

Tri-States ARC Club Net Preamble

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, ALL the repeaters, Echolink, Allstar and links, have a 3 minute timeout, please keep transmissions to 2 minutes or less and then break, let the repeater drop for a minimum of 5 seconds, 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. 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.

We currently meet every Monday Night at 7:00 PM on the W4GTA 145.350 repeater (-600Khz offset & 100.0 tone).

You can also access this net using any of the following:

- N4LMC 144.920 (no offset & 146.2 tone)
- N4LMC 224.560 (-1.6mhz offset and 146.2 tone)
- Echolink Node W4EDP-R, node # 9058
- Echolink Node N4LMC-L, node # 94680
- Echolink Conference server SELINK, node # 387904
- Allstar via the N4LMC 46145 and 46530 nodes.

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.

This is a directed net, which means that all communications are directed through Net Control and 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).

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

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

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.
- Sunday 730pm - ARRL Weekly Podcast, a weekly synopsis news for US HAMs | 144.920, 224.560, 442.650
- Sunday 800pm - Sunday Night Net, Code Practice, Slow Scan TV, Jokes, Trivia and more | 146.790, 144.920, 224.560, Echolink & Allstar. See sundaynightnet.org for info.
- Monday 700pm,- TSARC Club Net | 145.350, 144.920, 224.560, Echolink & Allstar. See w4gta.org for info.
- Monday 800pm - TAG YL Net | 145.350, 144.920, 224.560, Echolink & Allstar. See tagylnet.org for more info.
- Tuesday 730pm - Walker County ARES Net | 145.350, 144.920, 224.560, Echolink & Allstar. See w4gta.org for more info.
- Wednesday 730pm - TAG Multimode Digital Net | Fusion, D-Star and DMR. See lmarc.net for more info on repeaters, reflectors, rooms & talkgroups.
- Wednesday 830pm - TAG traditional D-Star Net | DPlus D-Star only. See lmarc.net for more info.
- Thursday 730pm - Amateur Radio Newslines Weekly Podcast, a weekly world wide synopsis news for HAMs | 144.920, 224.560, 442.650
- Friday 900pm - TN Digital DMR Net | See lmarc.net for more info on repeaters & talk groups.

CHECK IN PROCESS (always after preamble & before topics)

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Be sure to log all check-ins. 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)

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).

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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

CLOSING THE NET

After all stations have had an 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).

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 for the use of the 145.350 repeater and the Lookout Mountain Amateur Radio Community, W4EDP & N9ZEN for the use of the 144.920, 224.560, Echolink and Allstar nodes.

This is _____ (call sign & Name) and it's been 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 return all the repeaters, Echolink and Allstar nodes to normal amateur use at (HH:MM). Have a good evening, stay safe and 73 everyone!

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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, node problems, link issues, interference or any user issues.

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