

## Checking into The Ohio Slow Net –

Preamble:

CQ CQ CQ Ohio Slow Net

CQ OSN

OSN is part of the National Traffic System

All stations are Welcome

QND

This means that OSN is a directed Net,  
i.e. it has a Net Control Station.

QNZ

All stations zero beat Net control frequency.  
(Read your manual on zero beating)

QNN de WD8Q / Henry

This means that WD8Q is the Net Control Station.

QTC?

This means 'do you have any traffic?'

QNI k

This means that you may now check in.

**YOU send**

**NCS sends**

dit dit

The NCS will now acknowledge your dit dit You can use whatever suits you. The NCS echo's back whatever you send.

Now its your turn.

de W8ABC QRU

You have no traffic to send.

de W8ABC QTC (1 destination)

You have traffic to send.

e.g. 1 thru

Your traffic if for out of state.

e.g. 1 Youngstown

The destination is within Ohio.

Please note that the quantity of pieces of traffic should precede the destination. We have had lots of discussion about this in the last several years, and this is what the ARRL has told me (Ken WB8KQJ). If you check in various Operating Manuals, you may find several ways of doing this. They had mistakes in the manuals, even to the extent that on the same page two ways of doing this were given, each stated as being the only correct way.

I had a talk with the editor a couple of years ago, and was assured that this is the correct way to list traffic on a CW net.

PS: I did some snooping a few years ago and found that it seemed the farther west in the country one went the more likely that this was the way it was done. Here in Ohio it was a mess. (words of Ken WB8KQJ)

**Net frequency is currently 3535.35 Mhz plus or minus QRM. Always 6:00 PM all year.**

