NYSPTEN NET CONTROL "REFERENCE TEXT/LOG"

Net start time _____

Calling the New York State Phone Traffic and Emergency Net (call twice).

This is _____ (call sign – *use phonetics!*). My name is: _____ and my location is: _____ in _____ County. This is a directed net which meets daily at 6 PM local time on or near this frequency.   When checking in give your call. If you have traffic, say only the word "traffic" after your call. You need not be a member to check in.

This is _____ (call sign – *use phonetics!*) and the NYSPTEN .

Stations with traffic, please call now…..

Mobile, portable, short timer, or QRP Stations with or without traffic – please call now

Stations from any area, inside or outside of NY state, with or without traffic, you need not be a member, please call now….

Callup--start as listed above (check off when informal complete)

	Call Sign	Tfc	Informal Complete			Call Sign	Tfc	Informal Complete
1					16			
2					17			
3					18			
4					19			
5					20			
6					21			
7					22			
8					23			
9					24			
10					25			
11					26			
12					27			
13					28			
14					29			
15					30			

Informals – *encourage that they be kept short; especially if conditions are rough or time running short.*

*When closing the net, remind everyone that the 2nd Region net starts in X minutes (NYSPTEN **must** end by 6:30 PM*

Traffic:

	Station listing	**MSG Going to:**	**Station receiving msg**	comments
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

When doing the informals try to have a callup after every two or three informals. (Traffic should be handled as listed; before additional informals if someone is available to take the traffic). If time permits a second pass through the informals may be appropriate to keep the net going.

After all informals are completed (if time/conditions permit), send a message to WO2H minimally containing:

Msg nbr

Nbr checkins (remember to include yourself!)

Nbr traffic (including this message)

Nbr minutes

This has been a regular session of the NYSPTEN, I would like to thank all stations participating in this evening's session. Net control for tomorrow's session is expected to be (callsign and name) _____. This is _____ (callsign) signing the net and its member's clear at _____ (time) and returning the frequency to other amateur use.

Tips for Beginning Net Control Operators

Here in northwest Ohio, we have acquired many new hams and encourage them to operate as net control station (NCS) for various routine nets to gain them experience, providing us with a pool of competent net controllers in the event of an emergency/disaster. Here are some of the basic tips we convey to our novice net control stations for a smoothly running net:

· Get a glass of water or something to drink.

· Make yourself comfortable. Sit in a good location with plenty of room on a desk or table to write.

· Have a good writing instrument and a back-up along with an extra piece of paper in case you need to jot down notes.

· Take your time; go at your own pace. Remember, you are in control of the net and the frequency.

· Don't worry about making mistakes; there are no mistakes to be made.

· To handle the crowd that is trying to check in, you will develop your own way.

· Stop stations from checking in ("Let's hold it for a minute") until you are caught up.

· Weak stations and stations that give their call signs too fast, are always a problem -- skip them at first. Go back later for repeats.

· Write your log as you see fit. You are the one that has to read it.

· Headphones are a good idea -- they help you focus on what you are hearing and help keep you from getting distracted.

As I mentioned before, there are no mistakes, only experience. When you've finished the net that is what you will have. -- *Steve Bellner, W8TER, Maumee, Ohio*