
UARC Thursday Night Net

Preamble

Note that a double line break indicates that you should unkey momentarily before continuing. Text in italics is information for the net control station and is not to be read over the air.

Calling all radio amateurs, please stand by for the University Amateur Radio Club Thursday night net.

This net meets each Thursday night at 8 o'clock Central time in support of the University of Alabama's amateur radio club. You do not have to be a member of UARC to check in and all licensed amateur radio operators are encouraged to participate. This is [CALL SIGN], my name is [NAME], I am located in [LOCATION], and I will be your net control station for this session of the net. Stations with emergency or priority traffic are welcome to break the net at any time.

The University Amateur Radio Club thanks Fred, W5MGM for facilitating IRLP, EchoLink and AllStar connectivity for the net; and Owen, W3NH and the North Alabama Repeater Association for the use of their IRLP nodes. A list of participating repeaters and nodes is available at uarc.n4lx.com.

Are there any business or announcements for the net?

Read the night's trivia questions or topic of discussion/comments. For trivia questions, announce that the questions will be repeated regularly during the net and that participants should give their answers along with their comments. If the questions have been posted online, announce that they can be viewed using the "Trivia" link at uarc.n4lx.com.

Check-Ins

When checking in, please give your call sign slowly and phonetically using standard ITU phonetics along with your name and location. Stations unable to check in over the air may do so online by using the "Check In" link at uarc.n4lx.com.

It is a good idea to first take check-ins by individual node/area for the more active nodes in Alabama (Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Huntsville) since most participation will come from those nodes. This practice reduces confusion when multiple stations attempt to check in from different nodes simultaneously. Then take check-ins from stations in other locations in Alabama and elsewhere.

When there is a natural break in the check-ins, acknowledge the stations that have just checked in. When the rate of check-ins begin to slow, repeat the trivia questions and return to the top of the list, asking participants individually for their comments and trivia answers. Do this about every ten minutes or so and invite additional check-ins for stations who may have tuned in late. Repeat this process until there are no further check-ins and everyone has had an opportunity to comment and give his answers. Brief two-way contacts may be allowed during the net at the discretion of the net control station.

Conclusion

If you have any questions or comments regarding this net or to volunteer as a regular or backup net control station, please contact Perry Wheless at k4cww@comcast.net or Michael Tucker at n4lx@n4lx.com.

Thank you to everyone who makes our weekly net possible and to each of you for participating in the net this evening. Please join us again next Thursday at 8 o'clock p.m. Central time for the University Amateur Radio Club net.

At [TIME], Central [STANDARD/DAYLIGHT] Time, this net is closed and these frequencies, nodes, repeaters and reflector are returned to normal amateur use. This is [CALL SIGN], ROLL TIDE!