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Alexander County AARA - ARES/RACES Weekly Training and Information Net Format

Our weekly training and information net is held each Sunday night at 9:00 pm on the 147.195 W4ERT repeater. Text in italics and brackets [] are for informational purposes only and are not to be read on the net.

1. CQ CQ CQ this is (call sign) _____ now calling the Alexander Amateur Radio Association's ARES/RACES weekly training and information net. Net control will utilize the W4ERT club call sign. This is a directed net and all traffic should be directed through net control. If at any time during the formal portion of the net you must leave, please contact net control and properly secure your station.

2. Stations on frequency with emergency or priority traffic for the net please call W4ERT.

[Listed emergency or priority traffic should be passed immediately].

3. Are there any Liaison stations wishing to check in? If so please give your Call sign, name, ARES appointment and county of responsibility, call W4ERT.

[Liaison stations are amateur operators who represent other ARES or emergency communication groups who wish to be acknowledged for training purposes]

[Acknowledge checkins]

4. This is W4ERT. My name is _____ and I am located in _____. This net is held each Sunday evening at 2100 hours local time for the purpose of weekly training in emergency communications and directed net procedures. All Amateurs are invited to participate. An informal round table will be conducted after the formal portion of the net.

5. We will take local checkins first followed by echolink checkins. All stations will be asked to check in alphabetically according to the first letter in your call sign suffix. Please give your call sign, name, location and any traffic for the net. If you do not desire to remain for the round table after the net, please check in and out.

6. This is W4ERT calling for stations ALPHA through NOVEMBER.

[Acknowledge checkins]

7. This is W4ERT calling for stations OSCAR through ZULU.

[Acknowledge checkins]

8. We will now take check-ins to the net via echolink. Stations checking in by echolink are asked to please give your call sign phonetically. Now calling for echolink stations Alpha through Zulu.

{Acknowledge checkins. Please give a few minutes for echolink checkins to finish}.

9. This is W4ERT calling for any additional check ins, ALPHA through ZULU, for the Alexander Amateur Radio Associations ARES/RACES net. Please call W4ERT net control.

(Any formal traffic should be handled immediately after all stations have checked into the net. Handle formal traffic according to ARRL NTS guidelines.)

10. Are there stations on frequency with net business or announcements please call W4ERT.

[Acknowledge stations and accept business or announcements in order].

11. Before we close the formal portion of the net are there any additional stations Who would like to check in ... if so, please call W4ERT.

[Acknowledge Stations]

12. This ends the formal portion of the net. If you checked in and out you may close your station at this time with our thanks. All other stations will now be called for informal comments.

[you may wish to accept comments from mobile stations and echolink stations first and then go down the list in order of checkins]

13. Are there any additional checkins before we close the net, please call W4ERT.

[Ask for their comments]

14. Closing the Net – The Alexander Amateur Radio Association meets each third Tuesday of the month at the Alexander County Rescue Squad building in Taylorsville at 7:00 pm. All interested in ARES/RACES emergency and public service communications and amateur radio are warmly encouraged to attend.

15. I would like to remind each station that we hold a simplex net each first and third Saturday of the month on a frequency of 146.580 at 12 noon. All amateurs are invited to participate in this net. Also I would like to mention that The AARA maintains a packet node, please connect to W4ERT on a frequency of 145.090 Megahertz for further information.

16. If you would like further information about the Alexander Amateur Radio Association, the ARES/RACES or amateur radio you may contact our emergency coordinator, John Dollar, N4NNX at 828-632-8080 or our local public information officer, David Duncan, KE4HKQ at 828-635-6573.

17. This is W4ERT thanking each station for checking in to our net. The repeater will now be returned to normal operation. This is (call sign) _____. The net is closed.

Attention: Please pass your net report to the EC as a formal message on the next weeks net. A blank formal message form can be downloaded on the yahoo group.