

SPECS Net Monday Night Script for the UHF/220 Net

Last Updated:	July 11, 2019
Current Version:	http://www.specsnet.org/monday-night-net (under “UHF Net”)
UHF Check-in Time:	7:30-8:00 PM (1930 - 2000) local time, every Monday evening
UHF/220 Net Frequencies:	440.800 (+) 100 Hz tone, 224.140 (-) 88.5 Hz tone
UHF Frequent Check-in List	http://www.specsnet.org/monday-night-net (under “UHF Net”)
Main SPECS Net Time:	8:00 PM (2000) local time, every Monday evening
Main SPECS Net Frequency:	145.270 (-) 100Hz PL tone
Send Corrections to:	board@specsnet.org

Before The Net

1. Please obtain the current version of the script from the web site location given above as updates occur frequently. There is also a list of call signs that frequently check in that you can print and use if needed.
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 repeaters (and the net participants' radios) enough time to de-squelch.
6. Remember that the repeater has a 120 second timeout timer. If you or a net participant talks for longer than the timeout timer, the repeater will stop repeating until the person talking releases the transmit key on his/her radio.
7. Net control advisories appear in the left column, whereas script text appears on the right. Instructions for the net control operator are also italicized. Don't read the italicized text over the air.
8. The repeaters are automatically linked prior to the net – no action is necessary on your part.

***** Note to the Net Control*****

This net starts at 7:30 PM, before the main SPECS net begins, and closes at 8:00 PM, when the main SPECS net starts. At 8 PM, make an announcement that you are closing the net and switching over to the main SPECS net at 145.270. This is shown in the script below.

As the Net Control operator, you have control over how you take check-ins prior to the main SPECS net. You can ask for 5 call signs at a time; you can ask for a range of call sign suffixes (such as suffixes “A” through “L”), or you can just take call signs as they come in. But it is up to you - use whatever method you feel comfortable with. If you get a large number of calls at one time, acknowledge the ones you can and then ask for repeats if needed. Do not get frustrated if you get a large number of calls at one time.

You can download a “pdf” list of call signs and names of those hams that check in frequently at <http://www.specsnet.org/monday-night-net>. You do not have to look up everybody’s call sign and acknowledge them by name. If the net gets busy, you can forgo acknowledging callers by name. You can use this as an aid, or you can keep your own list of call signs.

We would like your help in keeping the frequent caller list up to date. After the net, download the Excel file and follow the instructions on this page - <http://www.specsnet.org/monday-night-net> - under the “UHF Net” heading. This is optional but encouraged so we can keep the list up-to-date for other Net Control operators.

DO NOT use abbreviations, Q-codes, etc. Since the goal of every ARES ham should be to communicate clearly and concisely without using codes, we have not used codes in this script. Please help us out and do not insert Q-codes. Thank you in advance.

<p>Topic and Information for the Net Control Operator</p>	<p><i>This is the script that you read “on the air”.</i> (Notes to you are in italics like this)</p>
<p>Open the Net <i>Note that this portion of the net starts 7:30 PM. This is before the main SPECS net time of 8 PM.</i></p> <p><i>*** Change this portion as -> needed to fit your preference. You may want to ask for 5 at a time, or some other method.</i></p>	<p>Is this frequency clear? <i>(*** pause a few seconds and see if anybody else is using the frequency. If others are using the frequency, politely ask them if they mind stepping aside so you can do the SPECS net. If they refuse, do not argue – they were there first, and you (or SPECS) does not own the frequency***)</i></p> <p>This is <...your call sign...> net control for tonight’s UHF/220 net. My name is <...your name...> from <...your city...> ARES.</p> <p>The purpose of the net is provide both new and experienced Amateur Radio operators the opportunity to practice “checking into” and/or conducting a directed net under non-emergency conditions.</p> <p>I am taking check-ins for the UHF and 220 repeaters. When you check in, please give your full call sign slowly and phonetically.</p>
<p>Take and acknowledge check-ins <i>Record and acknowledge calls. If you want, you can use the frequent check-in list (available on the SPECS website) and acknowledge callers by their first name</i></p>	<p><i>(*Record call signs, wait a few seconds, and acknowledge them. Repeat this portion as needed until 7:59PM when the main net is about to start*)</i></p> <p>I acknowledge <call sign></p> <p>This is <your call sign>, Net Control, taking check-ins for the UHF and 220 nets. If you wish to check in, please give me your call sign slowly and phonetically.</p>
<p>At 8:00 PM, close this net and switch to the main SPECS net.</p>	<p>The UHF/220 net is now closed. Please switch to the main SPECS Net frequency of 145.270, negative offset and a tone of 100 hertz, and listen for any announcements. Listeners are reminded to check in with their regular city nets. This is <your call sign>.</p>
<p>Report the total check-ins to the SPECS Net Control Operator</p>	<p><i>(During the main SPECS net script, that Net Control operator will say: “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?)</i></p> <p><i>(*When appropriate respond with...*)</i></p> <p>The UHF/220 net had a total of <count> check-ins. For the UHF repeater, this is <your call sign></p>
<p>You’re Almost Done!! <i>Please complete the “After Net” steps that are listed on the next page.</i></p>	

After Net Instructions for Net Control

Download the Excel report spreadsheet from <http://www.specsnet.org/monday-night-net> under the “UHF Net” heading. Put a number 1 in the empty column next to the name of each station that called in. Then e-mail the completed spreadsheet along with the call signs and names of any new callers to both of the UHF net monitors:

Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI @ arrl.net.

Leslie Grimm, KK6EKN @ arrl.net

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 or roster are most welcome and should be sent by email to the UHF monitors named above.

Thank you!