

George's Old Timers Net Cheat Sheet Updated February 4, 2017

Here are some guidelines for net controllers for George's Old Timers Net. Feel free to improvise except for the items listed at the end.

Opening Preamble

This is _callsign_. Is there any further business for the repeater before I begin Georges Old Timers Net
[Wait for the carrier to drop]

This is _callsign_, Tonight's Net Control for Georges Old Timers Net
My Name is _____ and I'm located in _____

This net meets most evenings at 7:30 pm on the W1BIM Repeater.

The repeater is located in Paxton Mass with a Freq of 146.970 and PL Tone of 114.8 and is operated by the Central Mass Amateur Radio Association – Please visit their web site at www.cmara.org to find out more about the repeater and the radio club.

This is an informal net. You don't have to be a member, you don't have to be an old timer, you don't even have to be named George. All Amateur Radio Operators young and old are welcome to come in a say hello. George's old timers net will break for emergency or priority traffic. If you really need to make a call, you're welcome to do so.

To check into the net please say "This Is" and drop the carrier to listen for doubles like this
[Drop It]

If you hear the courtesy beep and you're in the clear, please give me your Call Sign, Name and Location slowly and clearly. I'll take a list of check-ins and then go down the list.

I'd like to start with any mobiles. Please call now.

[take list of mobiles and read it back]

Anyone else like to check in, please call now.

[take list of home operators]

During the Net

Be sure to ID at least every 10 minutes and leave a good break after. Something like:

Before we continue let's take a break for ID ... this is _callsign_, my name is _____ and this is Georges Old Timers Net. [Drop it]

Closing The Net

Closing Georges Old Timers net.

I'd like to thank all who checked into the net tonight : I would also like to thank those who stood by so this net could meet.

I would also like to thank the Central Mass Amateur Radio Association for the use of the repeater in tonight's net. Please visit their web site at www.cmara.org for more information on the repeater and the radio club.

I'd also like to thank the Trustees of this repeater for its use in tonight's net.
The trustees are: Greg WA1JXR, Marty W1EPH, Eric N1VX and Michael W1BNC
The trustee of the W1BIM call sign is Greg WA1JXR.
At this time, I'll return the repeater to regular amateur radio use. And 73 From :

Comments

1. **Do** be sure to thank CMARA and the trustees. They are listening, and they appreciate it. And we appreciate them. The trustees of the CMARA Paxton Repeater are; Greg WA1JXR, Marty W1EPH, Eric N1VX And Michael W1BNC. The Trustee of the W1BIM Call Sign Is Greg WA1JXR.
2. The net should start at 7:30 sharp. If you know you are going to be late, let another controller know if at all possible. If you are listening and the net controller is AWOL, please pick it up. If the repeater is being used just before the net, it's okay, and a good idea, to tactfully inform the users that the net is coming up.
3. Our agreement with the trustees states that the net runs from 7:30 to 8:30. With the increased number of checkins, we have been going longer. The trustees don't mind if the net goes a little long from time to time, but we should do our best to keep on time. Thus, we make a **final** call for checkins at 8:00. If you get a lot of checkins at that time, work them at a reasonable rate but try to split the remaining time so you end at 8:30. Murphy does predict that your final checkin will be longwinded. The trustees want to leave as much time between GOTNet and the traffic net for general amateur use. And also this lets the repeater's final cool down a bit.
4. Don't forget to ID yourself and the net every 10 minutes. It's also good to look for additional check-ins at that time and see if anyone needs to make a call.
5. Try not to quick key. Leave a little space when you go back to a station in case there is an emergency breaker or someone who just needs to make a call. Also, you might pick up another check in. In the case of harmful interference we have been purposely quick keying (and turning up the power) to block the intruder. Still, it's best, even then, to leave a little space now and then.