

When looking for a new contact:

**CQ FIELD DAY, CQ FIELD DAY
THIS IS W7RCK
Whiskey Seven Romeo Charlie Kilo**

Listen for any responding station calling W7RCK, then acknowledge their callsign and give the contest exchange:

**W6TRW, PLEASE COPY
____ ALPHA OREGON.
OVER**

Then copy their exchange, which will be a number and letter (A -- F) and their section. They might give you a 2 or 3 letter abbreviation or they might give you the section (e.g., Utah, San Joaquin Valley, West Texas, etc.) Then:

**QSL 2 ALPHA NORTHERN FLORIDA.
THANK YOU FOR THE CONTACT.
QRZ?**

QSL means "I acknowledge." QRZ is spoken as Q -- R -- Zed and means "who else is calling me?" You are announcing that you are ready to make contact with anyone else waiting to call you. If no reply, then start calling "CQ" again.

When answering another station that is calling “CQ” just follow the same procedure in reverse.

- 1. Call them by giving your callsign (W7RCK)**
- 2. When they acknowledge you, copy down their exchange and callsign**
- 3. Reply with:**

**QSL 4 CHARLIE NEVADA,
PLEASE COPY ___ ALPHA OREGON.
OVER**

They will acknowledge your exchange, probably thank you and then start calling for the next contact. You start tuning around to find someone you haven’t contacted yet or find a clear spot and start calling “CQ” yourself.

If you don’t understand something that is being said to you, please ask them to repeat. You can also let them know that:

**THIS IS THE “GOTA” STATION FOR
W7SAA, THE SALEM AMATEUR RADIO
CLUB NEAR SALEM, OREGON**

This will let them understand that they are talking to someone new at this so that they will slow down and try to make sure you get their information correctly.