



WORLD QSL BOOK reviewed by Ary Boender

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The 1st edition of the World QSL Book penned by Gayle Van Horn is now available. The author has over 30 years of QSLing experience and is well known for her "QSL Report" and "Broadcast Logging" columns in Monitoring Times.

I have seen books about QSLing before but never as comprehensive as this one. The World QSL Book is a must for the radio hobbyist who wants to know how to write reception reports. A tutorial and address book covering every aspect of collecting QSL cards. The World QSL Book is a so-called "e-book" and is only available on CD. The text files are in Adobe Acrobat -PDF- format and are searchable.

The book teaches you in 528 pages the Art of QSLing. In the first chapters newcomers to this part of the hobby are told what a QSL card is; how to write reception reports; what a SINPO code is; and there are samples of reception reports. The chapter "Hints, Tips and Tricks" tells you a thing or two about verie-signers, follow-ups, return postage, IRC's, prepared QSL cards, Radio Awards, Electronic QSLing, etc.

You can also find a list of National Holidays around the world. Many stations broadcast special programs during National Holidays and send you nice gadgets, like pennants, pins, or stuff like that when you send them a report for these transmissions.

Lots of QSL tips fill the next few chapters when Gayle takes you on a trip around the world. The chapters do not only cover Broadcast and TV stations in various parts of the world, but also Clandestine stations, Pirate stations, Amateur Radio, Utility stations, Travelers Information Stations, and more.

The largest part of the World QSL Book is the address list. Almost 400 pages of addresses divided in four sections:

- Shortwave Broadcasting and Clandestine stations
- Pirate stations
- Utility section (Time Signal stations, Meteo stations, Coastal stations,
- Ships, Airlines, US Coast Guard, Canadian Coast Guard, USNS vessels,
- British BFPO, British naval vessels)
- Amateur Radio IARU QSL bureaus

I haven't sent a reception report for quite a while but until 10 years ago I sent out loads of reports to Broadcasting, Utility and Amateur stations. Although the response was not always good I did receive many nice QSL cards, letters, calendars, books, magazines, newspapers, pins, pennants and invitations to visit the station. Reading the World QSL Book brought back nice memories. I loved it