

OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES

Ohio Single Sideband Net preamble:

"This is the Ohio Single Sideband Net, a part of the Ohio Section of the National Traffic System. We meet three times daily to handle traffic. This is a directed net and net control will control the net. Your net control is _____, my name is _____, and I am located at _____. Stations desiring to break the net, please use your call sign."

MORNING CALL UP

EMERGENCY/PRIORITY TRAFFIC

MOBILES/RELAYS
8th REGION PHONE REP

STATIONS WITH TRAFFIC
STATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC

AFTERNOON CALL UP

EMERGENCY/PRIORITY TRAFFIC
MOBILES/RELAYS
8th REGION PHONE REP

8th REGION CW REP
STATIONS WITH TRAFFIC
STATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC

EVENING CALL UP

EMERGENCY/PRIORITY TRAFFIC
MOBILES/RELAYS
OUT OF STATE STATIONS WITH TRAFFIC
8TH REGION CW REP
INDEPENDENT REP
AKRON, CANTON, MASSILON
CINCINNATI, HAMILTON, MIDDLETOWN
CLEVELAND, CONNEAUT, SANDUSKY
COLUMBUS, CENTRAL OHIO
DAYTON, SPRINGFIELD, PIQUA
LIMA, VAN WERT, FINDLAY, WREN
MARION, MANSFIELD, WOOSTER
TIFFIN, TOLEDO, NORTHWEST OHIO
YOUNGSTOWN, WARREN STEUBENVILLE
ZANESVILLE, PORTSMOUTH, MARIETTA,
ST. CLAIRSVILLE, WEST UNION, SOUTHEAST OHIO
STATIONS INSIDE THE STATE
STATIONS ANYWHERE

NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM NETS (LOCAL TIME)

8 th Region Phone (Early)	12:30 PM	7235 KHz
		3865 KHz
8 th Region Phone (Late)	4:30 PM	3865 KHz
		7237 KHz
DEAN (MON-FRI)	2:30 PM	7243 KHz
DEAN (SAT, SUN) CW	2:30 PM	7050 KHz
8 th Region CW	7:45 PM, 9:30 PM	3533 KHz
EAN CW	8:30 PM	3670 KHz

SECTION NETS

OSSBN	10:30 AM, 4:15 PM, 6:45 PM	3972.5 KHz
ALTERNATE FREQUENCY		3968 KHz
ALTERNATE FREQUENCY 40m		7272 KHz
BN (CW NET)	6:45 PM, 10:00 PM	3577 KHz
OSN (CW NET)	6:00 PM	3535.5 KHz

OPERATING PROCEDURES

CHECKING IN: When checking in, indicate to the net control whether or not you have traffic. Do not list your traffic until you have been recognized. If you have traffic containing common parts, such as text and signature, inform NCS so that he can assign appropriate stations to receive it. Then transmit the common parts first so that all receive stations may copy at one time. After which, send numbers and addresses to the designated stations.

CHECK COUNT: After receiving a message, see that the check agrees. If it doesn't, read the message back for confirmation. Do not ask the transmitting station to read it again.

ACCURACY: Make sure you have copied the message exactly as it was sent, including the call of the station from which you accepted the traffic. Do not take anything for granted.

PHONETICS: Use phonetics only when conditions are poor, or if you need to spell an unusual word, or one that has letters that sound the same, and then use the standard words such as "alpha" "bravo" etc. Don't make up your own words.

CHECKING OUT: If you need to leave the net within 15 minutes after completion of the callup, please ask to be excused by NCS. In the PM net, this time frame should be extended to the return of the D8RN rep. If nothing is coming your way after that time, you may leave at your discretion.

ROUTING TRAFFIC: Please do not tell NCS you can handle traffic for a certain area until the NCS asks. It only causes confusion and there may be stations from your area already checked in and waiting for the traffic.

OUT OF STATE TRAFFIC: Should be listed by destination and moved as quickly as possible so the liaison stations can keep their schedules.

LIAISON STATIONS: Should be on frequency at the beginning of net, ready to accept traffic.

PASSING TRAFFIC: Keep your exchanges brief. It is necessary for stations to identify with your call sign after every transaction or brief communication on the net. This will ensure that they will not have to identify at the 10 minute time limit. When instructed to move off frequency, you must identify.

ZERO BEAT: Stay on NCS frequency. In net operations, NCS is never off frequency.

EMERGENCY OPERATION GUIDELINES: The OSSBN may be activated by any net member during an emergency in order to carry out its functions as defined in this section. Operation shall conform to normal net operating procedures.

- Questions arising during such operation regarding operating times, types of messages handled and organization helped shall be resolved by the net manager if available, otherwise by the assistant net manager and if neither is available, by one or more of the advisory board members.
- The OSSBN shall within the limits of its capabilities and those imposed by the emergency condition, maintain scheduled liaisons with regional nets and other appropriate organizations in order to relay messages into and out of the state of Ohio.
- The OSSBN shall provide communications between local ARES nets and organizations serving government and public service agencies within the state of Ohio in cooperation with the Section Emergency Coordinator.
- In recognition of the purposes and functions of the section ARES and the local ARES organizations and their nets, the OSSBN shall not become the exclusive communications facility for any one such organization or government or public service agency.

TRY NOT TO USE "Q" SIGNALS: On a phone net just say what you mean.

LIFE MEMBER STATUS: Any amateur radio operator with 25 years of active service in OSSBN or is 80 years old with 20 years of service may request life member status by sending a radiogram to the net manager or his/her designee.

WHEN INSTRUCTED TO MOVE OFF FREQUENCY: Do it. Do not engage in an "if". Just move so the net can continue. When moving to pass traffic, the receiving station should call.

INFORMALS: Generally the NCS will move you as soon as possible, but remember this is a traffic net and formal traffic takes precedence.

INTERFERENCE: Ignore, ignore, ignore. Do not comment about carriers or intentional garbage. If you have trouble copying, tell the NCS you have trouble with your neighbor's electric blanket or air conditioner making noise, but do not feed the ego of a deliberate troublemaker.

THANK YOU: Your regular participation in the net has made the OSSBN one of the outstanding nets in the country. Please share your ideas with us and if you have the time, we can always use net controls and liaison stations, but if you are not able to do these jobs, just check in regularly. A "flower fund" is maintained by the net and administered by WG8Z. Any contribution should be sent directly to him. This fund is strictly voluntary and is used to defray any expenses that arise.

IF YOU WISH TO BE A NET CONTROL OR A LIAISON STATION, PLEASE LET THE NET MANAGER KNOW.

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ASST. NET MANAGER: KC8WH

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