Edmond Amateur Radio Society Monday Night Information Net Script

(Starting promptly at 8:00pm/20:00 on any given Monday evening)

SAY: Good evening and welcome to the Edmond Amateur Radio Society's Monday Night Information Net. This is (<u>Your Call Sign</u>) and my name is (<u>Name</u>). I am operating from (<u>Location</u>) and tonight I will be your Net Control.

(Pause for breath)

SAY: This net meets every Monday evening at 8:00 pm local time on the linked 147.135 and 443.425 VHF and UHF repeaters. The purpose of this Net is to provide information of interest to amateur radio operators in the central Oklahoma area. All amateurs are welcome to join this net. You do not have to be a member to check in. This is a controlled net, and all contacts should be made through Net Control.

(Pause for breath)

SAY: When checking into this net, please give your call sign slowly and phonetically, give your name, location and indicate if you have any traffic, bulletins or announcements. We will now pause to see if there is any emergency or priority traffic. If so, please call now.

(Pause for 10 seconds)

SAY: If at any time during the Net, should an emergency arise, please notify Net Control. We will stand by, allowing those in need access to these repeaters.

(Pause for 10 seconds)

SAY: I will now start taking check-ins. First, I will take check-ins with traffic, bulletins, or announcements. Then I will take general check-ins. Anyone with traffic, bulletins or announcements, please call now.

(Pause for at least 10 seconds of dead air from last check in)
(Acknowledge those with traffic by reciting their names and calls.)

REMEMBER: <u>Pause for a breath after four or five names</u>. Doing so allows the repeater to reset. No one wants to win the non-coveted "Alligator" award for long windedness.

(Pause for breath)

SAY: We'll get to the traffic in just a moment. Now we'll take general check-ins, with or without traffic. Again, please give your call sign slowly and phonetically.

(Pause for breath)

SAY: Give your name, location and indicate if you have any traffic for this net. Anybody who would like to check in to the Edmond Amateur Radio Society's Monday Night Information Net with or without traffic, please call now.

(Pause for at least 10 seconds of dead air from last check in.)
(Acknowledge check-ins by reciting their names and calls.)
(Pause for breath)

SAY: (<u>Name and call sign of 1st Traffic</u>), we'll be getting to you in just a moment. Are there any additional check-ins? This is (<u>Your Call Sign</u>). Please call now.

(Pause for at least 10 seconds of dead air from last check in)
(Acknowledge check-ins.)
(Pause for breath)

SAY: Okay, Let's go to (<u>Name and/or Call</u>) for their announcement. (<u>Call sign with Traffic</u>) this is (<u>Your Call Sign</u>), go ahead with your traffic.

(Go to another piece of traffic or ask for general check-ins again. Intersperse announcements with rounds of check-ins.)

(don't forget to breath)

(After you have handled all announcements and traffic and feel you'll receive no further check-ins, you can wind down the net).

SAY: Well, I think it's about time to wind down this session of the Edmond Amateur Radio Society's Monday Night Information Net. I want to thank all of you for your participation this evening and hope you have a great week.

(Pause for breath)

SAY: Tune in again next week when we will meet again on this same frequency at 8:00pm local time. This is (<u>Your Call Sign</u>) concluding this week's edition of the Edmond Amateur Radio Society's Monday Night Information Net.

(Pause for breath)

SAY: I will now return the repeater to normal operation. Net Control Coordinator, if you will please stand by, I will give you my net report.

(After totaling your statistics, call for the net control coordinator to take your report.)

SAY: (<u>Net coordinator call sign</u>), this is (<u>Your Call Sign</u>). Are you ready to copy my report?

(Wait for a response.)

SAY: This is (<u>Your Call Sign</u>), Net Control for the (<u>Current Date</u>) edition of the EARS Monday Night Information Net.

(Your routine # is the number of nets you've personally hosted as net control during the year. This number represents all nets to which you've served as NC.

(Your traffic count should include each separate topic mentioned within the announcer's transmission.) ie; One person may announce four separate topics which would equal four pieces of traffic).

(The Net Control Coordinator or surrogate will acknowledge your report.)

SAY: This is my Routine Number (*Your Routine #*). The net began at 8:00pm and ended at (<u>Current Time</u>), local time. We had a total of (<u>Check-in Count</u>), and (<u>Traffic Count</u>) pieces of traffic.

(The net is complete.)

NOTES:
- Remember to identify your station (give your call sign) every 10 minutes throughout the Net. (Identification is typically not an issue for net control)
- When it is appropriate for a listener to contact the traffic announcer directly, such as in the case where someone is asking for volunteers for an event, when they finish giving the announcement, you can…
  - SAY: If you would like to contact (<u>Announcer's Name</u>) direct, their call is (<u>Announcer's Call Sign</u>). Please call now.
    - This gives listeners an opportunity to come back with a direct conversation with the announcer. This procedure is done as all contact and traffic exchange is directed by Net Control. Net participants are expected to not break in asking for direct contact with an announcer without specific permission to call from Net Control.
- If a "Re-Check" is requested, this means someone who's already checked in wishes to say something. Finish the check-in round first. Once

completed, it is Net Control's option to immediately address the Re-Check or...

- o Say: (Re-Check Call Sign) I will get back to you shortly.
    - ▪ (Acknowledge your check-ins first.)

NOTE: You might hear attempted check-ins by those with equipment unable to hold the repeater clearly. Leave time for them to make multiple attempts. Others may continue checking in. There may be "doubles" (two or more operators transmitting on frequency simultaneously) causing situations where no call can is legible. Continue taking check-ins. Forcing an unnatural pause can cause confusion.

Following a natural pause in check-ins (usually five to 10 seconds of dead air), you can indicate that you heard someone trying to check-in but were unable to copy their information.

(Acknowledge those check-ins you were able to copy)

SAY: If you didn't hear your name or call sign, please try again during our next call for check-ins.

OF GREAT IMPORTANCE: If you experience purposeful interference (someone keying up, playing music, etc.), the best response is no response. Draw no attention to the interference. Continue with the net. Most interference is caused by low-power transmitters. In many cases, your signal will be greater than that of the interference. Should the interference become untenable for the net to continue, the repeater trustee shall take actions to reduce or eliminate the interference. Actions may include unlinking the VHF and UHF repeaters or fully disabling or shutting down either or both repeaters. If the repeaters become unavailable, the net should continue as operators and participants can monitor the reverse or input frequencies for the VHF and UHF repeaters.

REPEATER	FREQUENCY	SHIFT
2M	147.1350 MHz	+0.6 MHz
70CM	443.4250 MHz	+5.0 MHz

NOTE: If you miss someone's Name or Call Sign, when you are acknowledging the round of check-ins, stop at that point and ask the person to repeat the portion you did not copy. Again, it is not advised for novice net control operators to force an unnatural pause in an active round of check-ins as it is likely for a "double" to occur.

Those new to net control operations may wish to devise their own system for notating check-ins and traffic. Annotate alongside names or call signs of those with announcements or who've asked for a Re-Check as the markings will serve as reminders to go back to those individuals.

OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE: Relax and enjoy. You will do a great job, you'll have fun, and everyone out there is on your side!

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