What's New in QRZ Version 6

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Greetings and welcome to the sixth edition of the **QRZ Ham Radio CDROM**.

Address Change Notice
The QRZ headquaters is moving!   We have not finalized on our new QTH just yet but it will be moved by the time you receive this CDROM.   Until further notice, please address all written correspondence, QSL Cards, etc., to: QRZ c/o Walnut Creek CDROM, 4041 Pike Lane Suite D, Concord, CA 94520-9960 USA.   In the meantime, Please **DO NOT** send mail or correspondence to AA7BQ or to the address listed for AA7BQ in the database.   Fred will continue to be available via e-mail at *aa7bq@qrz.com*, both before and after the move.

Email Address Database
QRZ was born on the Internet and is today one of the most popular amateur radio internet sites anywhere.   Over the past year, weve been collecting the e-mail addresses of amateur radio operators from around the world.   Now, for the first time we are able to share them with you as a component of the main QRZ database.   There are over 12,000 e-mail addresses available. The email addresses are displayed right along with the regular callsign data, whenever they are available.   If youre on the internet (*http://www.qrz.com*), its easy to add your e-mail address to the database.   With regular e-mail, you can get your listing updated by sending a message to: *updates@qrz.com*.   In your message, enter on one line your callsign and address as:

qrz_email   X0XXX   your_email@ddress

...and well take care of the rest.

Macintosh Support -
This edition introduces a new Macintosh callsign lookup program (thanks to Mike Kelley, N6ZOC) called callfind.hqx as well as a Macintosh files and utilities area.

Built-in Image Viewer
QRZ V6 now includes a multi-format image viewer and a small (140+) but growing collection of digital QSL cards.   These card images are made instantly available as you browse through the main callsign database.   Youll find a new menu item (Lookup->Images) which you can use to view the digital QSL cards (or other images) while running QRZ.

Its easy to add your favorite photo, QSL card or other image to the next QRZ CDROM and have it associated with your callsign using any of the methods below.   If your image is already in gif format (400x300 max) then you can send it to us over the Internet by using anonymous FTP at:

        ftp:// ftp.qrz.com/tmp

You can also mail us your image on floppy disk.   We prefer .GIF formats and will convert your image to .GIF format if necessary.   We reserve the right to reject any image that we feel is inappropriate.

If you would like us to digitize your printed copy, just mail it to:

QRZ Best of DX,

c/o Walnut Creek CDROM
4041 Pike Lane Ste. D
Concord, CA   94520-9960 USA

Your card, floppy, photo, etc., will not normally be returned to you.   If you must have your copy back, then please include a self addressed stamped envelope (SASE) with your letter.   Scanning at QRZ is generally done in batches so it may be a few weeks before it appears on the internet and several months before it hits the next CD.

Callsign Database Updates

This edition contains new FCC callsign databases (last updated on 23 Oct 95) and a completely reorganized shareware collection.   We now have listings from USA, Canada, Mexico, UK, Italy, Turkey, Monaco, Brazil, Portugal, Cuba, and miscellaneous listings from everywhere.   Since the introduction of our online DX callsign registration form, weve begun to take on hundreds of new, exotic callsigns each month.   Were still looking for more DX callsign databases, and you could qualify for a free subscription to QRZ for helping us obtain more countries.   For more info contact the author at: *aa7bq@qrz.com.*

Note: Neither QRZ or Walnut Creek CDROM edits or updates the FCC callsign data.   If the U.S. information contained in the QRZ Ham Radio CDROM is incorrect for any callsign, all corrections must be done directly with the FCC.   The easiest way to do this is to fill out a Form 610 and send it to the FCC.   The master database at QRZ   (http://www.qrz.com) is updated weekly with fresh FCC information.

International Shareware, Info and Mod Files

As we continue to improve the quality of our shareware and public domain data files, weve added a major new section of German/English language amateur radio files.   Be sure to check them out under X:\ german (use your CDROM drive letter instead of X).   You will also notice that the file indexes are larger, more complete and include descriptions, file sizes and timestamps.

QRZ on the Internet

http://www.qrz.com always comes as one of the first hits when you search InfoSeek for callsign.   Over 150,000 have visited the QRZ Web Site which features a Netscape enhanced interface.

http://www.qrz.com also provides a point and click interface for our complete anonymous FTP server, our online catalog as well as the master copy of the QRZ Callsign Database (with online GIF image display), an online email registration form, and an online DX callsign entry form.

Be sure and visit the **QRZ Anonymous FTP Server** on the internet (*ftp.qrz.com*), and/or the mirror site at wcarchive.cdrom.com.   All of the files found on the QRZ CDROM are there as well as any new updates since the last edition.   If you would like to contribute shareware or public domain files of amateur radio interest,   you are encouraged to FTP your material to *ftp.qrz.com*. You should login with user id **anonymous** and your **e-mail address** as the password.

Macintosh Support -

This edition introduces expanded Macintosh support with two excellent Macintosh lookup programs, callfind.hqx and qrz_mac.hqx.   Let us know which one you like the best.

Thanks for buying QRZ and hope to hear you on the air!

73,   -fred   AA7BQ