**CQP Contest Robot – FAQ**

This page provides answers to questions you may have after submitting your log to the California QSO Party using either the web form on this site or by sending the log via email to [logs@cqp.org](mailto:logs@cqp.org).

The Contest Robot processes all logs submitted electronically. It does its best to find a Cabrillo formatted log and extract information such as your call sign, club affiliation, etc. If this information if found, the robot sends you and email telling you what it found as feedback that it has processed the log – there are NORMAL responses in the set of links below.

If the robot has any problem processing your log it will send you a message with a tag in it that looks like “ROBOT MESSAGE #x:” – these are EXCEPTION responses in the set of links below.

All logs that generate an exception message are flagged automatically for the CQP Team to process by hand – someone will either fix the issue for you and re-submit the log (at which point you should receive one of the normal response messages below) or contact you if they have any questions.

PLEASE NOTE: Logs will only be listed on the [Logs Received page](robot.cqp.org) after they have been recognized and you have received a normal response message. If you log has been flagged for the CQP Team to review, this may take some time (usually between a few minutes but perhaps as much as a day).

**NORMAL RESPONSE**

* [**Thank you for submitting your log for CQP-2012!**](#NORMAL1)
* [**Thank you for UPDATING your log for CQP-2012.**](#NORMAL2)

**EXCEPTION RESPONSE**

* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #1**](#E1)
* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #2**](#E2)
* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #3**](#E3)
* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #4**](#E4)
* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #5**](#E5)
* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #6**](#E6)
* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #7**](#E7)
* [**ROBOT MESSAGE #8**](#E8)

**Normal Message Explanations**

[**Thank you for submitting your log for CQP-2012!**](NORMAL1)

The robot found your log and processed it normally. An entry has been made into the list of logs received and you will see your log listed in the [Logs Received web page](http://robot.cqp.org) the next time the report is generated. This report page is automatically updated every 5 minutes so if you log isn’t listed yet, check back in 5 minutes and it will be there.

[**Thank you for UPDATING your log for CQP-2012.**](NORMAL1) The robot found your log and recognized that it had been submitted before. The robot keeps a database of all the information in your log and has UPDATED the database with the latest information you sent in. The date/time in the Last Log Received column of the [Logs Received web page](robot.cqp.org) will show the updated time the next page the log is generated.

The robot shows you the information it found in your log in the email response that was sent to you after the update was processed. If you are having a problem getting the robot to recognize something which it has wrong, please email [cqp-char@cqp.org](mailto:cqp-char@cqp.org) and we will take care of the problem. Otherwise, thanks for sending in the update!

**Exception Message Explanations**

Exception messages are not necessarily error messages. Please read the relevant section below for an explanation of what the robot found and is reporting back to you.

If you recognize the issue and know how to fix it, by all means correct the issue and re-submit your log. Otherwise, don’t worry! All logs that generate an exception message are flagged automatically for the CQP Team to process by hand – someone will either fix the issue for you and re-submit the log (at which point you should receive one of the normal response messages above) or contact you if they have any questions.

[**ROBOT MESSAGE #1**](E1)

The robot found your log and processed it normally but found something it didn’t recognize in either the CLUB or the sent QTH field of the first Cabrillo QSO record.

The robot has a list of all Radio Clubs, which it recognizes. You can find this list (it’s long!) at the [end of this page](#CLUBLIST). If you the club you entered in the log isn’t recognized, you may either correct it in the CLUB information in your logging program and then resubmit your log, or leave it up to us!

The robot looks for your transmitted Contest multiplier in the first QSO record within the Cabrillo file. The robot is pretty good at recognizing most ways of showing these multipliers but the [full list of approved multipliers can be found on the CQP web site](http://cqp.org/cqp_multipliers.html). You may either look up the up the correct multiplier abbreviation, put it in your logging program and resubmit your log, or leave it up to us!

[ROBOT MESSAGE #2](E2)

The robot received your log but found there was more than one file attached to the message. The robot doesn’t try to guess which attachment is the right one so flags the message for the CQP Team to look at and sends you this message.

You may resubmit your log with a single attachment and the robot should be able to take it from there.

[ROBOT MESSAGE #3](E3)

The robot found an attachment in the message you sent but didn’t recognize it as a Cabrillo log. CQP strongly prefers Cabrillo formatted logs because we can automate the log submission process but we accept logs in most other formats.

You may convert your log to Cabrillo and resubmit or one of the CQP team will convert the log for you.

[ROBOT MESSAGE #4](E4)

The robot didn’t find a log in your email message. The robot looks first for an attachment (just one!) and if it doesn’t find one, then in the body of the message. The log has to be in Cabrillo format in both cases. If you get this message, either the log wasn’t in Cabrillo format or the message was empty.

You may resubmit your log in Cabrillo format or one of the CQP team will inspect the log and contact you if necessary.

[ROBOT MESSAGE #5](E5)

The robot found a Cabrillo log but either it didn’t find a CONTEST record in the Cabrillo or didn’t recognize this as a log for CQP. The robot looks for something that looks approximately like ‘CA’, ‘California’, ‘CQP’ and ‘NCCC’ as a way of recognizing logs submitted for CQP.

If you know how to fix this issue via your logging program, please resubmit your log.

[ROBOT MESSAGE #6](E6)

The robot found a Cabrillo log but doesn’t recognize it as one with the right information for CQP.

The log is flagged for the CQP team to review – best to leave this one to them. Someone will contact you if necessary.

[ROBOT MESSAGE #7](E7)

The robot finally admits it’s clueless and couldn’t figure out anything about your log. Please don’t blame ROBO-DEAN, he’s only as good as the guy’s who coded him in the first place.

A member of the CQP team will look at your submission and either rectify the problem (costing the software team at least one beer!) or contact you for more information.

[ROBOT MESSAGE #8](E8)

The robot found a Cabrillo log for CQP but the dates contained in the QSO record are outside of the times for the 2012 CQP. Please make sure you sent in the log for THIS YEAR’S CQP.

If you inadvertently picked up the wrong log, please submit the correct one. If for some reason you got the dates wrong but it is the right log, DON’T PANIC – the CQP team will do their best to correct the problem and will contact you as necessary.

[**LIST OF CQP RECOGNIZED CLUB NAMES**](CLUBLIST)

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| A.L.R.S.(ST.PETERSBURG) |
| ALABAMA CONTEST GROUP |
| ALBERTA CLIPPERS |
| ALBUQUERQUE DX ASSOCIATION |
| ALLEGHENY VALLEY RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF EL CAJON CONTESTERS |
| ANCHOR BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| ARAUCARIA DX GROUP |
| ARIZONA OUTLAWS CONTEST CLUB |
| ARROW COMMUNICATIONS |
| ATLANTA RADIO CLUB |
| BAVARIAN CONTEST CLUB |
| BERGEN ARA |
| BOEING AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| BOULDER ARC |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA DX CLUB |
| BVS EMERGENCY RADIO TEAM |
| CAL POLY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| CALGARY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| CALGARY DX CLUB |
| CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ARC |
| CALTECH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| CAROLINA DX ASSOCIATION |
| CENTRAL CALIFORNIA ELITE CONTESTERS |
| CENTRAL OREGON CONTEST CLUB |
| CENTRAL OREGON DX CLUB |
| CENTRAL TEXAS DX AND CONTEST CLUB |
| CENTRAL VIRGINIA CONTEST CLUB |
| CHIPPEWA VALLEY VHF CONTESTERS |
| CLARK COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| CODXC |
| COLORADO QRP CLUB |
| COMSTOCK ARA |
| CONTEST CLUB FINLAND |
| CONTEST CLUB ONTARIO |
| CONTEST GROUP DU QUEBEC |
| CORBEIL CONTEST CLUB |
| CROATIAN CONTEST CLUB |
| CTRI CONTEST GROUP |
| CZECH CONTEST CLUB |
| DARC |
| DARC-Q06 |
| DAVIESS COUNTY ARC |
| DELARE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| DERBY CITY DX ASSOCIATION |
| DFW CONTEST GROUP |
| DIAL RADIO CLUB |
| DOWNEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| EAST BAY CONTESTING GROUP |
| EASTSIDE CONTEST GROUP |
| EDMOND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| ESCONDIDO AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY |
| EVERTON AM RADIO CLUB |
| FAUQUIER ARA |
| FISTS |
| FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP |
| FOOTHILL AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY |
| FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB |
| FRESNO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| FRESNO QCWA CHAPTER 213 |
| GRAND MESA CONTESTERS OF COLORADO |
| GROVE CITY COLLEGE ARC |
| GWINNETT AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY |
| HARP USA DX TEAM |
| HAYS-CALDWELL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| HIGH DESERT CONTEST ORGANIZATION |
| HIGH TECH CONTEST CLUB |
| HILLTOP TRANSMITTING ASSOC |
| HOLLYWOOD HILLS QRP CONTEST CLUB |
| HOME STATION |
| HP BOISE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| HUDSON VALLEY CONTESTERS AND DXERS |
| HUMBOLDT ARC |
| IOWA DX AND CONTEST CLUB |
| IRCSLV |
| JEFFERSON AMATUER RADIO |
| KANSAS CITY CONTEST CLUB |
| KANSAS CITY DX CLUB |
| KENTUCKY CONTEST GROUP |
| KERN COUNTY CENTRAL VALLEY AMATUER RADIO CLUB | |
| KONA CONTEST CLUB |
| LATVIAN CONTEST CLUB |
| LIVERMORE AMATEUR RADIO KLUB |
| LOUDOUN AMATEUR RADIO GROUP |
| LOUISIANA CONTEST CLUB |
| LOW COUNTRY CONTEST CLUB |
| LOWER COLUMBIA ARC |
| LU CONTEST GROUP |
| MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB |
| MARIN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY |
| MARITIME CONTEST CLUB |
| METRO DX CLUB |
| MICHIGAN QRP CLUB |
| MILLS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| MINNESOTA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION |
| MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DX/CONTEST CLUB |
| MONTEREY BAY AREA RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| MOTHER LODE DX AND CONTEST CLUB |
| MRRC |
| MVDXCC |
| NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL ARC |
| NEVADA COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| NEWTON ARA |
| NITTANY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| NODXA |
| NONE GIVEN |
| NORTH COAST CONTESTERS |
| NORTH TEXAS CONTEST CLUB |
| NORTHERN ARIZONA DX ASSOCIATION |
| NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB |
| NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB |
| NORTHERN ROCKIES DX ASSOCIATION |
| NORTHWEST ARS |
| OAKLAND COUNTY ARS |
| OAKLAND RADIO COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION |
| OMAR |
| ORANGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| ORCA DX AND CONTEST CLUB |
| ORDER OF BOILED OWLS OF NEW YORK |
| OSCAR |
| PALOMAR ARC |
| PALOS VERDES ARC |
| PARKER COUNTY POSSE |
| PASADENA RADIO CLUB |
| POCATELLO ARC |
| PORTAGE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE |
| POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB |
| QCWA 119 |
| R.A.E. |
| RADIO CLUB OF REDMOND |
| RAPPAHANNOCK VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| RCC |
| READING RADIO CLUB |
| REDWOOD EMPIRE DX ASSOCIATION |
| RHEIN RUHR DX ASSOCIATION |
| ROCHESTER (NY) DX ASSOCIATION |
| S.A.R.A. |
| SAGINAW VALLEY ARA |
| SAN DIEGO CONTEST CLUB |
| SAN DIEGO DX CLUB |
| SAN FRANCISCO ARC |
| SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| SASKATCHEWAN CONTEST CLUB |
| SCD |
| SISKIYOU COUNTY AMATUER RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| SKYVIEW RADIO SOCIETY |
| SLOVENIA CONTEST CLUB |
| SO.CAL FILAMDXER |
| SOCIETY OF MIDWEST CONTESTERS |
| SOLANO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY |
| SOUTH EAST CONTEST CLUB |
| SOUTH JERSEY RADIO ASSN |
| SOUTH TEXAS DX AND CONTEST CLUB |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB |
| SOUTHERN ORANGE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| SOUTHWEST OHIO DX ASSOCIATION |
| SPOKANE DX ASSOCIATION |
| SPORTSMAN-S PARADISE ARC |
| ST MARY-S AMATEUR RADIO |
| ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY CONTEST CLUB |
| STATE OF JEFFERSON AMATUER RADIO |
| STERLING PARK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| STOCKTON DELTA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| SUN CITY ARC |
| SUSSEX COUNTY ARC |
| SWDCARC |
| TENNESSEE CONTEST GROUP |
| TEXAS DX SOCIETY |
| THE BARNSTORMERS CONTEST GROUP |
| TIKIRRIKI CONTEST CLUB |
| TN CONTEST GROUP |
| TUCKER FAMILY RADIO CLUB (K6SEA) |
| UCSB AMATEUR RADIO CLUB |
| UTAH DX ASSOCIATION |
| VERON |
| VIENNA WIRELESS SOCIETY |
| VIRGINIA TECH AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| VLADIMIR RADIO CLUB |
| VLADIVOSTOK CONTEST CLUB |
| VU CONTEST GROUP |
| VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY RADIO CLUB |
| W7DK RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA |
| WEEKEND WARRIORS |
| WEST ALLIS RAC |
| WEST PARK RADIOPS |
| WEST VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION |
| WESTERN NEW YORK DX ASSOCIATION |
| WESTERN STATES CONTEST CLUB |
| WESTERN WASHINGTON DX CLUB |
| WILLAMETTE VALLEY DX CLUB |
| WILLIAMSON COUNTY ARC |
| WWYC |
| WY DXCC |
| YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB |
| YAVAPAI ARC |
| YO DX CLUB |