

Letter To Net - 1960

"CAROLINA SSB NET"

Memo:

The Carolina SSB Net is entering its third year of organized net operation. We have enjoyed a very successful net since the SSB operators in S. C. decided to "get organized" into a regular net. We think we have reason to feel proud of this net and we have reasons to think it one of the BEST of all nets now operating. The success of any net depends upon the work and efforts of its individual members. We are grateful for the fine cooperation and support and for the outstanding team-work contributed by each side-band operator participating in our Net.

The net was originally called the S. C. SSB Net; having begun as merely a local state activity and is so registered in the ARRL Net Register. However, we soon realized that our side-band signals had no difficulty in crossing state lines; with "out-of-state" signals often sounding like "locals". We appreciate and welcome stations from other states and sincerely hope they will feel "at home" in our net. With the increasing numbers of N. C. stations participating; it has been suggested that we change the designation to "The Carolina SSB Net". If the majority of the active operators indicate approval; the change can be made official and the next registration will be corrected accordingly.

The net has no complicated rules nor restrictions. Our aims and purposes are simple;

1. We shall always strive to make our chosen hobby more enjoyable; for ourselves and all other radio amateurs; always endeavoring to keep ourselves deserving of the privileges we now enjoy; always hoping that we can contribute—at least to some small degree—to the improvement of radio and the other great unlimited fields of communications and electronics.

2. The net and its individual operators and stations facilities are always ready and available for any emergency; local or national; keeping ourselves prepared for prompt and efficient service whenever needed.

3. The net is available for traffic handling, but we do not solicit traffic. We are always willing and anxious to handle "hospital messages" and similar worth-while traffic that will reflect credit and appreciation to amateur radio.

Our single-sideband-signals and our net operations will be heard in many states, with the added effectiveness of SSB mode of operations, giving us considerable advantages over other modes of operations. Under these circumstances, we should realize and remember that we are constantly on review. Our conduct and our signals will be subjected to closer observation and our faults and flaws, if and when we make them, will be considerably amplified. Let's strive to maintain a high standard in all phases of SSB operations; with efficient equipment, properly adjusted and operated; with consideration for the rights and feelings of our fellow operators and for our neighbors.

The SSB net holds two meetings each year. An annual meeting (the last one being held in Greenville, 30 April 1960) being the regular business meeting; for the election of officers, etc., with a "mid-year get-together" which is entirely informal; offering an opportunity for good fellowship. The selection of time and place for the mid-year meetings will be left entirely up to the dictates of the net membership at large. We already have an invite to Columbia. Please "talk it up" on the SSB frequencies and let us have your suggestions and recommendations. THE NET BELONGS TO YOU.

We need volunteers for NCS. Let me know what night you can take NCS. We will try to rotate the list at least once each two months or as frequently as practicable.

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