

# OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

## Ohio Single Sideband Net Preamble

"This is the Ohio Single Sideband Net, a part of the Ohio Section AND AFFILIATED WITH 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  
8<sup>th</sup> REGION PHONE REP EARLY  
8<sup>th</sup> REGION PHONE REP LATE  
DIGITAL REP  
STATIONS WITH TRAFFIC  
STATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC

### AFTERNOON CALL UP

EMERGENCY PRIORITY TRAFFIC  
MOBILES RELAYS  
8<sup>th</sup> REGION EARLY REP WITH TRAFFIC  
8<sup>th</sup> REGION LATE REP WITH TRAFFIC  
8<sup>th</sup> REGION CW REP  
DIGITAL REP  
STATIONS WITH TRAFFIC  
STATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC

### EVENING CALL UP

EMERGENCY PRIORITY TRAFFIC  
MOBILES RELAYS  
OUT OF STATE STATIONS WITH TRAFFIC  
8<sup>TH</sup> REGION CW REP  
INDEPENDENT REP  
DIGITAL 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 <sup>th</sup> Region Phone Early | 3:00 PM EDT | 3965 kHz |
|                                    | 2:00 PM EST | 7285 kHz |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Region Phone Late  | 4:00 PM EDT | 3965 kHz |
|                                    | 3:00 PM EST | 7285 kHz |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Region CW 7:45 PM  | 9:30 PM EDT | 3533 kHz |

### Independent Net

|                         |          |          |
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| Interstate Sideband Net | 0100 UTC | 3985 kHz |
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## SECTION NETS

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| OSSBN: 10:30 AM, 4:15 PM, 6:45 PM | 3972.5 kHz  |
| ALTERNATE FREQUENCY               | 3968 kHz    |
| ALTERNATE FREQUENCY 40m           | 7230 kHz    |
| ALTERNATE FREQUENCY 160m          | 1888 kHz    |
| BUCKEYE NET EARLY (CW) 6:45PM     | 3580 kHz    |
| BUCKEYE NET LATE (CW) 10:00 PM    | 3590 kHz    |
| OSN (CW NET) 6:00 PM              | 3535.35 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 KA1G. Any contribution should be sent directly to him. This fund is strictly voluntary and is used to defray any expenses that arise.

| NET CONTROL STATIONS |        |        |         |           |          |        |          |
|----------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| NET                  | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| MORN                 | KD8UUB | AC8NP  | K8MDA   | WD8SDH    | OPEN     | AC8NP  | KD8UUB   |
| AFT                  | WB8SIQ | N8OD   | KC8PBU  | KE4RS     | KD8UUB   | K3RC   | K8MDA    |
| EVE                  | W8GSR  | KE4RS  | K8MDA   | KC8PBU    | KC8PZ    | WB8SIQ | KE4RS    |

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

|                    |       |                       |                      |
|--------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| NET MANAGER:       | K8MDA | <u>ADVISORY BOARD</u> | <u>STATISTICIANS</u> |
| ASST. NET MANAGER: | KC8WH | KB8GUN 2023           | MORNING - KD8UUB     |
|                    |       | KD8UUB 2024           | AFTERNOON - K3RC     |
|                    |       | N8OD 2025             | EVENING - N8BV       |

DATABASE COORDINATOR: AC8NP  
 WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR: N8SY  
 OSSBN HISTORIAN: AC8NP  
 OSSBN TRAINING OFF WB8SIQ

OSSBN WEBSITE: [www.ossbn.org/](http://www.ossbn.org/)

OSSBN WEB MASTER N8SY

OSSBN AWARDS MANAGER AC8NP

FLOWER FUND MANAGER KA1G

OPNOTE: REVIEW & SEND CHANGES TO AC8NP ([ac8np@ac8np.com](mailto:ac8np@ac8np.com)) DATABASE COORD

OPNOTES FROM NET MANAGER ...

To eliminate confusion, net reports should be filed in the following format

10:30==date check-ins traffic minutes 8RN Early 8RN Late Dig

4:15==date check-ins traffic minutes 8RN Early 8RN Late CW Dig

6:45==date check-ins traffic minutes CW Independent Dig