



# TRAFFIC CALL



Newsletter of the Ben White Memorial Nets  
Hit and bounce CW Traffic Net ~ Hit and Bounce Slow Net



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## Happy Holidays and best wishes in the New Year.

In this season of good cheer, you might want to send an extra special note of cheer to Lee, W8RTN and Gail, K2BCL. For those who missed the QNC from K8LJG on November 27, it is as follows:

LEE W8RTN IN HOSPITAL FROM APPARENT STROKE X RECOVERING NICELY X AT THIS TIME APPEARS LIKE FULL RECOVERY.

Gail also suffered a stroke, and is recuperating. He has relocated and has no antenna at present. Best wishes to Lee and Gail.

### HBN Manager's Comments Sis WD8DIN

Our QNI and traffic count is up from last month. Forty-five different stations checked in bringing a total QNI of 491, listing 461 QTC and clearing 447 in 30 sessions, with an average of 28.44 minutes per session. Fine job. Let's hope the numbers keep climbing into the new year.

Top traffic stations in November are AA8PI, 128; KA8WNO, 77; K8LJG, 72; W8RTN 21; N4ABM, 18; AA4AT, 16; AB4E, 15; WA3UNX, 14; WX4H, 12; K8KV, 12; and W2WSS, 11. The rest of you arfers are not forgotten- your presence is welcomed. It makes it all work smoothly. Thanks to every one.



4RN NTSD stations and sometimes picks up traffic for other regions if there is a regular check-in on HBN. If there is no one available from the region on HBN, he can qsp 1, 2, 4, 8RN and ECN directly to the regional digital station. In a pinch he will take traffic for anywhere and distribute it to the nearest possible digital station. **This is NOT a packet network, but a pactor, NTS dedicated network which handles NTS messages in good order.**

**George is back!** N1DHT, is back with us after a long absence, and it is great to hear that superb fist. As Jack, KA8WNO, said, "it's like having family back.."

Until next year, 73, ARF. Sis

### HBN QNI NOVEMBER

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI	QTC
N1DHT	GEORGE	VT	11	2
W1KX	BILL	ME	5	
N1OTC	JACK	MA	1	
W1PEX	DAN	NH	21	
WA1RWO	DAVE	FL	1	
KWIU	MARCIA	MA	2	2
WA2CUW	TOM	NJ	5	
W2EAG	MARK MA	16	6	
W2MTA	BILL	NY	14	
W2WSS	PETE	NY	9	11
N3DE	HARRY	MD	10	2
KK3F	PAT	MD	18	
K3GHH	JOHN	MD	2	
W3JKX	EARL	PA	26	1
WA3JXW	DUDLEY	PA	3	
N3QA	CAL	MD	8	5
K3RC	BOB	OH	6	
N3SW	SCOTTPA	2	1	
WA3UNX	DON	PA	21	14
WA3YLO	TONY	MD	2	6
N4ABM	OLE	VA	16	18
AA4AT	ART	VA	5	16
WA4DOX	OBIE	VA	8	21
AB4E	AB	NC	27	15
W4FRR	CHAS	VA	1	1
WX4H MORT	FL	29	12	
K4IX	BUS	VA	2	2

KJ4N	JAN	FL	1	6
W4VFJ	CHAS	NC	3	
KA5NNG	MIKE	AR	13	
WB5ZJN	SAM	OH	2	
WD8DHC	MIKE	WV	4	
WD8DIN	SIS	NC	18	8
KC8GMT	LORA	MI	10	5
K8KV	BEN	MI	15	12
K8LJGJOHN		MI	20	72
AA8PI DON		MI	20	128
W8RTN	LEE	MI	12	21
WB8SIW	JIM	MI	1	
KA8VWE	WALLY	OH	16	3
KA8WNO	JACK	WV	27	77
N9KHD	ANDY	WI	18	
K9PUI DICK		IN	7	3
W0GRW	GEB	MN	24	

### HBSN Manager's Comments

#### C. M. (Sam) Shearer, WB5ZJN

HBSN logged 300 QNI's with a QTC of 55. Stations with top honors for net attendance go to NR9K with a perfect attendance. Also high on this month's attendance record were K2YAI, WA3DUH with 29 and KG2HA, VE3DTR, N3ON, and WB5ZJN with 20 or more QNI's. Everyone is appreciated and every check in contributes to the quality and strength of the net. Thanks to all!

**Net Frequency:** The net frequency is 3.7145 MHz plus or minus. We should all be reminded that the net frequency is not an exact frequency – it is a “plus or minus” – a general area not a specific spot. If the NCS is at 3.7148 MHz, we should tune to that frequency. If you have a radio that has frequency “memory,” and it is set for 3.7145 MHz, be aware that you should “tweak” your rig to zero beat the NCS's frequency. Also, check that your RIT is set at zero and, if you are NCS, turn off your narrow band-width filters.

The alignment of radios varies with each rig. Not all “3.7145 MHz” are the same in all rigs, and as radios get older, and components begin to deteriorate, the rig's accuracy will change. If your 3.7145 MHz was accurate in 1990 it may not be in 2000. (In fact, it might not have been accurate in 1990.) We are all aware of how the venerable “glow-in-the-dark” rigs use to drift considerably when they were warming up, but we should also be aware that today's radios also drift slightly when first turned on. If an NCS does not give his rig adequate warm-up time, he may drift slightly during the net. If this happens, stay with his frequency.

Therefore, the “rule” is this: *The net frequency is the frequency on which the NCS's operates.*

**Pre-Net Tuning:** I would like to suggest that we not tune up on the net frequency. We should be aware that there may be some lonely sole out there dying to have a QSO with someone, and, if he hears someone tuning his rig, he may be ready to bounce on the net frequency and call CQ. If this happens, we do not have the right to tell him that he has to leave the frequency. Who ever is on 3.7145 MHz at 7:30 a.m. EST, has the right to that frequency. The net has to change. (The general “rule,” in such cases is to go to a slightly higher frequency.) However, this problem can be avoided if we do not tune on the net frequency.

**Pre-Net QSO's:** Yes, by all means don't hesitate to engage in QSO's with net members before the net. This helps to build camaraderie. If you wish to have a QSO with a station, after tuning up (off frequency), call that station as you would for any contact. If you engage in a QSO with a non-net member, explain early in the QSO that you are waiting for the net to begin and invite him/her to attend. It goes without saying that we should be very conscious of the time. Do not let your QSO encroach on the net's starting time.

**Pre-Net Games:** Gentlemen, please understand that I do not want to offend anyone, but my responsibility as net manager is to assist in maintaining a high level of professionalism and efficiency. Therefore, I need to respectfully insist that we stop playing the “dits and dahs” games before the net. This is unprofessional, and those hearing this are reminded of the CB'ers antics often heard on local two-meter FM repeaters. We don't need this.

**NCS's Absence:** If, in those rare instances, when an NCS does not show, the net manager (Sam, WB5ZJN) or the assistant net manager (Chuck, N3ON) will call the station assigned to be NCS in order to establish that he is not there. Once it is established that the NCS is absent, a QNC will be sent by one of the managers asking if someone would like to QNG (take over as NCS). In the even rarer instances when both the managers are absent, the general rule is wait until at least 7:32 a.m., send HBSN? DE <your call>. If you hear no response, step forward and call up the net. There is one important problem with this procedure, and we must be sensitive and alert to this fact: If you are on the fringes of reception, it is possible that the NCS will be calling the net and you may not hear it. If this is the case, when you send HBSN? DE <your call> someone will come back to you and ask you to stand by.

**Happy holidays.** May the joy and beauty of this special season find you in good health and fill your heart with thankfulness. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

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**Top attendees HBN QNI 15 or more:** WX4H, KA8WNO, AB4E, W3JKX, W0GRW, WA3UNX, W1PEX, AA8PI, K8LJG, WD8DIN, NKHD, KK3F, N4ABM, W2EAG, KA8VWE, K8KV.

**HBSN NOVEMBER REPORT**

**C.M. (Sam) Shearer WB5ZJN, Manager**

**Charles (Chuck) Punzell N3ON, Asst. Mgr.**

**QNI 300      QTC 55      SESSIONS 30**

<u>CALL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>QNI</u>
K1BTD	KEITH	CT	3
KC1DI	DAVE	ME	0
KB1FNF	ANDY		
W1KX	BILL	ME	6
KG2HA	SAM	NY	25
W2MTA	BILL	NY	7
W2WSS	PETE	NY	7
K2YAI	DON	NY	29
N3COR	DON	WPA	0
N3DE	HARRY	MD	11
VE3DTR	JOHN	ON	26
WA3DUH	JIM	DE	29
KK3F	PAT	MD	2
W3JKX	EARLE	EPA	10
WA3JXW	DUDLEY	EPA	9
N3ON	CHUCK	WPA	28
WA3QNT	BOB	PA	3
W3QQ	CID	DE	5
KA5NNG	MIKE	AR	1
WB5ZJN	SAM	OH	27
KX8B	CHUCK	OH	12
KI8DU	ROGER	WV	1
N8JIW	DON	OH	1
NR9K	AD	EPA	30
N9KHD	ANDY	WI	5
K9PUI	DICK	IN	5

**Eerie Experience -Ole N4ABM**

"To me operating my station in a net is a eerie kind of experience each time I do it. My father was a Navy radioman during World War I. He told me little about

his experiences but I know he operated spark transmitters, that he used crystal detectors, tuning coils, rotary spark gaps and that he wound loading coils to get his rig to load up on a short ships aerial. He said he once heard voice being transmitted by a land station and that the last receiver he used had a vacuum tube diode in it. But he never told me what he sent and received during his tours of duty. I know that one time he was stationed at Sandy Hook, NJ and operated at one of several direction finding stations that helped guide ships into the harbors in foggy weather. These stations operated in a net that developed the ships position as they moved down the channel. He also told me that he once flew on a Curtis seaplane from Washington DC to Norfolk as radio operator and that must have been nearly a first. Anyway, sometimes when I am sitting here listening to 7042 before and after the HBN or when I am operating as NCS or handling someone's traffic I get the funny feeling that my Dad is watching over my shoulders and keeping me on the ball. I wonder if any other ARFers have similar things to report."

**Hints and Tips:**

Occasionally a station lists traffic on HBN or another net as "common text" or "book of..." . Listing traffic this way is all right for phone nets such as 8rn where most traffic listed is passed on the net frequency. Traffic on CW nets should never, or very seldom, be listed as common text or book. Let's say KK3F has a book of five messages; two for FL one for IN and one for PA. He should check in and list his traffic as FL2 IN2 and PA1. Using the "common text" method just wastes time and often confuses NCS, thereby wasting more time.

-Arfy Woofingham

**NJ4L AWARD:** In July, a certificate was issued to AB4E and a donation to the American Heart Association was made in his name.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Cid, W3QQ, 49 Shields Lane, Newark, DE 19702

*The following poem was written by a marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan. His request is that this poem be shared with as many people as possible to honor the U.S. service men and women, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves so that we are able to celebrate these festivities. (I received this from Jack, KA8WNO)*

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.  
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,  
And to see just who in this home did live.

I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
 No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.  
 No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,  
 On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.  
 With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,  
 A sober thought came through my mind.  
 For this house was different, it was dark and dreary,  
 I found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.  
 The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
 Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.  
 The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,  
 Not how I pictured a United States soldier.  
 Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?  
 Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?  
 I realized the families that I saw this night,  
 Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to  
 fight.  
 Soon round the world, the children would play,  
 And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.  
 They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,  
 Because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.  
 I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
 On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.  
 The very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
 I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
 The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
 "Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice."  
 I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,  
 My life is my god, my country, my corps."  
 The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,  
 I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.  
 I kept watch for hours, so silent and still  
 And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.  
 I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,  
 This guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
 Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,  
 Whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is  
 secure."  
 One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.  
 "Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."[]



HBSN 3714 KHz 7:30 AM Daily

Sunday OPEN

Monday	OPEN	
Tuesday	NR9K	Ad
Wednesday	WB5ZJN	Sam
Thursday	N3ON	Chuck
Friday	WD8DHC	Mike
Saturday	OPEN	

HBN 7240 KHz 8:30 AM Daily  
 (Alt 7114 KHz)

Sunday	W2EAG	Mark
Monday	KA8WNO	Jack
Tuesday	WA3UNX	Don
Wednesday	WB5ZJN	Sam
Thursday	N3ON	Chuck
Friday	WD8DIN	Sis
Saturday	WA4DOX	Obie

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**ARL FORTY-SIX**

DECEMBER  
 12 W0GRW

JANUARY  
 12 KK3F; 16 N3ON; 23 KA5NNG; 25 K8KV; 25  
 AA8PI; 28 W3KOD; 28 W3QQ; 29 W8UE; 30  
 W12G; 31 K4MT

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JANUARY

12/52	KK3F	PAT
16/48	N3ON	CHUCK
23/43	KA5NNG	MIKE
25/19	K8KV	BEN
25/22	AA8PI	DON
28/23	W3KOD	HARRY
28/15	W3QQ	CID
29/53	W8UE	THAD
30/53	WI2G	ANNE
31/23	K4MTX	CASEY

FEBRUARY

01/36	WD8DIN	SIS
15/21	WA5PVF	GEORGE
17/39	N4GHI	GERI
19/15	NJ4L	GALE
22/42	WA3QNT	BOB
24/23	W8BEZ	AL
27/29	N3COR	DON

MARCH

03/50	W1XL	BARNETT
03/30	AB4E	AB
04/27	W3NGO	DICK
13/33	K3NNI	JOHN
21/34	N1OTC	JACK
21/40	KE4WCW	MARTY
22/25	W4FRR	CHARLES
22/40	K2YL	MYRA
23/22	W3JKX	EARLE
29/51	WF1M	BOB
31/41	KB8ZYY	RAY

APRIL

05/29	WA8ZGL	TOM
06/25	WA3UNX	DON
07/41	K8KFJ	GARY
21/50	KF1L	NANCY
24/40	W2NGL	RALPH
25/48	W1KX	BILL
26/50	WA4DOX	OBIE
29/51	WB4FDT	PIP
30/35	K3VIG	RON

MAY

01/69	K8AI	CURT
07/39	KAEYBC	LOU
18/64	N2DB	DARLANA
22/43	K8LJG	JOHN
23/20	AA4AT	ART
24/45	AA2YV	BILL
26/33	WA3YLO	TONY
28/20	KA8WNO	JACK
31/18	W8RTN	LEE

JUNE

08/38	KW1U	MARCIA
08/49	KC1DI	DAVE
10/60	WB8SIW	JIM
12/38	W0UCE	JACK
18/23	WA4SRD	EDITH
28/26	W0WFF	DAVE
29/17	K2BCL	GAIL
27/44	N8RGF	BOB

DECEMBER

JULY

01/31	W2MTA	BILL
14/31	WB8KPE	DON
16/18	W1PEX	DAN
16/49	KC4GQN	JAN
17/26	N4DY	DES
21/40	WB2EAG	MARK
24/40	K5UPN	JOE

01/12	W1EOF	JACK
05/17	K4MC	BOB
06/23	WA1TBY	JIM
06/24	N4ABM	OLE
07/	W4DJ	AL
07/36	W4DLZ	FRANK
12/21	W0GRW	GEB

AUGUST

02/27	N6OD	BOB
06/26	W2WSS	PETE
16/37	K2DYB	NAT
24/52	KC8GMT	LORA
25/24	N3DRM	PETE
30/34	W4VFJ	CHARLES

SEPTEMBER

12/49	N3QA	CAL
23/06	K4ZB	DOUG

OCTOBER

04/46	KB8VVX	JON
05/19	K2YAI	DON
08/17	NR9K	AD
10/24	AC4DV	ROY
11/27	K2GWN	JACK
15/30	KA8VWE	WALLY
16/29	WA2CUW	TOM
21/42	N5URB	PHILIP
22/39	N3DE	HARRY
24/40	WB5ZJN	SAM
25/40	K3RC	BOB
29/17	N5CM	KEN

NOVEMBER

03/53	WA3VAT	WAYNE
02/18	N1DHT	GEORGE
11/19	W8ENX	HAROLD
12/32	N9KHD	ANDY
14/45	N3NNH	ANDY
14/25	WX4H	MORT
16/17	WB2EUF	KEN
19/63	WD8LDY	DAVID
26/40	K1BTD	KEITH