

FARA Sunday Night Net Script (update 10-05-17 by K1RA)

[After establishing that the repeater is free, either by listening or asking to free up the repeater, the Net Control begins the net:]

QST, QST, QST, this is (Callsign) activating the Fauquier Amateur Radio Association technical Service net. This net is held weekly on Sunday at 8:00 PM local time on the 147.165 MHz W4VA repeater in Warrenton, Virginia. The repeater is owned and operated by the Fauquier Amateur Radio Association and uses a CTCSS 167.9 Hz sub-audible tone for access.

The purpose of this net is to provide a forum for technical discussion and Q&A regarding technical topics, such as equipment hardware, computer software, antennas, operating procedures and other similar information related to the radio art.

This net also serves as a hopping-off point for an informal 10 meter single-sideband gathering held on 28.365 MHz at the conclusion of this net.

This is a directed net. In the first phase of this net, the Net Control operator may pass information in a general broadcast to all listening Amateurs. Also during this period of the net, Net Control may read one or two questions solicited from FARA membership for a “Doctor Is In” response from other FARA members.

After the broadcast phase of the net, Net Control will invite Check-ins. Each amateur wishing to join the net should transmit and say their entire call distinctly and only once. Standard phonetics are encouraged. Net Control will acknowledge each station in turn and may invite repeats as needed.

Once all participants have checked in, Net Control will call each station and invite them to transmit. When called upon by net control, participants should introduce themselves and may take up to 90 seconds to describe their amateur radio or technical activities this past week, and possibly offer a response to the questions posed by Net Control.

At the conclusion of their comments, Net participants should ID and pass the repeater back to Net Control.

BREAK

[After saying the word “break”, unkey your microphone to reset the repeater timer. If, during this interval the repeater CW ID takes place, allow the entire ID sequence to complete, and the repeater carrier to drop before again keying your radio]

This is (callsign).

(If applicable) This is a QST to all amateurs. In amateur radio technical news this week...

[Follow this statement with amateur radio and other technical news of interest to amateur radio hobbyists. This can include: solar and propagation bulletins, data modes, antennas, matching systems, feedlines, software defined radio, test equipment, Amateur Radio software, and other technical topics . Limit your statements to 90 seconds or less each, and allow the repeater to reset as needed to keep from

timing out the machine.]

This is (callsign). This concludes the QST.

(If applicable) Please have your paper and pens ready to copy down our “Doctor Is In Questions” prior to my call for Check-ins. This week’s question(s) are courtesy of (callsign(s)&name(s)) and are:

[State questions or topics]

(If applicable) Given there are no current “Doctor Is In Questions” does anyone have a question or topic they’d like to add to tonight’s net, please give your call to net control now.

[Take any calls first, then take and note down their question or topic of interest, thanking them for their participation. Repeat question or topic as necessary at the end of copy.]

At this time, Net Control invites check-ins from amateurs wishing to participate in tonight’s net. Please state your callsign once, using standard phonetics and listen for acknowledgement by Net Control. Each net participant will be called in the order recognized by Net Control. Please call (Callsign) now.

[As stations check in, let a few go – generally 3-5, before calling each in the order you copied the call, before inviting further check ins. Do this until there are no further stations checking in. Make an effort to recognize non-members, ask for their name and location. Now begin the participation of the stations on the net by calling them in turn]

There being no further check-ins, the net recognizes (callsign&name). Please give us your comments for the net tonight.

[Let each station provide their comments in sequence, thanking them for their comments after they turn it back to you. After all stations on the net have had a chance to give their comments....]

(If applicable) This is a call for further check-ins or recheck (repeat as needed), please call (callsign) now.

[Take more check ins and rechecks]

(If applicable) (Callsign&name) please give us your comments for the net.

There being no further check-ins or comments, here are my comments for the net:

[Provide your own comments to the net, or close out the net]

Thanks to everyone for their comments and participation in tonight's net. This concludes the Fauquier Amateur Radio Association technical service net. If you listened and did not check in, Ham or non-Ham, we’d appreciate an e- mail at faranet@w4va.org telling us so, or any comments, questions or suggestions you may have for the net. Please visit our web site at www.w4va.org or join us at our club meeting the second Thursday of the month, or our club breakfast the last Saturday of the month. Details can be found on our web site. Everyone is welcome to continue the dialogue on the repeater after the conclusion of the net, or join the FARA 10 Meter informal net on 28.365 MHz, starting immediately after the conclusion of this net. This is (callsign) returning the repeater to normal use. Good evening.