FOOTHILLS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY (FARS)
THURSDAY NIGHT NET SCRIPT

If running the new for the first time, ***please read the hints****.*

Good evening this is ***CALLSIGN***. My name is ***NAME*** and I am Net Control for the Foothills Amateur Radio Society. This net is called each Thursday Night at 8 PM and can be broken at any time for **EMERGENCY or PRIORITY TRAFFIC** by using the word **BREAK**. For recognition by Net Control use your callsign. Is there any **EMERGENCY or PRIORITY TRAFFIC** at this time? *[unkey]*

Nothing heard. Please pass all traffic through Net Control. This net is for the purpose of club communications, to discuss club business and pass general information. We encourage all members and guests to check in. You do not have to be a club member to participate. Please remember the Repeater has a 90-second time out timer. *[unkey]*

If you would like more information about the Foothills Amateur Radio Society check our website at k6ya.org or contact any officer or board member. When checking in please give your callsign, name and state if you have any QST's, Swaps or Traffic for the net. **Club Officers and Board Members** please come now.

If no one checks in, ask again.

At this time we will take **member and non-member** check-ins. Please give your callsign, name, and state if you have any QST's, Swaps or Traffic for the net.

Those with Callsign suffixes beginning with **A – H (ALPHA thru HOTEL)** please come now.

Those with Callsign suffixes beginning with **I– P (INDIA thru PAPA)** please come now.

Those with Callsign suffixes beginning with **Q – Z (Quebec thru ZULU)** please come now.

Anyone else who would like to check into the net, please come now, all suffixes, ALPHA - ZULU

Call anyone with QSTs, Swaps or Traffic.

The call each person in turn. When everyone is called, ask if anyone else would like to checkin.

I want to remind everyone that our next monthly meeting will be on Friday _____ at 7:30PM at Covington School in Los Altos. The speaker will be _____.

Now are there any final comments or last minute check-ins before we close tonight's net?

Hearing no further comments we will close the FARS Night Net at _____ PM Local time. Thanks to the owners and operators of this repeater for allowing us to use it for this net. This is **NAME CALLSIGN** closing the FARS Net and returning the frequency to general use.

Helpful Hints for Running the FARS Net

Before the Net, check that you have a good signal into the repeater by using the DTMF code 699 for the automatic S-meter. Ideally, you should get an S-9 report, but an S-7 is usually adequate. It also helps to check your transmitted power and SWR. If using a HT (handy talkie), connect an external antenna (even a magnetic mount on your car is better than your HT's antenna). Install fresh batteries, so you don't lose power during the Net.

As you call for checkins, board members, groups (A-H, I-P, Q-Z), acknowledge each person. Ask for the group a second time to make sure you did not miss anyone. After the last group (Q-Z) ask for people who were missed.

Feel free to ad-lib the FARS Net script when running the net. The important things to remember are to keep it professional, keep it orderly*, and* ***keep it fun****.* Stick close to the script the first few times you run the net until you become comfortable with it. Then add your personal touch to make it feel more natural.

If you hear a weak station trying to check into the net, don't try to pick it out more than twice. Just let them know that their signal is too weak to work the net and move on. Remember that if you cannot easily hear the callsign, then any QST they might have will be difficult to copy.

You will likely need to identify your station more often than is shown in the script above. If you start the net promptly at 8:00pm, be sure to identify by 8:10, 8:20, and 8:30 and every 10 minutes thereafter. It's okay to identify more often than every 10 minutes. I would suggest identifying after the officer's check-in, then again after the member and guest check-ins. Identify again during the QSTs, before calling the next station if you are near the next 10-minute mark.

Other stations in the net should identify at the beginning of their transmission. If a station has more than one exchange, they should also identify at the end of their last transmission. Since a net is not a conversation, it is unlikely that any station should require 10 minutes, so the 10-minute rule does not apply.

During the net other stations may want to comment or respond to the transmitting station. They should indicate this by giving their callsign. They may also use the word "comment". It's important that all stations allow a sufficient pause before transmitting to allow these interjections. The repeater's courtesy beep is a good indicator of when you should begin transmitting. The Net Control should recognize the commenting station, but try to limit the time devoted to comments. Keep the net moving.

As Net Control, you are in charge of the Net. It is up to you to maintain control. If stations are being rude, disruptive, or wasting time, move on to other business. Try to be respectful and patient, but be firm when it is needed. If a station is trying to Jam or interfere with the net, try to ignore it as much as possible. These individuals enjoy annoying people, so when they discover how ineffective they are, they generally give up. Let other stations quietly track down these offenders. In the case of emergency, you will hear the word "**BREAK**". Remember that emergencies take priority over all traffic on the repeater. The Net Control should take the next transmission to inform the net to standby for the emergency. The Net Control should then relinquish control of the repeater to the breaking station as quickly as possible. All stations should standby and listen to the emergency communication. All stations should be prepared to lend aid if needed. The Net Control should coordinate communications if needed, otherwise just standby. Once the emergency communications have completed, the Net Control should continue or close the Net as appropriate.