

# EXAMPLE NET CONTROL SCRIPT

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## PRE-NET CALL (ABOUT 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO NET)

This is KD3MAD, can I get a radio check please. (Standby for results/comments) Thank you for the radio check.

This is KD3MAD, the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club weekly net will begin in 5 minutes. All stations please stand by.

## STARTING THE NET AND INTRODUCTION

Calling all radio amateurs, calling all radio amateurs, this is KD3MAD starting the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club Weekly Net.

As mentioned, your Net Control for this evening is KD3MAD, Kilo, Delta, 3, Mike, Alpha, Delta. My name is Mike, and I am transmitting from Dauphin, PA. This will be a directed net, so please hold comments until recognized by Net Control. (break)

This net meets every Wednesday evening at 1900 hours local on the W3UU repeater, except for the second Wednesday of the month which is reserved for Club Meetings. The purpose of this net is to disseminate information about and relating to amateur radio. Any information or announcements including swap and shop can be presented as long as it is amateur radio related. (break)

As needed, emergency and priority traffic please break in at any time. At this time, I'll standby for any stations with emergency or priority traffic. Any emergency or priority traffic, please call now... (break - wait 5)

## ACCEPTING CHECK-INS

**(OPTIONAL: For those studying for their Technician exam, or just listening at home, please check-in by emailing [kd3mad@w3uu.org](mailto:kd3mad@w3uu.org))**

As always, we will begin with check-ins. When checking into this net, please state your full FCC call sign using plain English and standard ITU phonetics, followed by Name, Location and if you have any traffic for this evening's net. Check-ins will be called by Suffix.

Those amateurs with their call sign suffix beginning with the letters **A through E, Alpha through Echo**, please call now...During each section stand by for 10+ as needed, recording check-in information. Then repeat and thank them for checking in. Call again as needed.

Those amateurs with their call sign suffix beginning with the letters **F through J, Foxtrot through Juliet**, please call now...During each section stand by for 10+ as needed, recording check-in information. Then repeat and thank them for checking in. Call again as needed.

Those amateurs with their call sign suffix beginning with the letters **K through O, Kilo through Oscar**, please call now...During each section stand by for 10+ as needed, recording check-in information. Then repeat and thank them for checking in. Call again as needed.

Those amateurs with their call sign suffix beginning with the letters **P through T, Papa through Tango**, please call now...During each section stand by for 10+ as needed, recording check-in information. Then repeat and thank them for checking in. Call again as needed.

Those amateurs with their call sign suffix beginning with the letters **U through Z, Uniform through Zulu**, please call now...During each section stand by for 10+ as needed, recording check-in information. Then repeat and thank them for checking in. Call again as needed.

I'll take one more opportunity to check-in any late or otherwise missed check-ins. Please call now (wait and confirm).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As usual, we will begin with Club Announcements. But before we get started, it should be known that all times discussed during this net will be local time, currently Eastern Daylight Savings Time unless otherwise noted.

*IF THERE IS TRAFFIC... Knowing there is individual traffic for this net, please state "break" or "comment" at any time during the Club Announcements should I be touching upon your area of information. You will be acknowledged and called upon at that time. Otherwise, please hold traffic until the completion of Club Announcements at which time I will call upon each station who checked-in with traffic for this net.*

*review prepared agenda of announcements to be presented to the group, then continue with Individual Announcements*

Before continuing to Individual Announcements, we will take a quick Standby for late check-ins. This is the HRAC Weekly Net with KD3MAD serving as Net Control. If there are any late check-ins, please call now (wait for and confirm check-ins).

Individual Announcements - Call each station noted as having traffic for this net.

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That concludes the announcements and news section of the net. Before continuing to Swap and Shop, we will take a quick Standby for last check-ins. This is the HRAC Weekly Net with KD3MAD serving as net control. Are there any late check-ins? If so, please call now. (Wait for and confirm check-ins)

## **SWAP AND SHOP**

Moving on to Swap and Shop. Anyone wishing to exchange information regarding the purchase, sharing or need for amateur radio related items, please call now... (break - wait 5)

## If there are callers, record the call signs and work through each operator in the order they called.

Last call for late check-ins. If there are any late check-ins, please call now... (break - wait 5)

## **LAST CALL AND WRAP UP**

We are going to take one final standby. This is the HRAC Weekly Net. Is there anyone with any final questions, comments, concerns, or business for the net? If so, please call now... (break - wait 5)

## If there are callers, record the call signs and direct traffic as appropriate in the order they called.

There being nothing further, I want to thank everyone for their participation and courtesy to net control, as well as the Harrisburg Radio Amateurs Club for use of the W3UU repeater. This concludes this session of the HRAC Weekly Net.

This repeater and frequency are now returned to regular amateur radio use. Please hang around for additional fellowship and rag chewing as desired. This is KD3MAD signing clear until next time.

<i>CHK</i>	<i>TRF</i>	<i>CALLSIGN</i>	<i>HANDLE</i>	<i>LOCATION</i>
<b>A – E</b>				
		K3DMM	Denny	Linglestown
		K3ETD	Chuck	
		N3BWD	Steve	New Cumberland
		WB3BKN	Terry	Halifax
		KC3EUU	Steve	Harrisburg
		KF3AR	Walt	
		N3DXR	John	
		N3EEI	Dan	Northern York
<b>F – J</b>				
		AC3FY	Parker	
		W3HP	RJ	Mechanicsburg
<b>K – O</b>				
		KC3MG	Dave	Chambers Hill
		KD3MAD	Mike	Dauphin
		KZ3KBD	Kendra	Dauphin
		W4NKC	Tim	Hummelstown
		N3KOM	Patrick	Halifax
		KC3NRK	Frank	
		KC3MFJ	Adam	
		KC3KDH	Joe	Newberry
<b>P – T</b>				
		K3RTS	Bob	Paxtonia
		KA3PDQ	Steve	Etters
		KB3RCS	Ted	
		KB3RX	Cliff	Harrisburg
		KC3PRR	Josh	Liverpool
		KC3QXN	Dennis	
		KC3QIF	Ken	
		KC3SPT	Brett	Linglestown
		KC3SXM	Brian	
		K3SMW	Steve	
		KC3SHS		DuBois (Visiting on Business)
		KC3TMP	Josh	Dillsburg
		KF4TQF	Brian	York Haven
		KCTNC	Brian	
		KC3QJW	Mike	
<b>U – Z</b>				
		KA1YSR	Chuck	Harrisburg
		K3URT	Kurt	Harrisburg
		N3WL	Chuck	Camp Hill
		W3ZTB	Zach	Harrisburg
		N3XIB		
		KC3WEB	John	Watts

**NOTE: CHECK MARK = CHECKED IN; N = NO TRAFFIC; Y = TRAFFIC; BOLD = RECENT CHECK INS**

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# HRAC Weekly Net Announcements

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## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Club Meeting** – June 8<sup>th</sup> – VVA, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111 – This will be an In Person meeting only. Due to limited technical capabilities at our meeting location, online meetings have been suspended. If you have any comments on whether online offerings for club meetings should continue, please contact a club officer for further discussion. More on this later in the net.

As a reminder, all club contact information can be currently found on the Membership Roster at W3UU website by visiting [www.w3uu.org](http://www.w3uu.org) and clicking on ROSTER menu item. You can also get a current list of officers and staff members from the front page of the HRAC newsletter.

Elmer Time is set to begin at 1830 hours local immediately followed by our monthly club business meeting. This month's Elmer Time is entitled "Setting Up a Home Radio Shack" and is being presented by Terry (WB3BKN). This event will definitely have high value content and as always, your attendance and input is very welcomed.

The business meeting agenda will follow the usual agenda but will certainly have very heavy conversations and exchanges regarding Field Day and Firecracker Hamfest among other items. And speaking of Field Day...

**Field Day 2022** – June 25/26 – Do not miss this event and opportunity to operate arguably the largest amateur radio event and contest of the year held the fourth full weekend in June.

As a reminder, Field Day is ham radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933 and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

For those that will be contesting, The objective is to contact as many stations as possible on the 160, 80, 40-, 20-, 15- and 10-Meter HF bands, as well as all bands 50 MHz and above, as well as to learn how to operate in abnormal situations and less-than-optimal conditions.

HRAC has been approved to operate Field Day at Memorial Lake State Park in Lebanon, PA. Even though Field Day runs on both June 25/26, HRAC will be deployed on Saturday, June 25th. We will setup at the parking area on the Lower Road. This is the same location as last year's 9/11 Special Event. Please plan to arrive at 1000 hours to setup. Onsite operations will cease by 2000 hours to accommodate tear down before dark. As before, there are charcoal grills that we can use for cooking and picnic tables for dining. Please bring additional seating. Sign-up sheets for other necessities will be circulated closer to time.

The ARRL rules do allow for operating from home and crediting the club. For a guide on how this works, as well as a complete ARRL Field Day package and QST insert set of documents, please visit HRAC Field Day page at [www.w3uu.org/fieldday](http://www.w3uu.org/fieldday). Last minute preparations will no doubt take place at the next club meeting as well.

**Firecracker Hamfest and ARRL State Convention** – July 2<sup>nd</sup> – The premiere hamfest, and now second annual ARRL State Convention, is fast approaching! Mark your calendars now for this major event. And much like Field

Day and other club events, if this event is to remain the premiere amateur radio event for the area, we need your help! Over the coming weeks and during monthly meetings there will no doubt be a significant amount of time spent planning this event. And in kind, we will need your help as volunteers to make it happen! And as a reminder, for those that might be listening at home, you do not need to be a member to help.

Please contact Hamfest Committee Chair Terry (WB3BKN) to discuss volunteer opportunities. You can also sign up online by using the Help HRAC link in the upper left section of the website.

Please note, complete details regarding Firecracker and other upcoming events can be found on the W3UU website. And a special request from the W3UU Webmaster, if anyone receives new or updated information and materials, please be sure to share. Please send information to [webmaster@w3uu.org](mailto:webmaster@w3uu.org) so the website can be kept up to date and current with accurate information, thus ensuring we are all moving and talking off the same page.

**Next License Exam** – June 18<sup>th</sup> – VVA, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111 – The exam itself will begin promptly at 0900 hours. Pre-registration is required. Registrations will be accepted and processed up to 1700 hours on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. I will have a little bit more about prep classes being offered coming up during the General Announcements section later in the net.

**HRAC Newsletter Deadline** – Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Well you missed it!

The deadline is fast approaching for the next edition of the HRAC newsletter. If you have any news, information, or content to share, submissions must be submitted no later than 1700 hours on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Submissions are now being accepted at [newsletter@w3uu.org](mailto:newsletter@w3uu.org).

As a future reminder, the deadline for submissions is the first Wednesday of the month by 1700 hours unless otherwise transmitted. This allows editors enough time to process and circulate the newsletter in advance of the monthly club meeting. Thank you for your attention to time and detail on this matter.

**W3UU Repeater Update** – Last report, all systems were operational. Should you continue to experience issues and/or have difficulty in the use of the repeater or have feedback on the overall performance of the repeater, please contact Dave (KC3MG). Dave (KC3MG), do you have anything else to offer...KC3MG KD3MAD Dave thank you for that fine report.

**Net Requests** – We continue to discuss new and fun ways of bringing ham radio operations to your stations. As such we are extremely interested in opening discussions for additional nets here on the W3UU repeater. Recently there have been discussions on activating a digital modes net, a Winlink focused net and a new Ham Tech Net. Actual content and frequency are all still very much up in the air, but if you have ideas or comments, please direct them to Net Operations Chair Dave KC3MG or yours truly KD3MAD. Recently there has been a front runner being discussed called "What all can I do as a Technician?" Sort of a new ham TechNet with a twist. With that concept, we are certain there would be something new and interesting for even the most seasoned Amateur Extras.

As a follow on to this item, if you would like an opportunity to serve as Net Control for this or other future nets, you will again want to contact Dave KC3MG for review and assignment of duties. Serving as control is not only a member service to the club, but also an excellent way to build your skills at station operations, group planning and management and overall confidence working on the air!

One last promotion for the W3UU repeater, this is a wonderful asset to our organization. As such, let's start using it in higher frequency. You will find me monitoring most all day, along with a handful of others. We do not always have the greatest amount of time to talk, but a simple "Hello, how are you today?" can go a long way.

**Meeting and Event Attendance Concerns** – Without bringing politics into the discussion, we are all too aware of the rising price of gasoline among other goods and services. As a result, there have been some emails exchanged and discussions held with concerns over the attendance of meetings and other club events. Some expressed the idea of bringing back online meeting capabilities for those that must travel long distances or have tight schedules to boot. In short, the concern is ongoing current and new member engagement. If you have thoughts or comments to share along these lines, please send them to Club President Bob (K3RTS) using [k3rts@w3uu.org](mailto:k3rts@w3uu.org) or fill out the Contact Us form on the W3UU website. All information will be kept confidential and used strictly for planning and strategic planning purposes.

**Other Upcoming Club Events** – Mark your calendars now for the following:

**Linglestown Memorial Day Parade** – Took Place on May 30<sup>th</sup>

Even though it is in the past, I wanted to point out that the participation of both HRAC and Dauphin County ARES in the Linglestown Memorial Day Parade was a great success! We were pleasantly surprised at the tremendous turnout of the public to the parade, as well as the feedback provided along the way. Plans are already underway for our participation in next year's event!

**National Night Out 2022** – August 2<sup>nd</sup>

HRAC has been approved to participate in the Lower Paxton Township National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. The event itself is schedule for 1700 to 2000 hours and will be held at George Park situated at the crossroads of Nyes Road and Heatherfield Way, Paxtonia, PA 17112.

We will need volunteers to attend and educate the community on amateur radio and emergency communications, as well as the setup and tear down of related equipment. Tentatively plan on setup beginning right around 1600 hours and tear down concluding by 2100 hours. Thank you for your time and participation!

**HRAC Special Event – 9/11 Commemoration** – Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

Building off the success of last year's special event, HRAC will once again be deploying in commemoration of the events of 9/11/2001. This event is also in the planning stages but will follow right along with the deployment performed last year commemorating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are approved for Memorial Lake, same location as last year and will most likely be another POTA activation. Please plan to attend or at the very least, hunt for us on the air!

**Information and Content Requests** – If there is anything special, you would like to see on the website, please email [webmaster@w3uu.org](mailto:webmaster@w3uu.org) or leave details in a Contact HRAC form, found in the upper left corner. As a reminder, this is "your" website.

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## **CHECK-IN TRAFFIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## **OTHER AMATEUR RADIO RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Licensing Preparation Classes (aka Cram and Exam)**

If you or someone you know are currently considering either becoming a licensed radio operator, or upgrading from Technician class to General, here are a few fantastic opportunities! Ralph Brandt (K3HQI) is offering the following license preparation classes. Ralph more than possesses the knowledge and experience to be hosting such events. Ralph is an ARRL EPA Affiliated Club Coordinator, ARRL Official Emergency Station and ARRL Certified Instructor. There will be Technician classes offered on August 20/21, and October 15/16. General classes are currently scheduled for October 29/30. Each of these classes are taking place at the Lancaster County Public Service Training Center. Additional locations and classes are pending.

Please stay tuned to W3UU Announcements page for the most up-to-date information on these classes. As information is shared with us, we will be sure to share with you. For now, you should contact Ralph directly using [ralph.brandt@comcast.net](mailto:ralph.brandt@comcast.net). Please reference the prep classes to get an appropriate response.

### **Winlink Thursdays – Restarted on January 20<sup>th</sup>**

For those still not aware, or just need a good reminder, please note the revival of Winlink Thursdays on your calendar. Join us in practicing your emergency communications skills. As the nets continue, the ETO team is hard at work producing new exercises for 2022. The intent is to ensure that there are exercises to challenge both the beginning operators and the experience operators alike.

The Groups IO email links are a bit complex, so for additional information on ideas for exercises, or to learn more about this group, please look for the Winlink Thursdays post in the Announcements section of the W3UU website.

You can also contact our club Emergency Communications Committee Chair and Club President, Bob (K3RTS) using [k3rts@w3uu.org](mailto:k3rts@w3uu.org). And speaking of Emergency Communications...

### **Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air – June 4<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>**

The Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event is scheduled for June 4 - 19, 2022. The Clark County Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring the inaugural event, and we hope to make it a yearly occurrence.

There will be at least one club on the air in each of the 16 states covered by the trail, and the clubs are as excited as we are about the event. The operating modes are SSB phone, FM phone (2 meters only), CW, and FT8.

Those that contact all 16 states will receive the Expedition Partner Certificate, and those that contact 1 - 15 states can receive the Trail Companion Certificate. Check the website, <https://www.lctota.org>, for certificate examples and additional information. Our committee is working hard to make this a top-notch event. Be sure to mark your calendars!

For additional information and the actual link to the event website, check out the Announcements section of the website.

## So Now What? Podcast Episodes

If you're a newly licensed Amateur Radio operator, chances are you have lots of questions. This biweekly podcast has answers! "So Now What?" offers insights from those who've been exactly where you are now. And if you keep an open mind, we are also certain that even the most seasoned General and Amateur Extras will learn a thing or two.

Some popular titles include Navigating the Nets; "Ham" Lingo; You're Not Just a Tech and Demystifying the Language of Morse Code.

For more information and the actual podcasts, please visit <http://www.arrl.org/so-now-what>, or better yet, check out the announcement with link published on the W3UU website.

Moving right along, before continuing to Hamfest Announcements, we'll stand by for late check-ins. This is the HRAC Weekly Net with KD3MAD serving as net control, are there any late check-ins. If so, please call now.

## Hamfest Announcements

As we progress the year, we will continue to provide updates and information on upcoming hamfests in our region. For the purposes of defining region, it will be a 100-mile radius from the Harrisburg area. Other notable gatherings will be advertised as well. Currently we have:

- 06/04/2022 - Amateur Radio Hamfest, Flea Market  
Location: Fair Lawn, NJ (Beyond 100 miles – Neighboring States)  
Sponsor: Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <https://www.flarchamfest.com>
- 06/04/2022 - Manassas Hamfest 2022  
Location: Manassas Park, VA (Beyond 100 miles – Neighboring States)  
Sponsor: W4OVH Ole Virginia Hams  
Website: <http://www.manassashamfest.com>
- 06/11/2022 - Bloomsburg Hamfest  
Location: Lime Ridge, PA  
Sponsor: Columbia-Montour ARC  
Website: <https://www.qsl.net/cm-arc/hamfest.htm>
- 06/18/2022 - WRAET Hamfest & Electronics Show  
Location: Wayne, NJ (Beyond 100 miles – Neighboring States)  
Sponsor: WRAET Amateur Radio Club  
Website: <http://WRAET.com>
- 06/19/2022 - Father's Day Hamfest at Arcadia  
Location: Upperco, MD  
Sponsor: BARC  
Website: <http://W3FT.com> Facebook Baltimore Amateur Radio Club

That covers those coming up in June and into July. There are many others already scheduled including our very own Firecracker Hamfest and ARRL State Convention on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will continue to provide information on other hamfests as time draws near. Until then, we encourage you to monitor all the hamfests by visiting [www.w3uu.org/hamfests](http://www.w3uu.org/hamfests).

As a final reminder, please continue to monitor the Announcements section of the W3UU website for additional news and information regarding these and many other stories throughout the week. BUT let us not forget the extremely valuable information found in each of our monthly HRAC newsletters! Please sure to take the time to read that publication cover to cover. Fine business there for sure!