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Message handling by Amateur Radio is the oldest activity in the hobby. The National Traffic System is a network of trained operators who serve the public by handling third party messages in normal times so that they may be prepared to do so efficiently in times of emergencies and disasters. The Seminole VHF Net has been a part of this tradition for many years. The Seminole VHF Net meets daily @ 07:15 PM or 00:15Z. 147.285. The first Monday of each month SVTN meets on 147.450 simplex. On the first Thursday of the month, SVTN meets only under emergency conditions.

The SVTN is looking for Net Control Station. Are you a type NCS-Personality? If so, contact Vic-NU8K or better yet, send him a radiogram and let him know that you wish to try for the glorious position of Net control!!!

We also offer National Traffic System training twice a year during Spring & Fall. Send us a radiogram for more information.

NTS & SVTN
AWAITS
YOU!

Join in one of the oldest activities of Amateur Radio, be part of its tradition of public service, learn valuable communications skills, and prepare for emergency service and operation by participating in the National Traffic System at the state (section) and local level.

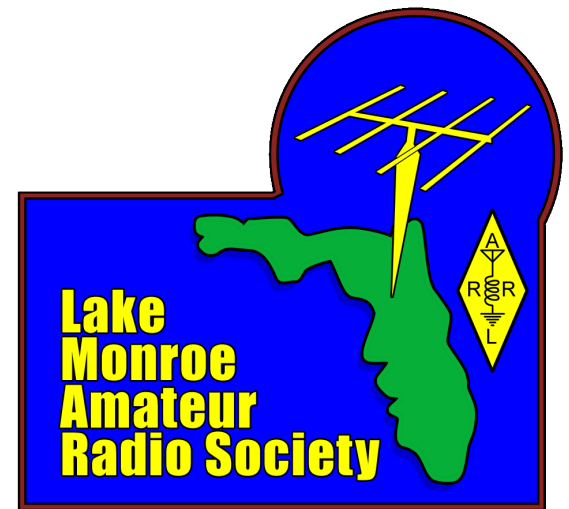
Amateur radio exists as service, and traffic handling exemplifies one type of service of many services we can provide. The skills, knowledge, and discipline required to operate in the National Traffic System are acquired by handling routine, day-to-day, third party traffic or messages. SVTN operators can thus prepare themselves for the situation in which timely and efficient handling of emergency traffic may save life and property.

There is a place for you in the Seminole VHF Traffic Net, whether you prefer the broad participation and wide coverage of the HF-Phone nets, the code skill required of CW net operation, Liaison between Sections or higher echelon nets, or the many activities focusing on emergency preparedness which occur on local and ARES nets.

In these "high tech" times, when cell phone systems are easily overload, and software glitch by itself can be disable the communications system for a large portion of the country, basic operating and traffic handling skills are even more important for the amateur service.

JOIN THE SEMINOLE VHF TRAFFIC NET!

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Just what is The SVTN?

The SVTN can best be described in simple terms as:

"A group of communications stations operating under unified control to relay traffic into, out of, and within Seminole County & surrounding area."

Here are some definitions and operating practices:

Declared Net: Begins with a statement that a net is being started for a particular purpose; there is an identified Net Control Station (**NCS**) and perhaps an identified backup or logging station.

Open Net: Net declared; not much is happening; normal use of repeater or frequency.

Directed Net: **NCS** declares the net active and actively controls the frequency. Normal usage of the frequency is stopped. Specific topic, conditions and/or instructions for check-in are given.

Informal Directed Net: Public service nets and practice nets.

Formal Directed Net: Activation of specific nets for a specific purpose.

Sub-nets: **NCS** may establish sub-nets with their own frequencies and **NCS**,

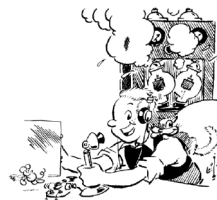
reporting to the main net. Some typical sub-nets might be:

- Resource (personnel, standby, relief, scheduling)
- Logistics (supply, transportation)
- Health & Welfare
- Search & Rescue
- Damage Assessment
- Security

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The **Lake Monroe Amateur Radio Society** serves Seminole County & Central Florida, operating 2 meters repeaters on 147.285-MHz (+600Khz) and on 146.805-MHz (-600Khz) 103.5-Hz CTCSS, 442.975 MHz (+5) 103.5-Hz CTCSS and Special Event Frequency 147.555-MHz and/or 147.450-MHz

We also publish our own newsletter, Keyed-Up, which contains information on each meeting, Ham news, and contributed articles on amateur radio.

LMARS is an American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Special Service Club and actively support ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service). RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service), and Sky Warn groups.

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