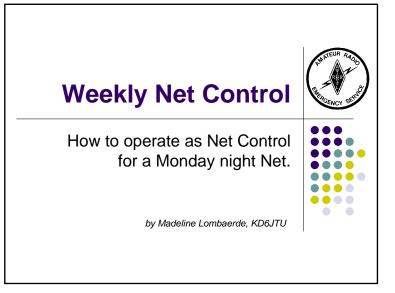
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## Why is there a Weekly Net?



- 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**



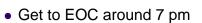
- Net Procedure
- Roll Call
  - in call sign order
  - in city order
- Call sign of Net Control for next week
- Paper/pencils/pens
- Assistant (optional)
- Directions/access codes to EOC
- Practice, Practice, Practice



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### **Before Net**





- 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

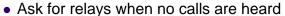


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- Associates are inactive members who are no longer listed on the Roll Call lists
- Read the section paragraph as is
  - · Emphasize that guests should go slowly
  - Request each guest to give
    - Call sign phonetically (slowly)
    - First name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





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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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- 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 nonmember 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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