

## Macon Amateur Radio Club VHF net protocol 145.370 Repeater (Rev. 28 May 2003)

- “Calling the Macon Amateur Radio Club VHF Net”
- “This net meets each Monday at 8:00 PM local time on the Club’s repeater, W4BKM. The purpose of this net is to serve as an information net for the Macon Amateur Radio Club and to provide communication with hams in out-lying areas. Though not a traffic handling net, we can and will handle traffic if needed. Non-members are encouraged to check in. If at any time during this net, an emergency arises, we will relinquish the repeater and help out in any way we can. This is a directed net; please direct all traffic through the net control station. If anyone desires a trader’s net please make the request when checking in and one will be held at the end of the net. This is <your call>, my name is <your name>, your net control for this evening’s session.”
- “I will now stand by for anyone with announcements or club information.” (*acknowledge any who call and give them the go-ahead to make their announcements*)
- “I will now stand by for mobiles on critically short time” (*pause long enough for one or several check-ins, but don’t let this become an opportunity for a lot of “in & outs” to get the net out of control...If any check in let them go ahead and make their comments at this time*)
- ”Hearing none” (*if appropriate*) “I will now ask for check-ins. This will be done alphabetically beginning with the first letter in your suffix. When checking in, key your microphone and say “this is” unkey and listen to see if you are doubling with anyone, if not, proceed with your call sign and name.” (*now proceed throughout the alphabet by calling each suffix group several times*)
  - I will now take check-ins Alpha through Echo
  - I will now take check-ins Foxtrot through Juliette
  - I will now take check-ins Kilo through Oscar
  - I will now take check-ins Papa through Tango
  - I will now take check-ins Uniform through Zulu
- I will now stand by for any new, late or visiting station throughout the alphabet.”
- (*now go back through the list and ask for comments from all who checked in, except those who requested “in & out”*)
- (*upon completion of comments from all check ins*) : “I will now stand by once more for any additional or recheck stations for the Macon Amateur Radio Club VHF net.”
- (*If there is to be a trader’s net*) We will now proceed to the trader’s net. When calling in a item which you have for sale, describe the item, give the condition, price and your name (call sign) and number or email address where you can be reached. No haggling on the net. (*Go back through any checkins that had items for the traders net*) Note: **The Trader’s Net is totally independent of the Macon Amateur Radio Club VHF net and the MARC accepts no responsibility for items listed on this net.**
- (*after all comments*): “There being no further comments or other business to be brought to the attention of this net, I will now sign the net off at <state the local time> and turn the repeater back to normal amateur use. This is <your call> clear.”
- **Note: at least once each 10 minutes during the conduct of the net make this announcement: “This is (your call) calling the Macon Amateur Radio Club VHF net.”**