

## OPERATING FREQUENCIES AND TIMES

The net is activated every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM local time on a frequency of 3990.5 kHz. If interference prevents using the assigned frequency, the net control should politely request the interfering station(s) to QSY for the duration of our net. If not successful the Net Control should QSY to 3991 kHz or 3991.5 kHz to establish a working frequency. Under no circumstances should the Net Control engage in a dialogue with the interfering station(s). An alternate frequency of 7251.5 kHz may be used if conditions warrant. Use of the alternate frequency will be decided by the acting Net Control and if conditions warrant.

## RECORDS

Each assigned Net Control will keep an accurate record of those stations checking-in to our net. This net is activated to test station equipment and **only stations actively transmitting on the net frequency will be checked in on the net roster.**

**Please mail the completed roster within 5 days to:** PEMA Western Area, 276 Stormer Road, Indiana, PA 15701-8933

Sources for additional copies and updates of the roster, preamble and schedule may be found at the following web site in Adobe Portable Document File (.pdf) format. **It is the responsibility of the NCS to have the most recent version of the roster!**

KE3PO web site: <http://www.qsl.net/ke3po> or PA SitRep web site: <http://www.pa-sitrep.com/races.html>

Email Address for questions, comments and updates: [tbaughman@state.pa.us/](mailto:tbaughman@state.pa.us/) or [n3fqg@comcast.net](mailto:n3fqg@comcast.net)

## NET CALL UP PROCEDURE

QST - QST - QST this is (state your call, name and county) Net Control for the Western Region PEMA RACES Net. This is a directed net, operating on a frequency of 3990.5 kHz each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM local time for the purpose of testing emergency RACES communications within the 24 Western Region Counties. All enrolled RACES operators are directed to report. Fifteen seconds will now be given to adjust transmitters to this frequency. This is (your call)... (wait 15 seconds). Please hold all non-RACES traffic for after the net. Is there any RACES business for the net at this time? (Pause for RACES business.) Also, a reminder that (announce county who has the net next week) county has the net next week, please acknowledge net control duties when your county is called.

This is (your call). Roll call will be by registered stations in registered counties. Your response will be by call sign and statement of traffic. If you are not called, please wait until the net secures for questions regarding RACES membership or for addition to the net roster.

Begin the roll call...

This concludes the initial roll call of counties. I will now go through the roll call for late check-ins. (call page by page... ie. "Allegheny through Cambria" and so forth)

## NET CLOSING

Thanks to all that have participated or helped in any way in the operation of this net. We did appreciate the cooperation of other stations in allowing us to use a clear frequency. This has been the directed Pennsylvania Western Region RACES net operating on the FCC assigned frequency of 3990.5 kHz. This is (your call) securing the net at (local time).

## RACES MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE NOTE: You need to be registered in your county and your county must be registered with Western Region. Requirements vary from county to county and may include background checks to permit you to enter the EOC. You should contact your county Radio Officer or Emergency Management Agency to obtain further information.

## WESTERN REGION RACES NET ROSTER

January 6, 2008	Westmoreland	July 6, 2008	Beaver
January 13, 2008	Allegheny	July 13, 2008	Butler
January 20, 2008	Armstrong	July 20, 2008	Cambria
January 27, 2008	Beaver	July 27, 2008	Cameron
February 3, 2008	Butler	August 3, 2008	Clarion
February 10, 2008	Cambria	August 10, 2008	Clearfield
February 17, 2008	Cameron	August 17, 2008	Crawford
February 24, 2008	Clarion	August 24, 2008	Elk
March 2, 2008	Clearfield	August 31, 2008	Erie
March 9, 2008	Crawford	September 7, 2008	Fayette
March 16, 2008	Elk	September 14, 2008	Greene
March 23, 2008	Erie	September 21, 2008	Indiana
March 30, 2008	Fayette	September 28, 2008	Jefferson
April 6, 2008	Greene	October 5, 2008	Lawrence
April 13, 2008	Indiana	October 12, 2008	McKean
April 20, 2008	Jefferson	October 19, 2008	Mercer
April 27, 2008	Lawrence	October 26, 2008	Somerset
May 4, 2008	McKean	November 2, 2008	Venango
May 11, 2008	Mercer	November 9, 2008	Warren
May 18, 2008	Somerset	November 16, 2008	Washington
May 25, 2008	Venango	November 23, 2008	Westmoreland
June 1, 2008	Warren	November 30, 2008	Allegheny
June 8, 2008	Washington	December 7, 2008	Armstrong
June 15, 2008	Westmoreland	December 14, 2008	Beaver
June 22, 2008	Allegheny	December 21, 2008	Butler
June 29, 2008	Armstrong	December 28, 2008	Cambria

**Net Control Stations**

Each net control station for Sunday morning PEMA RACES net shall have a pre-assigned backup Net Control Station (NCS), preferably from his/her own county. The backup NCS shall take over if...

The primary NCS does not start the net promptly at 0900 hrs.

The primary NCS encounters a problem during the net.

The primary NCS must leave the net before completion.

The primary NCS cannot hear or be heard by other members of the net

Any other reason that may require his/her assistance.

Furthermore, the county assigned for the following week shall assume the duties of NCS if the assigned county's backup does not take over. Serving as backup NCS shall not relieve that county of their responsibility of a net being conducted on their assigned week.

In the cases of an actual activation, Net Control shall assign a backup NCS, as soon as possible, from those first checking into the net. The backup NCS shall maintain all records of check-ins and traffic passed so that a seamless transition to NCS can be made, if necessary.