Excel Net List Spreadsheet for D-Star, Echolink & D-Rats Nets Users Guide Prepared By Daryl Stout, WX4QZ – Updated Feb. 17, 2023

The original page started out as a list of Echolink Nets, spurred by an idea on The Millennium Net, which ran on RF and 6 meters years ago (that net has long since gone QRT). That page began on March 15, 2006.

After that net went QRT, I kept the page up...but several years later, I added links to ham radio information files in PDF format...including a new net list in PDF format; plus I added D-Star and D-Rats Nets. Unfortunately, the net info at dstarinfo.com was (and may still be) WOEFULLY OUT OF DATE. I had a very difficult time getting correct information for my nets, so I finally gave up, and started my own list. Several other hams have concurred with me on this observation.

Then, thanks to Gary, VA3GDZ, he created an Excel Spreadsheet template to use, as both my knowledge of Excel and HTML are very BASIC. Recently, John, G7LTQ/AG7VS, with the help of his son, has modified it to where you can select your desired time zone (from the ones that are available), and whether or not the area is on Daylight Savings Time (DST). Like it or not, most hams operate on prevailing local time, and NOT on UTC Time...even though that's used for netlogging software (i.e. Netlogger), or contests. A file on how to set up Netlogger for use with nets is at the URL noted below.

Updates can be found at http://www.wx4qz.net/elk.htm – the same as the first hyperlink off of my bio (WX4QZ) on the QRZ website. You can also contact me via the email noted in the spreadsheet file, or if you're logged on to QRZ, you can hover the cursor over the email address to view it. This URL is also available by doing a CTRL-CLICK with your mouse in the spreadsheet file.

I would like to keep the net list as current as possible...so, if you see any nets that have changed days or times, have shut down, or will start soon, please let me know. A separate PDF file at the URL above has links to other nets and modes, including DMR, CQ100, D-Star HF, Hamsphere, AllStar, FreeStar, WIRES-X, System Fusion, and Christian Nets (the latter for those who want them).

Organizational membership is NOT required to checkin to ANY of the nets; only the appropriate class of amateur radio license...such as the Community

Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA), or another group.

For information on nets with the QuadNet Array (noted with XRF 757A on D-Star, go to https://openquad.net – their website lists the various connection options (D-Star, DMR+, TGIF, WIRES-X, and Fusion), as well as several nets during the week. For information on nets on the Sunflower Network, go to https://www.sunflowernet.us – they offer connections via AllStar, D-Star, DMR, Echolink, Fusion, Hamshack Hotline, M17, P25, and TGIF.

In the spreadsheet, the net names are noted in GREEN. Entries that have been CHANGED or are NEW, are noted in RED. If under the days of the week, the x in the slot for the day(s) the net operates, is RED, check the "comments" column to the right for more info. That will include such notes as the net being an hour earlier or later or standard time or DST, alternate or backup reflectors, QRZ or Facebook pages for more info, alternate modes to connect, D-Rats ratflector name or chat room info, or the day(s)/week(s) of the month that they meet. Any additions, changes, corrections, or deletions are in a file at http://www.wx4qz.net/elk.htm – the deletions are REMOVED from the spreadsheet itself.

The modes listed are either D-Star, D-Rats, or Echolink. For D-Star connects, the reflector (regular, X-Reflector, XLX Reflector, or DCS Reflector), with the module (A through Z) is noted. For Echolink Connects, they are listed with the callsign for single user nodes (rare for the list), simplex links (with a -L after the callsign), repeater links (with a -R after the callsign), or conference servers (with an asterisk on either side of the conference name). The state names for the US States (where most of the nets originate) are with their 2 letter ID. Right now, the US is on Standard Time from the 1st Sunday in November, to the 2nd Sunday in March, and on Daylight Savings Time (DST) the rest of the year. Other parts of the world may or may not observe DST, and the observance times may be different.

I use LibreOffice under Windows 11 to work with the file...but it should be viewable with either Microsoft Excel/Office or OpenOffice. Basically, to use it, select your time zone offset, and whether or not it's on UTC Time. Then, you can move to the top of the column, and click the column to sort by net name (alphabetically, up or down), the time of day (local time zone or UTC), mode, node name, or comment. Please email me with any questions or comments.