

# Auburn / Opelika

## INFORMAL SIMPLEX NET

### SCRIPT

The small print are notes for net control.

The large print is to be read on the air.

The **<large, bold text>** is where net control inserts their name and call sign.

The net will be held weekly on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM local time.

This net consists of 3 parts:

1. Announcement of net on area repeaters and simplex frequency
2. Call for check ins at full power
3. Coordinated calling of each station

#### Announce on area repeaters and simplex frequency

At 8:45 AM local time, make the following announcement on the KE4COL (145.230 MHz) and W4LEE (147.150 MHz) repeaters. If either repeater is busy, wait for an opening before proceeding.

This is **<First Name>**, **<Call Sign>**, net control for today's Auburn, Opelika, and surrounding areas simplex net. Today's net will begin in 15 minutes on 146.520 MHz. There will be no offset or PL tones used. Remember to turn your squelch off so that you are able to hear distant or weak stations.

This is **<Call Sign>**.

Tune to 146.520. If no traffic heard, proceed with announcement.

Is this frequency in use? **<Call Sign>**

Pause for 5 to 10 seconds

Is this frequency in use? **<Call Sign>**

Pause for 5 to 10 seconds

This is **<First Name>**, **<Call Sign>**, net control for today's Auburn, Opelika, and surrounding areas simplex net. Today's net will begin in 15 minutes on this frequency. There will be no offset or PL tones used. Remember to turn your squelch off so that you are able to hear distant or weak stations.

This is **<Call Sign>**.

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At 0900 local time, begin the following script:

Good morning. This is **<First Name>**, **<Call Sign>**, net control for today's Auburn-Opelika informal simplex net. There will be no offset or PL tones used. Remember to turn your squelch off so that you are able to hear distant or weak stations.

Our primary goal for this net is to gain an awareness of our radio neighbors. We will take check-ins at full power to get a list of stations on the air. When all stations have checked in, we will call for each station to turn their power down to 5 watts. Net control will remain at full power to coordinate each station's call for listening stations. Once all stations have had the opportunity to make low power contacts, net control will turn their power down to 5 watts and call for contacts. Upon conclusion of this last call, net control will return to full power and conclude the net. Please have a pencil and paper ready to copy the list of call sign check ins and the signal reports for stations you are able to hear while they are transmitting on low power.

**<Call Sign>**

Release transmit button and pause

This net may be interrupted at any time for emergency or priority traffic. Also, as this frequency is designated as the 2m national calling frequency, we will pause the net to negotiate the frequency with non-net participants. Is there any emergency or priority traffic at this time?

Pause – if anyone has priority traffic at any time, allow them to handle it before continuing with anything else.

This net normally meets at 9 AM local time every Saturday on 146.520 Mhz or an alternate frequency announced on the KE4COL and W4LEE repeaters at 8:45 AM.

Remember to repeat everything you hear including check-ins and questions because not everyone may hear the same.

There will be no callsign calling order (alpha, whiskey, kilo, etc.) for check ins. We need to learn to listen and pace ourselves, as well as manage garbled communications.

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Please check in with your call sign phonetically followed by your name and location. I will pause after several check ins to ensure I have those call signs correct. If I don't acknowledge you, please try to call again.

If you are able to hear a station which I do not acknowledge, please call, provide your call sign, and indicate you would like to relay a station. I will now take check-ins. Come now.

Process check-ins.

Do a follow-up call to make sure no one was doubled or missed.

Here is the list of check ins we have:

<repeat list of check in call signs>

Have I missed anyone?

Pause

This is **<Call Sign>**, net control for today's Auburn-Opelika informal simplex net. Now, we begin the second portion of today's net. Please have your pencil and paper ready to copy call signs you are able to hear. At this time, I would like to request that all stations turn their power down to 5 watts. If you are unable to ensure you are at 5 watts, please continue to participate. However, we would like for you to let us know this is the case.

We will begin with our first check in **<call sign>**. This station will attempt to sequentially call each station that has checked in or just call for those stations within range to respond. Please remember to maintain your list of signal reports during this process. If I am unable to hear this station complete their last call, would someone please relay this to me? This is **<call sign>**, please go ahead **<call sign>**.

Once all stations have completed their calls, net control will go to low power and call for stations.

Afterwards, net control will go to full power and close the net.

This is **<call sign>**. Are there any stations with comments on today's net operation?

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Please send in each of your station lists and signal reports for stations heard. We will be happy to have these in any format convenient for you to get them to us. Please include the date of this net on your list.

Thanks for participating in today's Auburn-Opelika informal simplex net. This is **<call sign>** returning the frequency to normal amateur radio operations. 73!

END OF NET CONTROL SCRIPT