

SPECS Monday night Script

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Current Version:	http://www.specsnet.org/netscript.html
SPECS Net Time:	8:00 PM (20:00) local time, every Monday evening
SPECS Net Frequency:	145.270 – 100 Hz tone
Send Corrections to:	board@specsnet.org

Before The Net

1. Please obtain the current version of the script from the web site location given above as updates occur frequently
2. Make sure you have a reliable power source for your radio.
3. Obtain a radio check to be sure that you can reach the repeater with a good signal.
4. Have writing pad & pencils handy to note check-ins, announcements, etc.
5. Remember to pause a moment, after you begin to transmit and before you begin to speak, to allow the repeater (and the net participants' radios) enough time to de-squelch.
6. Remember that the repeater has a 120 second timeout timer (the *****drop it***** notations in the script are provided to help you avoid the timer during the long passages).
7. Net control advisories appear in the left column while script text appears on the right. Instructions for the net control operator are also italicized. Don't read the italicized text over the air.

****** Note to the Net Control******

Announcements are handled differently in this script. All announcements are held and made at once (rather than at multiple times as in the old script). As Net Control, you need to keep track of these announcements so you do not miss any. There is room in the *Announcements* section of the script where you can write down call signs of those wishing to make announcements. Please look this over and be familiar with it.

DO NOT to use abbreviations, Q-codes, etc. Since the goal of every ham should be to communicate clearly and concisely without using codes, we have made every attempt to remove these from this script. Please help us out and do not insert Q-codes. Thank you in advance.

<p>Topic and Information for the Net Control Operator</p>	<p>This is the script that you read “on air”. <i>(Notes to you are in italics like this)</i></p>
<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>	<p>Calling the SPECS net, calling the SPECS net. This is the Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System weekly net, celebrating 50 years of weekly net operation. This is a directed net of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. Stations with emergency traffic may break in at any time. This is <...your call sign...> net control. My name is <...your name...> from <...your city...> ARES.</p> <p>The purpose of the net is to train and maintain a crew of Amateur Radio operators who are ready to furnish communication services in a time of need. This is done by providing announcements pertaining to amateur radio and emergency preparedness, and providing a common meeting place prior to local nets. This, in conjunction with local nets gives us all the opportunity to test our equipment and make sure it is ready when needed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(*** <i>drop it</i> ***)</p> <p>SPECS operates the W6ASH repeaters at 145.270, 224.140, and 440.800 MHz all using 100 Hz tone. The repeaters are not normally linked.</p> <p>New listeners may obtain information about SPECS from our website at www.specsnet.org.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(*** <i>drop it</i> ***)</p>
<p>RECOGNITION OF OFFICIALS</p> <p><i>Record and acknowledge calls.</i></p> <p><i>Call signs likely to be heard:</i></p> <p>N2RHV <i>Bill, ARRL Section Manager</i></p> <p>KE6AGJ <i>Larry, District Emergency Coordinator</i></p> <p>K6GAC <i>Jerry, SPECS President</i></p> <p>KD6SOJ <i>Tom, Los Altos</i></p> <p>W7WPO <i>Ed, Los Altos Hills</i></p> <p>K6GAC <i>Jerry, Mountain View</i></p> <p>KD6CWM <i>Mark, NASA/Ames</i></p> <p>KD6WYK <i>Rich, Palo Alto</i></p> <p>KB6BPM <i>Ken, Stanford</i></p> <p>W6MOL <i>Bob, Sunnyvale</i></p>	<p>At this time I would like to do a roll call of the officials associated with this net, or their designated representative. We start with our Section manager and finish with a call to each city EC. When you hear your call sign or city, please acknowledge the call and indicate if you have a message for the net tonight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> N2RHV our ARRL Section Manager <input type="checkbox"/> KE6AGJ, District Emergency Manager <input type="checkbox"/> K6GAC, SPECS President <input type="checkbox"/> for Los Altos <input type="checkbox"/> Los Altos Hills <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain View <input type="checkbox"/> NASA/Ames <input type="checkbox"/> Palo Alto <input type="checkbox"/> Stanford <input type="checkbox"/> Sunnyvale <p>(***<i>Note: If an announcement is indicated, acknowledge it, but hold the actual announcement for the Announcements section. You can make a note on that page as a reminder for yourself</i>***)</p>

<p>Visiting Emergency Coordinators</p> <p><i>Write down and acknowledge any check-ins and welcome them to the net.</i></p>	<p>Do we have any visitors tonight? This includes anyone new or unfamiliar with this net as well as visiting Emergency Coordinators. If so, please check in now with your call sign, name, the area you are representing and indicate if you have a message for the net tonight.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p><i>Use the area to the right to mark announcements that are pending. Handle announcements in the order listed.</i></p> <p><i>As Net Control, try to keep these announcements brief. For example, if someone wants to take sign-ups for an event, suggest that they stay on the frequency until after the net.</i></p>	<p>This is <...your callsign...>, net control. We will now proceed with announcements.</p> <p>So far I have announcements pending from:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> League Official - N2RHV or _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> District Emergency Coord. KE6AGJ Larry or _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SPECS Board Rep. _____ <callsign></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> City EC _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> City EC _____</p> <p>If there are any general announcements that have not been listed yet, please give your call sign only at this time.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p><Their call sign>, will you please go with your announcement? Are there any questions for <call sign>?</p>
<p>NET SCHEDULING</p> <p><i>Rotation order: Sunnyvale Stanford Palo Alto Los Altos Los Altos Hills Mountain View and back to Sunnyvale</i></p> <p>Wait briefly for an acknowledgement.</p>	<p>We'd like to remind <...Next City...> that it is their turn to handle net control duties next month. Is there someone from <Next City> that can acknowledge?</p>
<p>CITY NETS</p> <p><i>Call for each local net from the following table in order:</i></p> <p><i>Do not assume that a local net is not operating just because you did not get a check-in from the city earlier</i></p> <p>Don't call for check-ins from NASA-Ames, even if an EC or AEC checked-in. NASA-Ames does not take check-ins for the SPECS net.</p>	<p>This is <...your callsign...>, net control. We will now take general check-ins through separate nets for each area. All visitors interested in emergency preparedness are encouraged to check-in with the regulars in your area. I will ask the net control for each area to give their local net frequency. When you hear the frequency for your area, please go there for your local net. If you cannot reach your local net you can come back to this net and check in with me.</p> <p>SPECS also supports a packet check-in and we encourage hams to check in using packet. Packet check-ins close at the beginning of this net, but instructions for checking in via packet for next week's packet net are available on the SPECS website. Do we have a packet count for this week?</p> <p><i>(Acknowledge the packet count and enter the number in the totals area later in this script)</i></p>

	Who will take roll for ... <area from table below...>																					
	Area to be called	<i>(Write the announced Freq here in case someone misses it)</i>																				
	UHF and 220 repeater																					
	Sunnyvale																					
	Palo Alto and North																					
	Mountain View																					
	Los Altos																					
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	Stanford																					
GATHER CITY TOTALS <i>Periodically announce your presence. Record and acknowledge individual check-ins if any. Ask each station for name and city or county and help visitors to get to the appropriate local net whenever possible.</i>	<p>We invite all visitors to SPECS interested in emergency preparedness to check-in at this time. We also welcome check-ins from anyone who cannot reach their local net. Anyone wishing to check-in, please give call sign only now.</p> <p>This is <your call sign> standing by for local city totals or individual checkins.</p>																					
RECORD CITY COUNTS <i>Use the table to the right to record the city counts. When complete, do a final run-down of the counts.</i> <i>Do not include the UHF and packet check-ins in the total.</i>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Reporting Area</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Count</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Los Altos</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Los Altos Hills</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Mountain View</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Palo Altos and North</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Stanford</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Sunnyvale</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">**for a total of</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">UHF Repeater</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Packet Check-ins</td> <td style="text-align: right;">_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We had a total of <...total...> stations that checked-in via city and local nets, <...UHF check-in total...> on the UHF and 220 repeater, and <packet count> packet check-ins.</p>		<i>Reporting Area</i>	<i>Count</i>	Los Altos	_____	Los Altos Hills	_____	Mountain View	_____	Palo Altos and North	_____	Stanford	_____	Sunnyvale	_____	**for a total of	_____	UHF Repeater	_____	Packet Check-ins	_____
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NET CLOSURE	<p>This concludes this weekly meeting of the Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System main net. More information is available on our web site at www.specsnet.org. The main SPECS net is officially closed and these frequencies returned to normal use. This is <...your callsign...></p>																					
You're Almost Done!! Please complete the "After Net" steps that are listed below.																						

After Net Instructions for Net Control

Please record the check-in numbers reported from each local net. You can do this by:

1. Send an e-mail to specsreport@specsnet.org. In the e-mail, include the counts from above, by city. You can copy and paste the table below (this is the same table as above):

Reporting Area	Count
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Palo Altos and North	_____
Stanford	_____
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Thank you for giving of your time, equipment, and ability to serve as net control. Your service makes a significant contribution to SPECS and to ARES/RACES emergency preparedness in the county.

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Thank you!