

YR Net Ed Moment, 3/22/2018
Review of Doubling and Relaying

Doubling (several people trying to transmit at the same time) is **very common** when multiple people are trying to check in, as on our weekly Zone Nets. Doubling is probably at least partly to blame for the interference we've been experiencing, especially in the zones with more participants. In tonight's Ed Moment, we'll review how to recognize doubling and what to do about it.

How do you know doubling is happening?

- You may hear a burst of static
- You may hear a garbled or unintelligible transmission
- You call in, but Net Control doesn't acknowledge you

If Zone Net Control doesn't acknowledge your call-in, you weren't heard. Try again. Be patient. **It's YOUR responsibility to be sure you are heard.**

Zone Net Control also has an important responsibility. If you are Zone Net Control and you hear a garbled transmission, or just a burst of static, ask if anyone heard the transmission, and **ask them to relay it.**

If you, as a Net participant, hear someone transmit, but Net Control does not acknowledge, **YOU** can relay the communication.

Just say "Zone Net Control, this is George." Wait for Zone Net Control to say "Go ahead, George." Then say, "I heard Jane call in but I did not hear you acknowledge her. I am relaying her communication."

Our weekly Yellow Radio Nets allow us to practice our skills when it's NOT an emergency. Emergency Communication will never be perfect, but the more comfortable we are with possible issues and workarounds, the better we'll do when we have to put our skills to use in a real emergency.