SPECS Net Monday Night Script

Last Updated:	December 1, 2022
Current Version:	http://www.specsnet.org/monday-night-net (under Main Net)
SPECS Net Time:	8:00 PM (2000) local time, every Monday evening
SPECS Net Frequency:	145.270 (–) 100 Hz PL 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 a 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). Don't say the word "drop" – just release the PTT key for two seconds.
7. Net control advisories appear in the left column, script text appears on the right. Instructions for the net control operator are also italicized. Don't read the italicized text over the air.
8. Between 7 pm and 7:30 go to https://www.scc-ares-races.org/pacpractice and get the packet total number.

*** Note to the Net Control***

Announcements: 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.

Individual Check-ins: Record the call sign, first name, and city or county. Report this to the city if possible. You and/or city may need to adjust city total.

Please run the net using scc-ares-races.org standard procedures. DO NOT 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.

The Net Control operator may close the UHF/220 net up to five minutes before 2000 hours if the same operator is also running the main SPECS net.

Topic and Information for the Net Control Operator	*This is the script that you read "on the air".* *(Notes to you are in italics like this)*
CALL TO ORDER	Calling the SPECS net, calling the SPECS net. This is the Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System net, celebrating over 60 years of weekly operation. This is a directed net. 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>**. ***(*** drop it ***)*** ***(don't say "drop", just release PTT for 2 seconds)*** SPECS operates the W6ASH repeaters at 145.27, 224.14, and 440.8 MHz. The 145.27 and 440.8 repeaters require a 100 Hz PL tones. The 224.14 repeater uses a PL tone of 88.5 Hz. The repeaters are not normally linked. New listeners may obtain information about SPECS on our website at www.specsnet.org. ***(*** drop it ***)***

ANNOUNCEMENTS	Are there any announcements of interest to SPECS members? If so, please give your call sign only at this time.
Use the area to the right to mark announcements that are pending. Handle announcements in the order listed. *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.*	☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ ☐ _____ <C*all sign*>, please go with your announcement. Are there any questions for <*call sign*> ? If so, give your call sign.

| NET SCHEDULING

Rotation order:
Jan & Jul   Los Altos Hills
Feb & Aug   Mountain View
Mar & Sep   Sunnyvale
Apr & Oct   Stanford
May & Nov Palo Alto
Jun & Dec   Los Altos | We remind <*Next City*> that it is their turn to handle net control duties next month for the main SPECS net and the UHF/220 net. Is there someone from <*Next City*> who can acknowledge?

(Wait briefly for an acknowledgment)

(Note: This entire section can be omitted on the first and second Monday at Net Control Operator discretion.) |

| UHF/220 Check-Ins | The UHF/220 net is now run from 7:30 PM to 8 PM, just prior to this net. Is there a count for the UHF/220 net tonight?

(Acknowledge the count and enter the number in the totals area later in this script) |

| Packet Check-Ins | SPECS also supports packet check-ins. Packet check-ins end at 7pm. Instructions for checking in via packet for next week's packet net are available on the SPECS website. The packet count for this week is <number from https://www.scc-ares-races.org/pacpractice> |

| Release to local nets

Mark city frequency in the table below or, if different, record the frequency in the table below-right. | This is <*your call sign*>, Net Control. Check-ins will now be taken through separate nets for each area. Visitors are encouraged to check-in with the regulars in your area, or you can check in here after I call the city nets.

If you cannot reach your local net, you can come back and check-in here.

Historical check-in totals can be viewed on our website. Look for the link under the "Monday Night Net" heading.

Who will take check-ins for … <*area from table below*> |

Default frequencies in case a city doesn't answer. (S=Simplex, PL Tone in Hz)

City	Freq.	+/-	Tone	
LOS	146.595	S		
LOS	440.875	+	100	
LOS	441.525	+	123.0	
LAH	146.745	-	110.9	
MTV	146.535	S		
PAF	147.540	S	100	
STU	440.200	+	123	
SNY	145.170	-	94.8	

Area to be called	*(Record City's frequency)*
LOS Los Altos	
LAH Los Altos Hills	
MTV Mountain View	
PAF Palo Alto and North	
STU Stanford	
SNY Sunnyvale	
NASA Ames	*(Record count)*

GATHER AREA TOTALS *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.*	Visitors to SPECS interested in emergency preparedness may check-in at this time. Check-ins from anyone who cannot reach their local net may also be made at this time. Anyone wishing to check-in, give call sign only now. This is *<your call sign>* standing by for area totals and individual check-ins.
RECORD CITY COUNTS *Use the table to the right to record the city counts. When complete, announce the totals to the net.* *Do not include the UHF and packet check-ins in the total.* *Note that the Guests Count should only include people not listed in any of the cities.*	Stand by while I add up tonight's check-ins. The breakdown of tonight's check-ins are as follows: Reporting Area Count
NET CLOSURE	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, this frequency is returned to normal use. This is *<your call sign>*, clear.

The breakdown of tonight's check-ins are as follows:

Reporting Area	Count
Los Altos	_____
Los Altos Hills	_____
Mountain View	_____
Palo Alto and North	_____
Stanford	_____
Sunnyvale	_____
NASA Ames	_____
Guests	_____
**for a total of	_____
UHF Repeater	_____
Packet Check-ins	_____

You're Almost Done!! You just need to record your results.

After Net Instructions for Net Control

Please record the check-in numbers reported from each local net. You do as follows:

- Go to **http://tinyurl.com/specsnumbers** Enter the city totals, your name and call sign and press the "Submit" button. All fields require data. If you enter this information on a Tuesday or later, be sure to change the date back to Monday's date.

Thank you for giving 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.

Corrections to the script are most welcome and should be sent by email to the link on the contacts page of the SPECS web site – www.specsnet.org.

Thank you!