

RACE S Notes for 05/28/2008

News and Announcements

1) Upcoming Events:

5/31 – Prescott Hamfest
6/7 – White Mountain Hamfest, Show Low
7/4 – Bisbee Coaster Race
7/18-19 - Williams Hamfest

2) Annual Pager Dues – Just reminder that we are getting close to the date when those of you who pay the annual pager subscription is due. I still have a couple pagers that are available for anyone who would like to be on-call for callouts. Thanks to those of you who have already paid. I appreciate it.

3) Bisbee Coaster Race – If you have not signed up with RB Rice for one of the slots at the annual 4th of July Bisbee Coaster Race. Please consider contacting him after the net tonight and sign up. We normally need about 15 volunteers to cover the course. It only takes 3-4 hours of your time on the Fourth and it is a lot of fun. Equipment wise all you need is a Handie Talkie with a decent battery.

Training:

A couple nets ago, we started a series dealing with National Traffic System message formatting. We provided a sample message to introduce you to the basic radiogram elements. On the first net we covered Element I, the Preamble and on the last net we covered elements II – IV. We also covered the optional handling instructions.

As we continue our series on National Traffic System message handling tonight we will talk about ARRL Numbered Radiograms. This is a method used to pass messages using a standardized list of common phrases as a shorthand method to save time. There are two groups: group one for emergency relief consisting of 26 phrases numbered consecutively ONE to TWENTY SIX. As an example, number Six means: will contact you as soon as possible. Group two consists of 21 phrases numbered FORTY SIX and then consecutively from FIFTY through SIXTY NINE. The complete list can be downloaded from the www.arrl.org website. The list is called FSD Form 3.

The letters ARL are inserted in the preamble in the check and in the text before spelled out numbers, which represent texts from this list. Please note that some ARL texts may include insertion of numerals. Here is an example using a standard ARRL Numbered Radiogram.

NR 1 R N7INK ARL 2 SIE RRA VISTA AZ MAY 28
DONALD R. SMITH
64 EAST SIXTH AVE
NORTH RIVER CITY MO
PHONE (1 23) 555-3968
BREAK
ARL FIVE
BREAK
DIANA SMITH

When the operator delivers the message to the addressee, the operator translates the ARRL numbered message back to the full text. In this case, FIVE means "Am moving to new location. Send no further mail or communication. Will inform you of new address when relocated." You can see how much less traffic needs to be passed through the system when using the standard ARRL numerical messages.

When using numbered radiograms, the letters ARL (ALPHA ROMEO LIMA) are placed in the check block of the preamble. The number is written out in text, not numerals. It is important to spell out the numbers when using voice. This will insure the receiving station can correctly copy what is being sent and inadvertently write the figures. For additional information about traffic handling, I recommend that you consult The ARRL Operating Manual, published by ARRL.

Group One--For Possible "Relief Emergency" Use

ONE--Everyone safe here. Please don't worry.

TWO--Coming home as soon as possible.

THREE--Am in ____ hospital. Receiving excellent care and recovering fine.

FOUR--Only slight property damage here. Do not be concerned about disaster reports.

FIVE--Am moving to new location. Send no further mail or communication. Will inform you of new address when relocated.

SIX--Will contact you as soon as possible.

SEVEN--Please reply by Amateur Radio through the amateur delivering this message. This is a free public service.

EIGHT--Need additional ____ mobile or portable equipment for immediate emergency use.

NINE--Additional ____ radio operators needed to assist with emergency at this location.

TEN--Please contact _____. Advise to stand by and provide further emergency information, instructions or assistance.

ELEVEN--Establish Amateur Radio emergency communications with ____ on ____ MHz.

TWELVE--Anxious to hear from you. No word in some time. Please contact me as soon as possible.

THIRTEEN--Medical emergency situation exists here.

FOURTEEN--Situation here becoming critical. Losses and damage from ____ increasing.

FIFTEEN--Please advise your condition and what help is needed.

SIXTEEN--Property damage very severe in this area.

SEVENTEEN--REACT communications services also available. Establish REACT communication with ____ on channel ____.

EIGHTEEN--Please contact me as soon as possible at _____.

NINETEEN--Request health and welfare report on _____. (State name, address and telephone number.)

TWENTY--Temporarily stranded. Will need some assistance. Please contact me at _____.

TWENTY ONE--Search and Rescue assistance is needed by local authorities here. Advise availability.

TWENTY TWO--Need accurate information on the extent and type of conditions now existing at your location. Please furnish this information and reply without delay.

TWENTY THREE--Report at once the accessibility and best way to reach your location.

TWENTY FOUR--Evacuation of residents from this area urgently needed. Advise plans for help.

TWENTY FIVE--Furnish as soon as possible the weather conditions at your location.

TWENTY SIX--Help and care for evacuation of sick and injured from this location needed at once.

Emergency/priority messages originating from official sources must carry the signature of the originating official.

Group Two--Routine messages

FORTY SIX--Greetings on your birthday and best wishes for many more to come.

FIFTY--Greetings by Amateur Radio.

FIFTY ONE--Greetings by Amateur Radio. This message is sent as a free public service by ham radio operators at _____. Am having a wonderful time.

FIFTY TWO--Really enjoyed being with you. Looking forward to getting together again.

FIFTY THREE--Received your _____. It's appreciated, many thanks.

FIFTY FOUR--Many thanks for your good wishes.

FIFTY FIVE--Good news is always welcome. Very delighted to hear about yours.

FIFTY SIX--Congratulations on your _____, a most worthy and deserved achievement.

FIFTY SEVEN--Wish we could be together.

FIFTY EIGHT--Have a wonderful time. Let us know when you return.

FIFTY NINE--Congratulations on the new arrival. Hope mother and child are well.

SIXTY--Wishing you the best of everything on _____.

SIXTY ONE--Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SIXTY TWO--Greetings and best wishes to you for a pleasant _____ holiday season.

SIXTY THREE--Victory or defeat, our best wishes are with you. Hope you win.

SIXTY FOUR--Arrived safely at _____.

SIXTY FIVE--Arriving _____ on _____. Please arrange to meet me there.

SIXTY SIX--DX QSLs are on hand for you at the _____ QSL Bureau. Send _____ self addressed envelopes.

SIXTY SEVEN--Your message number _____ undeliverable because of _____. Please advise.

SIXTY EIGHT--Sorry to hear you are ill. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

SIXTY NINE--Welcome to the _____. We are glad to have you with us and hope you will enjoy the fun and fellowship of the organization.

* Can be used for all holidays.

We will now go down the roster for comments.

Bob

Robert L Hollister

Thought for the day:

"To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world."

Brandi Snyder