

BALTIMORE TRAFFIC NET - BTN

NET PRIMARY FREQ 2M - 145.330 (-) No Tone (ask if frequency is being used)

NET SECONDARY FREQ 2M - 146.670 (-) PL Tone 107.2

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BE PREPARED, BE AWARE & BE TRANSPARENT

- \*\* Before you begin -
- \*\* Setup your radio & antenna
- \*\* Have your log sheet ready
- \*\* Synchronize your station time to WWV
- \*\* AT 6:30 PM Local TIME - START THE NET
  - \*\* Check-in stations (welcome **NEW** stations)
  - \*\* List traffic (determine routing)
  - \*\* Assign traffic (to on net stations)
  - \*\* Make Announcement - if any
  - \*\* Excuse unassigned stations
  - \*\* Pass traffic to stations
  - \*\* Release Liaison stations
  - \*\* Excuse remaining stations
  - \*\* Close the Net
- \*\* Give your <Callsign> every 10 minutes.

+++++++OPENING THE NET & INTRODUCTION =====

SPEAK - "Is the frequency in use?" \*\* if the frequency is busy - wait or go to alternate 2M Repeater.

SPEAK - "Calling the Baltimore Traffic Net, calling the BTN."

"This is (Callsign) my name is \_\_\_\_\_ I'm located in (town)

"Is there any station with emergency or priority traffic that needs to use this frequency or repeater, please call now?"

LISTEN - WAIT - it may take a few seconds (3 to 5) for the station to reply.

Especially a station dealing with an emergency. Hearing no reply, proceed; if not please assist this station.

SPEAK - "The Baltimore Traffic Net is a local NTS traffic and training Net, of the ARRL National Traffic System responsible for handling message traffic into and out-of this repeater's coverage area.

We're currently using the Shawsville repeater on frequency 145.330 with no PL tone. In the event this repeater or frequency is not available, operations will switch to the backup repeater on 146.670 with a PL tone of 107.2 and the net will continue there.

This is a directed net."

LISTEN -Let the Repeater reset completely <quiet> before proceeding and do the same often.

SPEAK - "New Hams are encourage to participate in the BTN and the National Traffic System and all stations are welcome to check in. All stations should use the "THIS IS" method when calling Net Control and please use phonetics."

+++++++CHECK-IN LIAISON STATIONS =====

SPEAK - "Is there an **Alternate Net Control Station** on frequency?"

SPEAK - "Is there a liaison station from **MEPN**?"

SPEAK - "Is there a station from **WL2K**?"

SPEAK - "Is there a station to go to **MDD**?"

SPEAK - "Are there any other stations from any other **NETS or MODES** wishing to check into  
The Baltimore Traffic Net, your call sign please?"

+++++++CHECK IN STATIONS AND LIST TRAFFIC =====

SPEAK - "Any station with **FORMAL OR INFORMAL TRAFFIC** for the Net. Please call now."

LISTEN- <\_\_\_\_\_> \*\* if they say "traffic you say "<callsign> please list"

LISTEN- Listen and record the Traffic List.

SPEAK - "Call sign – your traffic (repeat traffic list) is listed – please stand by"

SPEAK - "Do we have any **SHORT TIME OR EARLY OUT STATIONS ONLY**  
your call signs please"

Acknowledge and excuse these stations immediately.

SPEAK - "Any station **WITH OR WITHOUT TRAFFIC** , please call now."

LISTEN- <\_\_\_\_\_> \*\* if they say "traffic you say "<callsign>please list"

\*\* If listing traffic, you then say:

<callsign> Your Traffic (repeat traffic list) is listed, Please stand by

Portable / mobile and emergency power stations may be released early at NCS discretion.

NOTE - Returning stations from other frequencies should only check in when asked and try to avoid checking in at random. (<Callsign> back)

LISTEN - <Callsign - suffix only> say "Back" (means returning to the Net)

\*\* If from another NET check in with full callsign, from "NET or Back" "no traffic or business"

+++++++SECOND ROUND OF CHECK INS =====

SPEAK - "This is (CALLSIGN) for the Baltimore Traffic Net" " Any Additional stations, with or without traffic, ( or returning stations) please call now."

\*\* Say - Thank you please standby"

NOTE - MDD liaison station must be released as soon as possible - MDD CW net starts at 19:00 Local.

NOTE - Excuse remaining stations, keep stations with pending traffic

+++++++EXCUSING STATIONS =====

SPEAK –“<CALLSIGN> Thank you for joining us this evening. We have nothing for your station so you are excused."

NOTE - Count up the QTC and QNS and total time of NET and confirm with ANC (Alternate Net Control)

+++++++CLOSING THE NET =====

SPEAK - "This is (CALLSIGN) for the Baltimore Traffic Net.

This Net operates daily at 6:30 PM and all amateurs are welcome to participate and thanks to all who

Participated this evening. For more information about the Baltimore Traffic Net - visit

BALTIMORETRAFFIC.NET or the MARYLAND SECTION WEB SITE (ARRL-MDC.NET) and we are also on FACEBOOK"

The BTN wishes to thank Bert K3HT and ED W3EHT for the use of the Shawsville repeater and other stations

standing by while message traffic is passed. The Net is now closed, we return the repeater to regular Amateur

Radio use. Thank you and good evening.

This is (CALLSIGN)"

\*\*SEND NET REPORT TO AB3WG@ARRL.NET - BTN Manager.

**Net reports are due within TWO DAYS**

Example - (in radiogram format)

4 R KC3CBL 25 REISTERSTOWN MD AUG 3  
AB3WG  
BTN SUN AUG 3 2230Z  
QNS/15 QTC/2 IN 17 MINS  
KC3CBL/NCS WA3TOY/ANC NF8I/MEPN/WL2K W3YVQ/MDD WA3GYW  
N5UKP KB3WQI KB3SGF K3DWH KC3DGN  
K3AKE N3VBJ KB3KWT N3SOI N3EKO  
CHRIS KC3CBL