

SPECS Net Monday Night Script

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Monday Night Net:	https://www.specsnet.org/monday-night-net
SPECS spreadsheets & documents:	https://k6mtv.org/mnnedit – https://k6mtv.org/mnnview
UHF net time:	7:30-8:00 PM (1930–2000) local time, every Monday evening
UHF net frequencies:	440.800 (+) 100 Hz PL tone, 224.140 (–) 88.5 Hz PL tone
Main net time:	8:00 PM (2000) local time, every Monday evening
Main net frequency:	145.270 (–) 100 Hz PL tone
Send corrections to:	reports@specsnet.org

Instructions summary for both **UHF** and **main** net control operators

1. A new dated SPECS report appears each Friday before the net in <https://k6mtv.org/mnnedit>. Check that the file name matches the date for the coming Monday. If you do not find the dated report after Friday, as a backup you can create your own copy of the [template spreadsheet](https://k6mtv.org/mnnview) at <https://k6mtv.org/mnnview> with File > Make a copy (this requires a Google account).
2. **Read and follow the “READ ME” tab.**
3. The **UHF net control**’s job is to fill in the “Printable & fillable” tab, either live or after the net.
4. The **main net control**’s job is to fill in the “Local check-ins” tab, either live or after the net.
5. If operating on battery, make sure you have enough capacity to last the duration of the net.
6. Obtain a radio check to be sure that you can reach the repeater with a good signal.
7. Have a writing pad & pencil handy to note announcements or anything unusual, etc.
8. Remember to wait at least 2 seconds after you push your PTT before you begin to speak, to allow the repeaters (and the net participants’ radios) enough time to de-squelch.
9. The repeater has a 120 second timeout timer. If someone talks for longer than the timeout timer, the repeater will stop repeating until the person talking releases the transmit key on their radio.
10. Instructions for the net control operator are *italicized*. Don’t read the italicized text over the air.
11. The repeaters are automatically linked prior to the net – no action is necessary on your part.
12. Conduct this net according to [Santa Clara County’s Performance Standards and Best Practices](#) for clear and accurate emergency communications: use plain English, and **do not** use abbreviations, Q-codes, etc.

Instructions summary for the **UHF net control operator**

The UHF net starts at 7:30 PM and closes at 8:00 PM, when the main net starts. Just before 8 PM, make an announcement that you are closing the UHF net and switching over to the main net at 145.270. You can close the net up to 5 minutes early if you are also running the Main net and need time to prepare.

The net control operator decides the check-in process. You can take call signs as they come in, or ask for multiple call signs at a time. It is up to you – use whatever method you feel comfortable with. If you get a large number of calls at one time, acknowledge the ones you can and then ask for repeats if needed. Do not get frustrated if you get a large number of calls at one time.

As callers check in, check their name on a printout of the report sheet, or live on the online report. Acknowledge callers by their **full call sign** and **first name**. If the caller isn’t on the list, ask for their call sign, first name, and city. Then enter all three items in the write-ins section at the end of the UHF report, using the city abbreviations listed in the drop-down menu of the roster for any SPECS cities, or n/a for others.

After the net, fill in the “Printable & fillable” tab in the report spreadsheet if you didn’t do it live, add the call signs, names and cities of participants not on the list (write-ins), then notify reports@specsnet.org.

Instructions summary for the **main net control operator**

The main net starts at 8:00 PM, shortly after the UHF net closes. The main net section of the script starts page 3.

Before the net, get the packet count for this Monday. It's available at <https://wpp.scc-ares-races.org> after 7:00 PM on Monday.

For individual check-ins, record the full call sign, first name, and city. Report this to the city if possible. You and/or the city may need to adjust their city total.

After the net, fill in the "Local check-ins" tab in the report spreadsheet if you didn't do it live, then notify reports@specsnet.org.

Combined **UHF** and **main net script**

Topic and instructions	Script to read over the air. <i>(Notes to you are in italics like this. Do not read them over the air!)</i>
<p>UHF: 7:30 PM Open the UHF net 440.800 (+) 100 Hz PL tone 224.140 (-) 88.5 Hz PL</p>	<p>Is this frequency in use? <i>(Pause a few seconds and see if anybody else is using the frequency. If others are using the frequency, politely ask them if they mind stepping aside so you can do the SPECS net. If they refuse, do not argue – they were there first, and you (or SPECS) do not own the frequency.)</i></p> <p>This is <your call sign> net control for tonight's UHF net. My name is <your name> from <your city> ARES.</p> <p>The purpose of the net is to provide new or experienced amateur radio operators the opportunity to practice clear and concise communications when checking into or conducting a directed net.</p> <p>I am now taking check-ins for the UHF and 220 repeaters. When you check in, please give your full call sign slowly and phonetically. Those who wish to check in come now. (or: I will take check-ins <5 at a time, 1 at a time...>)</p>
<p>UHF: Take and acknowledge check-ins Acknowledge and record check-ins either on your UHF report printout or online. Acknowledge callers by their full call sign and first name.</p>	<p><i>(Record call signs and acknowledge callers. Say full call signs, not just suffixes.)</i></p> <p>I acknowledge <full call sign> <first name> <i>(If you get a new call sign, ask that person's first name and city, and record it on the SPECS report in the "write-ins" section.)</i></p> <p><i>(Announce the net again whenever there is a lull in traffic of a minute or more until 7:59 PM when the main net is about to start.)</i></p> <p>This is <your call sign>, net control, taking check-ins for the UHF and 220 nets. If you wish to check in, please give me your call sign slowly and phonetically.</p>
<p>UHF: just before 8:00 PM Close the UHF net, switch to the main net</p>	<p>The net will close in <#> minutes. Please call in now if you wish to check in. <i>(Pause for last callers.)</i></p> <p>The UHF net is now closed. Please switch to the main SPECS net frequency of 145.270, negative offset, 100 Hz PL tone, and listen for any announcements. Listeners are reminded to check in with their regular local nets. This is <your call sign>.</p>

<p>Main: 8:00 PM Open the main net 145.270 (-) 100 Hz PL tone</p>	<p>Calling the SPECS net, calling the SPECS net. This is the Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System net, celebrating over 60 years of weekly operation. This is a directed net. Stations with emergency traffic may break in at any time. This is <your call sign>, net control. My name is <your name> from <your city>.</p> <p><i>(drop: release PTT for 2 seconds)</i></p> <p>SPECS operates the W6ASH repeaters at 145.27, 224.14, and 440.8 MHz. The 145.27 and 440.8 repeaters require a 100 Hz PL tone. The 224.14 repeater requires a 88.5 Hz PL tone. The repeaters are not normally linked. New listeners may obtain information about SPECS on our website at specsnet.org.</p>
<p>Main: Announcements</p> <p>Collect pending announcements, then process them in order. Suggest stations with long announcements to stay on the frequency after the net.</p>	<p>Are there any announcements of interest to SPECS members? If so, please give your call sign only at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ <p><i>(For each announcement:)</i> <call sign>, please go with your announcement. Are there any questions for <call sign> ? If so, give your call sign.</p>
<p>Main: Net scheduling</p> <p>Rotation order: Jan, Jul Los Altos Hills Feb, Aug Mountain View Mar, Sep Sunnyvale Apr, Oct Stanford May, Nov Palo Alto Jun, Dec Los Altos</p>	<p><i>(You may omit this entire section on the first and second Monday.)</i></p> <p>We remind <next city> that it is their turn to handle net control duties next month for the UHF and main SPECS nets. Can someone from <next city> acknowledge?</p> <p><i>(Wait briefly for an acknowledgment.)</i></p>
<p>Main: UHF check-ins</p>	<p>The UHF net is run from 7:30 PM to about 8 PM, just prior to this net. <i>(If you know the check-ins count, say:)</i> The check-ins count for tonight is figures <##>, <count>. <i>(If you don't know, ask for it:)</i> Is there a check-ins count for the UHF net tonight? (wait for the count) I acknowledge: figures <##>, <count> check-ins.</p> <p><i>(Record the number online in the "Local check-ins" tab or the "UHF" row of the table next page.)</i></p>
<p>UHF: Report total check-ins to the main net</p>	<p><i>(If the main net control operator asks for the UHF check-ins count:)</i></p> <p>The UHF net had a total of figures <##>, <count> check-ins. For the UHF repeater, this is <your call sign>.</p>
<p>Main: Packet check-ins</p> <p>Get the count at: wpp.scc-ares-races.org</p>	<p>SPECS also supports packet check-ins. Packet check-ins close at the beginning of this net. Instructions for checking in via packet are available on the SPECS website. The packet count for this week is figures <##>, <count>.</p> <p><i>(Record the number online in the "Local check-ins" tab or the "Packet" row of the table next page.)</i></p>

City / category	Frequency, offset/simplex, PL tone	Check-ins count
LOS Los Altos		
LAH Los Altos Hills		
MTV Mountain View		
PAF Palo Alto and North		
STU Stanford		
SNY Sunnyvale		
NAM NASA / Ames		
Guests		
Total		
UHF		
Packet		

<p>Main: Release to local nets</p>	<p>This is <your call sign>, net control. Check-ins will now be taken through separate nets for each area. Visitors are encouraged to check in with the regulars in your area, or you can check in here after I call the local nets. If you cannot reach your local net, you can come back and check in here. You can view historical check-in totals on our website.</p> <p><i>(For each city in the table above:)</i> Who will take check-ins for <city>?</p> <p><i>(Write the frequency in the table above in case a caller needs it later. All frequencies are available on the county website too.)</i></p>
<p>Main: Take city totals & individual check-ins</p> <p>Periodically announce your presence.</p>	<p>Visitors to SPECS interested in emergency preparedness may check in at this time. Check-ins from anyone who cannot reach their local net may also be made at this time. Anyone wishing to check-in, give your call sign only now. This is <your call sign> standing by for city totals and individual check-ins.</p> <p><i>(Record city totals online in the “Local check-ins” tab or the table above.)</i> <i>(Record and acknowledge individual check-ins if any. Ask each station for their first name and city. Help visitors to get to the appropriate local net.)</i></p>
<p>Main: Announce totals</p>	<p><i>(If you did not use the online spreadsheet that computes totals automatically and need time to write the total in the table: Stand by while I add up the check-ins.)</i></p> <p>The breakdown of tonight’s check-ins is as follows: <i>(Read the “Check-ins count” column of the table above or the online spreadsheet. For each row, say: <city / category> figures <##>, <count>.)</i></p>
<p>Main: Close the main net</p>	<p>This concludes this weekly meeting of the Southern Peninsula Emergency Communications System main net. More information is available on our web site at specsnet.org. The main SPECS net is officially closed, this frequency is returned to normal use. This is <your call sign>, clear.</p>
<p>UHF & main: Fill in the report</p>	<p>Fill in the online report spreadsheet at https://k6mtv.org/mnnedit if you didn’t do it live: “Printable & fillable” (UHF) and “Local check-ins” (main).</p> <p>Notify the records maintainer at reports@specsnet.org.</p>