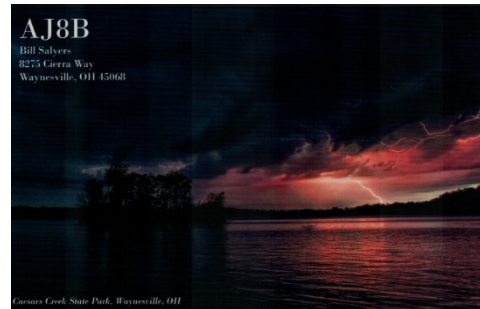


## DX Topic : QSL Cards



Before the official launch of Logbook of the World, a physical QSL card was the only confirmation that you could submit that would show that you had worked one of the DXCC entities. Your QSL cards (100+) would have to be shipped to the DXCC desk at ARRL HQ in Newington, CT and the DXCC desk would review your cards to determine whether they were official. This could take 8 to 10 weeks or more and you were always concerned about getting them back! In addition to using LoTW to speed up processing, the DXCC program instituted DX Field Card Checkers. A list of certified checkers can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/dxcc-card-checker-master-list> . These dedicated volunteers review your cards to verify accuracy. When they are finished, you get the cards back while you wait.

I LOVE exchanging QSL cards with the stations I work. In fact, I post all cards I receive on Twitter as well as on my website. Logging software can be used to track your QSL cards, print QSL labels, print mailing labels, print your return labels, and even print your QSL card with the QSO on it!



Years ago, there was a QSL printer in Texas known as the "Little Print Shop." One of the things that they would do was to send you QSL card samples that would arrive BEFORE your official FCC license arrived. For many of us, it was the first notification that we had passed the test.

If you use surface mail to receive a QSL card from a DX entity, I might suggest using the services of William Plum. ([plumdx@msn.com](mailto:plumdx@msn.com)) He sells DX Stamps, air mail envelopes, and other DX supplies to increase the odds that you will receive a card.

Good Hunting!

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