

Take a turn as net control operator for the weekly PERC net!

7 p.m. every Wednesday

Here are some tips:



[Here is a suggested net control script with a basic format and elements which should be included. As net control operator, you are free to change it to conform to your personal comfort zone and presentation preferences. Remember: If no net control operator is on the air at the designated starting time, anyone willing to participate can become PERC net control.]

[At 6:55 p.m., or thereabouts, key up on 146.760, give your call sign and announce that the PERC net will be starting at 7 p.m. and that it is open to all licensed amateur radio operators.]

[At 7 p.m., key up again and get the net started...]

Suggested dialogue:

QST, QST: This is (your call sign), opening the Puna Emergency Radio Club net, held weekly at this time. We start on this 146.760 repeater, courtesy of the Big Island Amateur Radio Club, then QSY (switch over) to the National Simplex Frequency: 146.520, where we practice connecting with other amateur radio operators without benefit of a repeater. At that time, we take turns calling out for any ham who wants to join the net, but hasn't been able to hear net control. We practice relaying information from these contacts and also ask the relay stations to "put out the call" to see who they can rouse from their neck of the woods. This simplex practice is a primary goal of PERC, in order to get us ready for the times we might be needed to assist in an emergency scenario.

I will be net control this evening. We welcome all licensed amateur radio operators. It is a directed net, so participants will communicate only with net control unless otherwise advised.

Emergency traffic may interrupt the net at any time, simply by saying "break, break." Do we have any emergency traffic at this time? Hearing none, I will now take check-ins for tonight's net.

We'll start with portable and/or mobile operators. Come now with your call sign, please:

[List them in order of signing in and read the list to make sure you heard everyone.]

Okay: Now we'll take check-ins from any and all amateur radio operators. Come now with your call sign.

[List them in order of signing in and repeat the list to make sure you heard everyone.]

[Ask again, for call signs which might have been missed, or are late.]

Thank you. Now we'll go through the list and give everyone a turn, starting with ... (first call sign on list)...Go through list and give everyone a chance to comment. At end, ask for late check-ins.

Okay; let's QSY now to 146.520 to practice our simplex portion of the net.

I'll take roll call there. This is (your call sign), QSYing to 146.520 ...

Take roll call.

Then go back through list, giving everyone a chance to call out for relays and report back to net control.

After all reports are in, QSY back to the repeater for closing comments.

There were _____ check-ins for this evening's PERC net. Thank you all for participating. I'll now return this frequency to regular amateur radio use. Aloha and 73, this is (your call sign) clear.