

Net Logging Spreadsheet



The spreadsheet cannot be used directly from the browser anymore. To use it, download the Excel or LibreOffice version for offline use.

Downloading The File

Currently, the file is not public, 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:

- If you notice an error or omission, please email [Patrick, VA7FI](#). 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.

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.
 - LiveLogSheet (lite) is a lighter version of the previous tab (for slower machines) that doesn't use ISED information.
 - 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 last update uses data from Sept 6, 2020.



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).
Under Microsoft Excel, it's called (Blanks).
- 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 from 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.

Android Tablets/Phones

The spreadsheet was made to be used offline on computers, but some people might still want to use it on their tablets. Here are some instructions on how to do that for Android devices.

The first steps are to open the spreadsheet and make a copy of it to your “Sheets” app. You will need a Google Account to do this:

- Open the link in the mobile browser.
- Click on **USE THE APP** (you need “Sheets” installed).
- Click on the three dots on the top right corner.



- Click on **Make a copy**.
- Add the word “Copy” to the end of the name to distinguish it from the original.



- You are now using your copy, which you can edit.
- At the bottom, select **LiveLogSheet (lite)**, which doesn't query the **ISED** tab and is quicker for mobile devices.
- In your Sheets app, you should now see two versions:
 - The one on the left with the little shared symbol is the original which you can't edit.
 - The one on the right is your own personal copy.



- Every so often, you should delete your personal copy (or make a backup) and download a fresh copy so that you can have the latest database.
- Please do NOT edit the database in your personal copy since no-one else will benefit from your edits. Instead, email [Patrick, VA7FI](#) the information that needs to be added / edited in the online version.

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