

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
W4IAX Net Procedures
Wednesday Night Emergency Training / Club Net

1. Ask if anyone needs to use the repeater before we begin tonight's net.

2. "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Mobile Amateur Radio Club's Wednesday Night Emergency Training and Club Net. This repeater has a 203.5 hz. tone. My name is _____. My call sign is _____. This net meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Do we have any emergency or priority traffic?
Do we have any announcements for the net tonight?
Do we have any check-ins from those who cannot wait till later in the net and wish to secure their stations at this time?

(If you have any announcements) Net control has a few announcements.....

3. We will now take SHORT TIME and MOBILE STATIONS.

That concludes the short time and mobile stations. We will now take REGULAR check-ins
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Thanks everyone for checking-in to tonight's net. 73 to all. This is *(your call sign)* _____,
returning this repeater to normal use.

Please send total number of check-ins (no list of individuals needed) and number of formal messages passed (if any) to MARC Net Coordinator Clyde Napp, ag4qo2@bellsouth.net 649-2892.

A FEW NOTES ON RUNNING A NET

Record the number of formal messages passed (numbered radiograms, not announcements or informal exchanges), if any.

Do not hesitate to ask check-ins to speak slowly, give their call sign phonetically, and repeat if necessary.

It is up to your individual preference as to whether you write down just the call sign of each check-in, or add their first name. The net report you send in requires only the total number of check-ins, not a list of individuals. You may certainly ask for first names if you wish to learn what name goes with what call sign.

Acknowledge each check-in by call sign. Short time and mobile stations do not need to be asked for traffic or comments unless they say they have some. When acknowledging regular check-ins, go back to each, asking if they have anything to say to the net, unless they have already said "no traffic."

The best way to learn how to run a net (other than actually running one) is to listen and check-in to nets whenever possible. A list of local 2 meter, 6 meter, 440 (70 centimeter), and D-STAR nets, as well as regional HF nets, can be found on the MARC website, <http://w4iax.net> .

Listening to local nets and repeaters will help you to learn and recognize the call signs of those who are on the air regularly.

Running a net is not that difficult! Do not be afraid to try! Your fellow hams will be patient with someone who is in the learning process and willing to learn from their mistakes, and the opinion of an occasional "lid" does not matter. Experienced net controls are very valuable in times of emergency, and you can only learn by doing. Ask for help if you need it, and take advantage of any training offered by MARC and ARES.

"Any member-in-good-standing of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club, Inc., who is approved by the Officers and Board of Trustees, may serve as net control for any scheduled net held on a club-owned repeater and operated as an MARC / W4IAX net, including the W4IAX Emergency Club Net. Any requests from non-members for permission to act as net control on club-sponsored scheduled nets will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Board, who will make the final decision. During times of emergency such requirements are waived as circumstances dictate in order to best serve the community. The MARC Board of Trustees may, when given just cause, bar from that privilege any net control operator who, while operating an MARC / W4IAX net, abuses their position as a representative of MARC with on-air conduct deemed inappropriate or whose conduct is so egregious as to warrant dismissal. Future reinstatement of any such person as net control is at the discretion of the Board." (*Excerpt*) Directive adopted by the Board, February 24, 2006.

Though not stated, it has been accepted as practice that any Board member is authorized to conduct MARC nets.

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