

# Ham Etiquette 101

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N7QMT

- Bunton's Rule on the FCC Rules:

Be Nice!

# On VHF

- Listen before you press the button and talk.
- Leave profanity off the air (or unsaid)
- Remember that repeaters are shared resources. Nice people share....

# Identify

- Identify at end of your communication and every ten (10) minutes during your communication [97.119(a)]
- You are responsible for YOUR call sign, other parties are responsible for THEIR call sign

# QSOs

- When calling, typically say the person's call sign you want to call, followed by your call sign
- When you start a QSO, and you can choose to repeat the other party's call sign but are NOT required to do so. And just say their call sign ONCE, not many times.

# Events

- If you are operating under a call sign not your own, remember to give YOUR call sign every hour [97.119(d)]

# Contests

- During contests (and similar events), you can still be nice but firm
- Talk with confidence, and have fun

# Monitoring

- When “monitoring”, say your call sign slow enough so someone else can copy and remember it to call you back. You can use phonetics or not at your option



# Friendly

- Remember to occasionally answer a “monitoring” call. We were all “first timers” once
- Many of us travel to other places and hope someone will answer our call. Welcome those passing thru and newcomers to our repeaters

# Interlopers

- Remember to NOT engage someone who comes on our frequencies that does not sound like a ham
  - Test whether or not you can hear the input side
  - Report what you hear to trustee or other designated person

Your observations

# On HF

- Listen before you press to talk
- When you want to talk to anyone, call CQ 2-3 times followed by your call sign.
- Call the other station

# HF Pile-up

- When operating in a pile-up (some of us have never done so) operate consistently so people know when to call
- Example: N7QMT QRZ, then listen to the babble and pick out a call sign
- Example: N7QMT up 4 QRZ (or something like that) when operating split

# In Person

- Say “hello” to hams you do not (yet) know
- Offer help to a newcomer (we were all there once or twice)

# Recap

- Take time to “Be Nice” when on the air or in person.

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