HAM SIDEKICK STATION · CONVERSATIONS

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Record a Conversation

New here? Get the station

A **conversation** is anything a radio hears outside a scheduled net: a contact, a ragchew, a call on a simplex frequency. There is no Record button: **a radio that is listening records everything it hears**, writes it down a few seconds after each station unkeys, and keeps it as one conversation with its own log, minutes and Winlink messages.

A · BEFORE YOU TALK

1. **The radio must be listening.** Its card shows `⏸ Pause`. If it shows `▶ Resume`, press it
   "Paused until … net" means the radio listens only during nets (Nets → Schedule → Listening). Resume records now; the next net's start or end takes over again.
2. **Tell the station the frequency.** A radio with CAT (computer control) reads it itself. Otherwise press `Change` on the card and enter the frequency and mode
   On a scheduled net's frequency during the net, it is filed as that net; anywhere else, as a conversation.
3. **Check the level.** The Signal meter moves when someone talks. Not moving, or red? `Set level…` on the card

B · WHILE YOU TALK

4. It appears at the top of the radio's log under **On the air**
   Grey words while a station talks; the final text 2–3 seconds after it unkeys. Who is talking is shown first; tap a call for the station's name, license and grid.
5. **Fix as you go** (optional): `Who?` for the wrong speaker, `✎ Fix` for wrong words or a wrong call
   The station learns from your fixes. ▶ plays any transmission.
6. **Einstein** (optional): on `Draft` it writes what it would say; asked a question, it answers at a pause in the conversation
   Its own card: Einstein, the AI assistant.

C · WHEN YOU ARE DONE

7. `End conversation` on its header → `End conversation` again to confirm
   Recording stops (the radio is paused; its scheduled nets still resume it), and the accurate pass re-reads the whole conversation at once.
8. **Or just stop talking.** After **15 quiet minutes** it moves to **Completed** by itself and the radio keeps listening

> A new conversation starts after 15 quiet minutes, when the radio's frequency changes, when a scheduled net starts on it, or after a net closes. **Your own side:** a radio does not hear itself transmit, so your words are written down only when another radio at the station is on the same frequency.

Turn over → side 2: After the Conversation

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Share this card

FIND IT

Today and yesterday	The radio's log → **Completed**: one line each (time, **Conversation**, frequency, transmissions, stations). Tap it to open
Any day	Nets → **History** → tick **Include conversations** → tap one
By word or call	**Search** (top, or press /) → **Look in**: *conversations only*. **Show in context ›** opens it

USE IT

1. **Wait for ✓ accurate** on its line: the accurate pass has re-read it with the better model
   The text on screen updates by itself.
2. Minutes: who took part, what was said, plans and action items
   Download .md keeps a file; Copy as text pastes it into an email or log.
3. ▶ on a transmission plays the recording · ✎ Fix corrects it
4. Winlink messages...: an ICS-309 communications log and an ICS-213 summary, addressed to every station heard
   Check the To: list (unconfirmed calls start unticked) and the text. Close Winlink Express → **Put in Winlink Express Outbox** → open Express and connect.

> **Kept on this PC only.** The text, the recordings and the minutes stay in the station's `data` folder (`logs`, `recordings`, `history.db`). **Clear log...** on a radio's card only clears the screen: nothing is deleted.

WHEN SOMETHING LOOKS WRONG

Nothing written down	Radio **Paused**? Does the meter move? Does the squelch open on voice? Run **Set level...**
Filed under a net	The card's frequency was a net's during its time: press **Change** when you move off it
Split in two	15 quiet minutes, or the frequency changed. Both parts are in History
Can't hear the radio	Cable in its **speaker / earphone jack** (a handheld): the speaker goes quiet. Windows Sound → Recording → the radio → Properties → Listen → **Listen to this device**. A **data jack** (FTM-150R) keeps the speaker on
Wrong call or speaker	✎ **Fix** or **Who?** on that transmission
Stopped listening	**End conversation** paused the radio: press ▶ **Resume**

Part of HAM Sidekick Station (MIT License). Machine transcription: read the text and minutes before you send them anywhere. The station records only what the radio receives; it never transmits unless Einstein is on Send.