

FARA Wednesday 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 general Service net. This net is held weekly on Wednesday 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 twofold. First, the net serves as a demonstration of the practice, procedure and discipline of Amateur Radio on-the-air voice protocol and Net operations. These skills are vitally important in the event of crisis communications and it is the intent of FARA to build or refresh these skills through its nets.

The second purpose is to serve as an informal gathering of FARA members and other interested amateurs whereby they can engage in information sharing in between our regular monthly club meetings and club breakfasts.

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. During this period, the Net Control may also offer a “Topic For Comment”. The Topic is intended as a conversation starter within the net itself and to reinforce the ability of participating amateurs, many of whom may be new to the hobby, to join in on an on-the-air conversation with comments of substance.

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. Each amateur called should introduce themselves and may provide up to 90 seconds of comments on their activities related to the hobby and offer a comment on the Topic Of Interest. At the conclusion of their comments, the station will 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) For this week's net, the Topic Of Interest is...

[State topic of interest for discussion]

Please consider commenting on this topic during your transmission. This is (callsign).

(If applicable) Given there is no topic does anyone have a 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 topic of interest, thanking them for their participation. Repeat topic as necessary at the end of copy.]

At this time, Net Control invites check-ins from amateurs wishing to participate in the net. Please state your callsign once, and listen for acknowledgement by Net Control. Each net participant will be called in the order recognized by Net Control. Please call 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). Your comments for the net please, OVER.

[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 net control (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. This is (callsign) returning the repeater to normal use. Good evening.