

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 & location) 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 fun, fellowship and to discuss common interests, technical topics and to prepare for emergency communications. 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. Check out our website at W4GTA.ORG, that is WHISKEY 4 GOLF TANGO ALPHA . ORG, look us over, we think you'll like what we have to offer, come join us!

We currently meet every Monday Night at 7:00 PM eastern time on the W4GTA 145.350 repeater, the mighty 35! (-600Khz offset & 100.0 tone).

You can also access this net using any of the following N4LMC resources:

- 146.640 (- offset & 146.2 tone located on the north end of Signal Mtn)
- Echolink node # 9058
- Allstar node 46331
- HamShack Hotline, extension 94013
- HAMS Over IP, extension 15014
- Amateur Wire, extension 90013
- Broadcastify (listen only)

Is there a station willing to serve as my 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 before transmitting into the net. Again, Net Control is _____ (call sign & name).

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Is there any priority traffic? (Handle immediately as received or hearing none, say 'hearing none' and move on). If there is an emergency, the station with the emergency just needs to say an assertive "break break", the systems will be turned over to the station with the emergency, Net Control will remain in control as long as the emergency exists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (always done first)

Are there any announcements for the net? This can be anyone, anywhere, as long as it's HAM Radio related. (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. Pre-Meeting Eating Meeting starts at 445PM, testing starts at 6PM and the the club meeting will begin at 7PM. The location will be emailed and posted on the website at W4GTA.ORG
- Daily 700pm - The Lone Ranger Net, a daily wellness net. Meant for people who live alone, have health issues, etc. For info see: LRWN.ORG
- Sunday 730pm - ARRL Weekly Podcast, a weekly synopsis news for US HAMs | 144.920, 145.350, 146.640, 147.135, 224.120, 224.560, 224.680, 442.075, 444.700 and the W4KEV Repeater Systems.
- Sunday 800pm - Sunday Night Net, Slow Scan TV, Jokes, Trivia and more | Most local K4VCM and N4LMC repeaters, Echolink, Allstar and the SouthEast Link Digital Systems. See SUNDAYNIGHTNET.ORG for info.
- Monday 700pm,- TSARC Club Net | 145.350, 146.640, HamShack Hotline, HAMs Over IP, Amateur Wire, Echolink & Allstar. See W4GTA.ORG for info.
- Monday 800pm - TAG YL Net | 145.350, 146.640. See TAGYLN.ORG for connection information and more info.
- Tuesday 730pm - Walker County ARES Net | 145.350, 146.640. See W4GTA.ORG for connection information and more info.
- Wednesday 730pm - TAG Multimode Digital Net | Fusion, D-Star and DMR. See LMARC.NET for more info on repeaters, reflectors, rooms & talk groups.
- Thursday 730pm - Catoosa County ARES Net | 145.350, 146.640. See W4GTA.ORG connection information and more info.
- Friday 730pm - Amateur Radio Newsline Weekly Podcast, a weekly world wide synopsis news for HAMs | 144.920, 145.350, 146.640, 147.135, 224.120, 224.560, 224.680, 442.075, 444.700 and the W4KEV Repeater Systems.

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CHECK IN PROCESS (always after preamble & before topics)

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.

We will take checkins from MOBILE, PORTABLE, SHORT TIME and IN/OUT stations first.

This is _____ (call sign & name) and this is the TSARC Net, check-ins please call now, 5 at a time.

We will now take checkins from any station, any mode.

(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).

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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 questions or 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).

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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 LMARC for the use of the 146.640, HamShack Hotline, HAMS Over IP, 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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