

What's New in QRZ Version 9

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

We have moved: yes, *again!* We thought that we'd like the cool air of Colorado but as it turns out we simply had too many friends in Arizona to say goodbye to so we decided to return. We once again have an Arizona address (see below).

Email Address Database keeps growing

The QRZ e-mail database continues to grow. We now have over 70,000 email addresses on file, the largest collection of its kind in the world. If you're on the World Wide Web and would like to visit our online system, check out <http://www.qrz.com>

The QRZ WWW server has the most up-to-date callsign information available and is updated daily from the official FCC files. There is also a daily updated listing of all the unused 1x2 and 2x1 calls which can be used to select a vanity callsign. In addition, the QRZ WWW server also has an experimental County and geographic coordinate information server that is tied into the main database. Look for this capability to show up in a future edition of the QRZ Ham Radio CDROM.

Even if you only have email access to the internet you can get your added to the QRZ callsign database for free. All you have to do is send an email message to: updates@qrz.com. If you leave the rest of your email blank, the QRZ server will return an instruction sheet that explains how the server is used. If you're in a hurry and you just want to add or update your existing email address, just send a one-line message to updates@qrz.com which looks like the following:

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qrz_email X0XXX your_email@ddress
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Just replace "X0XXX" with your callsign and "your_email@address" with your correct email address and we'll take care of the rest. You will receive an automated reply informing you that your update has been received.

Over 1000 Digital QSL Card Images

The digital image collection continues to grow as well. This edition brings you over 1000 digital QSL card images. All images are instantly available as you browse through the main callsign database. You'll find a new menu item (View->Images) which you can use to view the digital QSL cards (or other images) while running QRZ.

It's 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. Your image should measure approximately 400x270 pixels and be in the JPEG (.jpg) format. You can then send it to us over the Internet by using anonymous FTP at:

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ftp:// ftp.qrz.com/tmp
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You can also mail us your image on floppy disk. We prefer the .JPG image format and will convert your image to .JPG format if necessary. We reserve the right to reject any image that we feel is inappropriate, of poor quality or otherwise not suitable as determined by the editor.

If you would like us to digitize your card on our 24-bit flat bed scanner (at no charge), just mail it to:

QRZ Best of DX,

PO Box 45449
Phoenix, AZ 85064-5449 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 appears on the next CDROM.

Callsign Database Updates

The QRZ web server is updated each day from the FCC's master files. The CDROM data is taken from the QRZ server just before the CD goes to print (typically the month before the title data).

We now have listings from USA, Australia, Austria, Canada, Mexico, UK, Italy, Turkey, Monaco, Brazil, Portugal, Cuba, and miscellaneous listings from everywhere. Since the introduction of our online DX callsign registration form, we've begun to take on hundreds of new, exotic callsigns each month. We're 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 US callsign, any necessary 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 every day with fresh FCC information.

QRZ on the Internet

<http://www.qrz.com> always comes as one of the first hits when you search InfoSeek for 'callsign'. Over 800,000 folks have visited the QRZ Web Site which is now in its fifth year of operation.

<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 digital 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 warchive.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.

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

73, -fred AA7BQ

