



Amateur Radio Club

Ham Radio Operators frequently use Nets. A Net is a formal system of radio operation to exchange or manage information. The Four Seasons Amateur Radio Club holds two nets every Wednesday. One is the FRS on Channel 2 with no PL code, at 5:45 p.m. and the 2 Meter ham net at 6:00 p.m. on 145.645 MHz simplex.

Net Control Operators run the net. They give general information, repeat announcements and call roll. The 2 Meter Nets can be operated though a repeater which allows us to communicate further distances or on a simplex frequency. On a repeater operation is like a party line where everyone can hear you or on a quiet simplex frequency. The Net script describes the Net, gives the day, time and frequency of the net. They give out general club information; Net control then does a roll call of the current members.

Net Control Operators follow a few simple rules:

- 1. Have the current script ready.**
- 2. Use the current roll sheet.**
- 3. Know your frequency and have your radio properly adjusted.**
- 4. Have extra batteries if you are using an HT radio.**
- 5. Make sure that you have the correct day and time**
- 6. Use a location that offers maximum coverage.**

Murphy's Law and Net Control Operators:

- 1. Started a net one hour early after the time changed.**
- 2. Switched the mode on the HF radio from voice to Morse Code.**
- 3. Had an incorrect tone for the repeater at the Redlands bicycle race and could not be heard.**

Redlands Bicycle Classic

On April 4'th, ten members of the SPARC (Banning) Radio club worked the Redlands Bicycle Classic through the City of Beaumont. We worked as Race Marshal's and wearing orange tee shirts. Some worked as traffic control at major intersections and those who were on quiet corners just checked in with net control when the main body of riders passed by. The riders completed 4-30 mile laps around the course in a little over 5 hours. The men's race started at 9:20 a.m. and finished at 2:30 p.m. My station was at the top of Bogart Park and we were able to monitor the race from there. Fun to get involved with such events!

The club meets 10:00 a.m. in the lodge on the last Friday of the month. Next meeting is July 25, 2014, due to the ARRL field day. Our website is w6fsb.com. Come to our meetings or join us for one of the Wednesday night nets.

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