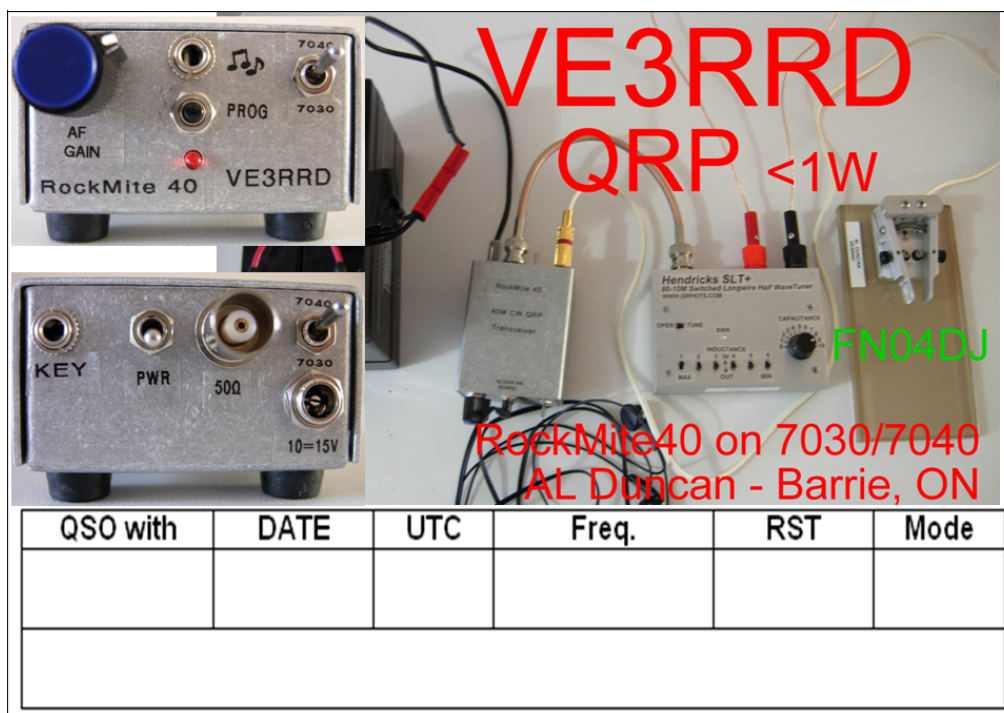


Make Your Own QSL Card



Now that you've built an HF rig and gotten it on the air, you may want to send a few QSL cards to some of your contacts. Although there are other ways to send a QSL card such as through eQSL, you may want to have some actual cards of your own.

The example QSL card shown above was created using Word, and consists of a total of 4 jpeg mages (3 of which were taken with my digital camera). The information box at the bottom was created as a "table" in word, the image of the table was converted to a jpeg image using a "screen capture" program.

The images were trimmed and the printing added to the background image using Adobe Photoshop Elements 4. I created a custom label in word to layout 4 QSL cards in landscape mode (each card is 3.5 inches by 5 inches). The page of QSL cards is printed using my inkjet printer on standard 8.5x11 inch white card stock from Staples.

You can also add additional information on the back of your card:

Shown is the Small Wonder Labs RockMite40 with toggle switches to permit operation on either 7030 or 7040 KHz. With a 2N3053 transistor, output is about 1W with a fully charged battery. Also shown is the Hendricks QRP Kits SLT+ tuner for use with an end-fed half wave antenna. I use the American Morse DCP paddles, the RM40 has been upgraded with the N0XAS PicoKeyer memory keyer chip. The RM40 enclosure is the Hendricks BC-1.

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