

Rules of

The

Tarheel

Net

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Amateur Radio Station

W4AJT
(Call Letters Of Station)

Weldon Fields
(Name Of Station Operator)

Dear OM:—

Thanks for your interest in the Tarheel Net. It is hoped you will find this booklet useful. Besides the Rules of the Tarheel Net, it also gives suggestions for handling Phone Traffic.

A list of accepted Phonetics is included as is the message form which is preferred by the Net members to expedite handling.

We sincerely hope this is the beginning of an association that will be both satisfying and entertaining for you; beneficial to the Net, and to the Public when it is in need of our services.

The Net meets on 3865 kilocycles, Monday through Friday at 7:30 P. M.

Yours Truly,

Katherine M. Johnson

Amateur Radio Station W4AJT Sec.

The Tarheel Net Rules

1. The name of the organization is the Tarheel Emergency Net.
2. Its objective shall be to promote a training program in net discipline, in the interest of CD, for interested radio amateurs of North Carolina with the view of furnishing communication when and if the public has need of its services.
3. The net operating frequency is 3865 kilocycles.
4. Membership of the net shall consist of:
 - a. (1) Full members, who shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the net.
 - (2) Probationary members; operators who have signified their desire to become members, and have been accepted by the NCS as such. The Secretary will request the SCM to issue net certificates to probationary members after they have remained on the active roll continuously while answering net roll call for twenty-five meetings.
 - (3) Inactive members; members who without explanation have been inact-

ive for five consecutive meeting nights. (Note: Members forfeit accrued credit for certificates when they are placed on inactive list.)

b. Members defined:

(1) To be eligible for membership, an applicant, at the time of application, must be a resident of North Carolina and remain current in assessments if any.

(2) **a.** Members will be issued a suitable certificate of merit after having answered more than 75% of net meetings during any eighty consecutive meeting nights. (Member stations must be present for roll-call to qualify).

b. Operators who henceforth remain on the **active roster** and answer into the net one hundred times or more during any twelve consecutive months will, though not otherwise qualified, be issued a certificate of merit.

(3) Inactive members will cease to be members, and dropped from roll, after

an unexplained absence of one calendar month.

5. Officers:

- a. The officers of the net shall consist of a Net Control Station (NCS), who may not succeed himself after completing a full term in office, a secretary-treasurer and one Alternate Net Control Station (A-NCS).
- b. The NCS and secretary-treasurer shall be elected by a majority vote of the full members present at a net meeting which shall be the Monday preceding the last Tuesday of the month prior to the termination of office. Should a mid-term vacancy of the secretary occur, the NCS shall conduct an election to complete the unexpired term of office. Said election shall be called for the second Monday following the occurrence of the vacancy.
- c. Election of officers shall be by nomination, each full member present prior to close of nomination shall be afforded an opportunity to nominate one candidate for each vacant office. After each member present has had

an opportunity to nominate candidates, nomination shall be closed. Voting will proceed until the panel of candidates has been reduced to one.

- d. The NCS will, during the first Net meeting after assuming office, appoint one A-NCS who shall remain as such at the pleasure of the NCS.
- e. The elected NCS shall hold office for a period of one calendar month.
- f. The secretary-treasurer shall hold office for a period of one year beginning April 10th.

6. Management:

- a. The affairs of the net shall be managed by the elected officials.
- b. The secretary-treasurer shall request of the NCS an assessment of sufficient funds to defray all expenses incident to purchase of stationery, stamps and other material or services necessary to expedite net business. Said assessments if any shall not exceed one dollar per member during the term of office of any one NCS.

- c. The secretary will provide each new applicant with a copy of these rules immediately after application for membership is made.
- d. Formal business on any given subject shall begin during the formal portion of a Monday meeting.
- e. The NCS will appoint net members other than A-NCS to call roll during at least one meeting night each week. This shall be considered as part of the training program.

7. Procedure:

NOTE: These rules, if followed by the NCS, will permit completing the first two rounds within twenty minutes, provided all members cooperate by remembering who follows them, and saying the least possible number of words to impart the desired intelligence.

Remember the first two rounds constitute the formal net, therefore, members are duty bound (except in emergencies) to remain through the second round. There is no objection to signing out during the second round, however, each station should listen through the round in case other stations have

informals for them.

EACH MEMBER IS URGED TO ATTEMPT TO BE THE BEST MEMBER OPERATOR. IT'S FUN TO BE EFFICIENT. SO, WHY BE A LID?

- a. During formal net operation, ARRL procedure shall be used.
- b. Formal net operation will, emergencies excepted, be limited to the minimum time necessary to transact business at hand.
- c. The NCS shall inform violators of procedure, of their shortcomings "On the spot".
- d. The net roll shall be called at the appointed time. During roll-call transmission will be limited to reporting formal traffic and Net business.
- e. After roll call, the NCS will stand by for non-members stations who may have business with the net. In cases where formal traffic is reported and the net can deliver said traffic, the non-member station will be accommodated immediately after second round.

f. All stations will limit their second round transmissions to reporting **GENERAL** (not individual) receiving conditions at their station, arranging with other stations to meet on another frequency to carry on communication which would not be of general interest to the membership. Stations may request informal contact with other stations during the second round provided not more than one short transmission will be required to complete business.

g. Net chronology:

(1) Roll call.

(2) Stand by for non-member stations.

(3) Second round.

(4) Clear formal traffic for non-member stations.

(5) Net Announcements. (Net announcements should be reported during first round)

(6) Clear formal traffic.

(7) Clear informal traffic for non-member stations.

(8) Clear informal traffic reported by net members during second round.

(9) Secure net.

SUGGESTIONS

FOR PHONE NET TRAFFIC HANDLING TEAMWORK—

Is the theme of net operation. The net which functions most efficiently is the net in which all of the participants are thoroughly familiar with the procedure used, and in which operators refrain from transmitting except at the direction of the Net Control Station, and do not occupy time with extraneous comments, even exchange of pleasantries.

GOOD OPERATING

Reflects The Ability Of The Individual—

Speak distinctly, slowly and accurately, operate in accordance with existing conditions.

STANDARDIZATION IS VERY IMPORTANT-

In originating traffic always put it in the proper form before starting and make it a habit to only accept traffic in proper form. Handling will be easier and quicker. No extra comments will be needed to speed the message on its way. Each message is divided into four parts: The **Preamble**, the **address**, the **text**, and the **signature**. **Only the words in**

the text are counted in the Check. (Ck.) Below is a sample message:

NO 152 W4JPY CK 5 ELIZABETH CITY NC
1810 EST FEB 23
JOHN ROSS W4BLV
309 QUEEN ST
EDENTON NC TELEPHONE 166
WILL SEE YOU FRIDAY NIGHT
SIG BRAD

USE PHONETICS ONLY AS REQUIRED—

When phonetics are necessary use only standard phonetics. Following is a standard use phonetic list:

ABLE	JIG	SUGAR
BAKER	KING	TARE
CHARLIE	LOVE	UNIT
DOG	MIKE	VICTOR
EASY	NAN	WILLIAM
FOX	OBOE	XRAY
GEORGE	PETER	YOKE
HOW	QUEEN	ZEBRA
ITEM	ROGER	

GOOD OPERATORS DO NOT GUESS,

Ask For Required Fills—

A simple, **All After....., Word After....., Word Before....., Fill..... to.....,** will give you the required parts quickly. In receipting for a message use, **Roger Your No.....**. Nothing else is necessary and only adds to the time involved. Remember you are not the only station in the Net.

STOP, THINK AND LISTEN WITH CARE—

Obey the wishes of the NCS. Answer promptly when called. Keep writing materials handy and ready for use. Being NCS is tough enough without having to give repeat instructions.

ARE YOU A "MONOLOGUIST"??

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