

Wednesday Night Practice Net

This training and information net takes place every Wednesday night at 8:30 PM Local Time. When operating as NCS for a practice net, please use WX8CUY in place of your normal FCC callsign. Only text in **bold** is to be read over the air. All other text is for instructional purposes only.

WX8CUY with tones (enter W mode tone) Attention all stations. Good evening, and welcome to the Cuyahoga County Skywarn weekly practice net.

This net is for passing Skywarn-related information, for training, and for the testing of radio equipment. My name is _____ and my call is _____ and I will be acting as net control tonight using the Cuyahoga County Skywarn callsign of WX8CUY.

Cuyahoga County Skywarn supports severe weather spotters in Cuyahoga County. We collect severe weather reports and pass them to National Weather Service Forecasters in Cleveland. This net is directed and open to ALL amateurs. Skywarn affiliation is NOT required and ALL stations are encouraged to check in.

****(Read the following ONLY if your station is equipped with an antenna mounted outside and elevated)*

At the conclusion of this net, we invite all stations to please switch over to 146.475 MHz for our SIMPLEX net. This will give us the opportunity to test simplex operations which may be needed in the event of a repeater outage.

At this time we will begin taking check-ins from mobile, emergency powered, or short of time stations. Any mobile, emergency powered, or short of time stations please call now with your call sign, name, location, and whether or not you have traffic.

Wait for ~3-5 stations to check in. **Acknowledge** stations that did and then pass it back to any station that indicated they have traffic.

Any other mobile, emergency powered, or short of time stations wishing to check in please call now.

After all stations of the first category have checked in move on to General check-ins.

The net will now accept general check-ins. Please give your callsign, name, location, and whether or not you have traffic.

Allow some stations to check in. After 3-5 check-ins, acknowledge each station and; pass it to any station that indicated they have traffic. After all stations from the second category have checked in read the following:

Cuyahoga County Skywarn operates on the 146.76 repeater. Our backup is the 146.88 repeater. Both repeaters use a PL of 110.9. We also use the 442.125 repeater as an additional backup; its PL is 82.5, and the simplex frequency of 146.475 in the event no repeaters can be accessed.

The "Standby Weather Watch" is activated anytime severe weather is expected to threaten Cuyahoga County soon, but no warning has been issued yet. During a Standby Weather Watch, all stations are free to contact each other without permission from net control. However, we do ask that you please keep transmissions short; and yield to breaking stations, as they may have traffic to pass.

A "Directed Severe Weather Net" is activated anytime the National Weather Service issues a severe thunderstorm or tornado WARNING for Cuyahoga County. During a directed severe weather net, the repeater is closed and all traffic must pass through net control.

Underlined terms should have a short pause after them for clarity.

During a severe weather net, please limit your reports to: Tornados, Funnel Clouds, Wall Clouds, winds in excess of fifty, five-zero, miles per hour, hail dime size or larger, flooding in progress, and reports of storm damage.

Are there any other stations wishing to check-in or any stations with questions or traffic?

If there are, acknowledge them and proceed. After all traffic has been passed, move on.

For more information about Cuyahoga County Skywarn, please check out our website at: www.ccskywarn.org or you can contact us by e-mail at: info@ccskywarn.org

Thanks to all stations for checking into tonight's net. We would also like to thank LEARA for the use of their repeaters for Skywarn functions. This is WX8CUY, net control. This net is now closed.

***(continue ONLY if you plan to run a simplex net, if your station is equipped with an antenna mounted outside and elevated)

All stations wishing to participate in the simplex portion of the net should now switch over to the simplex frequency of 146.475 at this time. We will begin by going through the list of checkins from the repeater. If you are unable to hear me, please be patient as we will pass net control around to multiple stations after we finish the roll call. This is WX8CUY switching to 146.475 simplex. All stations please standby for changeover. WX8CUY with tones (enter normal mode tone)

Switch your radio to 146.475 simplex.

Make sure your radio has not identified this as a repeater frequency and enabled an automatic frequency shift (no + or – should be visible). It is recommended that you transmit on the highest power possible (since you don't know how much power you will require to make a specific contact) and also keep your squelch open to hear weak stations. Also remember to ask for relays from other stations when needed. Additionally, make sure PL decode is OFF for RX. PL for TX is OK and should be 110.9 if used.

Good evening and attention all stations My name is _____ and my call is _____ and I will be acting as net control for the Cuyagoga County Skywarn Simplex net using the Cuyahoga County Skywarn callsign of WX8CUY.

This net is for the testing of our radio equipment utilizing simplex operations.

This net is directed and open to ALL amateurs. Skywarn affiliation is NOT required and ALL stations are encouraged to check in.

At this time, we will begin by going through the list of check ins from the repeater to see who is here.

Begin calling each station individually using the list of check-ins you took during the repeater portion of the net. If at any time a station does not answer or cannot be heard clearly enough read the following.

(call sign of other station) I was not able to copy you. Are there any stations able to relay?

If someone else is able to copy, acknowledge the check in through the relay. Keep in mind these are all skills that need to be practiced in the event of an actual event taking place on a simplex frequency. Once you get to the bottom of the repeater check in list, call for other stations to check in.

Are there any other stations wishing to check-in or any stations with questions or additional comments?

If there are, acknowledge them and proceed. If no other stations are heard, ask for relays one last time.

Hearing nothing, are there any other relays?

If there are, acknowledge them and proceed. If no other stations are heard, close the net.

Thanks again to all stations for checking into tonight's net. If at any time Cuyahoga Skywarn is unable to access any repeaters, all spotters should check 146.475 to see if a net control is present. This is WX8CUY, net control. This net is now closed.