

FCARC 521 Net Script

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Before the net starts, log into EchoLink to see if there are any EchoLink users on the KK4GQ-R node. This will also help during the actual net to see if there are any EchoLink users so you will know to expect some when asking for those check ins.

Have an HT handy for backup in case of a power failure and there is no hot standby. This HT is also a way of checking at the start to see if the repeaters are linked by tuning in to 444.600, turning down the volume to eliminate echo, and then looking to see if the receiving LED is on when the net starts up. Do not rely on this HT for NCS duties unless absolutely necessary; a mobile/base station rig is best for that.

---<<< *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 the **Fayette County Amateur Radio Emergency Service** present this net each week at this time.

This directed Net meets every Tuesday at 2100 local for the purpose of promoting the fun and friendship of Amateur Radio, while providing an environment for learning and practicing good Net skills, and where members can ask questions and get advice. 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.

My name is “_____”, my call is “_____”, and I’m located in “_____”.
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 it’s operator becomes disabled. (Wait, then note name and call) {See note #8}

If you would like to try your hand at Net Control to improve your proficiency as a communicator, please let Net Control know. We are proud to mentor new Net Control operators as a way to advance your Amateur Radio skills.

For those of you who may be listening in and curious about ham radio, please realize this is a licensed service administered by the FCC. To be able to transmit on the ham bands, you must take an examination to legally transmit. You can look online for further information, and some of those resources will be given at the closing of this net.

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/discussion for the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club and for the Fayette County ARES
- Check in of participating stations
- The Question of the Night which is...“(insert tonight’s question here)”
- Any group submitted question(s) or advice needed
- 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 Club portion of the net where we have birthdays, anniversaries, or concerns in the amateur community.
- A recap of announcements.
- Last minute check-ins and closing of 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?

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

We will now take **check-ins** for the net. When checking in, **please give just your call sign phonetically**. If you do not want to participate in the question of the night, or just want to be checked in, say “In and out” and I will mark you as such. When checking in please advise net control if you have a comment, any additional announcements, or items for the swap meet.

(Take check-ins in groups of 3 or 4, then repeat names and calls to verify. To get caught up on logging just say “Pause here” before continuing.)

{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 and managers, or ARRL Officials**, please check in now. (Wait)

All stations joining us via **EchoLink please** check in now. {See note #6}

(For check-ins, mix it up if you want to. Start at the end of the alphabet or maybe do prefixes first e.g. Alpha prefixes, Kilo, November, Whiskey. Try and change it up so as to keep stations interested and listening).

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**.

Question of the night which is... “(insert tonight’s question here)” which is either provided by Net Control or previously submitted by a net participant.

Answers for a Net participant which has a specific question or who needs advice (skip this if one has not been submitted/asked for)

Net Program.

(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 would now like to 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 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, anniversaries or concerns in the amateur community for this week? Please call now.

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

*****Recap announcements.**

We will now 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. I show that we had _____ check ins this evening. Do you concur?

The Fayette County Amateur Radio Club and the Fayette County 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 2100.

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

Our EchoLink node ID is KK4GQ-R. We make EchoLink available for the Net.

On the Internet you can find information about Amateur Radio at **arrl.org**, for information about the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club please visit us at **KK4GQ.org**, and for information about the Fayette County Amateur Radio Emergency Service you can visit them on the Internet at **FayetteARES.org**

We are now returning the Tuesday Night Net linked repeaters to normal amateur use. This is (_____) Goodnight & 73.

---<<< End >>>---

Notes for Net Control:

1. Before the net starts you will want a pencil and paper to log check ins. Netlogger is a good tool for electronic logging.
2. You will want an **accurate clock** in the shack. (Cell phone clock works well). **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, hamfests 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. The function of the **backup net controller** 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 that 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.