



# Awards and Recognitions



# Beyond DXCC



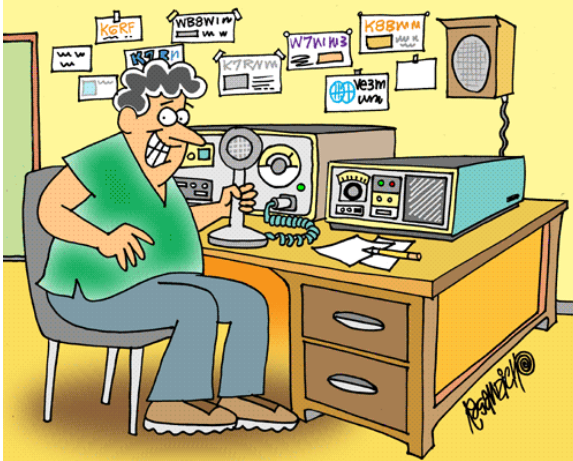
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# DX IS

## THE OLD DXER

The sunspots were roaring and the Old Dixer was working DX night and day.  
The faithful XYL had had it with his QRZing and blew her stack.

"DX DX DX - thats all you ever think about!" she groaned

"Why I'll bet you don't even remember our wedding date!!

"I mostly certainly do" was the immediate reply.

"It was June 14th, 1958 - Thats the night I worked  
the XT1, the CRØ, and the AC6!! -- By AC6V

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# Curt Wilbur K7CU

- Originally licensed in 1961 as KN1TMK. I spent high school working cw traffic nets. I didn't begin DXing until 1977 when I lived in Atlanta. I enjoy DXing and chasing challenging awards. Awards earned include 6BDXCC, DXCC Honor Roll; WPX Award of Excellence; Arabian Knights; 5BWAZ (186), RSGB Commonwealth; All Africa; WAVKCA; and many others.
- Memberships include UDXA, NCDXF, and ARRL.
- I am the Utah CQ Awards checkpoint.
- I am married to the former Sharon Pratt and we have 9 harmonics and 18 sub-harmonics.





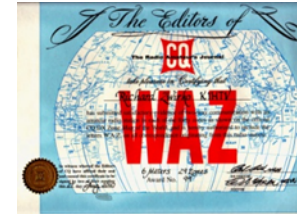
# What is an “award”?



- A recognition of excellence or achievement.



# Three Well Known DX Awards

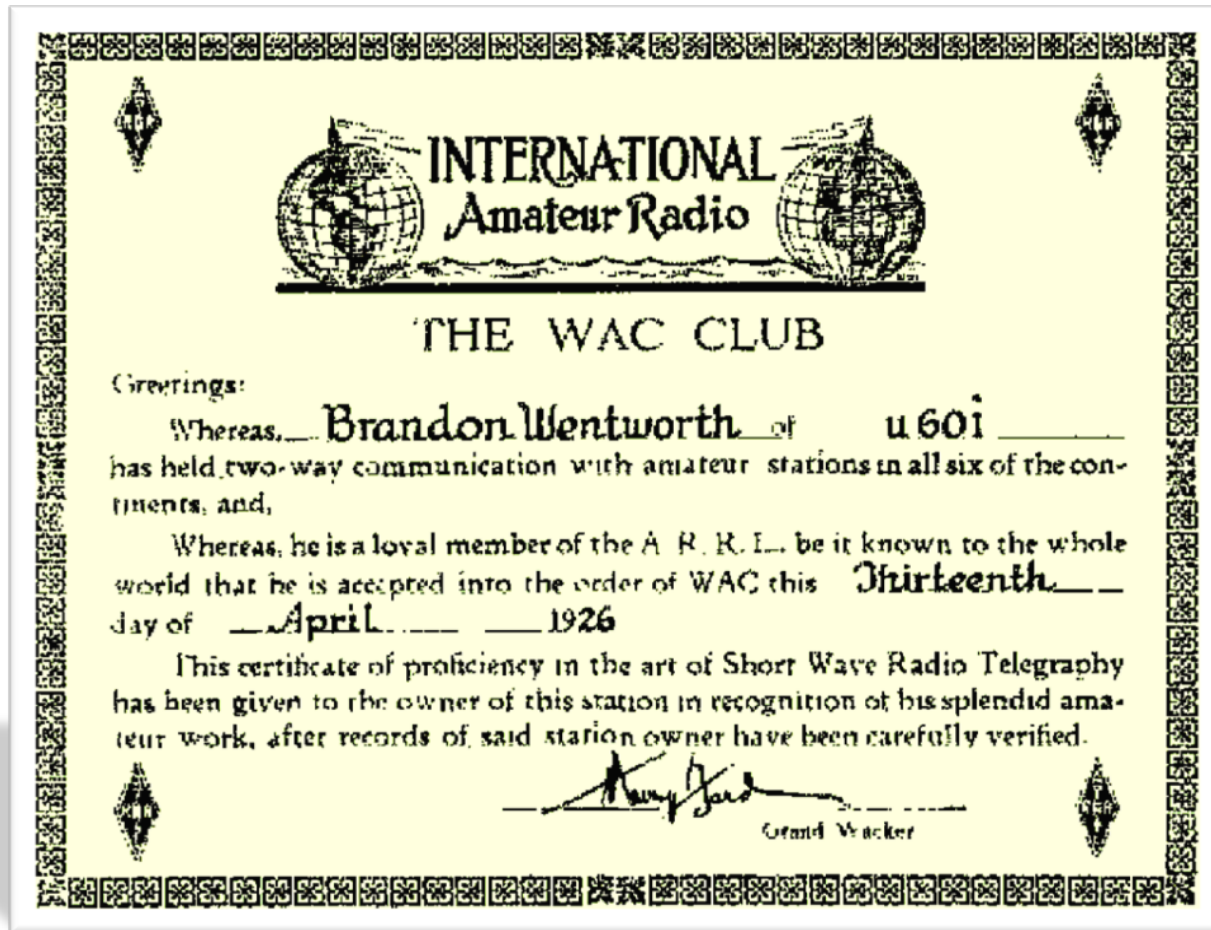


**Offer more challenges than we think.**

**Exciting for both newcomers and hard-core DXers.**

**Keep us busy and focused on DXing.**

# 1926: The Worked All Continents Club



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# Congratulations!

## Your first DX Award arrives



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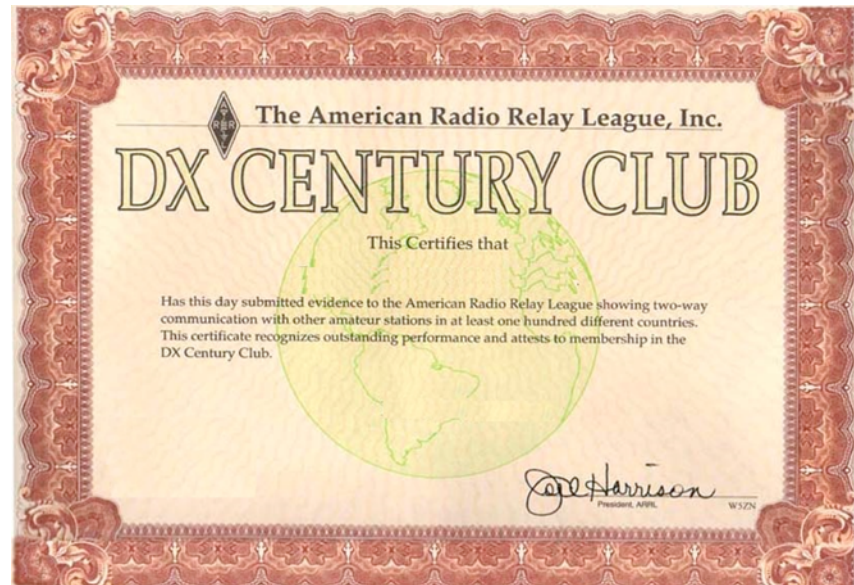




# Let's do 5-Band.



# DXCC



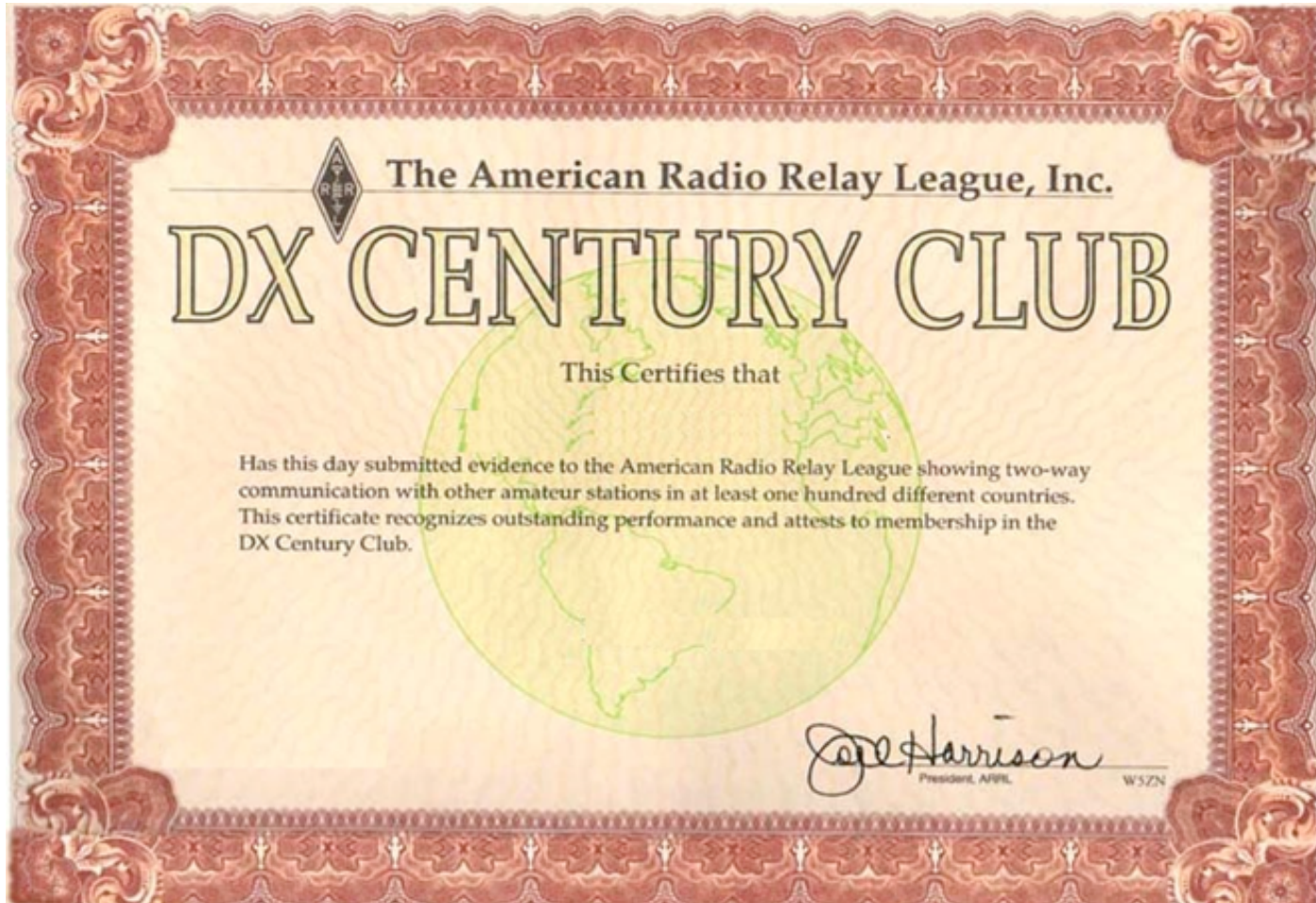
**“How to Count Countries Worked, A New DX Scoring System” by Clinton B. DeSoto, W1CBD, Assistant to the Secretary, ARRL. QST, October, 1935.**



1. DXCC was a response to an ongoing demand: “How do we count countries?”
2. Need to create and use a “standard” list.
3. Development of the list began in 1932.
4. The number on the list soon exceeded the number of actual countries.
5. New countries would appear; existing countries would disappear.
6. Basic rule defined: each discrete geographical or political entity is considered to be a country.
7. What about island groups?
  - A. Ascension vs Amsterdam, but Maui vs Oahu?
  - B. Tasmania and Australia
8. “Countries” are now known as “entities”.
9. DXAC and ARRL handle new entity requests.



**You get your first 100.  
You're on your way.**



# Never stop fishing for new entities



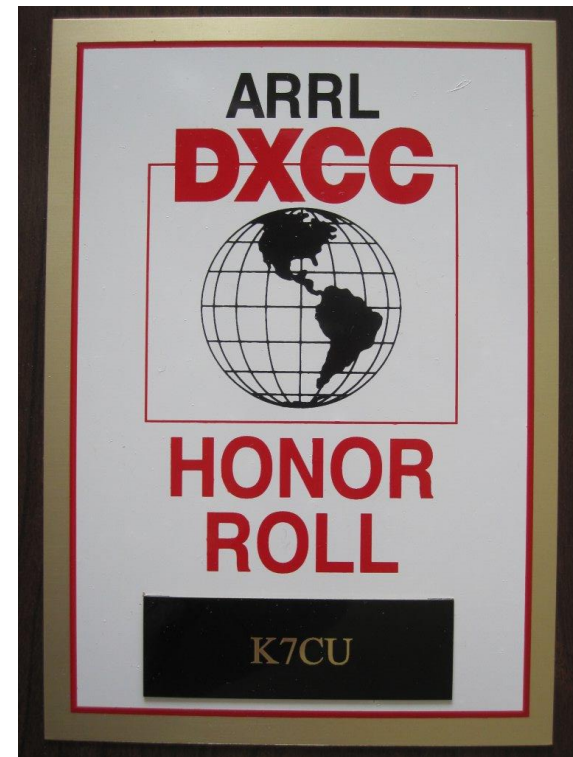
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# Patience; Diligence; Endurance; Being There





# Worked All Zones



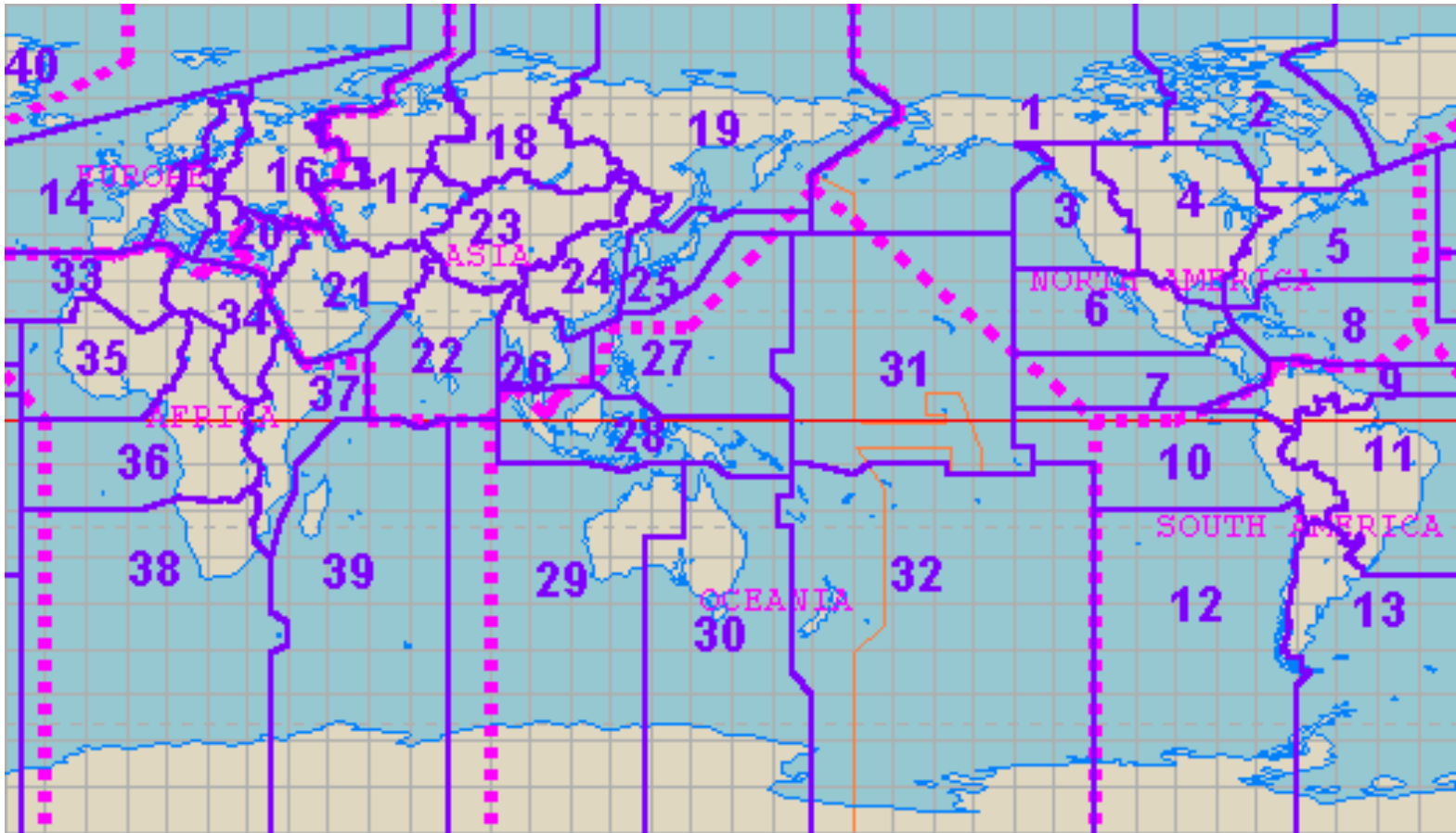
**The WAZ Program is one of the longest running in Ham Radio, having its start prior to WWII.**

**The WAZ program, while it involves the use of "DX Entities", does not rely on any particular "Entity's" status as a country. The WAZ award is geographically focused, which is where it's challenge lies.**

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# Shucks...It's only 40 Zones not 100 DX Entities





# Not every Zone is equally populated

- **Zone 2.** Northeastern Zone of North America: **VO2** (Labrador), the portion of **VE2** Quebec north of the 50th parallel, and Nunavut Territories east of 102 degrees (Includes the islands of King Christian, King William. Prince of Wales, Somerset, Bathurst, Devon, Ellesmere, Baffin and the Melville and Boothia Peninsulas, excluding Akimiski Island, Bear Islands and East Pen Island in Hudson Bay).
- **Zone 22.** Southern Zone of Asia: **A5** (Bhutan), **S2** (Bangladesh), **VU** (India), **VU** (Lakshadweep Is.), **4S** (Sri Lanka), **8Q** (Maldives.), and **9N** (Nepal).
- **Zone 34.** Northeastern Zone of Africa: **ST** (Sudan), **SU** (Egypt), **Z8** (South Sudan) and **5A** (Libya).

# WAZ By Mode

Mode	QSLs On or After	Field Checking
AM	14 November 1945	Yes
SSB	14 November 1945	Yes
CW	14 November 1945	Yes
RTTY	14 November 1945	Yes
SSTV	1 January 1973	Yes
Digital	1 January 2000	Yes
Satellite	1 January 1989	No
EME	1 January 1973	No



# WAZ By Band

Band	Mode	QSLs on or after	Field Checking	Notes
160	Mixed only	1 Jan 1975	No	
80, 40, 20, 15, 10	Any Single Mode	1 Jan 1973	Yes	No Mixed Mode
30, 17, 12	Any Single Mode	1 Jan 1991	Yes	No Mixed Mode
6	Mixed Mode	1 Jan 1973	No	
5 Band	Mixed	1 Jan 1979	Yes (<=170 cards)	Previous WAZ

**NOTE: Single band WAZ awards are by mode.**

**For example: 20m SSB, 17m CW.**

**There is no Mixed Mode/Single Band WAZ Award.**

**5 Band requires a previously earned WAZ Award.**

# So...how difficult to earn?

as of March 1,2013:

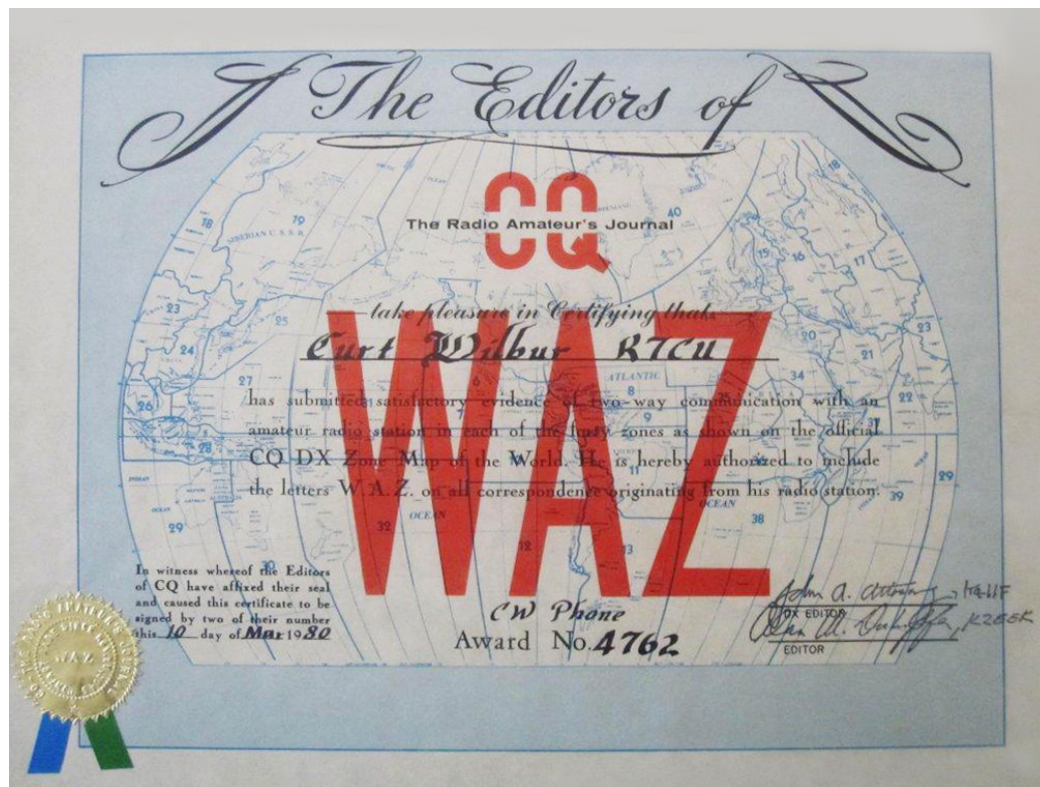
WAZ 6 Meters (all 40 zones):           None

WAZ 160 (all 40 zones):               196

5B WAZ:                                       897



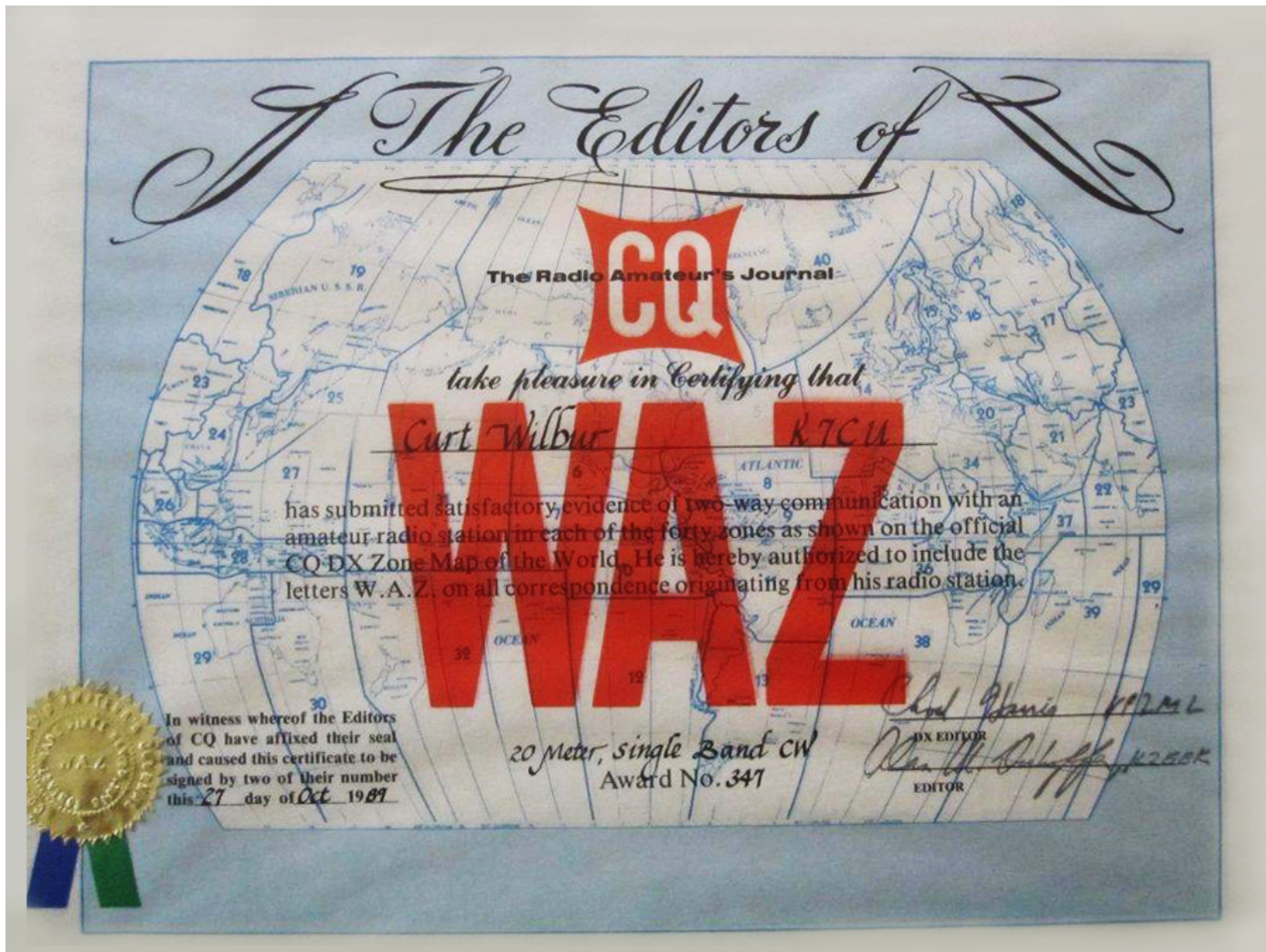
# more tuning; a couple of contests; You confirm all 40 Zones.



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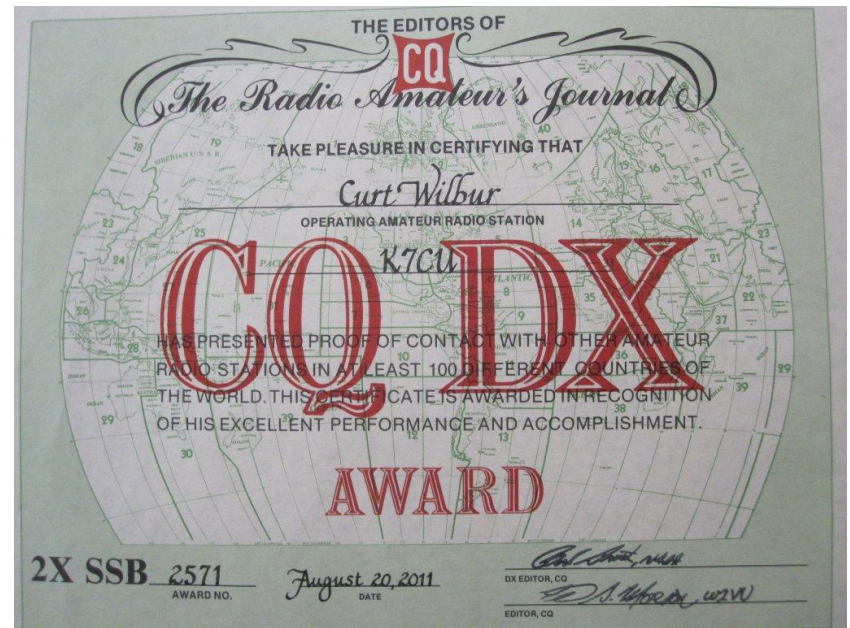
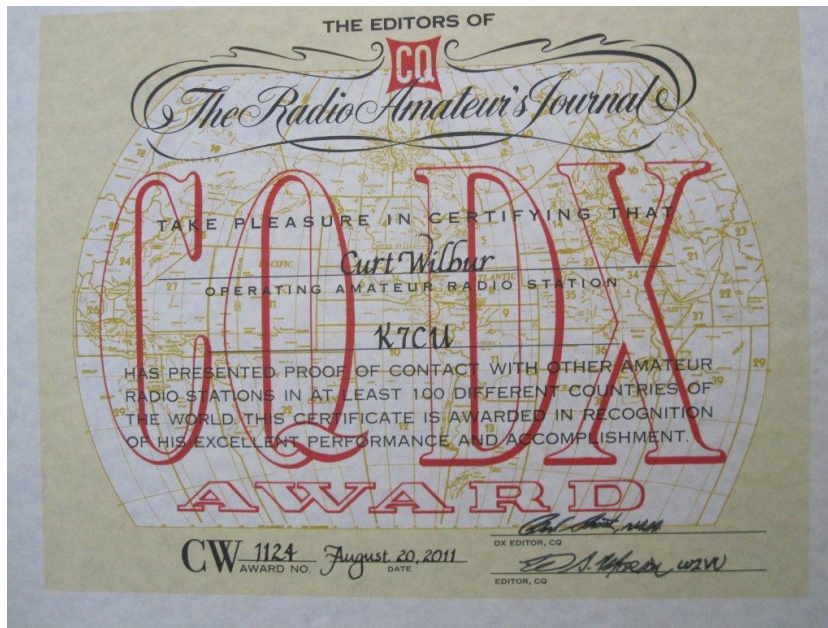
# Perhaps all 40 Zones on one Band-Mode



# How about 40 Zones on 5 Bands?



# CQ Magazine DX Awards

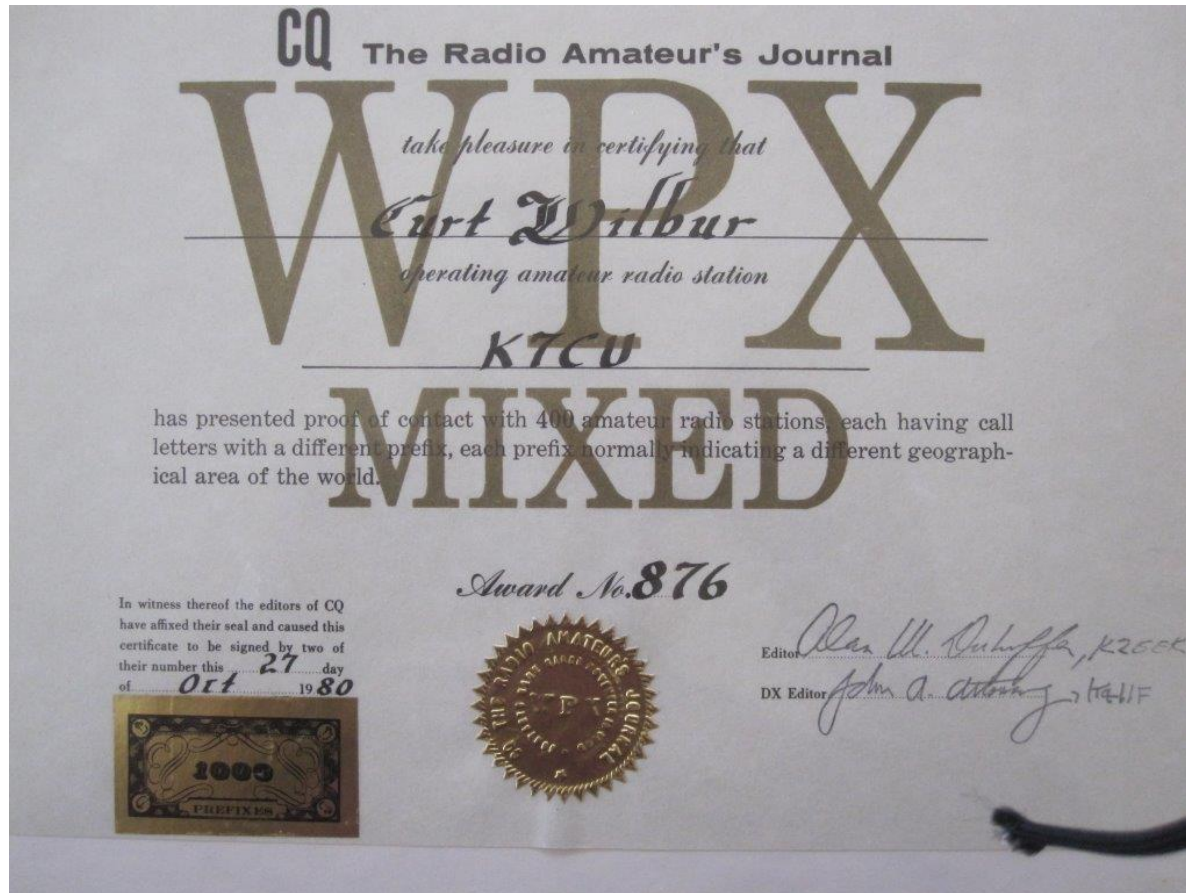


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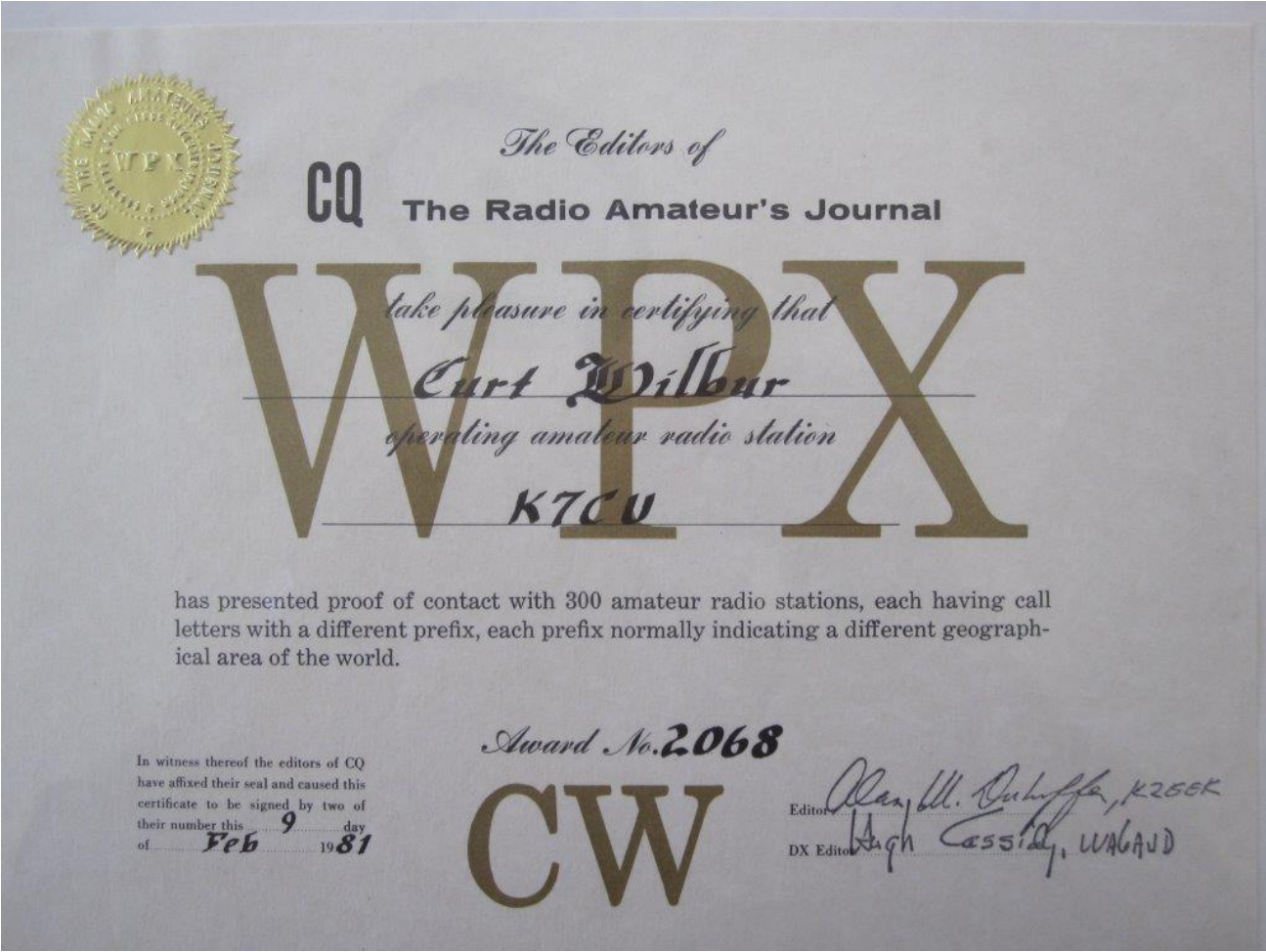




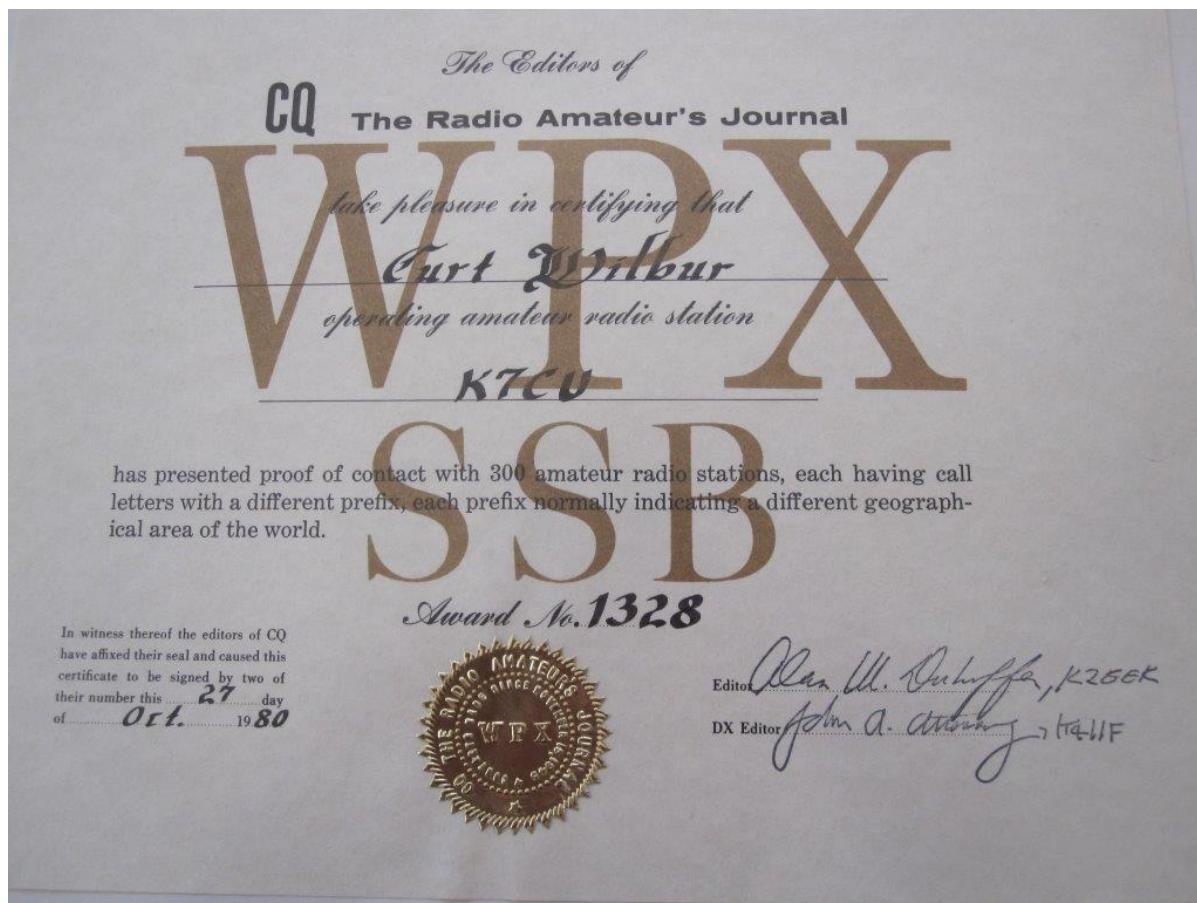
# CQ Magazine WPX...Mixed



# CQ Magazine WPX Award..CW



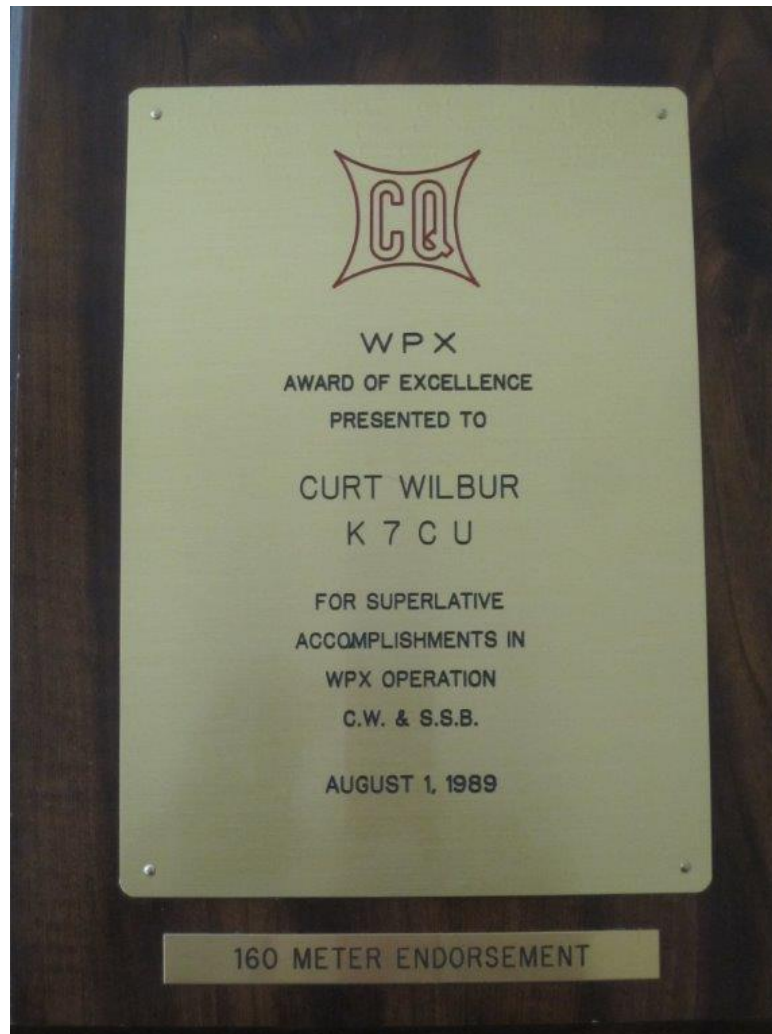
# CQ Magazine WPX Award...SSB



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# CQ Magazine WPX Award of Excellence



# Special Event Awards

UV Protective Glass

1937-1987 Golden Jubilee  
**DXCC**

WHEREAS the DX Century Club was first announced in the September 1937 issue of QST, and  
WHEREAS the DXCC has gone on to become the premiere DX operating award in Amateur Radio, and  
WHEREAS DX promotes international goodwill, and  
WHEREAS the applicant has submitted log extract testimony of having established Amateur Radio contact during the year 1987 with 100 different countries on the ARRL Countries List  
APPLICANT is hereby awarded this prestigious award commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the ARRL DX Century Club.

Name: CURT WILBUR                      Call: K7CU  
Date: JANUARY 12, 1988

*Barry E. Peirce*

## USSR/Canada Polar Bridge

### ДИПЛОМА

presented to  
CURT WILBUR K7CU

Обладатель этой награды продемонстрировал всему радиолюбительскому сообществу свои выдающиеся способности и профессионализм в международной любительской радиосвязи, сумев успешно установить связи с тремя станциями в канадских Северо-Западных территориях, тремя советскими станциями в азиатской части РСФСР, одной станцией в столицах двух сторон - в Оттаве и в Москве, одной из базовых радиостанций совместной канадско-советской транслярной лыжной экспедиции 1988 года.

"Мы хотим соединить лыжней два континента. Пешком... чтобы показать, что мы - очень близкие соседи." Дмитрий Шпаро, руководитель экспедиции.

"We are going to join two continents with a ski track. It is a walking trip... to show that we are very close neighbours." Dr. Dimitri Shparo, Expedition Leader.

The holder of this award has demonstrated to the amateur radio community, outstanding ability and professionalism in international amateur radio communications by successfully contacting three stations in Canada's Northwest Territories; three stations in the Soviet Union's Asiatic R. S. F. S. R.; one station in each of the national capital regions of Ottawa and Moscow; and one base camp communications centre during the Joint Canadian Soviet Transpolar Ski Expedition of 1988.

The undersigned are pleased to acknowledge and endorse this certificate diploma of achievement and commemoration.

Нижеподписавшимся доставляет удовольствие признать заслуги награждаемого и вручить ему данный диплом на память и в подтверждение его достижений.

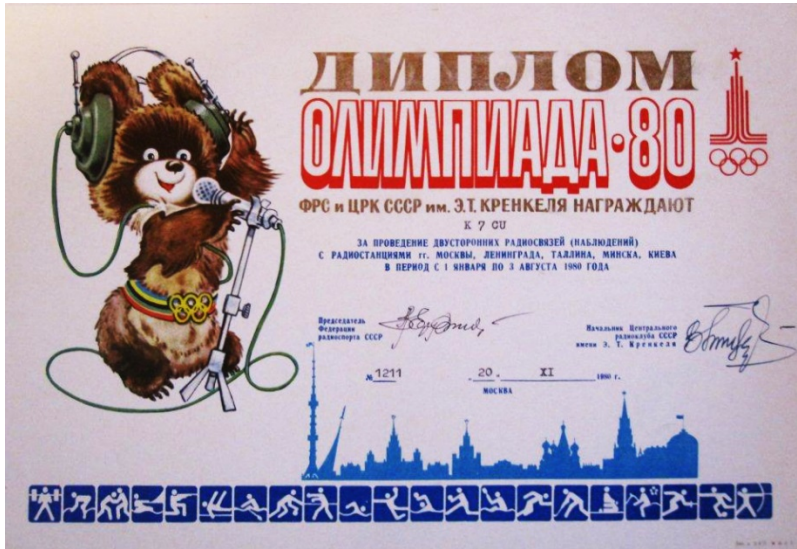
Dated this 15th day of August 1988

Dmitry Shparo UA3AJH Expedition Leader  
Leonid Labutin UA3CR USSR Chief Radio Operator

Tom Atkins VE3CDM Canadian Communications Co-ordinator  
Barry Garratt VE3CDX Canadian Chief Radio Operator



# Olympics...Sporting Events



# International...RSGB



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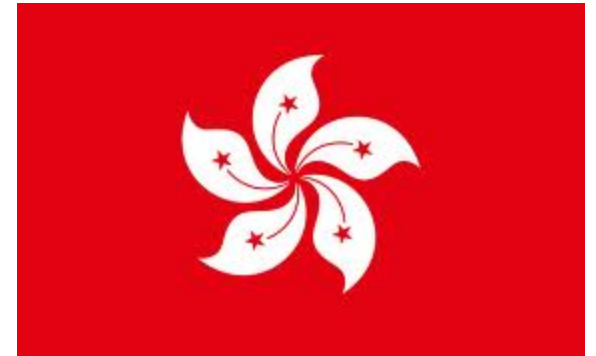
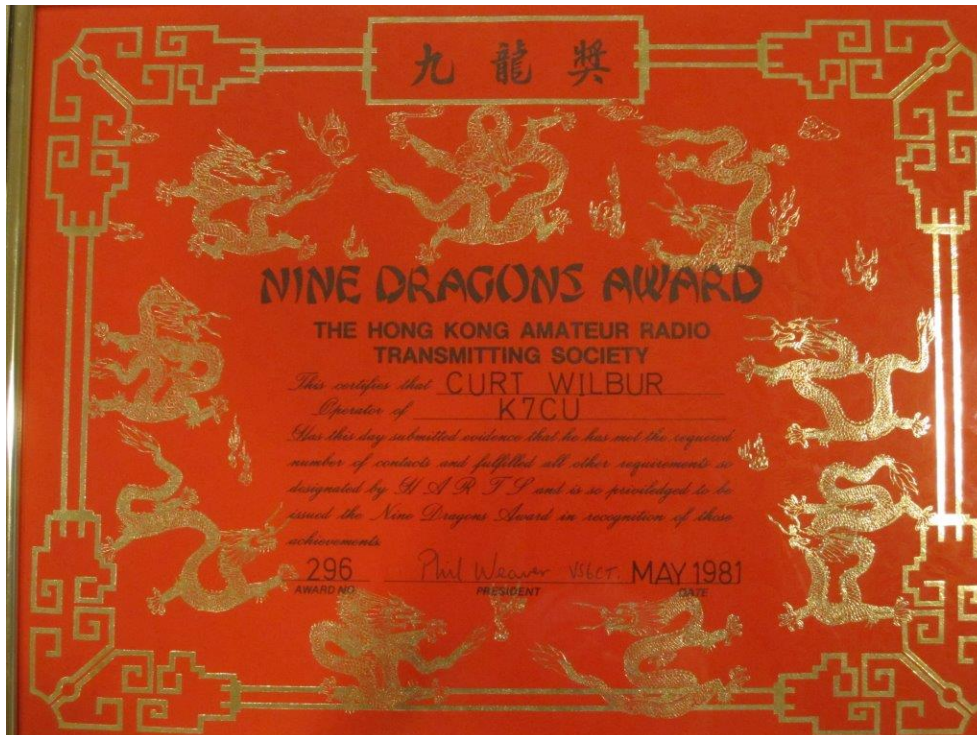


# International...Sweden





# International..Hong Kong



# International..Australia



# International...Germany



# International...Portugal

**VASCO DA GAMA**  
1498-1998  
*Descoberta do caminho marítimo para a Índia*  
*The Discovery of the maritime sea route to India*

*A viagem de Vasco da Gama, cujo quinto centenário se celebra entre 1997 e 1999, representou, no quadro da História de Portugal, o culminar de uma política régia coerente e multifacetada de descobrimento e expansão para Sul. Significou também e principalmente, no plano mais vasto e mais decisivo da História Universal, a concretização da primeira circum-navegação de África e, por essa via, o primeiro encontro oceânico directo entre o Atlântico e o Índico.*

*Vasco da Gama's voyage, whose 500th anniversary is being celebrated between 1997 and 1999, represented the culmination of a multifaceted and coherent royal strategy of discovery and expansion to the south within the overall framework of Portuguese history. However, from the broader and more important perspective of world history, the major achievement was the first circumnavigation of Africa and the resulting first direct maritime link between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans.*

**K7CU**

**Diploma**

REDE DOS EMISSORES PORTUGUESES  
take pleasure in certifying that

**Curt Wilbur**

has submitted satisfactory evidence of two-way communication with other amateur radio stations in accordance with the requirements of this Diploma and is so privileged to be issued with this Award in recognition of these achievement.

AWARD Nº 397 DATE 28 / Janeiro / 2013 MODE *Mixed*

*Presidente, REP*  
*Award Manager, REP*

COMUNICADORES DO REINO DE PORTUGAL

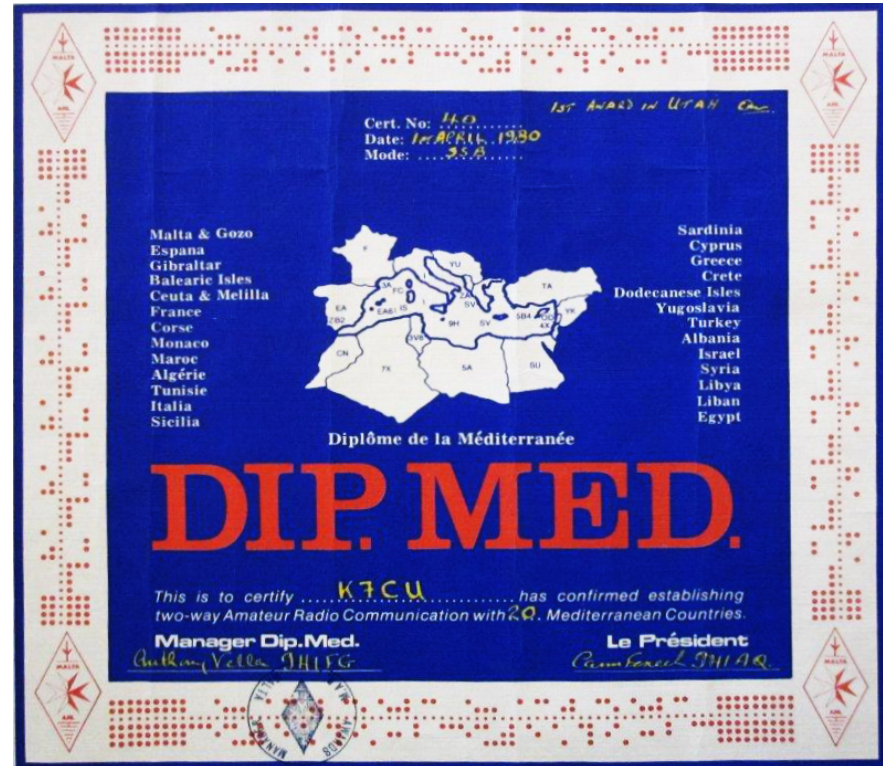
VASCO DA GAMA



# International...Jordan



# International...Italy



# International...Japan



# International...Finland





# International...South Africa



# A few Definitions and Terms

- **GCR:** General Certification Rule; a signed document in lieu of sending QSL cards.

- **IRC:** International Reply Coupon



- **Green Stamp:** Currency



# Example of a GCR Application

- From: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- To: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Application for: \_\_\_\_\_
- Awards fee enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_
- The information and/or the QSLs required for this award have been checked and are certified to be correct by the following radio amateurs:
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Signature Call
- Signature Call
- "I declare that all the necessary credits for this award have been obtained in accordance with the rules for the award, as well as the rules and regulations for radio amateurs in my country. Please accept this information and send the award to my QTH as listed above."
- Applicants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Call	Date	Time	Band	Mode	RST	Other



# Typical Requirements

- Need to have the QSLs, but NOT send them in.
- Fees vary from free (sent via email) to over \$50 for some plaques.
- GCR list signed by 2 amateurs.
- IRCs often accepted.

# Latest trends

- Locations (islands, lighthouses, castles...)
- Short term (big list at [dxawards.com](http://dxawards.com))
- Celebrations
- Email certificates in pdf or jpeg formats
- eQSL support (CQ WAZ, WPX, USA-CA, DX)
- LoTW (WPX; possibly others in the future)

# So...why ?

- The Challenge
- Individual Achievement
- Improve the “edge”



# Resources

- [www.dxawards.com](http://www.dxawards.com) [K1BV]
- [www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq-awards/index\\_cq\\_awards.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq-awards/index_cq_awards.html)
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- [www.ac6v.com/hamawards.htm](http://www.ac6v.com/hamawards.htm)

# Credits

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- CQ Magazine



- ARRL



- K1BV





# Where's your next

