

Aspen Area Net Control Script

This script is a recommendation, not a strict standard

Ten minutes before:

"This is <name> for the Aspen Area simplex net. For those monitoring this frequency, we'll be holding our weekly area training net, which will start in about ten minutes. Check-ins will be taken here, by walkie-talkie radio, text message, and email. This is <call sign> standing by."

Five minutes before:

"This is <name> for the Aspen Area net. For your information, check-ins will be taken here, by walkie-talkie radio channel 14 (code 0), by texting _____, and by emailing _____. This is <call sign> standing by."

Start time:

"QST QST QST. This is <call sign> calling for the Aspen Area net. Good evening and welcome to all who are participating or just listening in. I'm _____, Net Control and _____ is Assistant Net Control for tonight. We operate under the direction of Jim Manookin, N7XGA, the Stake Emergency Communications Coordinator and Noji Ratzlaff, KNØJI, Net Manager."

> *Pause two seconds* <

"This is a directed net, and our purpose is to promote training in emergency communication within the Aspen Area of Orem. During an actual emergency, Net Control will have you stand by until the emergency is properly addressed. Once again, we're taking check-ins here, by walkie-talkie radio channel 14 (code 0), by texting _____, and by emailing _____. If you would like to only check in, and then leave the net before we proceed with our program, just ask Net Control for an *early out* and you'll be cleared for sign-off at the end of our check-ins."

> *Pause six seconds* <

"Let's go ahead and take your check-ins now, even if you're not from the Aspen Area. If you don't hear your call sign or name repeated or if you double with somebody, please wait a few seconds and re-transmit. Go ahead and check in now."

> *Pause for check-ins, acknowledging the call signs and traffic, ask for relays* <

"Acknowledging <call sign> and <call sign> (for example). Any additions, corrections, or relays, please call now."

> *Pause for more check-ins* <

"Hearing no more, those who have asked for an *early out* may now leave the net. For the rest, we'll proceed with the program as follows: We'll first ask Jim, the Stake Emergency Communications Coordinator, if he has instruction or announcements for the net tonight prior to the training. Next we'll have our training by _____, (then we'll hear out the traffic). I'll give late-comers a chance to check in. Then, I'll go back over the check-ins and ask if you have anything you'd like to share with the net. Finally, we'll open the net to anybody who has questions or comments. Jim, please go ahead if you've got something for us. This is <call sign>."

> *Pause to allow Jim time to offer instruction* <

"Thanks, Jim."

"Let's go ahead and invite _____ to present tonight's training item. Go ahead, _____."

> *Pause to allow _____ time to present the training item* <

"Thanks, _____, for that insight. For training purposes, we feel it's important for all hams in our area to have the opportunity to act as Net Control and present training items on this net in case your services are needed. If you'd like to take a turn doing either of these, please let Noji know, and he'll give you a copy of the script and anything else you might need. I'll stand by following the net tonight for a few minutes, in case you'd like to let me know by radio, text, or email."

(Only if there is any traffic:)

"We'll now hear out the traffic. Please, _____, go ahead with your traffic."

> *Pause for the traffic* <

"Thank you, _____, for that information."

> *Pause two seconds* <

"We'll now take any late, missed, new, or visiting check-ins for this net. Go ahead and call now if you have not yet checked in."

> *Pause for check-ins, acknowledging the call signs and traffic, ask for relays* <

"Any relays?"

> *Pause for relays of check-ins* <

"Let's go back over the check-ins, and give you an opportunity to share anything you want with the net. If you don't have anything, just say *Pass*, and I'll go on to the next check-in on the list."

> *Pause six seconds* <

"At this point let's open the net as a roundtable to anybody who would like, to ask questions or make comments as they relate to the area net, amateur radio in general, or any other appropriate topic. If you have something on your mind, please feel free to call now."

> *Pause six seconds; entertain questions or acknowledge comments as needed* <

"Hearing no more, let's go ahead and bring tonight's net to a close. Thanks to all of you for your time and participation and support, so 7-3 to everybody, for signing on to the Aspen Area net. We're closing at 21____, returning this frequency to its normal use. Good night to everybody, and until next time, have a great week. This is <call sign>."