





Chasing QSO's – Special Events, QSL cards, History and more

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Agenda

- **Collecting QSL Cards**
- **Special Events/History**
- **Parks On The Air**
- **Technical- Equipment, Software, Cost**

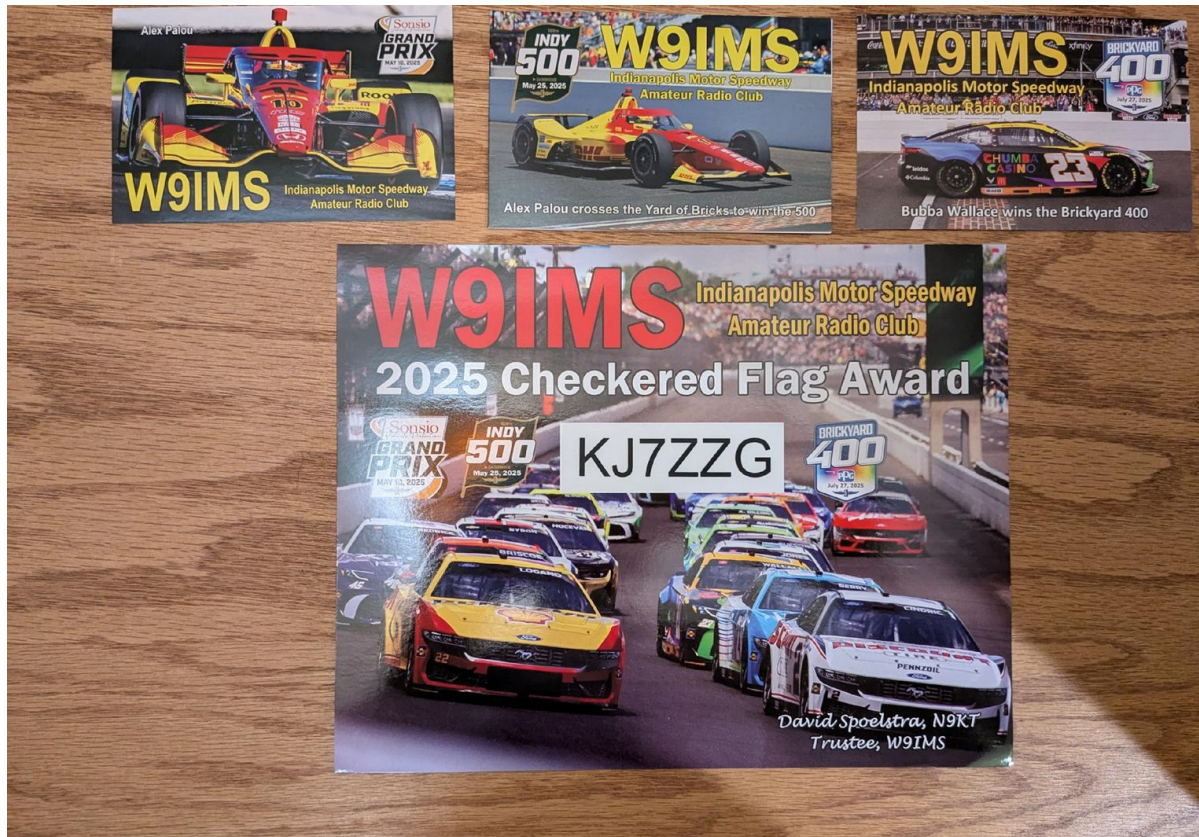


How it Began



Collecting QSL Cards

- Although they originally served as proof of contact they can also provide us a glimpse into history





Special Event Cards & Contacts

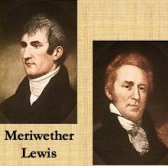
The handout has a list of some of the special events throughout the year.



Announcing the 5th Annual
LEWIS & CLARK TRAIL ON THE AIR
Ham Radio Special Event
June 6, 2026, 00:00 UTC – June 21, 2026, 23:59 UTC
16 States – 32 Activating Clubs – 16 Days



Certificates Available (for a nominal fee) to
Commemorate Your Radio Journey



Meriwether
Lewis

William
Clark



Start Your Own Journey of Exploration at - <https://lctota.org>
Sponsored by the Clark County Amateur Radio Club – W7AIA– Vancouver, WA

18th Annual 13 Colonies Special Event



- ★ K2A/NY
- ★ K2B/VA
- ★ K2C/RI
- ★ K2D/CT
- ★ K2E/DE
- ★ K2F/MD
- ★ K2G/GA
- ★ K2H/MA
- ★ K2I/NJ
- ★ K2J/NC
- ★ K2K/NH
- ★ K2L/SC
- ★ K2M/PA



IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.



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WM3PEN



TM13COL

John Test Name Doe TESTCALLSIGN

THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR NOTED ABOVE HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS ON-AIR AMATEUR RADIO EVENT COMMEMORATING THE THIRTEEN COLONY STATES, OUR INDEPENDENCE, & OUR ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS.

THIS YEARS EVENT IS HELD IN TRIBUTE OF KEN VILLONE (KU2US/SK); WHO CREATED THE 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT IN 2009.



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1775 ★ 2025
AMERICAN



RST CACTUS SPECIAL EVENT
Prickly Signals from the Sonoran Desert



★★ **October 9 – 18, 2026** ★★

Call Signs: **K7C, W7A, N7C, K7T, K7U, K7S**
Bonus Stations: **K7RST, AK7AZ**

Special Event Station • QSL Cards Welcome!

Operated by the Radio Society of Tucson (RST)



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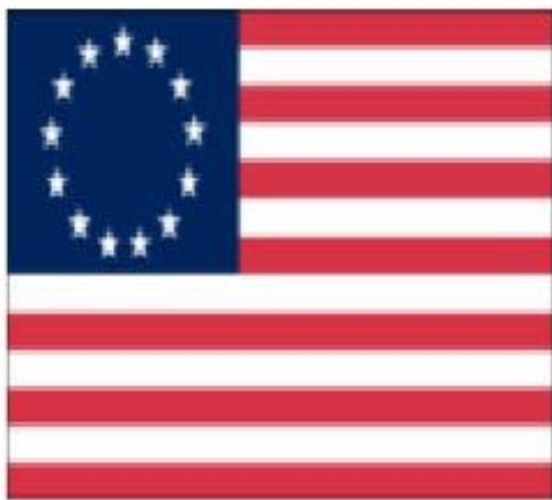


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The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event

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Dedicated to KU2US - Ken Villone (SK) 13 Colonies Founder - RIP

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Thanks for participating in the 13 Colonies for 2025! We are no longer accepting certificate requests for the 2025 event.

Instructions on how to request a certificate in 2026 will be posted here as we get closer to the event. The cutoff date for you to submit a request for 2026 will be October 31, 2026.

Checklists



Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air 2026 Club Checklist

Fire Prevention Week SES Oct 2026					
Call Sign	Date	UTC	Band	Freq	RST
KF2IRE					
N1F					
N2F					
N3F					
N4F					
N5F					
N6F					
N7F					
N8F					
N9F					
N0F					
VE3FIRE					

Idaho (ID)

- ☐ K7SWI – Southwest Idaho Amateur Radio Club

Illinois (IL)

- ☐ K9GXU – St. Clair Amateur Radio Club
☐ K9HAM – Lewis and Clark Radio Club

Indiana (IN)

- ☐ W9OG – Tri-State Amateur Radio Society
☐ W9WWI – Clark County Amateur Radio Club

Iowa (IA)

- ☐ W0GQ – Cedar Valley Amateur Radio Club

Kansas (KS)

- ☐ KS0LV – Pilot Knob Amateur Radio Club
☐ WB0SFT – William Becknell Heritage Days ARC

Kentucky (KY)

- ☐ KY4KY – Bullitt Amateur Radio Society
☐ W4CN – Amateur Radio Transmitting Society

Missouri (MO)

- ☐ K0SI – Central Missouri Radio Association
☐ W0MOC – Missouri Outdoor Club

Montana (MT)

- ☐ W7M – Great Falls Area Amateur Radio Club
☐ W7T – ARRL Montana Section

Nebraska (NE)

- ☐ KA0NC – Otoe County Amateur Radio Association
☐ N0DCA – Dakota County Amateur Radio Club

North Dakota (ND)

- ☐ K0AJW – Souris Valley Amateur Radio Club
☐ W0ZRT – Central Dakota Amateur Radio Club

Ohio (OH)

- ☐ K8HO – Highland Amateur Radio Association
☐ N8QA – Portsmouth Radio Club

Oregon (OR)

- ☐ A17HO – Hermiston Amateur Radio Club
☐ W7OTV – Oregon Tualatin Valley Amateur Radio Club

Pennsylvania (PA)

- ☐ W3KWH – Steel City Amateur Radio Club
☐ WW3AAA – Triple "A" Amateur Radio Club

South Dakota (SD)

- ☐ W0QJY – Prairie Dog Amateur Radio Club
☐ W0ZWY – Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club

Washington (WA)

- ☐ N7KGS – Kittitas County Amateur Radio Club
☐ W7AIA – Clark County Amateur Radio Club

West Virginia (WV)

- ☐ K8DF – Central West Virginia Wireless Association
☐ W8LOG – Logan Amateur Radio Club

Bonus Stations (US)

- ☐ K7L – Western United States Bonus Station
☐ W0C – Eastern United States Bonus Station

For your personal reference only: this list contains every club participating in the 2026 event.

To earn "Expedition Partner" status, you only need to QSO with one club per state.

You may use contacts with one or both bonus stations in lieu of up to two missed states.

Please DO NOT attempt to submit your checklist to club organizers or activating clubs.

Have fun and enjoy the event!

Parks On The Air



Saguaro National Park Sept '22



Emigrant Springs State Park June '25



Casa Grande National Monument Feb '26

- Equipment:
 - Yaesu FT-991, LDG tuner, laptop, battery, GPS, hot spot for logging, and a telescoping dipole antenna that connects to a trailer hitch. Recently we added a solar panel.

QSL Cards & Cost

1. Currently my QSL cards run me about \$125 for 1000. Which can last a couple years.
2. You can also create your own using card stock and your own design.
3. Because you are using 2 stamps when you mail out your QSL cards, it can become costly. I purchased both #6 and #10 envelopes. Some operators do not require SASE so that helps. I spend an average of \$50 on stamps and around \$10 for envelopes a month.



  KJ7ZZG  CONFIRMING CONTACT Valentines Day 2026					
RADIO	DATE	UTC	MHZ	MODE	RST
	FEB 14 2026		14.074	FT8	
 CARLA HERMAN 201 E SPRUCE ST RAWLINS, WY 82301					

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HELLO, it's
valentine's Day
FeBRuary 14, 2026



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**Any
Questions?**



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