Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA
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WHO: All amateur radio operators
WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA
WHEN: Sunday, February 15, 2026 - 0000 UTC
       Saturday, February 21, 2026 - 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 use the packet HTML Check-in form, available at:

https://vden.org/pktnet/check_in.html

The net will continue with taking check-ins via Packet, Winlink, APRS & VarAC, each mode will count as one check-in each, and check-in format is shown below.

SB PKTNET@USA
Subject: Your Name, Your Call, Your Town, Your State
Message: (Form contents from the above link with comments)

PKTNET INSTRUCTIONS:

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TPRFN PKTNET ANNOUNCEMENT (FEBRUARY)
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NET SCHEDULE:
- STARTS: Sunday, Feb 15th @ 00:00 UTC
- ENDS: Saturday, Feb 21th @ 23:59 UTC

CHECK-IN REQUIREMENT & ENCOURAGEMENT:
- FORM: Use the Packet HTML form "Net Check-in":
vden.org/pktnet/check_in.html

- SPECIAL REQUEST:
If possible please use a TPRFN Hub or Polling station for your check-in.

- COMMENT SECTION: Note which station and band you used?

- HUB STATION LIST:
www.tprfn.net/tprfn-hub-station-profiles-pg-1-of-2

LOCAL FORMS:
- Download the entire form suite to your PC here:
vden.org/pktnet/

MAPPING:
- All check-ins will be mapped at:
www.qsomap.com/QSOmapProduction/qsomapforQRZ.php?call=n3mel

RECRUITMENT:
- Interested in becoming a Hub Station? Contact us at:
www.tprfn.net/contact-us

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CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS BY MODE:
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PACKET:
- Address A Bulletin to: PKTNET@USA
- Subject: Your Name, Your Call, Your Town, Your State
- Message: Paste form data.

NOT UP AND RUNNING WITH PACKET YET BUT WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE SEE
THIS LINK FOR DETAILS:
www.tprfn.net/pktnet-info/pktnet-check-in-options-via-any-web-browser

WINLINK:
- Address Your Message to: TPRFN@WINLINK.ORG
- Subject: Your Name, Your Call, Your Town, Your State
- Message: Paste form data. (Please do not use the Winlink Forms it just adds additional
overhead to each message. Please use the Packet Forms from the link above). C&P into a new
message NO attachments are necessary!

APRS:
- Send Message To: N3MEL-6
- Message Text: your name, your town, your state.

VarAC:
- Address VMail Email to: TPRFN@WINLINK.ORG
- Subject: //WL2k Your Name, Your Call, Your Town, Your State
(You Must Use The //WL2K in the subject line)
- Message: Paste form data from the link above.
- Note: You can use any VarAC station that offers an Email Gateway.

Credit will be received for each mode used.

Net instructions can also be found here:
www.tprfn.net/pktnet-info

All check-in will be mapped on the tprfn.net website at:

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

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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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