AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS – ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE? Are You a Paper Chaser?



### Why Seek Recognition?

### Paper Chasing – Why?

- Test your operating skills
- Test the capabilities of your antennas and equipment
- Become proficient in a new mode or band
- To prove you can
- Because it is there
- Because it is fun!
- A specific motivation to Get On The Air and operate

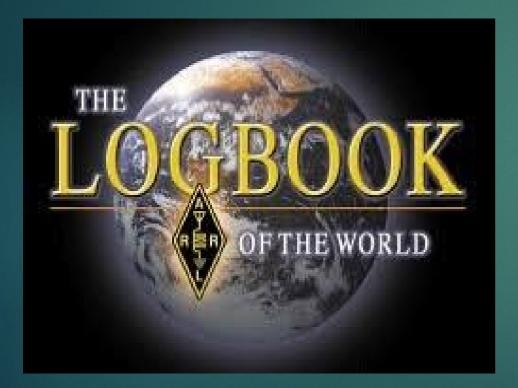
### Paper Chasing – How?

- General Operating Awards
- Awards Associated with Specific Interest Organizations
- Special Events

# Tools of the trade

- Computerized Logging Programs
- ► LOTW
- QSL Cards
- Mobile QSL Cards
- SASE's
- Green Stamps

### Record Keeping is important!



The United States of America



Counties Award Record Book

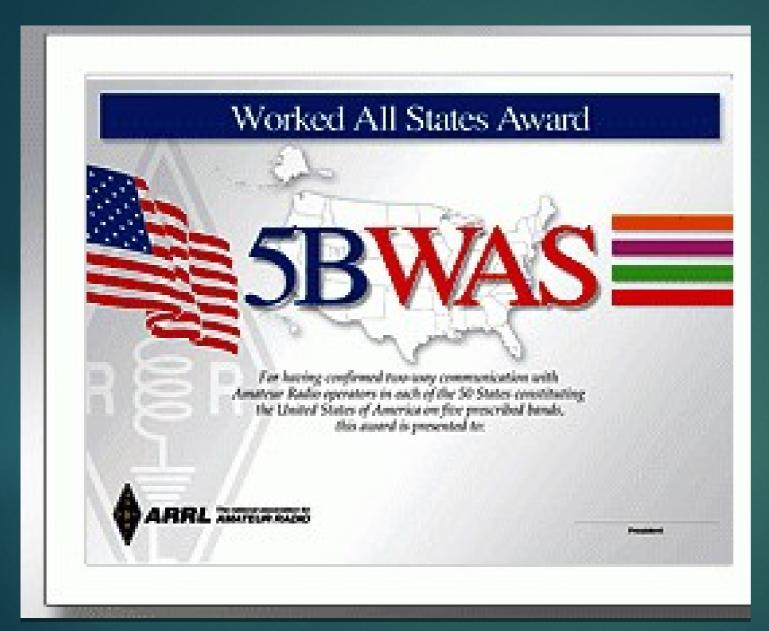




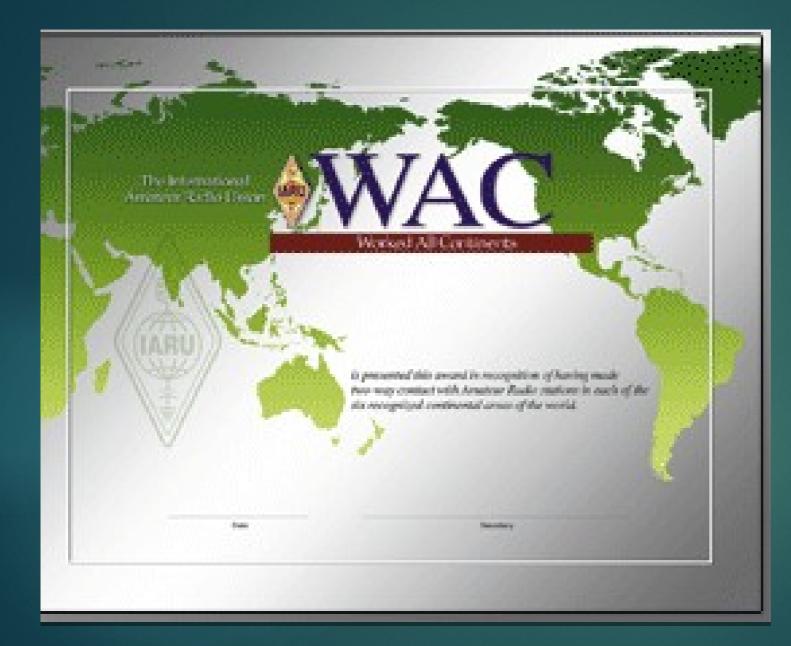
How I got started



WAS – Worked All States



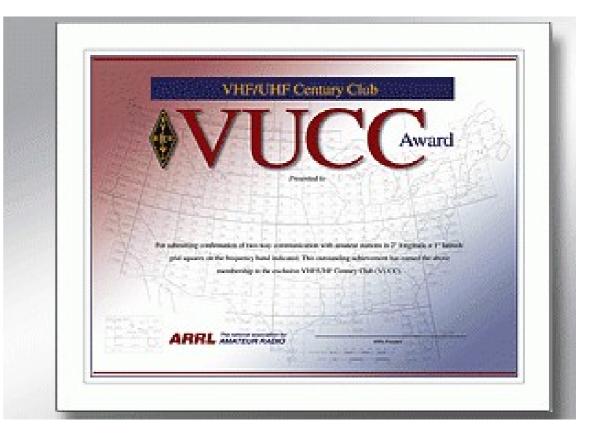
5 Band Worked All States



# Worked All Continents

### VHF/UHF Century Club

Based on Maidenhead Grid Squares





## The American Radio Relay League, Inc. A-1 Operator Club

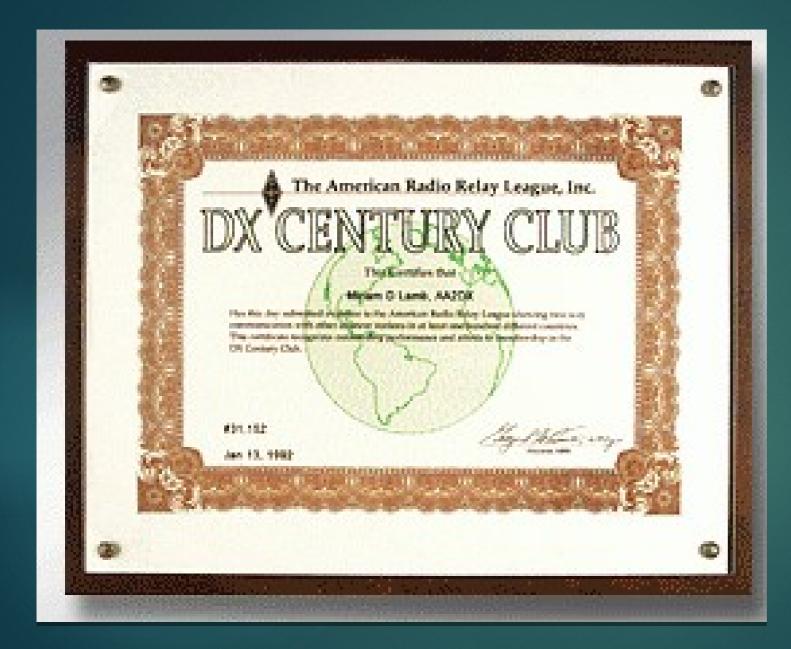
This certifies that: Cliff Fox, KU4GW

is a member of the ARREA-1 Operator Club and is authorized to nominate other deserving qualified radio amateurs for membership.

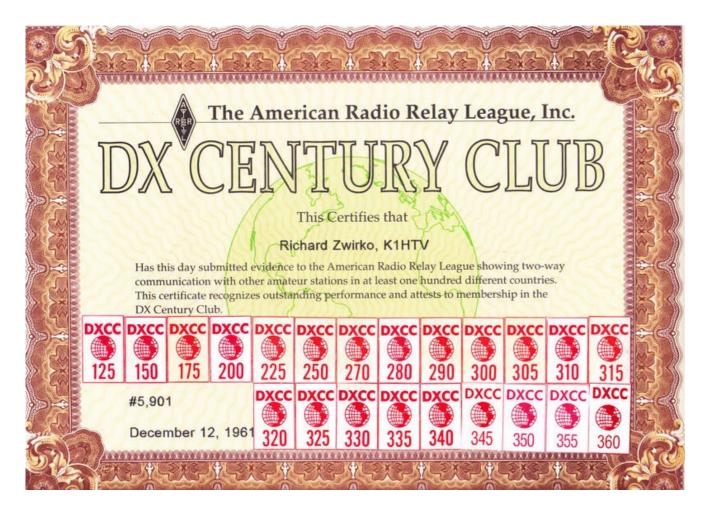
Membership in the A-1 Operator Club represents adherence to several principles of good operating: caseful keying, good voice operating practice, correct procedure, copying ability, judgement and courtesy.

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A-1 Operator Club



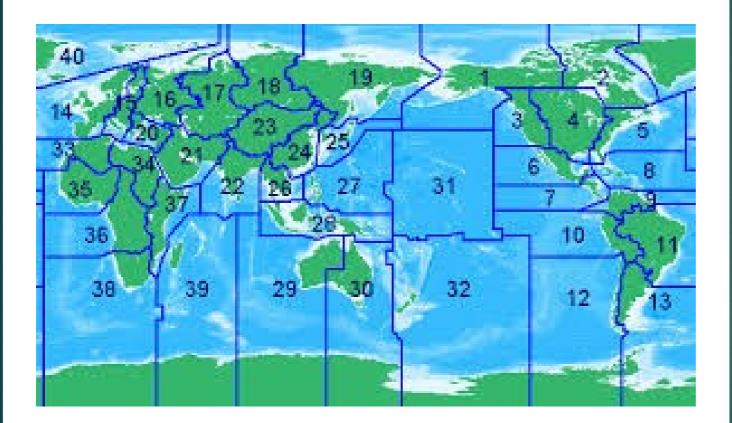
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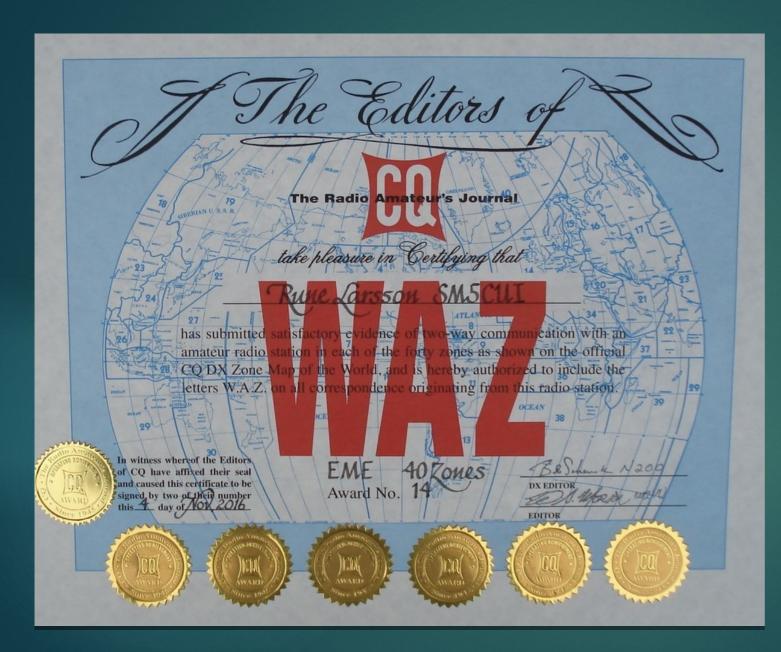
Adding Endorsements On the way to Honor Roll

## Other ARRL Cerificates Available

- Code Proficiency Certificates
- Elmer Award
- First Contact
- ► QRP DXCC



CQ Magazine Worked All Zones



CQ Magazine WAZ



# CQ Magazine County Award

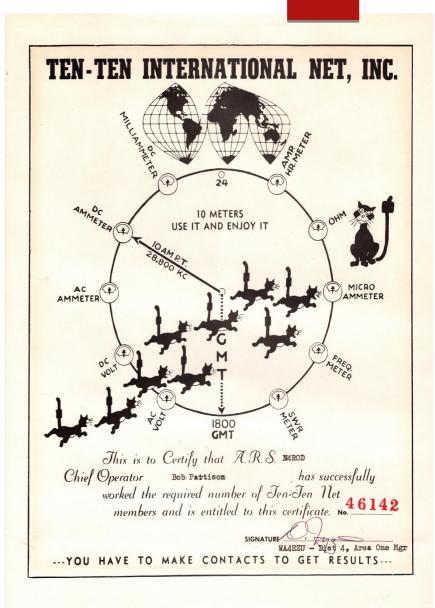
### Other CQ Magazine Awards

Worked All Prefixes – WPX
CQ-DX Award

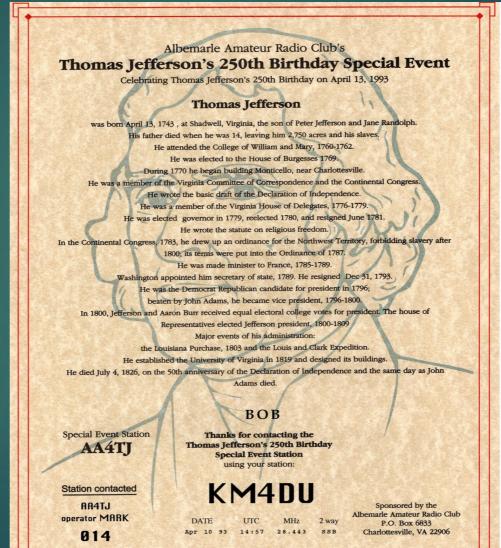
### Specialized Organizations

### AMSAT

- ► IOTA
- SOTA
- ▶ 10-10
- ► AND MANY MORE



### Special Event Stations



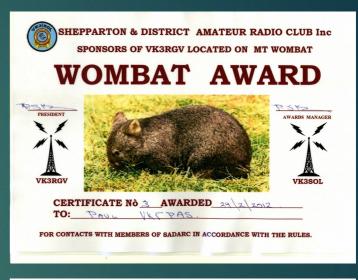
### The possibilities are limitless!













### Other Prestigious Awards

The awards presented thus far are pedestrian certificates that can be found in anyone's shack. If one really aspires to obtain the ultimate in recognition for operating skill and excellence then the only choice is to seek to win one of the following.

### But wait, there's more!

(I apologize for the very plain slides)

Operating awards from the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club Of course, almost nothing is worse than having a speaker just read his or her slides

Well, almost nothing

### Worst Slide 1

### **Obligatory Bullet Point Slide**

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#### Contexts

- Social-economic, cultural, geographic, politicalhistorical, environmental factors
- Policies/Trends: National/local governance & political climate
- Historic degree of collaboration and trust between university & community
- · Community: capacity, readiness & experience
- · University: capacity, readiness & reputation
- · Perceived severity of health issues
- Group Dynamics
  - Structural Dynamics:
- Diversity
- Complexity
- Formal Agreements
- Real power/resource sharing
- Alignment with CBPR principles
- Length of time in partnership
  - Individual Dynamics:
- Core values
- Motivations for participating
- Personal relationships
- Cultural identities/humility
- Bridge people on research team
- Individual beliefs, spirituality & meaning
- Community reputation of PI
  - Relational Dynamics:
- Safety
- Dialogue, listening & mutual learning
- Leadership & stewardship
- Influence & power dynamics
- Flexibility

#### Relational Dynamics (cont.):

- Self & collective reflection
- Participatory decision-making & negotiation
- Integration of local beliefs to group process
- Task roles and communication

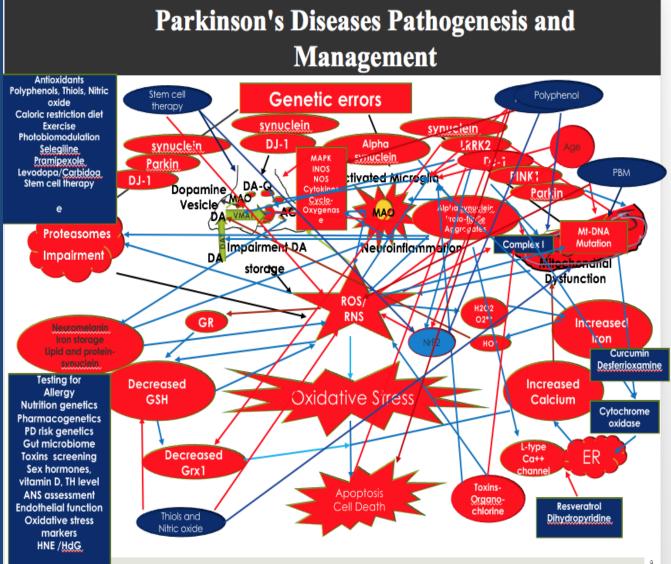
#### Intervention

- Intervention adapted or created within local culture
- Intervention informed by local settings and organizations
- Shared learning between academic and community knowledge
- Research and evaluation design reflects partnership input
- Bidirectional translation, implementation & dissemination

#### Outcomes

- CBPR System & Capacity Changes:
- · Changes in policies /practices
- -In universities and communities
- Culturally-based & sustainable
- interventions
- Changes in power relations
- Empowerment:
  - -Community voices heard
  - -Capacities of advisory councils
  - -Critical thinking
- Cultural revitalization & renewal
- Health Outcomes:
- Transformed social /econ conditions
- Reduced health disparities

### Worst Slide 2



### Purposes of AARC Awards

- Encourage easy operating achievements for newer and even more experienced hams
- Give us some more things to recognize at the annual Awards Dinner (to thunderous applause)
- Have some fun

### Rules for AARC Awards

- Submit log sheets (available on-line from AARC) listing those contacts needed for awards
- All contacts, no matter how old, may be used for these awards
- Contacts may be made during contests
- For most awards, any band, frequency, mode, or language counts
  - Okay, yes, even digital
  - Not Twitter
- Date, time, location, frequency, call sign
- Logs are on the honor system: no further documentation is required
- Logs may be submitted in any format:
  - -.xls, .doc, .docx, .ppt, .key, Cabrillo
  - *legible* handwriting
  - other inventive formats.

### Welcome to the AARC

- Work 5 (count 'em, 5) AARC members on any mode
- Work station as an individual, not just as a net check-in

### Worked a Few States

• HF contacts with 5 of the 50 United States made from one's home station or mobile.

### Worked Lotsa States

 For establishing two-way radio contact with 15 of the 50 United States from one's home station or mobile

### Worked Nearby States

- For establishing two-way radio contact with one ham in each of the states bordering on Virginia
- Okay that's : MD, DE, NC, TN, KY, WV
- Special endorsement for DC

### Big Ten

- For establishing two-way radio contact with one station in each of the United States Call Areas
- That's: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 0
- Sort-of-special endorsements for:
  - Alaska (AK): KL7
  - Hawaii (HI): KH6

### Paper Chaser

 For establishing two-way radio contact with 20 Special Event Stations

### Worked All Border States

- For establishing two-way radio contact with all stations in US states bordering Canada, Mexico, the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and the Gulf of Mexico
- OK, that's: ME, VT, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL MS, LA, TX, NM, AZ, CA, OR, WA, ID, MT, ND, MN

### All American

 For establishing two-way radio contact with one US station outside Virginia, and with one station in each of Canada, Mexico, Central America, and South America

### Worked All Suffixes

- For establishing two-way radio contact with stations whose call suffixes begin with each of the 26 letters of the alphabet
- Okay, that's: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, V, W, X, Y, Z

### Worked My Call

- For establishing two-way radio contact with a station whose call suffix is the same as one's own
- Okay, so for KA4XYZ, that is working a ham with any prefix and from any zone or country, in any mode (even JT8), who has the suffix XYZ
- We will also send a certificate to the other station with the same suffix

### Central Virginia Repeater Century Award

- For establishing two-way radio contact with 50 FM stations and thereby obtaining 100 points utilizing area repeaters
- Only one contact for each call sign
- Specifics may be found on the AARC website

### The only time these awards have been presented was in 2014, when Larry K4JZQ ran the table

If he can do it, you can do it Common, check your logs and heat up your rigs

# And now for some really special awards

### Get to Know Your Club

- To new members for contacting the following club members by any radio mode:
  - One Mike
  - One John
  - One Bill
  - One Jim
  - Special endorsement for a Dave, a Dayton, or a YL/ XYL

### Eyeball Award

- To AARC members for visiting the shacks of 5 members
- Submitted documentation consists of the date, time, and call sign of the station visited.

### **Elmering Award**

- Recognizes help and support provided to another member of the Club.
- Any member of the Club who has been elmered by another member may nominate that member as an awardee.
- The nomination consists of a one page letter or an equivalent email describing the elmering that has taken place.
- Elmering should be related to amateur radio (rather than, for example, fly fishing, astronomy, accordion).

Interested AARC members are (vigorously) invited to join the Awards Committee

All work done by email (no actual meetings) It is fun Contact KA4JJD at mfr6t@virginia.edu

### Okay, yes, any mode, even this

James Steidl, Dreamtime.com

