**Apple City ARC – Tuesday Night Club Net**

Open the Net as near to 8 pm as is possible by saying,

* **Welcome to the Apple City Amateur Radio Club Net. This Net meets every Tuesday at 8pm here on the W7TD repeater.**
* **My Name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, my call sign is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I will be Net Control tonight.**
* **Early check-ins will now be accepted from stations that are mobile or truly portable only please – Say your City and call sign SLOWLY, CLEARLY, and LOUD, one at a time.**
* **Are there any announcements? Please come now.**
* **After announcements you can proceed with going down the attached roster in any order you want, it is your show, have fun or be all business. Encourage chatter among club members and make as it as interesting as you can. The new roster is in alphabetical order by location, and then alphabetical order by Call Sign suffix to make early and late check-ins easier to find. Start by saying “Part of my job as net control is to speak loud and clear so if anyone has trouble understanding me, please break in and let me know. I will do the same for you. And now I’ll go to the roster check-in.”**
* **Yellow highlight on roster indicates grouping, call them together.**

**Remember to do a Net Control ID every 10 Minutes “This is (Callsign) Net Control on the Apple City Amateur Club W7TD repeater.”**

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* **When done say “That is the end of the list. Late or missed check-ins, come now.”**
* **“Are there any visitors or others within the repeater coverage that would like to check in? Ask new people “Would you desire to be added to the roster?” Come now.”**

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| Callsign | Location | Name, notes. | Add to roster? |
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* **Ask for a re-cap of announcements or do them yourself if you are able – repeat reminders of upcoming events.**
* **Report number of check-in for this session to the Net.**
* **Close Net – Thank you to everyone that checked in tonight.**

**NET CONTROLLERS:**

**ADVICE TO CONSIDER AS YOU RUN THE NET**

Everyone has heard the old saying “Garbage In, Garbage Out” and that sure has application in trying to communicate with low power radios on a frequency that resists bend or bounce smack dab in the middle of a bunch of hills and valleys. So….

What follows is common sense advice to make bad things better because some things are under your control. Other things not under anyone’s control most times can be improved with a little professional technique. Consider the following.

Remember that the primary purpose of the weekly net check-in is to act as an abbreviated club meeting meant to pass information and schedule to club members and occasionally engage in longer two-way exchanges. Taking the names, callsigns, locations process is like a teacher taking attendance in school.

It is your responsibility to set a good example for everyone “attending” the net check in.

 1. E-nun-ci-ate clearly.

 2. Maintain a good level of speech volume and speed. Don’t trail off.

 3. Find the “sweet spot” your microphone can use the best. Stay there,

 4. Take your time, speak a tiny bit slower than conversational.

 5. Make sure your signals are readable, before you start the net, do a radio check saying something like:  **“Part of my job as net control is to speak loud and clear so if anyone has trouble understanding me, please break in and let me know. I will do the same for you. And now I’ll go to the roster check-in.”**

6. THE KEY to the net check in is the CALL SIGN. Remind everyone before starting to NOT speed through or slur their ID, go phonetic after the 2nd try.

 7. SLOW, CLEAR, AND LOUD can most times overcome a poor connection. Both ways. Remind those on the roster.