

WESTERN PLACER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB EVENING NET SCRIPT

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I. Opening the Net

Good evening and welcome to the Western Placer Amateur Radio Club net. This is (give your call sign) on our club K6PAC repeater located in the foothills above Lincoln at an elevation of approximately 1200 feet. This repeater has an output frequency of 147.300 MHz with a positive offset of 600 KHz and a PL tone of 179.9. My name is (give your first name). I am located in (Give the city name where you are) and I will be tonight's Net Control. (Drop the repeater for 2 seconds. The repeater will time out and stop transmitting if you transmit longer than 2 minutes without a pause.)

This is a directed net for the purpose of passing information on to the membership of the Western Placer Amateur Radio Club. Please do not transmit unless invited to do so by Net Control. Anyone having emergency or priority traffic may of course break in at any time.

If there are any Club Officers or Board Members who have announcements or business for the Net, please come now with your call sign. (acknowledge anyone who calls and after they finish their announcement ask if anyone has any questions)

Just a reminder that we ask club members to leave their radio on during the daytime tuned to this repeater so you can respond to stations that transmit on this frequency who may need assistance or who simply wish to communicate with other amateur radio operators.

If anyone must leave the net early and needs to check in now, please come with your call sign. (acknowledge anyone who checks in)

II. Station Check in Portion of the Net

This is (give your call sign) We will now begin our Station Check In portion of the net. Club members are asked to check in by call sign suffix alphabetically in four groups: Alpha through Golf (A through G), Hotel through Mike (H through M), November through Sierra (N through S) and Tango through Zulu (T through Z).

When you check in, please give your call sign, your name and your location and I'll acknowledge you. At the conclusion of all groups I'll invite any late or missed club members to check in. Lastly I'll invite any visitors or guests to check in. Prior to closing the net I will give one final opportunity for any station to check in who has not done so already. (Drop the repeater for 2 seconds. Be sure to acknowledge each station individually that checks in)

I invite any members with a call sign suffix beginning with the letters A through G, Alpha through Golf to please check in now.

I invite any members with a call sign suffix beginning with the letters H through M, Hotel through Mike to please check in now.

I invite any members with a call sign suffix beginning with the letters N through S, November through Sierra to please check in now.

I invite any members with a call sign suffix beginning with the letters T through Z, Tango through Zulu to please check in now.

This is **(give your call sign)**. If there are any late or missed club members Alpha through Zulu, who need to check in please come now with your call sign.

Now I invite any visitors or guests to check in to the Western Placer Amateur Radio Club Net. When you check in, I ask that you give your call sign PHONETICALLY to help me copy it accurately. Also please state your name and your location. Visitors and guest, please check in now.

III. Information Sharing and Discussion Portion of the Net

Now we'll begin the information sharing & discussion portion of our net. I invite any station to share any Amateur radio related news such as: upcoming Amateur Radio events or activities; equipment you wish to buy, sell or have recently acquired; technical questions related to Amateur Radio; recent contacts you've made or other items of interest to Amateur Radio radio operators. Please come now with your call sign and I will acknowledge you. **(Be sure to acknowledge each station that responds individually and ask if there are any questions following the announcement)**

IV. Closing the Net

This is **(give your call sign)** net control for this session of the Western Placer Amateur Radio Club net. Before I close the net, this is the final call for any stations to check in who has not already done so. Please come now with your call sign. **(acknowledge each station individually that checks in)**

For those that are able don't forget to check in to our club Daytime 2 meter net held at 10 AM every Wednesday on this repeater. Also please check in to the club HF net held immediately following this evening 2 meter net. Tonight the HF net will be on frequency of _____ **(give the frequency announced by Michael K6BUK in his weekly newsletter or announced at the beginning of the 2 meter net)**

If you wish to volunteer to be net control for an upcoming session of any of the club nets, please contact Dennis, Ki6HHA, club net manager, at ki6hha@aol.com, or Michael, K6BUK, club secretary at mr buck@pacbell.net or Katy, KJ6YCP, club past president, at entertainangels@surewest.net.

This concludes the Western Placer Amateur Radio Club net. This evening net meets weekly at 1930 hours on this K6PAC repeater. Thank you all for checking in and participating in tonight's net by making yourselves and your equipment available. We look forward to hearing from you in future sessions. This net is now closed at **(give the time)**. This is tonight's net control, **(give your first name & call sign)** wishing you all a very good evening and returning the repeater to standard operation.

READ ONLY script words in BLACK FONT

DO NOT READ script Titles that are in RED FONT

DO NOT READ Instructions for Net Control in BLUE FONT

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TIPS for the Net Control Station

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1. 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.
2. If possible have emergency power and a back up radio available in the event of a power failure or radio problems during the Net. This could be a mobile radio in a vehicle, a deep cycle marine battery in your home or an HT connected to an antenna other than a rubber duck to provide a stronger signal to the repeater.
3. Always have paper and pencil nearby to take notes and write down call signs that do not appear on the roll call list when visitors or guests check in.
4. 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 and smart phones can access the exact correct time at the following web site: www.time.gov
5. Have a current net script and roll call list. If you don't have them, please ask the Net manager to email them to you before you serve as net control.
6. Be sure to acknowledge each station that checks in INDIVIDUALLY by restating their name and thanking them for checking in so they know you heard them.
7. Be familiar with the call signs and names of those on the roll call list who check in regularly each week. Pay attention to voices during the net so you can identify stations without their call sign. That way if you hear only a part of a call sign, name or location, you'll be able to confirm who is checking in without asking for repeats or relays which saves time.
8. When you ask for the repeat of a call sign, request that they give it "phonetically" using the ITU phonetic alphabet so that it will be easier for you to accurately copy it.
9. Remember, all stations checking in should come in on duplex through the repeater. Some stations may offer to relay for stations that check in on simplex and not through the repeater that are not heard by the Net Control Station. These simplex stations may have the incorrect PL Tone or incorrect offset so the repeater doesn't hear them. The helping station simply announces them self with the word 'Relay'. The NCS then responds "Go ahead, Relay" and then listens for the information.
10. For clarification, when you ask for check ins or announcements and you don't hear any station respond, the NCS may say "nothing heard" so everyone else knows you will be moving on to the next item. In the event that someone tried to check in that you did not hear or did not acknowledge, saying "nothing heard" also encourages others on the net to say "relay" so you can acknowledge the relay and listen for the information they provide.
11. As NCS you may accept early check-ins if you wish prior to beginning the net or at the indicated time in the net script where you invite people who need to leave the Net early prior to beginning the roll call.
12. Remember, the script is only suggested and use of it is voluntary. As net control, you can run the net any way you wish. Conducting the net is really a practice drill to help us prepare for an emergency situation. In a real emergency, the first person on the frequency is the net control until they hand it over to someone else on the frequency if they wish. Remember In a real emergency, you may not have electricity, a computer, or a cell phone that works so knowing how to identify who is on the frequency so you can delegate tasks to individuals to help with the emergency is one of the goals of having weekly nets in addition to developing your skills as a Net Control.

Questions? Contact Dennis, WPARC Net Manager at Ki6hha@aol.com or 916.716.9267