

Slow speed CW Roundtable

Here are some helpful tips for those checking into our Slow Speed CW Roundtable.

Our roundtable is "directed" meaning you need to follow the direction of the Roundtable Control Station (RCS). Everyone will have an opportunity to check in and make some brief comments. Here's how it's supposed to go.

Roundtable Control Station (RCS) calls "QRL? QRL?" at the specified time to see if the designated frequency is in use. If the frequency is being used or there is other interference the RCS will send QSY ALT indicating we will move to a predetermined alternate frequency.

RCS calls "CQ CQ SSCW DE (HIS CALL) QNI K". That means it's time for stations to send their callsigns for the RCS to copy.

Please listen for other stations first. When you don't hear anyone else trying to check in send "DE <space> YOURCALLSIGN".

When the RCS hears your callsign, he will acknowledge it by repeating it. If he receives multiple callsigns, he will repeat all that he has heard.

Example: "R N9RLO ES W4HH AS". "AS" means standby. The reason I say standby is that I will return to you LATER for comments.

Wait for RCS to call you again. Example: "N9RIO DE WB9EGZ KN". KN means the RCS is calling you and only you. Make your comments, send "73" if you no longer wish to be included in additional rounds and end with "WB9EGZ DE <YOURCALLSIGN> KN".

For the first pass it is suggested that you include your name, QTH, rig being used and power level. Other comments on antenna, key or anything else of interest to the group is welcome.

The RCS will call the entire list of stations individually until everyone has had an opportunity to comment then will call "QNI K" a few times to listen for more check-ins. If you have not yet been acknowledged by the RCS, keep trying to call until the RCS hears you. Remember: DE <space>

YOURCALLSIGN"

We will continue for multiple rounds as long as there is participation.

When the RCS decides to close the roundtable he will send 73 SSCW (HIS CALL) >KN.

It is suggested that the participants should be using the Farnsworth method of sending Morse Code. That is, the individual letters should be sent at a higher speed but spaced out so overall the words and sentences are actually sent at a lower speed. This is considered the best method of learning CW and increasing CW speed.

As much as possible try to send at the speed of the slowest participant in the roundtable. If you are having trouble copying the RCS or other participants in the roundtable send <QRS> when it is your turn to comment to remind everyone to slow down.

That's it guys. Looking forward to your participation in our roundtable. I hope we will have fun while improving our CW skills and the group continues to grow. 73, Dave WB9EGZ
