

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

2 METER TIPS NET OPERATION v7

(Each Net Operator can modify to suit themselves as long as the main points are covered.)

1. One minute prior to net time:

This is <Call Sign> and I'm about to start the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club TIPS net. If there is anyone who needs to make a quick call on the W1DX repeater, please go ahead and do so now. I'll start the net in one minute.

2. At 7:00pm - Read Preamble

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Good evening and welcome to the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club TIPS Net. This is <Phonetic Call Sign>, my name is <Name>, and I am located in <Town>. I will be your net control station for this evening. Membership in the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club is NOT necessary for participation. All licensed radio amateurs are welcome to check into the net. Those that do not wish to check in are welcome to listen.

This net operates on the 147.060 MHz repeater, with a PL tone of 156.7 Hz. **If needed the secondary is 146.97 also with PL tone of 156.7 Hz.** The net is held each Wednesday evening, starting at 7 PM local time with various net controllers on a rotating basis. This net is intended to provide an informal operating environment for new operators as well as for experienced amateurs. The purpose of the net is to:

1. Provide a venue for presenting questions and obtaining answers and advice related to amateur radio.
2. Also to promote good fellowship among amateur radio operators, and to encourage the use of good operating procedures.

Let me reset the repeater <Unkey microphone and pause to reset repeater>

The TIPS net is a directed open net and that means we call for a round of check ins and when we have everyone checked in, we'll go down through the list for comments and questions. During the check in please state if you have any questions for the net. We will ask for your questions after everyone has been checked in.

There are three sections to the TIPS Net.

1. First, the open net with rounds of questions and comments.
2. Second is a section for announcements about upcoming events and items of interest.
3. And third there is an opportunity for those that wish to swap, sell, or are looking for amateur radio related items.

Unless otherwise directed, all communications should be directed to the net control station. When checking into the net please say “this is”, release the mic button, and listen to ensure no one else has called at the same time you have. Then, SLOWLY give your call sign phonetically, along with your name and location, and if you have a comment or question. Let me reset the repeater **<Unkey microphone and pause to reset repeater>**

3. Begin to take check-ins

This is <Name>, <Call Sign>, your net control station for this evening. We will start taking check ins now, please come with your call sign slowly. **<unkey>**

<Copy the calls as they come in, making note of names, locations, and if they have any questions or comments. After several stations or when there is a pause, step in to acknowledge received calls, ask for any clarifications, and ask for any additional check-ins.>

This is **<Call Sign>**. I have the following stations **<read list of calls, ask for any clarifications>**

Do we have any additional check-ins? Please come now **<unkey>**

<Repeat as necessary until there are no more check-ins>

4. First Section - Conduct the net:

<First round - go through the list of check-ins, asking for any questions or comments>

<Second round - go through the list of check-ins and ask a question from previously prepared list - could be any topic - job, other hobbies, how started, rig type, how long a ham, etc....>

<Remember to identify the Net and do another call out for check ins about every ten or so minutes.>

5. Last Call for the First Section of the Net

This is **<Call Sign>** net control for the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club weekly TIPS net. Are there any additional check-ins please call now. **<Unkey and take in any additional stations>**

6. Second Section - Announcements and items of interest

We will now start the second section of the TIPS Net, does anyone have any announcements about upcoming events and items of interest? Please call now.

7. Third Section - sell, swap, or looking for amateur radio related items

And now for the third section of the TIPS Net, Is there anyone that wishes to swap, sell, or are looking for amateur radio related items? Please call now.

8. Last Call

This is **<Call Sign>** net control for the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club weekly TIPS net. Are there any additional check-ins please call now before we close the Net?. **<Unkey and take in any additional stations>**

9. End the net

Okay that was last call and if we have no further check ins, I'm going to close the net at this time.

Thanks to all who participated in the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club TIPS Net and thanks to all who stood by as we conducted the net.

The Tri-City Amateur Radio Club sponsors this net and has their meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at The American Red Cross Office at 1031 Rte 32; Montville, CT. The meetings start at 7:30 PM and are open to ALL interested persons licensed or not. Information about the club may be found at www.TriCityARC.com

We thank John, W1AN, for the use of this repeater. This net will meet again next Wednesday at 7 PM on this frequency. I now return the repeater to regular amateur use. This is **<Call Sign>**
Good evening and 73.