

N3FJP Contest Logger **Contest History File Instructions**

File name **ContestHistory.txt**

Save file in **\Documents\Affirmatech\N3FJP Software**

The first few lines of the file will look like this:

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"Call","Date","Prec","Check","Sec","Class","ClassWFD","SpcNum","Name","State","County","Grid","1010",  
"CWOps","Pwr","Future","Future","Future","Future","Future"  
"AA0AC","2022/03/20","","","","","MN","DAVE","MN","Carlton","EN36sq","","","","","",""  
"AA0AW","2022/03/20","","","","","MN","DOUG","MN","St Louis","EN36vq","","","","","",""
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To Merge data into Contest History file:

1. **SETTINGS** Menu – Click **HISTORY FILE...** near the bottom of the menu
2. This will bring up a window (screen shot shown at end of this document)
3. Click on **MORE** button lower right of window
4. Click **MERGE HISTORY FILES**
5. Find **ContestHistory.txt** file by going to **\Documents\Affirmatech\N3FJP Software** directory
6. Click on **ContestHistory.txt** file
7. Click on **OPEN** button
8. Verify following boxes are checked:
 - a. Use History File
 - b. Display Reminder
 - c. Display Name
 - d. Enable History file Processing
9. Click **DONE**

Using the file:

- Enter call in CALL Field
- Hit SPACE Bar
- If call is in ContestHistory file, it will prefill the fields
- See Screen shots
- Unfortunately, I have yet to figure out how to display other data, such as MWA, to indicate the station is a MWA member. If you have a solution let me know ac0w@arrl.net
- Know issue, mobiles in QSO Parties signing /County, such as AC0W/MOW. N3FJP interprets the /County as a DX country. This will require a software revision by N3FJP. Once corrected a file for MNQP can be created with the mobiles and the counties they plan to operate in.

Callsign entered:

Call	Name	SPC	MN Cnty
AI0M			

ClearSpot Last

Possible Duplicates ☒ Any Portion

After Space Bar Hit:

Call	Name	SPC	MN Cnty
AI0M	STAN	MN	Olmsted

STAN
Careful, AI0M value(s) are from your history file and may require editing.

ClearSpot Last

History File Pop-up window:

History File

History File - How it Works:

Each time you open an applicable contest program, a shared file named ContestHistory.txt is read. As always, when you tab from the Call field, the software will first check to see if you have worked the same station on another band during this contest and fill the pertinent exchange fields. If you enabled the use of the history file and you haven't worked the station during this contest, the software will check the history file and fill any fields for which it finds data.

REMEMBER, HISTORY VALUES MAY REQUIRE EDITING! The operator may be using a different exchange this time, so don't log the QSO unless you accurately hear and record the entire exchange!

When you close the current program, the following happens:

- Fields with current values are updated.
- Calls new to the history file are added.
- Calls for which there have not been any updates for more than 5 years are

Current history file contains 284 calls.

☒ **Use History File**
☒ Display Reminder
 ☒ Display Name

To enable the history file, just click Use History File above. It's not necessary to modify the defaults below the line.

☒ Enable History File Processing (runs automatically when program is opened and closed so that your history file is always kept up to date).

View Raw Data

Displays contents of history file.

Update File Now

Update File Now duplicates the action that occurs when you close the program. Quicker for building from historical log files.

Delete & Clear

Deletes the history file and clears history data from RAM.

Merge History Files

Click to select another ContestHistory.txt file to merge into this file.

File Path:

Open

Save As

Reset to Shared Default

C:\Users\velip\Documents\Affirmatech\N3FJP Software\Shared\ContestHistory.txt

Done