

-- THURSDAY NIGHT NET --

DeKalb County Emergency Communications Group Net Preamble

Calling all amateur radio operators. This is the DeKalb County Thursday Night Practice Weather Net.

This is **<your callsign>**. My name is , and I am located **<your location>**. I am Net Control for this evening's net. This net meets weekly on Thursday evening at 6:30pm Central Time on the 147.27 repeater, W4GBR.

(pause)

The purpose of this training net is to practice net operations similar to those that would be used in an actual emergency. During an actual emergency this net would provide backup auxiliary communications between local and state emergency operations centers, the National Weather Service, and primary communications with storm spotters.

I'll now call for emergency or priority traffic. Any station with emergency or priority traffic please call now.

(pause and address any traffic)

Tonight's net will be a preliminary net to the North Alabama, Southern Middle Tennessee Skywarn Net at 8:00pm Central Time on the 147.36 and other repeaters.

(pause)

In the event that I am unable to continue as Net Control Station during the net we will need an Alternate Net Control Station. This station will record check-ins to the net so that

he or she can assume net control responsibilities if I am unable to continue. If there is any station that would like to serve as Alternate Net Control, please call now.

(pause)

I will need a liaison station at the end of this net. If there is anyone that would like to be the liaison station and relay the results of this net to the North Alabama, Southern Middle Tennessee Skywarn Net please state so during roll call. Also, in the event of an actual emergency we may need a liaison station with the Alabama Emergency Net Mike on 3.965 MHz. Stations with 75m SSB capability should consider volunteering to serve as a liaison to the AENM in an actual emergency.

In the event that this repeater fails, the Rainsville repeater (147.47 MHz, minus 600 KHz offset; 77 Hz tone) is the designated backup frequency. The secondary backup frequency is 146.52 MHz simplex (no tone) should conditions make both repeaters unusable.

This is **<your callsign>**, are there any stations with business, bulletins, or announcements for the net?

(pause and recap announcements etc.)

This is **<your callsign>**, reminding everyone this is a directed net and all transmissions should be directed to net control.

I will now proceed with check-ins. When checking in, please give your callsign, name, location, and whether or not you have traffic for the net.

We will begin with check-ins from mobile, portable or short-time stations. Any mobile, portable or short-time stations please call now.

(recap check-ins and ask if anyone needs the short-time stations that have asked to secure; excuse short-timers)

I will now take check-ins from any station, in any area wishing to check in to the net. Any station, any area please call now.

(optional) I will now take check-ins from stations by callsign suffix (the letters following the number in your callsign). Stations with callsign suffixes beginning A through H (alpha through hotel) please call now. **(pause)** Stations with callsign suffixes beginning I through R (India through Romeo) please call now. **(pause)** Stations with callsign suffixes beginning S through Z (sierra through zulu) please call now. **(pause)**

(pause and take check ins; after a list of check-ins, take comments from the list of check-ins, and call for additional, late check-ins during comments.)

This is **<your callsign>**, are there any stations with additional business, bulletins, or announcements for the net? Call now.

(pause and recap announcements etc.)

I would like to remind everyone about the Alabama Emergency Net ZULU at 7:30 pm Central Time Monday nights on this repeater. Don't forget to check in to this net again next Thursday night at 6:30pm Central Time.

(optional, depending on availability) Other weekly events on this repeater include the Southeast Link Repeater net on Wednesday at 8pm and This Week In Amateur Radio, broadcast Saturday night at 8 pm Central Time.

Does anyone have any questions, or can this net or net control do anything for anyone before I close?

(pause)

(optional) _____ will be the liaison station and relay the results of this net to the North Alabama, Southern Middle Tennessee SKYWARN Net at 8:00 pm Central Time.

(optional) Since there wasn't a volunteer to be liaison station, I will relay the results of this net to the North Alabama SKYWARN Net at 8:00 pm Central Time.

This is **<your callsign>**. There were _____ check-ins tonight. I will now proceed to close tonight's net at _____ pm Central Time. Thanks to everyone who checked in – I appreciate your participation. The DeKalb County Amateur Radio Club's repeater, W4GBR, is now returned to normal amateur use. This is **<your callsign>** clear. 73.

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