIO

- The VOACAP Online HF Predictions service (voacap.com/hf) is a replacement for and a consolidation of the previous VOACAP Online P2P (point-to-point) service at voacap.com/p2p and VOACAP Online Coverage Maps at voacap.com/area. These two previous services have been closed down.
- This tool helps you model from your antenna, power, time of day to the remote site's antenna, power, etc. and gives you optimum pictures of when to work the DX.
- https://www.voacap.com/hf/
- Hypothetical Florida <->Oman HF path shows circuit reliability. Many views are available.
- You can also study Gray Line effects. Like propagation to Asia – Pacific on 15 meters around 10-12PM EST has openings.



### ANOTHER VIEW OF VOACAP

- The propagation wheel is another view in the VOACAP tool.
- At a glance it reveals the path reliability at what GMT time you can hear and/or work the DX.
- In this hypothetical model I used 10 watts, a 10 meter high dipole and other settings
- You can see the only 70% probable path is around 2 GMT on 17 meters.



### **DXCC AWARD APPLICATION**



#### **DXCC Award Application**

I am applying for the following DXCC award(s):

Endorsement: Yes

Number of QSOs: 21

You must mark those gos on your cards for which you wish credit. Cards must be placed in the order shown on the DXCC Records Sheet(s) which follow.

Complete DXCC fees are shown at www.arrl.org/dxcc.

- The use of a current DXCC application form is required.
- Do not use this form for plaque or pin orders.
  You must clear previous balances (per your last credit slip) with this submission in order to avoid
- Enter the dot dim that I have observed all DXCC rules as well as all governmental regulations established for Amateur Radio in my country. I understand that ARRL is not responsible for cards handled by DXCC Card Checkers and will not honor
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- Gather the cards

Its not hard.

It's online

Call Sign: WF4B

Ex Call Sign(s):

Name: Douglass Wiles

Mailing Address:

Douglass Wiles 405 Night Hawk Ln St Augustine, FL 32080-7984

Your cards, paperwork, and certificates will be shipped to the address above.

New Address: No

Name as to Appear on Certificate: Douglass F. Wiles

Telephone: (904) 540-1600

Email: dougwiles@me.com

Diamond Club Level 4 or Higher: No

Send Paperwork: Yes

Send Certificate: No

Return My QSL Cards Via: None - Field Checked Application

• We can check it quickly

April 11, 2020

Applicant Signature (REQUIRED)

Send application forms, QSL cards to: DXCC Desk, ARRI HQ, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111, U.S.A. For questions or clarifications, please write to the DXCC Desk at the above address, or via email to dxccadmin@artl.org.

To confirm the receipt of your application, go to this link: www.arrl.org/dxcc-applications-received.

The DXCC Desk can also be contacted as follows: Telephone: 860 594-0234, Fax: 860 594-0346 (24 hours direct line to ARRL HQ). For complete program information, please visit the DXCC web site at <a href="https://www.artl.org/dxcc">www.artl.org/dxcc</a>.

#### For ARRL DXCC Card Checker Use Only

I affirm that I have personally inspected the confirmations and verify that this application is accurate

Card Checker Signature

Call Si

Date

DXCC Card Checkers must forward the application to HQ within 2 working days.

FIELD CHECKED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLY BY CARD CHECKERS.



#### **DXCC Record Sheet**

Call Sign: WF4B Page 1 of 1

Note: Cards may be submitted directly to ARRL or checked by a DXCC Card Checker. Cards must be placed in the order shown below.

ımber	Call Sign	QSO Date	Band	Mode	Entity
1	E51DWC	2017-05-06	80	CW	SOUTH COOK ISLANDS
2	Z35T	2014-03-30	30	CW	NORTH MACEDONIA
3	Z35T	2014-04-01	40	CW	NORTH MACEDONIA
4	V31TE	2012-03-21	40	CW	BELIZE
5	5500	2014-07-24	30	CW	SLOVENIA
6	A61Q	2012-09-26	30	CW	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
7	TG7/KC0W	2017-05-05	30	CW	GUATEMALA
8	BX4AD	2014-07-27	20	CW	TAIWAN
9	5A1AL	2017-05-07	20	CW	LIBYA
10	3DAØET	2013-11-21	20	CW	KINGDOM OF ESWATINI
11	Z32XX	1999-09-21	17	PHONE	NORTH MACEDONIA
12	A710K	2017-05-04	17	CW	QATAR
13	5N7M	2012-03-30	17	CW	NIGERIA
14	5N7M	2013-05-18	15	CW	NIGERIA
15	5V7BD	2015-04-07	15	CW	TOGO
16	5W1VK	1989-11-24	15	PHONE	SAMOA
17	9Q5AA	1989-11-26	15	PHONE	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO
18	DS4EOI/2	2012-09-23	15	CW	REPUBLIC OF KOREA
19	Z60WW	2012-11-25	15	CW	REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO
20	9X0PY	2015-03-01	12	CW	RWANDA
21	4Z5AD	2014-11-06	10	CW	ISRAEL

### LOTW WORKS! AN 80 METER STORY

Couple years ago (2020) I was missing

80 meters, I needed 33 cards for myof Logbook DXCC Account (K3GO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

Band DXCC.

I had the paper QSL cards for year had not turned them in!

Decided to make up 80 meters in F Data mode using LOTW confirmation

- In Jan 15 though Feb 2, 2023 I made over 180 confirmations and picked up 33 LOTW confirmed band countries for 80 Meters and the 5 band DXCC.
  - Card checking in Feb 8, 2023 at Orlando Hamfest checked the other cards but it was not needed. I also picked up 30, 17 and 12 meters DXCC on FT8.

Account Status

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	n	<u>Digital</u>	6	0	83	89	86
Ч	n.	<u>160M</u>	6	0	10	46	44
d	1	<u>80M</u>	6	0	67	73	73
		40M	3	0	134	137	135

1 0 253 254 248 7 0 71 78 77 1 0 185 186 180 3 0 61 64 63 12M 3 10M \* 0 176 179 171 2 0 11 13 13

0

70

1042

73

73

1077

\* = Award has been issued

View Award Credit Matrix

#### This account includes credits for the follow

K3GO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA KI4XO - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WD5GYD - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA This account is linked with DXCC record:

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#### Notes

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- For an ADIF download with the details of QSL Download.

### **AWARDS CREDIT SLIP**

- This is what the credit slip you receive after the application looks like.
- It's a great summary of where you are in the awards positions.

#### The American Radio Relay League

Administrative Headquarters, Newington, CT 06111, U.S.A.

#### **DXCC Award Credit Slip**

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08/02/2023	С	12M Award Ce	ertifica	ite Fee			0000G	( 12.00)	(	19.50)
08/02/2023	С	30M Award Ce	ertifica	ate Fee			0000G	( 12.00)	(	31.50
08/02/2023	С	80M Award Ce	ertifica	ate Fee			0000G	( 12.00)	(	43.50)
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08/02/2023		Process: Certifica					0000G	(8.00)	(	57.74
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CHAL*		4	19	30M*		12	10M*			3
160M			2	20M*		1				
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### **AWARDS**

## There are 3 ways to apply for a DXCC award:

- Traditional paper cards (Submitted to DXCC directly or approved by a card checker)
- Logbook of The World (LoTW)
- The Online DXCC Application

### Example of processing – ARRL members fees:

- Paper Cards \$16 gets 101 QSO and other options (have to mail both ways)
- Online DXCC \$8 gets 101 QSOs and other options
- LOTW (logbook of the world \$5.50 and 0.12 per QSO. (\$12.12 for 101)

# QSL cards for new DXCC awards and endorsements may be checked by an approved DXCC Card Checker.

This program applies to any DXCC award for an individual or station.
 Awards available can be found in Section I: Basic Rules, Rule 1.

#### **SUMMARY**

Here are a few useful links-

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ARRL - <a href="http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-rules">http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-rules</a>
LOTW - <a href="https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/">https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/</a>
QRZ - https://www.grz.com
PSK Reporter - https://pskreporter.info/pskmap?callsign=k3go&search=Find
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QSL BUREAUS Incoming QSL system ARRL (works great) - http://www.arrl.org/incoming-gsl-service
Address of USA Incoming bureaus - https://www.gsl.net/va3rj/gsl buro2.html
Groups io sets of groups for DX, Operations, Clubs, Dxing, news - https://groups.io/g/QSLdxcc3905
  simply search around in Groups.io you will find so much information.
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Thank you for your kind attention.