



# The 3905 Century Club

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## PURPOSE

The primary purpose of our nets is to make contacts and exchange QSL's. The exchange of QSLs for contacts made on our nets is essential for earning our extensive selection of Club awards or toward any purpose you may choose. Below is some information you may find helpful.

## HOW OUR NETS WORK

Prior to the official start time of our nets, the Net Control Station (NCS) takes check-ins on a first come, first served basis. At the start of a net, the NCS reads the preamble and then proceeds with additional check-ins, beginning with Master's Degree holders and DX stations, followed by general check-ins.

If you want to check in and cannot hear the NCS, wait for the NCS to ask a relay station for additional check-ins.

After this, the NCS reads the reminders and any announcements before directing stations to make their calls. The NCS will go through the list, allowing each individual time to call any other person on the net. The objective is to contact someone from whom you want a QSL, exchange signal reports, and confirm the actual signal report received so others on the net hear your confirmation.

The NCS will continue running through the check-in list repeatedly, permitting each checked-in individual to make calls on each pass through the list while periodically taking additional check-ins until no one wishes to make further calls. As a new station you will get two calls per round until you have checked in 5 times.

When it is your turn to make a call. You have three options:

- (1) Make a call to any station you have heard.
- (2) Say your call sign and then say "up for grabs" (an invitation for anyone to call you)
- (3) "Take a pass" or "no calls".

Some stations have a club call sign and/or a special event call sign (1X1 Call). Contacting such a station counts as a contact with the station, the club, and/or the special event. One call can give you up to 3 contacts.

## NET CHECK-IN LISTS

We use NetLogger to track check-ins and log contacts. This free tool displays each station's information, such as state, master degree holders, state capitals, YL, officers, and VIPs. It helps you decide which station to call and keeps track of your contacts.

Link for free NetLogger download: <https://www.netlogger.org/>

## QSL BUREAUS

Volunteers run QSL bureaus, making it cost-effective to exchange QSL cards. You send cards in bulk to the bureau, which then sorts and returns cards from your contacts in bulk. Stations must participate in the bureau for you to send their cards there. "GIB" in NetLogger indicates a station is "Good In Bureau".

Bureau address for sending cards and funds <http://3905ccn.org/buro-allnets.php>

## Helpful Information

- Net Schedule <https://www.3905ccn.org/netsched.php>
- Club Benefits <https://www.3905ccn.org/clubbenefits.php>
- Award Applications <http://3905ccn.org/awards.php>
- Become a Member <https://www.3905ccn.org/firstfreeaward.php>
- Area Awards Manages <http://3905ccn.org/officers.php#area>
- Award Applications <http://3905ccn.org/awards.php>
- QSL Guidelines <https://www.3905ccn.org/qslicardinfo.php>
- QSL Bureau <https://www.3905ccn.org/buro-allnets.php>
- Signal Reports <https://3905ccn.org/rst-guide.php>

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