In the last few weeks, I've posted a couple of things about how to log your OSPOTA contacts. I don't mean to overlook the tried & true paper logging which still works fine. But, starting in 2020, only Cabrillo files have been accepted OSPOTA. In this PDF, I'll talk a bit about how to do that. It isn't as difficult as you might think.

Why submit your log?

Well, we (The OSPOTA team) want all the submitted logs that we can get. The more logs we have, the more accurate the after-contest cross-checking will be. Also, as Joe, W8KNO will tell you, it pays to submit your entry, even if you only made one contact.

So, what does a submitted OSPOTA entry look like? Well, it consists of two files; a **Cabrillo file**, and a **summary sheet**.

Pictures, & soapbox items are also appreciated.

Summary Sheet

Two different formats of the summary sheet can be found on ospota.org. Either one is correct.

Text format: https://ospota.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/OSPOTASummarySheet2023.txt
You can fill it out, then save, or scan it, then e-mail it to us along with your Cabrillo file.

OR

PDF: https://ospota.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/OSPOTA-Summary-2023-Fill-In.pdf.
You can fill in the PDF online, then save it using the format of <YOUR CALL>.pdf, and e-mail it to us along with your Cabrillo file.

So my summary sheet file might look like this: WG8X.pdf, or WG8X.txt. We'll even accept .jpg, or .png files for the summary sheet.

Cabrillo File

Here's where things get specific. The Cabrillo file has an extension of .log (i.e. k8bf.log).

Whether you're using the N3FJP logging hack (https://ospota.org/Files/N3FJP_logging_hack-2023.pdf), or N1MM, or Genlog, you can create a Cabrillo file directly from that program, and save it to your computer.

Hold on there, you aren't done yet. Once your Cabrillo file is saved, there's still some editing to do.

Rather than go through line by line in this document, we've created a sample Cabrillo file that has all the info you'll need for your OSPOTA entry. I've placed it on our website at https://ospota.org/Files/OSPOTA_Sample.log.

When you edit your Cabrillo file, use the text editor that comes on your computer. (i.e. Notepad, wordpad, etc.). Please do not use Word, as it adds some unique formatting that I have to remove manually before the log checking software can do it's thing.

If you logged on paper.

If you logged on paper, make sure that you logged the **UTC time**, <u>Band</u>, <u>Mode</u>, <u>Callsign</u>, and <u>location</u> for each contact. Location info should be state, DX, or Ohio State Parks Identifier.

After the contest, key your paper log info into a contest logging program, and generate a Cabrillo file from that.

N3FJP (and I suspect N1MM) will set the Date/Time as the time that you entered it into the computer. In that case, you can edit this in your Cabrillo using the text editor after the fact.

If you logged a general logger such as N3FJP ACLOG

There is a ADIF to Cabrillo convertor. You can find more info at https://www.rttycontesting.com/adif2cabr/

Our goal is to make this process as easy as possible for all of us. We can not do your Cabrillo for you, but are available if you have questions.

Remember, Paper logs are no longer accepted for OSPOTA.

One last note; please feel free to include pictures, soapbox items, etc with your entry. These help immensely when doing the OSPOTA wrap-up for our newsletter. A few lines detailing how your weekend went, will likely wind up in our newsletter also.