

The NCDXC Elmering Project

Course Description for 'Strategies for Successful QSLing'

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It has been said that sending a QSL card is the final act of courtesy in a QSO with another amateur. Some of your QSOs will be memorable. The first time you work Arizona or your QSO with Yoshi in Japan, or your very first CW contact. All of these QSOs could be meaningful and likely deserve sending out a QSL card. Of course when you send out a QSL card you would like to get one back from the ham you contacted. This presentation covers the tricks of the trade and will substantially increase your return QSL rate.

The class starts out with the radio contact itself and then discusses how to find the proper address to send your QSL card to. Finally how to improve the chance of the other operator's QSL card landing in your mailbox is explained. Equally applicable for your contact with Arizona or your QSO with the South Cook Islands, the presentation focuses on how to secure your QSL card from the other operator.

To the beginning HF operator or brand new DXer QSLing seems so simple. Just fill out your card and drop it in the mail. Even for domestic contacts this may fail to get you a response. For DX stations who work hundreds or even thousands of stations per day, you will not receive a response. Come find out how to increase your return rate on QSL cards you send.