

Net Control Station Tips #1 - March 2021

- Review the SLV/Coastal ARES scripts here: <https://xczcomm.com/index.php/net-scripts/> and modify them to fit your exercise as well as current circumstances (meetings on Zoom, not in person.) Friendly, courteous, welcoming and professional is our goal.
- When you've decided on a 2nd exercise, write up a script for that portion as well. Feel free to ask for help from Roberta at aj6kn@slvares.org
- Remember to put your call sign out every ten minutes (that may mean at least once in the middle of check ins) as well as at the end of transmission on a repeater or simplex frequency when moving back and forth between exercises.
- When taking check ins, I find it easiest to acknowledge those I heard clearly first, then ask others in that call sign suffix group to come back if there were doubles or triples or they are just too difficult to hear. If you have tried two times and still can't get the call sign, feel free to ask for someone's help to see if they were able to hear it more clearly. I find it easiest to ask a specific person to relay rather than open it up to the group such as "can anyone hear that station?" as that just invites more doubles and triples. Choose someone you heard clearly and expect will be keeping track of call signs (we all should be keeping track of call signs, of course, even if we are not net control!) If no one is able to copy them, just let them know they are not coming into the repeater well and move on to the next person.
- When doing a simplex net, make a note of those who you are able to hear well – those are YOUR Big Guns. Note their location as well, so that if you are missing someone in a particular geographical area, you can ask a Big Gun in that area to call out for anyone who might have not been heard and then they will relay the information to you.
- Also, for Simplex nets, please advise operators to turn their squelch OFF (down) and volume DOWN to better hear operators they would otherwise miss.
- When requesting information from someone, make sure and confirm that the information you believe you got is correct. This is especially true in a simplex net, where it is more likely for errors to occur. For example, you are requesting signal check reports.
<Net Control> AJ6KN how do you copy me?
<AJ6KN> I copy you loud and clear AJ6KN
<Net Control> AJ6KN I copy you loud and clear and you copy me loud and clear. Is that correct?
<AJ6KN> Affirmative AJ6KN
(Net Control moves on to the next call sign)
Or
<Net Control> AJ6KN what radio are you using tonight
<AJ6KN> Icom 2730a dual band
<Net Control> Icom 2720a Dual band - is that correct?
<AJ6KN> Negative. That's an Icom Two Seven three zero alpha dual band
<Net Control> Icom two seven three zero alpha dual band. Is that correct?
<AJ6KN> Affirmative AJ6KN
(Net Control moves on to the next call sign)

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN!

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