

2 METER SONOMA-MENDOCINO EMERGENCY NET CONTROL SCRIPT

OPENING: Please start promptly at 1900 local time.

Please stand by for the Emergency Net. This is (give your call sign).

(Drop the repeater for about 4-5 seconds after each statement.)

Good evening. This is a directed Emergency Net serving Southern Mendocino and Northern Sonoma County's coastal communities. While there's no local emergency at this time, any station having actual emergency traffic may break in at any time. This is (give your call sign), tonight's Net Control. My name is (state your name).

(Drop repeater)

The purpose of our Net is to maintain an informed group of Amateur Radio Operators who are ready to provide communication services in time of need. Information about becoming an Amateur Radio Operator, upgrading your license or becoming a member of the Auxiliary Communications Service may be obtained from Ken, KE6WC or Fred, W6WTI, or online at the ABARC website at www.abarc.net.

(Drop repeater)

I will now call the roll of our active Net participants. When I call you, please acknowledge by repeating your call sign. If I don't acknowledge, that means you're not making the repeater, and you'll be given an opportunity to try again later. If you find that you must leave the Net before its conclusion, please break in and let us know. **(If it's the Tuesday before the first or third Thursday of the month, be sure to ask each person if they plan to attend the ABARC lunch on Thursday, 11 am, location announced on the website.)** This is (give your call sign) calling roll on the W6ABR repeater of the Anchor Bay Amateur Radio Club.

(Drop the repeater)

Call the NCS roll call list, which has a link on the homepage of the ABARC website at: www.abarc.net. Acknowledge each person who checks in. If you find that it is taking more than 10 minutes to call the roll, be sure to identify your station as required by FCC rules.

If there's anyone that I failed to call, or didn't acknowledge, please try again now. You may wish to use simplex on our repeater output frequency of 147.825 MHz. If you hear someone calling and I don't acknowledge that station, please relay. Also, if there are any visitors to the Net, you may check in now. Are there any relays or visitors?

(Drop the repeater, and listen for any stations or relays and acknowledge them. If there are newcomers or visitors to the Net, please give them a friendly welcome.)

I'll ask for latecomers at the conclusion of the Net. This is **(give your call sign).**

Net Business:

We will now have reports from our two Emergency Communications Unit Leaders. Janie, KI6CHA, please give us your report for Mendocino County. **(Ken, KE6WC is the alternate.)**

Are there any questions for Janie (Ken)? If so, please come now with your call sign only.

(Acknowledge all calls that you hear and call on each in the order received.)

Fred, W6WTI, would you please give us your report for Sonoma County? **(There is no alternate for Fred at this time.)**

Are there any questions for Fred? Please come now with your call sign only.

(Acknowledge all calls that you hear and call on each in the order received.)

This is **(give your call sign), Net Control. Is there any other business, announcements or questions to come before the Net? Please come now with your call sign only.**

(Acknowledge all call signs you hear and call on each in the order received.)

CLOSING the Net

Are there any latecomers whom we haven't checked in? Please come now with your call sign only.

(Acknowledge each call heard.)

Now hearing no further business to come before the Net, This concludes tonight's meeting of the Emergency Net. Thank you for making yourselves and your equipment available for emergency service. We hope to hear you again next week at the same time and on the same frequency.

For those that are able, please don't forget the Mendocino-Sonoma HF Net which is held immediately following this net at 1930 hours on a frequency of 3925 KHz. At the present time, the HF net does not plan to switch to 160m during standard time.

This is (give your call sign), Net Control, wishing everyone a very good evening, and returning the repeater to standard operation. This net is now closed at (state time).

Immediately following the close of the net, provide the count to Fred W6WTI (who reports it to Sonoma County ACS). If he is not on the air, please email the count to him at w6wti@arrl.net. (At present, we don't have a regular participant in the Wednesday McARCS Mendocino Countywide Net; ask for a volunteer.)

Thank you volunteering to be Net Control for the Emergency Net.

**David Rice, K6DWR
ABARC Webmaster**

NET TIPS when you are the Net Control Station

Check your signal into the repeater before the net starts by asking for a signal report. Everyone needs to be able to hear and understand you. Solid, full quieting signals are preferred.

Know the correct time and start the net on time. Shortwave radios offer time standards (WWV and WWVH) on 5.0000, 10.0000, 15.0000, & 20.0000 MHz. Computers can access the correct time at www.time.gov

Have a current net script and roll call list.

Be sure to acknowledge each station that checks in.

Be familiar with the call signs and names of those on the roll call list. Pay attention during nets so that you can recognize voices, too. That way if you catch a part of a call sign you'll be able to confirm that check in without asking for repeats.

If necessary, ask for the repeat of a call sign, "phonetically" using the ITU phonetic alphabet so that it will be easier to understand.

Remember, all check in stations should come in 'through the repeater'. Some stations may offer to relay for stations which check in on simplex (not heard by the NCS) or who don't have the tone/PL set properly on their radios, so they don't come through the repeater. The helping station simply announces them self with the word 'Relay'. You then respond "Relay go ahead" and listen for the information.

When checking in stations using the Point Arena repeater (146.610) or the Timber Cove base station, allow extra time for responses. These stations are marked on the roll call list. Consider calling these stations at the beginning of the roll call.

As NCS you may accept early check-ins by club policy beginning no earlier than 6:45 PM for the Net on either the 146.610 or 147.825 repeaters only