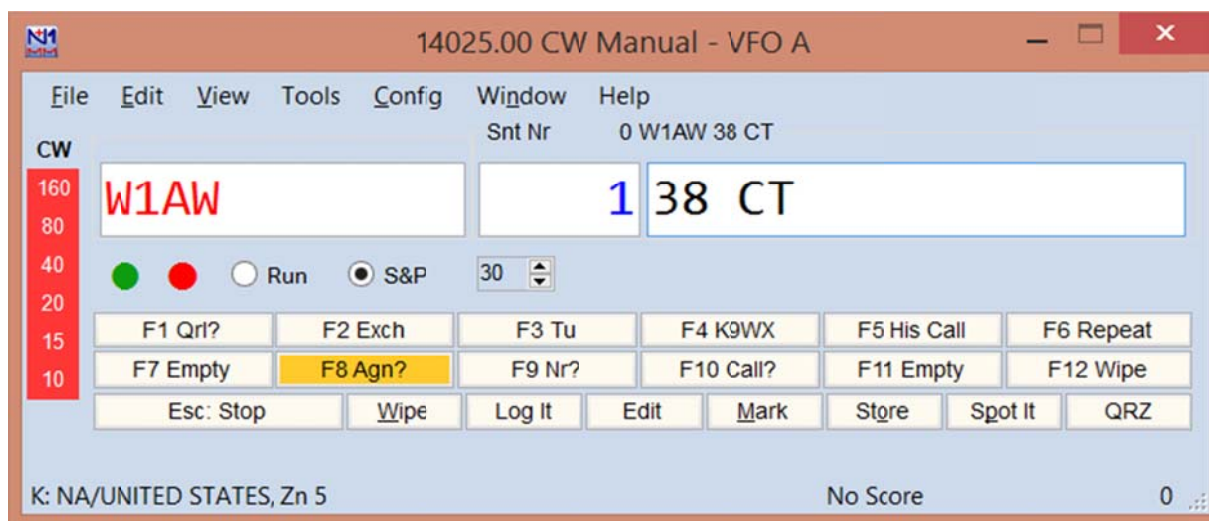


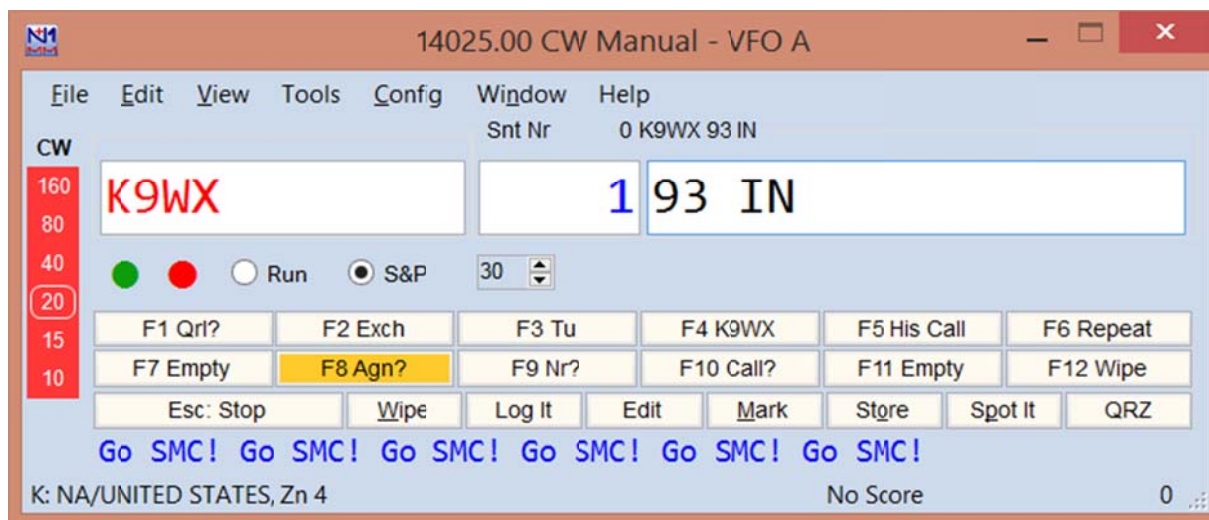
Notes on SS2014history.txt call history database.

I find some value in using a call history database to prefill the check and section parts of the exchange in Sweepstakes, and have compiled a special "SMC" SS call history for my personal use with N1MM+. You will find a copy of this call history database at www.k9wx.net/downloads/SS2014history.txt. If you use N1MM+ but are not familiar with how to use a call history database, see <http://n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php?page=Call+History+and+Reverse+Call+History+Lookup>.

This is an "SMC" database in that the callsigns of all current SMC members have been flagged and will "announce" SMC membership in the user text section of the N1MM+ entry window. For instance, if I try to work W1AW, the entry window will look like this once I type in the callsign and hit Enter:



But, if I try to work an SMC station, the entry window will look like this:



Note the “Go SMC” phrase that repeats across the bottom of the window. This will remind me to make a little extra effort to get that station into my log, if necessary. If rates are slow, I might even take the time to reply back with a “Go SMC.” Of course, I can’t work myself, but you get the picture.

As always, log what is sent, not what is in the history file!

Here’s how the database file was compiled.

- I started with the check and section data from the ARRL’s 2013 SS SSB database download file: <http://www.arrl.org/database-downloads>. This file had data for 1,792 stations.
- I added to that file the comparable data from the ARRL’s 2013 SS CW database download, adding only the data for those stations that did NOT submit a log for the 2013 SS SSB contest. This added data for an additional 792 callsigns. This means that, if a station submitted a log for both the CW and SSB contests but changed their check and/or section from the CW to the SSB contest, the history file will reflect what was used for the SSB contest.
- I added to that file the section data (i.e., no check data) for all SMC members who did not submit a log for either of the 2013 SS contests. This added data for an additional 151 stations. We have 2 members in Massachusetts whose section will show up as “MA” instead of “EMA” or “WMA.”
- I added to the resulting file the data for the callsigns from the 2013 Arizona Outlaws SS call history file: <http://www.arizonaoutlaws.net/downloads.html>, adding only those callsigns that were not in the 2013 ARRL’s results databases or the SMC membership roster. This added data for 1,859 additional calls. The Arizona Outlaws web site does not provide any info on how their file was compiled but I would speculate that these 1,859 callsigns are from stations that operated in SS contests prior to 2013. If this is the case, be aware that the data could be several years old.

The result is a file with data for 4,594 callsigns. Every callsign has a section associated with it and most have a check associated with it. 248 are flagged with “Go SMC.”

As always, use at your own risk and **log what is sent, not what is in the history file!**