

Every QSL Card tells a different story.....

During the week of October 20, 1935, *Hank Greenberg* had just been named American League Baseball's Most Valuable Player, *Johnnie Revolta* would win the PGA Championship at Twin Hills CC in Oklahoma City, *Italy* was about to invade *Ethiopia* and a hurricane was bearing down on Jacmel, Haiti that would eventually kill 2,000 people.

In the US, the country was still suffering through the worst depression in our history. A loaf of bread costs 7 cent if you could find one and a new car was a little over 500 dollars, if you could afford it.

In the fashionable *Park Avenue* district of New York City, Harry Whiting a Ham Radio Operator with the Call Sign W2FCX was busy making evening calls on his 47 xtal transmitter and a National Radio Company SW3 AC Receiver. Harry would make many contacts with Hams around the world that week. On Monday he met VE4QA in Winnipeg, Manitoba and on Friday he worked W6KMA in Salt Lake City Utah. Harry was very prompt about sending out his QSL Cards to every contact he made. In each case he mailed his QSL Card the following morning. It can also be noted that the card to Winnipeg cost him a 2 cent stamp while the Utah card was only a 1 penny stamp.

VE4QA Winnipeg



W6KMA Salt Lake City



(Click on LEFT Card or visit [W2 Scans](#) to see full size cards)

These two cards made it to their destinations and probably spent many years being proudly displayed for all to see. Like most QSL Cards they usually end up in an old shoe box in the back of a closet with many other cards waiting to be rediscovered. It always amazes me to pick up an old card and look closely at it and wonder where this card has been and all the things that must have happened to it along the way. As with my two W2FCX cards the trip is not always the same. You can look at each card and compare the conditions of each and understand what they must have endured. Help me save your Old QSL Cards.

DONATE THEM TO "QSL CARDS FROM THE PAST"

Old QSL Cards are truly **Ham Radio History** and must be saved.

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