

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.}

{NEW: Please use the new Dekalb ARES app (Andoid or iphone version) or the online Dekalb ARES app website to log the net checkins. The alternate net control can also login during the net to monitor the checkins. The digital net control will also log the checkins in the same manner. If you need access to the new Dekalb ARES app or website please see the 8/15/2025 post by James Scheid, W4JES on our Dekalb ARES groups.io reflector or contact him directly to request access.}

{IMPORTANT: If there is any deliberate, harmful interference ever to our nets on the repeater or a simplex frequency, please DO NOT engage or respond to the offending station. IGNORE the interference and do not allow any other stations on the net to engage or respond to the interfering station. Maintain the net in an orderly fashion and continue with the net script at ALL TIMES. If the malicious interference is so severe that you cannot continue the net, the net will switch to an alternate pre-designated frequency.}

NET SCRIPT STARTS HERE

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 DIGITAL NET CONTROL

You may also check into this net using Winlink by sending your message to our Winlink station WD5EMA@WINLINK.ORG 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 in addition to this phone net.

Do we have anyone who can monitor Winlink checkins?

{If a station is able to take Winlink check-ins, acknowledge them, and get the total # of 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 - thje 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 an 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 by Echolink first and then call stations in four groups by callsign prefix

.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 call sign alphabetically and also in

ITU phonetics as I did earlier;

- your first name;
- your location;
- 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.

{Acknowledge Echolink stations by calling each station back as they appear on the Echolink screen, by callsign and get their name, location and power status 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 CHECK-INS

{Call the Winlink net control for incoming Winlink check-ins and acknowledge back how many Winlink check-ins there were.}

TAKE ADDITIONAL CHECK-INS

This is *YOUR CALL SIGN*, net control.

Do we have any additional checkins throughout the Alphabet-Alpha 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, if you did not log the net checkins as repeater net control (NCS) or digital net control (NCS) using the new Dekalb ARES app. or new Dekalb ARES app website, 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.
- 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 and our monthly net volunteer hours for net operations and forwarded also to the Dekalb county, GA EMA.

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