

Protecting your MeshCore Companion Memory & Contacts List During Band Enhancements or Drone/Aircraft Incursions:

(Courtesy: Athens Ohio Area MeshCore Network - July, 2026)

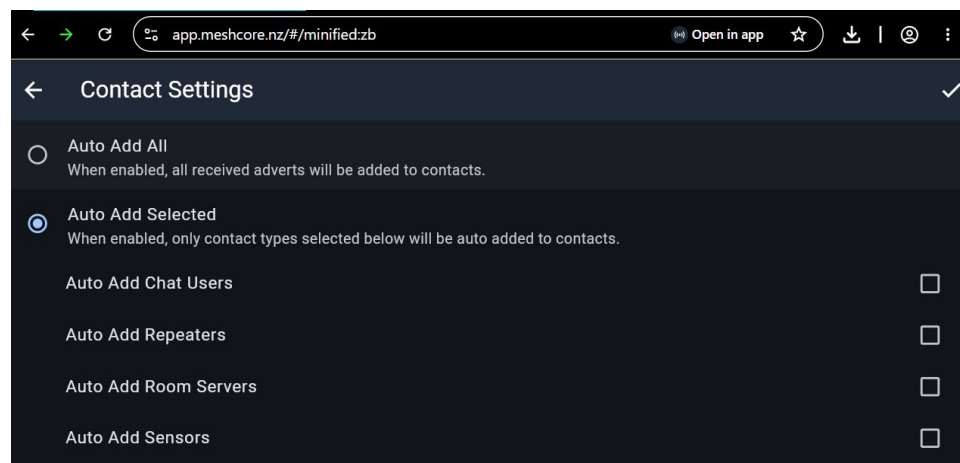
Introduction and Overview:

From time to time, our MeshCore Public Channel is overloaded by distant adverts caused by atmospheric conditions, or drone/aircraft node encroachments. Without protective measures, these events can quickly corrupt our Contacts lists and fill up our Companion memory capacity. During these events, it is best to switch to the Athens OH Area Local MeshCore channel. As of July 2026, most MeshCore Companion apps automatically save any incoming adverts,...known or unknown,... to our Contacts list. The steps below disable this behavior while still allowing you to decide which new adverts you wish to actually save, and which to delete.

Disable Advert Auto-Save:

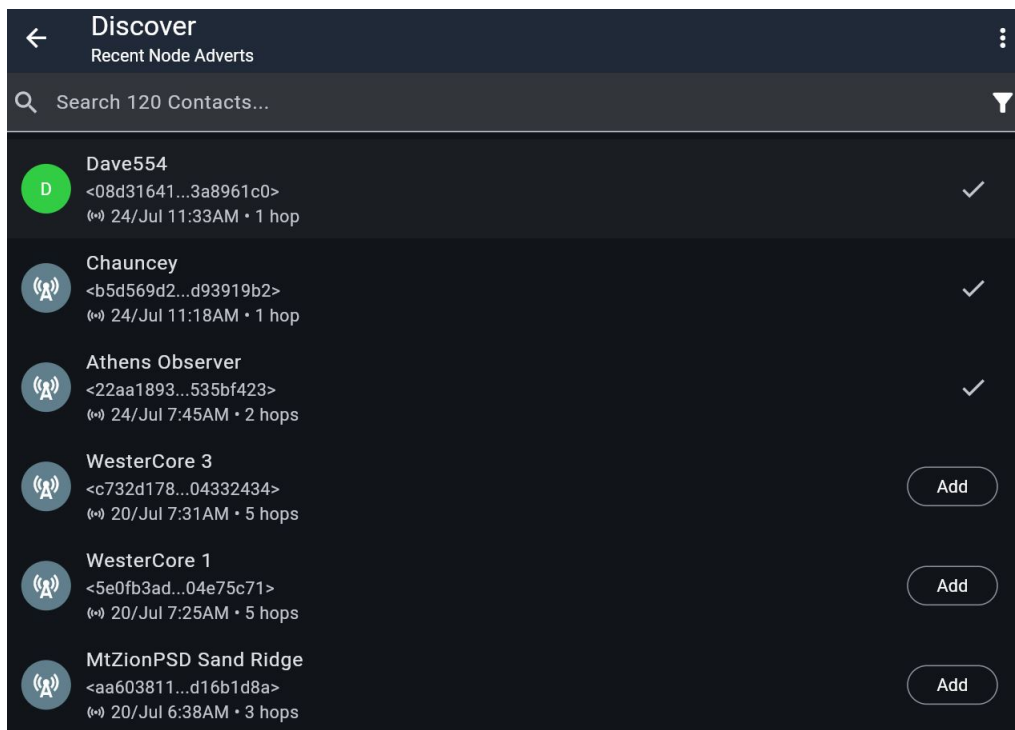
- (1) Go to the CONTACTS or CHANNELS page.
- (2) Select the GEAR WHEEL icon upper right
This will take you to your Companion's internal settings
- (3) Scroll down to "Other Settings"
- (4) Select "Contact Settings" (see below)
- (5) Configure your checkboxes/radio buttons as shown, unless you specifically want some node categories to be automatically added to your Contacts List.

IMPORTANT: Review your choices, and **BE SURE TO** tick the **CHECK MARK** at the upper right of the screen to save your choices.



Review Adverts Received, but not yet Saved:

- (1) Go to your CONTACTS page.
- (2) Select 3-dot icon far upper right
- (3) Select DISCOVER CONTACTS
This list should include any contact adverts you have received, but have yet to be added to your contacts list. (see screenshot below)
- (4) Review this list, which can be quite large during/after band openings.
- (5) Click ADD button for any you wish to keep.
- (6) To DELETE ALL you do NOT want to save:
 - (a) While on the DISCOVER page, click 3-dot menu icon upper right
 - (b) Select CLEAR DISCOVER LIST



This screenshot is the aftermath of the July 20, 2026 band enhancements. Note that my Discover (but not saved) list had over 100 Adverts !! (See Upper left of screen next to magnifying glass icon.) In the Discover List above, the top three are valid Athens Area adverts I want to keep. The last three are "discovered but not saved" adverts ready to be deleted. If you re-flash your Companion firmware, please review these settings again to be sure they have not been changed in the process.

Questions always welcome via Dave or Ted.

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