

Tri-City Amateur Radio Club

2 METER TIPS NET OPERATION v10

(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 in <Town> Connecticut. I will be your net control station for this evening. Membership in the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club is NOT necessary nor required for participation. All licensed radio amateurs are welcome to check into the net. Those that do not wish to check in are certainly 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. This net is also available on Echolink. Look for W1DX-R or node # 342027. This 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. 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 comments or questions for the net. We will ask for those 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 as just described.
2. Second is a section for announcements about upcoming events, items of interest, and a Net of the Week.
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 say, "this is", then 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.

3. Begin to take check-ins

This is **<Phonetic Call Sign >**, my name is **<Name>** and I am 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 **<Phonetic 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:

<To start – Call on the stations through the list of questions or comments received during the check-ins>

<If no further comments or questions - 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 minutes or so.>

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, items of interest, and Net of the Week.

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. **<After all business is taken care of do Net of the Week.>**

Kevin KA6PDG, do you have a Net of the Week for us?

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>**

Any last comments before we close the net? **<Unkey and take in any additional comments>**

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 and listened as we conducted the net.

The Tri-City Amateur Radio Club sponsors this net and has their meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at The American Red Cross Office at #1031 Route 32: Montville, CT. The meetings start at 7:00 PM and are open to ALL interested persons licensed or not. Information about the club and the meeting may be found at www.TriCityARC.net.

We thank John, W1AN, for the use of this repeater. We also thank Joe K1IKE for the Echolink connection, and Kevin KA6PDG for providing us with a Net of the Week and also recording these nets and making them available at AM1700.org/tipsnet. Note that tipsnet is one word and all lower case. 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.