

Net Logging Spreadsheet



Please do not use the spreadsheet directly from the browser since only one person can do this at the same time and it increases the risk of breaking the spreadsheet for everybody. Instead, download the Excel or LibreOffice version for offline use.

Downloading The File

Currently, the file is not public. Members can access it from the [Member's section](#), otherwise, contact [Patrick, VA7FI](#) if you'd like access.

Once you have the link, you can download it as a Microsoft Excel file or as an OpenDocument File:



A few things to keep in mind:

- I haven't tested the Excel version as I don't have Microsoft Office, but the Free and Open Source office suite [LibreOffice](#) works on Windows, GNU/Linux, and OSX platforms.
- If you need to update the Data sheet, please update the **Online** version, not your local offline version. That way, other users will benefit from your updates.
- Discard and download a fresh copy every time you need it so as to always have the latest database.
- Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or comments. I would appreciate some feedback about how the Excel version performs as I am not able to test it myself.

Basic Idea

- The spreadsheet has a few tabs that can be selected at the bottom of the page:



- Data contains the actual information about a few hundreds of hams.
- LiveLogSheet is the "search / log" page used during the net.
- Instructions links to this page and lists a few changes I've made.
- ISED is a hidden tab that contains over 80,000 entries from the [ISED](#) website.



The most important thing is that **you can type in and delete cells in green**, but you should **not edit or delete cells in orange**.

The Data Tab



The Data tab contains information about each ham operator and a few formulas to flag important dates. This sheet is **NOT** the sheet you'll be using during the net, it's a sort of "database":

| Column(s) | Edit | Details |
|--------------------|------|---|
| Column A | ✗ | Is hidden and contains formulas that the other tab needs. |
| Columns B – M | ✓ | Contains information about ham operators. |
| Columns E, G, I, K | ✓ | Are dates that should be entered as so ' JAN 1. ¹⁾ |
| Columns N – P | ✗ | Contains formulas and should NOT be edited. |



To add a new entry, see the [Adding Names](#) section below.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

To see who is having a birthday or anniversary, filter column N or O (but not both at the same time):

- Click on the upside-down triangle on the right of Today? in Column N or This Week? in Column O.
- Remove the check mark on the left of (empty)
- Press OK

This will show only the lines of people that have a birthday or anniversary on the day or week. Note the names and callsign of these people to acknowledge them during the preamble.

Once you've got that information, you can re-check the (empty) lines to unhide them.

The LiveLogSheet Tab



The LiveLogSheet tab is really the meat of this spreadsheet. During the net, all you need to do is type the suffix in Column A (**not** case sensitive).

- Column B can be left blank unless there are two callsigns with the same suffix (ex. VA7JH and VE7JH), or if the suffix is not in the Data tab at all (ex. "AAA"). If that's the case, Column C will ask you to add the prefix in Column B.
- Once Column C has the full callsign, it'll look up the information in the Data tab, and if not found there, it'll look in the ISED tab.
- Information for the ISED tab will have "(ISED)" written in the cells (ex. VE7AAA)
- If the callsign doesn't exist (ex. VE7WEK), the cells will be left blank.
- The cells in orange **should NOT be edited or deleted**.

- Cell D1 shows the total number of checkins.
- The top shows the number of Birthdays and Anniversaries.

When the net is done, simply delete what you typed in column A and B (**NOT what appeared in the other columns**)

Note that I made up Richard's (VA7AA) birthday for the sake of illustration.

Adding Names

To add a new name to the Data sheet:

1. Edit the Google spreadsheet directly in the browser (**not your downloaded copy**). That way everyone will benefit from your updates next time they download a fresh copy.
2. Scroll down and use one of the empty lines below the current list. It doesn't have to be the very next line. For example, as of this writing, the last entry is in line 462, but you could use line 479. It really doesn't matter. All these empty lines at the bottom of the list have the formulas in Column A and N already pre-filled.



Do not Insert a line somewhere in the middle of the sheet to keep names sorted by callsigns. The problem with doing this is that Column A (which is hidden) and Column N contain important formulas and inserting a line leaves those cells blank for the new line.



Now to sort, click on the upside-down triangle sign on the right of Suffix to see the filter menu for that column, and select Sort A → Z:



All the entries are now sorted by callsign suffix:



Deleting Names

To delete a name, do **not Delete Row**. Instead delete the green cells containing the information. Careful not to delete anything in the red cells in columns A and N which contain the formulas. Then resort the list to send the empty line back to the bottom.

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Dates must be formatted with three letters and be preceded by an apostrophe (') to force the proper formatting.