Modification to Regional 80m HF Net Schedules (White paper)

Statement of Purpose:
To modify the net times for the unofficial Tuesday evening 80 meter Digital Training Nets, AND the Thursday Rolling Regional Nets, in order to conduct nets during more favorable propagation windows.

Intent:
Eliminate the year-round 8pm local time schedule for 80m HF nets, and change to Zulu (UTC) times. This will generally provide for more optimum band conditions when the time changes to Daylight Savings Time. During the summer months, the longer periods of sunlight make the current 8pm local time schedule unfavorable, as the band does not generally "open up" until closer to sunset.

General Guidance:
Use the same Zulu time for HF nets, year-round, regardless of Daylight Savings Time changes. See schedule charts below. Print this guidance and insert into your SOI or write in changes on Page 13 (Evening Regional Net) and; Page 16 (Section 2.1.2).

TUESDAY 80m Digital Training Nets:
Effective Immediately (March 14th, 2023)

*Tuesday Evening 80 meter Digital Training Nets		ZULU TIME	Your Local Time
Daylight Savings Time (summer)	DIGITAL	01:00	
Standard Time (winter)	DIGITAL	01:00	

80m Rolling Regional Nets (Thursday following the National Net Days:

Effective beginning April 6th, 2023

Rolling Regional 80m HF Nets Thursday following 1st & 3rd Week National Nets.		**ZULU TIME**	**LOCAL TIME**
EASTERN			
Daylight Savings Time (summer)	**VOICE**	**01:00**	**21:00**
	DIGITAL	**01:30**	**21:30**
Standard Time (winter)	**VOICE**	**01:00**	**20:00**
	DIGITAL	**01:30**	**20:30**
CENTRAL			
Daylight Savings Time (summer)	**VOICE**	**02:00**	**21:00**
	DIGITAL	**02:30**	**21:30**
Standard Time (winter)	**VOICE**	**02:00**	**20:00**
	DIGITAL	**02:30**	**20:30**
MOUNTAIN			
Daylight Savings Time (summer)	**VOICE**	**03:00**	**21:00**
	DIGITAL	**03:30**	**21:30**
Standard Time (winter)	**VOICE**	**03:00**	**20:00**
	DIGITAL	**03:30**	**20:30**
PACIFIC			
Daylight Savings Time (summer)	**VOICE**	**04:00**	**21:00**
	DIGITAL	**04:30**	**21:30**
Standard Time (winter)	**VOICE**	**04:00**	**20:00**
	DIGITAL	**04:30**	**20:30**

*Tuesday evening 80m Digital Training Nets are unofficial AmRRON nets, and are not listed on the Regional or sub-Regional net schedules. They are designed to provide training opportunities for using various modes, passing traffic, and training Net Control Station operators. They are not *required* to pass the AIB or other official AmRRON traffic as with other regularly-scheduled AmRRON nets (although the NCS may pass normal official AmRRON traffic, at his/her discretion).

These changes will remain in effect until further notice.

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