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This file is current as of Feb 12, 2025.

This file covers themes of some of the nets that are in spreadsheet files of selected D-Star, D-Rats, and Echolink Nets...both in my D-Rats files area, and at <http://www.wx4qz.net/elk.htm> – the spreadsheets are in the 4 main US Time Zones (Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific). On the spreadsheets, UTC Times are 1 hour later when the US is on Standard Time (1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March).

**While there are far more nets in the Excel Spreadsheets, these are the only ones I have “content information” for. You can contact me with net info, or for updates/corrections to this document, via email to wx1der@gmail.com or n5vlz@arrl.net or vhfnetmanager@qcwa.org or n5vlz@winlink.org
A UTC Time Converter is located at:**

<https://www.utctime.net/utc-time-zone-converter>

For the United States, Standard Time (STD) is currently from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; with Daylight Savings Time the rest of the year. Note that Arizona, Hawaii, and certain US territories do NOT observe Daylight Savings Time (DST). During DST, the net times for stations in these areas is 1 hour earlier. UTC Time is for the times noted with the time at the Greenwich Meridian, at zero degrees longitude.

For nets originating in these areas during DST, stations checking into the nets from outside of the areas, the net times are one hour later. With the states that observe DST, the US Net time is the same, year round. These are in the net list spreadsheet files, noted on the previous page.

For info on nets that are on the QuadNet Array, go to <https://openquad.net> for connection options with D-Star, DMR+, WIRES-X, and Yaesu System Fusion. Note that Brandmeister Talk Group 31012 on the QuadNet Array, is no longer an available connection option.

For info on nets that are on the Sunflower Net, go www.sunflownet.us – connection options are available on AllStar, D-Star, DMR, Echolink, Fusion, HamShack Hotline, M17, P25, and TGIF.

For info nets that are on the Kansas City Wide Fusion Network, go to <https://www.kansascityroom-wide.com> – connection options are available via D-Star, DMR (Brandmeister), Echolink, Fusion, P25, and WIRES-X.

For info on nets that are on CQ100, go to <https://www.qsonet.com> for information on CQ100, and to view a list of nets on CQ100 during the week, go to <https://www.w2blc.net/cq100nets.htm>

Contact yours truly, Daryl, N5VLZ, via email to wx1der@gmail.com, n5vlz@arrl.net, or vhfnetmanager@qcwa.org – for any additions, changes, deletions, or corrections, in regards to the themes and descriptions of the particular net noted in this file.

In the “Mode Overview” file (available at the URL above) is a graphic of details on various D-Rats ratreflectors, with their addresses, etc.

Note that some nets have pre-net or extended checkins...check with the various Net Control stations for info.

Now for the various Net Descriptions – more may be added later.

The Digital Radio Enthusiasts (DRE) Morning Net, meets Monday through Friday on REF 35C, Monday through Friday, at 10am Eastern, 9am Central, 8am Mountain, 7am Pacific, year round. This is 1500 UTC Monday through Friday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 1400 UTC Monday through Friday the rest of the year. If REF 35C is down, the net meets on XRF 035C.

The Medical Amateur Radio Council holds their MARCO International Net every Sunday at 9am Eastern, 8am Central, 7am Mountain, 6am Pacific, on the QuadNet Array. This is 1400 UTC Sunday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 1300 UTC Sunday the rest of the year.

The net is for discussion regarding health care related topics among members and guests from the ham radio community. This MARCO net on the Quadnet Array augments MARCO's HF-based nets and provides a mechanism for members and guests worldwide to join discussions without the limitations of HF propagation. MARCO promotes good will and fellowship among amateur radio operators across the globe who are professionals in the healing arts, or who have an interest in the various medical, dental and allied fields which constitute the healing arts. On-the-air network operation is considered an integral part of MARCO activity, and is conducted for the purpose of discussing and exchanging medical and technical information, and, wherever possible, to be of public service by engaging current issues in health care of importance in round table discussion. For more details on the net, go to <https://marco-ltd.org/>

The VK1RWN DStar Repeater Multimode Net is on Sunday at 4am Eastern, 3am Central, 2am Mountain, 1am Pacific, from the 1st Sunday in November, to the 2nd Sunday in March. The rest of the year, net times are on Sunday at 5am Eastern, 4am Central, 3am Mountain, 2am Pacific. This equates to 0900 UTC Sunday year round.

VK1RWN is the only DStar repeater situated in Canberra - the capital city of Australia. The repeater is linked to the array for the duration of the Net which provides multimode access for the Net. For all night owls or early birds in the US, please drop by and say hello. The Facebook Group "VK1RWN D-Star and Picture Net" has more details on this Net and a D-Star Picture Net held on REF091D.

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Digital Net – Meets on the QuadNet Array, on Sunday at 5pm Eastern, 4pm Central, 3pm Mountain, 2pm Pacific, year round. This is 2200 UTC Sunday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 2100 UTC Sunday the rest of the year.

Net Control is Daryl, N5VLZ. You do NOT have to be a QCWA member to checkin to the net. If you were first licensed as a ham radio operator anytime in 2000 or earlier (as of 2025) and are currently licensed, you can join the organization – the license term does not have to be continuous. Both regular and life memberships are available – go to <https://www.qcwa.org/qcwa.php> for details. Besides the national organization, there are several regional and local chapters around the US.

You can also search for QCWA on Facebook. For Facebook checkins, when N5VLZ is Net Control, even if the net has been closed on the QuadNet Array, “stragglers” can still checkin until 10pm US Central Time on Monday (30 hours after the net begins...revised Feb. 16, 2024). Note that if the net day is the last day of the month, the extended checkin window CLOSES at 4pm US Central Time on Monday, so I can prepare my report for the QCWA Journal as their VHF+ Net Manager. Checkins are also taken via Netlogger. The extended checkin window is for “stragglers”, plus I have other ham radio traffic nets, or computer work to take care of in the interim.

The Hammable Net meets on the KD9VPJ node (934347) on Sunday, at 7pm Eastern, 6pm Central, 5pm Mountain, 4pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0000 UTC Monday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 2300 UTC Sunday the rest of the year.

The net, run by Greg Miller, KD9VPJ, is a directed net designed to attract hams “who may be dealing with both seen and unseen disabilities”. Greg adds that “no one should be hindered from enjoying amateur radio on account of what they believe are limitations...whether it’s a neighborhood issue, or a medical condition that they’re trying to manage.

Young Operators Digital Voice Net – Meets on the QuadNet Array on Sunday at 7pm Eastern, 6pm Central, 5pm Mountain, 4pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0000 UTC Monday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 2300 UTC Sunday the rest of the year.

Net control is Danielle, KE8JNU – her parents are Dan, N8YMD, and Cindy, KE8JNT. Sometimes, others can be Net Control as well.

This net is geared toward topics of interest for school age young people, either licensed, or 3rd party traffic with a licensed operator present. Even though this is focused on younger operators, all are welcome to participate. The goal is to enhance discussion of ideas while fostering the development of operating principles and techniques for young people. You can also search for Young Operators Digital Voice Net on Facebook. Further information is available from the QRZ page of Danielle’s father, Dan, N8YMD.

KB0ZSG International D-Star Net – Meets on Sunday at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0100 UTC Monday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Monday the rest of the year. Backup reflectors are REF 6A and 48C.

The net is done in memory of the late Connie L. Ballantyne, KB0ZSG (SK), who lost her valiant battle with breast cancer in February, 2020. She had been net control of this net for several years; and Steve Reiners, KC9SIO, took it

over for her when she became too ill to continue it...and he continues it in her memory. The net can last several hours, and has checkins from the US, Canada, the United Kingdom, Europe, and elsewhere...and can last several hours. You can also search for KB0ZSG International D-Star Net on Facebook. Early checkins begin 1 hour before the net.

Commemorative certificates are available via email request to Steve Reiners, KC9SIO, at kc9sio@hotmail.com

Minnesota D-Star Net – Meets on on XLS 632A, XRF 632A, and DCS 632A, on Sunday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0230 UTC Monday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0130 UTC Monday the rest of the year.

While originating in Minnesota, stations from other areas are welcome to checkin to the net.

Georgia AUXComm D-Star Net – Meets on REF 30 B on the 3rd Monday of the month US Time at 8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central, 6:30pm Mountain, 5:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0130 UTC on the Tuesday following the 3rd Monday of the month from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March, and 0030 UTC on the Tuesday following the 3rd Monday of the month the rest of the year.

Georgia AuxComm recognizes the utility of leveraging the Georgia D-Star Network, which links repeaters and hotspots all across the state using REF030B. Georgia AuxComm also uses REF030A as a backup. During the Winter Storm Izzy incident in 2022, it became apparent that AuxComm and ARES could work together using the network for statewide coverage.

If you have D-Star picture capability, be ready for a special image transmission at the conclusion of the net!

Amateur Radio RVer Net – Meets on the QuadNet Array on Sunday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0230 UTC Monday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0130 UTC Monday the rest of the year.

The original net was started by Eric Udell, KN4MCE on Brandmeister DMR TalkGroup 31652. Seeking a wider audience, we got a time slot on the Quadnet Array. The Brandmeister DMR TalkGroup 31652 will still be available for one on one QSOs between RVers. Sunday evening was selected since many RVers are already parked, and making plans for upcoming trips.

The net is for those amateur radio operators who also enjoy the RV lifestyle or those thinking about it and needing more info about the RV lifestyle. The net forum will emphasize amateur radio installations and operations that are pertinent to RVers. We will discuss travel suggestions as well as weather and road hazard information pertinent to RVers. With respect to RVs, discussions will be generic and not brand specific. RV lifestyle and general maintenance tips will be discussed. You can also search for Amateur Radio RVers on Facebook.

The Ham Radio Rookies Net meets every Monday 6pm Eastern, 5pm Central, 4pm Mountain, 3pm Pacific, from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March...and on Monday at 7pm Eastern, 6pm Central, 5pm Mountain, 4pm Pacific, the rest of the year. This is 2300 UTC Monday year round.

It is a digital QSY Net, starting normally on the Ontario Crosslink and moving thru 3 stops over an hour on the way to the Quadnet Array. Come and practice your navigation skills, start or stop somewhere familiar and maybe jump through a mystery stop on the way. More details and keep up to date on the Facebook Group "Ham Radio Rookies".

The YL North Texas Weekly Net meets on Mondays at 9pm Eastern, 8pm Central, 7pm Mountain, 6pm Pacific, on Echolink Node KG5BHY-L.

The net format has YL checkins, 3rd party traffic checkins, technical topics, OM checkins, community events, and finally, technical questions. For additional information, email Allison at kg5bhy@yahoo.com

The El Paso D-Star Net meets on Reflector 55A each Monday at 9:15pm Eastern, 8:15pm Central, 7:15pm Mountain, 6:15pm Pacific Time. This equates to 0215 UTC Tuesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0115 UTC Tuesday the rest of the year.

Checkins are also available via D-Rats on the AE5HE Ratreflector, in the El_Paso Chat Room. For more information on D-Rats, and how to set up chat rooms, please see the Mode Overview file at <http://www.wx4qz.net/elk.htm>

The Pun In Life Net meets on the QuadNet Array on Monday at 10pm Eastern, 9pm Central, 8pm Mountain, 7pm Pacific Time, year round. This equates to 0030 UTC Tuesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0020 UTC Tuesday the rest of the year. You can also checkin via Netlogger. I had to change the time, due to a conflict with The PCL Packet Net that I also do on Monday evening. Like with The PCL Packet Net, this net does NOT meet on the Mondays of the weeks of Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day.

The beauty of the pun (play on word) humor, is in the groan of the recipient. Two examples are “When the technician replaced the lights at the top of the repeater tower, it was known as the “high-light” of his career”...and “When you sell items at a ham radio swapfest, you’re dealing with “a ham hock”.

The only requirement for the puns is that they be “G-Rated” (fowl language is for the birds), but they do not have to be ham radio related. There is also “The Pun In Life Net” group on Facebook. When you apply, leave your ham radio callsign, so I know you’re not a troll/spammer.

The ATD (All Things Digital) After Net meets on REF 58 B on Tuesday at 7:30pm Eastern, 6:30pm Central, 5:30pm Mountain, 4:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0030 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 2330 UTC Tuesday the rest of the year.

Topics include all digital modes and applications related to amateur radio.

Central Health Care Amateur Radio Club Net – Meets on the KK4BSK-R Echolink Node on Tuesday at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0100 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Wednesday the rest of the year.

Note: While my former (now retired) Primary Care Physician, is also an amateur radio operator (who loves CW), I'd consult your personal physician or medical specialist for any medical advice for your health...and to NOT discuss it over the air...to prevent certain individuals from knowing health information about you. DS

Arklatex D-Star Net – Meets every Tuesday on REF 48B at 8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central, 6:30pm Mountain, 5:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0130 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0030 UTC Wednesday the rest of the year. If Reflector 48B goes down or is unavailable, the net MOVES to Reflector 73B.

While originating in the Arklatex, any properly licensed amateur radio operator is welcome to check into the net. Net Control is Daryl, WX4QZ. Checkins are also available via Netlogger, or the Facebook Group ARK-LA-TEX D-STAR.

Note if the National Weather Service in Shreveport has activated Skywarn Severe Weather Operations in the region, the net that night is canceled. Also, if there are weather issues at Net Control (central Arkansas), and someone else doesn't take the net, then the net that night is canceled.

1960's Pop-Rock Music and TV Shows Net – Meets Tuesday and Wednesday, at 8:30pm Eastern, 7:30pm Central, 6:30pm Mountain, 5:30pm Pacific, from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March...and on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific the rest of the year. This equates to 0130 UTC Wednesday and Thursday year round.

On Tuesday, it's on the W7EI-L node from Prescott, Arizona, along with the 147.220 Repeater. On Wednesday, it's on the KA7LFX-R Echolink Node from Tucson, Arizona, along with the 224.060 Repeater.

Texas D-Star Net – meets on Tuesday at 9pm Eastern, 8pm Central, 7pm Mountain, 6pm Pacific, on REF 4 B. This equates to 0200 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0100 UTC Wednesday the rest of the year. Net Control is Roy, WJ5Z.

While originating in Texas, anyone is welcome to checkin to the net.

Alabama D-Star Net – meets on Tuesday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0230 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March, and 0130 UTC Wednesday the rest of the year.

While originating in Alabama, any properly licensed amateur radio operator is welcome to checkin. Early net checkins are taken ONLY on D-Rats on the Alabama Ratreflector (alabama.ratreflector.com), starting 30 minutes prior to the net. Checking in via D-Rats is the ONLY way you can get an early checkin for this net. Note that if the Alabama Ratreflector is down, early/D-Rats checkins that evening are not available.

Checkins to the regular net are “quick key” ONLY (key your mic, one time, for one second, when the frequency is clear). Net control will grab your callsign from the log, and come back to you in the order the checkin was

received. Net controls include Ken, WB4FAY...Grady, W4GLE...and Keith, AC4GJ, among others. Net control for D-Rats checkins is Paul, K9PTF, with Grady, W4GLE, as Backup D-Rats Net Control.

The Night Owls Net meets on the QuadNet Array on Wednesdays at 3am Eastern, 2am Central, 1am Mountain, 12am (midnight) Pacific, year round. This equates to 0800 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0700 UTC Wednesday the rest of the year.

It's a ragchew net, and for those who are up at that hour...in the US, or elsewhere, and usually has 2 rounds of comments. Net Control is John, W1JOP. Checkins are also available via Netlogger.

The Insomnia Net meets on REF 58B on Wednesday mornings, at 5am Eastern, 4am Central, 3am Mountain, 2am Pacific Time, on REF 58 B. This equates to 1000 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0900 UTC Wednesday the rest of the year.

When El, K4DJL, is "chasing the white line" as an over the road truck driver early on Wednesday, you can "ride along" with him. If he is home that night, where he doesn't have a load to deliver, the net for that week is canceled.

Illinois D-Star Net – Meets on REF 51D on Wednesday at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0100 UTC Thursday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Thursday the rest of the yet. Net Control is Steve, KC9SIO.

While originating in Illinois, all D-Star stations are welcome to checkin to the net.

Amateur Astronomy Digital Voice Net – Meets on the QuadNet Array on Wednesday at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0100 UTC Thursday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Thursday the rest of the year.

Net control is Jason, N8XE. This net is focused on amateur astronomy topics such as observing, imaging, telescope making, telescopes, binoculars, and other general astronomy topics. If you are an active amateur astronomer, or just enjoy looking up at the heavens, please join the conversation. The first Wednesday of every month will focus on those new to amateur astronomy or looking to get started.

D-Star Picture Net – Meets on Wednesday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific, year round, on REF 55 D, with REF 72 D as the backup. This equates to 0230 UTC Thursday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0130 UTC Thursday the rest of the year.

For details on the net, visit <https://www.hamradioelpaso.com/d-star-nets>

Read the instruction manual for the RS-MS1A Android App: (https://www.icomjapan.com/support/manual/?keyword=rs-ms1a&open=tab2&type=4#download_result) and the iOS devices. The same manual is used for both.

Be sure to check out the “Compatible Transceiver” tab to see what features your radio will support. Keep in mind that when using the App’s, the App controls the radio. So, making changes in the radio should not have to be done. The IC-9700, IC-705 and ID-52A will work out of the box without the Android or iOS devices attached. Consult the User’s Manual for details.

A note about Hotspots with the Picture Net:

Not all hotspots will support the Fast Data mode however, pretty much all will support the Slow Data mode. We are seeing that the older hotspots have issues with coding being outdated. Many are no longer supported by their creator.

The newer hotspots such as the openSPOT2 and 3 work really well with the latest version of firmware. The DVMEGA with the PA7LIM firmware is another excellent choice. The developers of these two devices have been willing to work with us and ensure that the features are supported.

The format for this net is much like a voice net, in that check ins will be taken and then Net Control will direct when the stations will send their pictures.

Hotspot, Raspberry Pi, SBC, and Zoom Net (or HotSpot Pi Net for short) -- Meets on Wednesday at 10pm Eastern, 9pm Central, 8pm Mountain, and 7pm Pacific, year round on the KansasCityWide Fusion Network. This equates to 0300 UTC Thursday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0200 UTC Thursday the rest of the year.

The net takes announcements related to amateur radio first...then questions related to HotSpots, Openspots, Raspberry Pi's, Single Board Computers (SBC's), and ZumSpots (pronounced Zoom Spots), OpenSpots (and related hardware), plus with computers, whether related to amateur radio or not. After that, general comments and additional checkins are taken.

Net controls are Steve, KC9SIO, and Ted, VE7LE. You can also checkin via Netlogger. Lastly, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sbcnet> is the Facebook group for the net, but it's not monitored during the net.

Faith And Friends Net – meets on REF 2 C on Wednesday at 2pm Eastern, 1pm Central, 12pm (Noon) Mountain, 11am Pacific, year round. This equates to 1900 UTC Wednesday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 1800 UTC Wednesday the rest of the year.

This is not a "traffic net" but one in which we can make and grow new friendships. Each week we will talk about Key Words of Life: Hope, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Friendship, Love, Pain, etc. For more info, go to <http://faithfriends.net/>

K5TAL - TALARC Net – Meets on the QuadNet Array on Thursday at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0100 UTC Friday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Friday the rest of the year.

K5TAL is the club call of American Legion Post 1992, Gautier-Vancleave, MS. TALARC is the American Legion Amateur Radio Club.

Note that this is DIFFERENT than The American Legion D-Star Net that meets on the 1st Monday of the month (listing noted below).

The American Legion D-Star Net – this net, different from the one above, originates at the American Legion Post in Danville, Kentucky. It meets on the 1st Monday of the month, year round, on REF 56C, at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, and 5pm Pacific. This equates to 0100 UTC Tuesday following the 1st Monday of the month from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Tuesday following the 1st Monday of the month the rest of the year. Checkins are also available via the KY4RW-L node on Echolink.

For both American Legion Nets noted above, ALL hams are invited to check into the net; you do not have to be a veteran, or a member of The American Legion, to check in. The nets are operated as a means to communicate with other vets/hams regardless of the Digital Voice mode they have.

And, whether for a military net or not, we do give a hearty “thank you” to all those who are serving in their country’s armed forces...to those who have served, and retired...and to remember those who paid the ultimate price, giving their lives, for the freedoms we enjoy.

Kentucky D-Star Net – Meets on REF 56B on Thursday at 7pm Eastern, 6pm Central, 5pm Mountain, 4pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0000 UTC Friday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 2300 UTC Thursday the rest of the year.

You can also checkin via the IM Utility with Netlogger, or via Echolink on the KY4RW-L node. While the net originates in Kentucky, any properly licensed amateur radio operator with D-Star privileges, is welcome to checkin to the net. Net Control is Larry, NN4H.

Portage County Amateur Radio Club Weekly Net – Meets on Thursday on the K8BF-L Echolink Node, at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific. This equates to 0100 UTC Friday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Friday the rest of the year.

For more information, go to <http://www.portcars.org> – they have an excellent monthly newsletter called “The Radiogram”, and KC8JC is the new editor, replacing KB8UUZ, who retired from the Editor’s position. The Net Controls vary from week to week...and these are noted in “The Radiogram”.

Community Emergency Response Term (CERT) D-Star Net – Meets on Thursday on Reflector 58A on Thursday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0230 UTC Friday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0130 UTC Friday the rest of the year.

CERT Membership is NOT required to checkin. Further information is located at <https://www.ready.gov/cert> – Net Control is Rick, KA2BSM.

Note that the net does NOT meet on Thanksgiving evening (the 4th Thursday in November, US Time), or when Christmas Eve or Christmas Day fall on Thursday. Check with Rick, KA2BSM, for other possible cancellations.

New Mexico D-Star Net – Meets on REF 55A on Thursday at 10pm Eastern, 9pm Central, 8pm Mountain, 7pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0300 UTC Friday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0200 UTC Friday the rest of the year.

While originating in New Mexico, the Net Controls rotate each week. You can also checkin via D-Rats on the AE5HE Ratreflector. There is usually a Question Of The Week.

Trains And Railroads Net – Meets on the QuadNet Array on Friday at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0100 UTC Saturday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0000 UTC Saturday the rest of the year.

You can checkin via Netlogger, or via the D-Star Trains And Railroad Net group on Facebook. A commemorative certificate in PDF format (these are NOT mailed out) is available after your first net checkin...by sending an email request to the Conductor (N5VLZ) at wx1der@gmail.com or n5vlz@arrl.net or to vhfnetmanager@qcwa.org -- I've found several emails on QRZ website that are invalid.

The net is done in honor of its predecessor, that ran on Echolink in the Milwaukee, Wisconsin area, for over 8 years...and is in loving memory of K3VRM (SK), the youngest engineer hired by the Penn Central Railroad; and the late uncle of Net Control (the Conductor), N5VLZ. The net discusses anything and everything related to trains and railroading – whether it's passenger, freight, steam, diesel, signals, depots, fallen flags, shows and sales, excursion trips, private cars, abandoned lines, museums, light rail, trolley rail, videos, YouTube channels, etc.

There's a main and a bonus Railroad Trivia Question, prepared either by Paul, K9PTF, or one of the net participants, during the net...and there's no penalty if you don't know the answer.

The Memphis Digital Amateur Radio Club (MDARC – affectionately known as the DARC side of digital (hi hi)) D-Star D-Rats Net – Meets on REF 58A every Friday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific – and is also on D-Rats in the Memphis Chat Room. This equates to 0230 UTC Saturday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0130 UTC Saturday the rest of the year.

Net Control is Rick, KA2BSM. Part 1 is for general comments, then Part 2 is comments in the vein of what the late Rush Limbaugh had with the format of his show (a favorite for conservatives).

The Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Sunflower Net, meets on Saturday at 10am Eastern, 9am Central, 8am Mountain, 7am Pacific, year round. This equates to 1500 UTC Saturday from the 1st Sunday in November the 2nd Sunday in March; 1400 UTC Saturday the rest of the year.

Go to www.sunflownet.us for connection options on AllStar, D-Star, DMR, Echolink, Fusion, Hamshack Hotline, M17, P25, and TGIF. QCWA Membership is NOT required to checkin. On HamShack Hotline, dial the node number, then press *99 to transmit, then press # when you're done.

Net Control is Daryl, N5VLZ. While sponsored by the Sunflower Chapter (#79) of the QCWA, you do NOT have to be a QCWA member to checkin to the net. If you were first licensed as a ham radio operator anytime in 2000 or earlier, as of Jan. 1, 2025, and are currently licensed, you can join the organization – the license term does not have to be continuous. Both regular and life memberships are available – for more information, go to <https://www.qcwa.org/qcwa.php> for details. Besides the national organization, there are several regional and local chapters around the US.

You can also search for QCWA on Facebook. For Facebook checkins, when N5VLZ is Net Control, even if the net has been closed on the QuadNet Array, “stragglers” can still checkin until 3pm US Central Time on Sunday (30 hours after the start of the net). Checkins are also available via Netlogger.

The Digital Ham Radio Q&A Net meets on Saturday at 10am Eastern, 9am Central, 8am Mountain, and 7am Pacific Time, on XLX022H, XLX720H, AmComm Talk Group 31081, and TGIF Talk Group 356.

Each session covers a variety of topics, including FT8, JS8, Olivia, DMR, YSE, and more. This is a great opportunity to ask questions, explore digital

modes, share knowledge, and stay updated on the latest in digital ham radio technology. Check in at ham.live

The Multi Mode Digital Voice Net – Meets on the QuadNet Array on Saturday at 6pm Eastern, 5pm Central, 4pm Mountain, 3pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 2300 UTC Saturday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 2200 UTC Saturday the rest of the year.

You can also checkin via Netlogger. If you can't make it to the net live, you can catch a recording of the previous weeks net at Soundcloud. You can also search for the D-STAR Users group on Facebook. Net Control is Jeff, VE6DV.

Skywarn Hurricane Prep Net – Meets on the WX_TALK Echolink Conference Server, Echolink Node 7203, IRLP Node 9219, at these times:

January through May: 1st Saturday of the month only at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0100 UTC Sunday following the 1st Saturday of the month for the months of January through March. For April and May, this equates to 0000 UTC Sunday following the 1st Saturday of the month.

June through November: The net meets weekly at 8pm Eastern, 7pm Central, 6pm Mountain, 5pm Pacific. This equates to 0000 UTC Sunday each week from June through October; 0100 UTC during November, following the 1st Sunday in November.

Note: If there is a formal activation for either a tropical storm or a hurricane (as there were several times during recent hurricane seasons), the training net for that Saturday night, is canceled.

December: The net meets on the 1st Saturday ONLY, 1 hour earlier, at 7pm Eastern, 6pm Central, 5pm Mountain, 4pm Pacific. This equates to 0000 UTC Sunday following the 1st Saturday in December. This is to coincide with the conclusion of Skywarn Recognition Day.

On Echolink, textbox and voice checkins are taken after comments from Net Management, and Skywarn Coordinators. Voice checkins are taken in the order of stations outside the continental US, then from stations inside the continental US, by the number in ones callsign. Further details are located at <http://www.voipwx.net>

Coastal Carolina D-Star Net – Meets on REF 54C on Saturday at 7:30pm Eastern, 6:30pm Central, 5:30pm Mountain, 4:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0030 UTC Sunday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 2330 UTC Saturday the rest of the year.

While originating in the Carolinas, all stations are welcome to checkin.

Iowa D-Star Net – Meets on Reflector XLX 632A, XRF 632A, or DCS 632A on Saturday at 9:30pm Eastern, 8:30pm Central, 7:30pm Mountain, 6:30pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0230 UTC Sunday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0130 UTC Sunday the rest of the year. Net Control is Virginia, KC5SAM.

While originating in Iowa, stations from anywhere are invited to checkin to the net.

Saturday Night D-Star Net – Meets on REF 35C on Saturday at 10pm Eastern, 9pm Central, 8pm Mountain, 7pm Pacific, year round. This equates to 0300 UTC Sunday from the 1st Sunday in November to the 2nd Sunday in March; 0200 UTC Sunday the rest of the year. If REF 35C is down, the net will be held on XRF 035C.

While originating in the Spokane, Washington area, all properly licensed amateurs are welcome to checkin. Net Controls rotate every week.