**Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA**
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WHO: All amateur radio operators
WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA
WHEN: Sunday, July 21, 2024 -  0000 UTC
> Saturday, July 27, 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 two messages:

1) Send a private message (command SP)
2) Send the normal bulletin (command SB)


**SP N2MH@N2MH.#NNJ.NJ.USA.NOAM**
**Subject: Your Name, Your Town, Your State, Your Grid**
**Message: (Enter the outbound BBS you are using)**


**SB PKTNET@USA**
**Subject: Your Name, Your Town, Your State, Your Grid**
**Message: (Enter the outbound BBS you are using)**
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NCS INSTRUCTIONS:

Part 1 is to send a Private Message as follows:

To: SP N2MH.#NNJ.NJ.USA.NOAM
Title: Your Name, Your Town, Your State, Your Grid
Message: (please enter the outbound BBS you are using)
> Example, N3MEL

Part 2 is to send your Buletin check-in as follows:

To: SB PKTNET@USA
Title: Your Name, Your Town, Your State, Your Grid
Message: (please enter the outbound BBS you are using)
    Example, N3MEL
   Please also comment in your check-in if you sent a private
   message as well, so we know to be looking for one!

Feel free to add any comments you would like to share with the group!

PURPOSE:

As we continue to show that Packet Radio still has a role to play in
today's digital world and promote the importance of bring RF back in
support of the backbone/forwarding to reduce the dependency of the
internet to pass the traffic. For this net we would like to see how
the current Packet Network is routing traffic.

The idea is to better understand US BBS routing. Starting with the HA paths,
there should be no reason why any message should be unroutable. And
return a message to the sender saying that. At the very least,
NOAM (or SOAM, EURO, etc.) should get a message out of a BBS and on
its way.

The importance here is to make sure that traffic is not getting
stranded and reducing the reliability of Packet Radio. We would like to
look at the path and time that each of these private messages takes to be
delivered to Mark N2MH.

This net is more than just sending a check-in, its about the health of
the network so that we as a community can help each other to make
Packet Radio the most reliable it can be!

I ask that everyone who is reading this bulletin PLEASE take a few
minutes to send these two quick messages start on Sunday July 21st,
the larger the response the better the data will be.

Thank You All!


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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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