

Verbally passing traffic on a net.

When net control gives permission for you to pass your traffic to another station, the receiving station of your message contacts you and says “ready to copy”.

Your message would go like this, just read it exactly like this and fill in the blanks with your info.

Remember when reading the message that someone is writing it on the other end, so read at writing speed.

“Please copy my number: _____ Routine, HX _____, (your call sign), 25, (your location), (time if applicable), December two zero.

Going to (your addressee) and (amateur call sign if any), figures 1234 Dale Creek Drive, Dale Creek, AR zip figures 98765, phone figures 123 555 1234, break for text.”

Now wait for the receiving station to say “go with text”, plus this allows them any fills they might need of the preamble information or any needed fills of information of the addressee.

When they say, “go with text,” read your message word for word at writing speed, any tough words use phonetics. The number of words should match the (check) in the preamble. ARL Message codes are always phonetically spelled out. One number character per box. Ex. ARL Fifty Six would be 3

words. When done delivering your text to receiving station say, “Break for Signature”.

Wait for receiving station to ask for fills, or say, “go with signature”.

Give signature of message sender, amateur call sign if applicable and say “end message number one, how copy”.

The receiving station will acknowledge your message number one and say “thanks for the traffic” ending with their call sign.

You can reply by saying “thank you for taking it” and end with your call sign so net control knows the message has been passed and you both are finished.

That’s all there is to passing a message. Pretty easy isn’t it. Not much to it, this is how we do it on the Region 5 NTS nets.

Delivering a radiogram is even easier. Call the person with phone number provided, read the text part of the message, explain the ARL message codes, if there are any, because most likely they do not know what they mean, and tell them who it is from. That’s it.

Just a brief mention of how I present myself when calling someone.

When someone answers I say "Hi, my name is Tom and I am a ham radio operator with the Arkansas Razorback traffic net". Usually this gets their attention so they do not think I am a telemarketer.

I have found the use of the word “**ham**” to be better than “amateur”. You just have to find what works best for you.