



AMRClog

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

What it is

AMRClog 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. The header names the net you are on , and so does the browser tab.

How to open it

Open **AMRClog** from the menu on the club site, or go straight to **totr-radio.org/amrclog.html**. A dialog asks for three things: your callsign, which net you are joining, and whether you are taking net control or monitoring. Nothing is chosen for you - pick the net every time. There is nothing else to type - **the net key is gone**.

The three nets	Sunday Evening Club Net, Turnip Truck Net and Brown Bag Lunch Bunch Net each have a board of their own. They are completely separate - check-ins, chat and net control are per net - so all three can run at once and none of them sees the others.
Monitor	Read-only view of the live net, plus chat. This is the right choice unless you are actually running the net.
Net Control	Log the net and broadcast it to everyone monitoring. Use this to start a net.
Offline	Add ?net=off to the address for the plain logger - no network, no chat, no broadcasting. Useful for practising, or for a net that is not being shared.
Changing your callsign	The dialog is the only place it is asked for, and your browser remembers it. Open the plain page again to change it, or to move to another net.

Monitoring a net

1. Open the logger. Enter your callsign, choose the net, and press **Monitor**.
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.

Check the chat window or the browser tab if a net looks quiet - it is worth making sure you are on the net you meant to join.

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 *on that net*.

Nobody logging

Choose the net and press **Net Control** in the opening dialog, or press **Take over logging** in the banner. 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 <i>on this net</i> . The other nets are untouched. 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 operators currently connected to this net 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 operator, and whoever takes it inherits the net exactly as it stood - the check-ins are not lost.

Who is allowed to be net control

Anyone who opens the logger. There is no membership check and no net key - the club dropped both, so nothing is asked of you but a callsign.

What protects a running net is not a password but the handover itself: the chair is passed, never taken. An operator who is visibly logging cannot be published over, and a monitor cannot promote themselves. A board nobody is sitting at can be picked up by anyone - which is exactly how a net starts, and how a crashed one is rescued.

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.
The net looks empty	Check that you are on the right net. The chat window and the browser tab both name it; open the plain page again to switch.
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.