

FCARC WEEKLY TWO METER NET PREAMBLE

Black text is read on the air. Blue text is informational.

(In the event that severe weather may occur, alert the participants that the net may be cancelled or terminated so that the National Weather Service may use the repeater.)

(Keep an eye on the time and remember to ID every 10 minutes.)

"CQ, CQ, CQ welcome to the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club's weekly two meter net.

This is **(name / call)** net control station for this evening's net."

"This net meets every Wednesday evening at 8:00 p.m. local time on the FCARC's 146.760 repeater.

The repeater has a negative offset and a PL tone of 100.0 Hz. You may also use the downtown Appleton receive site which has a PL tone of 107.2Hz.

"The purpose of this net is to...

"Promote good fellowship among amateur radio operators."

"Encourage the use of good operating procedures."

"Improve communication skills."

"And to share technical information and comments with the group."

(Unkey microphone and pause to reset repeater)

"Tonight's net consists of the following parts..."

"Part 1 is check-ins, beginning with portable, mobile, and short time stations, followed by all other stations. All hams are encouraged to check in by calling net control and then un-keying to be sure you are not doubling with another station."

(Unkey microphone and pause to emphasize the correct procedure)

"Then slowly and clearly give net control your call-sign, name, and the city you are in. Please indicate when checking in if you have any traffic for the net such as club announcements, meetings or messages."

"Part 2 is second goes. It is during this time you can ask technical questions, pass any traffic including equipment reviews, list radio equipment for swap or sale, or any other information to share with the group. This is an informal, but controlled net, and all traffic should come through net control."

Emergency traffic will have priority use at all times throughout the net. Simply announce "Emergency" and all stations will yield the frequency.

(Unkey microphone and pause to reset repeater)

(Part 1 - Check-ins)

"This is **(your callsign)**, your net control station for the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club's weekly two meter net. I will now stand by for check-ins from portable, mobile, or short time stations. Please call net control."

(Net control will now stand by and copy those checking into the net. Note anyone who has any traffic. If there is a break with the check-ins, announce a brief pause for checking in and read over the list in the order the stations checked in. After reading the list, ask for any corrections of errors you may have made. Once that is complete you can ask for more portable / mobile stations and repeat this process or continue to base station check-ins.)

(Part 1 - Check-ins –continued–)

"This is your net control station **(call sign)** for the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club's weekly two meter net now standing by for check-ins from all stations. Please call net control."

(Copy those checking into the net. Note anyone who has any traffic. If there is a break with the check-ins, announce a brief pause and read over the list in the order the stations checked in. Once that is complete, you can ask for more check-ins and repeat this process or begin going over routine traffic.)

(Part 2 - Traffic and Announcements)

"Hearing no more check-ins, we will now move to traffic and announcements."

(Routine Traffic -- Go through the list of those with traffic. Pause after each piece of traffic to allow the group to ask questions / comments. Once you have gone through all traffic you may now ask for more check-ins from any stations. If a late check-in mentions it has routine traffic, let them discuss it and allow group comments before moving further into second goes.)

(Part 2 - Second Goes)

"We will now move on to the second goes. During this time you may ask technical questions, list radio items for sale or wanted (please no haggling on the air), do an equipment review, or discuss other topics. (Give a TOPIC of your choice, and do your second- go first to give everyone a chance to think of an answer.).

We'll start at the top of the list with (name / call sign). Go ahead with your second go."

(Go down the list in the order they checked in. As net control, try to encourage the stations to talk about their latest happenings. If a station asks a question, ask for comments from the group to encourage discussion. If no response from the group, continue down the list. After 10 minutes or so, pause and ask for more check-ins.)

(Closing)

"Before I close this net I would like to encourage your use of the other two repeaters owned and operated by the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club. 145.330 MHz Digital Fusion Repeater and 443.650 MHz, both with a PL tone of 100 Hz."

"If anyone listening is interested in joining the wonderful and exciting world of amateur radio please go to fcarc.club and use the "Contact Us" page to leave a message."

The FCARC monthly General Membership Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month at Fox Valley Technical College, 1825 North Bluemound Drive, Appleton. Room HS114. Use Entrance 16.

The meeting starts at 7:00 pm local time. Talk-in frequency is this repeater, the 146.760.

For the latest information and updates on the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club, visit the website at www.fcarc.club or visit us on Facebook.

"I would like to thank all of the stations for checking in tonight. We ask that you please return to the net next week, same time and same frequency. This has been a Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club production. I will now end this net and return this repeater back to normal amateur use. 73, and have a great week from **(call sign)**."