

Monday Night Net Script

NET STARTUP:

This is <your call>, standing by for priority or emergency traffic before the Combined York County Club and ARES/RACES Net begins. *(pause and listen for 10 to 15 seconds)*

Good Evening. This is <your call>, my name is ___ and I am your net control station for the Combined York County Club and ARES/RACES Net. This net meets every Monday evening at 8:00 PM . The purpose of this net is to exchange information among York County amateurs, promote amateur emergency radio services and special event communications. This is a directed net. We ask that you transmit only when requested and not to leave the net until the net closes. The net may be broken at any time for priority or emergency traffic. *(pause and listen)*

Any amateur with information or traffic for this net is invited to join in. The net will call for a block of callsign suffixes, those letters after the call sign district. To check in, transmit "This is", pause and unkey, checking to be sure that you did not double with another station. Then re-key and give your callsign. Please state if you have traffic for the net after you give your callsign. *(pause)*

CHECK-INS:

This is <your call> the Net Control Station for the Combined York County Club and ARES/RACES Net, I am now taking check-ins from suffix block:

A – C D – F G – I J – M N – S T – Z
any station A – Z

any station on Echo-Link? *[Be sure to wait longer after asking for echo-link checkins.]*

TRAFFIC:

[Insert latest Net Announcements sheet here.]

CLOSING THE NET:

This is <your call>, net control for the Combined York County Club and ARES/RACES Net asking for late check-ins, any stations that I may have missed, or additional comments for the net before we close. *(pause)*

This concludes tonight's session of the Combined York County Club and ARES/RACES Net. Please join us again next week at 8:00 PM when <next NCS> will be our net control station.

Thank you to all amateurs who participated tonight as well as the operators and trustees of the W3HZU repeater. The net is closed at __:__ local time and the repeater is returned to normal use.

This is <your call>. [end]

Instructions

General:

This script is intended to be a guideline. You may deviate from script, but be sure to call the net on time, plus or minus 30 seconds. If NCS is more than 30 seconds late, the backup NCS is usually the next week's scheduled op. It is your net to run. Since this is not a formal traffic net, stations bringing announcements (officially termed "words") count as traffic.

Check-Ins:

A check sheet will be revised quarterly should you choose to use it – simply writing the calls on a notepad is adequate. If working off the list, try to acknowledge stations by name, and if it is a new station ask for the name and location before proceeding to next call block. Always acknowledge stations before asking for additional check-ins.

Hold all 'traffic' (words) until first round of check-ins are completed. Mark stations holding traffic with a "t" instead of an "x". If there is no response for **10** seconds, move on to the next suffix block. Late stations accepted at the end of the net should be marked "l"; if they were just tardy I use "z" (snoozing).

It generally takes 12 – 16 minutes to go through check-in, the key is to minimize any doubling by taking smaller suffix ranges..

Announcements:

Meeting and testings schedules change and the announcement list will be revised more frequently, please check for the latest announcement script on the KVHF web site.

[Call for stations holding traffic to make their announcements. After the second or third station gives traffic and again at the end of listed traffic, give your call sign as net control, and ask for late check-ins and further comments on the traffic presented to the net.]

Other notes:

Do not rush the net in order to complete it before 9 PM, be thorough and complete and give adequate time for traffic, words, comments, check-ins, and training. A good NCS station listens and acknowledges stations in a prompt manner, with a block of 3 or 4 check-ins a efficient number; always "drag your feet" before transmitting – and remember to pause before speaking so that your words do not get cut-off.

If the net manager, KR3EE, is not present, please email him (KR3EE.Rich@gmail.com) the list of stations who check in, the length of the net in minutes, and the callsigns of those stations who brought traffic, made announcements, or the callsign of the station providing the "training" topic for the evening. R.A.C.E.S. Members are required to participate an certain number of hours each year to maintain their active status and tracking of their net participation is essential.