# **Bruce Alfredson W5BCA**

My first year on HF



- Tech March 2015
- General March 2015
- Amateur Extra June 2015
- Volunteer Examiner July 2015

# **License Progression**

#### HT

- Get on the Air as a Tech
- Dstar for DX

#### HF

- I have an Antenna and a General
- Buy Just Once

### 2M/440

• Better for Area Nets

# **Equipment Decisions**



#### Yaesu FT DX 3000

Yaesu FP-1030A Linear Power Supply

Yaesu FT 8800R

ICOM ID-51 2M/440/Dstar

MFJ-993 Auto Tuner

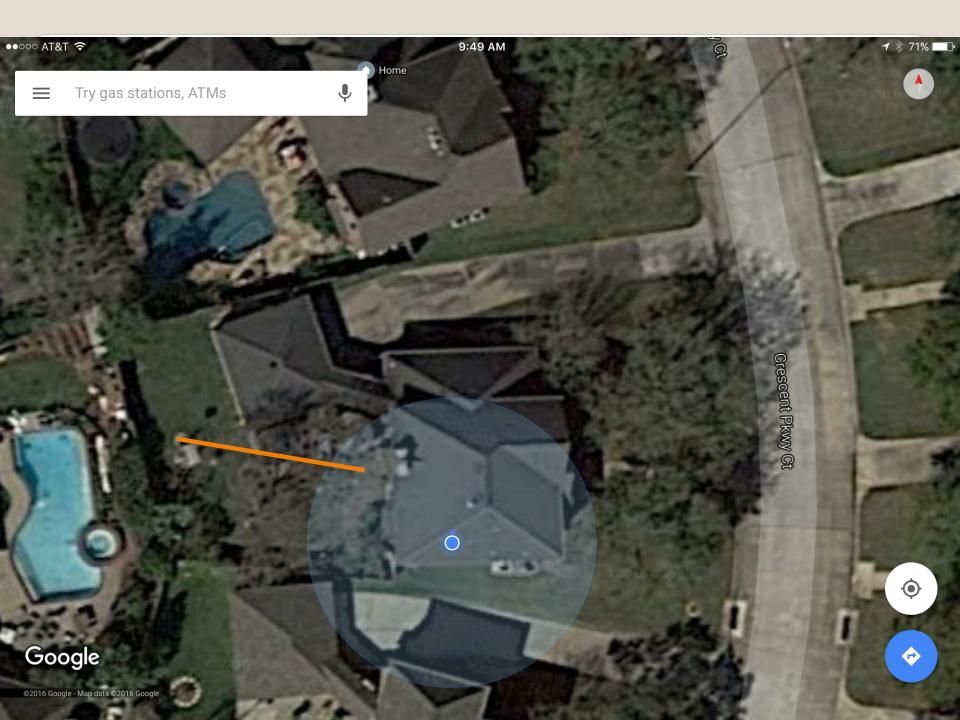
G5RV JR

2M/440 Base Antenna

Ham Radio Deluxe

QRZ & HRDLOG

# Key Components of W5BCA



## **Favorites**

- Contests
- Chasing Special Events

## Not so much

- Nets
- Local Repeaters

## • DX

Collecting Cards

# **My Experience – Not Yours**

# Countries: 117, 95 confirmed

- 73 Confirmed on Logbook of the World
  47 OSL Cards
- 47 QSL Cards

# States: All 50 confirmed 49 LOTW missing Oklahoma 41 QSL Cards

## 107 National Park Units Confirmed

# **Results as of July 10**

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Work All States

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	Worked	LOTW	QSL	Award	EQSL	QRZ	Total Confirmed
North Carolina	x	x	x	Х	x	x	x
North Dakota	x	x	x	Х			×
Ohio	x	x	x	Х	x	x	×
Oklahoma	х	х	x	Х			×
Oregon	х	x	×	Х			×
Pennsylvania	х	x	x	Х	x	х	x
Rhode Island	х	x	x	Х	x		×
South Carolina	х	x	x	Х	x	x	x
South Dakota	х	x	x	Х	x		×
Tennessee	х	х	х	Х	x		x
Texas	х	x	x	Х			×
Utah	х	x		Х	x		x
Vermont	х	x	x	Х			x
Virginia	х	х	x	Х	х		×
Washington	х	x		Х	x	x	×
West Virginia	х	x	x	Х		х	×
Wisconsin	х	x	x	Х	x	x	×
Wyoming	х	х	x	Х	х	х	×
2	50	50	41	50	27	23	50

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Country	Worked	LOTW	QSL	Award	EQSL	QRZ	Total Confirmed
Slovenia	x	x		х	x		х
South Africa	x						
South Korea	x						
South Shetland Islands	x						
Spain	x	х		Х			x
Suriname	x	x	x	х			×
Svalbard	x						
Sweden	x	х		х	х	x	x
Switzerland	x	x		х			x
Trinidad & Tobago	x	х		х		x	x
Turkey	x	х	х	х		x	x
Turks & Caicos Islands	x	x	x	х			x
Ukraine	x	х		х	х		x
United States of America	x	х	x	х	х	x	x
Uruguay	х		х	х	х		x
US Virgin Islands	x	х	x	х	х	x	х
Venezuela	x	х		х	х	x	x
Wales	x	х	х	х	х	x	x
	117	73	49	89	48	46	98

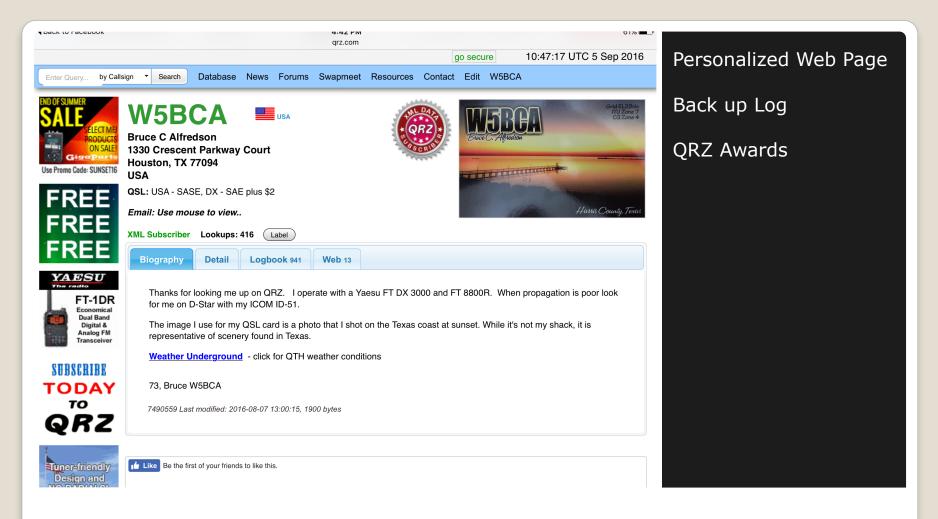
## Logbook of the World

- Highly Recommend Qualifies for ARRL Awards
- Best supported

## QSL Cards

- Nice to Collect
- Qualifies for ARRL Awards
- Can be expensive
- Slow to return if at all
- eQSL
- QRZ

# **Logging and Confirmations**



# QRZ - Popular world wide

#### • Digital Modes

Love to push the envelop with a new Stealth HF antenna

Continue to sharpen my operator skills

• Share my enthusiasm

Qualify for DX 100



## • Find an Elmer

- YouTube
  - Dave Castler KG00G
  - Ham Nation
  - Amateur Logic TV
  - Randy Hall K7AGE
- Connect with other Hams with interests similar to yours.

# **Recommended Resources**

# **Your Questions**