The Worked All Zones (WAZ) award is 75 years old, and CQ is offering a special, limited-time version of the award in celebration. WAZ, CQ magazine’s premier operating award, was introduced in the November 1934 issue of R/9 magazine, a predecessor of today’s CQ. It is earned for making confirmed contacts with radio amateurs in each of 40 zones into which the world has been divided. It is considered one of the most difficult and most prestigious operating awards in amateur radio today. It is also believed to be the oldest U.S.-sponsored operating award, predating the ARRL’s DX Century Club (DXCC) by a little more than a year (DXCC was announced in the January 1936 issue of QST). The only older award currently offered, to our knowledge, is the International Amateur Radio Union’s Worked All Continents (WAC) award.

CQ Diamond Jubilee WAZ

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of WAZ, CQ is pleased to announce the Diamond Jubilee Worked All Zones award. It will be issued upon presentation of log extracts showing two-way contacts with each of the 40 CQ zones of the world (SWL okay as well) during the period from November 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 (UTC), and payment of the appropriate fee. Log extracts must list contacts in zone order, from 1 to 40, and must show date, time, band, and mode of contact, along with the call sign of the station contacted. There will be a single award with no band or mode endorsements available. Awards will be numbered in order of issuance. Applications and log extracts for the CQ Diamond Jubilee Worked All Zones award must be received by the WAZ Award Manager by March 31, 2011.

Confirrations are not required; however, amateurs are expected to uphold the hobby’s longstanding tradition of honesty and self-regulation. Be especially careful of contacts in Zones 2 and 17, as errors regarding the borders of these zones are common. Applications determined to be false or fraudulent, or containing excessive errors, will be disqualified. Decisions of the WAZ Award Manager in this regard will be final.

An application form and log extract form will be posted on the CQ website. Use of these forms is not mandatory, as long as the required information is presented in the same sequence as on the forms. The standard WAZ application fee ($6 for CQ subscribers, $12 for non-subscribers) will apply. E-mail applications are acceptable and encouraged. Payment may be made by check, money order, IRCs (International Reply Coupons), or via PayPal (see the main WAZ page on the CQ website: <www.cq-amateur-radio.com/wazrules.html>) for details. Applications will not be processed until payment has been received.

Mailed applications and payments should be sent to:

CQ Diamond Jubilee WAZ Award  
c/o Floyd Gerald, N5FG  
POB 499  
Wiggins, MS 39577-0449 USA

Questions regarding the CQ Diamond Jubilee WAZ Award may be directed to WAZ Award Manager Floyd Gerald, N5FG, at the above address or by e-mail to <n5fg@cq-amateur-radio.com>.