



Net Logger

How to run a net, how to monitor one, and how net control is handed over.

What it is

The net logger is the club's own check-in sheet, running in a web browser. One operator runs the net and types the check-ins; everyone else can open the same page and watch the list fill in live, with a chat window alongside it for passing notes off the air.

Only one person logs at a time. That operator is **net control**, and the rest are **monitoring**. Control is handed over deliberately - it cannot be taken by someone who simply opens the page.

The screen at a glance

Banner, top	The coloured strip at the top. Says what this page is doing and holds the buttons that apply right now. Orange means read it.
Pill, top right	Your role and connection: Watching , Broadcasting , Standby or Offline , plus who is logging and how many are watching.
Check-in list	The board. Read-only when monitoring, editable when you hold the chair.
Chat, bottom right	Click the header to open or close it. A red badge counts unread messages. Cleared when the net ends.

How to open it

Monitoring	The plain link. Read-only view of the live net, plus chat. This is what you get if you just open the logger, and it is the right choice unless you are actually running the net.
Net control	The same page with ?net=control on the end of the address. Asks for the net key. Use this to start a net.
Offline	Add ?net=off for the plain logger - no network, no chat, no broadcasting. Useful for practising, or for a net that is not being shared.

Monitoring a net

1. Open the logger. Enter your callsign when asked. You are not asked for the net key.
2. The board fills in as net control types. You cannot edit anything, and nothing you see here touches your own saved logs.
3. Use the chat box at the bottom right to talk to the other operators. Chat is wiped when the net ends.

A blank board is normal

An empty check-in list means **no one is currently logging** - the net has not started, or it finished earlier. Only a live board is ever shown. If a net ran earlier today, the chat window says how many check-ins are on record and offers you the chance to carry on with it.

Running the net as net control

Getting the chair

There are two ways to end up as net control, and which one applies depends on whether anybody is already logging.

Nobody logging	Open the logger with ?net=control , or press Take over logging in the banner. You are asked for the net key and you start logging straight away. This is how a net begins.
Somebody logging	You cannot take the chair. Press Ask for net control and wait - see the next page.

Logging check-ins

- Type the callsign and press Enter or **Add**. If the callsign is on the club roster, the name and location fill in for you.
- Tick **EchoLink**, **Mobile**, **Short time** or **Traffic** as they apply. The counters at the top keep a running total of phone, EchoLink and overall check-ins.
- Click a row to edit or delete it. Every change is broadcast to the monitors within a second or two.

Net Control and Logger fill in automatically

Both boxes name whoever currently holds the chair, and they are rewritten when control is passed - so the finished log always names the operator who ran it.

They are fully automatic. If you type something in by hand, it will be replaced the next time control changes hands.

Finishing up

Download CSV	Saves the check-in list as a spreadsheet file. Do this before you clear anything.
Printable list	Opens a clean version for printing or saving as a PDF.
End net	Stops broadcasting and permanently clears the chat for everyone. It does not delete the check-in list - that stays on your computer.
New Net	Wipes the check-ins and the header to start a fresh net on the same day. Destructive, so it asks twice. Download the CSV first.

Your log is saved in the browser on the computer you are using, one net per calendar day. It is not stored on the website, so download the CSV if you need to keep it.

Passing net control

Net control is **given, never taken**. A monitor cannot promote themselves, and the operator currently logging always decides. Either side can start the conversation.

If the monitor asks first

1. The monitor presses **Ask for net control**. Nothing changes yet - this only puts their callsign in front of net control.
2. Net control sees "*K4ABC is asking for net control*" in the banner, with **Pass to K4ABC** and **Not now**.
3. If control presses **Pass to**, the monitor gets an **Accept net control / Decline** prompt. Control carries on logging until they answer.
4. When the monitor accepts, the board transfers to their computer, they become net control, and the previous operator switches to monitoring automatically.

If net control offers first

1. Net control picks a name from the **Pass control to...** list in the banner. Only members who are currently connected appear there.
2. That operator gets the same Accept / Decline prompt, and the handover completes the same way.

Nothing changes until the other operator accepts

Net control keeps logging the whole time an offer is outstanding, so a mis-picked callsign costs nothing - press **Cancel offer** and choose again.

An unanswered offer lapses after about two minutes. A request to take over stays up for about fifteen minutes, or until control answers it.

If net control disappears

If the operator's browser crashes or their computer drops off, the chair is released automatically after a short delay. **Take over logging** then appears for any member, and whoever takes it inherits the net exactly as it stood - the check-ins are not lost.

Who is allowed to be net control

Only callsigns on the club roster. Anyone else is welcome to monitor and to use the chat, but will be told their callsign is not on the roster if they try to take the chair. If you are a member and your callsign is refused, it is missing from the roster file - contact the club and it can be added.

If something looks wrong

You see an old net	Only a live board is ever shown. If check-ins from earlier appear, someone is logging right now.
Nothing updates	Check the status pill in the top right corner. Offline means the connection dropped; it retries by itself.
An orange banner	Read it. It names the problem - most often that the page needs a refresh with Ctrl+F5.
You cannot take control	Somebody is already logging. Ask for it, and they can pass it to you.