

How do I?

An occasional series

This week: Printing QSL Strips using N3FJP Logging Software

QSLing (Confirming a contact with another amateur radio operator) is nearly as old as the hobby itself.

Today we take a look at printing QSL label strips via the N3FJP logging software suite..

Long time readers of this space will see there are many articles on radios, antennas, and other tips and tricks for operating away from your home station.

See <https://www.radioclub-carc.com/resources/> for more articles.

So, your penmanship isn't what it used to be. This may be a good time to look into computer printing QSL information on adhesive labels.

To start, open up your N3FJP log. In this example we will use an Amateur Contact Log file.

Your recent contacts will look something like this

rec#	Call	Date / Time	Bnd	Mode	Power	Snt	Rec	Off	Country	ST	County	Name	SIG_INFO	S	R	Comments
50	KB3PQT	2024/08/24 00:26	15	SSB	100	59	59	00:26	USA	PA	Cumberland	FRANK		Y	Y	FRANK C I
49	KG5SBA	2024/08/24 00:07	15	SSB	100	52	55	00:12	USA	LA		David		N	N	David P Fc
48	N3EPY	2024/08/24 23:50	2	FM	100	59	59	23:50	USA	PA	CUMBERLAND	RICHARD R		N	N	Richard R
47	N5WSB	2024/08/24 18:47	15	SSB	100	57	55	18:47	USA	TX	LIBERTY	WILLARD (...)		N	N	Willard (pe
46	WB5ORA	2024/08/24 18:44	15	SSB	100	56	41	18:44	USA	TX	BRAZOS	KENNETH G		N	N	Kenneth G
45	N5BUR	2024/08/24 18:42	15	SSB	100	55	51	18:42	USA	TX	HARRIS	Luke V		N	N	
44	AC0DH	2024/08/24 17:58	20	SSB	100	55	55	17:58	USA	MN	HENNEPIN	Jeffrey D		N	N	Jeffrey D F
43	K0GLT	2024/08/24 17:54	20	SSB	100	55	57	17:54	USA	MO	PLATTE	GARY L		N	N	qrp 5w
42	W4YST	2024/08/24 17:53	20	SSB	100	59	55	17:53	USA	FL	DUVAL	oz		N	N	
41	WA4GNL	2024/08/24 17:52	20	SSB	100	59	59	17:52	USA	AL	MOBILE	JOHN C		Y	Y	John C Sh
40	K4CRM	2024/08/24 17:27	20	SSB	100	55	55	17:27	USA	FL	INDIAN RIVER	Carmen R		N	N	Carmen R
39	KE3YC	2024/08/24 17:25	20	SSB	100	51	45	17:25	USA	PA	CUMBERLAND	WILLIAM C		N	N	William C F
38	KC0ZXZ	2024/08/24 17:24	20	SSB	100	59	59	17:24	USA	IA	STORY	Mick		N	N	Michael P I
37	N5MIS	2024/08/24 17:18	20	SSB	100	55	57	17:18	USA	MS	PONTOTOC	JOE E		N	N	Joe E Shal
36	W9DJP	2024/08/24 17:15	20	SSB	100	55	55	17:15	USA	WI	MILWAUKEE	DAVID J		N	N	David J Pir
35	W9TCV	2024/08/24 17:12	20	SSB	100	55	55	17:12	USA	FL	NASSAU	BEAR		N	N	Erich C Sc
34	A15SI	2024/08/24 17:07	20	SSB	100	55	59	17:07	USA	MS	ITAWAMBA	GREGG		N	N	
33	N3FWE	2024/08/24 17:07	20	SSB	100	55	55	17:07	USA	PA	CUMBERLAND	Steve		N	N	Steven M I
32	WA3KCP	2024/08/24 17:05	20	SSB	100	51	44	17:05	USA	PA	CUMBERLAND	JOHN R		N	N	John R Lut
31	W7RTM	2024/08/24 04:56	20	SSB	100	51	51	04:56	USA	OR	WASHINGTON	Bruce T		N	N	Bruce T M

Either scroll through the records to find the one you want to QSL. Or use the search box:

Ready to begin! K3IEC NRHS master log.mdb

Call	Date	Band	Mode	Power	Time On	Sent	Rec	Country		
Name	State	County	Frequency	SIG_INFO	<input type="checkbox"/> QSL Sent <input type="checkbox"/> QSL Rcvd			Spot Last	9:17:59 AM 13:17:59 UTC	Log Contact

Bearing: _____
Miles: _____
Cont: _____

Comments: _____

Time Off: _____

Select the QSO you want to QSL.

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Click the button labeled **Print QSL Strip** and the following box appears;

The default settings are:

- 3 columns
- 0.1 Left Margin
- 2.75 Label width

I am using 1 inch by 4 inch labels, 2 columns wide. E.g. Avery 8161 for InkJet printers, Avery 5261 for Laser printers.

I found I needed to move the left margin to the right and ended up with the numbers shown below.

Print QSL Strip

<input style="width: 40px;" type="text" value="10"/>	How many label rows are on each page (top to bottom)?
<input style="width: 40px;" type="text" value="2"/>	How many label columns are on each page (left to right)?
<input style="width: 40px;" type="text" value="0.52"/>	Top Margin (Inches - measure from top of page to top edge of first label)
<input style="width: 40px;" type="text" value="0.2"/>	Left Margin (Inches - measure from left of page to left edge of first label)
<input style="width: 40px;" type="text" value="1"/>	Label Height (Inches - measure from top edge of first label to top edge of next label)
<input style="width: 40px;" type="text" value="4"/>	Label Width (Inches - measure from left edge of first label to left edge of second label)

Start printing on Row: Column:

Font Style

Print all selected on one label (5 max)

Enter a brief comment for the last row of the label if you like

Make sure your printer is loaded with the desired labels. Click **Print** and the system print dialog opens. Click print and your label should be complete.

Catch ya on the air!