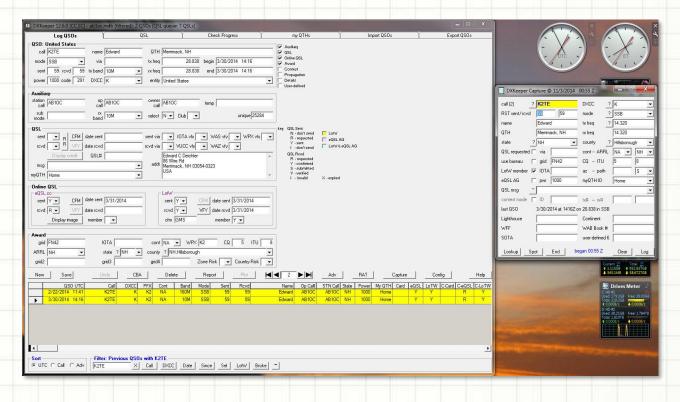


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Loggers

We'll Cover



- Why Use A Computer Based Logger?
- Popular Loggers
- How to Use a Logger Using DXLab Suite
 - How to Make and Log a QSO
 - What Else Can a Logger Do?
- How to Get Started with a Computer Logger
- Demonstration of Logger Modules and Features

Why Use A Computer Logger?

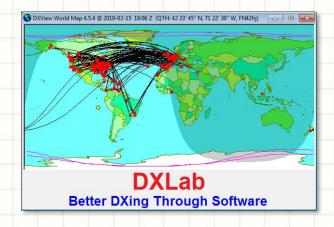
- Simpler, Accurate Logging
 - Interfaces to your transceiver Log frequency, mode, and date/time automatically
- Find and Work More DX
 - Pull in data from spotting networks
 - Provides propagation information
- Better QSOs
 - Automatically pull up QRZ pages, learn about the person you are communicating with
- Automate Your Station so you can Focus On The Contact
- Work Towards and Apply for Operating Awards
- Make QSL'ing Simpler and Faster
- More Flexible CW and SSB Keying
- Operate Using (Advanced) Digital Modes





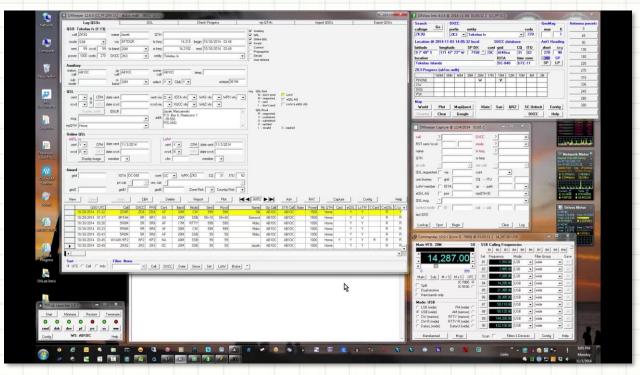
Popular Loggers

- DXLab Suite Feature Rich, Best QSL'ing and Award Features, Free, a Little Less User Friendly than others
- Ham Radio Deluxe (HRD) \$ Popular logger, Not Free, More
 User-Friendly Interface, Fewer Features especially for award
 chasing and QSL'ing
- N1MM+ Contest Logger, great for many fast QSOs, not as feature rich for DX'ing as DXLab, HRD
- We will focus on DXLab Suite for this presentation





Making and Logging a Contact with DXLab



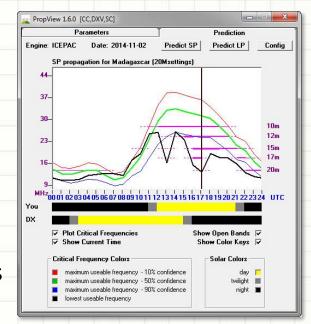
Call CQ or tune the band to find a contact

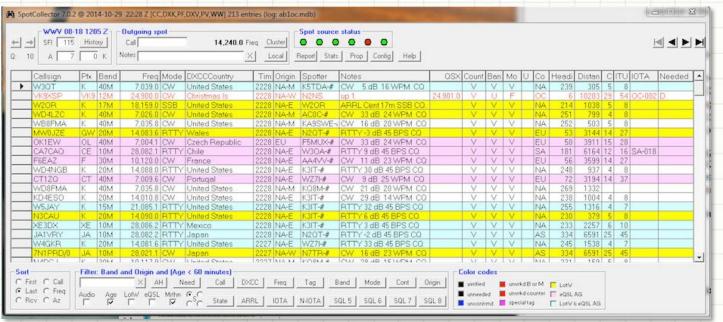
Link to Video

- Capture the Callsign of the station you are working
 - Enter/confirm contact details & Validate Callsign in real-time (QRZ.com)
- Turn your antennas as necessary
- Lookup your contact on QRZ.com
 - Learn something about the person that you are talking with to spark a conversation

Finding DX and Propagation Predictions

- Help to Find and Work DX
 - Spot Collector module pulls spotting data from multiple DX Clusters
 - Indicates which DX you need for Major Awards
 - One-click on a spot will tune to the DX's frequency and populate their data
- Make Propagation Predictions
 - PropView shows you propagation predictions for a DX station that you are trying to work





QSL'ing and Awards

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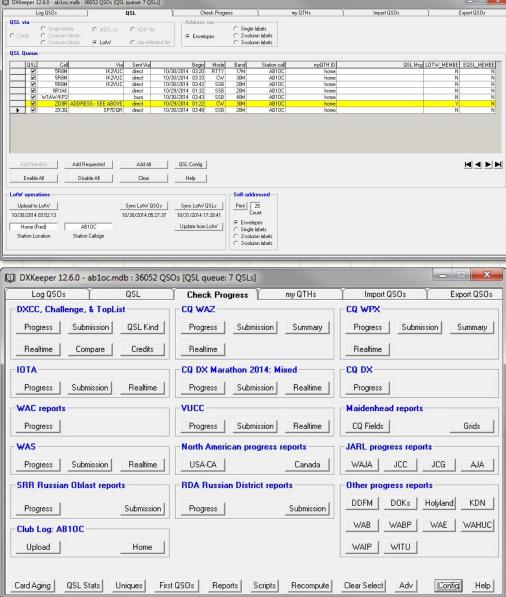
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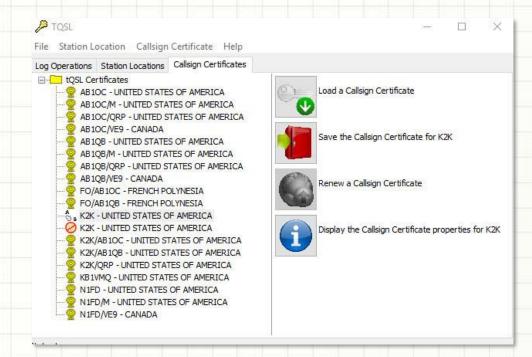
- Uploads your QSOs to LoTW, eQSL, ClubLog, etc.
- Downloads your confirmations from LoTW, eQSL
- Print Paper QSL Cards,
 Lookup QSL Manager, and
 Address Envelope
- Tracks confirmations toward popular awards





DXLab and LoTW

- LoTW is an ARRL QSL'ing service
 - Accepted for ARRL awards and a few others (ex. some CQ awards)
- Upload contacts via a special tool (Tqsl)
 - Register your call sign(s) to get "certificate" from LoTW
 - Configure your operating locations and call signs
 - Automatically upload from DXLab (best way)



DXLab LoTW Setup Instructions

Initial Setup

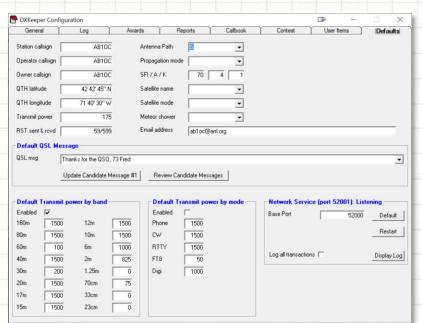
- Setting up LotW on your PC
- Configuring DXKeeper for Interaction with LotW
- Handling QSOs already uploaded to LotW

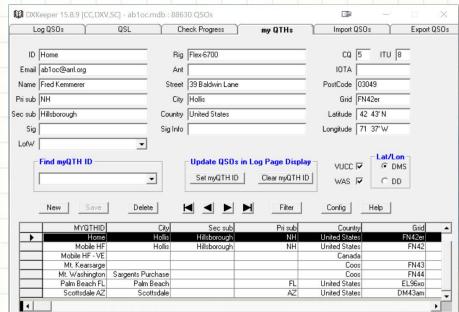
Uploading QSOs to LotW

Synchronizing QSLs: Updating logged QSOs to reflect their Confirmation via LotW

DXLab Suite

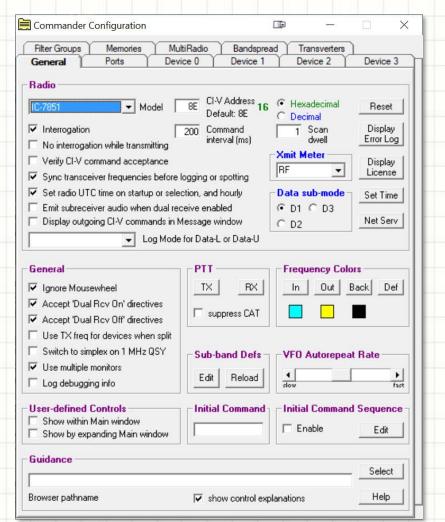
- What You Need
 - A Windows computer with internet connection (Mac and Linux with VM also works)
 - CAT, PTT, CW Keying and Audio Interfaces (for digital modes) between your PC and your Transceiver
 - Computer interface to your rotator if you have a directional antenna
- Configuration Steps
 - Basic information about you and your station Name, Callsign, QTH Info,

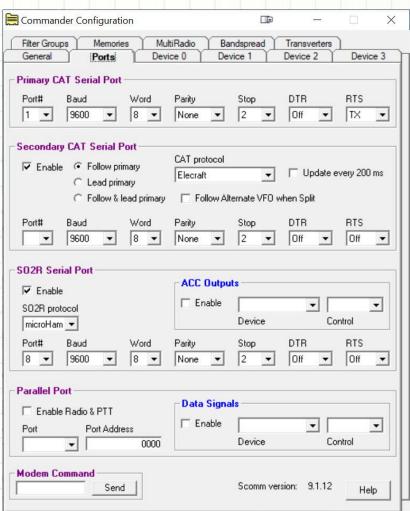




Connecting Your Radio

- Your Radio will appear as a COM port in your PC
- Set Radio Type and Address Information (RTFM)
- Match Baud Rate and set means for PTT control



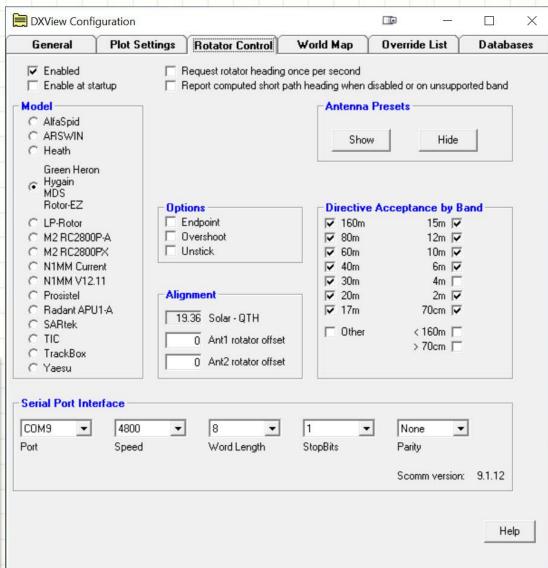


Connecting Your Rotator



- Your Rotator Controller will appear as a COM port in your PC
- Set Rotator Controller type/protocol (RTFM)
- Match Baud Rate
- Many Rotators
 controllers implement
 the Hygain protocol

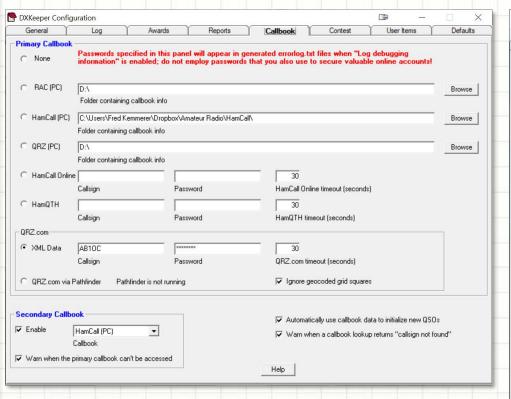


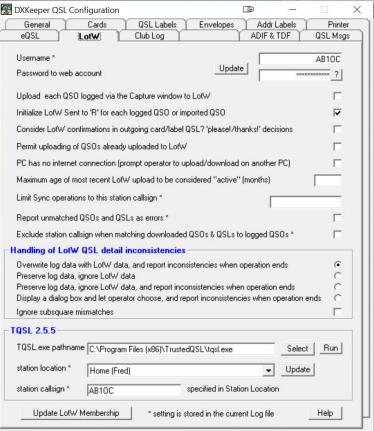


Callsign Lookup and QSL'ing



- Callsign Lookup Use your QRZ.com account
- Online QSL'ing Use your LoTW, eQSL, and ClubLog Accounts
- Paper QSL'ing Setup to print cards, labels, and envelopes





Spotting Clusters and Award tracking



Defaults

▼ IOTAmem4win update

Other Awards

80M

30M

20M

17M

10M

▼ Realtime Award Progress

CQ, WAE, Holyland region select

□ DARC DOK region selection

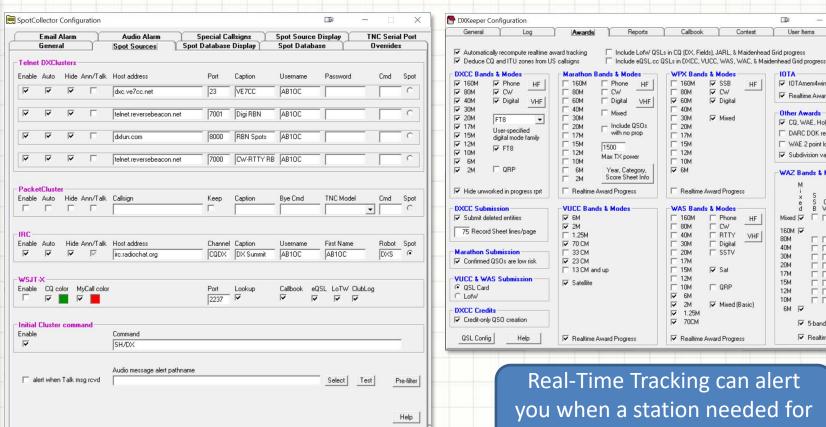
WAE 2 point low-band QSOs

Subdivision validity checking

▼ 5-hand WAZ

▼ Realtime Award Progress

- DX Spotting set DX Clusters, CW and Digital Clusters, & RBNs
- Configurate Awards DXCC, WAS, WAZ, IOTA, Marathon, VUCC, ... Including bands, modes and real-time tracking



Real-Time Tracking can alert you when a station needed for an Award is On The Air

Some Final Thoughts



- ✓ Computer Loggers have many useful features
- ✓ Best to start out with the basics
 - Get your logger talking to your Radio
 - Configure callsign lookups via QRZ.com
- ✓ Setup a Bridge Program for Digital Operations to automatically log these contacts (ex. WSJT-X and JTAlert for FT8)
- Add LoTW as soon as you can and begin uploading your contacts and downloading online confirmations
- ✓ Add Award Tracking, Rotators, Spotting Clusters, Paper QSL'ing, and more as your needs and interests progress

Questions?

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