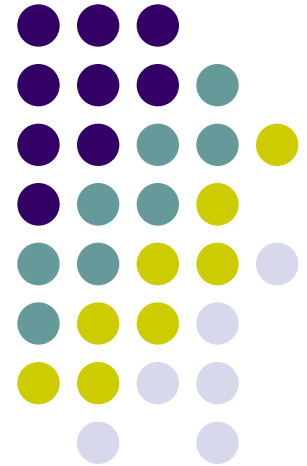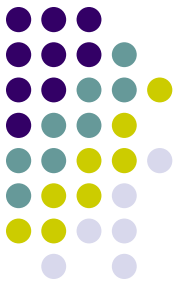# **Weekly Net Control**

Review of Net Control tasks and resources for Monday night Net.
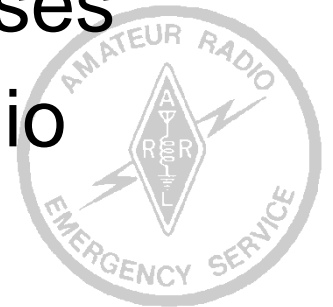
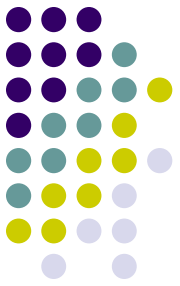*by Madeline Lombaerde, KD6JTU*

Why is there a Weekly Net?

- Test equipment: yours, agency
- Training for a directed net
- Training for using radio and linked repeater to send/receive messages
- <u>Training for using an agency's form</u>
- Latest information about events/exercises
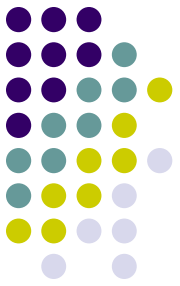- Get to know members' voices over radio

Net Control Preparation

- Net Procedure
- Roll Call
  - in call sign order
  - in city order
- Call sign of Net Control for next week
- Paper/pencils/pens
- Assistant (optional)
- Directions/access codes to EOC
- Practice, Practice, Practice
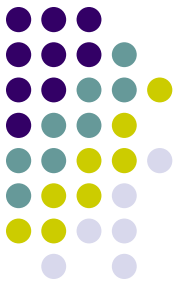
Net Control Resources

Where can I find the Roll Call and Net Procedure, Net Control for next week?

- Download directly from k6mpn.org web site
- In the Rosters folder
- Dropbox WeeklyNet folder under SCARES-Members folder
- → Net Control for next week only
  - Email netcontrol –at- k6mpn.org
  - Last resort: latest newsletter

Download from k6mpn.org

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Weekly Net Page: k6mpn.org

South County ARES Weekly Net

Weekly Net Roll Call List | Net Control Procedure in PDF format | Net Control Assignments | Turn Off W

South County ARES holds a weekly net every Monday night at 1930 hrs (7:30 pm). The check-in frequencies a

146.445 MHz simplex CTCSS=114.8 Hz
444.5+ MHz CTCSS=100 Hz

In order to be Net Control for the SCARES weekly net, you need the following:

1. The latest Weekly Roll Call list (effective as of 10/21/2015)
2. The SCARES Weekly Net Procedure (revised 3/30/2015)
3. The name and call sign of the person scheduled to do Net Control the week after you.
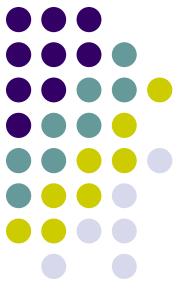
You can get these items in a variety of ways:

1. **To get the Weekly Roll Call list:**
   - Download the PDF version of the Roll Call List -or-
   - Send an email using the keyword RollCall4Net as described on the last page of the newsletter.
2. **To get the Net Procedure:** Download the PDF version of the Net Procedure.
3. **To find out who is assigned as Net Control for the week after your assignment:**
   To get the net control assignment list, send an email to the auto-responder address
   netcontrol at k6mpn.org. (Substitute @ where " at " is shown.)

4. **You can also:** send an email to **weeklynet at k6mpn.org** to get **both** the **call sign and city lists** and the net procedure.(Substitute @ where " at " is shown.) The **subject** line must be set to "SCARES-WeeklyNetPackage" without the quotes.

   NOTE for AOL users: this auto-responder returns 3 attachments; AOL only shows the first. You will ha
   send separate emails to get the list and the procedure.)

The Net Procedure and roll call lists used for the weekly Monday night net are in PDF format, which requ
the free Adobe Acrobat Reader.

About SCARES ...

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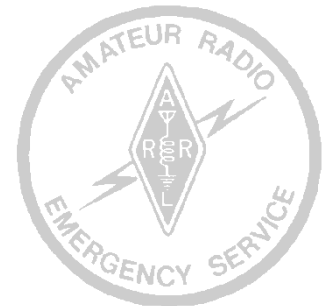
Request link to Rosters folder

South County ARES: Request Membership Lists Link

This page is intended for members only.

To request access to membership lists, use the form below. Enter your call sign, select one or more lists, then click the "Request Lists folder link" button. Note: the location of the membership lists will change with each revision, so you must re-request the link when new lists are available.

Enter your call sign:

-CALL SIGN-

Request Lists folder link

Reset Form

You will receive an email which contains a link to a folder containing the latest membership lists. Click on the link in the email to open the folder in your browser. You can download all the files to your PC or one or more individual files. The screen captures below may differ slightly depending on the browser you use, but you can get the general idea from the instructions that follow.

Download from Rosters folder

Name ▲	Modified	Shared with
net-proc.pdf	6 mins ago	--
netcontrol.txt	1/8/2016 10:57 AM	--
rollcall.pdf	10/21/2015 9:45 AM	--
rollcity.pdf	10/21/2015 9:45 AM	--
sc-call-photo.pdf	10/21/2015 9:45 AM	--

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Dropbox > SCARES-Members

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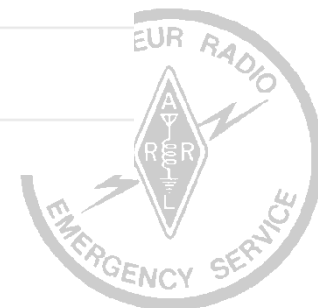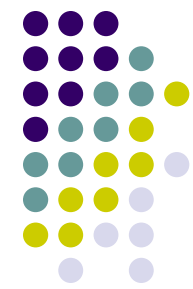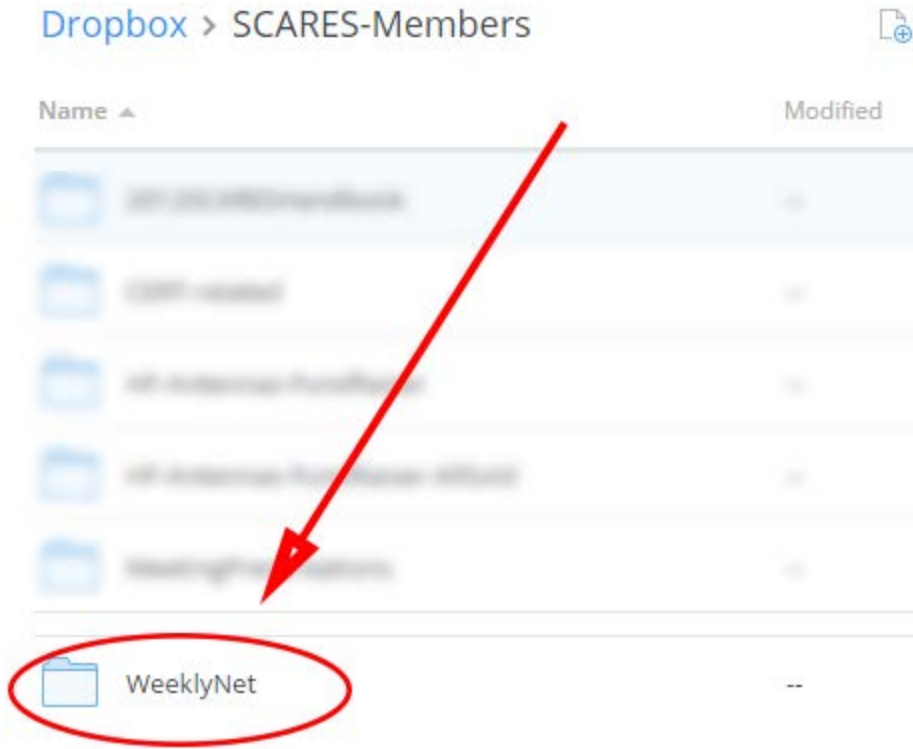
First, go to your Dropbox account and click on the folder "SCARES-Members"

Then, scroll down and click to open the WeeklyNet folder

Download from Dropbox, pt 2

> WeeklyNet

NewNetProcedureA...17.txt   Download   Comment   Delete...   Rename   Mo

Do not change or edit these files.txt	5/9/2012 10:06 AM	--
net-proc.pdf	5 mins ago	--
netcontrol.txt	1/8/2016 10:57 AM	
NewMembershipLists15-1021.txt	6/12/2015 10:32 AM	--
NewNetProcedureAvailable16-0117.txt	5/21/2013 9:32 AM	--
NewRollCallAvailable15-1021.txt	11/17/2014 4:12 PM	--
rollcall.pdf	10/21/2015 10:07 AM	--
rollcity.pdf	10/21/2015 10:07 AM	--
TurnOffWires.pdf	3/13/2009 12:41 PM Thomas	--

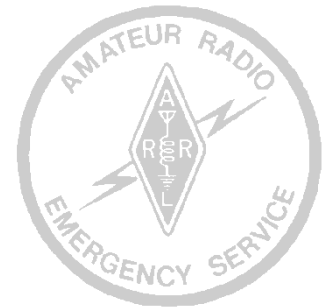Download the Net Procedure and Roll Call files.

You can also get the list of coming Net Control assignments to look up next week's NC.
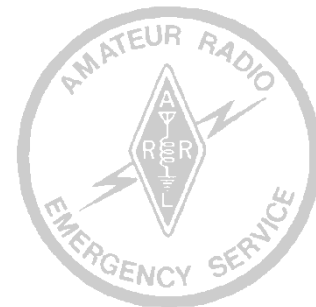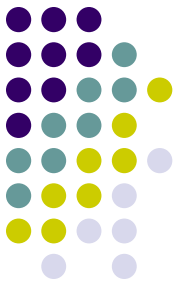
Who is Net Control next week?
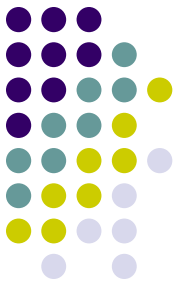
- Best option: look in netcontrol.txt file
  - Rosters folder
  - Dropbox WeeklyNet folder
- Next best: send email to netcontrol-at-k6mpn.org
- Worst: check latest newsletter

NC List in Newsletter

The Newsletter for South County ARES ("SCARES"): <u>K6MPN.ORG</u>
Editor: Madeline Lombaerde, KD6JTU

Net Control Assignments: January - April 2016
Get <u>Roll Call list</u> and <u>Net Procedure</u>. Get Latest <u>Net Control Assignmentst</u>
*Switched dates or is a sub §Switch in progress

January 2016
4	KF7GFL	Matthew Bennett
11	K6GSE	Glen Epperson
18	KG6HHX	Daniel Aden
25	K6VJ*	Richard St.Claire

February
1	KE6HNY	Richard Tidd
8	KI6HZB	Margaret M.
15	KG6ILX	Douglas Tozzini
22	KG6IMU	Cynthia Bertsch
29	KI6INQ	Dennis Parker

March
7	KK6ISP	Clark Martin
14	KK6JKV	Ken Kajikawa
21	KI6JLF	Samuel Hutkins
28	K6JLU	Joseph Lucchesi

April
4	W6JMZ	Jeffrey Martin
11	KD6JTU	Madeline L.
18	KK6JUL	Sanya Lu
25	WA6JVL	Ronald Seefred

Remember:

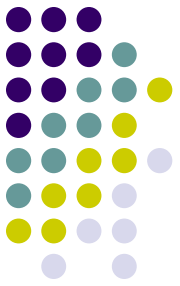## President's Corner
by Gary Aden, KC

Battery Problems

OK, it's a new year and probably a good time to check all the battery powered equipment in your hous cars and go kits. Likely there are going t be a few devices where you forgot to cha the batteries and one or more of the batt has "exploded" or leaked into your flashl radio, clock, timer or other nice device th you now see is corroded and covered wit w white powder. Likely the device is no working anymore or is working weakly. may be wondering, "Why is this happeni now?", "What is going on and what is th white stuff?", or " How do I clean it up?' and more importantly, "Can this device l saved?"...

Why is this happening now?
It used to be rare for these batteries to le because the technology for sealing the ba teries has been well developed since the However, the relentless drive to lower th cost of production has caused manufactu
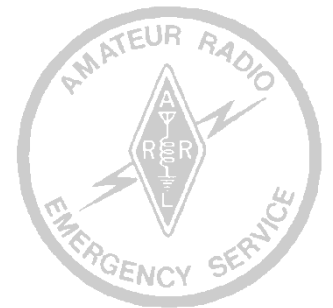
- Often changes right after publication

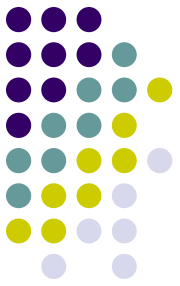- Use only as last resort

Before Net

- Get to EOC around 7 pm
- Start up equipment and ask for a radio check
  - Don't make changes to radio settings
  - Pre-set memories for K6MPN and 2m simplex
- Organize your supplies and paperwork
- 2 meter remote base link: 7:15pm
- Ask for Relay starting around 7:20pm
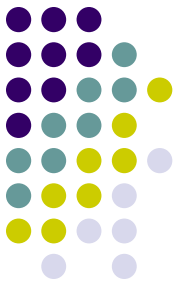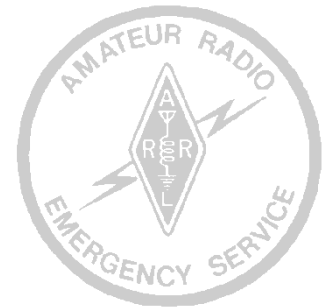- Don't ask for early check-ins

During Net

- Start the Net on time
- Calmly read the Preamble
  - Don't rush
  - "Let it drop .." Drop repeater after long paragraph
  - Let go of PTT to listen
- Start the Roll Call
  - If by call sign, read the opening paragraph as is
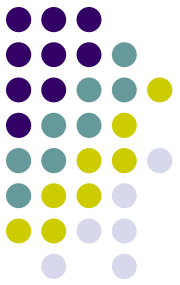 - If by city, mention that roll call is in city order

Filling Out the Form

- Three parts
- Top: record before Net
- Middle: record check-ins during Net
- Bottom: record totals after Net
- Return to KD6JTU
  - Fax
  - Photo sent by email
- NO SUBSTITUTES, PLEASE

Top of Roll Call Form

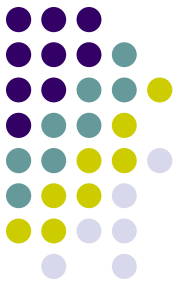**South County Amateur Radio Emergency Service**

Weekly Net Roll Call   *Revised: 10/21/2015*

Date **1/21/2016**   Net Control **KD6JTU**   Relay Station **K6GSE**

Location **Belmont EOC**   Assisting **WB6WGM**   Net Control For Next Week **KK6JUL**

- Fill out before Net
- Hand-written is fine, please print
- If at home, enter "Home, *<my city>*
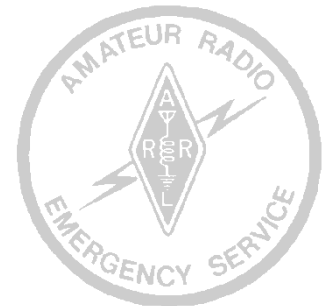
Middle of Roll Call Form

- Before Net, mark yourself with "NC"
- Check mark only the stations that checked in
- Don't use circles or other markings for non-responding stations
- Use white space at right for guest check-ins
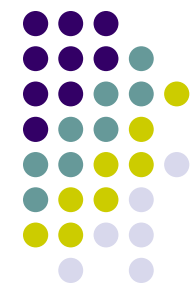- Tip: put "T" by stations with traffic

Mark The Check-ins

Record Guest Check-ins here.

Like This …

Bottom of Form

- After Net, count the number of member check-ins and guests

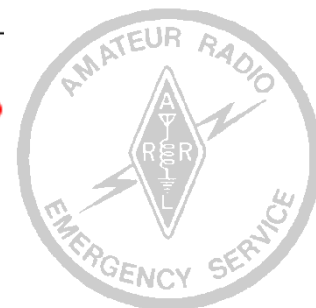- Record the counts and total at the bottom

- Return the form to KD6JTU

WA6JVL _____ (Ron)   KG6YIR _____ (George)

<ID your call sign if close to 10 minutes>   *<ID your call sign if close to 10 minutes>*
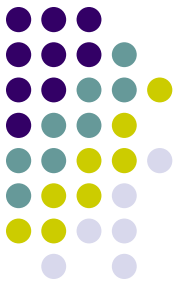
List associates and non-members (with their call signs) on this page; continue on the back if necessary.

Number of Members [   ]   Guests [   ]   Total check-ins [   ]

Fax completed list to Madeline, KD6JTU at 650.585.9585 (or scan and email to kd6jtu -at- gmail.com)
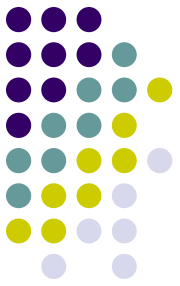
Roll Call Do's, Part 1

- Hold mike button for 1 second before speaking
- Call by call sign only or city
  - NOT phonetically
  - NOT with name (use at acknowledgement)
- Acknowledge check-in or say "Nothing heard"
- If "Wires" is on, let the station know
- Acknowledge traffic ("Traffic noted")
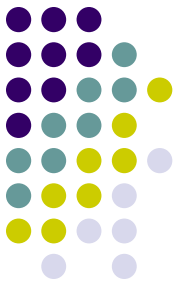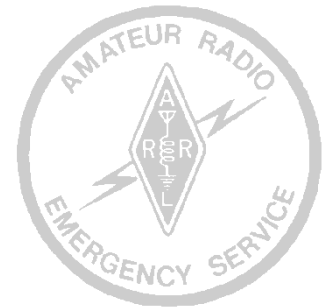- Announce early check-ins

Roll Call Do's, Part 2

- Allow your Relay to check in (might have traffic)

- Confirm next week's Net Control at check-in
  - Station should end confirmation with call sign
  - If no check-in, just announce and move on

- Give your FCC call sign every 10 mins (:40, :50, :00,...; ~ end of column)

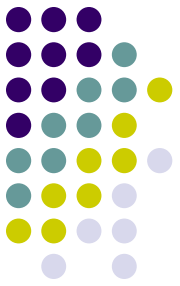- Mark yourself on the list (use "NC")

Roll Call Don'ts

- Don't forget to wait 1 second after PTT
- Don't give call signs phonetically
- Don't say name along with call sign
- Don't ask each station if they have traffic
- Don't skip over your Relay
- Don't skip over early check-ins
- Don't mention when someone is out of town
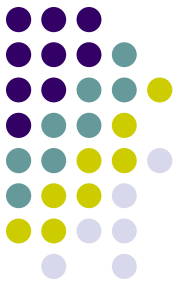- Don't give your FCC call sign too frequently

Working with Relay
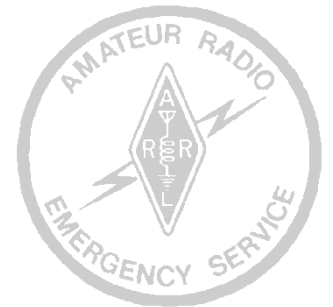
- Relay will break in as needed ("Relay..")
- Weak signal check-in
  - Ask station to try one more time
  - Ask Relay
  - Move on
- Relay:
  - "No Relay" – keep it simple!
  - Give FCC call at end of each relay
- Acknowledge relayed check-in

Late Member Check-ins

- Roll Call by Call Sign
  - Follow the Net Procedure as is
  - Can wait until multiple check-ins end
  - Acknowledge each check-in.
- Roll Call by City
  - Request members to check in giving their city first, then their call sign and maybe name
  - Alternative: quickly go through the city list
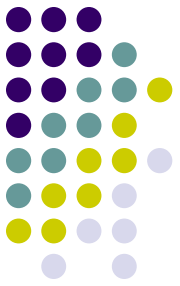- Ask for relay at end

Associate & Non-Member Check-ins
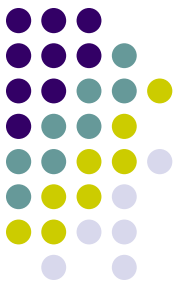
- Associates are inactive members who are no longer listed on the Roll Call lists

- Read the section paragraph as is
  - Emphasize that guests should go slowly
  - Request each guest to give
    - Call sign phonetically (slowly)
    - First name
    - Location

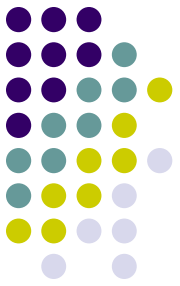- Ask for relays when no calls are heard

Traffic

- Go through the list of stations that said they had traffic for the net
  - Go reverse alphabetically if that's how you did the roll call
  - "<Call sign>, go ahead with your traffic"
- Make notes of traffic
  - May have to relay to station that couldn't hear it completely
  - Optional: ask if any station needs a "fill" on the traffic
- Station giving traffic
  - Let the repeater drop every minute or so
    - Allows emergency traffic to break in
    - Allows the repeater timer to reset
  - Ask for volunteers without asking permission from Net Control
  - Clearly turn the net back to Net Control
    - "That is the extent of my traffic. Back to Net Control"
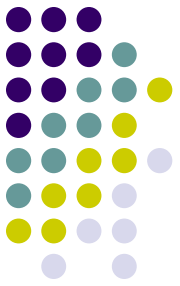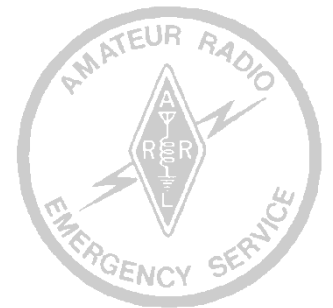   - Give FCC call sign

Invitation to Guests

- Listen to Board member traffic in case this has already been done.
- Be aware of meeting location changes
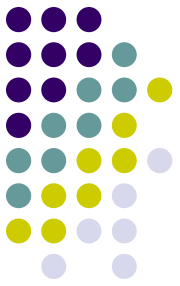- Can skip if no guests checked in

Closing the Net

- **Invite additional traffic**
- **Last call for member, associate or non-member check-ins**
- **Thank your Relay station**
- **Announce net control for net week**
- **Give time/date of close of net**
- **Release the frequencies**

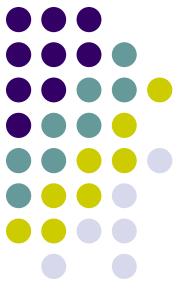South County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

After Net

- At EOC/radio room
  - Radio settings must be left on K6MPN and 2m simplex
  - Shut down power to radio/equipment
  - Shut off lights and lock if applicable
  - Return key if applicable
- At EOC/radio room or at home:
  - Note total number of member check-ins
  - Note total number of guests
  - Fax roll call sheet to 650-585-9585 or send image to kd6jtu –at- gmail or give to KD6JTU at next general membership meeting

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Net Control Exercise

- If there's time, a table top exercise …

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