

Preamble for the Quad County Amateur Radio Club VHF/UHF Nets as of 3/2017

(*Start the VHF net after the hourly time is announced by the automated system.*)

QST QST this is the Quad County Amateur Radio Club (*select as appropriate.*) **VHF/UHF net.**

This net is organized to handle traffic and test effective communications coverage and meets Sundays at 7:00 PM on the 147.315 repeater, no access tone is required. Check-ins are first called for each of the club's four primary counties, then check-ins for other counties will be requested. Please check in with your call when your county is called, a call-up roster is not used. If net control does not acknowledge your call, please attempt your check in until acknowledged by Net Control. This is (*your call*) net control. Are there any stations with emergency or priority traffic?

(*pause to give anyone a good chance to call*)

[*If there is any traffic listed, let the emergency traffic be listed first. Be prepared to copy the emergency information, you may only get one chance. Act on the emergency traffic or assign it to another station to handle it - immediately. If there is priority traffic, copy the information and ask if there is a station available to accept the traffic that can handle it.*]

Announcements for the net:

The Quad County Amateur Radio Club Breakfast will be (*2nd Saturday of the Month date*)
at 8:30 AM at the: (Du Bois Dutch Pantry / Clearfield Dutch Pantry)

The Regular Meeting of the Quad County Amateur Radio Club will be 7:00 PM, (*3rd Friday of the Month date*) **at Penn State DuBois Campus – Smeal Bldg**

Are there any further announcements for the net? (*acknowledge them, make a note of the station(s) with announcements*)

(*Station call that listed announcement*) **Go ahead with your announcement(s).**

(*After all the announcements are given, thank those stations for their announcement(s).*)

Are there any bulletins for the net? (*acknowledge them, make a note of the station(s) with bulletins*)

(*Station call that listed bulletin(s)*) **Go ahead with your bulletins(s).**

(*After all the bulletins are given, thank those stations for their bulletin(s).*)

[Be sure to ask for further check-ins as you go through each county until no further stations call in before moving to the next county.]

This is (your call) Calling check-ins for:

Stations in Cameron County (copy the calls, then acknowledge each of them.)

Net Control acknowledges (announce the calls that you copied)

Stations in Clearfield County (copy the calls, then acknowledge each of them.)

Net Control acknowledges (announce the calls that you copied)

Stations in Elk County (copy the calls, then acknowledge each of them.)

Net Control acknowledges (announce the calls that you copied)

Stations in Jefferson County (copy the calls, then acknowledge each of them.)

Net Control acknowledges (announce the calls that you copied)

This is (your call) Are there any stations in counties not called?

(copy the calls, then acknowledge each of them.)

Net Control acknowledges (announce the calls that you copied)

(Continue to ask for stations from counties not called until there are no more checking in.)

This is (your call) Net Control.

Are there any additional announcements for the net?

Is there anything else for the net this evening?

(Only read during the VHF net if you know the net will be held.)

The UHF net is scheduled to begin within several minutes after the close of this net, on the 443.850 repeater, with a repeater access tone of 173.8 hertz.

This is (your call) Are there any further stations in counties called or not called for the net this evening? (copy the calls, then acknowledge each of them. Continue to ask for stations from counties called or not called until there are no more checking in.)

Thank you for checking in this evening.

This concludes the Quad County (select as appropriate.)VHF/UHF Net.

Good Night.

This is (your call)

Tips:

- It is easy to talk too fast without knowing that you are. There is no need to rush through the net. Just pace yourself.
- Clearly enunciate the station call signs, it may sound like your going too slow but it is probably just right.
- Remember to have extra materials to take notes. Your pen may run out of ink, mine did the first night I ran this format, also you may fill up that one sheet paper you have.
- Be sure you have the appropriate transmit power level set for a good signal into the repeater
- Remember to keep your microphone properly oriented so that you can be easily understood.
- Unlikely but just in case, remember to identify at intervals no longer than 10 minutes.
- If you have any questions just ask the folks who you know are experienced in the net or any other aspects of this operation.
- Last but not at all least – *Thank You* very much for taking time to learn and operate as the Net Control Station.