

THE ARRL QSL BUREAU

- 1. There are other ways to handle your QSL cards,
but I am not discussing them.**
- 2. ONLY DX cards are handled by the bureau.
You cannot send USA cards.**

There are 2 COMPLETELY SEPARATE ARRL bureaus.

1. The ARRL OUTGOING bureau.

You send your cards to the ARRL in Connecticut.
They send them to the INcoming bureaus in
all other countries.

2. The ARRL INCOMING bureau.

The ARRL 8th district bureau in Cincinnati receives “8” cards from
the ARRL. Example **w8erd**

The 8th district bureau sends them to your
volunteer letter manager. Example **w8Erd**.

You send SASEs to your letter manager.

Your letter manager puts your cards in your SASEs and
mails them to you.

Some OUTGOING Bureau details

1. You must be an ARRL member.
2. You have to pay money to send your cards.
\$2 for 10 or fewer cards in one envelope.
\$3 for 11-20 cards in one envelope, or 75 cents per ounce, for packages with 21 or more cards.
3. It may take more than a year to get a return QSL card.
4. You have to include this form in the envelope along with your QSL cards:

ARRL OUTGOING QSL CARD BUREAU SUBMISSION FORM

Please include this form with your QSL Cards and payment

1. Your Information

Name: _____
Call Sign: _____ ARRL Member Number: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____

2. Determine payment

Choose Your Payment Option (write value below then enclose that

amount) 10 or fewer cards (in one envelope) is a \$2.00 flat fee. _____ Total Payment Enclosed

11-20 cards (in one envelope) is a \$3.00 flat fee. _____ Total Payment Enclosed

21 or more cards rate is 75 cents per ounce. Weight in ounces ____ X \$0.75/oz = _____ Total Payment Enclosed

Please,

- Make checks or money order payable to ARRL Outgoing QSL Service.
- DO NOT send cash, stamps or IRCs.
- Write your call sign on your check.

Ship your cards

1. Securely package your cards with your payment and the submission form and send to:

2. ARRL Outgoing QSL Service 225 Main St.

Newington, CT 06111

3. You should read the rest of the details at the ARRL outgoing bureau.

4. <http://www.arrl.org/outgoing-qsl-service>

Some INCOMING Bureau Details

You need not be an ARRL member to use the INCOMING bureau.

It is free to use the INCOMING bureau.

I have been the volunteer manager of the 8E call signs for about 15 years.

For example g8Erd. I have several thousand QSL cards in my own collection.

Every month or so I receive a big box with about 1000 8E DX QSL cards, from the 8th call area QSL bureau.

I have a sorting rack which has openings for 35 categories of cards.

I sort the cards by the 1st letter after the E. For example g8eRd.

I also have two big boxes which hold all the envelopes and records for all the cards, in alphabetical order by the 1st letter after the E.

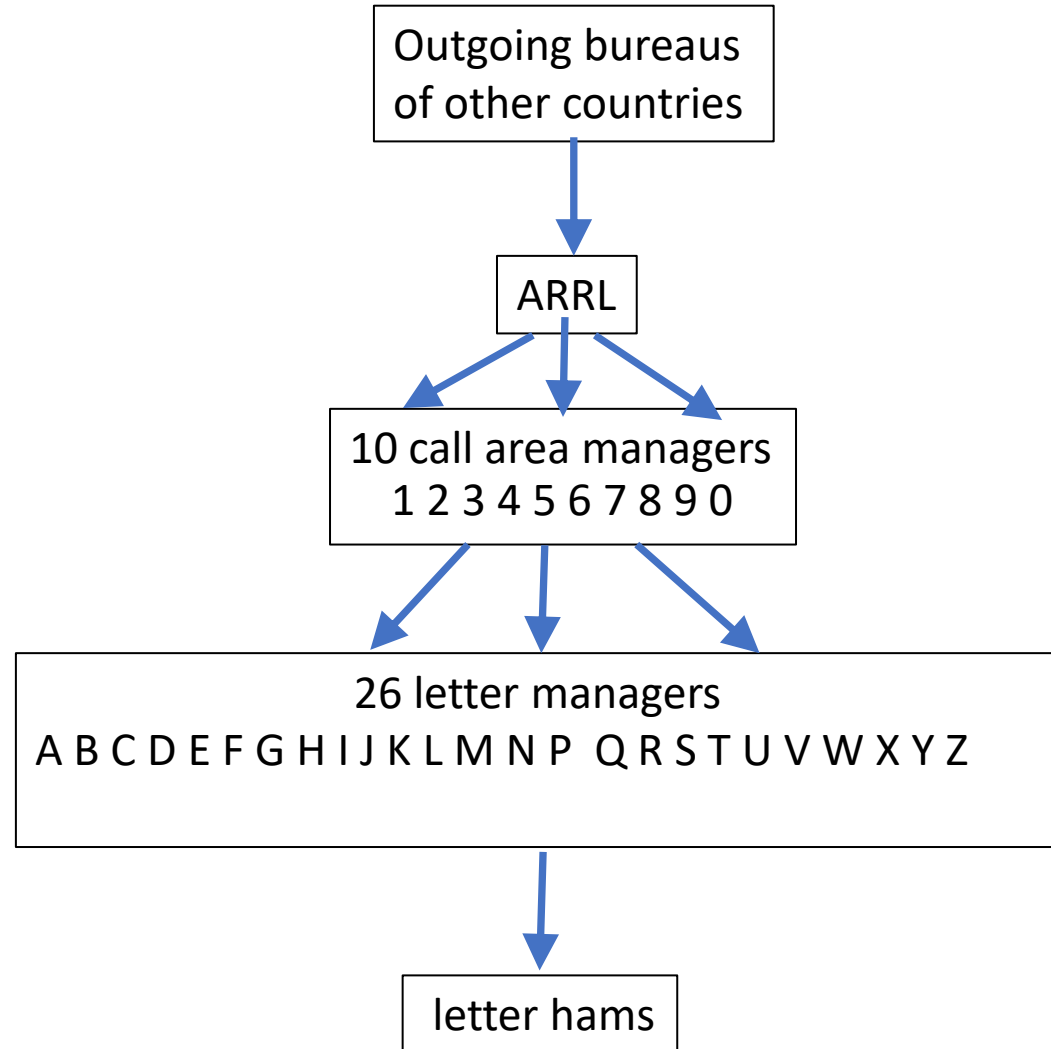
I sort the cards in each rack hole by the individual ham call sign.

I match those up with the envelopes and records in the boxes.

Then one of 3 things happens to the cards:

1. If there are envelopes there matching them, the cards are put in the envelopes and mailed out.
2. If there is a record matching the cards, saying for example he does not want any bureau cards, the cards are thrown out.
3. If there are no envelopes or records, I send them an email or postcard telling them they have cards at the bureau and how to get them. If they do not reply by the time I get the next shipment of cards from the 8th bureau, the cards are thrown out.

The ARRL Incoming QSL Bureau



**You should read the rest of the details at the ARRL 8th Area QSL bureau:
https://arrl-greatlakes.org/8th_bureau.htm**

Card sorting rack



Boxes holding envelopes and records.

