

TRYON ARC

ARES / RACES HF Net Script

Opening the Net:

Approximately at 07:45 hrs tune to the net frequency of 3950 KHz and see if the frequency is clear. If not look for a clear frequency as close to **3.960** as possible. At this point you should make an announcement on the 146.700 and 146.970 repeaters letting everyone know of the frequency change. If possible, post the new frequency to the club Facebook page www.facebook.com/k2jji .

If time permits, you can begin taking early check-ins as HF conditions could make taking check-ins a longer process then when using a repeater. *Tip: If you can start up a QSO with one of the check-ins prior to 8am, you will establish the use of the frequency and make the net more successful when it's time to start at 8am.*

Activating the Net:

At 08:00hrs – “CQ, CQ, CQ, All Amateur Radio Operators. The Tryon Amateur Radio Club ARES / RACES HF Net is about to begin. Is there anyone holding Emergency or Priority traffic, please call now.” **(Listen for any calls.)** “Calling together this session of the combined Tryon Amateur Radio Club & Fulton County New York Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service Monthly HF Net.” “This is **(your call sign phonetically)**, my name is **(your name here)** and I am located in **(your city or town)** and I will be your Net Control Station for this session of the Tryon Amateur Radio Club ARES / RACES monthly HF Net for **(today's date)**. This net meets on the Sunday following the monthly meeting at 08:00hrs local time and you do not have to be a member of the Tryon Amateur Radio Club or Ares / Races to check in to this net. All properly licensed amateur radio operators are encouraged to check in no matter where you are located.

“During times of declared disasters or emergencies, or during official training and exercise sessions, RACES communications are conducted on behalf of the NY State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Service, Office of Emergency Management in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service, and or by local government and are considered as official governmental communications. By the authority of the Federal Communications Commission, the Directors of the New York State and Fulton County NY Emergency Management Offices, and the Tryon Amateur Radio Club, this is a directed net and is conducted for the purpose of a ARES and RACES training drill.”

(Optional) “When checking into this net please use the Hesitation Method. This procedure is as follows: say “THIS IS ...”. Release your push to talk switch to see if you are doubling with anyone. If you do not hear anyone else talking then proceed to give your call-sign phonetically, using the standard ITU phonetic alphabet and your first name. If at any time you have a question for Net Control, please break in by saying “Query”. If at any point during the net you have timely information, please break in by saying “Info”. If you do break into the Net with the words “Query” or “Info”, stand by and wait for net control to acknowledge you before doing anything else within the net.”

We ask that you please do not leave the net unless you notify Net Control and are given permission to secure your station. “Before I begin check-ins, I am looking for anyone who will volunteer to be Assistant Net Control (ANC) for today's net? If so, I would ask that you copy a list of check-ins with me for accuracy and be on-hand for any abnormal events that may take place during the drill. At this

time, is there anyone willing to act as Asst. net Control? **(listen for a volunteer)** **(If you do not get an ANC, just proceed)**. (If you do get someone to volunteer, make an announcement that **“(insert call sign) will be my Assistant Net Control for this session, thank you (AC call sign)**).

Accepting Check-Ins:

“To check into this net I ask that you give your call slowly using ITU phonetics, with your location, city and state. To begin, I am looking for anyone with Emergency, Priority or Time Sensitive Traffic for this net please call now” **(listen for a response)** **(if you hear nothing ask “are there any relays for traffic?”)** **(If there is no traffic, proceed, if there is traffic, do what you can to get the message passed)** “Are there any stations that need to be released from the net immediately?” **(Listen and then ask for relays)** “Are there any mobile or portable stations wishing to check in, please call now” **(listen and then ask for relays)** “Are there any stations with Routine Traffic or Announcements, please call now?” **(Listen and then ask for relays)** “All other stations, please call now” **(listen and then ask for relays)** *** You have the option here to use a prepared list to call for check-ins.

Acknowledge the Check-Ins:

Read back the stations that have checked in phonetically by saying the following: “This is **(Your call sign)**, I have the following stations checked in at this time: (read list of call signs phonetically)” “Are there any corrections, relays or additional check-ins, please call now”

Traffic or Announcements:

You can give permission to any stations that have traffic or announcements, if more than one, call them one at a time. Now go to the top of the list and ask for comments. Call the next person on the list and announce who is next so they have time to prepare their comments. Every 3 or 4 comments, call for any further check-ins to the net.

Closing the Net:

“Are there any final stations wishing to check into the Tryon ARC ARES / RACES Monthly HF Net, please call now.” **(Listen and ask for relays)** “Are there any final comments or questions for the net from anyone, please call now.” **(Listen and ask for relays)** Confirm total of check-ins with ACS if applicable. (If there is no further activity, proceed).

“This is **(your call sign)**, for the Tryon Amateur Radio Club and net control for this session of the Fulton County NY ARES / RACES Monthly HF net. I thank all of the stations that checked in today and appreciate your participation and support for this net. I also thank those stations that stood by while the net was in operation. Everyone's help in maintaining this net is greatly appreciated.

Fulton County NY ARES Emergency Coordinator is Steve Kuck K2ALS. Asst. ARES EC is Howard Selwitz KD2ABK. The Fulton County NY RACES Radio Officer is Don Gifford WA2EZ and Asst. RACES RO is Joe O'Neill KB2TJE. For information on this net or the TRYON Amateur Radio Club, please visit our website at K2JJL.ORG or our Facebook page K2JJL. “By the authority of the FCC, the Director of the NY State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Service, Office of Emergency Management and the Tryon Amateur Radio Club, all stations may now secure. This net is now secure at **(local time)**. This is **(your call sign)** returning the frequency to normal amateur operation. Thank You everyone, OUT