

# KN5GRK Newsletter

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VE testing at 6:00 PM  
The September General Meeting was cancelled due to severe weather problems.



## Words from the Editor

Hurricane Francine made landfall on Wednesday evening September 12, 2024 as a CAT 2 along the southeast Louisiana coast about 30 miles SSW of Morgan City in Terrebonne Parish. This storm left many along the coast without power and caused major flooding in some areas. Lafayette Parish received very little rain and wind in my neighborhood.



On late Thursday evening September 26, Hurricane Helene came ashore in the Big Bend area on the Florida panhandle coast as a CAT 4 hurricane with winds 140 mph causing widespread damage, tidal surges, flooding and power loss to millions. Helene made its way thru Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia and Tennessee with least 44 persons killed due to storm effects.

At the time I am putting this newsletter together, the Caribbean is still very active and the Gulf Coast may take another hit. Hurricane Season ends on November 30. The National Hurricane Center in Miami, FL had the WX4NHC activated on 14.325 MHz at this time.

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On September 27, 2024, I received this message from Jim Coleman AI5B, Louisiana SEC, that due to the potential for an actual weather related events on Saturday, October 5, 2024, the Louisiana Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be rescheduled to a date later in the year.

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I have been having some difficulties with my internet provider with intermittent cable TV, internet and e-mail problems which have me upset at times. Tech support says that they are making some major software upgrades.

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Beginning with my November newsletter, I plan to include a listing of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) of those celebrating birthdays each month.

*de Herman KN5GRK*

**"The end of summer is not the end of the world.**

**Here is to October..."**

**- A.A. Milne**

**Ham Radio - We Talk to the World!**



## AARA CLUB NEWS

### AARA General Meeting:

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Larry Kebodeaux K5KEB

(337) 581-9490

E-mail him at: [larrykeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:larrykeb@bellsouth.net)

It is time to appoint an Election committee. It consists of Two current board members and two non board members. They are responsible for creating a slate of candidates to serve for the 2025 year. Please reach out to me if you are willing to serve.

73 and Stay Safe

Michael Cavell KI5ARX

AARA President

## ACADIANA 2 METER NET REPORTS September 2024

Net Name	Sessions	Check-ins	Total Time
AARA Monday Night Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Monday	5	86	188
Acadiana SkyWarn Net - 147.040 @ 7:00 PM Tuesday	4	76	197
Silent Key Memorial Net - 146.820 @ 7:00 PM Wednesday	3	54	136
Rag Chew Net - 147.040 @ 8:00 PM Thursday	4	34	770

Results posted on the 1st of the following month.

If the 146.820 is having problems, the alternate frequency will be the 147.040 repeater located in Duson, LA



## Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc. (AARA) VE Test Session Results September 5, 2024



### No VE testing at the September 5th due to bad weather.

When possible, Amateur Radio Examinations (VE Exams) will be conducted prior to the club meetings starting at 6:00 PM. Information regarding VE Exams can be found here:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/VE%20Exams.htm>

Please arrive as early as possible to help insure adequate time is available to complete your exam before the meeting starts.

Anyone needing additional information regarding VE Exams should contact Greg Dolan K5LFT at:

[k5lft@arri.net](mailto:k5lft@arri.net)

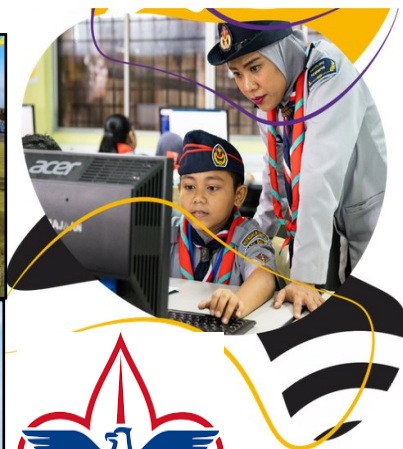


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## Get Ready for JOTA/JOTI

JOTA JOTI Jamboree on the Air Jamboree on the Internet

[Jamboree On - The - Air \(JOTA\) and Jamboree On - The - Internet \(JOTI\)](#) is the world's largest digital Scout event using amateur radio and the internet. The event, to be held October 18 - 20, 2024, connects scouts worldwide for a full weekend of online activities that promote friendship and global citizenship.

Millions of scouts participate and during the 2014 event, worldwide Scouting participation included 1.1 million Boy Scouts and 200,000 [Girl Guides/Girl Scouts](#), for a total participation of over 1.3 million--the largest Scouting event in the world.

Amateur radio operators use their stations to allow the scouts to make contacts. While many scouts are licensed radio operators, the majority participate in JOTA/JOTI through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs. Some operators use television or computer-linked communications.

Throughout the years, JOTA/JOTI amateur radio stations have been set up in unusual locations including the top of a mountain or on a boat. The event also features a variety of informal education activities, including webinars, global campfires, talent shows, live shows, fun challenges and more through an interactive 3D campsite.

More information about JOTA/JOTI, including rules, regulations, callsigns and worldwide frequencies can be found at [Jamboree on the Air \(JOTA\) \(arrl.org\)](#). Additional information is available in the [JOTA-JOTI Ham Radio Handbook](#).



Mark your calendars:  
JOTA-JOTI 2024 is coming October 18-20!

See you October 18th—20th, 2024



## Should I Submit A Log?

15 September 2024 by Bob KØNR

Lately, I've been getting questions about whether a ham needs to log radio contacts, whether they need to submit a log, and how to do it. Logging is a complex topic that can require a long and detailed explanation, but I am going to focus on the questions I've been hearing lately. I'll also provide some links for further investigation. For starters, the ARRL has a good introduction to logging.

### Why Keep A Log?

The FCC does not require you to log your amateur radio contacts. Many radio amateurs, especially if they just operate casually on 2m and 70 cm, don't bother to keep a log. Probably the most common reason for having a log is to have a record of your radio contacts, in terms of stations worked, on what band and what conditions. This might be just for your own personal satisfaction or you might want to keep track of these contacts so you can get credit for an award, such as the ARRL Worked All States award.

### Paper or Electronic?

The Old School way of keeping a log is on paper as shown in the figure above. This approach is simple and reliable technology but is quite limited in the information age. These days, most hams that record log information store it electronically. Imagine that you log thousands of contacts over time and then want to find a particular callsign or location. Much better to do this electronically. There are many good software programs available, too many to list here. I currently use Amateur Contact Log from [N3FPJ](#). The good news is that there is a standard file format for storing and moving ham radio contact information:

DATE	STATION	TIME	FREQ	MODE	OTHER DATA	NAME	QSL
1-28-79							
2110	K9C1H	X	599	589	21.135	A1 75	2130
0330	WA3P6P	X			3.725	A1 100	0215
0727	CA	X			3.135	A1 100	0242
0340	CA	X			7.140	A1 100	0346
1-30-79							
0130	CA	X			3.740	A1 100	0140
0145	K43CIV	X	579	579	7.135	A1 100	0215
0422	CA	X			7.135	A1 75	0436
0445	CA	X			7.135	A1 100	0510
3515	K9A GCU	X			7.135	A1 100	0527
0529	CA	X			7.135	A1 100	0550
0550	CA	X			7.140	A1 75	0600
1716	CA	X			28.14	A1 75	1734
1742	CA (K9A14)	X	579	579	21.13	A1 100	1830
1-31-79							

**Amateur Data Interchange Format (ADIF).** If you want to change logging software, you export an ADIF file and import into the new program.

### I Worked a Contest Station, Do I Have to Submit a Log?

Sometimes radio ham works a few stations that are active in a particular contest and they wonder if they must submit a log to the contest authority for these these stations to get credit for the contacts. The almost universal answer to this is: No. Don't worry about submitting a contest log if you aren't really "in the contest." The stations you work still get credit for your contact with them. (This is true for all major contests...I am still looking for a contest where this is an issue.) Contests are designed to encourage activity, so they want everyone to join in, even if they aren't all that serious about contesting. (The contest sponsors will appreciate any and all logs submitted, so consider that.)

### If I Am Actively Working a Contest, What Do I do?

If you are actively participating in a contest, you should use a logging program that is tuned for that particular contest. This is important because the contest logging software knows about the scoring for the contest and lets you know if you have already worked a station you hear. The most popular logging software for contesting is the [N1MM Plus](#) software. There are other programs you can consider. Typically, you would use

N1MM during the contest and then export the info into an ADIF file, which is imported into your "main" logging program.

### What is a Cabrillo File?

While the ADIF file format is most universal in ham radio logging, there is another file format used for contesting. This is the [Cabrillo file format](#). Your contest logging software can generate a Cabrillo file for submitting to the contest sponsor. You may also want to generate an ADIF file for your normal logging program.

### I Worked a POTA Station, Do I Have to Submit a Log?

Parks On The Air (POTA) is set up such that only the activator station submits a log. If you are working an activator station, you are a hunter station. The POTA scores are all based on the activator logs and hunters cannot submit a log. What you can do is register on the [POTA website](#) to see the contacts that the activators have submitted for you.

### How Do I Get Credit For Working a Grid on VHF/UHF?

The VHF UHF [Century Club \(VUCC\)](#) is the VHF/UHF equivalent to DXCC. Here the emphasis is on working maidenhead grid locators on the bands above 50 MHz. Again, [Logbook of The World](#) is the database that authenticates confirmed contacts on these bands. Both parties must submit the log info and it must match within reasonable error limits.

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### I Worked a SOTA Station, Do I Have to Submit a Log?

Summits On The Air (SOTA) is set up so that both activators and chasers submit logs to the SOTA website. However, the SOTA system operates on the honor system, so an activator can claim a contact with you without you submitting a log. So if you hear a SOTA station, go ahead and work them. You don't have to submit a log. On the other hand, if you want credit for chasing a summit, you need to submit a log. So that activator is fine not having you submit a log but you may want to do that to get credit for you.

### How Do I Get Credit For Working A Country?

The gold standard for chasing countries, I mean entities, is DX Century Club (DXCC). If you are interested in DX, you should register with [Logbook of The World \(LoTW\)](#) with the ARRL. To get credit for working an entity (country), you need to submit your log and it must match the log submitted by the DX station. This is a higher level of confirmation because both parties must submit the log info and it must match within reasonable error limits.

There are other award systems for working countries, offered by [QRZ](#), [eQSL](#), etc.

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### What If Someone Needs My Log Submitted?

Most of the time, us normal hams are not considered DX. That is, that other station in the Cayman Islands doesn't really need our contact confirmed. But there are exceptions. You might be in a state the other station needs confirmed. Or maybe it's your county they need. In such a case, you might want to make a special effort to provide your log information to the right database. It will depend on what the other station needs...if they are going for an ARRL award, then Logbook of The World is the right place to upload your log. But they might be after a QRZ award or eQSL award, in which case you would need to provide your log to those websites.

### Wrap Up

These are some of the questions I've been hearing. What did I miss? Anything else to add?

73 Bob K0NR

The post [Should I Submit A Log?](#) appeared first on [The K0NR Radio Site](#).  
<https://www.amateurradio.com/>

From a fellow ham:

For those interested in Space Weather and other solar observations:

Hi everyone:

I was reading my company's internal space weather bulletin this morning, and I saw some interesting links:

The latest NOAA solar cycle update prediction (experimental):

<https://testbed.swpc.noaa.gov/products/solar-cycle-progression-updated-prediction-experimental>

The NASA solar dynamics observatory guide:

[https://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/assets/docs/SDO\\_Guide.pdf](https://sdo.gsfc.nasa.gov/assets/docs/SDO_Guide.pdf)

A paper about how space weather affects GPS (GNSS) positioning from my company:

<https://fsp.support/pl/12321850>

Happy reading! 73,

Edwin Howard KJ5DVB



## Operating Ethics and Operating Procedures

In 2008 John Devoldere, ON4UN, and Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW, wrote a comprehensive document entitled "[Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur](#)." The purpose of this document was for it to become a universal guide on operating ethics and procedures.

This document was accepted by the [IARU Administrative Council](#) as representing their view on the subject. During subsequent Regional IARU meetings it was emphasized that the document be made available to the Amateur Radio Community via all available means, at no cost, and in as many languages as possible.

The document has since been translated into more than 25 languages. In some countries the document is also offered in printed format and many Amateur Radio websites have a link to the document. Our most sincere thanks go to all our friends who spent hundreds of hours to take care of these translations.

To achieve easier access to all of the existing versions and languages of the document, it is published on the IARU website at: <https://www.iaru-r1.org/on-the-air/code-of-conduct/versions/>. It contains a listing of all versions/languages, sorted by country, where you can download the translations in any of the following forms:

- PDF or Word documents from various countries
- Directly from the different Radio Societies' web sites
- A downloadable PowerPoint (available in one of three languages--English, French and Dutch)

John, ON4UN, and Mark, ON4WW

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## National Traffic System Celebrates 75 Years

September 5, 2024



The [National Traffic System](#) (NTS) is celebrating 75 years of service this October. As [NTS 2.0](#) emerges to modernize the radiogram system, ARRL [takes a look back](#) at the origin of NTS which began in 1949.

The current National Traffic System is comprised of dedicated operators well trained and practiced in the art of traffic handling. They participate in nets at the local, section, region, and area levels 365 days per year.

The start-up of NTS® in October of 1949 could not have come at a worse time: HF conditions from then through at least the fall of 1952 were "the pits"! Two years in a row, EAN Manager George Sleeper, W2CLL, who replaced W2BYF in December of '49, wrote to WINJM that he could not remember conditions ever being as bad in his entire ham career! Sunspot Cycle 18 was approaching its nadir and Cycle 19 — the strongest and best of all the sunspot cycles we older hams have had the privilege of enjoying — had not yet begun to ramp up.

The *Louisiana Traffic Net* meets daily at 1800 local on 3.910 MHz +/- QRM.







## Amid wildfires and spotty cell service, Northstate residents turn to ham radios

Story by Christina Mendez - KRCCR Chico-Redding

**KRCCR-TV**

Television station in Redding

**KRCCR**

The Northstate is no stranger to disasters or bad reception, but when a phone call isn't able to go through, a ham radio may just be able to get you the help you need.

"I'm up east of Redding and when the phone system goes out, we don't have a connection to 911 but the ham radio still works and I can get a hold of somebody somewhere," said Bob Frampton Secretary of Western Amateur Radio Repeater and Echolink Association Inc. otherwise known as WARREA.

In the age of phones and Wi-Fi, some can take the ease of connecting to the rest of the world for granted, but head even 20 minutes into the mountains from cities like Redding, Red Bluff, and Chico, and you'll quickly lose cell phone service.

"Cell phone service up here, especially when you get outside the Redding area, the developed areas, is spotty at best. There's a lot of times where I can get a hold of somebody on the ham radio, I won't get a hold of over the cell phone," said Frampton.

With wildfires oftentimes tearing through the Northstate each summer, there are many people, especially older adults, who may miss the crucial safety information posted online, but ham radios help close a bit of that gap.

Frampton recalled times when his radio may have helped people "Fires come up there and the ham radio operators they'll get on there and they'll start passing information back and forth. You know what signs have to evacuate, what zones don't, which way traffic is going to help get traffic out."

Even if you can't get in contact with emergency services, ham radio still allows you to connect with someone who can, and they can send help your way.

If you're interested in ham radio the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club is offering classes for students to become FCC-certified via Zoom starting Sept. 9.

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## Have You Tried EchoLink® ?

EchoLink® software allows licensed [Amateur Radio](#) stations to communicate with one another over the Internet, using streaming-audio technology. The program allows worldwide connections to be made between stations, or from computer to station, greatly enhancing Amateur Radio's communications capabilities. There are more than 350,000 validated users worldwide — in 159 of the world's 193 nations — with about 6,000 online at any given time.

Here are just a few EchoLink Nets in Louisiana you might want to visit:

**Alexandria Repeater KD5DFL-R 147.330 PL 173.8 Node: 169091**

**Fred's Net** — Thursday 8:00 PM

**ARES/RACES TRAINING NET** — Sunday Evening - 8:15

Taking early check-ins around 8:00 PM.

**Morgan City Repeater W5BMC-R 146.910 No PL Node: 507010**

**SMARTS Net** — Thursday 7:30 PM

**Fred's Net...**  
See you on the 330



# SLIDELL EOC HAMFEST 2024

sponsored by the Ozone Amateur Radio Club

**Date:** Friday November 15, 2024

Saturday November 16 2024

**Admission:** Adults: \$5 (Includes 1 Raffle Ticket - Good for both days)  
12 & Under: Free

**Location:** Slidell Municipal Auditorium  
2056 2nd Street  
Slidell, LA 70468

**Talk in:** 147.270 repeater +600 PL 114.8.

**VE Testing:** 10:00 AM - Must pre-register - check website for details.

**Website:** <http://www.w5sla.net/hamfest.htm>

**Hamfest Flyer:** [https://www.w5sla.net/Hamfests/2024/Flyer\\_2024.pdf](https://www.w5sla.net/Hamfests/2024/Flyer_2024.pdf)



## SCHEDULE:

### Friday:

08:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Vendor setup (Enter rear doors on old fire house side)

10:00 AM - 02:00 PM

Flea Market setup (Enter rear doors on old fire house side)

02:00 PM - 05:00 PM

Doors open to public (Enter though Lobby doors)

### Saturday:

07:30 AM

Vendors and Flea Market setup (Enter rear doors on old fire house side)

### Public Contact:

Dave-K5OZ - Chairperson

Ron-WB5CXJ - Co-Chairperson

Email: [hamfest@w5sla.net](mailto:hamfest@w5sla.net)

### Current Vendors

Chatt Radio

The Sign Man

TN07 Engineering

N5IAW Connectors

Confirmed as of 07/30/24

## FORUMS

09:00 to 09:45 - LRS (Lightning Rig Saver) by Dave Hartley K5OZ

10:00 to 10:45 - ARES by Jim Coleman AI5B

11:00 to 11:45 - ARRL by Houston Polson N5YS

12:00 to 12:45 - Digial Modes by Emile Diodene KE5QKR

13:00 to 13:45 - CW / QRP by George Carr KB5ILL

NOTE: If you are interested in presenting in one of the forums please email: [hamfest@w5sla.net](mailto:hamfest@w5sla.net)

## GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:

1st Prize - Yaesu FTM-500XDRD

2nd Prize - Yaesu FT-70DR

3rd Prize - LRS (Lightning Rig Saver)

4th-5th Prizes - Yaesu FT-65R

6th-9th Prizes - Yaesu FT-4XR

10th Prize - Baofeng GM-15 Pro

NOTE: Drawings to start around 2PM on Saturday. You do not need to be present for the 1st Prize



Announcements from The ARRL Newsletter - September 20, 2024

**The Fall 2024 Classic Exchange (CX) event will take place October 13 - 16, 1300Z to 0700Z for phone contacts. CW contact days are October 20 - 23 from 1300Z to 0700Z.** The CX is a twice-yearly operating event organized as a contest but is a low pressure activity, with many rag chews and mostly talk about equipment of the past... vacuum tube radios. Amateur radio operators will be reminded what it was like to tune the older radios and offers collectors of these memorable rigs an opportunity to use and enjoy them. Additionally, it gives owners of modern equipment an opportunity to hear how the old rigs sound on the air. CX began 50 years ago when Stu Stephens, K8SJ (SK), his brother Al, and Bob Morgan, K8RBV, were "waxing" nostalgic about their early 50s gear. Current CX organizers are Ron Pollack, N2RP, and Mark Bell, K3MSB. All rules and more information about CX can be found at the [Classic Exchange Website](http://www.classicexchange.org).



# New D-Star Repeater



Zachery Latiolais, K5OVM, has installed a D-Star repeater at his QTH in the Catahoula Cove, LA just north of St. Martinville on the frequency of 443.550 with a + offset and a PL tone of 103.5 running a D-Star mixed mode radio with a power output of 25 watts into a dual band 8 db fiberglass antenna at 30 feet. The call is K5OVM B connected to REF035C located in Washington state.

This is an open repeater and all are welcome to use it. Mon-Fri at 9AM CST there is the DRE (Digital Radio Enthusiast) morning NET that will be broadcast from 35C come and join. There is also a Saturday 9 PM net for the DRE net come stop by and say “HELLO”.

Zachary Latiolais  
K5OVM  
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For more information on ICOM D-STAR systems, check out their website at:

<https://www.icomamerica.com/lineup/amateur/D-STAR/>

## Editors Note:

I am not into D-Star, so I cannot tell you much about this subject but a fellow ham, John AA5UY, made a few comments on this subject.

“Interesting, that reflector is a server I believe in the state of Washington. We have a Louisiana Reflector that is not used much and it is 48 B. [http://www.dstarinfo.com/reflectors.aspx#google\\_vignette](http://www.dstarinfo.com/reflectors.aspx#google_vignette)

If you click to the right side you can pull up the reflector and see who is on. 35 C is mostly 7 area calls.

Should be interesting. With all the modes and Talk Groups, Reflectors, and Rooms it seems no one is talking to anyone. When I listen to different groups they are more of less talking at the person. It usually ends up being a QSO about the quality of the signal, do they sound ok? or r to d to. Anyway, talking to the person a lot of the time is not happening. I have these modes and hardly get on them anymore. The OARC has 3 digital repeaters=DMR, Fusion, D star, hardly anyone is on them. Also when you do get an active group, the repeater better be able to handle 100 % duty cycle for hours at a time. Anyway, see you on the net.

Thanks for the info. Listening and there are all sorts of people connected and no one talking.”

John  
AA5UY

## Elmer Special Event Honors Mentors

July 21, 2024 By Rich (KB1FGC)

Hello, I am hosting my 3rd Elmer special event on October 18 to October 20 2024. This year we have 3 calls signs, [W1E](#), [W3E](#) and [W4E](#). It is in honor of many hams who have mentored new hams over the years. We have about 12 operators this year.

It started 3 years ago when I found out that a single operator could host their own special event. My first event was an event honoring Department of Transportation. My father owned a trucking business and was on the board of D.O.T. in CT. When I saw how well that went I thought of trying another.

I realized that I had never seen an event held for honoring all the amateurs who helped out new hams entering the hobby. So thus the idea was born and the first one was October 2022.

I have 3 webpages on [QRZ.com](#) that tells about the event.

The calls signs are: [W1E/Elmer](#)  
[W3E/Elmer](#)  
[W4E/Elmer](#)  
Source: [W1E/ELMER](#)

# OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Schedule of Events

- October 3 — AARA General Club meeting at [Candyland Cottage & Ice Cream Shop](#) in Scott, LA at 7:00 PM. VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM
- October 10 — 10-10 International Contest / Net
- October 19 — Evangeline Area Council's Scout-O-Rama
- October 31 — Halloween

### 10-10 International Contest / Net

For all Technician and higher licensed amateurs. Check out 10 meters on October 10, 2024 and try for your 10-10 Number. The 10 10 numbers are essentially the membership number of those that join Ten Ten International, a group of amateurs seeking to promote activity on the 10-meter band. They issue awards for working different Ten Ten members.

They also use the 10 10 numbers as part of the exchange in contests they sponsor.

<http://www.ten-ten.org/what-is-ten->



Editor: [Rick Palm, K1CE](#) - September 18, 2024



## Opinion: Net Managers – Want to Recruit and Retain More Check-ins? Do This!

What's the first thing a radio amateur wants to know when he/she gets on the air? Well, I know what my first interest is, whether in QSO or on a regional phone net – it's how strong is my signal? I dare say that it is every ham's first interest.

**Pro Tip:** For net managers eager to bolster their net's roster of regular check-ins, have your net control stations (NCS) give a simple, two-character signal report when acknowledging checking-in stations. For example: Net Control of the North Florida ARES Net on 40 meters calls for check-ins. A station calls to check in, giving his/her call sign. Net Control acknowledges the station as follows: "K1CE, S7."

Thus, in a split second, not wasting any of the net's time, the check-in knows that his signal strength is pretty good at the NCS end. (For FM repeater nets, the NCS could give the checking-in station a signal report as a degree of quieting: e.g., "N5CBP, 90%Q").

**Personal note:** I check into my daily net Rota with just 5 or 10 watts RF output. It's important, and significant in a disaster situation, to know that I can make it into the net on QRP. (Plus, it just plain satisfies the innate interest in all of us to know how strong our signal is!) So, if you're a net manager or net control station, and want to entice newcomers or recover previous

members who might have lost interest in your net, give this simple, efficient signal report protocol a try! – Rick Palm, K1CE

Have any comments? Please send them to [k1ce@arrl.net](mailto:k1ce@arrl.net) – thanks!]

**If ants are such busy workers, how come they find time to go to all the picnics?**

—Marie Dressler, Canadian actress (1869-1934)



**Commemorating the Birthday of the US Navy on 10/13/1775**

Oct 12, 1600Z-2300Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway Museum Ship. 7.250 14.320 14.070 PSK31 DSTAR on Papa system repeaters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Ship COMEDTRA, 910 N Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101.

[www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw](http://www.qrz.com/db/ni6iw)

**Yorktown Special Event**

Oct 19, 1400Z-2000Z, K4RC, Williamsburg, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club. 7.265 14.265. Certificate & QSL. QSL Manager, WAARC, PO Box 1470, Williamsburg, VA 23187. Celebrating the 243rd anniversary of the British surrender to the joint American and French forces under Gen. George Washington in Yorktown, VA. This ended the American Revolutionary War on October 19, 1781. FOR CERTIFICATE: The Virginia Historic Triangle Certificate is available for contacting the Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown Special Event Stations. You don't need to contact these stations in the same calendar year. For a Certificate send QSO info from the three

stations to [qslmgr@k4rc.net](mailto:qslmgr@k4rc.net). <https://www.k4rc.net/events/special-event-stations>

**BOO! On Bald Mountain**

Oct 31-Nov 1, 1900Z-0001Z, WA4TRS, Fairview, NC. The Road Show Amateur Radio Club, Inc. 18.313 14.313. QSL. The Road Show ARC, 57 Echo Lake Drive, Fairview, NC 28730. Join Us For a Night of Fun From The Graveyard, GUEST Accommodations Available! [wa4trs.org](http://wa4trs.org)

**Halloween Special Event Station**

Oct 31, 1400Z-2000Z, W0YFZ, Anoka, MN. Anoka County Radio Club. 14.250 7.250 7.056 ft8. QSL. Anoka County Radio Club, PO Box 982, Anoka, MN 55303. [www.anokaradio.org](http://www.anokaradio.org)

**Knights of Columbus Celebration of Date of Beatification of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus**

Oct 31-Nov 2, 0000Z-2359Z, K0C, Bridgeton, NJ. New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club. 7.18500 14.2500 18.1400 21.3500. Certificate & QSL. Thomas M. Perrotti, N2JIE, 785

Vineland Ave, Bridgeton, NJ 08302. This, and the other Knights of Columbus Special Event Stations sponsored by the New Jersey Knights of Columbus Amateur Radio Club, will be operating with Knights/hams from throughout New Jersey, the United States of America, Canada and Europe.

[NJ2KC.org](http://NJ2KC.org)

**49th Anniversary, Sinking of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald**

Nov 1-Nov 15, 0000Z-2359Z, W8F, Livonia, MI. Livonia Amateur Radio Club. 14.260 7.260 7.050 14.050. Certificate. See website, for information, <https://livoniaarc.com/qsl/>. Saturday. Nov. 9, 1530-2030 UTC, W8F will operate from Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle State Park, Detroit, MI. (POTA US-1487 this date only)., Nov. 1-15 Club members signing as W8F on all bands/modes-see spotting sites. QSL INFO ON W8F Page at [QRZ.com](http://QRZ.com) <https://livoniaarc.com>



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