Logging your QSO's

FCC doesn't require so why log?

History – fun to look up, queries

Bragging rights

Awards – ARRL- WAS, COUNTIES, GRID, DX, CONTINENTS, SES, ETC – QRZ, etc



WHAT I USE TO LOG MY QSO'S

GOOD OLD PAPER LOGBOOK

N3FJP QRZ LOTW EQSL



PROCESS

LOG EVERY CONTACT INTO N3FJP

LOG MOST ALL INTO MY PAPER LOG WITH EXCEPTIONS

EXCEPTIONS ARE: STATE QSO PARTIES

STATE QSO'S ARE LOGGED ON THERE RESPECTITIVE LOGS



WHAT'S IN A LOG

DATE, TIME (UTC), CALL SIGN MODE (SSB), CW) ETC

OPTIONAL: POWER, RIG, ANTENNA, NAME OF QSO OP.



PROCESS

CREATE CABRILLO FILES TO RESPECTIVE STATE QSO GROUP

THEN STATE QSO'S ARE TRANSFERRED VIA API TO THE MAIN N3FJP LOG.

THEN TRANSFERRED TO LOTW, QRZ AND EQSL

I SAVE ALL TO A FILE NAMED N3FJP



PROCESS

LOGS ARE PRINTED OUT WITH A SUMMARY NOTED IN MY PAPER LOG OF ACTIVITY: ie. NAME OF QSO PARTY, NUMBER OF CONTACTS, POINTS SCORED.

I'LL SEND QSL CARDS IF REQUESTED OR I DESIRE TO SEND ONE, SASE



What I've learned

- > Planning ahead, Date, times, setting up logging program to your operation, SSB, Dx spotting etc
- > Check, rig, antennas, SWR, power level,
- > Strategy- points chase, states, countries, POTA, SES etc
- > Propagation its always in flux, time when to use certain bands, Solar number, Its on the PVARC website



What I've learned

- > Pace yourself, take frequent breaks
- > Make it fun after all how many folks can make new friends around the world like hams do?



'D BE HAPPY TO DEMONSTRATE THIS AT MY QTH OR EVEN WHEN I'M OPERATING PORTABLE!!

QUESTIONS???

Thank You!

