





Weekly Net Control

How to operate as Net Control
for a Monday night Net.

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Why is there a Weekly Net?

- Test your equipment
- Test EOC radio equipment
- Training for a directed net
- Training for using radio and linked repeater to send/receive messages
- Latest information about events/exercises
- Get to know members' voices over radio

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Net Control Preparation

- Net Procedure
- Roll Call
 - in call sign order
 - in city order
- Call sign of Net Control for next week
- Paper/pencils/pens
- Assistant (optional)
- Directions/access codes to EOC
- Practice, Practice, Practice

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Before Net

- Get to EOC around 7 pm
- Start up equipment and ask for a radio check
 - Don't make changes to radio settings
 - Pre-set memories for K6MPN and 2m simplex
- Organize your supplies and paperwork
- 2 meter remote base link: 7:15pm
- Ask for Relay starting around 7:20pm
- Don't ask for early check-ins

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During Net

- Start the Net on time
- Calmly read the Preamble
 - Don't rush
 - "Let it drop .." Drop repeater after long paragraph
 - Let go of PTT to listen
- Start the Roll Call
 - If by call sign, read the opening paragraph as is
 - If by city, mention that roll call is in city order



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Roll Call Do's

- Hold mike button for 1 second before speaking
- Call by call sign only or city
 - NOT phonetically
 - NOT with name (use at acknowledgement)
- Acknowledge check-in or say "Nothing Heard"
- Acknowledge traffic ("Traffic noted")
- Don't skip over early check-ins
- Allow your Relay to check in (might have traffic)
- Confirm next week's Net Control at check-in
- Give your FCC call sign every 10 mins (:40, :50, :00,...; ~ end of column)
- Mark yourself on the list (use "NC")



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Roll Call Don'ts

- Don't forget to wait 1 second after PTT
- Don't give call signs phonetically
- Don't say name along with call sign
- Don't ask each station if they have traffic
- Don't skip over your Relay
- Don't skip over early check-ins
- Don't mention when someone is out of town
- Don't give your FCC call sign too frequently



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Working with Relay

- Relay will break in as needed ("Relay..")
- Weak signal check-in
 - Ask station to try one more time
 - Ask Relay
 - Move on
- Relay: give FCC call at end of each relay
- Acknowledge relayed check-in




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Late Member Check-ins


- Roll Call by Call Sign
 - Follow the Net Procedure as is
 - Can wait until multiple check-ins end
 - Acknowledge each check-in.
- Roll Call by City
 - Request members to check in giving their city first, then their call sign and maybe name
 - Alternative: quickly go through the city list
- Ask for relay at end



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Associate & Non-Member Check-ins


- Associates are inactive members who are no longer listed on the Roll Call lists
- Read the section paragraph as is
 - Emphasize that guests should go slowly
 - Request each guest to give
 - Call sign phonetically (slowly)
 - First name
 - Location
- Ask for relays when no calls are heard



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Traffic


- Go through the list of stations that said they had traffic for the net
 - Go reverse alphabetically if that's how you did the roll call
 - "<Call sign>, go ahead with your traffic"
- Make notes of traffic
 - May have to relay to station that couldn't hear it completely
 - Optional: ask if any station needs a "fill" on the traffic
- Station giving traffic
 - Let the repeater drop every minute or so
 - Allows emergency traffic to break in
 - Allows the repeater timer to reset
 - Ask for volunteers without asking permission from Net Control
 - Clearly turn the net back to Net Control
 - "That is the extent of my traffic. Back to Net Control"
 - Give FCC call sign



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Invitation to Guests


- Listen to Board member traffic in case this has already been done.
- Be aware of meeting location changes
- Can skip if no guests checked in



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Closing the Net


- Invite additional traffic
- Last call for member, associate or non-member check-ins
- Thank your Relay station
- Announce net control for net week
- Give time/date of close of net
- Release the frequencies



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After Net


- At EOC/radio room
 - Radio settings must be left on K6MPN and 2m simplex
 - Shut down power to radio/equipment
 - Shut off lights and lock if applicable
 - Return key if applicable
- At home:
 - Note total number of member check-ins
 - Note total number of guests
 - Fax roll call sheet to 650-585-9585 or give to KD6JTU at next general membership meeting



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Net Control Practice

- Break into groups of four
- Split roll call list into four parts
- Split net procedure
 - All stations ...
 - We are operating from ...
 - Is there any emergency traffic (to end of page 1)
 - Opening paragraph of Roll Call
- [Roll Call parts 1,2,3,4] - optional
- Remainder
 - Late member check-ins
 - Associate & non-members
 - Traffic
 - Invitation to guests and Closing



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