

Amateur Radio Awards



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Why bother with earning awards?

- Learn a lot about your station and conditions while pursuing difficult contacts helps you become a better operator
- Trade information with fellow club members on available contacts and help each other, develop relationships
- Sets goals to keep motivated
- Contesting synergies
- Certificates and/or plaques can be a source of pride, show on your webpages
- Interesting conversation starters for friends and family visitors
- You might receive some neat QSL cards from distant foreign countries
- Learn geography LOL!
- It's fun!

Disclaimers

- This presentation will address the most common awards. There are many, many other awards available beyond these. Excellent resources are https://nofars.net/home/amateur_radio_awards and https://www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/Ham_Radio_Awards/
- Awards usually cost money and not cheap – paper certificate awards often cost \$25 to \$80 and up depending on the award and shipping. For plaques you can add \$100+
- There are lots of rules – rules will vary greatly between the different award organizations. Some will not allow combination of previous callsign accounts, some might require QSL cards, etc.

My Awards



Award types and categories

- ARRL LoTW (logbook of the World) includes CQ Magazine
- QRZ
- eQSL
- POTA, IOTA, SOTA – Parks on the Air (Islands, Summits), Activators and Hunters
- Special events: 13 colonies, Route 66, Lewis & Clark
- US State awards – Worked all Florida (67 counties), Worked all Georgia (159 counties), etc.
- Individual country or international radio society awards (IARU, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain, etc.) – available to anyone if you earn and pay
- Ten-Ten International – 10m only <https://www.ten-ten.org/activity/awards>
- Many, many more...
- Note: High quality license frameable certificate available from QRZ

13 Colonies Special Event

THE U.S. ORIGINAL 13 COLONIES S/E GROUP PRESENTS THE 5TH ANNUAL:
Fourth Of July Week - The Original 13 Colonies Special Event
 JULY 1ST - JULY 5TH, 2013. -BANNERS OF THE REVOLUTION-

CLEAN SWEEP

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COLONY STATES

K2A-NY
K2B-VA
K2C-R
K2D-CT

K2E-DE
K2F-MD
K2G-GA
K2H-MA
K2M-PA

K2I-NJ
K2J-NC
K2K-NH
K2L-SC

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AMATEUR RADIO STATION **KU2US** HAS
 PARTICIPATED IN THIS 4TH OF JULY WEEK SPECIAL EVENT HONORING THE "13"
 ORIGINAL COLONY STATES AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR NATION IN 1776.

KEN VILLONE-KU2US: EVENT MANAGER. *Ken Villone*

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Route 66 Special Event



Lewis & Clark Special Event



Logbook of the World Awards

Baseline awards shown, endorsements for multiple awards on individual bands or categories depends on award

- DXCC (DX Century Club) – earned for 100 DX entities QSO in LoTW, DX entity is a country, territory, island, etc. (340 DXCC available), “Honor Roll” for 330+
- WAS (Worked all States) – earned for QSO in all 50 states
- VUCC (VHF/UHF Century Club) – 100 Maidenhead grid QSOs for 50 MHz/144 MHz and satellite but fewer required for >222MHz bands
- WPX (Worked all prefix) – CQ Magazine award, 400 prefixes for mixed and 300 prefixes for CW, SSB or Digital (884 USA alone available), 600 prefixes for “Honor Roll”
- WAZ (Worked all zones) - CQ Magazine award, 40 CQ zones (85 available)

QRZ Awards – Based on QRZ logbook

- United States – all 50 states
- World Continents – all 6 continents
- DX World – 100 DX entities
- Grid Squared – 100 Maidenhead grid squares
- US Counties – 100 counties (150, 500 and more endorsements)
- World Radio Friendship – only 25 QSOs! Easy to earn
- Master of Radio Communications – NA, SA, Europe, Asia, Oceania (DXCC requirements vary by continent)
- Awards can go on your QRZ webpage and/or get certificates



🔔 57 new alerts 15:34:53 UTC 4 Apr 2022



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XML Subscriber Lookups: 2384



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Biography Detail Logbook 1265 Web 48 Awards 7



Greetings to all fellow hams from sunny Clearwater Florida!

I am a fairly new ham, although I held a novice license a long, long time ago when I was 12 years old. I always thought about rejoining the hobby and after attending a Field Day with the local club I decided to start

QRZ Webpage Award Tab Display Example

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Detail

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Master of Radio Communication - South America #13870

Granted: 2022-02-08 20:53:31 (W2SUB)

Order



Certificate



World Continents Award #43875

Granted: 2022-02-08 20:49:07 (W2SUB)

Endorsements:

- 17M Digital

Order



Certificate



United States Award #14758

Granted: 2022-02-08 20:47:02 (W2SUB)

Endorsements:

- Mixed Digital

Order



Certificate



Master of Radio Communication - North America #10855

Granted: 2022-02-08 20:44:37 (W2SUB)

Endorsements:

- Mixed Digital

Order



Certificate

eQSL Awards – Based on eQSL Logbook

- Bronze membership or higher required
- eDX awards – DXCC entities
- Continent awards
- Certain country awards – US, Canada, Australia, NZ, UK, more
- WAS, WAC, eZ40 (Zones), eGrid
- Satellite
- Echolink

International Amateur Radio Union Awards

- WAC (Worked all Continents) – QSL cards only! All 6 continents needed
- 5 Band WAC (80, 40, 20, 15, 10)
- Each IARU regional organization has own awards
- Submitted via ARRL

POTA, IOTA and SOTA

- Parks on the Air (POTA) – <https://parksontheair.com/pota-awards/>
 - 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75 park awards
 - Parks must be a certified entity (US County parks are not)
 - 111 DX entities have POTA registrations
- Islands on the Air (IOTA) - <https://www.iota-world.org/>
 - 1200 IOTA groups, 22 awards and “Honour Roll” at 750, 1000
- Summits on the Air (SOTA) - <https://www.sota.org.uk/>
 - Activators and Chasers - 100, 250, 500, 1000 Awards
 - Activators – “Mountain Goat” award
 - Chasers – “Shack Sloth” award

