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Family EMCOMM: JS8

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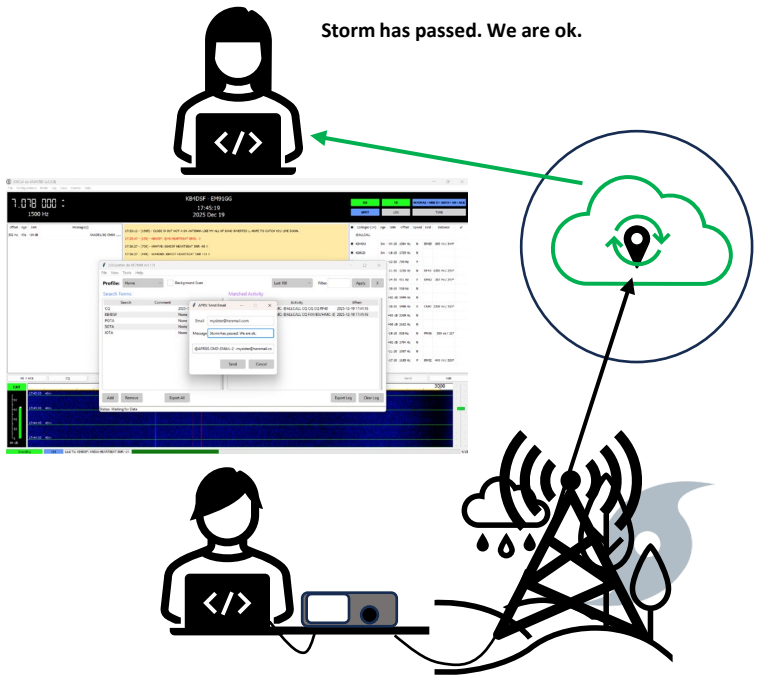
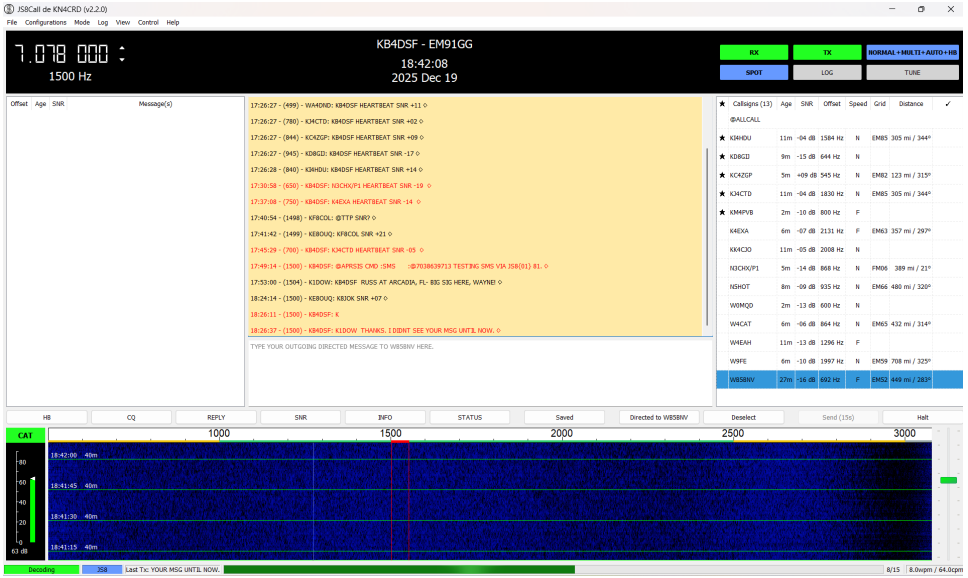


What is JS8?

- Keyboard-to-keyboard amateur radio data mode
- Derived from FT8's modulation and signal processing
- Allows for messages beyond FT8's limitation
- Excellent weak signal performance
- Multiple speeds available depending on contact conditions
- APRS-IS capabilities



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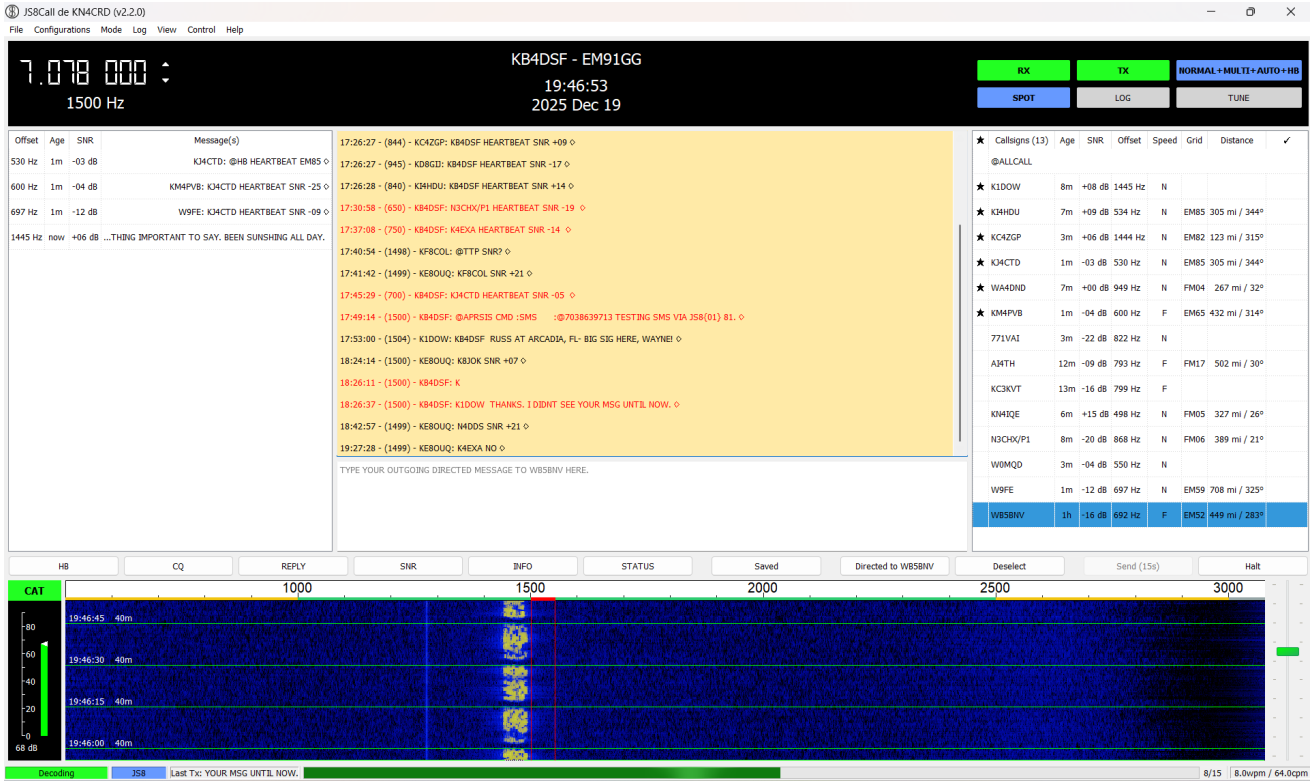

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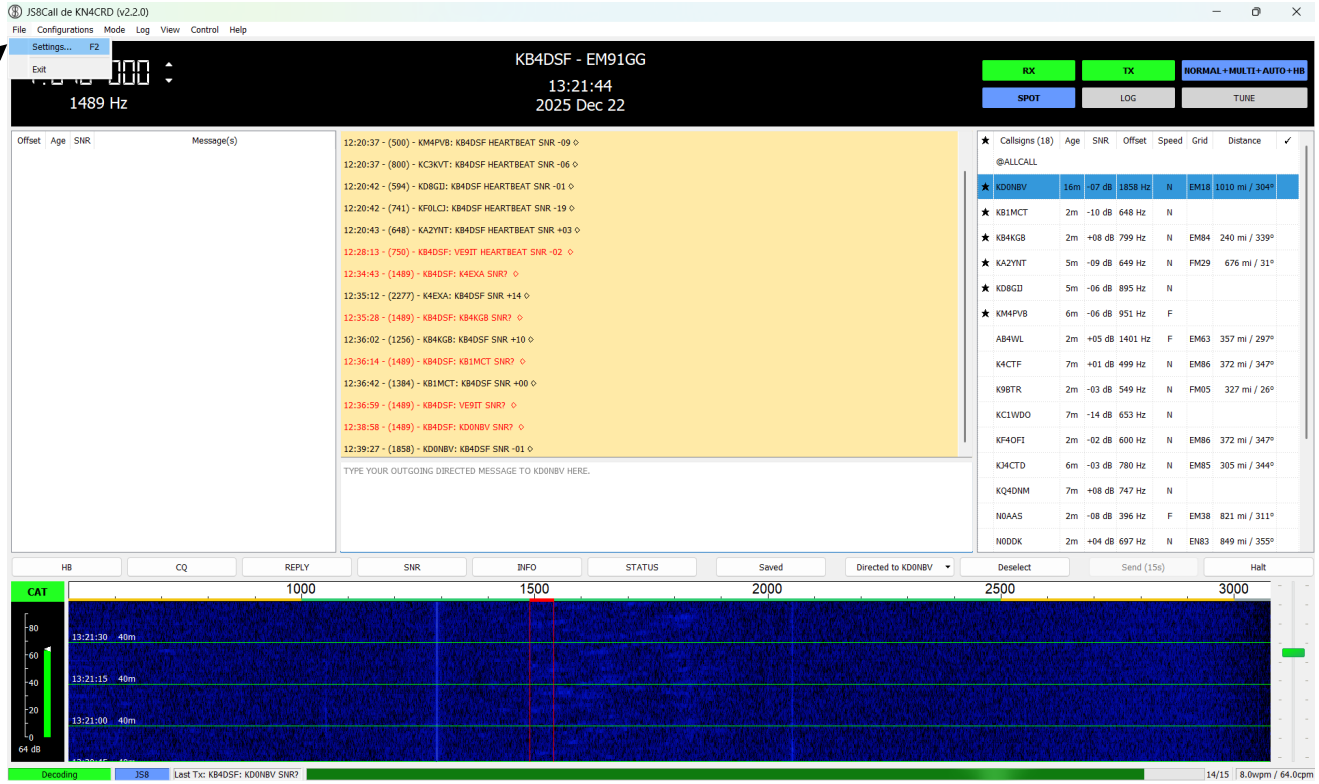

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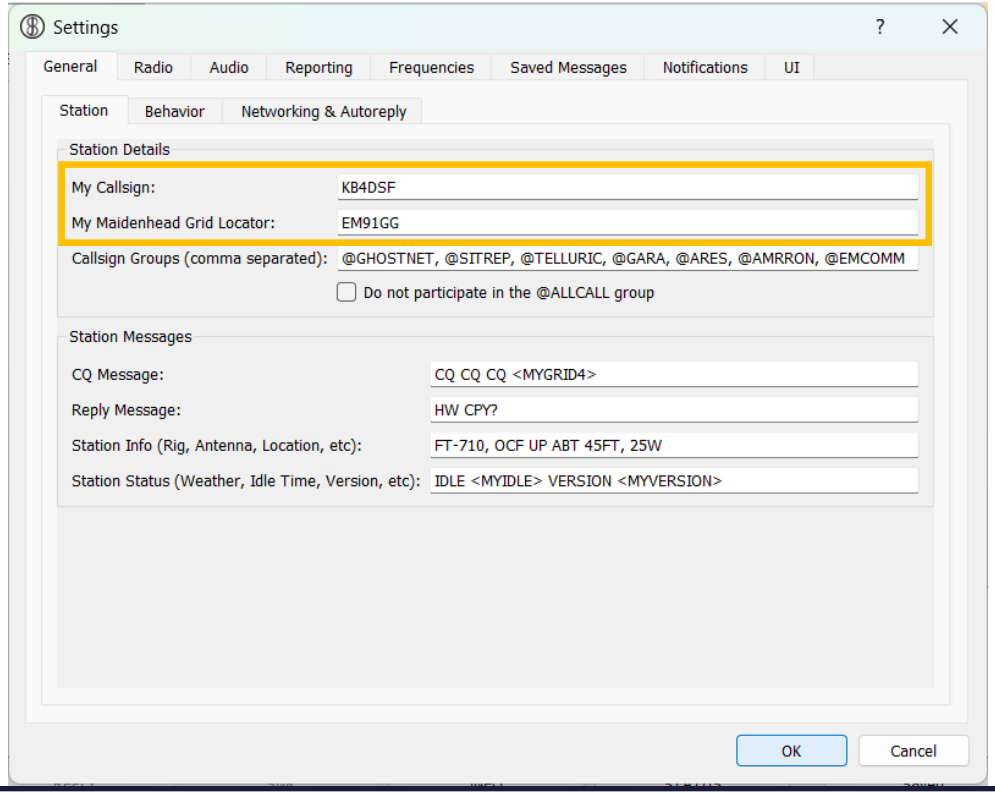

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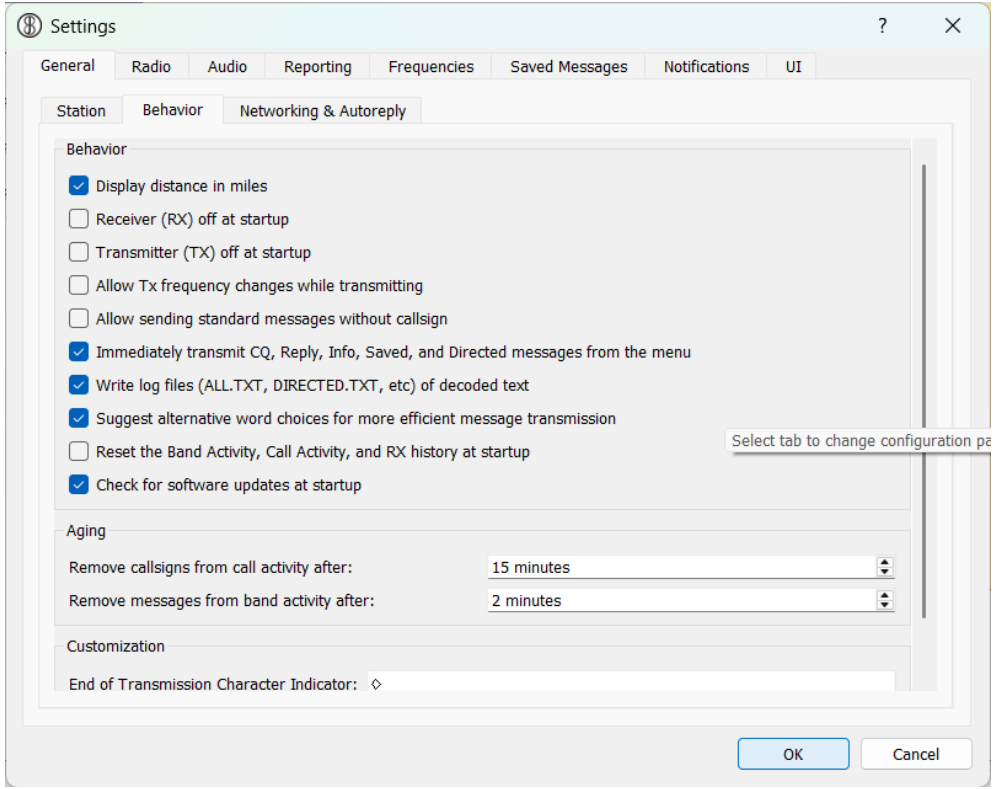

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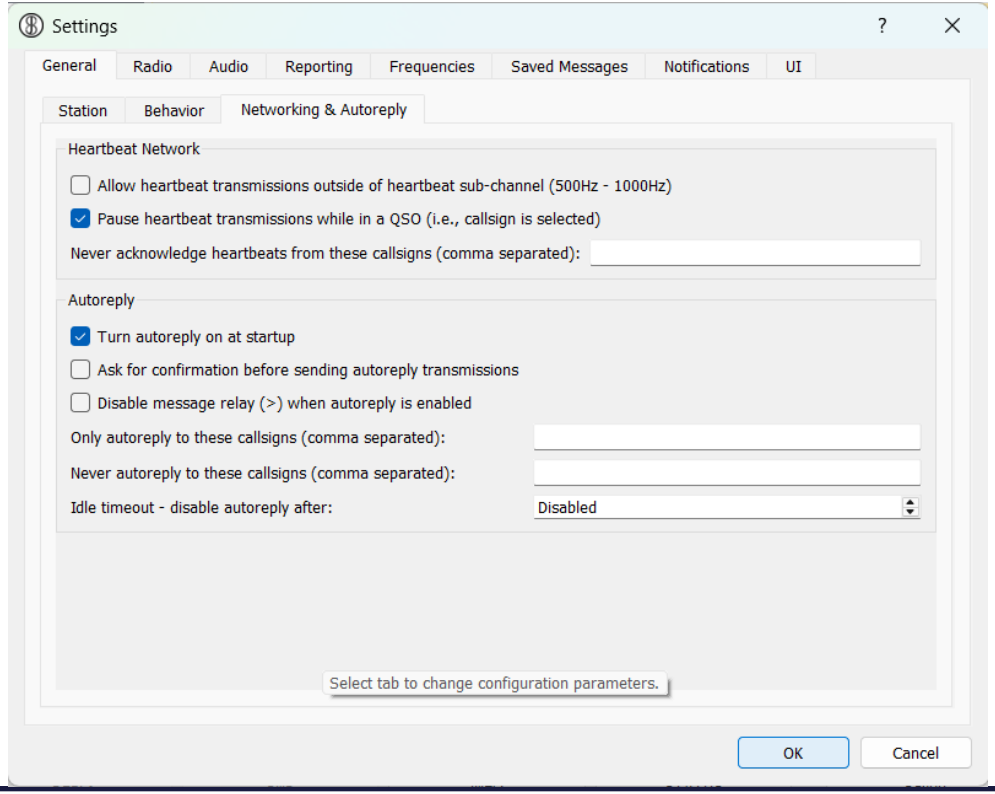

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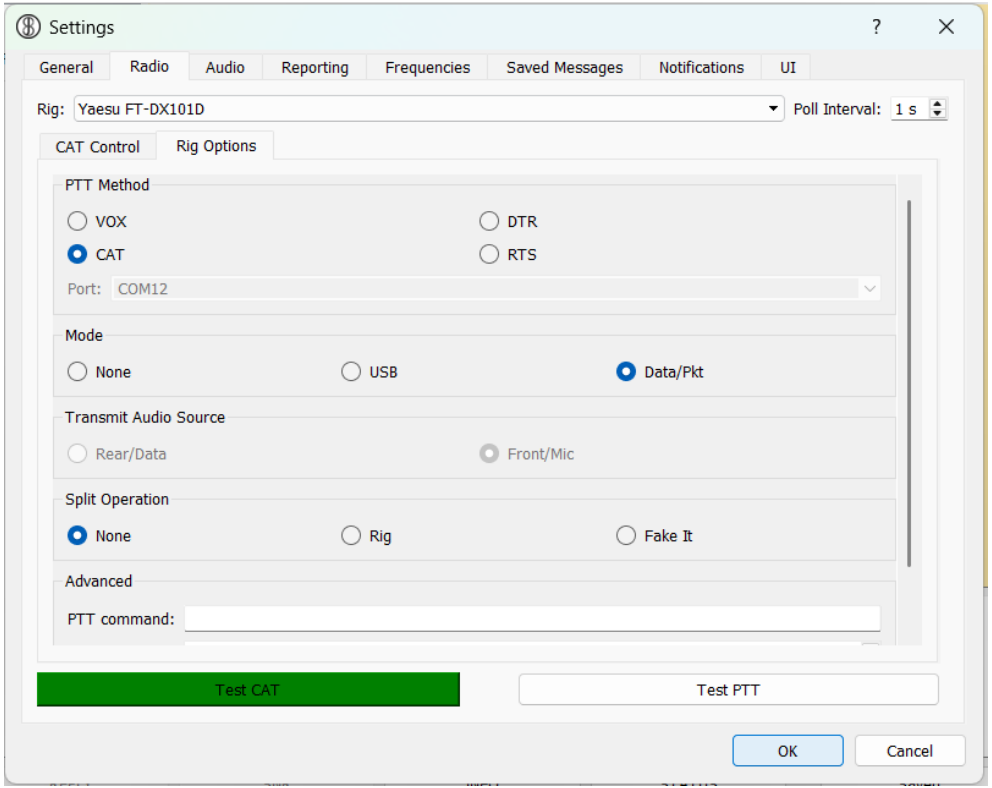

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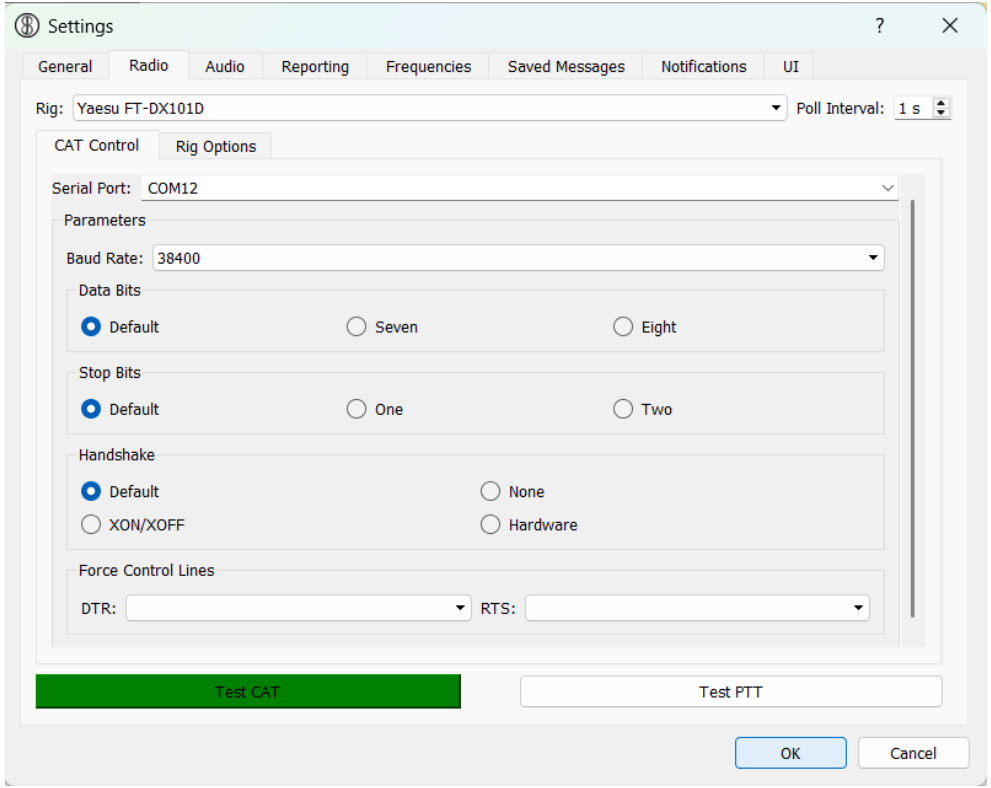

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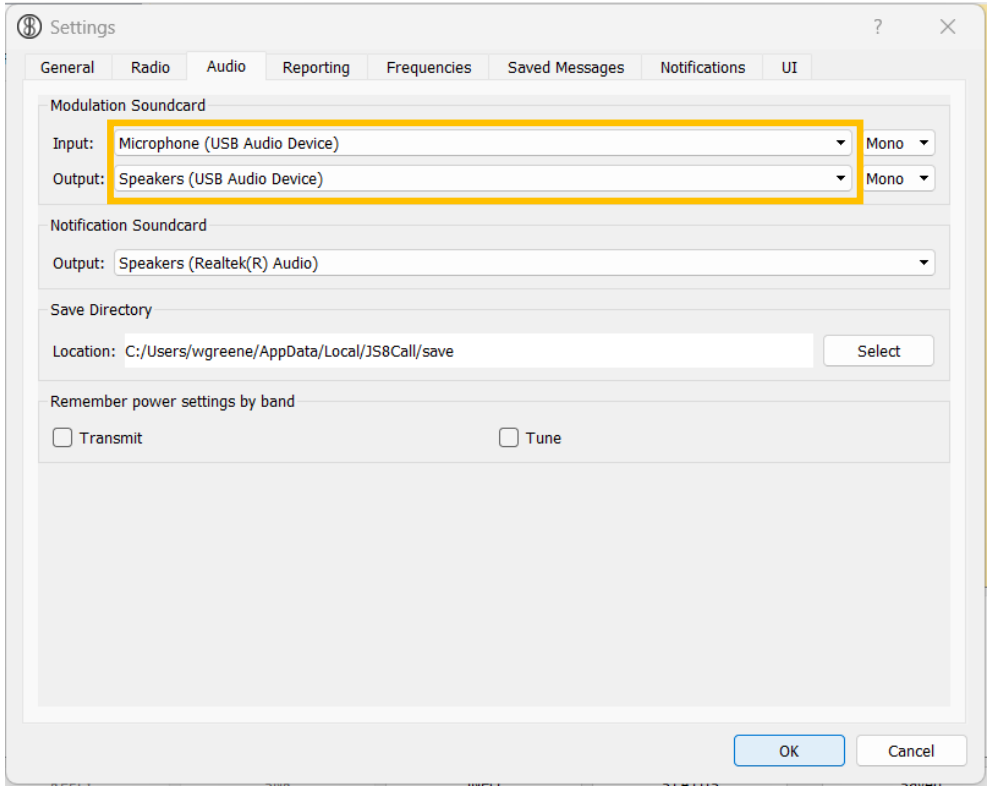

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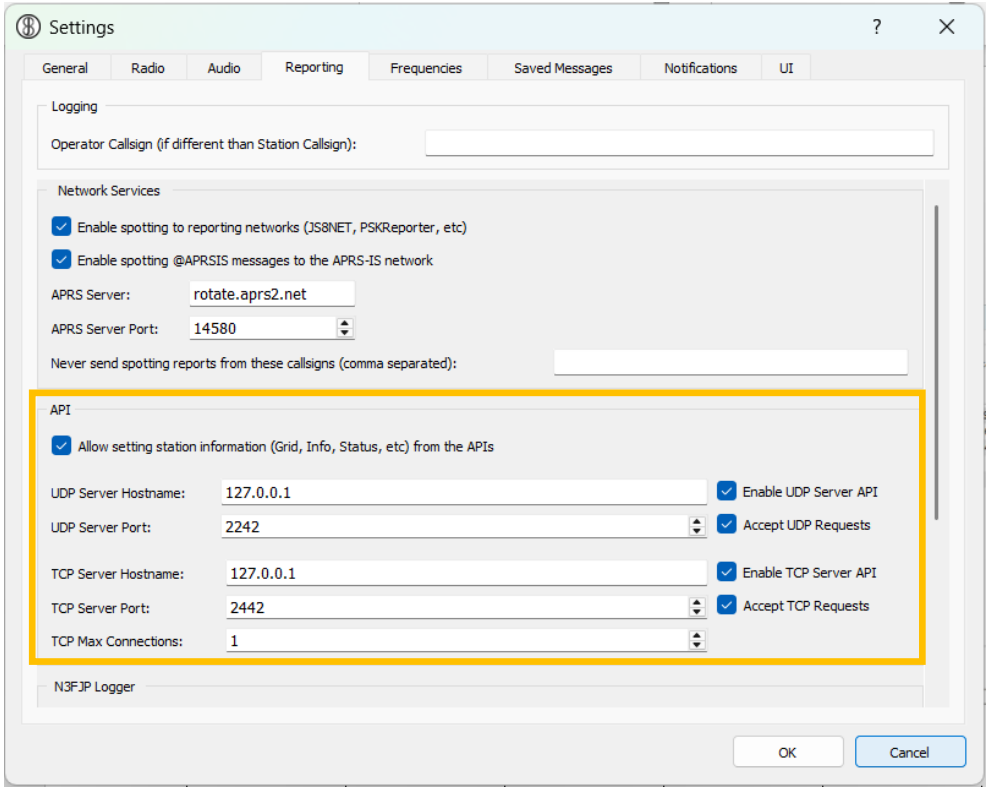

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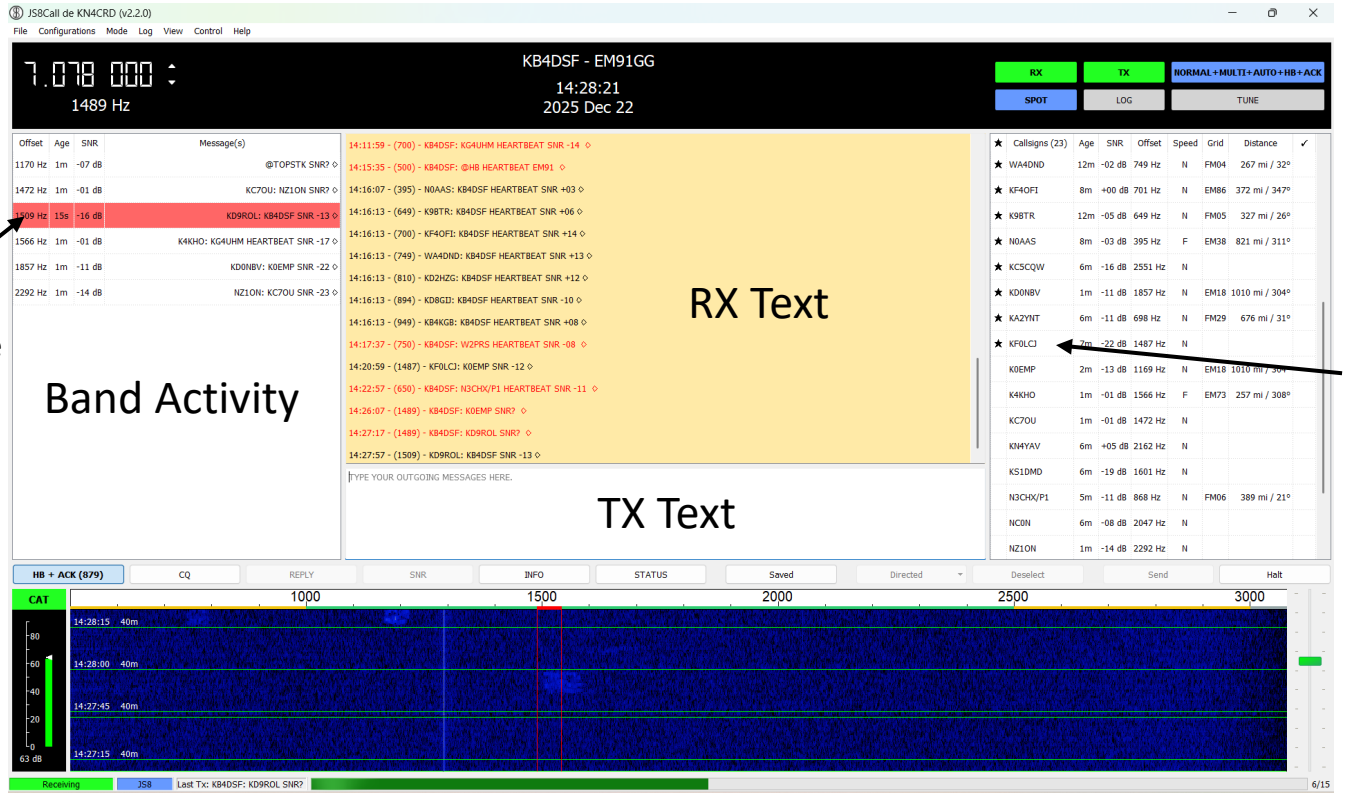
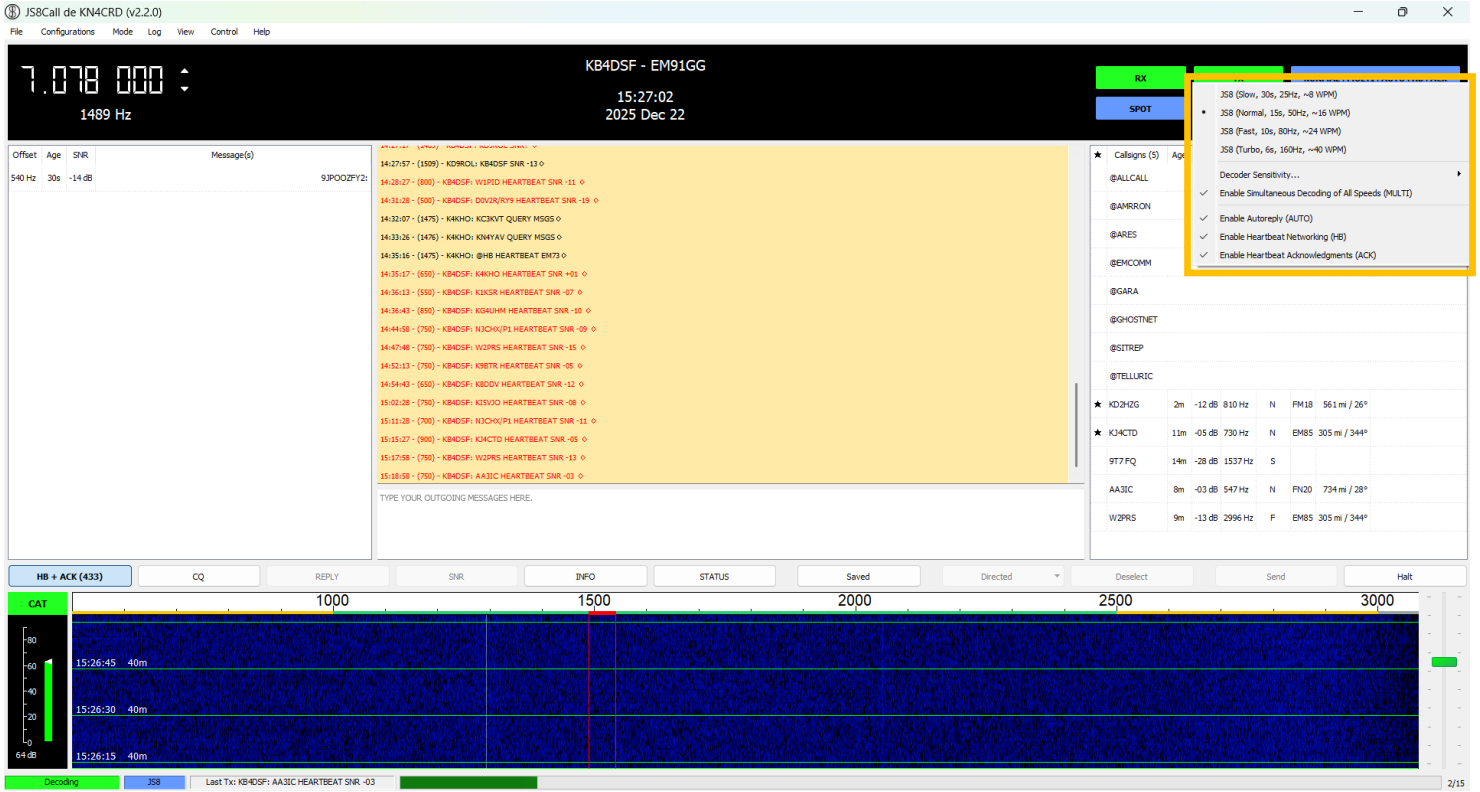


Call directed to me

Received callsigns ★ = Those who also received me

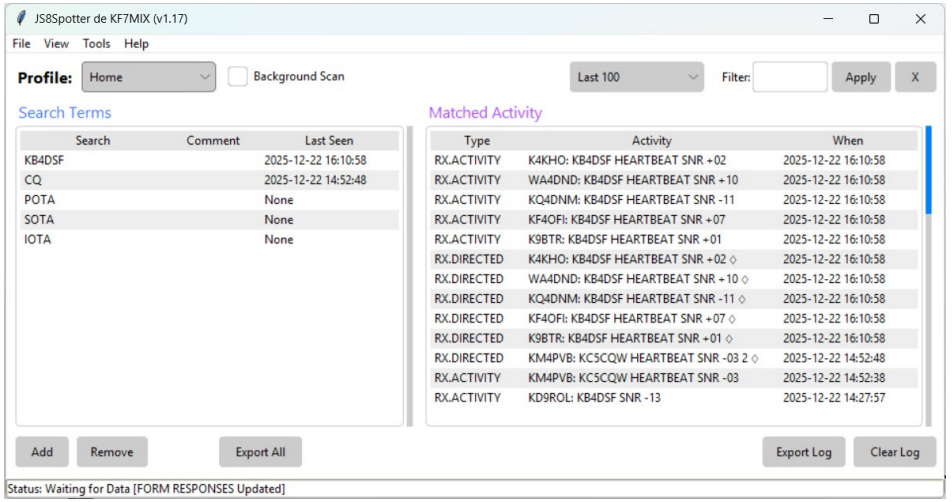
JS8Call Client



JS8 Spotter

- https://kf7mix.com/js8spotter.html

- “JS8Spotter was created to fill gaps in the JS8Call feature set. It can help users sort and track band activity, send APRS messages more easily, view stations on an offline map, send custom automated responses, and even implement simple forms.”



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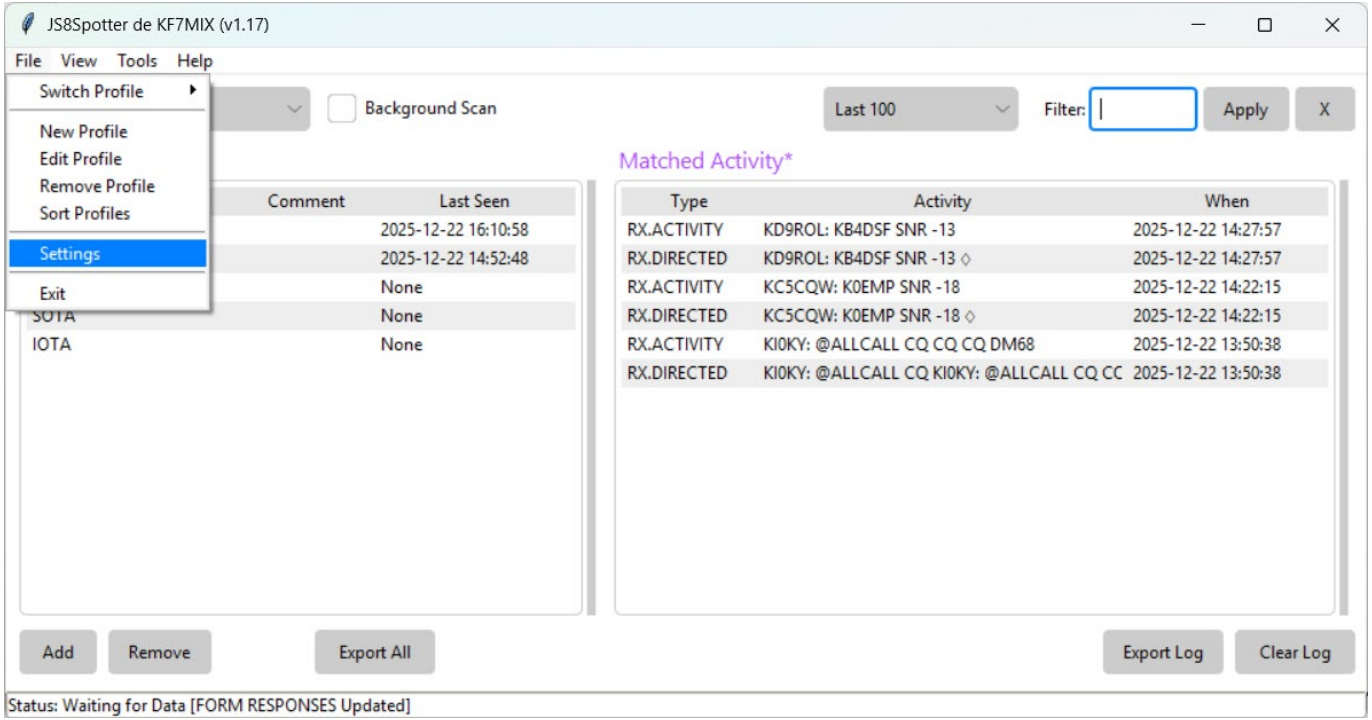
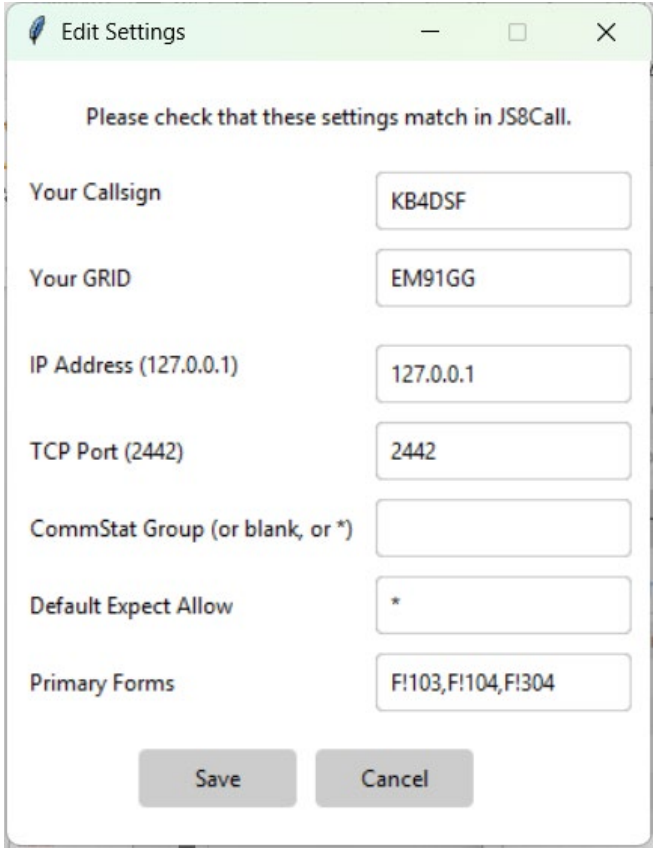
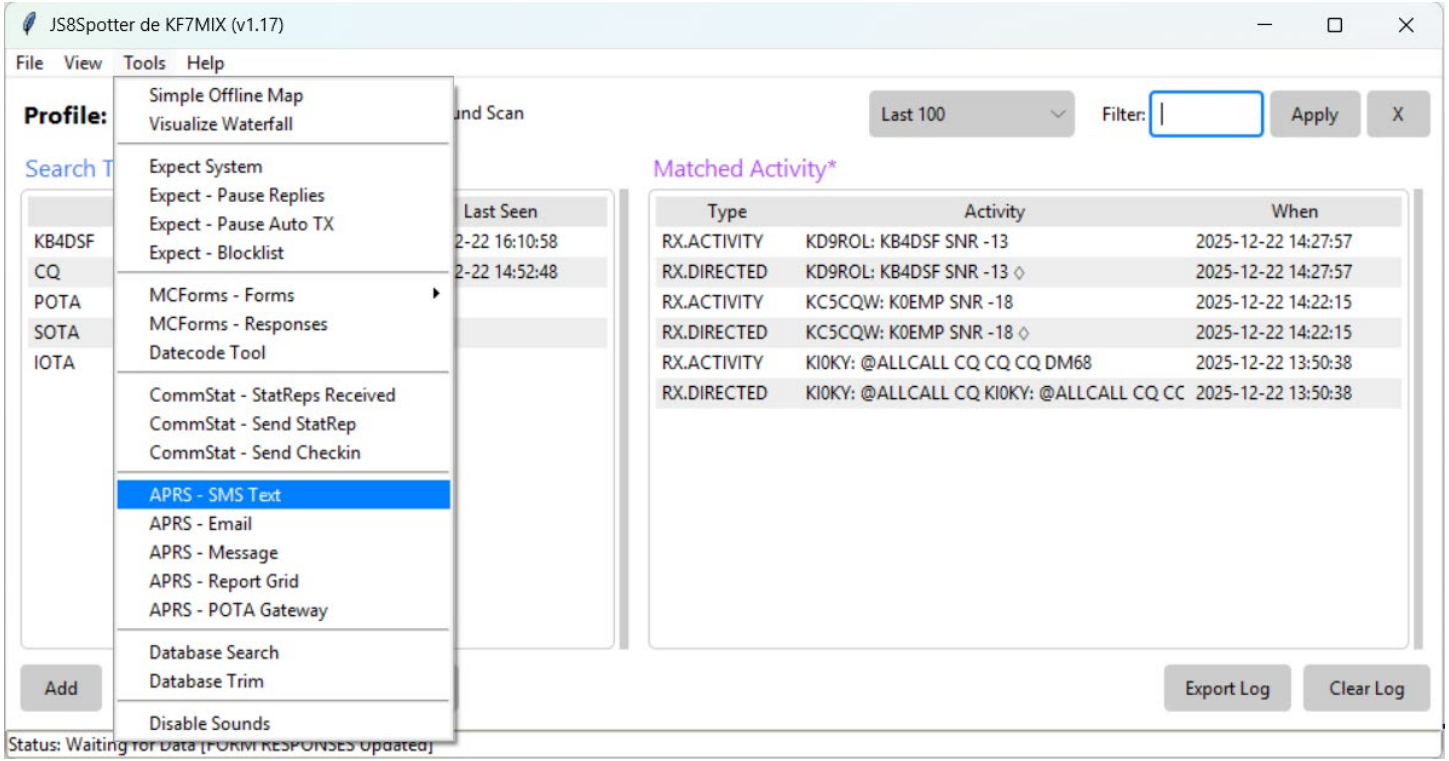

JS8Spotter de KF7MIX (v1.17)
File
View
Tools
Help
Switch Profile
New Profile
Edit Profile
Remove Profile
Sort Profiles
Settings
Exit
Background Scan
Last 100
Filter:
Apply
X
Matched Activity*
Comment
Last Seen
2025-12-22 16:10:58
2025-12-22 14:52:48
None
SOTA
None
IOTA
None
Type
Activity
When
RX.ACTIVITY
KD9ROL: KB4DSF SNR -13
2025-12-22 14:27:57
RX.DIRECTED
KD9ROL: KB4DSF SNR -13 ◊
2025-12-22 14:27:57
RX.ACTIVITY
KC5CQW: K0EMP SNR -18
2025-12-22 14:22:15
RX.DIRECTED
KC5CQW: K0EMP SNR -18 ◊
2025-12-22 14:22:15
RX.ACTIVITY
KI0KY: @ALLCALL CQ CQ CQ DM68
2025-12-22 13:50:38
RX.DIRECTED
KI0KY: @ALLCALL CQ KI0KY: @ALLCALL CQ CC
2025-12-22 13:50:38
Add
Remove
Export All
Export Log
Clear Log
Status: Waiting for Data [FORM RESPONSES Updated]

JS8 Spotter


Edit Settings
Please check that these settings match in JS8Call.
Your Callsign
KB4DSF
Your GRID
EM91GG
IP Address (127.0.0.1)
127.0.0.1
TCP Port (2442)
2442
CommStat Group (or blank, or *)
Default Expect Allow
*
Primary Forms
F!103,F!104,F!304
Save
Cancel

JS8 Spotter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File
View
Tools
Help
Profile:
Simple Offline Map
Visualize Waterfall
Expect System
Expect - Pause Replies
Expect - Pause Auto TX
Expect - Blocklist
MCForms - Forms
MCForms - Responses
Datecode Tool
CommStat - StatReps Received
CommStat - Send StatRep
CommStat - Send Checkin
APRS - SMS Text
APRS - Email
APRS - Message
APRS - Report Grid
APRS - POTA Gateway
Database Search
Database Trim
Disable Sounds
Last 100
Filter:
Apply
X
Matched Activity*
Type
Activity
When
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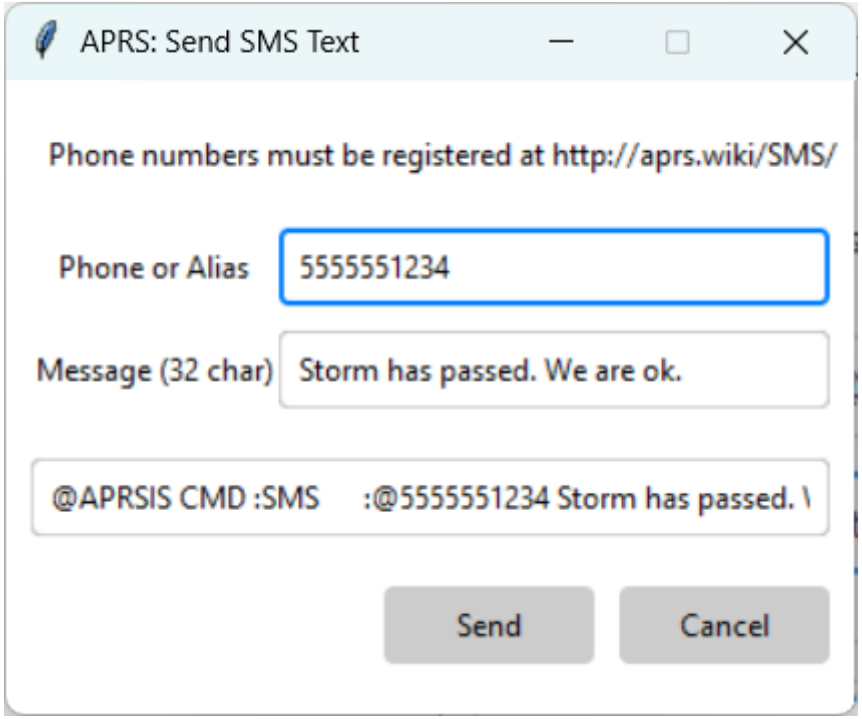
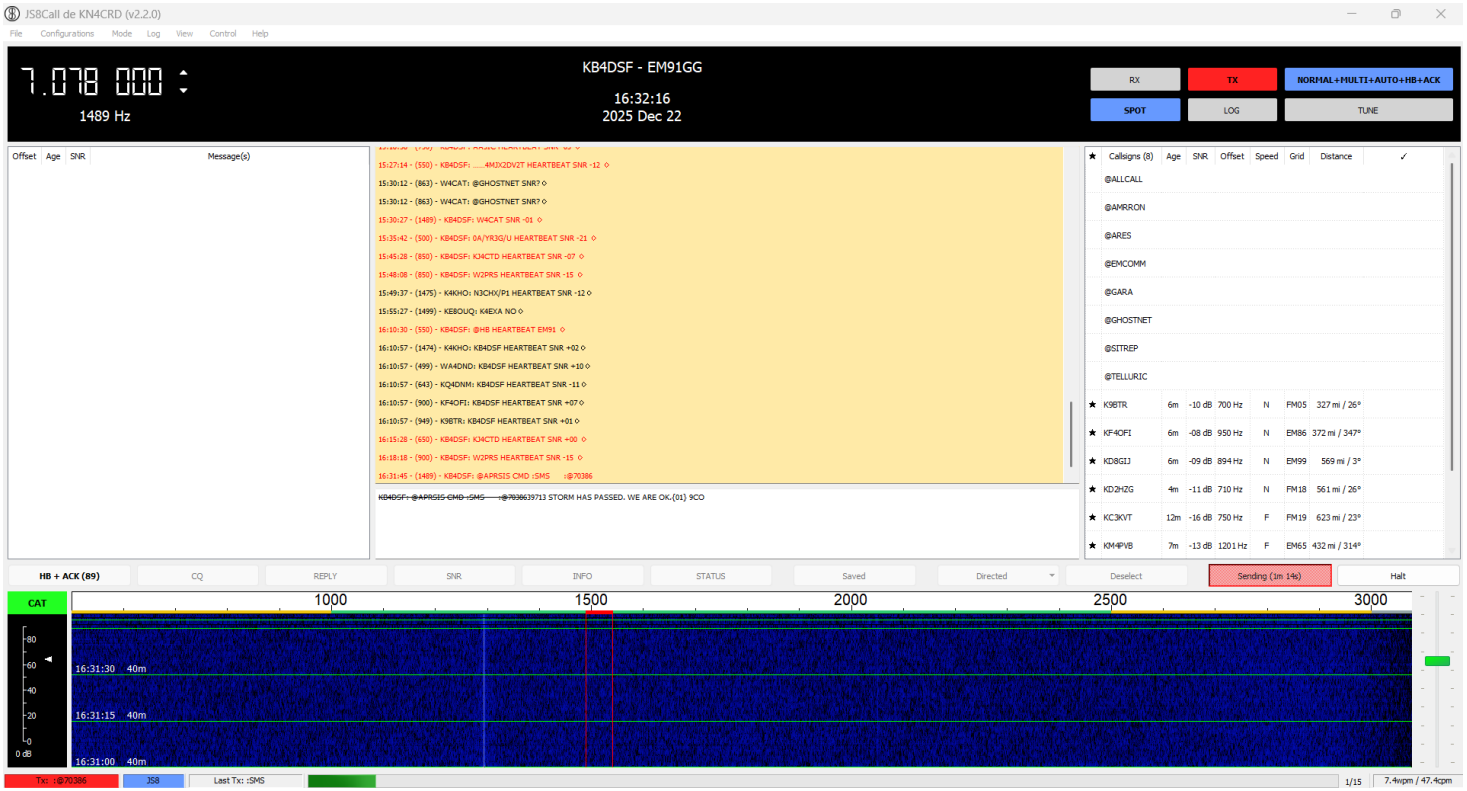

APRS: Send SMS Text
Phone numbers must be registered at http://aprs.wiki/SMS/
Phone or Alias
5555551234
Message (32 char)
Storm has passed. We are ok.
@APRSIS CMD :SMS :@5555551234 Storm has passed. \
Send
Cancel

JS8 Spotter


JS8Call de KN4CRD (v2.2.0)
File Configurations Mode Log View Control Help
7.078 000
1489 Hz
KB4DSF - EM91GG
16:32:16
2025 Dec 22
RX
TX
NORMAL+MULTI+AUTO+HB+ACK
SPOT
LOG
TUNE
Offset Age SNR Message(s)
15:27:14 - (550) - KB4DSF: ....4MJX2DV2T HEARTBEAT SNR -12 ◇
15:30:12 - (863) - W4CAT: @GHOSTNET SNR? ◇
15:30:12 - (863) - W4CAT: @GHOSTNET SNR? ◇
15:30:27 - (1489) - KB4DSF: W4CAT SNR -01 ◇
15:35:42 - (500) - KB4DSF: 0A/YR3G/U HEARTBEAT SNR -21 ◇
15:45:28 - (850) - KB4DSF: KJ4CTD HEARTBEAT SNR -07 ◇
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16:10:30 - (550) - KB4DSF: @HB HEARTBEAT EM91 ◇
16:10:57 - (1474) - K4KHO: KB4DSF HEARTBEAT SNR +02 ◇
16:10:57 - (499) - WA4DND: KB4DSF HEARTBEAT SNR +10 ◇
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16:31:45 - (1489) - KB4DSF: @APRSIS CMD :SMS :@70386
KB4DSF: @APRSIS CMD :SMS :@703863713 STORM HAS PASSED. WE ARE OK.(01) 9CO
Callsigns (8) Age SNR Offset Speed Grid Distance
@ALLCALL
@AMRRON
@ARES
@EMCOMM
@GARA
@GHOSTNET
@SITREP
@TELLURIC
K9BTR 6m -10 dB 700 Hz N FM05 327 mi / 26°
KF4OFI 6m -08 dB 950 Hz N EM86 372 mi / 347°
KD8GIJ 6m -09 dB 894 Hz N EM99 569 mi / 3°
KD2HZG 4m -11 dB 710 Hz N FM18 561 mi / 26°
KC3KVT 12m -16 dB 750 Hz F FM19 623 mi / 23°
KM4PVB 7m -13 dB 1201 Hz F EM65 432 mi / 314°
HB + ACK (89)
CQ
REPLY
SNR
INFO
STATUS
Saved
Directed
Deselect
Sending (1m 14s)
Halt
CAT
1000
1500
2000
2500
3000
16:31:30 40m
16:31:15 40m
16:31:00 40m
Tx: :@70386
JS8
Last Tx: :SMS
1/15
7.4wpm / 47.4cpm

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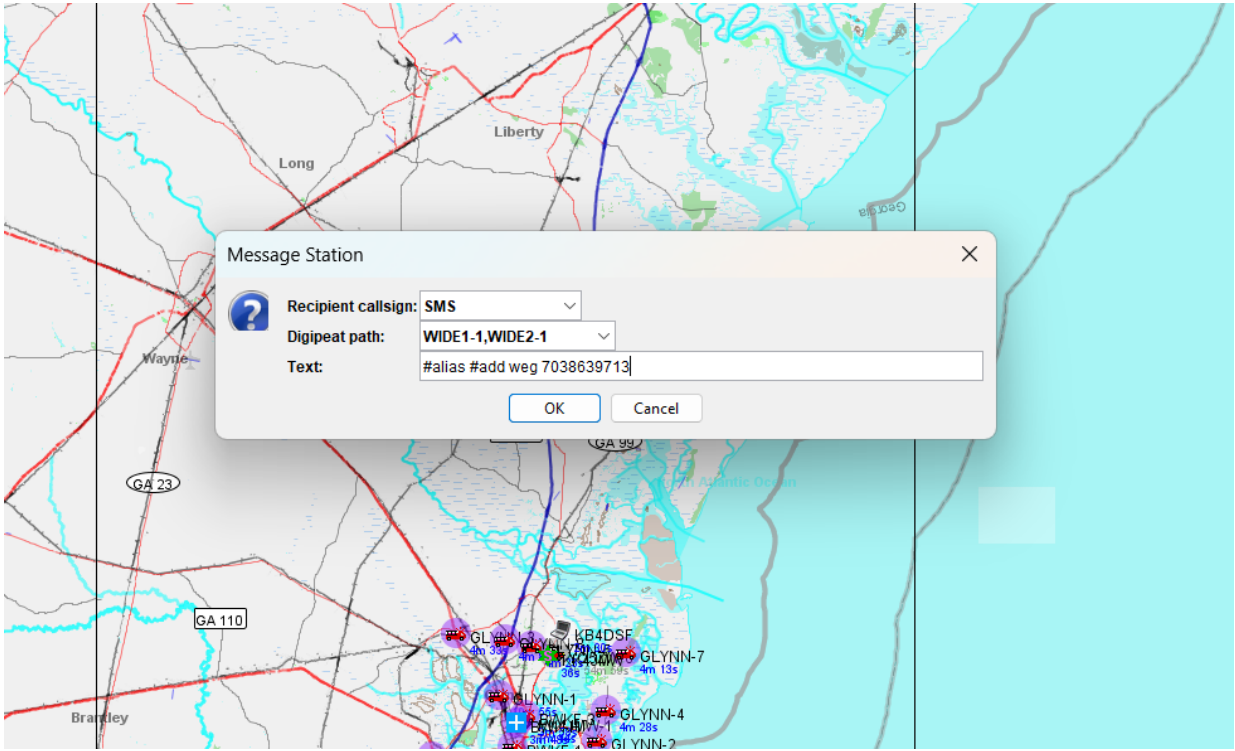
Message Station
Recipient callsign: SMS
Digipeat path: WIDE1-1,WIDE2-1
Text: #alias #add weg 7038639713
OK
Cancel
Liberty
Long
Wayne
GA 23
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Brantley
GA 99
KB4DSF
GLYNN-7
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GLYNN-4
GLYNN-2

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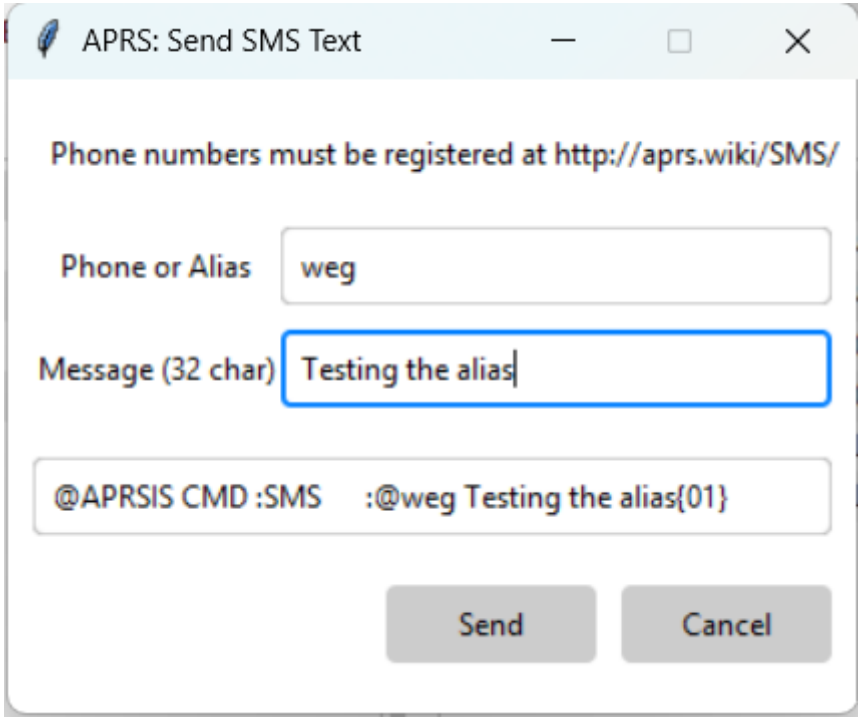
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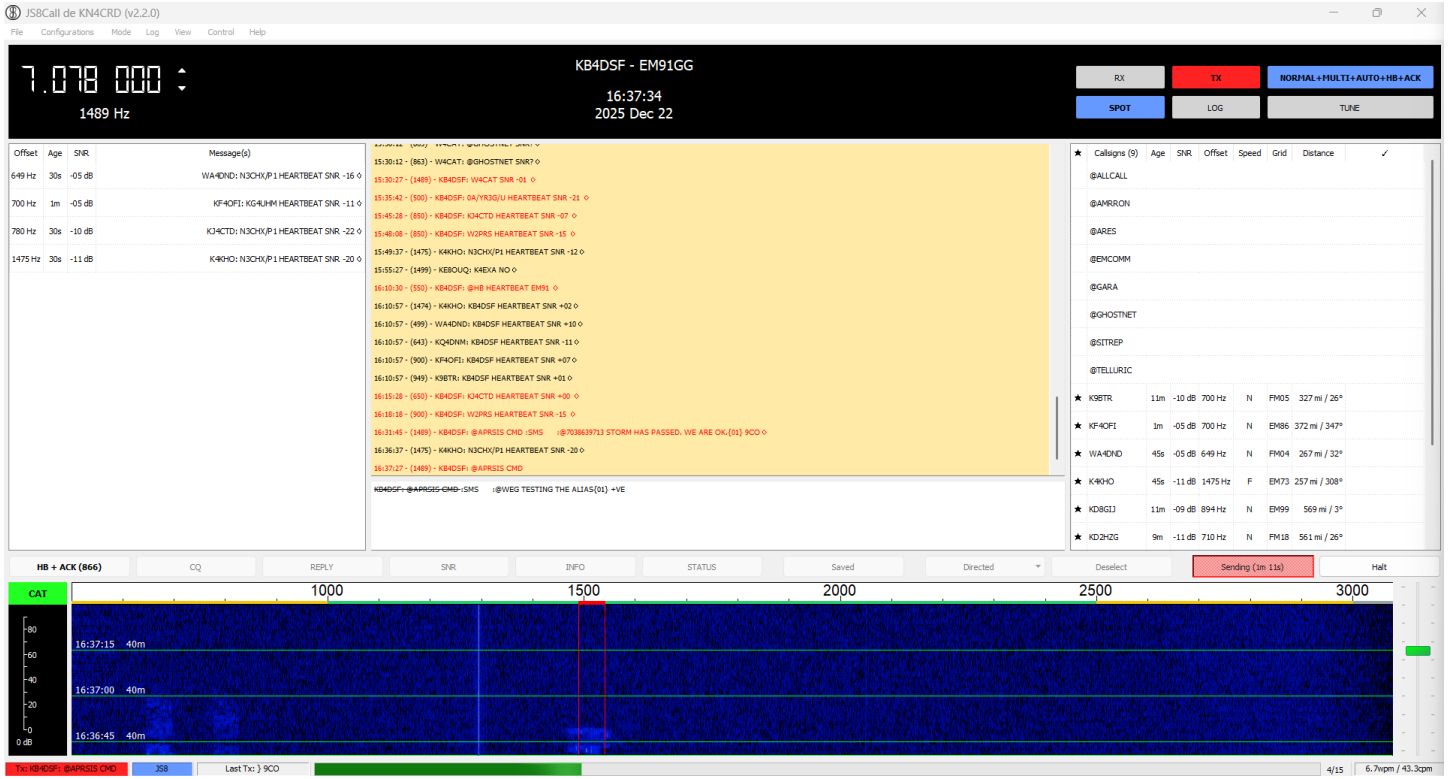
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4/15
6.7wpm / 43.3cpm

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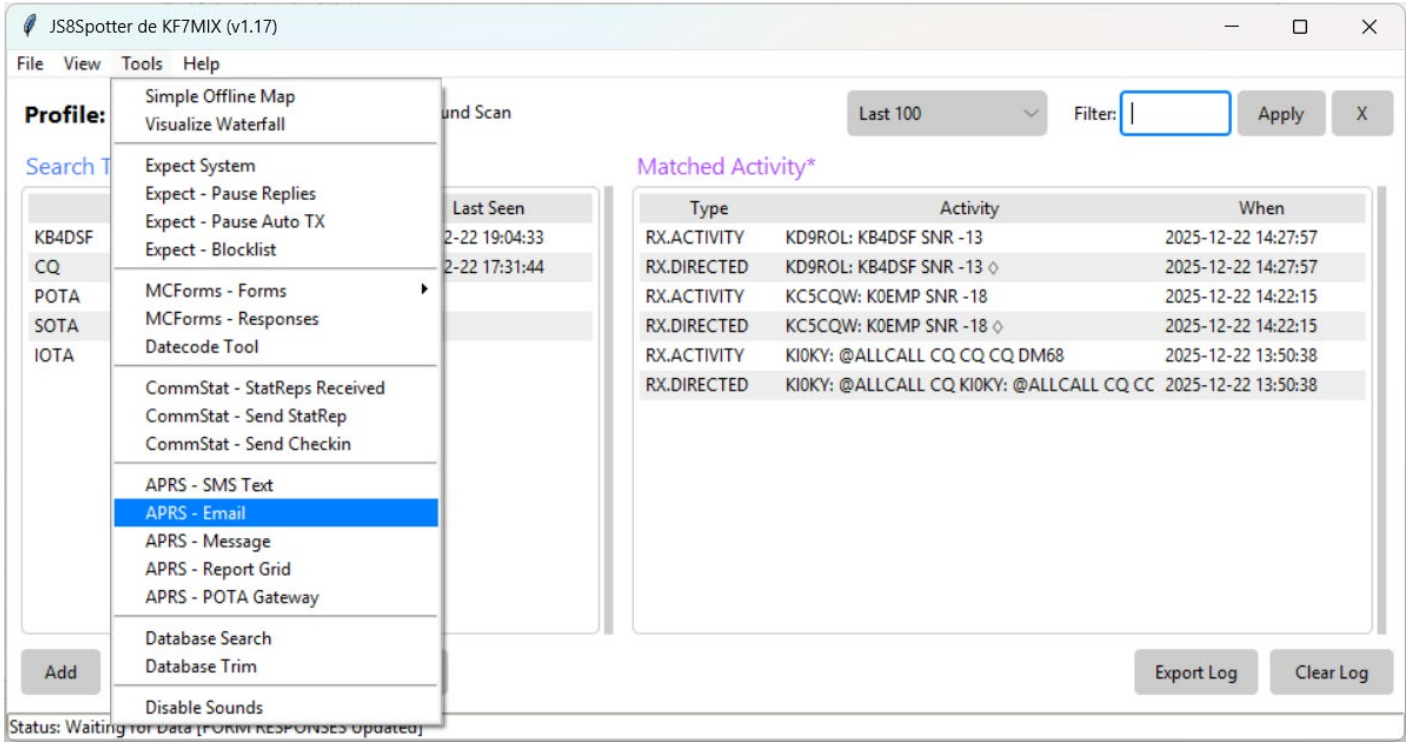
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APRS - SMS Text
APRS - Email
APRS - Message
APRS - Report Grid
APRS - POTA Gateway
Database Search
Database Trim
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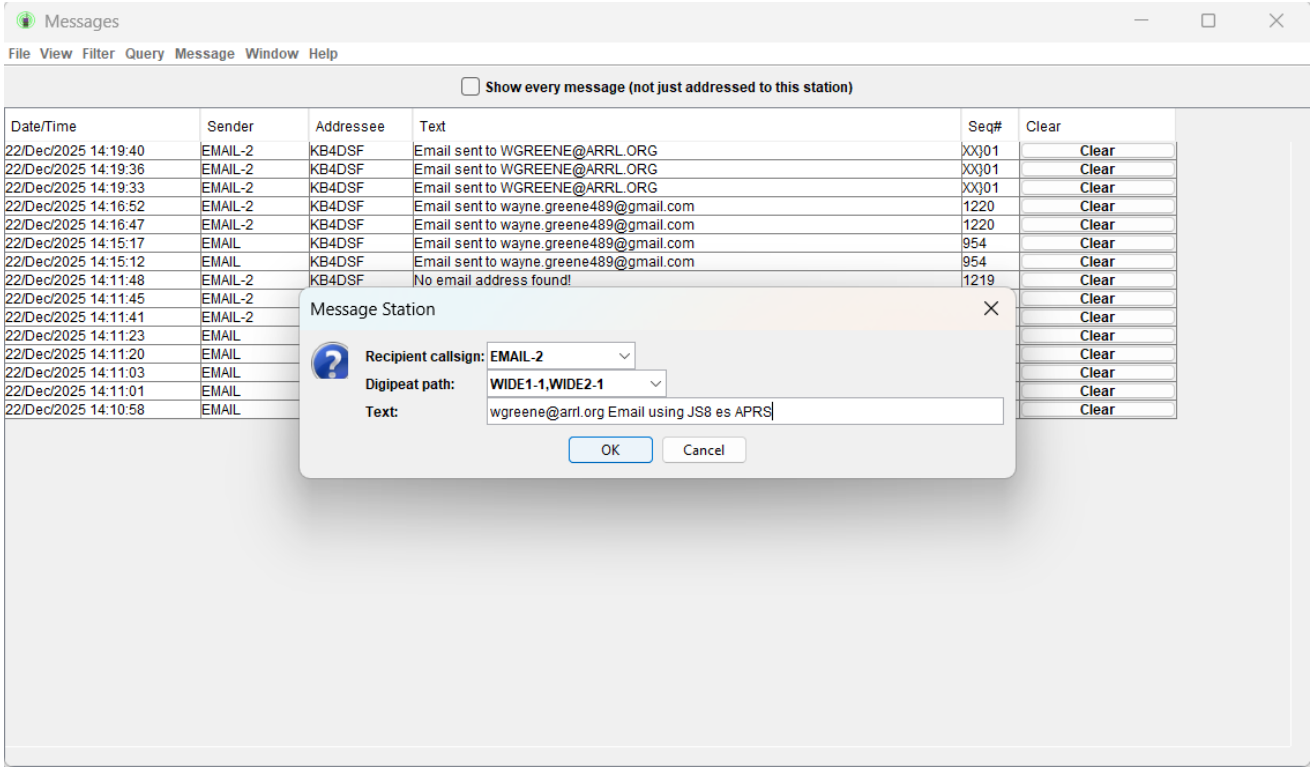
Messages
File View Filter Query Message Window Help
Show every message (not just addressed to this station)
Date/Time Sender Addressee Text Seq# Clear
22/Dec/2025 14:19:40 EMAIL-2 KB4DSF Email sent to WGREENE@ARRL.ORG XX}01 Clear
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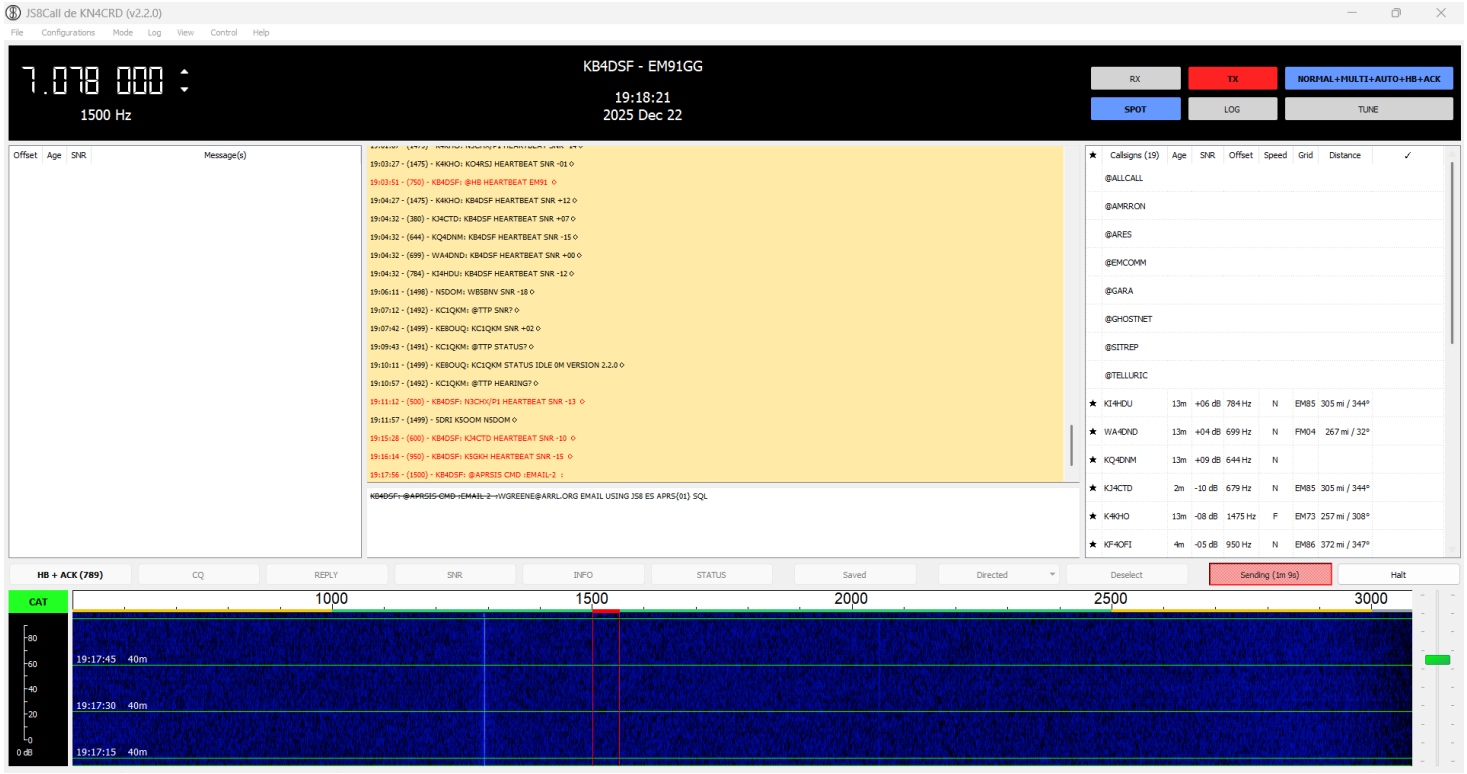
22/Dec/2025 14:11:20 EMAIL Clear
22/Dec/2025 14:11:03 EMAIL Clear
22/Dec/2025 14:11:01 EMAIL Clear
22/Dec/2025 14:10:58 EMAIL Clear
Message Station
Recipient callsign: EMAIL-2
Digipeat path: WIDE1-1,WIDE2-1
Text: wgreene@arrl.org Email using JS8 es APRS
OK
Cancel

JS8 Spotter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KB4DSF - EM91GG
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2025 Dec 22
RX
TX
NORMAL+MULTI+AUTO+HB+ACK
SPOT
LOG
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Offset Age SNR Message(s)
Callsigns (19) Age SNR Offset Speed Grid Distance
@ALLCALL
@AMRRON
@ARES
@EMCOMM
@GARA
@GHOSTNET
@SITREP
@TELLURIC
KI4HDU 13m +06 dB 784 Hz N EM85 305 mi / 344°
WA4DND 13m +04 dB 699 Hz N FM04 267 mi / 32°
KQ4DNM 13m +09 dB 644 Hz N
KJ4CTD 2m -10 dB 679 Hz N EM85 305 mi / 344°
K4KHO 13m -08 dB 1475 Hz F EM73 257 mi / 308°
KF4OFI 4m -05 dB 950 Hz N EM86 372 mi / 347°
HB + ACK (789)
CQ
REPLY
SNR
INFO
STATUS
Saved
Directed
Deselect
Sending (1m 9s)
Halt
CAT
1000
1500
2000
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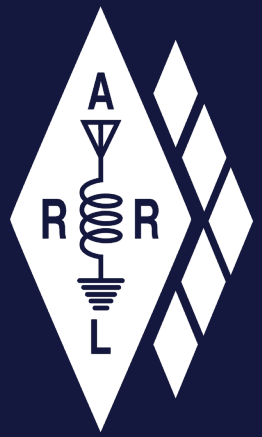

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