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K9ZW ex KB9GPN  
Steve Weinert  
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Dear Steve:

Yesterday I received a QSL card that was supposedly from you, but it had evidently been sent via Israel to Belgium to here, so I immediately felt that it was as phony as a three dollar bill.

Looking at the frequency and the date that we supposedly had conversed, that feeling was confirmed. The rotor for my tri-band beam has been locked in the South East position since 1991, which was the LAST time that I had worked anyone on the 20 meter band. Since then I have exclusively been using 75 meters, with an inverted vee antenna that is cut precisely for 3940 KHz the primary frequency upon which I now operate.

Since log books are no longer required, you might think that I would not know what had happened several years ago, but I am one of the few people that still has custom made ledger that goes all of the way back to 1977, so you are not going to be able to fool me about what might have happened in the year 2005.

I get the occasional card from around the world to confirm contacts that I could not have made, so perhaps you are also a victim of the unauthorized use of my call sign. In each case, I have responded to the respective amateur radio operator and offered to work the person in question so that I could provide a confirmation of an actual contact. Thus far I have had ZERO takers.

I would be willing to give 20 meters a try, if I can get the automatic tuner in my Yaesu FT-990 to tune my inverted vee to 20 meters, long enough to provide you with a legitimate QSO which I would be glad to confirm. As an alternative, I might try to work you off of the back of that tri-band beam, if the coax that leads to it is still viable, which I doubt.

Sincerely,

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