

# Using NetLogger

The Basics

How to Download, Setup, and Use

# Why Use NetLogger

## As a Regular Check-In to a Net

- Enhance the net experience, make it more enjoyable
- Follow along with the net
- See where you are in the order
- See other stations logged into NetLogger
- Chat with Net Control and other net check-ins in the AIM window



## As a Net Control Station

- Easily check in stations in rapid succession
- Allows confirmation of call signs with QRZ link
- Chat with net check-ins
- Save the check-in list for distribution
- Save net info for future nets as NCS

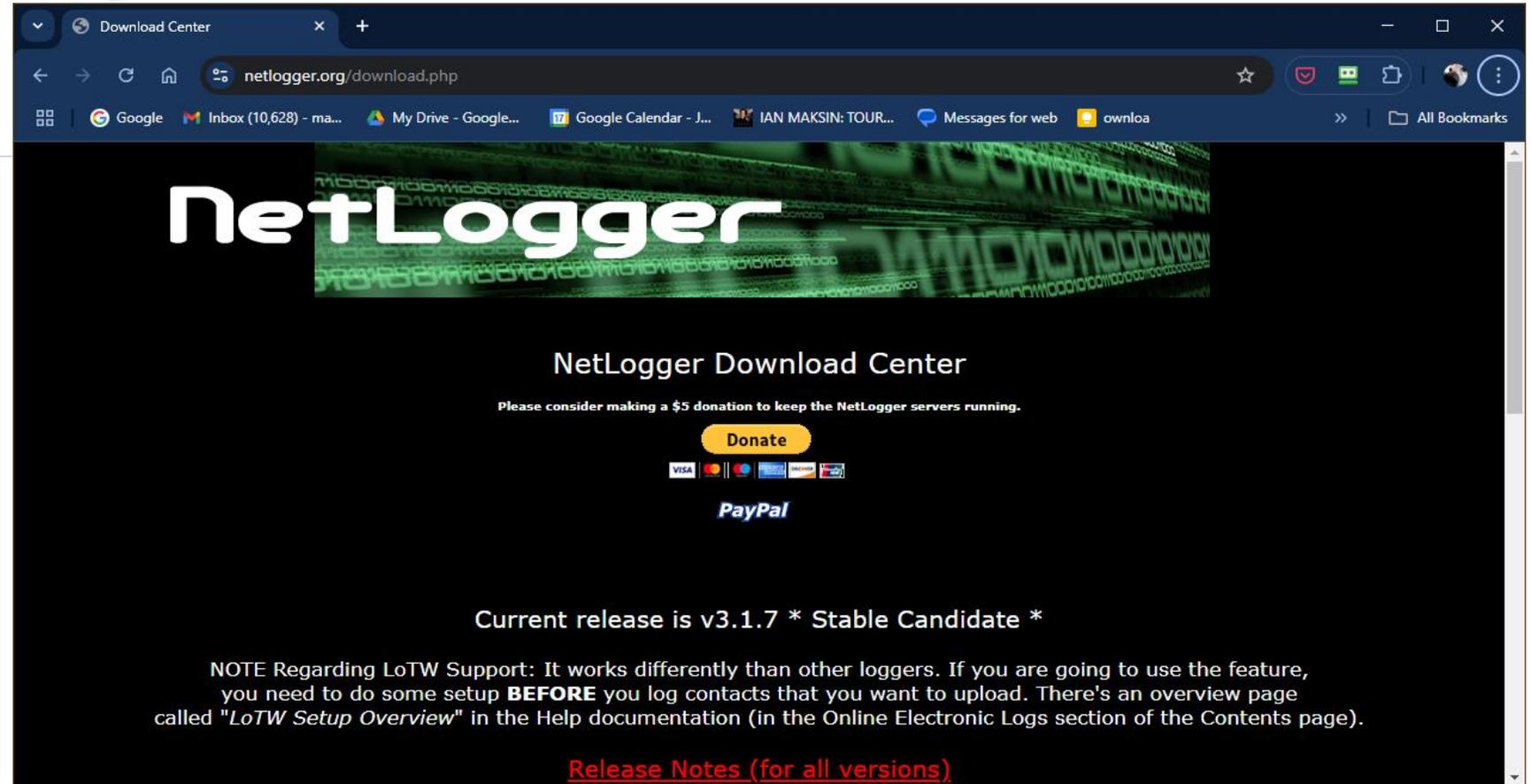
# Get NetLogger

- Holding down your control key, click this link:  
<https://netlogger.org/download.php>
- Or using a web browser, navigate to [Netlogger.org](https://netlogger.org) and click on the green arrow to download the installation file



# Download Center

- Scroll Down



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `netlogger.org/download.php`. The page features a large header with the text "NetLogger" in white on a dark background with green binary code. Below the header, the text "NetLogger Download Center" is centered. A message asks for a \$5 donation to keep servers running, with a yellow "Donate" button and logos for Visa, Mastercard, American Express, and PayPal. The current release is identified as v3.1.7, a Stable Candidate. A note explains that LoTW support works differently than other loggers and requires setup before logging contacts. A red link for "Release Notes (for all versions)" is at the bottom.

Download Center

netlogger.org/download.php

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All Bookmarks

# NetLogger

## NetLogger Download Center

Please consider making a \$5 donation to keep the NetLogger servers running.

Donate

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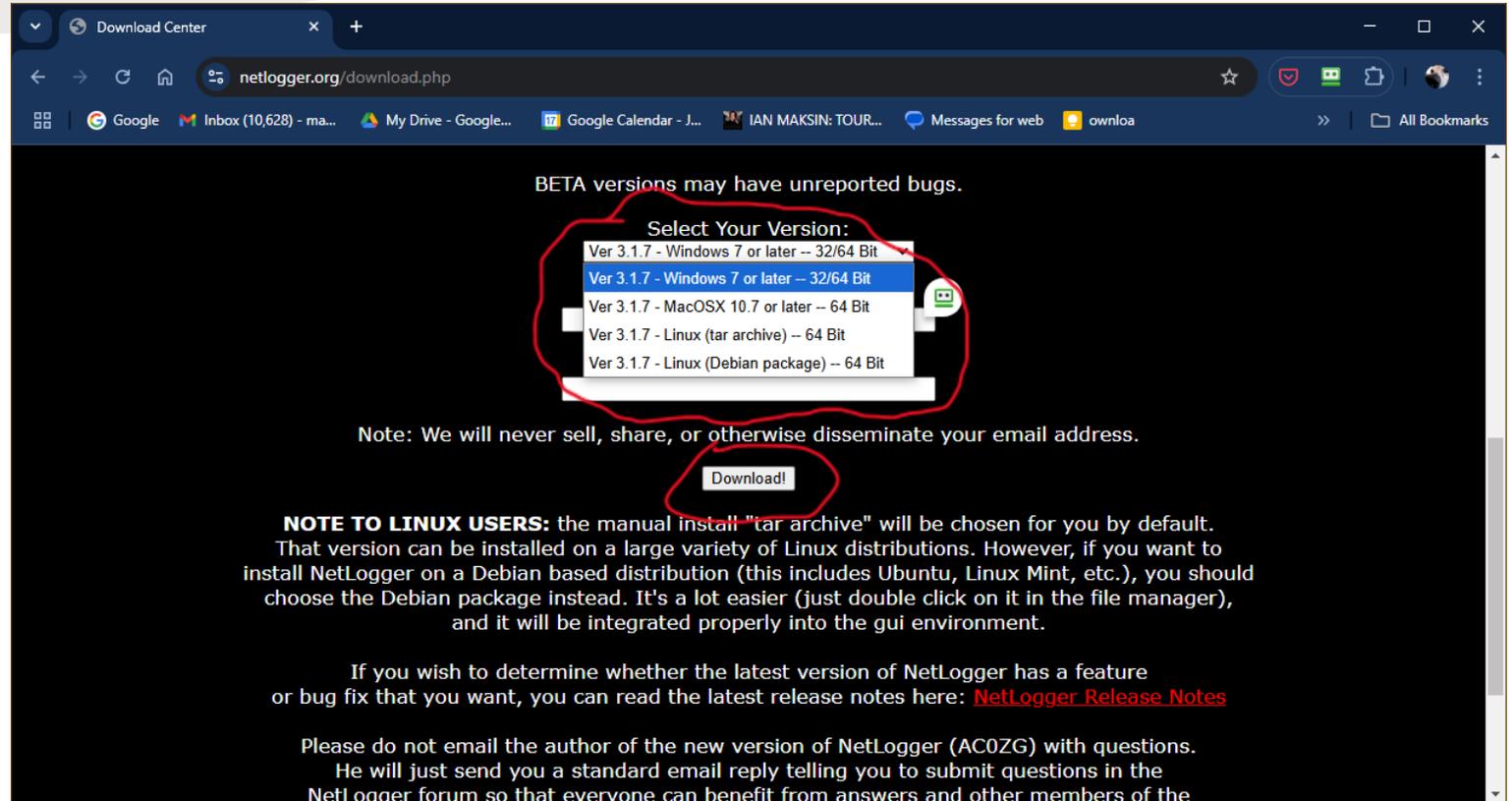
Current release is v3.1.7 \* Stable Candidate \*

NOTE Regarding LoTW Support: It works differently than other loggers. If you are going to use the feature, you need to do some setup **BEFORE** you log contacts that you want to upload. There's an overview page called "LoTW Setup Overview" in the Help documentation (in the Online Electronic Logs section of the Contents page).

[Release Notes \(for all versions\)](#)

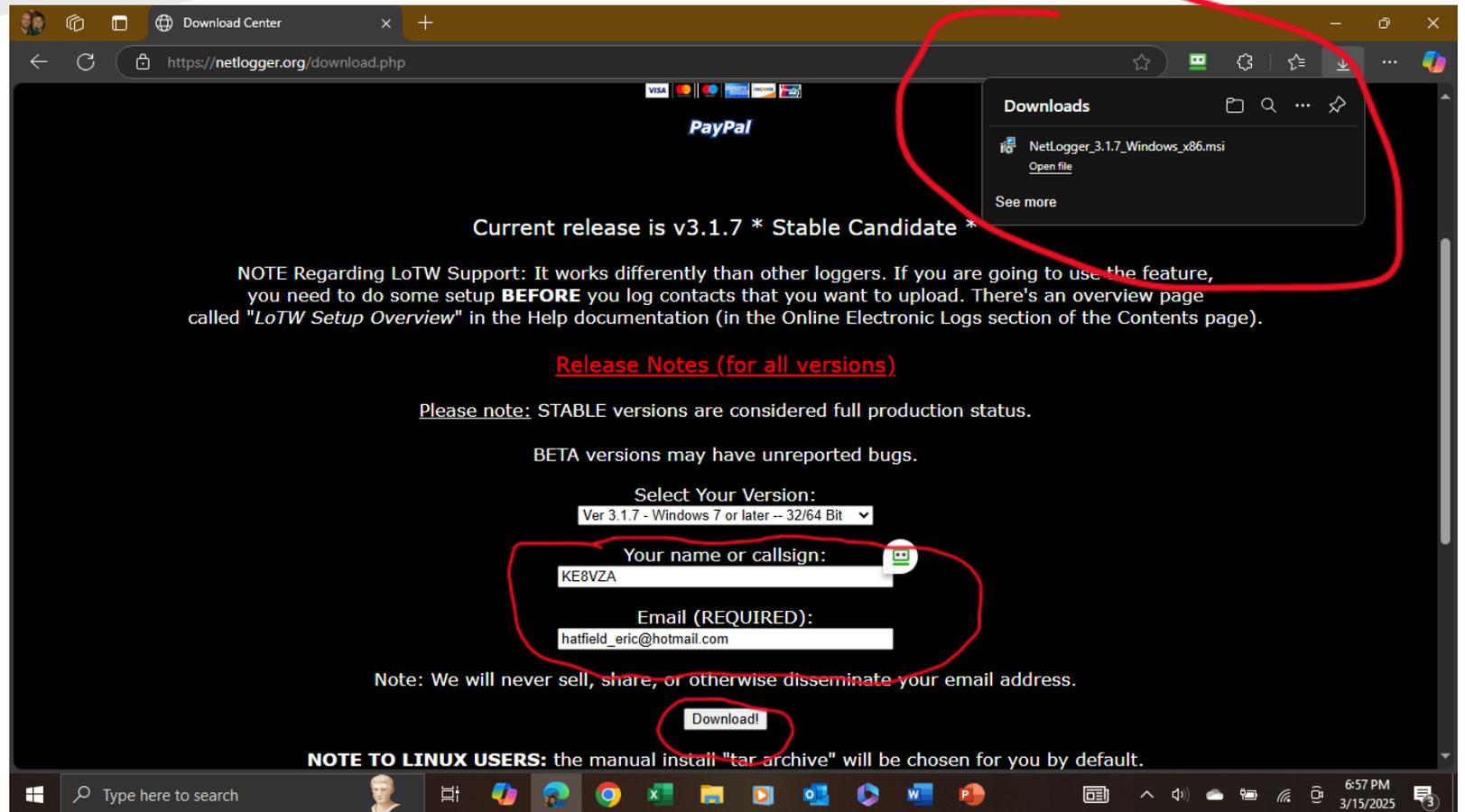
# Select Version

- Click on the dropdown to **select the version** that matches your computer and operating system
- The **Stable version is highly recommended** if there is a choice between Stable and Beta Versions
- Enter **Call Sign and Email address**
- Click **Download**



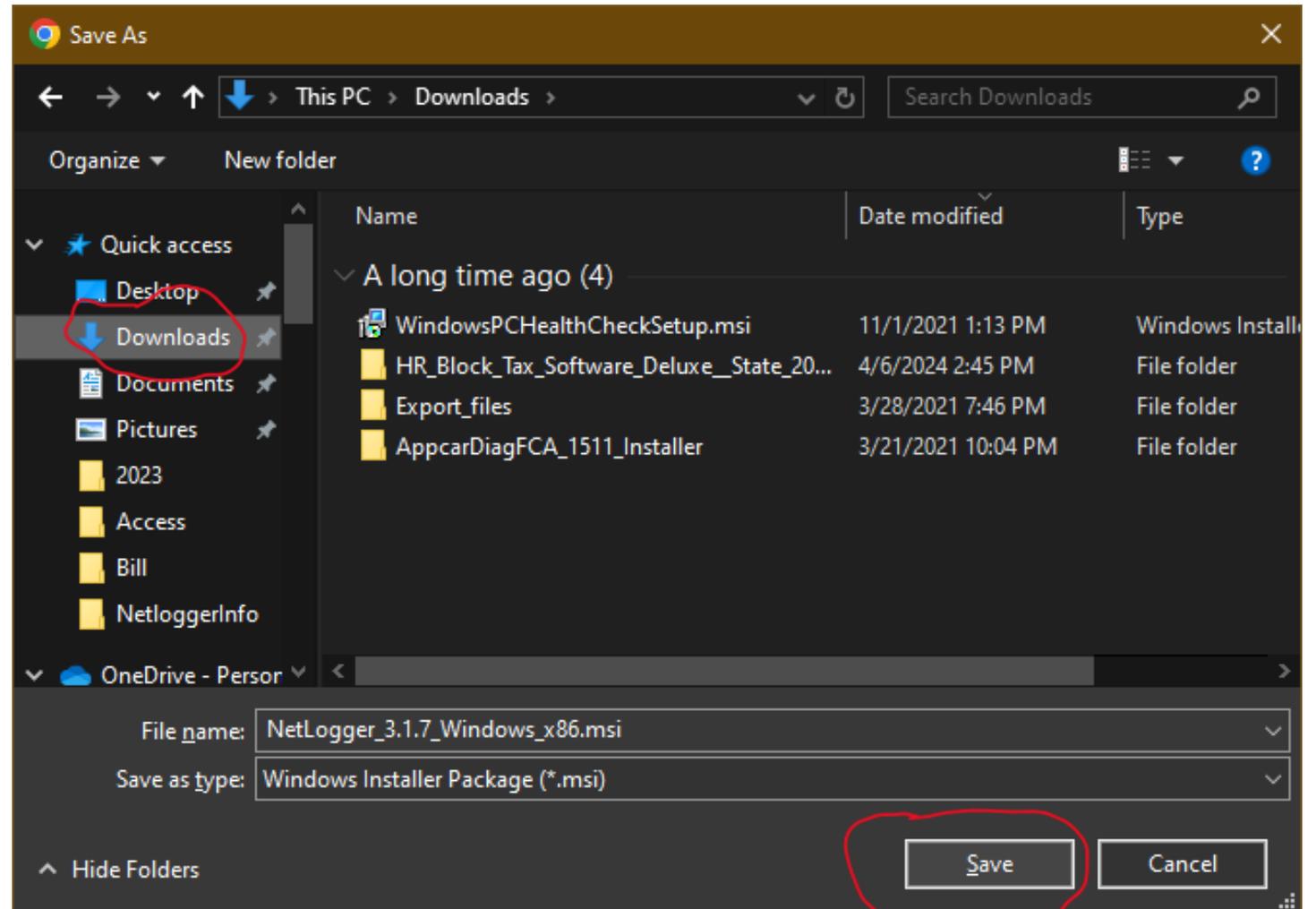
# Open the Download – Typical Result

- Open the installation file by clicking **Open File** in the pop-up box in the upper right area of the browser window



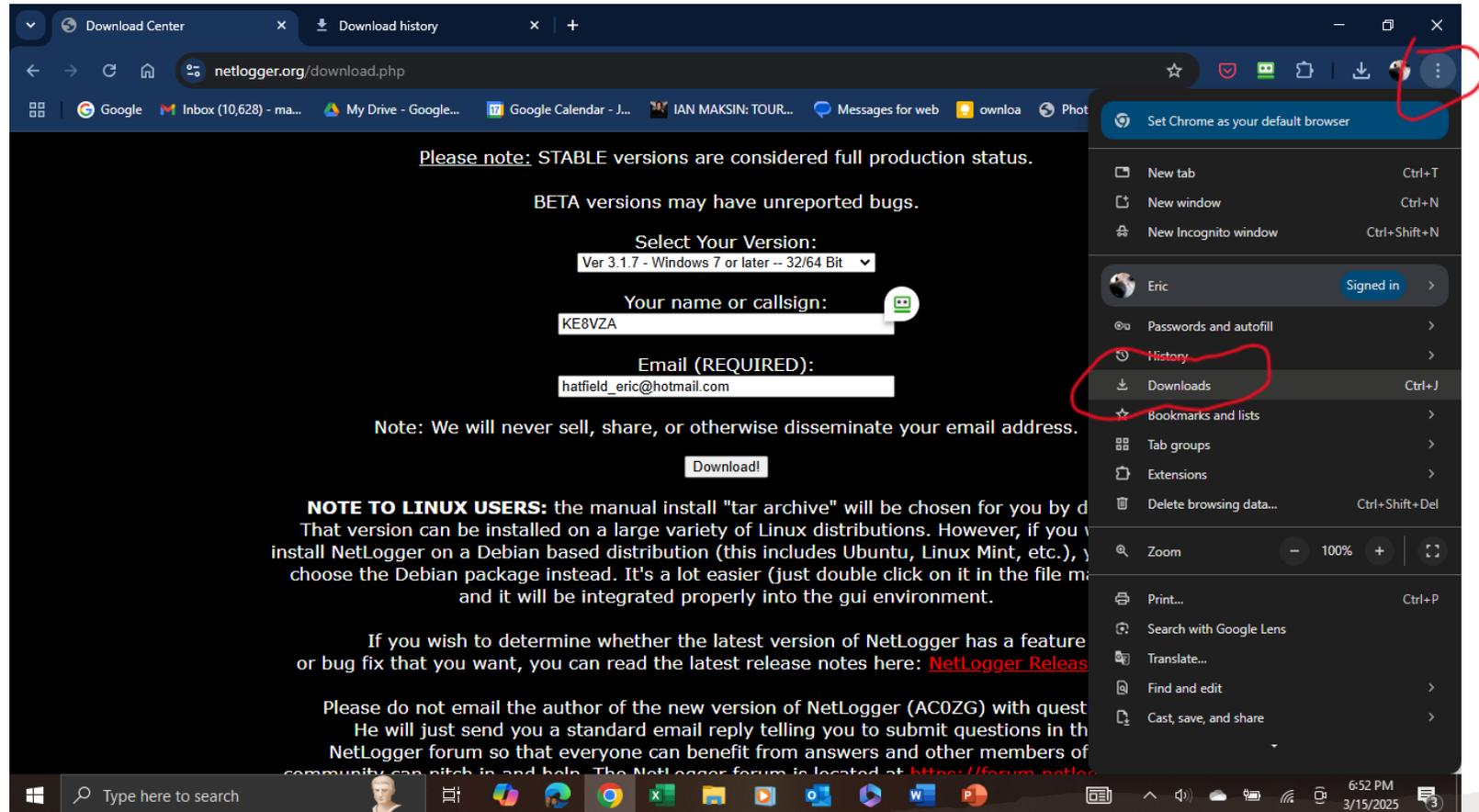
# If Prompted While Downloading

- If prompted for a location to Save the installation file, navigate to your **Downloads folder** in the left window pane, select it, and Click **Save**



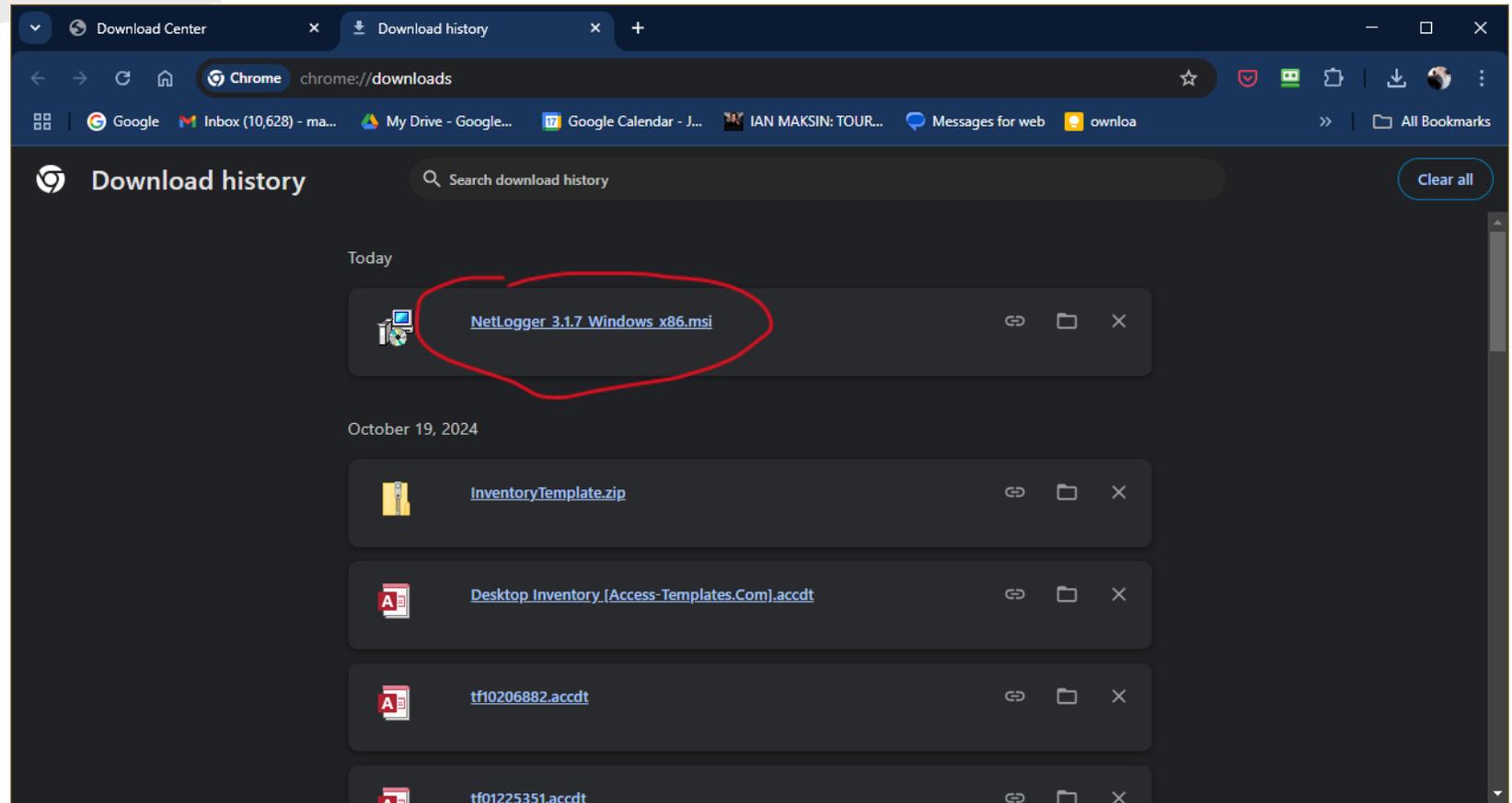
# Select Downloads in the Browser If No Download Pop-Up Appears

- Click the **3-Dot button** in the upper right corner of the browser window to open a menu
- Select **Downloads** from the menu



# Open the Installation File

- Click on the file name to open (NetLogger.....)
- If you have trouble downloading the file, try a different web browser



# Install

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Click **Next**



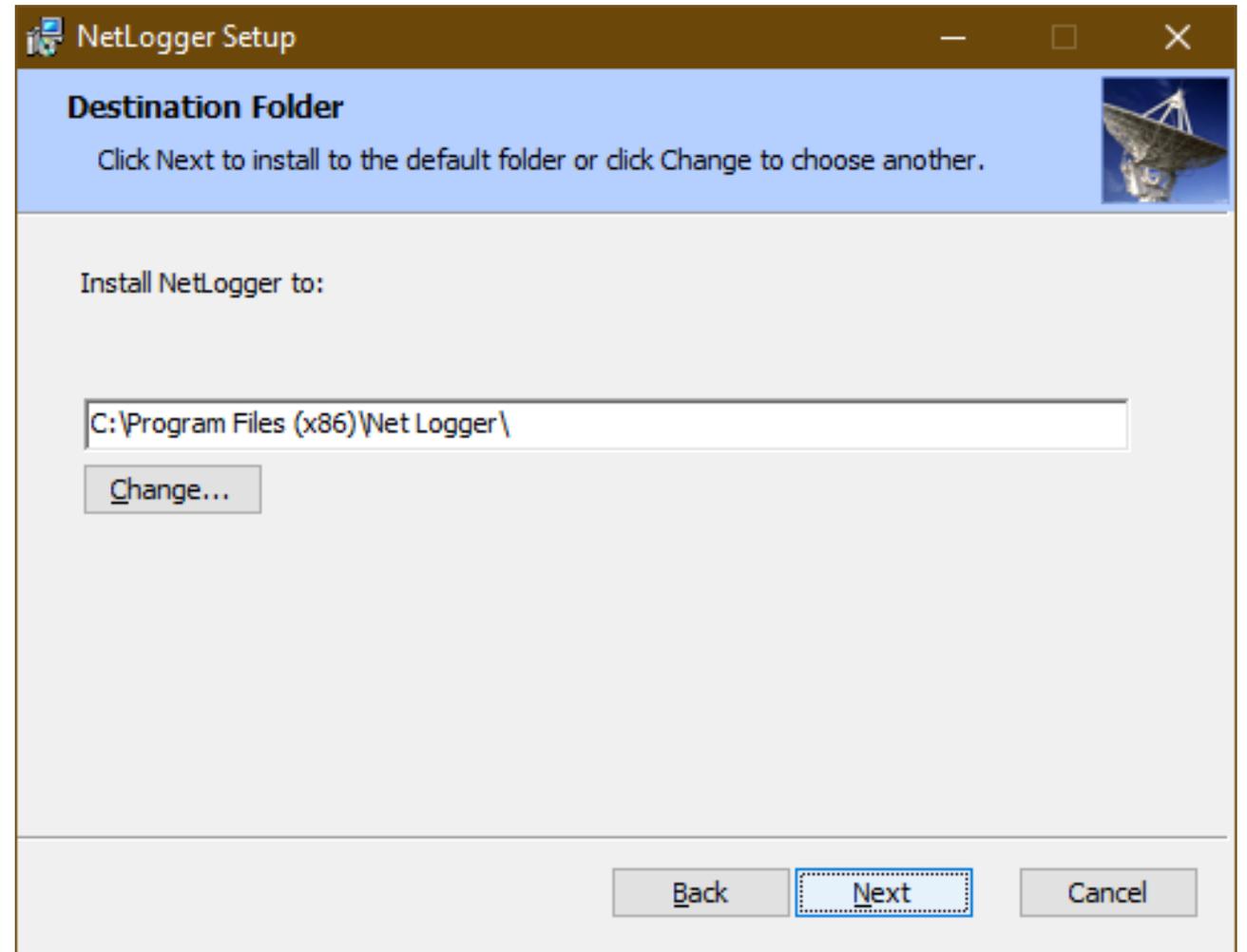
# License Agreement

- Click the box for “**I Accept...**”
- Click **Next**



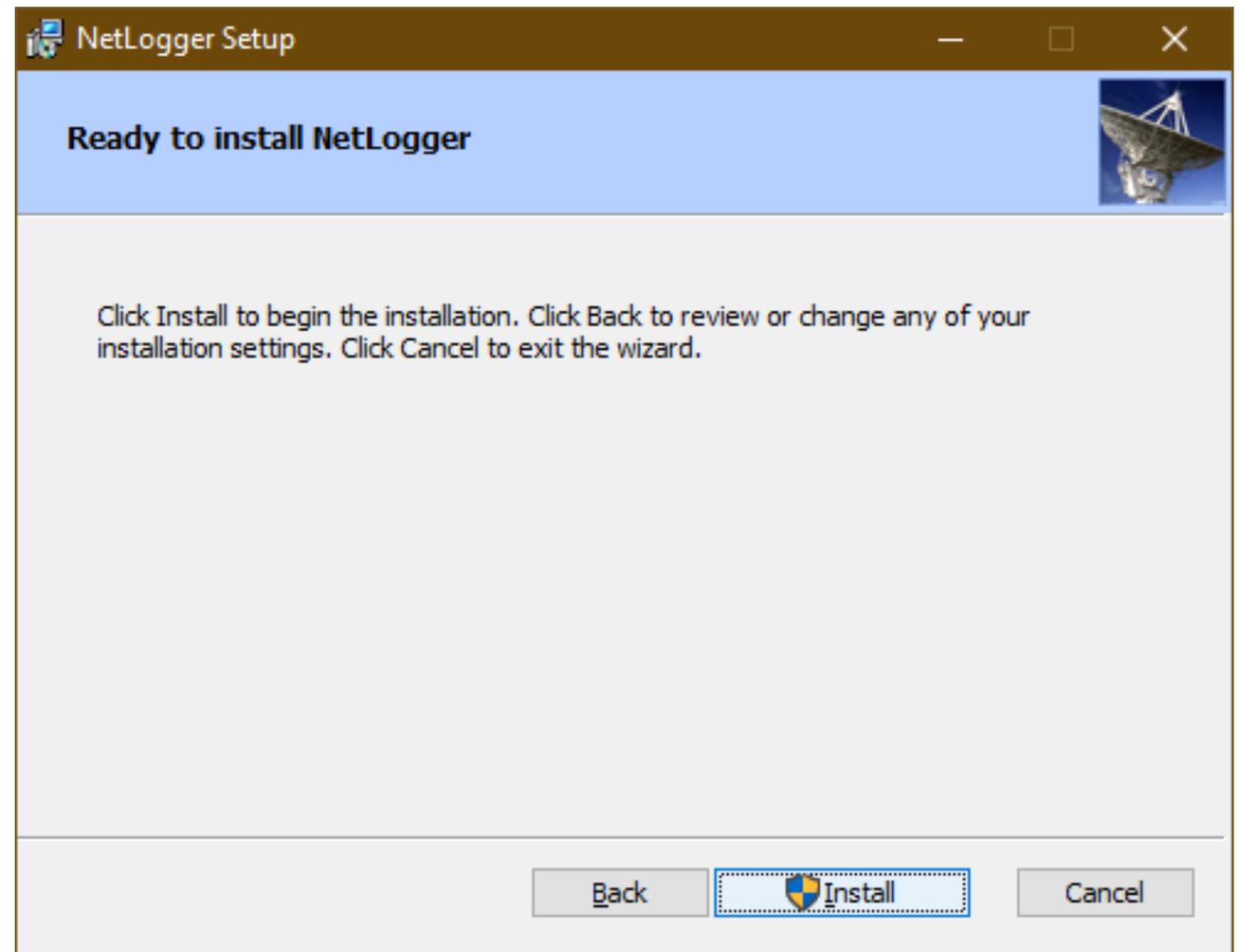
# Installation Location

- It's best to accept the default location
- Click **Next**



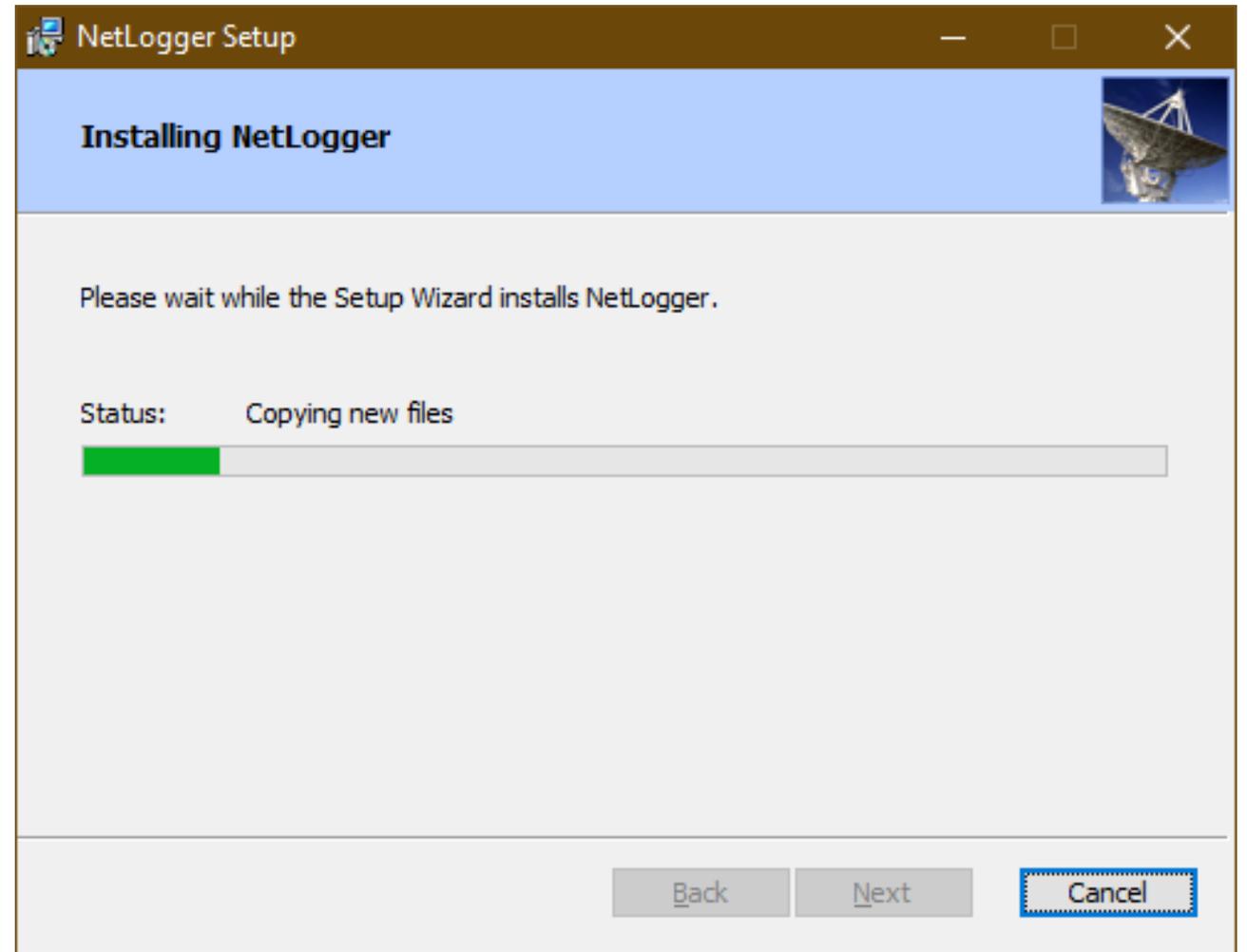
# Install

- Click **Install**



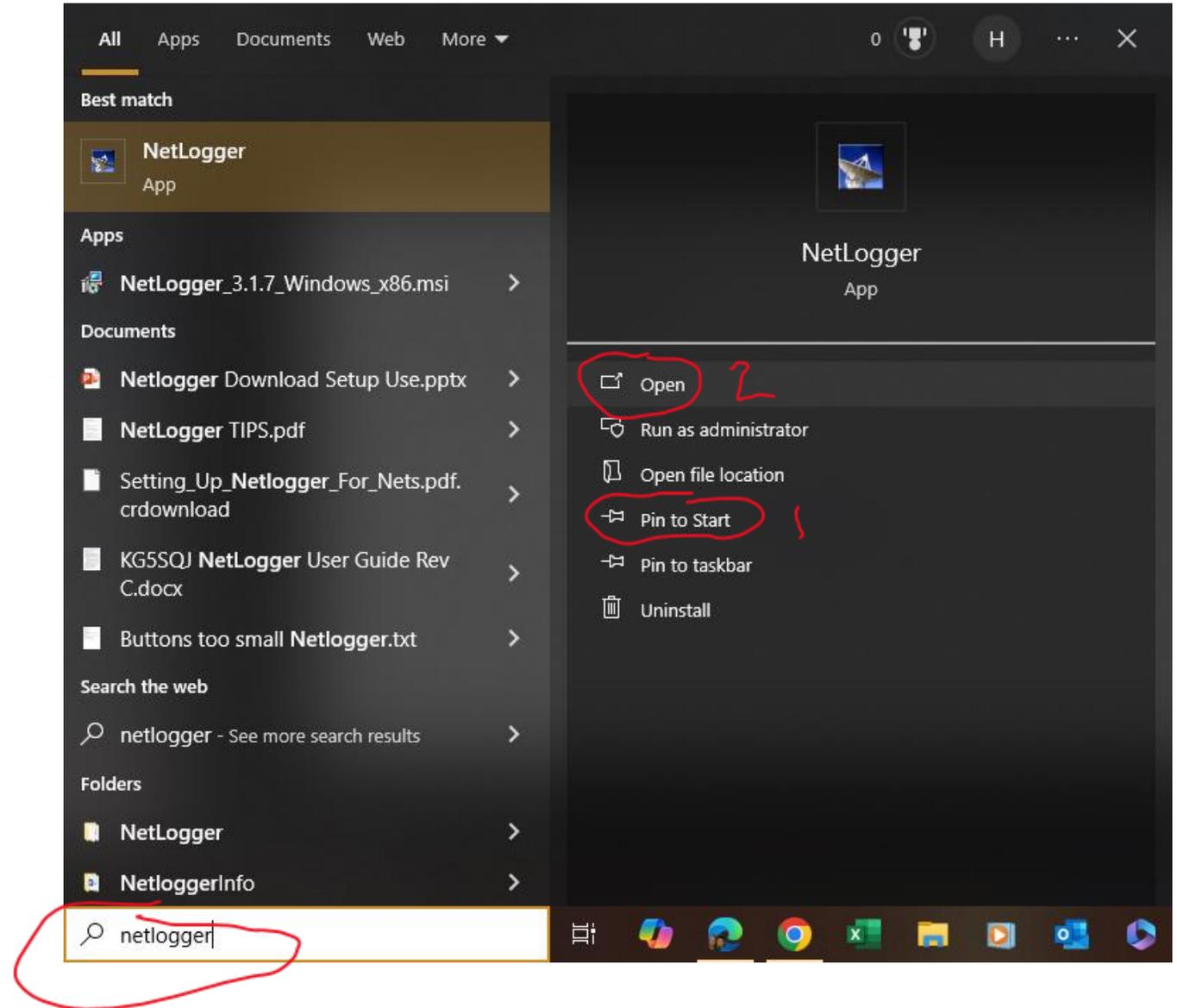
# Installation Dialogue Box

- Click **Yes** if prompted by Windows Security
- When the installation is finished, a Finish button will appear
- Click **Finish** when done



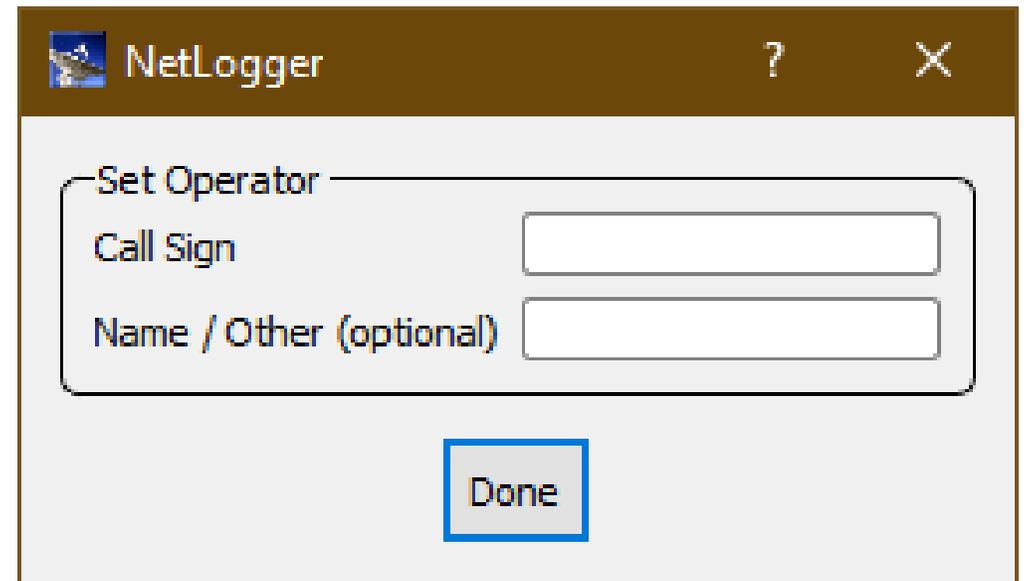
# Opening NetLogger the First Time

- Type **NetLogger** in the Windows search block
- Click **Pin to Start**
- Click **Open**
- Can also press **Start Button** and navigate to **NetLogger**



# Entering Your Info The First Time

- Enter **Call Sign** and **Preferred Name** (what you'd like Net Control to call you)
- Click **Done**
- These can be changed later if needed from the menu



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "NetLogger" with a question mark icon and a close button (X). The dialog box contains a section titled "Set Operator" with two input fields: "Call Sign" and "Name / Other (optional)". A "Done" button is located at the bottom of the dialog box.

Set Operator	
Call Sign	<input type="text"/>
Name / Other (optional)	<input type="text"/>

Done



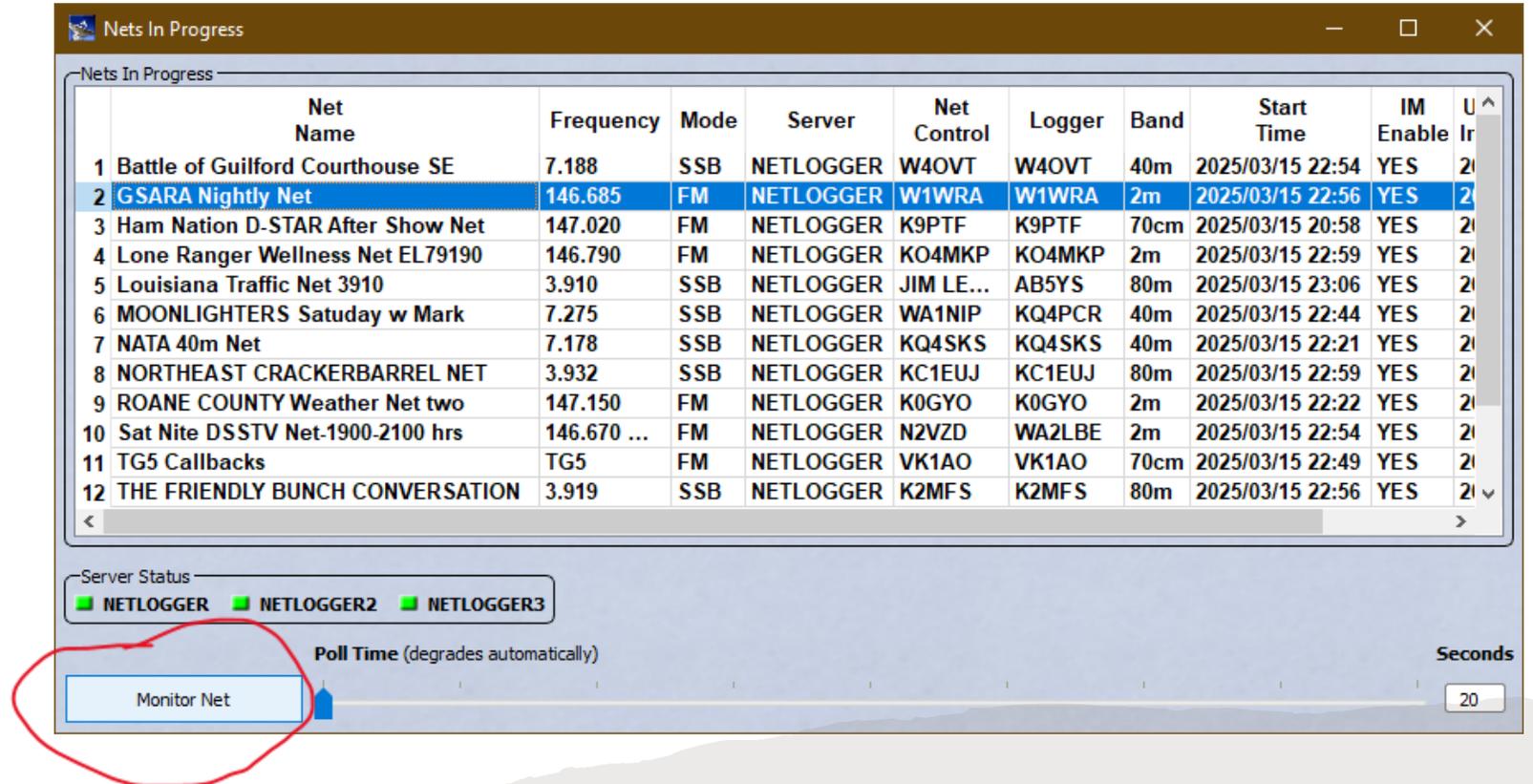


# Using NetLogger as a Regular Check-In



# View and Select a Net

- Click **Select Net**
- Scroll to desired net
- Click the **net name**
- Click **Monitor Net**





# My Screen Arrangement – Monitor Window Shown

The screenshot displays a software interface for monitoring a radio net. The main window is titled "Monitors - Hudson Valley NY NTS ...". It features a "Net Monitors" window in the top-left corner, a main control panel, and an "IM - Hudson Valley NY NTS Net" window on the right.

**Net Monitors Window:**

#	Call/ID	Name	Version	Status
1	KV2J	LYNN	v3.1....	Checked In
2	KC2UXA	BOB	v3.1....	Checked In
4	KC2HEI		v3.1....	Lurking
5	N2BOC	BOB	v3.1....	Lurking
6	KE8VZA	ERIC	v3.1....	Lurking

**Main Control Panel:**

Net: Hudson Valley NY NTS Net Profile: \*NONE\* Timeout: 30  
146.970 Mode: FM Band: 2m NCS: K2MJR Logger: KV2J  
Buttons: M Window, View Monitors, Log Contact

**QSL List:**

QSL Info	City	Name	Status	RST Rcvd	RST Sent	County
	Poughkeepsie	Michelle J Roet... (nc)				Dutc...
LoTW/ Direct	LaGrangeville	Jasper Fox Sr				Dutc...
	Poughkeepsie	Carl S Wood				Dutc...
Send me a ca...	Poughkeepsie	Lynn K Rightmyer (log)				Dutc...
	Rye Brook	Anthony A Tiso II				West...
	Fishkill	Michael G Boy...				Dutc...
	Hopewell Junct...	George E Bene...				Dutc...
	Florida	Robert D Cook Jr				Orange
QSL DIRECT ...	Campbell Hall	Louis A Giovan...				Orange

**IM - Hudson Valley NY NTS Net Window:**

Almost Instant Messages

23:34: \*\*\* STARTED MONITORING \*\*\* Hudson Valley NY NTS Net

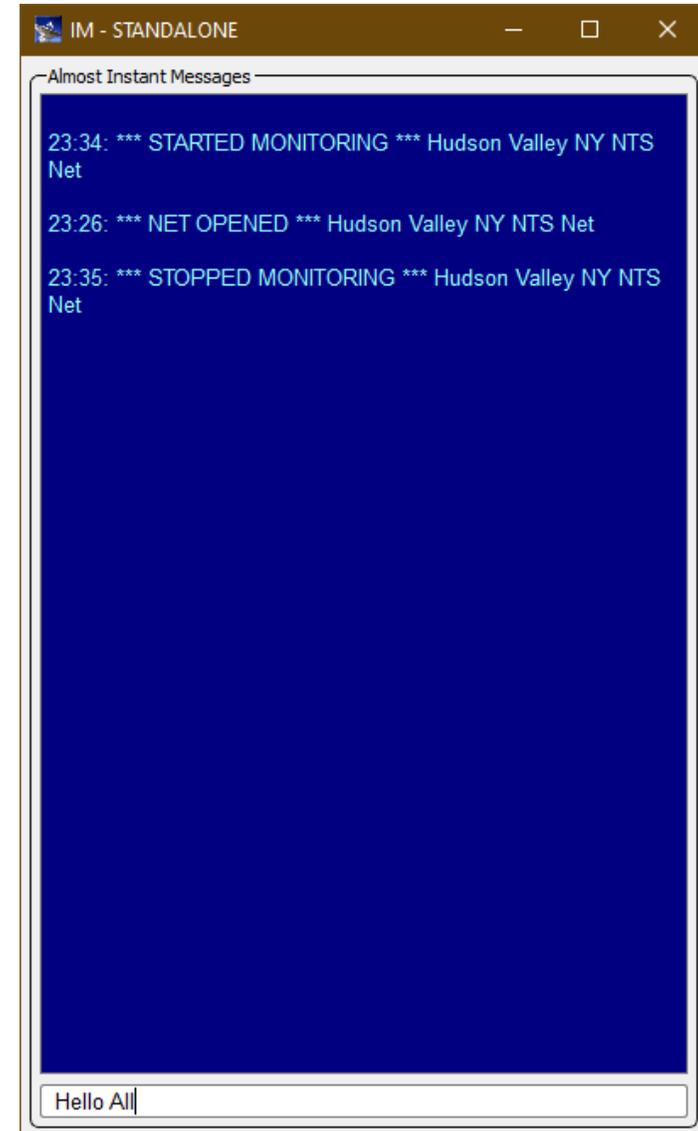
23:26: \*\*\* NET OPENED \*\*\* Hudson Valley NY NTS Net

Type your message here.



# AIM Window

- AIM = Almost Instant Messenger
- Click the blue **AIM Window** button on the main NetLogger screen
- Type a message at the bottom of the AIM window and press **Enter** to send it
- Usually a delay before you see it in the window



# Leaving a Net



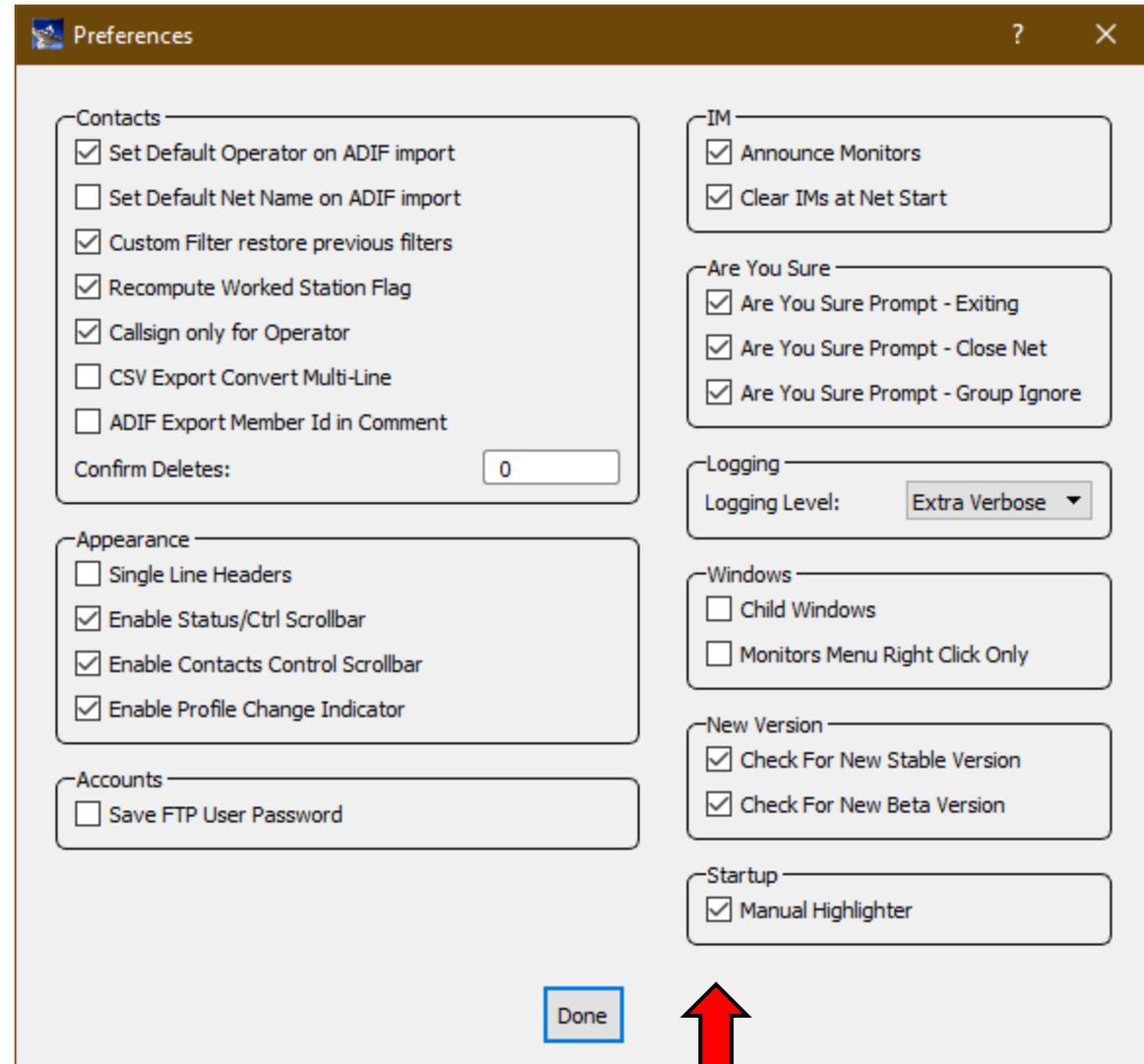
- Click the **Stop Monitoring** Button
- Close NetLogger or select a new net
- You can have more than one NetLogger window open at the same time

# Using NetLogger as a Net Control Station



# Manual Highlighter Option

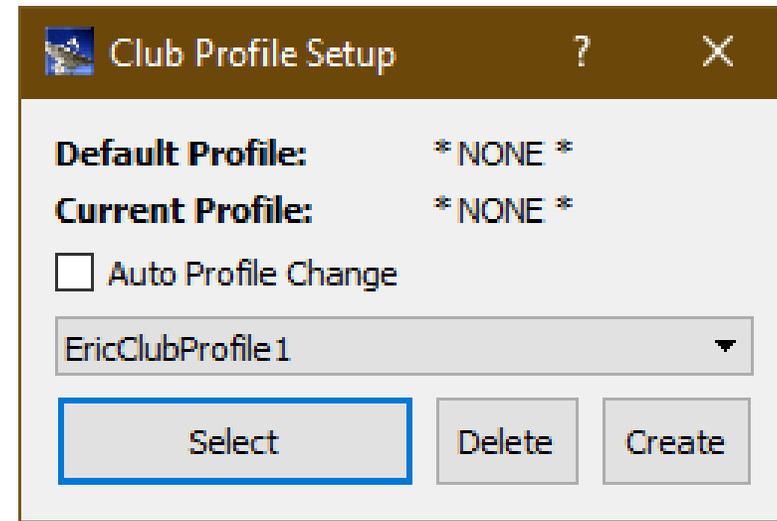
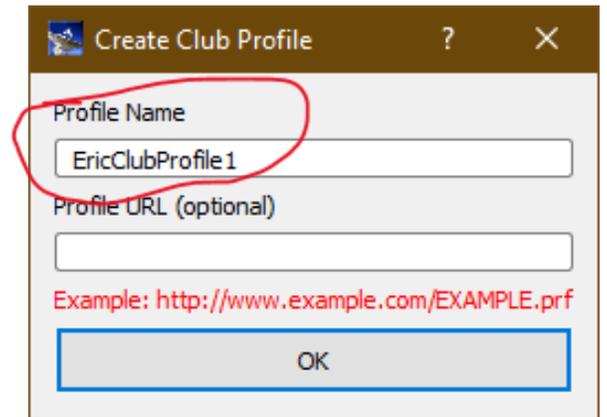
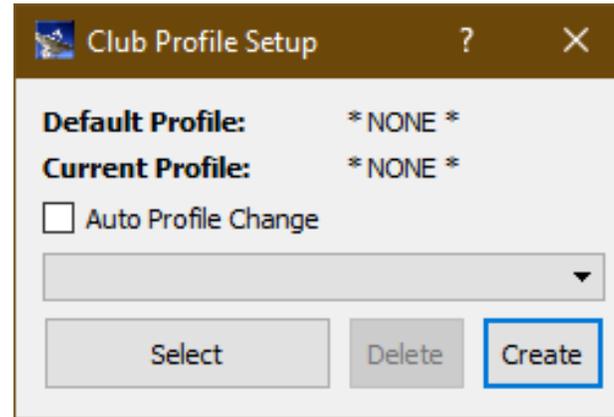
- Optional, but highly recommended
- From the menu select **Edit, Preferences**
- Select **Manual Highlighter**
- Click **Done**
- Will allow you to edit rows without moving the pink bar off of the current station
- Will always be selected when NetLogger is started

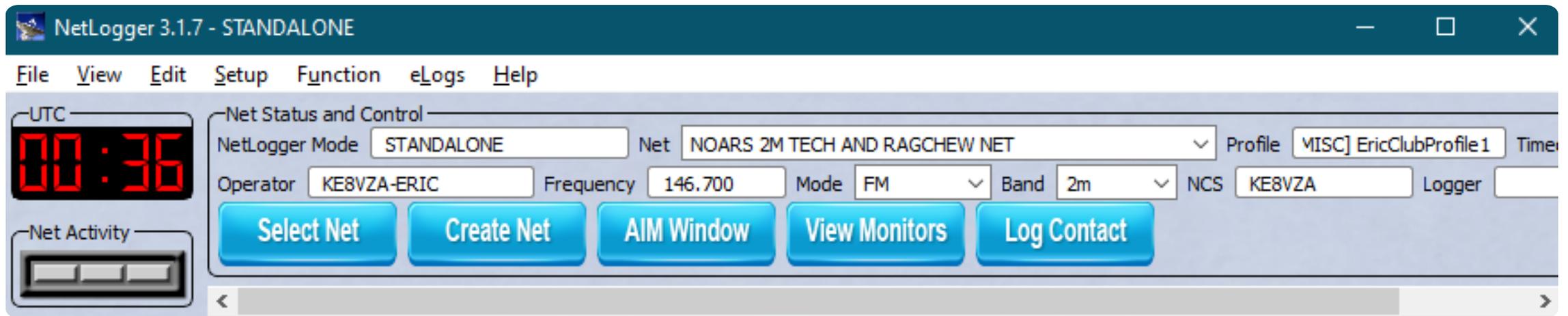


# Create a Club Profile - Optional

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- A Club Profile File is a place to store edits that you may make to the station info displayed such as Preferred Name
- From the menu, select **Setup, Club Profile**
- Click **Create**
- Enter a name – whatever you want to call it, it's just for your use
- Skip URL
- Click **OK**
- **Select** your newly created profile





# Create a Net Profile - Optional

- A Net Profile will allow you to recall net info for the same net each time
- Type a name in the **Net** name block
- This name will be displayed in the NetLogger list of nets online when the net is created
- Enter net info at the top of the NetLogger screen
- From the menu, select **Function, Add/Update Current Net**

# Enter QRZ Login Info - Optional

- Makes logging easier
- You need to have a paid QRZ subscription of at least the XML user level
- Station QRZ info automatically pulled in
- Allows for confirmation of call signs
- From the menu select **Setup, Accounts**
- Enter your QRZ User Id and Password
- Click **Done**

Account Setup

QRZ XML Account Setup

QRZ Paid Subscription REQUIRED!

Enable Online QRZ Callbook Lookups

Account

Password

eQSL Account Setup

Use call sign for account name

Account

Ask for password at upload/status time

Password

LoTW Account Setup

Use call sign for account name

Account

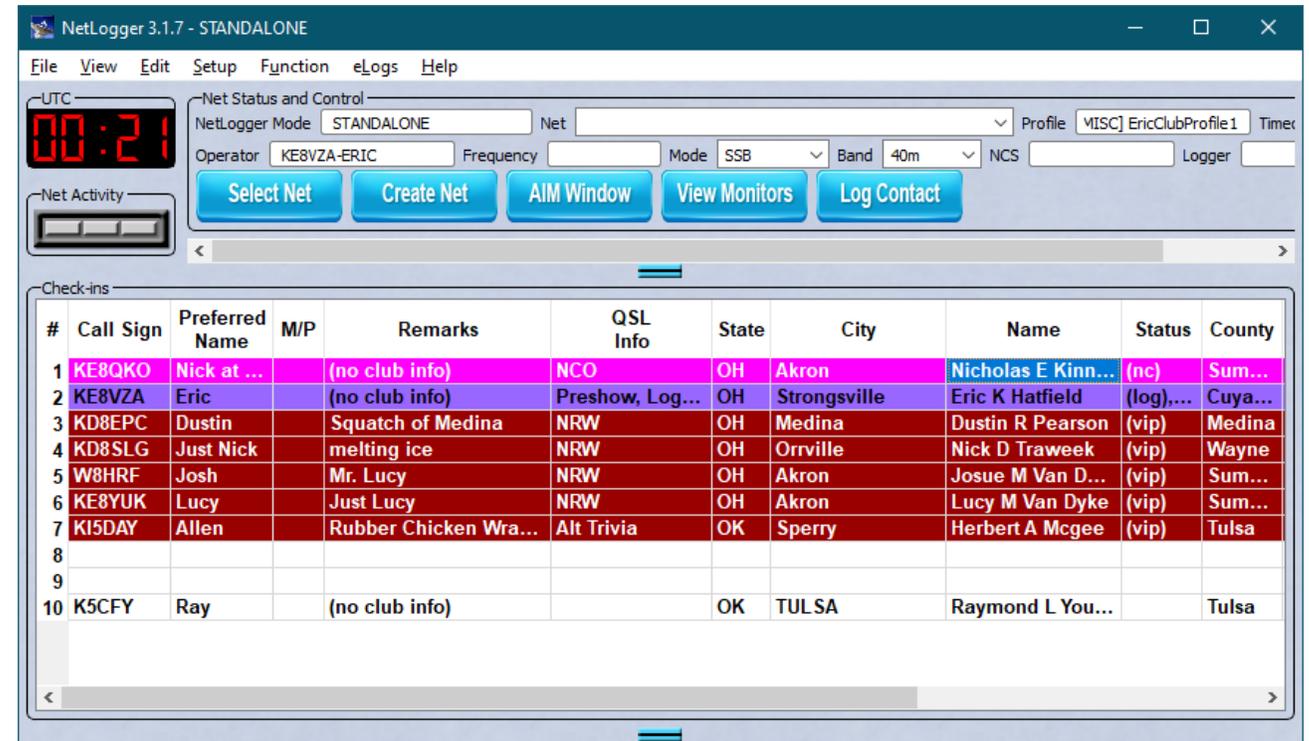
Ask for password at status check time

Password

Done

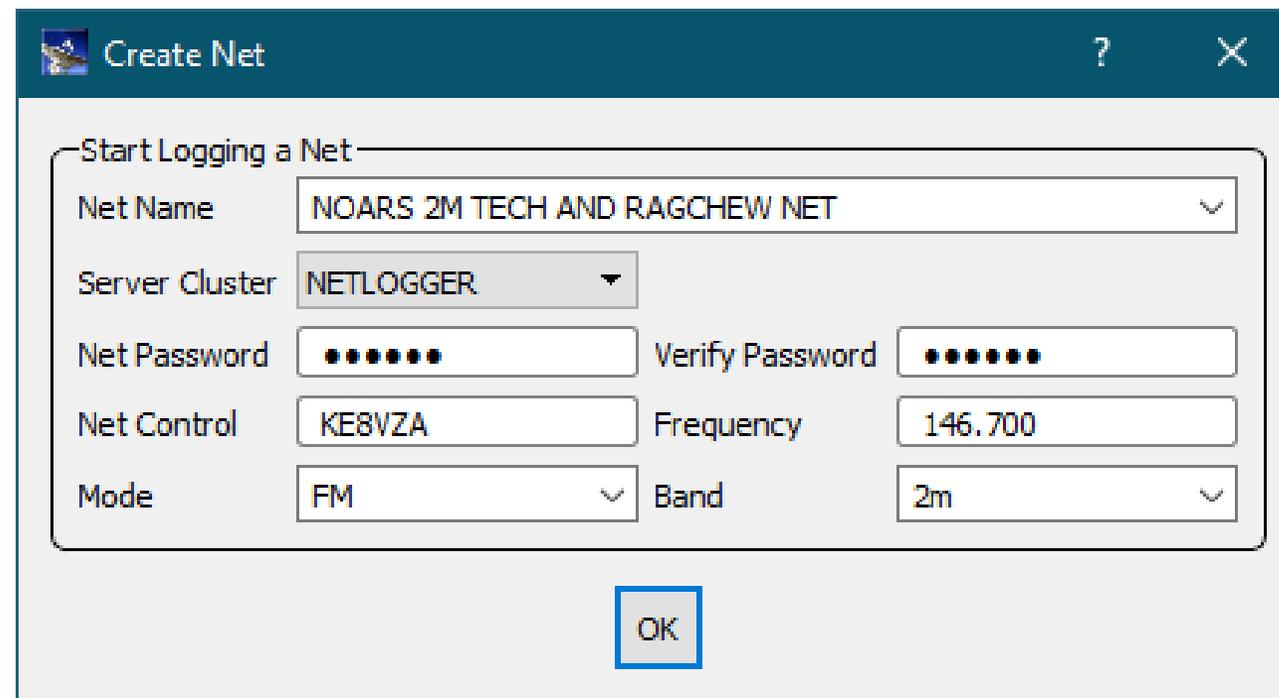
# Optional Pre-Net Prep

- Type call signs into the Check-Ins window beginning with the Net Control Station
- Add any other call signs for stations assisting the NCS, like a Logger, or others
- Highlight stations to identify their function, i.e. NCS
  - Right-Click the station's row
  - Select **Net Official Status, Net Control Status**
  - There are Function Keys for some, i.e. **F5** to check out a station
- Save this file for future nets as a starting point
  - **File, Save Check-Ins**
  - Give it a meaningful name
  - Open it for future nets with **File, Open Check-Ins file**



# Create a New Net

- Click the **Create Net** Button
- Select the **Net Name** from the drop down box OR type a Net Name
- This is how the Net Name will be displayed online
- Enter a **password** – make it easy to remember
- The password prevents or allows someone else to take over logging from their computer
- Click **OK**



# My Screen Arrangement – Main Net Window Selected

The screenshot displays a Windows desktop environment. The primary window is NetLogger 3.1.7, titled "Hudson Valley NY NTS Net". The application interface includes a menu bar (File, View, Edit, Setup, Function, eLogs, Help), a digital clock showing 23:35, and a "Net Status and Control" section with fields for Net (Hudson Valley NY NTS Net), Profile (\*NONE\*), Timeout (30), Operator (KEBVZA-ERIC), Frequency (146.970), Mode (FM), Band (2m), NCS (K2MJR), and Logger (KV2J). Below this are buttons for "Stop Monitoring", "Start Logging", "AIM Window", "View Monitors", and "Log Contact".

The main area of NetLogger is a "Check-ins" table with the following data:

#	Call Sign	M/P	State	Member Id	Remarks	QSL Info	City	Name	Status	RST Rcvd	RST Sent	Count
1	K2MJR		NY		(no club info)		Poughkeepsie	Michelle J Roet...	(nc)			Dutc.
2	NK2Y		NY		(no club info)	LoTW/ Direct	LaGrangeville	Jasper Fox Sr				Dutc.
3	W2OOD		NY		(no club info)		Poughkeepsie	Carl S Wood				Dutc.
4	KV2J		NY		(no club info)	Send me a ca...	Poughkeepsie	Lynn K Rightmyer	(log)			Dutc.
5	N2TSO		NY		(no club info)		Rye Brook	Anthony A Tiso II				West.
6	KD2RSM		NY		(no club info)		Fishkill	Michael G Boy...				Dutc.
7	KE2DXO		NY		(no club info)		Hopewell Junct...	George E Bene...				Dutc.
8	KC2UXA		NY		(no club info)		Florida	Robert D Cook Jr				Oranç
9	KB2DHG		NY		(no club info)	QSL DIRECT ...	Campbell Hall	Louis A Giovan...				Oranç
10	N2BOC		NY		(no club info)		Wappingers Falls	Robert David				Dutc.
11	KC2HEI		NY		(no club info)	LOTW E-QSL	WAPPINGERS F...	Michael A Tebolt				Dutc.
12												
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To the right of the NetLogger window is an "IM - Hudson Valley NY NTS Net" window showing "Almost Instant Messages". The messages are:

- 23:34: \*\*\* STARTED MONITORING \*\*\* Hudson Valley NY NTS Net
- 23:26: \*\*\* NET OPENED \*\*\* Hudson Valley NY NTS Net

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar, system tray, and the date/time: 7:35 PM, 3/15/2025.

# Entering Check-Ins

- Type **call sign**
- Press **Enter**
- Type the **next call sign**
- Press **Enter**
- Etc.

#	Call Sign	Preferred Name	M/P
1	KE8VZA	Eric	
2	N8FDY	Thomas	
3	K2WJS	William	
4	N8AHS	Frederick	
5			
6			
7			
8			

# CHANGE STATION INFO

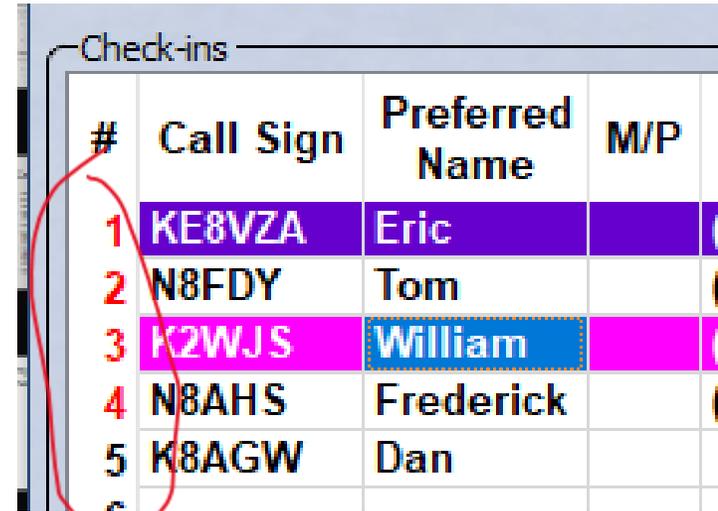
- Edit station info such as Preferred Name
- **Click on the cell** you wish to edit and make the changes
- Press **Tab** key after each edit
- **Right-click** on that station's row
- Select **Add/Update Club Info**
- Your edits are saved to your Club Profile for future nets

#	Call Sign	Preferred Name	M
1	KE8VZA	Eric	
2	N8FDY	Thomas	
3	K2WJS	William	
4	N8AHS	Frederick	
5	K8AGW	Dan	

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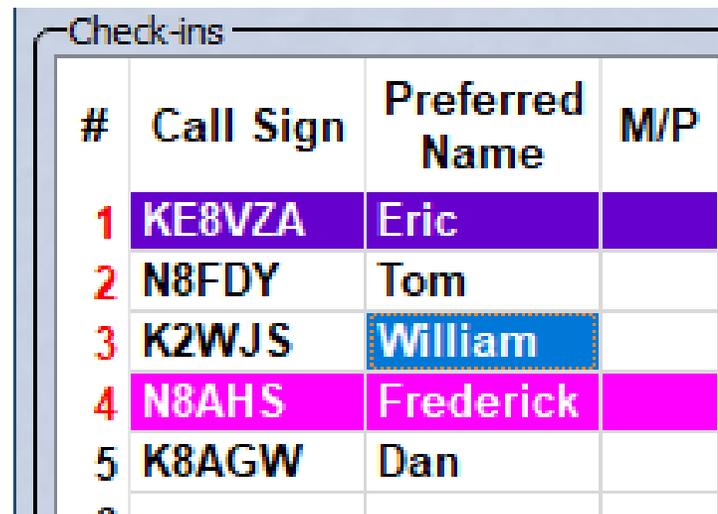
# Indicating the Current Station

- To move the pink bar to the station whose turn it is, **click on the row number** at the left side



A screenshot of a software interface titled "Check-ins" showing a table with five rows. The columns are "#", "Call Sign", "Preferred Name", and "M/P". The rows are: 1 KE8VZA Eric, 2 N8FDY Tom, 3 K2WJS William, 4 N8AHS Frederick, and 5 K8AGW Dan. A red circle highlights the row numbers in the first column. The row for K2WJS (William) is highlighted with a pink bar, and the "Preferred Name" cell "William" is highlighted with a blue bar.

#	Call Sign	Preferred Name	M/P
1	KE8VZA	Eric	
2	N8FDY	Tom	
3	K2WJS	William	
4	N8AHS	Frederick	
5	K8AGW	Dan	



A screenshot of the same "Check-ins" software interface. The table data is identical to the previous screenshot. However, the pink bar is now positioned over row 4 (N8AHS Frederick), and the blue bar is now over the "Preferred Name" cell "Frederick".

#	Call Sign	Preferred Name	M/P
1	KE8VZA	Eric	
2	N8FDY	Tom	
3	K2WJS	William	
4	N8AHS	Frederick	
5	K8AGW	Dan	

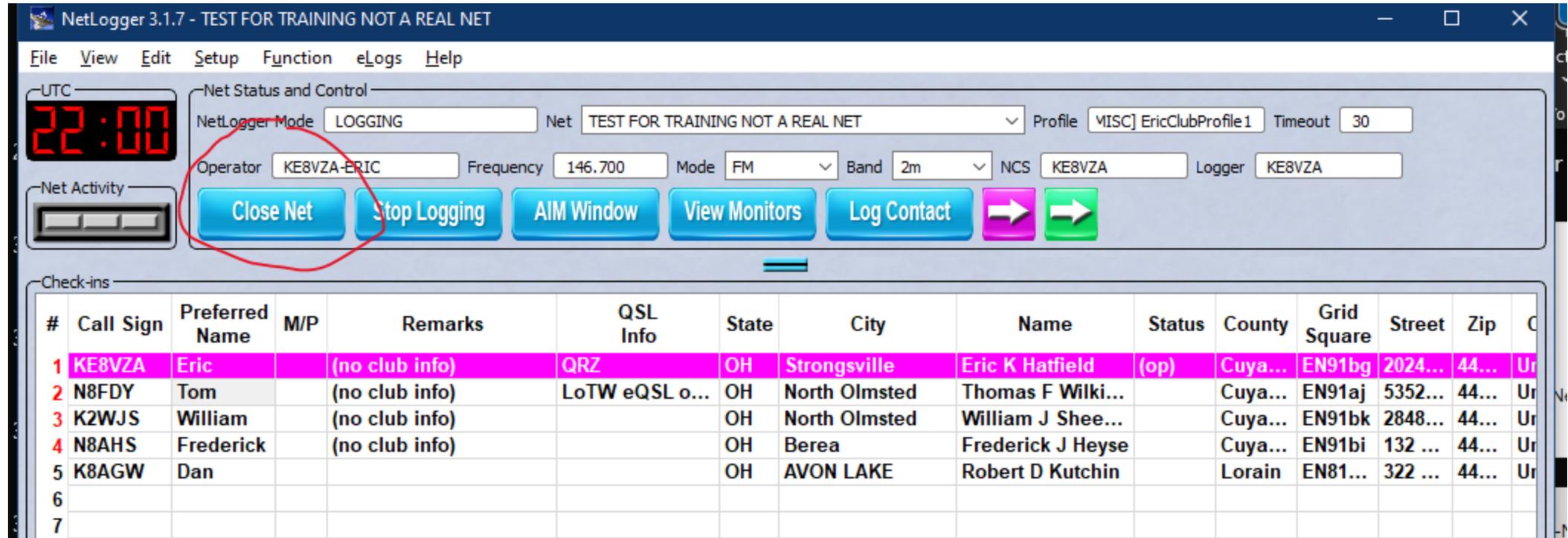
# Checking Stations Out

- Press **F5**
- Or **Right-Click** and select **Set Checked Out Status (c/o)**
- Checked Out rows are shaded gray
- There are other status colors available from this same Right-Click menu

Check-ins			
#	Call Sign	Preferred Name	M/P
1	KE8VZA	Eric	
2	N8FDY	Tom	
3	K2WJS	William	
4	N8AHS	Frederick	
5	K8AGW	Dan	

Check-ins			
#	Call Sign	Preferred Name	M/P
1	KE8VZA	Eric	
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3	K2WJS	William	
4	N8AHS	Frederick	
5	K8AGW	Dan	

# Ending A Net



The screenshot shows the NetLogger 3.1.7 interface. The title bar reads "NetLogger 3.1.7 - TEST FOR TRAINING NOT A REAL NET". The menu bar includes File, View, Edit, Setup, Function, eLogs, and Help. The main interface is divided into several sections:

- UTC:** A digital clock showing 22:00.
- Net Status and Control:** Contains fields for NetLogger Mode (LOGGING), Net (TEST FOR TRAINING NOT A REAL NET), Profile (MISC] EricClubProfile1), and Timeout (30).
- Operator:** KE8VZA-ERIC
- Frequency:** 146.700
- Mode:** FM
- Band:** 2m
- NCS:** KE8VZA
- Logger:** KE8VZA

Below these fields is a row of buttons: "Close Net", "Stop Logging", "AIM Window", "View Monitors", "Log Contact", and two arrow buttons. The "Close Net" button is circled in red.

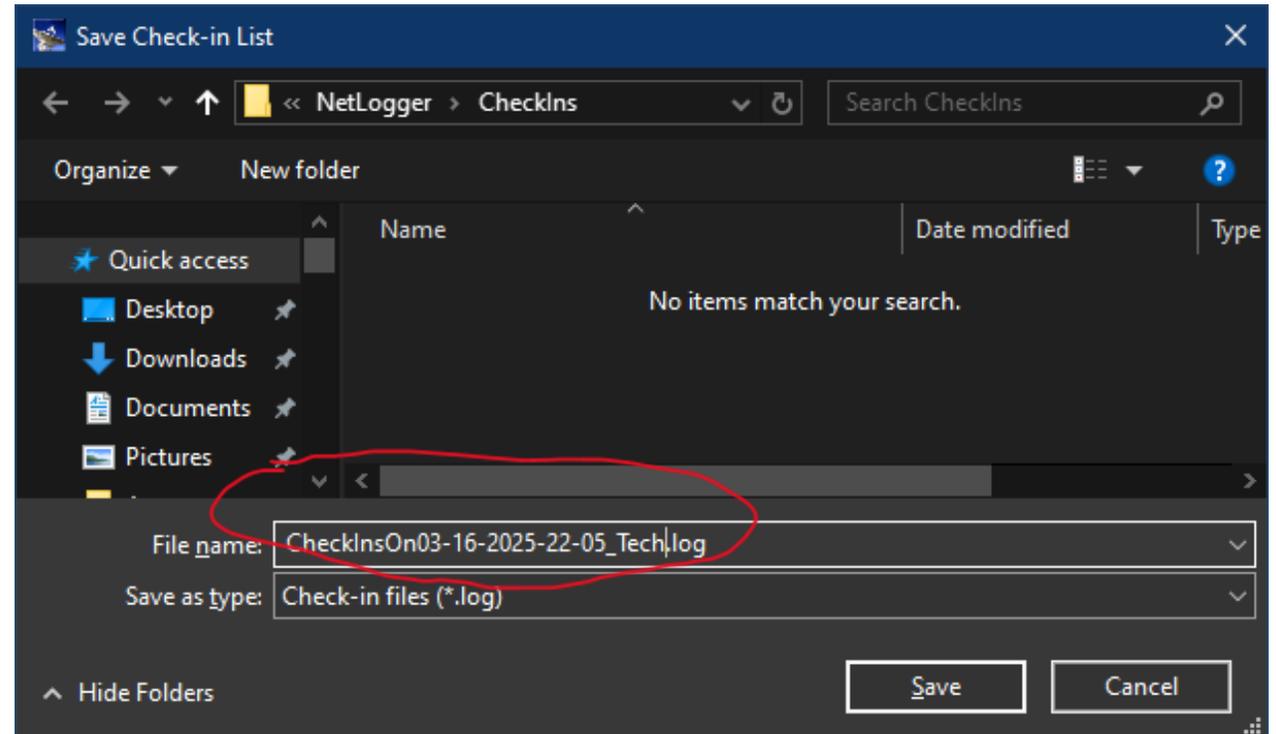
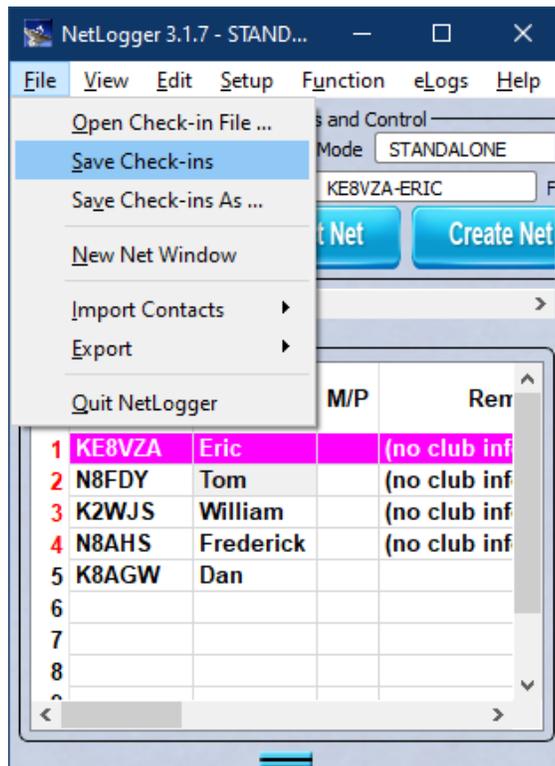
**Check-ins:** A table with the following columns: #, Call Sign, Preferred Name, M/P, Remarks, QSL Info, State, City, Name, Status, County, Grid Square, Street, Zip, and C. The table contains five entries:

#	Call Sign	Preferred Name	M/P	Remarks	QSL Info	State	City	Name	Status	County	Grid Square	Street	Zip	C
1	KE8VZA	Eric		(no club info)	QRZ	OH	Strongsville	Eric K Hatfield	(op)	Cuya...	EN91bg	2024...	44...	Ur
2	N8FDY	Tom		(no club info)	LoTW eQSL o...	OH	North Olmsted	Thomas F Wilki...		Cuya...	EN91aj	5352...	44...	Ur
3	K2WJS	William		(no club info)		OH	North Olmsted	William J Shee...		Cuya...	EN91bk	2848...	44...	Ur
4	N8AHS	Frederick		(no club info)		OH	Berea	Frederick J Heyse		Cuya...	EN91bi	132 ...	44...	Ur
5	K8AGW	Dan				OH	AVON LAKE	Robert D Kutchin		Lorain	EN81...	322 ...	44...	Ur
6														
7														

- Click the **Close Net** Button
- **DO NOT FORGET TO CLOSE THE NET**

# Save The Check-In List

- **File, Save Check-Ins**
- Default file name includes date and time (UTC)
- I usually accept the default file name and add a suffix at the end indicating the net name, i.e. Tech
- Make any changes to the file name and click **Save**



# Close Net Logger

- Click the **X** button in the upper right corner of the NetLogger window
- Click **Yes**
- This will close the Monitors and AIM windows also

