

LENAWEE COUNTY ARES/RACES NET

Courtesy of the W8TQE Adrian Amateur Radio Club (AARC)

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NET INFORMATION

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) & Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) takes place Every Sunday Night at 8:00pm US/Eastern. The net uses the W8TQE repeater, courtesy of the Adrian Amateur Radio Club (AARC). Visit the club website to find the details to use the club repeater.¹

This is a guide to assist with running the net. Remember, this is about communications and practicing a regimen such that everyone has an idea of how things would work during an emergency. It is an enjoyable experience for everyone if run properly.

Lines in bold and italics are typically meant to be spoken, such as this sentence.

Lines starting with a '#' sign are guidance notes for the person running the net.

[Appendix A](#) provides the change log for this document.

[Appendix B](#) provides an example log. The main point of the log is to document the date, time, and callsigns that used the net.

[Appendix C](#) provides guidance for National Traffic System (NTS) format messages.

PREAMBLE

This is _____, my name is _____, and I will be acting as net control for the weekly Lenawee County ARES net. This net is held each Sunday evening at 8PM local time on the 145.37 repeater, courtesy of the Adrian Amateur Radio Club.

The purpose of this net is to encourage interest in, and to provide information about ARES and RACES in this coverage area. Both organizations offer emergency communications services to public and government agencies during simulated and actual disasters.

All amateurs are welcome to this net. You do not have to be a member of ARES or RACES to join this net. ARES and RACES is not affiliated with any club and is under the direction of the ARRL appointed Emergency Coordinator and/or RACES Radio Officer for each county.

THE NET

This is a directed net. Please address all transmissions to net control.

NTS MESSAGES

As always, Priority or Emergency transmissions will take precedence and be handled immediately.

¹ <http://w8tqe.com>

NTS format messages may be initiated or passed on this net.

This is _____ net control. Any stations wishing to list NTS messages... Please call now...

Record all messages. Wait for about a 10 second pause for an indicator that all messages, if any, have been passed. See [Appendix C](#) for assistance with NTS messages.

MOBILE AND SHORT TIME

Net control will take check-ins from mobile and short time stations at this time. Please call now...

Record all callsigns, wait for about a 10 second pause for an indicator that everyone has checked in. Repeat back callsigns to ensure you got them all.

Call up each recorded call sign and let them transmit their message. Example "Go ahead, K2IBM..."

ROUND 1

As a courtesy, Net control will take check-ins from club officers at this time. Please call now...

Record all callsigns, wait for about a 10 second pause for an indicator that everyone has checked in. Repeat back callsigns to ensure you got them all.

Net control will take all other check-ins at this time. Please call now...

Record all callsigns, wait for about a 10 second pause for an indicator that everyone has checked in. Repeat back callsigns to ensure you got them all.

Call up each recorded call sign and let them transmit their message. Example "Go ahead, KE8PAG..."

That brings us to the end of the list. If there are any other stations wishing to report, please call now...

Record all callsigns, wait for about a 10 second pause for an indicator that everyone has checked in. Repeat back callsigns to ensure you got them all. Add them to the list.

Call up each recorded call sign and let them transmit their message. Example "Go ahead, KE8MSW..."

ROUND 2

... Swinging back up to the top of the list...

Call up each recorded call sign and let them transmit their message. Example "Go ahead, K2IBM..."

That brings us to the end of the list. If there are any other stations wishing to report, please call now...

Record all callsigns, wait for about a 10 second pause for an indicator that everyone has checked in. Repeat back callsigns to ensure you got them all. Add them to the list.

Call up each recorded call sign and let them transmit their message. Example "Go ahead, KE8MSW..."

FINAL COMMENTS

If there are any final comments before the net is closed, please call now...

Allow comments to be freely spoken at this time. Wait for about a 10 second pause for an indicator that everyone has had their chance to speak.

CLOSING REMARKS

Thank you all for your participation. I would like to thank the Adrian Amateur Radio Club for the use of this repeater for the net. We will close the net at this time and return the repeater to routine use. This is _____, 73 and good evening.

Net closed.

APPENDIX B: EXAMPLE NET LOG

LENAWEE COUNTY ARES/RACES NET	11/12/23@8:00pm US/Eastern	
CALL SIGN	ROUND 1	ROUND 2
MOBILE/SHORT TIME		
K1EXMPLE	X	X
K2EXMPLE	X	
CLUB OFFICERS:		
K3EXMPLE	X	X
K4EXMPLE	X	X
K5EXMPLE	X	X
ALL OTHER STATIONS:		
K6EXMPLE	X	X
K7EXMPLE	X	X
K8EXMPLE	X	X

APPENDIX C: NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM (NTS) FORMAT MESSAGES

The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) website has guidance on the proper handling of National Traffic System (NTS) format messages.² More specific guidance can be found in their NTS methods and practices guide.³ The NTS Methods and Practices Guidelines is embedded in the ARRL public Services Communications Manual as appendix B.⁴ The ARRL also provides a fillable form that can be used to transcribe messages for relay and delivery.⁵

² <https://www.arrl.org/appendix-b-nts-methods-and-practices-guidelines>

³ <https://www.arrl.org/table-of-contents-nts-methods-and-practices-guidelines>

⁴ <https://www.arrl.org/files/file/MPGRV14A.pdf>

⁵ http://www.ws1sm.com/Forms/ARRL_Radiogram_Fillable.pdf