NetLogger Tutorial

The NetLogger program has many features but we only use a few on the Canadian-American Net. Following is the information to get you going on NetLogger

SETUP

1 Go to netlogger.org, register you call sign and a password. Download the NetLogger program. (There is no cost to do this but if you continue to use NetLogger a small donation helps to pay the server costs.

2 Load the program on your computer by clicking on the downloaded .msi file and NetLogger will proceed with the installation.

When you open NetLogger for the first time you will be greeted with the NetLogger Standalone Check-in screen.

4. Click on “Edit” at the top of the Check-in Window. In the drop-down box left click on ”Check-ins Table” and on the next window left click on “Enable-Disable Columns”. A window will appear with all the available columns. You can pick the columns that you want to see. Typically for the Can-Am net you would have the following boxes checked: Call Sign, State, Remarks, City, Name, RST sent, RST Received and Preferred Name. Select the ones that are most useful to your operation. Click on “Done” at the bottom of the page to save your selections

5 If you would like to use the “Contacts Window” you can modify it in the same manner as described for the “Check-in”. Remember to click on “Done “ to save your selections.

6 Left click on “Setup-Up” at the top of the “Check-In Window”. If you are a QRZ subscriber, left Click on “Accounts” and on the next Window left click on “Enable Online QRZ Callbook Lookups”. Enter your QRZ Account and password. You can also put in you EQSL and LoTW access as well. These steps provide direct access to QRZ for callsign look up plus upload contact info to EQSL and LoTW. Click on “Done” at the bottom of the page to save your selection.

7 Left Click on “Function” at the top of the Check-in “Window”. In the drop-down window left click on “Enable Duplicate Entries”. This allows the program to record a call sign more than once to cover CW, SSB, and mobile etc. entries for the same call sign.

The above steps complete the basic setup for NetLogger. You are now ready to use NetLogger.

Using the NetLogger Program

1 Activate the program via the Onscreen icon

2 The NetLogger “Standalone” window will open. There will be a “Contact Window” below thew “Check-In Window” that can be detached by left click in the “Blue” box with the two white squares. The “Contact Window” is now separated from the “Check-In Window” and can be moved, minimized or closed.

3 Left Click on the Blue “Select Net” box. A “Nets In Progress” window will open. Select “Canadian-American Net and you will now be connected to the Can-Am Net NetLogger session.

4 Left click on the Blue “AIM Window” to open the A.I.M. Window. You will see all Aim messages for this session. To send an A.I.M message place your cursor in the “Type your message box” located at the bottom of the A.I.M Window. Type in your message, press enter on you keyboard and your message is sent. Do to the NetLogger refresh time of 20 seconds you may not see you message immediately in the “A.I.M Window” but it will appear shortly after sending.

5 Left click on the Blue “View Monitors” button and the “View Monitors” window will open. This Window shows everyone who has logged into the current session of NetLogger that you selected on Line 3. There is a small box near the top of the Monitor Box “View Offline Entries” If you activate this box those who have logged on and off will also show up.

Items of Interest

NetLogger works well if you have a screen that has space for three Windows. The Main Check-in window, The A.I.M Window and The Monitor Window.

If you happen to lose the panel at the top of the Check-in window (the Time, select buttons and other info, place your mouse indicator on the two short horizontal blue lines near the top of the window. When the mouse arrow changes to two short white lines with up and down arrows, hold the left mouse button down and drag the mouse down. Your top information panel will reappear.

Column width can be changed by placing the mouse cursor on the column separator line just to the right of the column designator and when the cursor changes to right or left indicators drag the separator line left or right to the desired width.

Line spacing can be changed by selecting “Edit” “Check-ins Table” and “Set Font Height Margin” Set the “Font Height Margin” to the desired number and click on “Done”

Font, Font Size and Font style can be selected by “Edit” “Check-in Table” ”Font” and select what you like. Click on “OK” to save your changes

The Column width, Height and Font information is done in the same manner for each window.

RST Sent and Received will only show on you window. Remember to click on “OK” to save any changes.

Unless you are “Net Control or have Logger Status you cannot change any information on the “Check-In” window

If you are curious about different highlight colors on the “Check-In Window”, select “View” and in the drop-down box view “Color Legends”.

NetLogger has many other features that we do not use but you may like to investigate them.

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When you close NetLogger a copy of the Check-In Window is saved to your hard drive. You can access these files by opening NetLogger. Click on “File” in the drop-down box left click on “Open Check-in File. All the saved files will show. To see the file content left click on a file and that fille will load in the NetLogger Window. Forr those computer savvy types the file location is in the users\user name\appdata\Roaming\Netlogger\Checkins