

OSN

OHIO SLOW NET

3.708 MHz

6:10 PM NIGHTLY



Thanks for stopping by the homepage of the Ohio Slow Net! Established in 1958, this net invites ALL hams that are interested in CW traffic handling, whether they are just beginning or have been passing traffic for years. If you want to increase your code speed, make new friends, and add to your enjoyment of Amateur Radio please check in. OSN is an NTS affiliated net with a liaison to the Buckeye Net.

It does not matter where you live in Ohio or even the U.S. We even have a station checking in from Canada! It's easy to check in!! Just follow these easy steps!!!

1. You will hear an opening message from the Net Control Station. The NCS will call the net to order, sending such as "CQ CQ OSN CQ OHIO SLOW NET PART OF NTS AND ALL ARE WELCOME OSN QND QNZ PSE (the NCS may send a series of V's or a 56 second solid tone) QNN (call sign/name) OSN DE (call sign) QNI K
2. When you hear QNI, that is your signal to try to check in. You may check in by sending a letter or two from your call or just "dit dit". The NCS will send back the letter or letters that he heard. If it is the one you sent, then "come on down!"
3. Send DE (your call) QRU K. The QRU means that you have no new messages for the net.
4. You have now checked into the OSN. The NCS will send your call sign back to you and AS (didahdididit). That means wait or standby. The NCS will be back with you shortly.
5. Keep listening & copy as much as you can. Don't be frustrated if you don't get everything, keep going. After a while the NCS will call you again by using the suffix of your call (e.g. IG for K8IG). He will the ask for your name and QTH and welcome you to the net. The NCS will then check you out of the net by sending QRU QNX 73 K. You reply by sending DE (your call sign). DON'T try to send any faster than comfortable, the NCS will try to match your code speed.

6. Above all, HAVE FUN!!! We're waiting to hear you soon!

What do all those alpha-bits mean?

In CW, abbreviations are common & even more so during net times. Here are some of the more used ones in OSN.

NCS-The Net Control Station. This is the person that is running the net

QND-This means the net is being directed by the NCS

QNZ-This means to zero-beat the NCS' signal

QNN-This is the station that is the NCS for the session of the net

QNI-This means to go ahead & check in

QRU-This means that you have no message for the net

QTC, number & destination-This means that you have a message or messages for the net & where they are going

QNY Up (or Down) number-This means to move off frequency however many to pass your messages

QSP-This means is there any station that can handle a particular message

QNX-This means that you are excused from the net

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