

Script For DeKalb ARES Weekly Practice Net

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{The following preamble is used for the weekly DeKalb ARES weekly practice Repeater net: Please read sections below in bold aloud on net frequency during the net: PLEASE REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOUR STATION EVERY 10 MINUTES AND AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE NET. Sections marked with brackets are just instructions and should not be read aloud during the net.}

SCRIPT

Is the frequency in use?

{if not proceed....}

This is YOUR CALLSIGN Calling the DeKalb Emergency Practice Net, Calling the DeKalb Emergency Practice Net. The DeKalb Emergency Practice Net is now in routine formal session. This net meets on Sunday nights at 8 P.M. local time on the 146.760 repeater with a pl of 107.2 Hz. You may also check into this net via Echolink if you are not in range of the repeater via W4BOC-R or node # 330246.

This net welcomes checkins from all stations interested in public service communications. This net is affiliated with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service of the American Radio Relay League.

NET CONTROL ID

The net control operator tonight is GIVE CALL SIGN AND THEN REPEAT IN ITU PHONETICS, my name is GIVE YOUR NAME and my location is GIVE YOUR LOCATION. I am running on {EMERGENCY/COMMERCIAL} power. This is a directed net. Please do not transmit unless called by Net Control. During the net, please direct all communications through Net Control, YOUR CALL SIGN. If you need to leave the net for any reason before it closes, please inform net control.

EMERGENCY TRAFFIC

STATIONS HAVING EMERGENCY TRAFFIC MAY BREAKIN AT ANY TIME AND WE WILL HANDLE YOUR TRAFFIC IMMEDIATELY.

Do we have any emergency traffic?

{Pause 10 seconds. If there is no emergency traffic, say "Nothing Heard" and proceed, if there is any emergency traffic, acknowledge the station calling and turn the net over to them.}

ALTERNATE NET CONTROL

Do I have anyone who would like to act as Alternate Net Control for tonight's net? An alternate net control will be able to continue the net in case my station goes out of service.

{If an alternate net station calls in, acknowledge them and ask them to record the check-ins they hear, at the end of the net call them again and check to confirm if you received all stations checking-in- if no alternate net control is

available, proceed to run the net as normal.}

WINLINK NET CONTROL

You may also check into this net using Winlink by sending your message to WD5EMA-10. You may also check into this net via DRATS. Please check our website at dekalbares.org for more information on digital checkins. We encourage all members of DeKalb ARES to check in by Winlink AND DRATS in addition to this phone net.

Do we have anyone who can monitor Winlink and/or DRATS checkins?

{If a station is able to take Winlink check-ins, acknowledge them, and get the Winlink check-ins during the traffic and announcements portion of the net. If there is no Winlink net control, proceed to run the net as normal.}

TAKE CHECK-INS

{Call signs are accepted in four groups based on first letter of the call sign prefix - the groups are A-Alpha, K-Kilo, N-November and W-Whiskey. The check-ins will happen in clusters where a group of people will call in, then there will come a pause. At the pause, take control of the net and acknowledge the check-ins you just received. In order to keep the Net moving, call for each group only about 2 times. You have some discretion here, but don't keep calling the same group over and over.}

This is YOUR CALLSIGN, net control for tonight's DeKalb Emergency Practice Net.

We will take checkins in four groups. We encourage checkins from emergency power especially on the first Sunday of every month.

When I call for checkins, please say "This is" and then unkey and listen; if you do not hear another station continue your transmission providing:

- your name;
- your location;
- your call sign in ITU phonetics as I did earlier;
- whether you are on emergency/(Battery) or commercial power, and • whether you have any announcements, questions or comments for the net.

Please speak slowly and clearly so I can accurately log you in.

Echolink Checkins

This is YOUR CALL SIGN, net control. We will now take checkins from stations on Echolink. Please call net control now.

{Acknowledge Echolink stations checking in-by call sign, name and location and please acknowledge if you receive any traffic from them.}

We will now take regular, general checkins. Please check in when your callsign prefix is called.

A

This is YOUR CALLSIGN, net control. Stations with call sign prefixes A-Alpha, please call now.

{Acknowledge stations checking in-by call sign, name and location and please acknowledge if you receive any traffic from them.}

K

This is YOUR CALLSIGN, net control. Stations with call sign prefixes K-Kilo, please call now.

{Acknowledge stations checking in-by call sign, name and location and please acknowledge if you receive any traffic from them.}

N

This is YOUR CALLSIGN, net control. Stations with call sign prefixes N-November, please call now.

{Acknowledge stations checking in-by call sign, name and location and please acknowledge if you receive any traffic from them.}

W

This is YOUR CALLSIGN, net control. Stations with call sign prefixes W-Whiskey, please call now.

{Acknowledge stations checking in-by call sign, name and location and please acknowledge if you receive any traffic from them.}

ADDITIONAL CHECK-INS

This is YOUR CALL SIGN, net control. We will now take checkins from any other stations including Echolink. Please call net control now.

{Acknowledge stations checking in-by call sign, name and location and please acknowledge if you receive any traffic from them.}

TRAFFIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is YOUR CALLSIGN, net control and we will now call stations that listed traffic and/or announcements.

{Call stations one by one that have traffic and/or announcements and let them state their traffic and/or announcements.}

Before we resume taking checkins, is there anyone else who would like to make an announcement or has traffic for the Net?

{Handle any additional announcements or traffic.}

WINLINK AND DRATS CHECK-INS

{Call the Winlink/DRATS net control for incoming Winlink and DRATS check-ins and acknowledge those Winlink and DRATS check-ins one-by one.}

TAKE ADDITIONAL CHECK-INS

This is YOUR CALL SIGN, net control.

Do we have any additional checkins throughout the AlphabetAlpha through Zulu?

{REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOUR STATION EVERY 10 MINUTES. Continue to call for any late check-ins.} This is YOUR CALL SIGN, net control.

{When all traffic/announcements and check-ins have finished, close the net.}

We would like to thank all those who checked in tonight, we had NUMBER OF CHECK-INS checkins including myself.

{Call alternate net control station and ask them if their number of check-ins agrees with your count.}

CALL SIGN OF ALTERNATE NET CONTROL_do you concur with my count?

We will now close the DATE edition of the DeKalb Emergency Practice Net. We would like to thank the Alford Memorial Radio Club for the use of the 146.76 repeater with a PL of 107.2. Please remember that if this repeater is not operational at the time of the net, we will hold the net on the 145.45 repeater of the Alford Memorial Radio Club also with a PL tone 107.2. We appreciate you checking in tonight and thank you for your support of DeKalb ARES. Please check our website at dekalbares.org for more information on our group. It is now ____TIME_P.M. and this is YOUR CALL SIGN returning the repeater to normal operation.

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POST-NET DUTIES

{After the net is over, please send an e-mail to:

- Tom Fuller, AEC Net Operations at [ke4qcm \(at\) arrl \(dot\) net](mailto:ke4qcm@arrl.net) and a copy to,
- <https://groups.io/g/DeKalbARES>

with the following: as the net control station:

- *Your callsign, your name, your location, and if you were on emergency or commercial power.*
- *Alternate Net Control Station, their callsign, their name, their location, and if they were on emergency or commercial power*
- *List of the callsigns of all the stations that checked in, including their names, their locations, if they are were on emergency or commercial power and a*
- *A Description of any traffic/announcements anyone made, and the time the net was closed.*

This will be helpful make our monthly report of DeKalb ARES activities that are forwarded onto the ARRL.

Thank you- KE4QCM, AEC NetOps-Dekalb Co. ARES