W4RAT Weekly Club Net Script

This is _____,

Calling the Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society Net.
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I welcome you to the RATS net, which is held twice a week, on Monday and Wednesday, at 7 PM on this, the 146.880 repeater. This repeater uses a negative offset and a 74.4 PL tone. My name is _____, my call sign is _____, and I will be net control for this evening's net.

Before we get started, is there any station on frequency having any emergency or priority traffic, if so, please call now?

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This net is held on Monday and Wednesday, and encourages checkins regardless of location, affiliation, or license class. All properly licensed amateurs are invited to participate. This net allows hams to voice opinions or ask questions concerning the amateur community in general or the RATS club specifically. If a question goes unanswered during the net I will contact the appropriate person to get an answer for next week's net.

When checking in please give your call sign and first name to be recognized by net control. Also state if you have any announcements or other traffic for the net. Traffic will be handled first, and then informal comments will be handled last.

First we'll take mobile and portable stations. Mobiles and portables, please call now, this is _____?

– break –

(build list of mobiles and portables, making note of stations with traffic; call more than once as needed)

– break –

Next we'll take general check-ins. Any stations, anywhere wishing to check in to the RATS net, please call now, this is _____?

– break –

(build list of general check-ins, again making note of stations with traffic; call more than once as needed)

– break –

(Only read this block if there were stations with traffic, otherwise skip past the break.)

First up, stations with traffic:

(work through the list of stations with traffic – calling mobiles/portables first, then general check-ins)

– break –

(work through the list of remaining mobile and portable stations)

– break –

This net is sponsored by the Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society, which operates the W4RAT repeater system: the analog repeater on 146.880 MHz with a negative offset with a CTCSS tone of 74.4, that's in and out. RATS also operates the W4RAT DMR repeater on 443.5875 MHz and a network of APRS digipeaters around the region.

The Richmond Amateur Telecommunications Society meets on the third Friday of the month at 7:30 PM. Currently meetings are being held virtually through the Zoom teleconferencing platform, with a link posted onto the website a few days before the meeting. All are welcome to attend. You do not need to be a ham or a member of the club to participate. You can find out more information about the repeaters, the club, and membership at our web site, www.rats.net.

This is _____ with the RATS net.

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(work through the list of general check-ins)

– break –

We'd like to remind everyone of the other net held here on the 146.880 repeater, Thursday nights at 7 PM is the District 1 ARES net, hosted by Jim KK4IUH. This net is focused on enhancing amateur radio emergency communications in central Virginia, and all amateurs are encouraged to join in.

There are a number of other popular nets on local repeaters and down on the HF bands. Our friends at the Richmond Amateur Radio Club have put together a nice list. You can find that on their web site, rarclub.net. If you don't have Internet access and are looking for information about a particular net please let me know and I will look up that information for you.

Are there any additional stations wishing to check in to the RATS net? Any stations, anywhere. If you've already checked in and would like to make additional comments you are welcome to

do a re-check. Any additional stations for the RATS net, this is _____?

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(handle any remaining check-ins, perhaps call for more if justified)

– break –

Hearing no more check-ins I'd like to close this net and return this repeater to normal amateur use. Please join us again next week at 7 PM. This is _____, closing the net, 73.

– break –

_____, clear.