

Simplex Net Training Exercise

A Radio Relay/Simplex training exercise will be held Saturday 18 Jan 2025. Net check-in begins at 9:00 A.M. on 147.15 Repeater. (Before the net commences, please try to get your antenna high up as you are able to improve reception). Once check-in is complete, Net Control will direct the net to QSY to 146.52, FM Simplex mode, to conduct the rest of the Radio Relay Exercise. Except for Net Control, all stations are restricted to not more than 5 watts of transmit power out on the simplex frequency – this helps us find our nearest Radio Relay neighbors. Net Control will try to contact each station in check-in order. There are two important objectives that each net member should try to achieve during the net:

1. Find out who are the nearest (strongest signals on your S-Meter) ham operators you are able to hear and hence contact easily in the future. These ham operators are your first points of contact in any effort you make to get an emergency or routine message seeking help to the Net Control. Listen and record every station you can hear during the exercise.
2. Determine whether or not you can contact Net Control directly. If you cannot (this is OK and can happen fairly frequently), ask any station hearing you to relay to Net Control that you are trying to contact them. If you are unable to contact a station, return to the 147.15 repeater station and call Net Control to inform them of your situation so a path to NCS can be developed for you.
 - One time during your exchange with Net Control or a Relay Station describe your station's equipment - power source, radio, and antenna (& approx. height above the ground. Part of meeting your new Radio Relay neighbors.
 - Each operator should make a written record of each heard stations ' : Call Sign, Name, Signal Strength (S1-S9), Station Equipment, and received time (local time).
- Each operator should prepare a report (spreadsheet format recommended, if you are able) to include:

- Event Date, Calling Station's Call Sign, Operator Name, Station's Equipment (Power source, radio, and antenna used,
- Each Heard Station's Call Sign, Operator Name, Radio frequency Heard station was on, Signal Strength based on your estimate or if available the radio's-meter reading (S1 through S9), Station's Equipment.
- After the exercise please forward your report to each of the stations you heard (QRZ.com should have their email address) introducing yourself to your new radio neighbors, and, also send the report to Richard WB4BYQ (wb4byq@gmail.com) and Bill KC0ET (wmheckerjr@yahoo.com) for compiling the net results. The complied report will be shared with all stations participating in the net.