Notes to Net Control: Be flexible and willing to ***show your personality***. Also feel free to change the order of discussions (Fellowship, Technical, Announcements, etc). *Do not confront unruly users or interference on the air, if that happens ignore it and keep going*.

Remember, the repeater and Echolink have a 3 minute timeout, please keep transmissions to 2 minutes or less and then break, let the repeater drop, then continue for long transmissions.

OPENING THE NET

Is this frequency in use? (if no response continue)

Good Evening, this is _____ (call sign & name) calling the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club Weekly Net into session.

The purpose of this Net is for passing information and for practice. This net provides a forum for all HAMs of all ages and experience levels to meet on the air for fellowship and to discuss common interests, technical topics and prepare for emergency communications. The TSARC is a widely based group of Amateur Radio Operators who contribute their time, energy and talent to provide emergency communications and traffic handling on an organized and timely basis.

We currently meet every Monday Night at 7:00 PM on the W4GTA 145.350 repeater, which has a negative offset and a 100Hz tone. You can also access this net using Echolink Node W4EDP-R, node number 9058. You do not have to be a member of the TSARC or any club to participate in this net, all properly licensed HAMS are invited and encouraged to join in.

Is there a station willing to serve as alternate net control? Call now. (wait for response and thank the station for serving as alternate net control). Thank You _____ (call sign & name), if I disappear for any reason you will become Net Control.

You can follow us on NetLogger online and join in on the conversations taking place in the "almost instant messenger" window. NetLogger is free & available for Mac, Windows & Linux.

This is a directed net, which means that all communications are directed to Net Control who coordinates all communications, stations should wait to be acknowledged. Whenever possible stations needing to leave early should call Net Control and advise you require an 'Early Close', are 'In and Out', 'Short Timing' or are requesting to secure your stations. Again, Net Control is _____ (call sign & name).

Is there any emergency traffic? (Handle immediately as received or hearing none, say 'hearing none' and move on).

ID YOURSELF NOW - This is _____ (name, call sign) and his is the TSARC Net
ANNOUNCEMENTS (always done first)

Are there any announcements for the net? (Handle in order as received, ask if anyone needs clarification or has questions **or** hearing none, say 'hearing none' and move on).

Always announce the following after any above announcements have been handled unless directed otherwise:

- The TSARC Executive Board, VEC Testing and Meeting are held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The Board meeting and the "pre-meeting eating meeting" start at 5PM at Wanda's Restaurant in Rock Spring followed by testing starting at 6PM, located at Rock Spring United Methodist Church. The Club meeting will begin at 7PM at the church.
- Sundays at 7:30PM is the ARRL Weekly News on the 442.650 repeater and is full of interesting news related to US HAMs and activity.
- Mondays at 8PM on the 444.100, don't forget the YL Net. This is a ladies only net, but OMs are encouraged to tune in and listen!
- Tuesdays at 7:30PM on this same repeater, 145.350 with a tone of 100Hz is the Walker County ARES Net.
- Wednesdays at 7:30PM is the Amateur Radio Newsline on the 442.650 repeater. This is world wide in scope and full of interesting news related to HAM Radio.
- *** Any additional announcements that you may have for the net tonight. ***

CHECK IN PROCESS (always after preamble & before topics)

<u>Be sure to log all check-ins.</u> We would prefer that NetLogger be used, but feel free to use what you're comfortable with until you learn NetLogger.

I will now take check-ins. When you check in, please give your call sign slowly and phonetically using standard ITU phonetics, also give your name and location. If you will be leaving the net, please let me know at check in.

This is _____ (call sign & name) and this is the TSARC Net, check-ins please call now, 5 at a time. (stop as many times as needed to keep calls logged properly, straighten out doubles, etc. At pauses, go back through logged calls and ask if there are any corrections needed). Tonight when you check in, let us know _____ (This is a general question such as "where do you like to hang out, hf/2m/70cm, what modes and why"? It can also be a multiple choice question. This is to spark conversation and let everyone on the net know what others like.)

ID YOURSELF NOW - This is _____ (name, call sign) and his is the TSARC Net

FELLOWSHIP (feel free to change order with other topics)

I'd like to start today's net by opening up for comments. Feel free to share the current project that you are working on, a tip or trick that you've come across recently or about your day. _____- (first call sign that checked in) How are you this evening? (feel free to comment on the response and provide encouragement. Proceed down the list asking individual stations for comments & periodically provide your call sign and name especially if the comments section is lengthy). (ex. This is _____ (call sign and name) , this is the TSARC Net, _____(next call sign on the list) How are you this evening.)

After all stations have provided initial comments, you need to check for any late/new check-ins. This is, _____(call sign & Name). Are there any Late Check-ins, please call now? (after they check-in acknowledge who checked in and ask for corrections).

ID YOURSELF NOW - This is _____ (name, call sign) and his is the TSARC Net

TECHNICAL DISCUSSION (feel free to change order with other topics)

Does anyone need any technical help or want to share a discovery / major breakthrough that might help someone else? Anyone with comments, please call now. (Handle in order as received, ask if anyone needs clarification or has questions **or** hearing none, say 'hearing none' and move on).

SWAP Shop (feel free to change order with other topics)

Does anyone have anything for the Swap Shop? Remember, only Amateur Radio related items for swap, trade, sale or wanted are permitted. No advertising or related discussions are permitted. Prices and contact information are permitted. Anyone with items for the Swap Shop, please call now. (Handle in order as received, ask if anyone needs clarification or has questions **or** hearing none, say 'hearing none' and move on. REMEMBER, ALL ITEMS MUST be accompanied by a valid call sign, name, item and contact info).

ID YOURSELF NOW - This is _____ (name, call sign) and his is the TSARC Net

<u>CLOSING THE NET</u>

After all stations have had a opportunity to comment and the Tech / Swap portions have been completed , you need to check for any late/new check-ins. This is, _____(call sign & Name). Are there any Late Check-ins, please call now? (after they check-in acknowledge who checked in and ask for corrections).

Remember, this is your net. If there is anything you would like to add, change, do a bit different, let us know. We will consider anything that improves the net. Send an email to w4gtanet@tristatesarc.com and give us your ideas!

I would like to thank everyone for checking in tonight and also those who stood down while the net was in operation. I'd also like to thank the Tri-States Amateur Radio Club and Emmett Perdue, W4EDP for the use of the 145.350 repeater and the Echolink node.

This is _____ (call sign & Name) and it's bean my pleasure to serve as your net control tonight along with _____ (alternate net control & call sign) Alternate Net Control. I am now closing the TSARC Net and returning the repeater and Echolink node to normal amateur use at (HH:MM). Have a good evening and 73 everyone!

Save your logs and email them to execboard@tristatesarc.com as soon as possible. Please note anything of interest in the email, those could be problems with the repeater, Echolink node, problems with interference or any user issues.

<u>NOTES</u>