

Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

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WHO: All amateur radio operators

WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

WHEN: Sunday, September 15, 2024 - 0000 UTC

Saturday, September 21, 2024 - 2359 UTC

HOW: This net will accept check-ins via BBS Bulletins only. Send a check-in via any participating BBS, with active forwarding, any time during the week.

This month, net control has asked participants to send a normal PKTNET message with or without a form. Additionally, participants are asked to send the same message through Winlink to the address n3mel@winlink.org. See the "NCS INSTRUCTIONS" below for more information.

PKTNET forms:

<https://vden.org/pktnet/pktnet-forms.zip>

SB PKTNET@USA

Subject: Your Call, Your Name, Your Town & Your State

Message: (Enter home BBS and complete packet address, or form contents)

E.g. N4VEM, n4vem@n4vem.#rich.va.usa.noam

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NCS INSTRUCTIONS:

PLEASE NOTE: There is extra credit for this net this month please read the instructions completely before sending your check-in Thank You

For Sept, we would like to demonstrate the interoperability of both Packet Radio and Winlink, and how the two networks can work together to make sure any EMCOMM traffic can be moved around the country with or without the

internet. See below for check-in details.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Send a regular PKTNET check-in this with or without a form.

To: SB PKTNET@USA

Subject: Call Sign, Name, City, St,

Message: What is your home bbs and your complete packet address?

example: N3MEL, n3mel@n3mel.#epa.pa.usa.noam

2. Extra Credit: Send same message text from above via a Winlink message address to n3mel@winlink.org. You will get credit for a 2nd check-in.

FL WL NET:

What else is different this month, we have setup with the FI WL Net to have their participants interact with the PKTNET by simply adding n3mel@winlink.org to just one of the normal check-ins. We plan to share those check-in over packet as well and log them on our check-in map.

WHY:

With inception of The Packet Radio Forwarding Network I have been working to make as many connections as possible in & out of my BBS RF only. Other than a few packet links I have taking most of my RMS services to RF as well. I am sending and receiving all local RMS traffic using VARA FM with VARA HF backup. This process is working very well, so this months collaboration is also a test of my system to handle the additional traffic load.

ADDITIONAL CONNECTION

I have added a 20M 300 bd AX25 connection on 14.105 LSB. Feel free to connect to N3MEL-2 and leave your bulletin check-in that way if you would like. The more RF check-ins the better!

The participant map will be updated throughout the duration of the net at:

<https://www.qsomap.com/QSOmapProduction/qsomapforQRZ.php?call=n3mel>

Don't feel obligated to enter a detailed message if it's difficult; the important part is the Subject line!

The VDEN website (<http://vden.org>) includes information about the Central Virginia BBSes, how to send personal mail and bulletins, and methods for connecting over RF (Packet / Vara via Terminal / Winlink / Outpost).

Bulletins created on the N4VEM BBS will be forwarded over Vara FM to the KN4LQN BBS, which will then forward over Vara HF to the N3MEL BBS and the wider regional packet network.

Reach out if you have any questions!

73,
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