



Getting Them In The Log

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Bob was born in 1942 and raised in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was first licensed in 1956 as KNØHGB. Bob has the unique distinction of having his novice license test administered and signed off by Art Collins, WØCXX, a family friend who introduced Bob to amateur radio.

Bob was fascinated by DX from the start - his first 15 meter as novice class operator and his first significant DX was JA1ADN. As a Novice, Bob earned the Worked All Continents award and was the fourth Novice to do so. He upgraded to General Class and continued to chase DX, primarily on CW.

Bob was co-founder of Bencher, Inc., maker of CW Paddles, Skyhawk yagis and Butternut antennas. Bob also founded IDIOM Press which is now owned by his son Rob W7GH.

Bob was the inspiration for the renewal of the CQ DX Marathon annual DX chase. Bob is on the DXCC Honor Roll for CW and mixed. He is the author of two books, "The Complete DX'er" and the recently published "A Year of DX," as well as numerous articles in amateur radio magazines.

In 2009 and 2010 Bob was the world wide winner of the CQ DX Marathon.

In 2010 Bob was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame.

Bob is married to the ever patient Judy, and has three children. He now raises antennas on a 20 acre parcel near Grants Pass, Oregon.





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- **Optimize your chances.**
- **Gather all intelligence.**
- **Optimize your alert program.**

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- **Improve your CW skills**
- **The Golden Three Minutes**

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- **A Minimum of 285 Countries**
- **200 countries are relatively easy.**
- **More are NOT!**
- **Hiding Tricks...**





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Hiding Tricks...

- **Use a bug or hand key**
- **Use strange frequencies**
- **Use strange times**
- **Use times and bands with restricted propagation**

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More Hiding Tricks...

- **Minimize the use of callsigns**
- **Non-English language QSOs**
- **Join DX nets**
- **Operate outside USA phone bands**
- **Operate when paths to USA are dead**

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FINDING THE RARE DX

- **Tuning Away from the Crowd**
- **Digging out the Weak Signals**
- **Checking the Long Path**

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- **Check the Phone Bands**
- **Learn Patience!**
- **Listen to QSO Content.**
- **Watch DX Nets**





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- **Use the Internet for information.**
- **Learn to lose!**
- **Have Fun! It's a hobby.**