

Central Texas Amateur Radio Club Net

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REMEMBER TO GIVE YOUR CALL SIGN AT LEAST EVERY 10 MINUTES!

NOTES: About 10 minutes before the start of the net, announce the net will be starting. Early contact will allow you to check your radio, the repeater, and allow time to monitor for any emergency or priority traffic. If priority traffic exists, you can either move the net to the backup repeater or cancel it. Following the net, it is advisable to remain on frequency for a period of time to monitor for late traffic and questions. Please do not "quick-key" the repeater or it will timeout. Give 1-2 seconds to respond to check-ins.
/ = unkey pause then continue // = unkey and wait for response

● **This is <call sign>. Is there any emergency or priority traffic on this repeater?**

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● **Hearing no traffic, I am declaring the Central Texas Amateur Radio Club Net and Bell County ARES Net open.**

● **My name is <name>, my call is <phonetic call>, and I will be your net control station for this evening.**

● **This is a directed net so please do not transmit until directed to do so.**

OPTIONAL

● **At this time, I recognize _____ as our backup net control station for this evening. _____ are you there?**

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● **The Central Texas Amateur Radio Club net is sponsored by the Central Texas Amateur Radio Club, and is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. This net also serves to fulfill the net login requirements for Bell County ARES.**

● **This net is scheduled every **Wednesday** at **8pm** Central Time on the W5LM 2m repeater, with a frequency of 146.820 MHz and a PL tone of 123. We wish to thank the Temple Amateur Radio Club for the use of the repeater for this weekly net.**

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- The Central Texas Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at the Bell County Communications Center. Further information on the club and its activities may be found on the website at CTARC.ORG.

- If you are interested in receiving the monthly newsletter, email Rick at K6WXA@yahoo.com and he will add you to his distribution list. Club membership is not required.

(Club Announcements)

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- Are there any other club announcements from anyone at this time? Please come now with your call sign.

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- Net check-ins will be taken one at a time with your comments to immediately follow. You will check in, be acknowledged by net control, and then be asked to give your comments for the net. After your comments, we will go to the next check in. At the conclusion of all check-ins, the net will be declared informal for general rag-chew, questions, and comments from all stations.

- When checking in, please give your call sign SLOWLY, using ITU phonetics, and give your name and location.

- If you are a Bell County ARES member, please announce this when you check in.

- Lastly, please don't "quick-key" the repeater. Let it drop for a couple seconds before talking.

-- OPTIONAL --

- This is _____, and I'd like to call on our net control back up for comments at this time. _____ please come now.

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--- CHECK-INS ---

• This is <call sign> and the Central Texas Amateur Radio Club net. I will now take the first check-in. Please come now with your call sign.

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• I will now take the next check-in. Please come now.

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• This is <call sign> and the Central Texas Amateur Radio Club net. Are there any further check-ins? Please come now.

----- (Informal/Ragchew)

• Not hearing any further check-ins, I will declare this net informal. Please come now with any questions, comments, concerns, or anything else you want to talk about.

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• One more time... any late check-ins, rechecks, comments?
Come now before I close the net.

----- (Closing)

• I have # check-ins for this evening. Thank you very much for your time and participation! It is sincerely appreciated! Hope to see everyone back here next week!

• This is <call sign> closing the Central Texas Amateur Radio Club net at <time> Central Time, and returning this repeater to regular amateur use. 7-3... <call sign> clear.