



Greetings from Richard Garriott, W5KWQ,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has now been eight months since my trip to space, and our opportunity to speak together from space. I have finally managed to sort through the more than 500 two way contacts I made, and look up everyone's call signs from the web to get names and addresses for everyone. Thus, I am now at last sending you this QSL card confirming our contact from the ISS in October.

I must tell you that my time in space was greatly enhanced by my participation with you and the rest of the ham community. My ham radio activities were by far the most challenging and rewarding thing I did during my time in space. I loved sending the SSTV images via the VC-H1. I also loved speaking to individuals and schools around the globe.

I was consistently amazed at how well connected, capable and passionate the global ham community is! It gave me great joy to see how people on the ground seemed to get such a kick out of connecting with me on the space station. I thank you for such a welcome into the ham community!

It was a great honor to be able to follow in the footsteps of my father, not just to space, but into the world of ham radio in space. Thanks for supporting me on my quest to do so, and I hope you too enjoyed it all as much as it seemed the community at large did!

Sincerely,



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