

**North Hills Radio Club
K6IS
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Net and Roll Call Script for Thursday Net Control

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Notes to net control stations:

Although placeholders for identification are provided in the following script, remember that you must state your call sign at intervals of no more than ten minutes. If the net runs slower than anticipated for some reason, insert your call as needed.

Text in boxes is intended for the net host and is not a part of the script.

Thanks

Updates and corrections, please email to kk6wsp@arrl.net

Good evening, everyone! It's 8:00 PM and it's time for the North Hills Radio Club, Thursday evening net and roll call. The purpose of this net is to pass along information and announcements to club members and amateur radio hobbyists. This net is a service of the North Hills Radio Club, and is open to all licensed radio operators wishing to participate. This is a directed net, and is under control of your net host **[INSERT YOUR NAME AND CALL SIGN HERE]**.

All traffic should be directed to net control.

Emergency or priority breaks will be acknowledged if heard. Are there any such breaks at this time?

[pause]

The North Hills Radio Club, also known as the NHRC, is an open organization and welcomes those interested in amateur radio to join in its activities. There are 5 nets, in 4 nights, on this repeater.

Monday at 7 and 8 pms. Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00pm, and Saturday @ 7:45pm as a pre-net to the "Saturday evening 75meter net" at 8pm, on 3918.5 kiloHertz

For specific dates and more information on the North Hills Radio Club, you can visit our website at www.k6is.org or ask for information when an opportunity is provided.

The North Hills Radio Club operates the K6IS EAST repeater system at Folsom, with an output frequency of 145.190 MHz a negative offset and a tone of 162.2 Hz. That repeater is linked full time to a 224.400 MHz repeater with the same tone and off set.

We also have the K6IS west at Zamora, it uses the same 2 meter frequency pair, but a tone of 123.0 Hz.

The West repeater may be useful to folks in the foothills of the Sierra who can't access the east repeater. If you choose to use the west tonight, remember to let the East repeater drop, and then bring up the West repeater with the 123.0 tone. Be ready to repeat, I apologize, but often, net control has tone squelch set to 162.2, and won't hear you the first time.

It's the Thursday night net and roll call [Week 1 and 3 simplex]

Tonight's topic will be *[announce the topic]*

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| Easy topic : What have you been up to in ham radio? |
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I will now call on our club president KA6PDY, Paul.

[Allow president to transmit, if he is on frequency]

Are there any Announcements for the good of the hobby?

[wait for traffic, and pass traffic as needed]

Are there any low power or in & out stations that would like to check in early, if so please come one at a time with your call sign & name. Please go S-L-O-W and let me acknowledge each station before we move on to the next. First station come now.

[Acknowledge any stations, and check them in]

<Pause & ID your name & call sign...>on the K6IS Repeater.

We will now begin the roll call of regular net members. If you have a question or anything else for the net, state it when you check in. That is also your chance at tonight's discussion topic
[[REPEAT TOPIC]]

<Go though the roll call of net members *If you find corrections that are needed during the roll call, please notify kk6wsp@arri.net and they will be added to the list that is distributed to all net control stations.>*

[ROLL CALL GOES HERE]

- **CALL each person on the list, give them a chance to answer the question...**
- **Repeat through the list of people**

<Pause & ID your name & call sign...>*on the K6IS Repeater.*

Is there anyone on the roll call who didn't make it to their mic in time, or any one I missed? If so please come now with your name and call sign.

[Acknowledge any stations, and check them in]

We welcome and encourage visitors to check into our net. Are there any visitors at this time? If so, please say your call sign and name, please go S-L-O-W-L-Y and let me acknowledge each station, before we move on to the next.. Thanks.

[LISTEN FOR STATIONS, CHECK THEM IN]

Any last comments or questions before we close up the net tonight?

I would like to thank you for participating in tonight's discussions, and thank the regular K6IS users for standing by for our net. All stations please stand by while [[Callsign of netControl station]] takes the repeater out of net mode. [[Wait]]

This is *[YOUR NAME AND CALLSIGN]* wishing you a pleasant evening and the NHRC Thursday night net and roll call is officially closed at [[LOCAL TIME]] 73

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| TAKE OUT OF NET MODE. |
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Net Discussion Topic Ideas

- (Describe) Your week (in ham radio)?
- What will (did) Santa bring this year for your ham station (shack)?
- New Year's goals, projects, modifications, etc. (ham radio-related resolutions)?
- New Year's – What was your “best year” in amateur radio? Why or what made that (this) year most memorable?
- What do you do (or have done) to winterize your station?
- How did you survive the _____ (e.g. storm of 1-4-08)?
- Have you planned any “Spring antenna” projects, repair or upgrades?
- Do you plan to participate in (spring/summer events) _____ (e.g. Hamfest, field day &/or [public service event])?
- What is a “lid”? Have you encountered one? What did (can) you do?
- Your opinion: a contester interfered with an emcomm drill.
- How can we improve our club's membership (activities, enthusiasm)?
(Offer good programs [videos, demos, guest speakers], prizes, snacks & newsletters)
- [Our club/net attendance is falling off.] How can we improve our club nets – participation, enthusiasm, etc?
(Offer a good discussion topics & a pool of experts who can answer relevant questions.)

- Club events: Swap meet, fair, field day, etc. (details before &/or evaluation after)
- What would you like to see/do at our club meetings/net(s)? – e.g. presentations and/or net discussion topics
- Can we have a club members' get-together (e.g. lunch)?
- How can we promote ham radio in our community?
- Do you participate (or plan to) in community events? If so which ones?
- Spring/Summer activities: Do you plan to participate in (field day, marathon, exercise, etc.)? If so how (or with what equipment or modes)?
- Do you plan to participate in field day (or another community event) this June? If so, what preparations are you making?
- Are you involved (or planned to become involved) in emcomm? If so how?
- Can you operate on emergency (back up) power? (See Sept. 2007 QST -- or later Sept. [emcomm] QST issues)
- FCC ID requirements – Do you think 10 min is ok? Why or why not?
- FCC changes: (e.g. band changes, dropping CW requirements, PAVE PAWS, etc.) – will these changes affect your operations?
- FCC Change: CW. What's your opinion -- do you think requiring CW was good for amateur radio? Do you use CW? program, etc.)?
- Classic radio – what is (was) your favorite boat anchor?

- Do you use non-ham (e.g. commercial or military radio equipment), if so how do you program and maintain it?
- How did you get started in ham radio? (What motivated you?)
- Describe your first contact (or first one after a lapse in your ham radio activity).
- Describe your station (or your first station or dream station).
- What (is) your worst/best project/station/rig?
- Features on your rig: What is your favorite &/or important (or least favorite) feature with your (station / rig / transceiver)?
- Do you use _____ (a computer) in your shack? If so for which applications & how is it working out?
- Do you use computerized logging or QSL software? If so for which applications & how is it working out?
- Are you involved in digital communications (or _____ mode), if so which one(s) and on what frequency(cies) and when?
- Do you use packet (or _____)? If so how (or with what hardware)?
- What is the difference between various models of _____ (e.g. TNCs) made by _____ (manufacture)?
- Do you use any VHF/UHF digital or internet modes? (e.g. D-Star, echolink or IRLP)
- Do you use any of the newer (soundcard) digital modes – e.g. PSK-31 or MT-63? If so how & how well does it work?

- How to: _____ (digital comm., IRLP, etc.)
- (How do you) Connect a mobile to the battery of a newer car (without messing up the car's electronics?)
- Do you plan (foresee) any changes in HF (e.g. your operations, more digital modes, better/worse sun-spot cycles [band conditions], etc.)
- Do you use SSB on VHF [or other mode] – if so how? And with what results?
- Band conditions on ____ Meters – how can we best use this band (or a different band)? Any ideas?
- (For HF communications) what type of antenna do you use? Do you make local or DX contacts (using a long-skip or short-skip antenna?)
- (For HF communications) what antenna system do you find most effective for portable, QRP or emcomm operation?
- QRP backpacking &/or HF in quiet areas...
- (Do you know of any) Good quiet locations for HF portable operation(?)
- HF Operation, DX, and propagation (bad, good, how do you compensate (operate)?)
- Do you use the six or ten meter bands (if so, which modes)?
- Do you use a(n) _____? (e.g. antenna tuner? If so, which one & how do you use (tune it -- auto, charts, mark knob settings, etc.)?)
- Do you use antenna analyzers (in your shack)? If so how (or how do you tune and/or monitor your antenna(s) performance?)

- Can we still use a field-strength meter? (How well does it work compared to the usual SWR meter?)
- Is your station limited by antenna restrictions? What can be done? -- OR Do you live in an antenna-restricted zone (e.g. CC&R). if so how do you get on the air?
- Portable (or second) station – do you have an additional station (other than your base? If so please describe its features (construction) & use.
- Any “war stories” on how you had a problem with your communications, equipment, &/or software? If so how did you resolve it (them)?
- (April fools) Do you know any ham humor or can you share a funny or an embarrassing experience?
- Do you have (or have you had) any visitors to your shack)? If so, what was their response?
- Have you built any kits during your ham radio career? If so which ones & how did they work out?
- Do you have a go-kit (for emergencies, emcomm &/or field day)? If so what do you take with you? (Please describe)
- Do you have a spare transceiver or a ham go-kit?
- Since Pacificon has been combined with Emcomm West, do you plan to attend? Or what [special] conventions/events do you attend and/or participate in? (note: They're separate now -- which one(s) do you plan to attend?)
- What (ham radio) equipment (transceivers) do you use? Which ones for which bands/modes (or locations: e.g.

mobile, portable, etc.)? What do you like best/least about each one (advantages & disadvantages)?

- Describe your “dream station” (or a great station you had (used) earlier.
- (What's new?) Describe your projects and/or next equipment purchase.
- (During the Simplex check-in Nets): Describe your rig (location, transceiver & antenna).
- (Alternate net activity): move to a simplex frequency and note other stations' signal strength.
- Let's talk simplex -- do you use or prefer it and if so, how or why? Do you operate VHF/UHF simplex?
- Do you (or have you) mountain topped? What results?
- How are your VHF/UHF antennas polarized? (e.g. vertical for FM simplex & repeaters & Horizontal for SSB).
- What's your favorite (2 meter) repeater(s)?
- (For VHF/UHF communications) what type of mobile (portable or base station) antenna do you use (prefer)?
- Do you use after-market microphones, blue tooth or mic/speaker units?
- How do you protect your ham shack (antenna and equipment) during a lightning storm?
- Antenna (and grounding) safety
- (_____ Party -- Hams helping hams (How can we help each other?)

- Would you be interested in _____ (e.g. Morse code practice sessions)
- TVI
- Elmer: have you "Elmered" (mentored) or have you been Elmered? If so, how did it turn out?
- When you got your license, did you have to pass a CW exam?
- FCC part 97.113 controversy (business-related communications on ham bands -- what's your opinion for emcomm from commercial sites (e.g. a hospital)
- What can I do to (or how can I) get this _____ working (programmed, optioned, etc)?
- Do you repair your own equipment – if so how?
- Do you have station equipment that's easy to misadjust; enter the wrong settings or that "goes crazy" while you use it? If so, any solutions?
- Do you know of any good ham-related web sites?
- Do you subscribe to any ham radio (electronics) publications and/or do you belong to any ham radio organizations? If so which ones? Which is (are) your favorite(s)?
- Do (Have) you read any (interesting) amateur-radio related books, magazines or articles? If so which one(s) or which sections do you find most interesting?
- Do you have other hobbies that relate to ham radio? Or...
- Do you have other hobbies (beside ham radio)? If so, do you "take" ham radio along while you participate in your other hobbies?

- What was your most significant (or first, funnies, farthest, famous, or memorable QSO?)
- What is (was) your favorite (rig, shack, transceiver, mode,
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