

Net Control Scripts – Routine

Outline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clear the frequency and call for an Alternate Net Control• Preamble• Recruit Alternate Net Control• Announce net frequency• Focus topic• Ask for topic ideas• Next week's topic• Announcements• Thank Alternate Net Control(s)• Post-amble and close
Preparation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Decide whether you really need an Alternate Net Control. If you do, give him/her something to do. If you don't need one, skip past the Alternate Net Control recruitment texts.□ Prepare an e-mail with your script and log to send to Alternate Net Control. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL NET TIME TO CREATE THAT E-MAIL. Be ready to just enter the Alternate's e-mail address in the To: line and hit <send>.□ Memorize your net topic title so you can insert it into the pre-amble script where needed.□ Find out the net topic and Net Control for next week. Note it so you will have it available for the post-amble.

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<p>OPTION “A”: RECRUIT AN ALTERNATE NET CONTROL.</p> <p>At 8:55pm – Recruit an Alternate Net Control and clear the frequency:</p>	<p>QST, QST, QST. The <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i> will begin in 5 minutes. The topic will be < <u>insert topic title here</u> >.</p> <p>I need an Alternate Net Control tonight. I’m calling now so you can have time to prepare for the job. You need a computer with e-mail located close to your radio.</p> <p>Make time your friend. If you’d like to work with me as Alternate Net Control tonight, call now with your FCC call sign.</p> <p>[Take call sign(s).]</p> <p>[If no volunteers...]</p> <p>Nothing heard. I’ll ask one more time during the net.</p> <p>[Use OPTION “D”.]</p> <p>[If someone volunteers...]</p> <p><call sign>, thanks for stepping up. Say your e-mail address and I’ll send you the script and log sheet.</p> <p>[Copy his e-mail address.]</p> <p>Look for an e-mail from me in the next few minutes. Open the log file first, then the script file. Notify me on the air when you have both files open.</p> <p>[He acknowledges and closes with his FCC call sign.]</p> <p>Very good. Thanks for helping.</p> <p>[Use OPTION “C”.]</p> <p>Any stations wishing to use the repeater or autopatch, please do so now before we get started.</p> <p>This is Net Control, <call sign>.</p> <p>[Skip OPTION “B”.]</p>
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<p>OPTION “B”: DO NOT RECRUIT AN ALTERNATE.</p> <p>At 8:55pm – Clear the frequency:</p>	<p>QST, QST, QST. The <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i> will begin in 5 minutes. The topic will be < <u>insert topic title here</u> >. Any stations wishing to use the repeater or autopatch, please do so now before we get started.</p> <p>This is Net Control, <call sign>. [Skip OPTIONS “C” and “D” if you don’t need an Alternate.]</p>
<p>At 9:00pm – Preamble:</p>	<p>It’s 9 o’clock on Monday, the <day> of <month>.</p> <p>The <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i> is now in session. This is <call sign>, Net Control. My name is <name>.</p> <p>Any EMERGENCY or PRIORITY traffic is welcome to break the net at any time.</p> <p>[Pause and handle any calls.]</p> <p>Nothing heard.</p> <p>Every Monday night, the <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i> meets for training and exercise in the public service communication arts.</p> <p>The <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i> also activates during threats or emergencies affecting Maricopa County. So, here’s the emergency communications plan for the county: “When trouble strikes in Maricopa County, tune here.”</p> <p>[Unkey until the repeater courtesy beeps.]</p> <p>This net is an <i>activity</i>, not a separate organization. We don't recruit people from their chosen organizations. So, go join the public service organization of your choice, or none at all, and then come here to learn, hone your skills, and exercise your equipment.</p> <p>All are welcome here. The only requirements are a radio, a license to use it, and an interest in using both for the benefit of others.</p> <p>We expect to make mistakes and learn from them. Old grumps and sorry attitudes don’t belong here. This frequency is hereby a can-do, how-to zone.</p> <p>This is <call sign>, Net Control.</p> <p>The topic tonight is < <u>insert topic title here</u> >.</p>

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<p>OPTION “C”: ACTIVATE AN ALTERNATE WHO VOLUNT’D EARLIER.</p> <p>Activate Alternate Net Control:</p>	<p>A station volunteered for Alternate Net Control. Alternate Net Control helps me by informing me when I double with someone, paying attention to the net, and being available for special assignments. <call sign>, are you on frequency?</p> <p>[He acknowledges.]</p> <p>Assume tactical call sign ALTERNATE NET CONTROL [Alpha, Bravo, etc., optionally] and confirm that you received my e-mail and have the attachments open.</p> <p>[He acknowledges and confirms.]</p> <p>[Skip OPTION “D”.]</p>
<p>OPTION “D”: IF YOU STILL NEED ONE, RECRUIT AN ALTERNATE NET CONTROL.</p> <p>Recruit Alternate Net Control:</p>	<p>I need a volunteer for Alternate Net Control. Alternate Net Control copies check-ins with me and keeps notes, informs me when I double with someone, and is available for special assignments. So, who will step forward and volunteer as Alternate Net Control tonight?</p> <p>[Record the call sign(s) of station(s) responding. Assign as many Alternate Net Control Stations as necessary. Get e-mail address(es) and send net script and log.]</p> <p><call sign> assume tactical call sign ALTERNATE NET CONTROL [Alpha, Bravo, etc., optionally]. I sent you an e-mail containing the documents for tonight’s net. Please notify me when you have received it and have the attachments open.</p> <p>[He acknowledges and confirms.]</p>

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Net frequency:	<p>The <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i> is held on five linked repeaters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Shaw Butte figures 1-4-7-decimal-2-4 (plus offset),• the Mount Ord figures 1-4-6-decimal-9er-2 (minus offset),• the Scottsdale Airpark figures 1-4-6-decimal-7-6 (minus offset),• the Usery Pass figures 1-4-6-decimal-8-6 (minus offset), and• the Daisy Mountain figures 4-4-8-decimal-3-7-5 (minus offset) repeaters. <p>All the 2-meter repeaters require a figures 1-6-2-decimal-2 Hz tone. The 70-centimeter repeater requires a figures 1-zero-zero Hz tone.</p> <p>Thanks to the good guys of the Arizona Repeater Association for authorizing us to use these repeaters.</p> <p>Any stations that can't reach any repeater should try transmitting simplex on the output frequency of the strongest repeater you can hear. Wait for the repeater to stop transmitting before you transmit. Any stations that hear a simplex station should notify me with the word "RELAY".</p> <p>In the event the repeaters fail, we will use simplex on the Shaw Butte frequency, figures 1-4-7-decimal-2-4 simplex. Program a memory in all your radios with figures 1-4-7-decimal-2-4 simplex.</p> <p>This is <call sign>, Net Control.</p> <p>[4:30 minutes to here]</p>
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Check-in and Focus Topic:	(See topic script.)
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<p>Next week's topic:</p>	<p>OK, that's enough for the net topic tonight.</p> <p>We're always open to new net topic ideas. Has tonight's topic sparked an idea on something else we should focus on one Monday night? If so, call now.</p> <p>[Handle any calls.]</p> <p>We meet again on these repeaters next MONDAY evening at 9:00 o'clock. The topic will be <u><NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC NAME></u>. <NAME & CALL SIGN> will be our Net Control Station.</p>
<p>Announce:</p>	<p>Are there any announcements for the net? If so, call now with your FCC call sign, only.</p> <p>[Allow announcement.]</p> <p>Any questions or comments on this announcement, call now with your call sign, only.</p> <p>[Repeat until all announcements are completed.]</p> <p>This is <call sign>, Net Control.</p>
<p>Thank Alternate Net Control(s):</p>	<p>My thanks to <call sign> and <call sign>, my Alternate Net Control station(s), tonight. I appreciate your help and support.</p>
<p>Alternate Net Control for next week:</p>	<p>All stations, if you think you might be interested in helping next Monday as Alternate Net Control, call me after the net. Or send an e-mail to NetManager@AEN-MAR.org to ask questions or to volunteer. Or be ready to volunteer when Net Control calls for help next week. You will receive coaching and all the help you need to be successful.</p>
<p>Post-amble:</p>	<p>This has been the <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i>. You can find information about this net at www.AEN-MAR.org.</p> <p>Besides this net, there are several public service resources and opportunities.</p> <p>For more information on Arizona ARES, go to www.AZ-ARRL.org/Secure.</p> <p>Go sign up for practical, hands-on experience in public service events with the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group at www.MCECG.net. While you're there, click on the</p>

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	<p>HamServeAZ button on the front page to sign up for the HamServeAZ e-mail group to receive bulletins and notices about this net and other public service topics.</p> <p>Thank you to all net stations for participating this evening. All stations are free to stand down and secure.</p> <p>Thanks to the Arizona Repeater Association for letting us use these repeaters.</p> <p>Thanks, also, to the general Amateur Radio community for cooperating with the net</p> <p>This is Net Control closing the <i>Arizona Emergency Net – Maricopa</i> and returning the frequencies and autopatch to general Amateur use. Good night.</p> <p><Add optional seasonal greeting.></p> <p>This is <call sign>.</p>
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