

GAARES-P2P NET UPDATE FOR SUN 6-OCT

Note: This message is also published on the GAARES.org website but the template example may not be there. See GAARES@groups.io for this original posting.

THIS SUNDAY, 6-OCT IS WELFARE REPORTING

GAARES-P2P NET resumes operation this Sunday, 6-Oct with a check-in that will include WELFARE CHECK information of our members. Thanks to Russell, AB4QQ, for that great suggestion for this week's check-in message. It is certainly applicable to what the area just went through with Hurricane Helene. The Net will operate two separate sessions, 80m for 2 hours, then 40m for 4 hours with a single NCS operator. Reminder that 500 Hz Vara HF bandwidth is now mandatory.

40m FREQ CHANGE:

Members encountered a bit of QRM on the 40m frequency this past few weeks. We will go back to the 40m frequency we tested and used in Trials #4 & #5 this summer. See below.

TIME:	SESSION:	CENTER FREQ:	DIAL FREQ:	BANDWIDTH
0800-1000 EDT	80m	3584.5 kHz	3583.0	500 Hz
1000-1400 EDT	40m	7083.5 kHz	7082.0	500 Hz

Net Control Station (NCS) WX4PTC

Operator ND1J will have the duties this Sunday with backup operator Kory – W4RZ as the alternate. If I am knocked off the air, Kory will be there within a few minutes, operating as WX4PTC.

Address each message to (Tactical Address): **GAARES-P2P**

We want all members to be familiar with the use of tactical callsigns.

DO NOT CHECK “Request Message Receipt” for P2P operations. This causes a nuisance message when NCS processes the message and generates large receipt messages that we do not want to transmit in P2P operations. This net always acknowledges check-ins with a Winlink message at the end of the net. In addition, as time allows, NCS may prepare short ACK messages (P2P) for you to retrieve later, should you choose to reconnect. This is not always feasible for the NCS operator(s).

TWO WAYS TO CHECK IN THIS WEEK:

You may check in, using the **SHORT CHECK-IN** information below

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You may check in, using the **Winlink Template RRI Quick Welfare Message.TXT** template.

SHORT CHECK-IN METHOD:

Message Size roughly 360 bytes

CHECK-IN SUBJECT LINE: <yourcall>, <fname>, county, band (80m or 40m)

Example: **ND1J, David, Coweta, 80m**

MESSAGE BODY:

LINE 1: <yourcall>,<county>, <injuries>, <commercial power ok?>, <Cell systems ok?>, <potable water ok?>,

LINE 2: <antennas ok?>, <structural damage?>, <any other damage such as trees?>

LINE 3: <optional comments>

CHECK-IN USING THE WINLINK RRI QUICK WELFARE MESSAGE.TXT TEMPLATE:

Message size roughly 650 bytes; See example below.

- Click New Message> Templates> Standard Templates> RADIOGRAM & RRI Forms
- Select the RRI Quick Welfare Message.txt template
- In the browser, populate this template while referring to the example to assist.
- From Name: <your name / callsign>
- Date/Time: click box to enter current date/time
- To Email(s): GAARES-P2P < see below why
- Cell phone number: leave blank

Note: this template is designed to send your report via email to a family member, etc., either a traditional email or via a cell phone email address.

For P2P, this does not work. Do you remember why? Because a P2P message cannot be addressed to an email address nor multiple addresses.

Solution: address it to the tactical address **GAARES-P2P**

The NCS will then process it and if / when internet is available, NCS will forward it to the email address you specify in the remarks if you list one.

- Incident / Event Location / Area: HELENE <your town, county, state>

Message Section:

- Line 1: Add the same info you would have entered if using the short check-in method above
- Line 2: Same
- Line 3: Same. In this line, enter an email address if you want NCS to forward this message to someone (including yourself as a test).
- Recommended: Click "Save Quick Welfare Data" and follow prompts to save this template info to your computer drive. This way you can retrieve it later for a second message
- Click "Submit" to send template info to the actual message, then follow the prompts to clear the browser
- Go to the "Enter a New Message" Window and verify the data is now there.
- Verify the addressee is GAARES-P2P. If not, change it to GAARES-P2P
- Change the "Send as" dropdown from the default Winlink "Message" to "Peer-to-Peer Message"
- Click "Post to Outbox"

- Go to Outbox and ensure the message is there, that it shows recipient as GAARES-P2P (P2P)

Now, Send the Message:

- Ensure Rig is on, antenna is correct and tuned.
- Open a Vara HF Peer-to-Peer session.
- In the call window, enter WX4PTC
- In the Center Freq window, enter the desired CENTER FREQ based on which band the Net is on
- Make sure you are in 500 Hz Vara bandwidth. If not, change to 500.
- Check that your rig is tuned to the correct DIAL Frequency
- LISTEN to make sure frequency is busy in the 500 Hz band that Vara HF is listening to.
- Click "Start" to connect to WX4PTC. The message will be transmitted.

SEE EXAMPLE OF TEMPLATE BELOW

RRI Quick Welfare Message		Vers 2.3.2
<p>This form is used to send information or a status report to family members or friends. <i>Suggest more than one E-Mail address to increase the chances that someone will get this message.</i></p>		
<p>>> NO REPLY is expected, nor can one be processed. The requester needs to be informed this is a ONE WAY outbound message. <<</p> <p style="color: red;"><i>Operator Info - Read Please</i></p>		
<p>Load Quick Welfare Data</p>		
From Name	<input type="text" value="David Blubaugh ND1J"/>	Date / Time (Local) <input type="text" value="2024-10-6 08:01"/>
To Email (s)	<input type="text" value="GAARES-P2P;"/>	
Add a Cell phone number:	<input type="text" value="Enter 10 digits"/>	<input type="text" value="Select Carrier"/> Click to Enter Cell Number and Text Address in To Line
Incident / Event Location or Region / Area Name	<input type="text" value="HELENE / SENOIA COWETA GA"/>	
Message	Character count: <input type="text" value="171"/>	Click here to insert short prepared messages.
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>ND1J, COWETA, INJURIES NONE, POWER OK, CELL OK, WATER OK 30M DIPOLE INOP - OTHERS OK, NO STRUCTURAL DAMAGE, TWO TREES DOWN ALL WELL HERE. PLZ SEND TO: ND1J73@GMAIL.COM</p> </div>		
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	<input type="button" value="Save Quick Welfare Data"/>	<input type="button" value="Email Quick Welfare Message"/> <input type="button" value="Reset Form"/>
<p><small>The message is formatted as plain text in the body of the sent email, and easy to read by the recipient (s). For questions, comments or suggestions about this form contact KB1TCE via Winlink.</small></p>		

Please help spread the word to hams in your local area about this new training opportunity for Winlink P2P. Participants do not need to be previously involved in ARES at any level or be GAARES members. All stations are welcome to participate. Always feel free to contact me with any comments, suggestions or corrections. I am happy to get the feedback. Email me at nd1j73@gmail.com or post at gaares@groups.io

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