

SPECS Net Monday Night Script

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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:	specsboard@googlegroups.com

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 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 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.

The Net Control operator can 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 weekly net, celebrating over 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.

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.

(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 from our website at www.specsnet.org.

(drop it ***)***

RECOGNITION OF OFFICIALS

Record and acknowledge calls. Names likely to be heard:

<i>Call Sign</i>	<i>Name</i>
<i>NI6C</i>	<i>Brandon, ARRL SM</i>
<i>KE6AGJ</i>	<i>Larry, Sec. EC</i>
<i>KZ6O</i>	<i>Logan, Dist. EC</i>
<i>KI6HLH</i>	<i>Marc, SPECS Pres.</i>
<i>N6JRC</i>	<i>Jim, Los Altos</i>
<i>W7WPO</i>	<i>Ed, Los Altos Hills</i>
<i>KF6ZSQ</i>	<i>Phil, Mtn. View</i>
<i>W1VSL</i>	<i>Jack, Palo Alto</i>
<i>WA6ITV</i>	<i>Lea, Stanford</i>
<i>KG6HI</i>	<i>Jerry, Sunnyvale</i>
<i>KD6CWM</i>	<i>Mark, NASA/Ames</i>

We will start with a roll call of elected League officials, followed by ARES and net officials and then agency ECs or their designated representative. Please acknowledge the call and, if you have any announcements, so indicate.

<i>Area</i>	<i>Who Checked in?</i>	<i>Announcement?</i>
Are there any League officials?		<input type="checkbox"/>
Section Emergency Coordinator		<input type="checkbox"/>
District Emergency Coordinator		<input type="checkbox"/>
Specs Representative		<input type="checkbox"/>
Los Altos		<input type="checkbox"/>
Los Altos Hills		<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain View		<input type="checkbox"/>
Palo Alto		<input type="checkbox"/>
Stanford Amateur Radio Club		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunnyvale		<input type="checkbox"/>
Ames Amateur Radio Club		<input type="checkbox"/>

(Note: If an announcement is indicated, acknowledge it, but hold the actual announcement for the Announcements section on page 3. You can make a note on that page as a reminder for yourself)***

<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p><i>Use the area to the right to mark announcements that are pending. Handle announcements in the order listed starting with any announcements on the previous page.</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 <...<i>your callsign</i>...>, net control. We will now proceed with announcements.</p> <p>So far I have < # of announcements from previous page > announcements pending. Are there other announcements? If so, please give your call sign only at this time.</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ </p> <p><Call sign>, please go with your announcement? Are there any questions for <call sign>?</p>
<p>NET SCHEDULING</p> <p><i>Rotation order: Sunnyvale - Mar & Sep Stanford - Apr & Oct Palo Alto - May & Nov Los Altos - Jun & Dec Los Altos Hills - Jul & Jan Mountain View - Aug & Feb and back to Sunnyvale</i></p>	<p>We remind <...<i>Next City</i>...> 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?</p> <p><i>(Wait briefly for an acknowledgement)</i></p> <p><i>(Note: This entire section can be omitted on the first and second Monday at Net Control Operator discretion.)</i></p>
<p>UHF/220 Check-Ins</p>	<p>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?</p> <p><i>(Acknowledge the count and enter the number in the totals area later in this script)</i></p>
<p>PACKET CHECK-INS</p>	<p>SPECS also supports packet check-ins. Packet check-ins close at the beginning of this net. Instructions for checking in via packet for next week's packet net are available on the SPECS website. Is there 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>

CITY NETS

Call for each local net from the following table in order:

Do not assume that a local net is not operating just because you did not get a check-in from the city earlier.

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.

(Note that the UHF/220 net is no longer called in this section.)

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.

Net control Operators for each area will give their local net frequency. When you hear the frequency for your area, go there for your local net. 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...>

Area to be called	(R)=repeater (S)=Simplex
Mountain View	146.535 (S)
Palo Alto and North	147.540 (S) 100Hz PL tone
Los Altos	146.595 (S) 440.875 (+) 100Hz PL tone (R)
Los Altos Hills	146.745 (-) 110.9Hz PL tone (R)
Sunnyvale	145.170 (-) 94.8Hz PL tone (R)
Stanford	440.200 (+) 123Hz PL tone (R)

<p>GATHER CITY TOTALS</p> <p><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>	<p>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.</p> <p>This is <your call sign> standing by for local city totals or individual check-ins.</p>																						
<p>RECORD CITY COUNTS</p> <p><i>Use the table to the right to record the city counts. When complete, do a final run-down of the counts listing each city.</i></p> <p><i>Do not include the UHF and packet check-ins in the total.</i></p>	<p>Stand by while I add up tonight's check-ins.</p> <p>The breakdown of tonight's check-ins are as follows:</p> <table data-bbox="792 619 1242 1056"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reporting Area</th> <th>Count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Los Altos</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Los Altos Hills</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mountain View</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Palo Alto and North</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stanford</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sunnyvale</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guests</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>**for a total of</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UHF Repeater</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Packet Check-ins</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Reporting Area	Count	Los Altos	_____	Los Altos Hills	_____	Mountain View	_____	Palo Alto and North	_____	Stanford	_____	Sunnyvale	_____	Guests	_____	**for a total of	_____	UHF Repeater	_____	Packet Check-ins	_____
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<p>NET CLOSURE</p>	<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 call sign...></p>																						
<p>You're Almost Done!!</p> <p><i>Please complete the "After Net" steps that are listed on the next page.</i></p>																							

After Net Instructions for Net Control

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

- 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!