

# FCARC 521 Net Script

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See if EchoLink is operating by entering **08**. You should hear a voice reply indicating if there are guests in the queue. If there are no guests, it will simply say, "not connected". (ABC will turn on EchoLink and CBA will turn it off).

---<<< *Start Net Preamble* >>>---

Are the linked Tuesday Night Net repeaters in use? This is "\_\_\_\_\_" (Wait)  
CQ, CQ, CQ...calling all radio amateurs: We would like to welcome you to the 521 Tuesday Night net. The **Fayette County Amateur Radio Club** and **Fayette County Amateur Radio Emergency Service** present this net each week at this time.

The purpose of the net is to **promote fellowship** among local amateurs, **provide a forum** for dissemination of information and exchange of ideas, and to **facilitate training** of net participants and control operators. The net is open to all radio amateurs and is not limited to Club or ARES members. If you would like to receive Club or ARES membership information please advise net control at check in.

There are 4 repeaters that make up the Tuesday night net. They are:

The 145.21 Fayetteville repeater KK4GQ with a PL tone of 131.8 Hz.

There is the 442.500 Peachtree City Skywarn repeater and the 444.600 Fayetteville Hub repeater, both W4PSZ with a PL tone of 77 Hz.

Also part of this net is the Griffin 145.390 WB4GWA repeater with a 110.9 Hz PI tone.

My name is "\_\_\_\_\_" and my call is "\_\_\_\_\_". I will serve as primary net control for this evening.

Because this is an emergency preparedness net, we will at this time ask for a volunteer to serve as **backup net control** in the event that this station or its operator become disabled. (Wait, then note name and call) {See note #8}

As this is a directed net, please direct all traffic to net control.

**Is there any emergency or priority traffic for the net?** (Wait)

Is there any routine traffic for the net? (Pause briefly).

The net is divided into the following sections:

- Announcements Including :  
Fayette County Amateur Radio Club discussion and Fayette County ARES discussion
- Check in of participating stations
- An optional program
- Swap meet. If someone has an item to swap, sell or trade that is ham-related let me know at check in.
- The Liars portion of the net where we have birthdays, anniversaries, or concerns in the amateur community.
- Recap of announcements.
- Then take last minute check-ins and close the net.

---<<< *Net Discussions* >>>---

**(KEEP NOTES ON ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RECAP)**

Anyone having FCARC discussion please call now, call sign only. {See note #7}

*(Call stations in order from check in log. At this point the net sort of runs itself. Net controls only function is to maintain order. Always give your call when handing off the net for discussion, to comply with Part 97)*

Is there any other FCARC discussion? (*Your **ID** here.*)

Anyone with Fayette or General ARES discussion please call now. (Run this section as above)

Is there any other ARES discussion?

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---<<< *Start Net Check-ins* >>>---

We will now take **check-ins** for the net. When checking in, **please give your call phonetically, your name** and advise net control if you have a comment, additional announcement or items for swap meet

*(Take check-ins in groups of 3 or 4, repeat names and calls to verify)* {See note #3}

All short-time and mobile operators not in range for long – please check-in now. (Wait)

All **Fayette County Amateur Radio Club officers** please check-in now. (Wait)

All amateurs **servicing as Amateur Radio Emergency Service coordinators or managers or ARRL Officials** please check in now. (Wait)

All stations joining us via **EchoLink** check in now. {See note #6} (Can check Echolink by keying 08 on keypad. If there is a problem with EchoLink # disconnects the last station ## disconnects all EchoLink stations.)

All stations with call sign suffix beginning with **Alpha through Golf** check in at this time.

All stations with call sign suffix beginning with **Hotel through Oscar** check in at this time.

All stations with call sign suffix beginning with **Papa through Zulu** check in at this time.

All stations check in at this time regardless of suffix, **Alpha through Zulu**.

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### **Net Program (if applicable).**

*(If there is no program, skip the following part. We would like to get organized such that a person wanting to present a program would pre-arrange the presentation with net control in advance of the net. The program should not be more than 5 - 6 minutes in length)*

We will now turn the net over to (name and call) who will present this evening's brief program. Thank you (name and call) for presenting this evening's program.

We will pause now for any additional check ins. **(ID net control)**

### **We will now present this evening's swap meet. (If applicable)**

All items listed for sale or trade must be related to amateur radio in some manner, such as radio or computer equipment. If you desire, you may list an item you wish to buy. The listing station should state their area code and phone number. Please contact the listing station via phone regarding items of interest. While we do allow asking price to be mentioned on the net, please use the telephone for haggling over details. Fayette County Amateur Radio Club or Fayette ARES assume **no liability** concerning items listed in the swap meet.

*(Call stations in order from check in log. Always give your call when handing off the net for discussion, to comply with Part 97)*

Are there any other items for swap meet?

## Liars Club Portion of the Net.

Are there any birthdays this week? Any anniversaries, or concerns in the amateur community this week?

--- <<< *Closing* >>>---

### \*\*\*Recap announcements.

We will pause for last minute check-ins before we close the net. **(ID net control)** (Call backup net control) **Is there any other traffic for the net I have overlooked?**

Thank you (\_\_\_\_\_) for serving as backup net control this evening. The Fayette County Amateur Radio Club and Fayette ARES would like to thank each of you for checking in with us and you are invited to check in with us again each Tuesday evening at 9:00 PM. We had \_\_\_\_\_ check-ins this evening.

Operating under the call KK4GQ, the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club operates the 145.21 repeater located on Ellis Rd in N Fayetteville. In addition, this net includes linked repeaters in Griffin, plus the Peachtree City and Fayetteville Skywarn repeaters that allows this net to cover the South Metro Atlanta area.

Our EchoLink node ID is KI4NGD-R, node number 317195. We make EchoLink available for the net.

More information about Amateur Radio is available on the Internet at **arrl.org**. For information about the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club please visit us on the Internet at **KK4GQ.org**.

For information about the Fayette Amateur Radio Emergency Service please visit us on the Internet at **FayetteARES.org**

We are returning the Tuesday Night Net Linked Repeaters to normal amateur use. This is (\_\_\_\_\_) Goodnight.

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## Notes for Net Control:

1. Before the net starts you will want a pencil and paper.
2. You will want an **accurate clock** in the shack. (Cell phone clock works well) I like to start the net at 9:01 just to give people time to get from the TV to the kitchen and to the radio. **If the net has not started by 9:03 then somebody needs to volunteer for primary net control and get it going.**
3. Be sure to get the call and **name** of each check in. With practice you will recognize the usual check ins. Try to make new people feel welcome.
4. This script serves only as a guide. If you are net control feel free to ad lib as the situation requires. Part of presenting the net is to practice for an emergency, for which there will be no script.
5. We were getting a lot of early check-ins before announcements. We moved announcements up and they will be repeated. This is so late-comers will not miss the discussion and announcement parts of the net.
6. On most evenings the **EchoLink** is on 145.21. Be advised the “turn around time” for EchoLink is quite long compared to regular repeater operations. Give an extra few seconds or you will talk over the station.
7. **Anything that does not have to do with ARES falls under FCARC discussion. People in the hospital, hamfest and testing sessions (even if sponsored by another club) and all that typical radio club fare goes under FCARC discussion. ARES discussion is limited to those things that have to do with ARES, such as Skywarn and other emergency or public service.**
8. A new feature of the script is the **backup net controller**, whose job is to fill in for the primary net control should that station go off air. In the event of an emergency, such as an ice storm, this is a real possibility.
  - It is recommended the backup controller has a copy of the script handy and maintains a log of all the stations checking in.
  - However, anyone can volunteer to take over if needed, even without a log, or a script. Just let net control that you can't log.

9. In order to make the net more interesting and thus increase participation, we are asking some members to prepare a "short" segment on various subject, presented as regular features of the net. Subjects could include propagation, DX, Weather Service News and so on. As these members check in, they should cue the net control station by stating "This is ..... KU4OJ with this weeks Sunspot Update" or whatever. Net control then calls for this station to present during the program part of the net.

### **Special Days and Programs:**

The week of Veterans Day, Nov. 11, we recognize all of our members who have served in the armed forces by having them each tell the net which branch of service, when and where they served.

The first net after Christmas we discuss "How was Christmas at Your House?"

If a traveling holiday such as Christmas or Independence Day falls on a Tuesday, we usually cancel those weeks net. Advise all stations the week before.