

521 Tuesday Night Net Control Script

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NOTE: Just before the net starts...(Notes 1,2 & 4)

- Turn off the PL tone by entering **D44** on your touch-tone pad then listen for a high-to-low quick two-tone immediately following your keypad entry or a dah-dit-dah (the letter K in Morse code).
- If the repeater gets noisy, turn the PL back on by entering **D43** and then listen for a low-to-high quick two-tone immediately following your keypad entry or a dah-dit-dah (the letter K in Morse code).
- See if Echolink is operating by entering **08**. You should hear a voice reply indicating if there are quests in the queue. If there are no guests, it will simply say, "not connected". (ABC will turn on Echolink and CBA will turn it off).

---<<< Start Net Preamble >>>---

Is the 145.21 repeater in use? This is " _____ " (Wait)

CQ, CQ, CQ...calling all radio amateurs: We would like to welcome you to the 521 Tuesday Night net. The **Fayette County Amateur Radio Club** and **Fayette County Amateur Radio Emergency Service** present this net each week at this time.

The purpose of the net is to **promote fellowship** among local amateurs, **provide a forum** for dissemination of information and exchange of ideas, and to **facilitate training** of net participants and control operators. The net is open to all radio amateurs and is not limited to Club or ARES members. If you would like to receive Club or ARES membership information please advise net control at check in. There is a 131.8 Hertz PL tone on this repeater which has (or has not) been disabled for this evenings net. If you're joining us via the Fayetteville 444.600 or Peachtree City 442.500 Skywarn repeaters, their PL tone is 77.0 Hertz. Also, linked in is our sister group the Concord Amateur Radio Society via the 145.25 and 443.400 repeaters W4AMI. Their PL tone is 110.9 Hertz.

My name is " _____ " and my call is " _____ ". I will serve as primary net control this evening.

Because this is an emergency preparedness net, we will at this time ask for a volunteer to serve as **backup net control** in the event this station or its operator become disabled. (Note 8)(Wait, note name and call)

As this is a directed net, please direct all traffic to net control. **Is there any emergency or priority traffic for the net?** (Wait)

Is there any routine traffic for the net? (pause briefly).

The net is divided into the following sections:

- Check in of participating stations
- Fayette County Amateur Radio Club discussion
- Fayette County ARES discussion
- An optional program
- and swap meet.

---<<< Start Net Check-ins >>>---

We will now take **check-ins** for the net. When checking in, **please give your call phonetically, your name** and advise net control if you have comment, announcement or items for swap meet
(Take check-ins in groups of 3 or 4, repeat names and calls to verify)(Note 3)

All **Fayette County Amateur Radio Club officers** please check in now. (Wait)

All amateurs serving as **Amateur Radio Emergency Service coordinators or managers** please check in now. (Wait)

All stations joining us via **Echo-Link** check now. (Note 6)

All stations with call sign suffix beginning with **Alpha through Golf** check in at this time.

All stations with call sign suffix beginning with **Hotel through Oscar** check in at this time.

All stations with call sign suffix beginning with **Papa through Zulu** check in at this time.

All stations check in at this time regardless of suffix, **Alpha through Zulu**.

---<<< Net Discussions >>>---

The net is now open for FCARC discussion. (Note 7)

(Call stations in order from check in log. At this point the net sort of runs itself. Net controls only function is to maintain order. Always give your call when handing off the net for discussion, to comply with Part 97)

Is there any other FCARC discussion?

We will pause now for any additional check ins. **(ID net control)**

The net is now open for Fayette ARES discussion.

(Run this section as above)

Is there any other ARES discussion?

We will pause now for any additional check ins. **(ID net control)**

Net Program (if applicable).

(If there is no program, skip the following part. We would like to get organized such that a person wanting to present a program would pre-arrange the presentation with net control in advance of the net. The program should not be more than 5 - 6 minutes in length)

We will now turn the net over to (name and call) who will present this evening's brief program.

Thank you (name and call) for presenting this evening's program.

We will pause now for any additional check ins. **(ID net control)**

We will now present this evening's swap meet. (if applicable)

All items listed for sale or trade must be related to amateur radio in some manner, such as radio or computer equipment. If you desire, you may list an item you wish to buy. The listing station should state their area code and phone number. Please contact the listing station via phone regarding items of interest. While we do allow asking price to be mentioned on the net, please use the telephone for haggling over details. Fayette County Amateur Radio Club or Fayette County ARES assume **no liability** concerning items listed in the swap meet.

(Call stations in order from check in log. Always give your call when handing off the net for discussion, to comply with Part 97)

Are there any other items for swap meet?

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Are there any birthdays, anniversaries, or concerns in the amateur community this week?

---<<< Closing >>>---

We will pause for last minute check-ins before we close the net. **(ID net control)**

(Call backup net control) **Is there any other traffic for the net I have overlooked?**

Thank you (_____) for serving as backup net control this evening.

The Fayette County Amateur Radio Club and Fayette County ARES would like to thank each of you for checking in with us and you are invited to check in with us again each Tuesday evening at 9:00 pm. We had _____ check-ins this evening.

Operating under the call KK4GQ, the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club 145.21 repeater is located 3 miles South of Fayetteville and the 146.685 repeater is located 2.5 miles West of Fayetteville on the Piedmont Fayette Hospital. In addition, the 444.600 and 442.500 Skywarn repeaters, W4PSZ, and the Concord Amateur Radio Society 145.25 and 443.400 repeaters, W4AMI, are linked in during the net effectively serving all amateurs in the South Metro Atlanta area

Please note, the 145.21 repeater uses a 131.8 Hz. PL tone.

Our Echo Link node ID is KB4GR, node number 111807. We make Echo Link available for the net.

More information about Amateur Radio is available on the Internet at **www.arrl.org**.

For information about the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club please visit us on the Internet at **www.KK4GQ.org**.

For information about the Fayette County Amateur Radio Emergency Service please visit us on the Internet at **www.fayetteares.org**

We are returning the 145.21 repeater to normal amateur use. This is (_____) Goodnight.

---<<< End >>>---

(Turn the PL tone back on, enter **D43** and then listen for the low-to-high quick two-tone or Morse code letter "K" – dah-dit-dah)

Notes for Net Control:

1. Before the net starts you will want a pencil and paper.
2. You will want an **accurate clock** in the shack. I like to start the net at 9:01 just to give people time to get from the TV to the kitchen and to the radio. **If the net has not started by 9:03 then somebody needs to volunteer for primary net control and get it going.**
3. Be sure to get the call and **name** of each check in. With practice you will recognize the usual check ins. Try to make new people feel welcome.
4. This script serves only as a guide. If you are net control feel free to ad lib as the situation requires. Part of presenting the net is to practice for an emergency, for which there will be no script.
5. Unlike some local nets, we call for check-ins early in the net. This is so late comers will not miss the discussion and announcement parts of the net.
6. On most evenings the **Echo-Link** will be moved over to 145.21. Be advised the "turn around time" for Echo-Link is quite long compared to regular repeater operations. Give an extra few seconds or you will talk over the station.
7. **Anything that does not have to do with ARES falls under FCARC discussion.** People in the hospital, hamfest and testing sessions (even if sponsored by another club) and all that typical radio club fare goes under FCARC discussion. ARES discussion is limited to those things that have to do with ARES, such as Skywarn and other emergency or public service.
8. A new feature of the script is the **backup net controller**, whose job is to fill in for the primary net control should that station go off air. In the event of an emergency, such as an ice storm, this is a real possibility.
 - It is recommended the backup controller has a copy of the script handy and maintain a log of all the stations checking in.
 - However, anyone can volunteer to take over if needed, even without a log, or script. Just let net control that you can't log.
9. In order to make the net more interesting and thus increase participation, we are asking some members to prepare a "short" segment on various subject, presented as regular features of the net. Subjects could include propagation, DX, Weather Service News and so on. As these members check in, they should cue the net control station by stating "This is KU4OJ with this weeks Sunspot Update" or what ever. Net control then calls for this station to present during the program part of the net.

Special Days and Programs:

The week of Veterans Day, Nov. 11, we recognize all of our members who have served in the armed forces by having them each tell the net which branch of service, when and where they served.

The first net after Christmas we discuss "How was Christmas at Your House?"

If a traveling holiday such as Christmas or Independence Day falls on a Tuesday, we usually cancel that weeks net. Advise all stations the week before.