

10QSOLogger Version 1.4.x

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Call sign	Mode	QTH	County
W4GKF	SSB	GA	Fulton
W3DLM	SSB	PA	Mercer
WC8RC	SSB	MI	Washtenaw
W8PGW	SSB	MI	Washtenaw
WN4AT	SSB	AL	Shelby
W4DUK	SSB	VA	Bedford
WA7SRZ	SSB	WA	Snohomish
WA9LJK	SSB	WI	Dane
W4LK	SSB	SC	Richland
WO8J	SSB	WA	King
WJ5O	SSB	AL	Pike
WD8JLD	SSB	OH	Cuyahoga
WJ8L	SSB	MI	Kalamazoo
WA7NB	SSB	AZ	Pima
W1NVT	SSB	VT	Chittenden
W7DXW	SSB	AZ	Pima

10QSOLogger is a special purpose logging system designed specifically for the Ten-Ten International QSO parties that are held throughout the year. It is a small, lightweight and simple program that will log contacts, check for duplicate contacts based on the QSO party rules, automatically calculate points, score, and process a log for submission to the QSO party manager in addition to a dupe sheet. It will run on Windows, Linux or MAC as it is Java based and not platform specific. The program can also be used as a general-purpose logging facility and award tracker for the basic 10-10 awards such as Bars, WAS, WAC,...etc. Use as a General Logger will be discussed at the end of this document.

Additionally, it will export an ADIF formatted file for importation into the users standard logging system, send a submission to eQSL or LOTW (Logbook of the World), and lookup a call sign using the Hamcall Remote server, FCCLookup, QRZ XML service, QRZ CD or the Buckmaster CD.

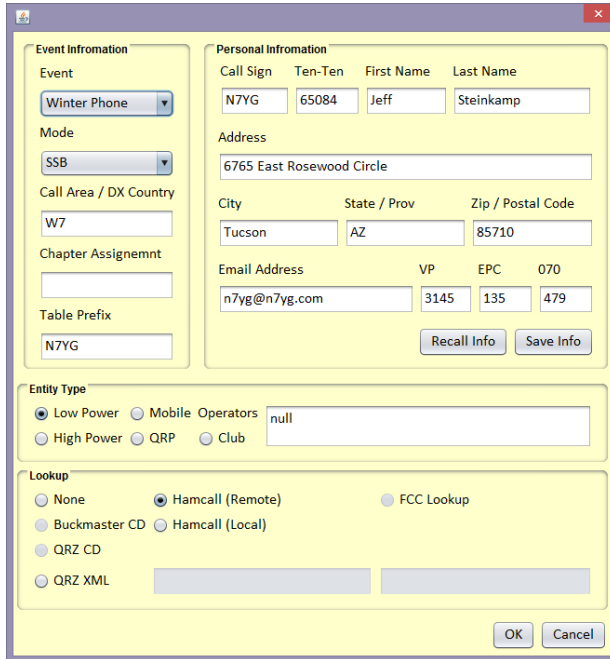
Program Installation: Installation or updates to the program are simple. Obtain the 10QSOLogger zip file from the website and install the file to your computer. If you are updating to a later revision, there is no need to uninstall a previous version, just write over the top of the existing installation. The update process will not destroy any data you have created. The program also provides an option from the Help menu to allow you to check for an update and optionally download and install the new update. (this feature has not been implemented in the development version)

There is no default location to install the program as the installation is distributed in a ZIP archive. The installation path is left up to the user. Launching the program is quite simple. On a

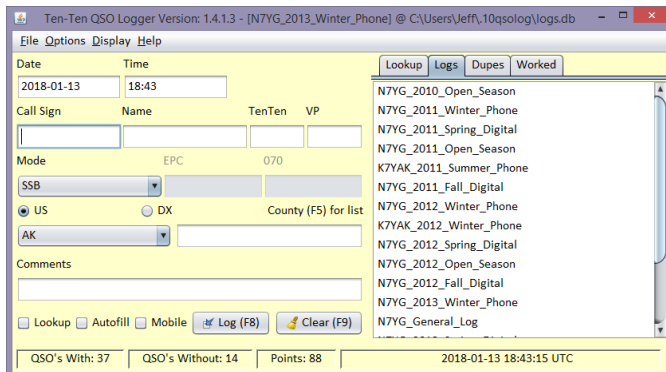
Windows machine you can just double click the 10qsologger.jar file or use the provided batch file. Just make sure the launch directory is the installation folder when you create your shot cut. On Linux and Mac you simply launch the 10qsologger.sh script file. (NOTE: you may have to make that file executable).

How to use the program:

To create a New Contest or QSO party log, Select File | New from the file menu. The Setup Dialog will open for you to fill out.



To open an existing QSO party log, select File | Open from the file menu. The program will read in a list of the available logs that have not been processed for submission. A list of those available logs will be displayed:



Click on the name of the log you want to use. You will notice that I have logs for myself and another in this database. The beauty of this system is that you can store any number of logs for the same QSO party as long as the call sign is different. You can run multiple instances of the program on the same computer, accessing different logs. If for some reason you want

to remove a log that has already been processed, Select File | Remove Processed Log. You will get a list of those logs that have been processed. Click on the log you want to remove. **NOTE: This action is permanent and will remove that table from the database.**

Update Data Files: Select this menu item to update the 10-10, VP, EPC and 070 data. It will pull the most recent update file from my web host. The web host file is usually updated on a monthly basis and a few days prior to a QSO party.

Creating a New QSO Party Log:

Fill in all the required data for each of the fields. Each of the currently approved QSO parties is listed in the Contest drop down box. All of the common modes are listed in the Mode dropdown Box. Addition of new modes and QSO parties can be accomplished by the user. Please refer to Appendix 1, Technical Information. The Personal Information you enter here is the information that will be used when processing a QSO party. NOTE: While the VP number is recorded here, it is not necessary at this time, but may be used for future QSO parties.

Save/Recall Info Buttons: Click the save button and you can save all your personal information to a file for recall when creating another log. It is best to save this in your home directory for easy retrieval.

Lookup Database: If you want to use one of the available look-up databases, select one of the options, otherwise select none.

QRZ XML is a subscription service offered by QRZ and will require you to enter a user ID and password. You will also need an internet connection. QRZ and Buckmaster CD's must have the CD installed in the FIRST CD drive if you have multiple drives. Hamcall(RMT) and Hamcall(LCL) identify the HamCall Search Program. If you do not have this software installed on your computer locally, do not select the LCL option. The Remote option will access the data from the Hamcall Server on my Linux Server. This data is updated on a weekly basis. FCCLookup is for Version 5.x of the software. This software will not function correctly with previous version. You are encouraged to update your older FCCLookup software to the latest version. **(NOTE: In this development version, the CD options, FCCLookup and QRZXML have not been implemented.)**

Click the OK button to save this record into the database. You can edit any of this data, with the exception of the Contest Name anytime you have the log open by selecting Options | Setup.

Logging Contacts: Enter the call sign of the station, the operators name, the ten-ten number if available (070 and EPC numbers for the Open Season event) and the location of the station in the fields provided. If the station is a US station, click the US button and select the State from the drop down box. If the station is outside of the US (Alaska and Hawaii are US States and DX entities and you can log these either as a US state or a DX country), click the DX button and select the country from the drop down box. DO NOT attempt to edit the location name. The country names are the official ARRL names for each of the DXCC entities and is used when exporting the log to ADIF to pull the correct DXCC identifier number. A spot to record the VP number is available and that number will be stored in the database for export to the ADIF file. Likewise, the user can enter the county for all events. The comments section and the mobile check box will only be useful when using the General Logging option.

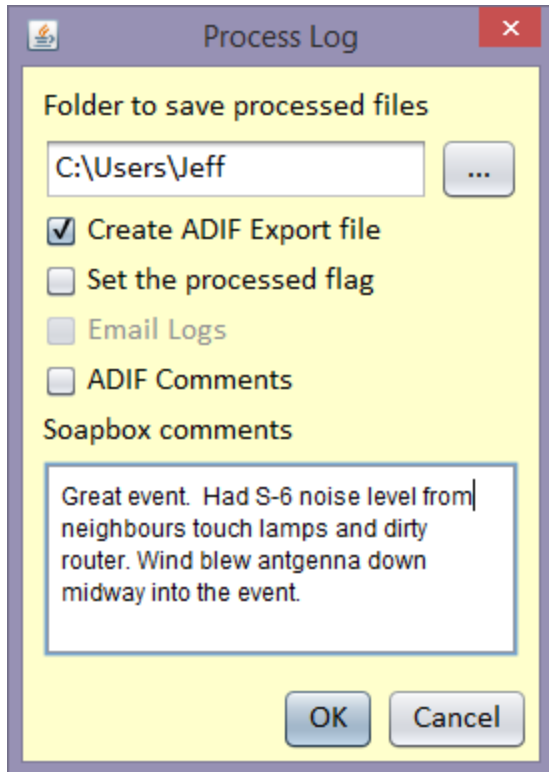
Real-time vs Offline Logging: The program is normally in the real-time logging mode, this means that when you click the log button, the current date and time will be recorded in the database. But, if you hand log, then want to enter the contact after the fact, you will need to select Off-Line Logging from the Options Menu. When selected, the Date and Time entries will be enable to allow the user to enter a date and time for each contact. Dates must be entered in the format of YYYY-MM-DD and time must be in the format of HH:MM. Remember to use UTC time for all contacts as that is what the contest processor is expecting.

Auto Lookup and Auto Fill: If you elect to use these features, be cautious of the information as things can change from update to update. If the name of the registered user of a call sign is Robert, but the individual is using Jim or Bob on the air, make sure you log what was passed. Once you have all the necessary contact information, press the log button to place the contact into the log. If for some reason the contact is not a good contact then before you click the log button, you can click the Clear Button to clear all of the log fields.

Duplicate Contacts: This software has two methods of handling duplicate contacts. The first is an ongoing check. With each alphanumeric character you enter into the call sign field, a lookup of call signs is performed, based on the characters that have been entered into the call sign box. For instance, you type the letter K. The returned list of matching call signs will appear under the Dupe tab. As you type more characters the list will be further parsed down until you either hit upon a call sign or the list is blank. This method gives the user a quick look to see if they have already worked the station in question. If you enter a call sign that has already been logged and press the tab key to move away from the call sign field, or click into any other field with the mouse, the second dupe checking method will run and produce a message box telling you that the call has already been worked. The program will not allow you to enter a duplicate contact. Duplicate processing is not enable when you have selected a General Log.

Scoring: As contacts are entered into the log, they are scored for points based on the regular point schedule for the specific QSO party – 2 points for contacts with a Ten-Ten number and one point or those without. In the event of the Open Season event, you get an additional point for an EPC number and another point for an 070 number for a maximum possible of 4 points. The point value is stored with each contact and added to the total points. The status bar will display the number of contacts you have with 10-10 numbers, the total without a 10-10 number and the total points accumulated so far.

Processing a Log: When the QSO Party has ended, you will want to process the log for submission to the QSO Party Manager. Select Options | Process Contest. A standard File Save dialog will open to allow the user to specify where to save the processed files. The default will



be the user home folder. A default file name will also be suggested and it is recommended you use this default name. It will be the same name as the QSO party table name. Click the OK button to accept the file name and the program will process the log and create a file with an extension of .log which will be the submission file and a file with an extension of .dup which is the dupe check file. You will then be given the option of creating an ADIF formatted file. If you select this option, that file will be created in the same location with an extension of .adif

You can use the .ADIF file for import into your general logging system, and upload them to eQSL and LOTW. This ADIF formatted file can also be imported into a General Log. The ADIF file that is created uses the version 1.0 specification and will use the tags for the 10-10, VP, EPC and 070 numbers. Not all logging programs will recognize

these tags so the 10-10, VP, EPC and 070 numbers will also appear in the general comment field so you have these numbers in your log. If you check ADIF comments, then the 10-10, VP, EPC and 070 numbers will be included in the comment field.

Display and edit a log: To display the complete log and edit the data, Click Options | Display Log. You will get a Dialog that shows the log in a standard column format with the names of the fields at the top and each contact or entry on a separate line. If your version of the software is showing a column called “pkey”, do not, under any circumstances, make any edits into this column. This is the databases primary key and it is this data that uniquely identifies the record. It will normally start at 1 and increase by one, unless a row has been deleted somewhere along the way.

Date	Time	Call	TenTen	VP	EPC	070	Mode	Name	QTH	MyCounty	US County	Points	Mobile	DXCC	Comments	Bar Submit	Digital Submit	County Submit
2013-02-02	18:58	K4AAK	75047	3329			SSB	CHARLES	GA	null	Cobb	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:01	W4GKF	4842	220			SSB	CHAZ	GA	null	Fulton	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:07	KC9DKQ	74089				SSB	RON	WI	null	Washington	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:08	KC9UDL					SSB	Frank	IL	null	Will	1	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:12	A9IN	76189				SSB	STEVE	IN	null	Franklin	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:16	K9JCS					SSB	Jim	IL	null	Lake	1	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:20	W3DLM	1255				SSB	Don	PA	null	Mercer	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:30	KC8IM	31959	1159			SSB	Dan	MI	null	Monroe	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:33	WC8RC					SSB	Club	MI	null	Washtenaw	1	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:34	W8PGW	74726	3323			SSB	club	MI	null	Washtenaw	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:40	VA7TEN	24752	2539			SSB	Fred	Canada	null		2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:43	KC4TVZ	60783	3297			SSB	TODD	GA	null	Hall	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	19:45	KD4BVG	64773	3313			SSB	CHANDRA	GA	null	Hall	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	20:31	VE5BCS	42027	2430			SSB	Harold	Canada	null		2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	20:36	KD4YDD	75854				SSB	SCOTT	GA	null	Gwinnett	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	20:38	KA5VZG	46596				SSB	ALAN	TN	null	Henry	2	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	20:40	KC4QWM					SSB	Bill	AL	null	Montgomery	1	0	0		0	0	0
2013-02-02	20:41	K9IZK	73889				SSB	Bob	OH	null	Hamilton	2	0	0		0	0	0

The user must take great care when editing data in this table. If you leave the date, time, call, mode, name or QTH filed blank or empty, you may receive a dbNULL exception error. These fields cannot be a null value. You must have an entry as these are the same minimum requirements for the contact to be considered a good contact. The columns for TenTen, VP, Mobile, DXCC, EPC and 070 are numeric in nature and if a number is not assigned, then the value will default to 0. The DXCC column is the number that has been assigned by the ARRL for this DX entity. The US will be 291 and Canada is 1. This column will always contain a number that is automatically generated by the software. Columns Bar Submit, Digital Submit and County Submit are used in the award tracking for the General Logging functions. They are ignored and default to 0 for all events other than a General Log. Pay particular attention to the format of the date and time. Any other format you use will result in export errors in the processed files and the ADIF export.

To edit a value, click on the cell that contains the value to be edited. The row turns blue as the highlighted data in the graphic shown above. Click the cell again and the individual data will be highlighted only. You can now edit the data in that cell. **Note: If you delete data from the 10-10, EPC or 070 columns, you will have to manually recalculate the points for that specific call sign.** You can delete an entire row by selecting the entire row, then click the Trash Can icon on the tool bar.

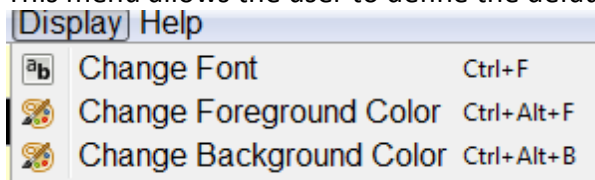
Changes are committed to the database when you type a return inside of the field or you move away from the field.

You can filter the display records by using the filter options. Enter the data you would like to filter on in the filter text box, AZ if you want to filter on the state of Arizona. Select `_qth` from the drop down box of column names. Click the Filter Off button to turn on the filter. The log will now only display those records that match the filter. To turn the filter off and display all the records again, click the Filter button to turn it off. You will note that the drop down box of column name differ slightly from the column header text. The name in the drop down box are the actual names of the fields in the database.

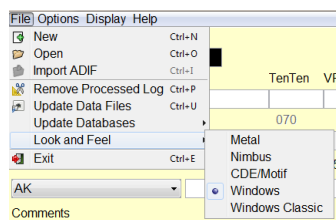
You can sort the table by clicking on the header of any column and the table will be sorted by the values in that column. Click the header once and it will sort in ascending order. Click it again and it will sort in descending order. The sorting algorithm is alphanumeric in nature with the exception of those fields that are defined as integer values, then those fields will sort in numerical order. The only values allowed in the Mobile, Bar Submit, Digital Submit and County Submit are 0 and 1 where 0 is false and 1 is true.

Display Menu:

This menu allows the user to define the default display font, and the foreground color (color of the text) and the color of the background. The definitions will be applied to all other windows and forms and saved as a default and recalled when the program is launched. The dialogs displayed for font and color selection will differ depending on your operating system. Be careful of Third-Party fonts you have installed as these may not render correctly in Java.



Look and Feel Menu:



Java look and feel is similar to a Windows Theme. The selections you have are platform dependent, but all platform will provide you with Java's defaults of Metal, Nimbus and CDE/Motif. In this case I have selected the standard Windows as the default Look and feel. Nimbus is a very nice theme, but beware that it does not always follow Java and platform specifics when dealing with sizing of components. Experiment with the selection until you find a theme that suites your needs. There are custom Look and Feels that can be loaded, but I do not guarantee these are compliant with Java standards.

General Log: This software can also be used as a general-purpose log for all of your 10-10 contacts. It will also support tracking of the basic 10-10 awards. This program is not designed to track any type of Chapter awards and certificates. This is best tracked using a spreadsheet as these awards are constantly changing.

To create a General Log, Click File | New and instead of selecting one of the contest listings in the event drop down box, select General Log. Fill in the personal information as you did with one of the contest and the remainder of the setup dialog then click OK to create the log. A new table with the call sign and General_Log will be created in the database. You can create as many General Logs as you wish, but when you create the initial log, do not use a call sign that has already been used. You can type anything you wish in the call sign box to create the General Log, then after you created the log and selected it, you can come back to the setup and change the call sign to whatever you wish.

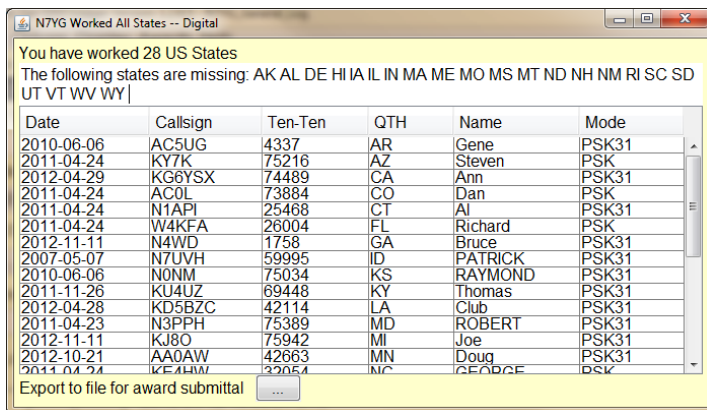
Logging contacts in the General Log is just like logging contacts with a contest except that there is no duplicate processing or point calculation. As indicated previously, Hawaii and Alaska can be logged as a US State or a DX entity. It is highly recommended that you log each of these at least once as a US state to get credit towards the Worked All State Award, and once as a DX entity for credit for the Countries award. If you are chasing US Counties, then once you have logged these as DX entities, log them as US states so you can also log the county.

If you have contacts in another logging program, you can import those into the General Log using the ADIF Import option on the File Menu. This process is somewhat slower than other programs because it checks for and automatically eliminates duplicate contacts. If your other logging program records the 10-10 number, then it should be exported in the file as an ADIF tag. The VP, EPC and 070 number do not have a defined ADIF tag. As such, many programs will export these in the comment field. If these are exported, similar to the following, the import function will try to pick these out.

VP:1234 EPC:547 070:12445

As long as each entity is separated by a space or tab character and the tag and number are separated by a colon (:), those numbers will be processed and entered into the log. I have checked the import routine with a few ADIF outputs from Program such as Win1010, DX4Win and a couple of others and they import correctly. But, the specification is constantly changing. If you have an error when importing contacts, try to send me as much information as possible about the error, along with a sample of the ADIF file you are trying to import. ADIF files that have been created with the contest mode of this program can also be imported into your general log.

Awards: The program will track and process the basic awards for Ten-Ten International. This development version has the capability to process awards for WAS, DX, Counties, and Bars to include the new digital awards. Simply select the award from the main menu and an Award Dialog similar to the graphic below will be displayed.



In this case we have the WAS dialog for the Digital Award. It shows that I have worked 28 US States along with a listing of those states I have not worked. The listing is in alphabetical order by the US state abbreviation. The SQL script used to define this table selects any mode that is not SSB, FM, AM or CW as a digital mode. It also limits the requested set of rows to those contacts after August 1, 2006.

Once you have all 50 states worked, press the button to export a file you can send to the awards managers. The basic WAS award for Ten-Ten works the same, but does not limit contacts by mode or date worked. The award dialog for DX countries works exactly the same as the WAS dialog.

Working with bar awards is a bit more difficult and time consuming by nature of the award. This program will track the bar awards, but will require some initial work to identify those ten-ten numbers you have already submitted. The database has fields called bar_submitted and digital_submitted which are used to determine which ten-ten numbers have been submitted

for bar awards. When a ten-ten number is submitted for a bar award, the submitted field will be tagged with a 1. If you have worked that ten-ten number more than once, all entries with that ten-ten number will be tagged with a 1.

Date	Call	TenTen	Name	QTH
1 2002-02-02	KC4PX	8549	Ivars	FL
2 2002-02-02	K1WO	10753	Paul	NH
3 2002-02-02	W4WJV	11584	Edgar	GA
4 2002-02-02	W5EJ	11732	Lester	TX
5 2002-02-02	AF1T	12625	Bob	NH
6 2002-02-02	VE7ABC	13087	AJ	Canada
7 2002-02-02	DK5XO	14495	Waren	Germany
8 2002-02-02	WA0CED	15254	Dennis	IA
9 2002-02-02	WB4RQD	16337	Bobby	FL
10 2002-02-02	S53EO	19007	Milo	Slovenia
11 2002-02-02	K0NO	20423	Rex	IA
12 2002-02-02	W1WQM	20561	Club PCARC	NH
13 2002-02-02	K7INA	21465	Russ	WA
14 2002-02-02	KU9S	22285	Gerald	IL
15 2002-02-02	K7BFA	24404	James	OR
16 2002-02-02	KO4MM	26254	Jim	NC
17 2002-02-02	WB5WAJ	26676	Jeff	TN
18 2002-02-02	WD8MQJ	30405	Ed	OH
19 2002-02-02	NA3H	30502	Agnes	PA
20 2002-02-02	WB7VSY	32764	Don	WA

The easiest method to initially setup your bar award tracking is to import a list of ten-ten numbers that you have already submitted. Create a simple text file with one ten-ten number on a line. Once you have all those number in a file, you can import them using the import button in the lower right corner of the Bar Award Dialog. Once that function is

complete, close the Bar Award Dialog, and open it again. You should see something similar to the graphic on the left. In this case, the individual has submitted 500 ten-ten numbers for the Bar Award, but has another 661 unique numbers outstanding. The current view, if you use the scroll bar, shows all of the remaining unique numbers you have not submitted, ordered by the date worked.

To create a submission for the next 100 numbers, select a line number to start with in the box titled, "Select line number to start with". Normally this will be 1. Press the enter key and the table will filter out everything except the next 100 numbers. Click the button "Export to file for award submittal" and a submission file will be created in ten-ten number order. This process will also iterate over the database and set the submitted flags for those ten-ten numbers. This process will take some time so be patient and wait for the process complete message. If you are going to create multiple files for submission of more than one bar award, make sure you give the file a unique name which describes the purpose of the file.

The Digital Bar award works exactly the same, but the query of ten-ten numbers is based on the mode, a contact date after the commencement of the award and the digital_submitted flag.

The US County award is similar to the WAS and DX award dialogs. The query is based on a unique US state and county and a ten-ten number that is not 0. In this graphic, the user as

State	County	Ten-Ten	Callsign	Name	Date
WI	Vernon	72283	KB9TPG	John	2002-02-03
WV	Putnam	71472	KG8AI	John	2002-02-03
MN	Ramsey	73080	AB0SI	Paul	2002-02-18
ND	McLean	22987	KB8CL	Gary	2002-03-06
ND	Mercer	65225	N0YCE	Myron	2002-03-06
AR	Saline	64386	K5BKT	Peggy	2002-06-15
KS	Miami	69714	WS0WA	Club WSWA	2002-06-15
AL	Morgan	34064	N8DEU	Tim	2002-10-10
AR	Pulaski	60006	AA5XQ	Alan	2002-10-10
CT	Windham	70147	N1YKH	Mike	2002-10-10
GA	Douglas	70370	KF4ZZY	Max	2002-10-10
IL	Cook	55902	KA9OBZ	Gary	2002-10-10
IN	Tippecanoe	55959	WB9OMC	DUANE	2002-10-10
MD	Montgomery	68155	KC3T	John	2002-10-10
ME	Washington	56510	AA1KS	Richard	2002-10-10
MI	Barry	44442	W8III	DAVID	2002-10-10
MI	Saginaw	72786	KC8DDQ	Mark	2002-10-10

already submitted 300 counties to the awards manager and still has 234 counties worked that have not been submitted. Clicking the Export button will create a submission file of the next 100 contacts, start from the first contact in the table. It will then update the submission flag for those counties in the log. As you work counties, if you have already submitted that county for the

award, the software will automatically update the submission flag when the contact has been logged. As with the bar awards, if you have already submitted counties for the award, then you will need to initially set the submission flags for those counties you have already submitted. Again, the easiest way to accomplish this is to create a text file with all of the counties you have worked in the following format:

state,county

where the state is the 2 letter identifier for the state followed by the official county name separated by a comma. One entry per line. Click the import button to import this file. Be patient as this will take some time especially if you already have quite a few counties worked. You will get a Completed message dialog when the import process has completed.

Appendix 1 – Technical Specifications

This software is built using Java and will require you to have a runtime version of Java installed on your machine, version 1.6 or better. There are a number of Java runtimes out there and as long as they support Sun 1.6 or better you should be good to go. To check your version number, at a command line type: `java -version`

The underlying database used to store all this data is called [SQLite](#). It is similar to MySQL or MSSQL, but it does not require the user to install a separate database server. The server itself is contained in library assembly file (.jar) making it much easier on the developer. You can obtain the command line utilities from the [SQLite Web site](#) if you want to manipulate the data outside of the program.

There are a few GUI programs that can be used to access the database files.

[SQLite Expert](#) – my personal favorite for the Windows platform. Comes in a free and Pro (pay) version.

[SQLite2009 Pro Enterprise Manager](#) – SQLite2009 Pro Enterprise Manager is a freeware tool that enables you to manage your SQLite3 databases. Not only that, you can use this tool for learning and working with LUA programming language. LUA is a powerful, fast, lightweight, embeddable scripting language.

[Any SQL Maestro](#) – is the premier multi-purpose tool for database management, control and development. It allows you to administer any database engine accessible via ODBC driver or OLE DB provider (SQLite, MySQL, Oracle, SQL Server, Access, and so on). AnySQL Maestro has been successfully tested with the [SQLite ODBC driver](#) and all the latest SQLite versions.

[SQLiteMan](#) – The best developer's and/or admin's GUI tool for SQLite3 in the world (so they say).

[SQLite Studio](#) – SQLiteStudio is an advanced, cross-platform SQLite database manager.

[SQLite Administrator](#) – SQLite Administrator is a powerful tool if you easily want to create, design or administrate SQLite database files. The SQL code editor helps you to quickly write sql queries with features such as code completion and highlighting. Both major versions of SQLite database files are supported by SQLite Administrator. This is one I have used in the past.

There are a number of other programs free and fee based that will manage SQLite databases. You can find them at this [website](#).

There are two database files the program depends on. logs.db and config.db and will be found in your home directory in a folder called `\.10qsolog`. NOTE: This folder name begins with a

period and will signify a hidden folder on most operating systems. You will have to enable your file manager to show hidden files.

Config.db contains the following tables:

Contest: contains the names of the approved QSO parties

Country: contains the list of all of the DXCC countries, current and deleted along with their designated prefix, latitude and longitude, zone, DXCC country number, and deleted status.

County: contains a list of all the US counties by state and their latitude and longitude. NOTE: this table is not currently being used, but will be in a later revision.

Modes: contains a list of all the operating modes.

Prefix: contains a list of prefixes that have been used by a country and maps them to the countries designated prefix from the Country table.

State: contains a list of the US states by their 2-letter abbreviation, name and a latitude and longitude.

Logs.db Will contain a table called config and a table for each contest you create. The config table contains the setup data for each contest/QSO party you create.

Manipulating the database with any of these GUI tool makes administration very simple, but if you are unfamiliar with database management systems in general, proceed with caution as you could completely destroy your database files in a matter of a microsecond. Make sure you have backup copies of these files if you decide to manipulate these files with any third-party tool.