

Net Controllers Aug 2024 to Aug 2025 (Rev1, 10 July 2024)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>QTH</u>
2024-08-14	VE3CGV	Grant D	Stanleyville
2024-08-21	VE3VTT	Al H	Perth
2024-08-28	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place
2024-09-04	VE3WYO	Jim	Perth
2024-09-11	VE3PUX	John	Otty Lake
2024-09-18	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place
2024-09-25	VE3VTT	Al H	Perth
2024-10-02	VA3KAI	Al N	Black lake
2024-10-09	VA3MGW	Grant	Drummond Cntr
2024-10-16	VE3CGV	Grant	Stanleyville
2024-10-23	VE3PNY	Tim	Tichborne
2024-10-30	VE3NZQ	Bob	Rideau Ferry
2024-11-06	VA3DGN	Tyler	Drummond Twp
2024-11-13	VA3IHI	Barry	Watsons Crnrs
2024-11-20	VE3PUX	John	Otty Lake
2024-11-27	VE3CGV	Grant D	Stanleyville
2024-12-04	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place
2024-12-11	VE3WYO	Jim	Perth
2024-12-18	VE3PUX	John	Otty Lake
2024-12-25	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place
2025-01-01	VE3CGV	Grant	Stanleyville
2025-01-08	VA3KAI	Al N	Black lake
2025-01-15	VA3MGW	Grant M	Drummond Cntr
2025-01-22	VE3PNY	Tim	Tichborne
2025-01-29	VE3PUX	John	Otty Lake
2025-02-05	VE3CGV	Grant D	Stanleyville
2025-02-12	VA3MGW	Grant M	Drummond Cntr
2025-02-19	VA3KAI	Al N	Black lake
2025-02-26	VE3NZQ	Bob	Rideau Ferry
2025-03-05	VA3DGN	Tyler	Drummond Twp
2025-03-12	VA3IHI	Barry	Watsons Crnrs
2025-03-19	VE3VTT	Al H	Perth
2025-03-26	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place
2025-04-02	VE3WYO	Jim	Perth

2025-04-09	VE3PUX	John	Otty Lake
2025-04-16	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place
2025-04-23	VE3CGV	Grant D	Stanleyville
2025-04-30	VA3KAI	Al N	Black lake
2025-05-07	VA3MGW	Grant M	Drummond Cntr
2025-05-14	VE3PNY	Tim	Tichborne
2025-05-21	VE3VTT	Al H	Perth
2025-05-28	VE3NZQ	Bob	Rideau Ferry
2025-06-04	VE3CGV	Grant D	Stanleyville
2025-06-11	VE3PUX	John	Otty Lake
2025-06-18	VE3NZQ	Bob	Rideau Ferry
2025-06-25	VE3CGV	Grant D	Stanleyville
2025-07-02	VA3DGN	Tyler	Drummond Twp
2025-07-09	VE3VTT	Al H	Perth
2025-07-16	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place
2025-07-23	VE3WYO	Jim	Perth
2025-07-30	VE3PUX	John	Otty Lake
2025-08-06	VE3EKN	Ken	Carleton Place

LNLARES Net Control Pre-amble

Good evening, this is Amateur's name & call sign with phonetics Net Control on DATE: _____ for the Lanark North Leeds ARES Net. This Net meets every Wednesday at 2000 hours local time on all local linked repeaters-Lavant VE3KJG, Christie Lake, Rideau Ferry, Almonte and Westport. *(break)*

The purpose of this net is to develop and improve the ability of Lanark County and North Leeds amateurs to provide communications, if called upon in a civil emergency. *(break)*

This is an open net, during check-in please state your call sign with phonetics, name and if you have traffic, formal or informal.

First of all is there any Emergency or priority traffic? *(break)*

_____ Total: _____

Is there any mobile/portable traffic? *(break)*

_____ Total: _____

I will now stand by for check-ins.

_____ Total: _____

At the completion of all the check-ins, go to the first check-in for informal message and proceed down the list.

After a few checks break for anyone wishing to check in, then continue.

When all members are completed make this report and send to G.Dixon VE3CGV:

"We had (# _____) of check-ins, (# _____) of traffic passed, time of (# _____) minutes duration".

Return the repeaters to their normal use. Using the following:

"73 to everyone and thank you for checking into the Lanark-North Leeds ARES net.

Having no further business for the betterment of the Amateurs, I now return the repeaters back to their normal use."

Adopted by G. Dixon 25 July 2022 Rev 0, from ARES Operations Manual 21 Oct 2006 by VE3LFP)

Instructions for Net Controllers:

1. Be there

If you can't be there, make arrangements to have your shift covered by one of the other controllers. Try to be on the week before your assigned shift as a backup in case the assigned controller has a problem.

Test your gear before the net. If you use the radio regularly, it might be enough to make an announcement that the net will be starting in a few minutes. Make sure the repeater comes back to you. If you only use the radio once every two months, ask for a signal check. The idea is to try to have the best signal to noise ratio you can get into the repeater. If you are at all unsure of your signal quality, ask a station whose reports you TRUST, if your signal is OK.

2. Be clear

When reading the preamble, read it like you are reading to someone who has never heard it before and has to understand it the first time. Don't mumble. Read frequencies like 146.640 as "One Four Six Decimal six four". It is more understandable that way. When reading back call signs, use STANDARD phonetics and don't be afraid to ask for corrections.

Be sure to acknowledge each station that you heard so they each know if you heard them or if somebody doubled with them.

3. Be thorough

The job requires a writing instrument. When someone checks in, record their call sign and any details, such as traffic or announcements pending. Acknowledge each check in by reading back their call sign. Once you have acknowledged them, mark them on your list, so you know who you have acknowledged and who you haven't. Leave room for corrections.

Remember that all communications during the net are directed by the Net Control. So if someone asked for a re-check or wishes to talk to someone else participating in the Net, the Net Control will direct that conversation to the appropriate parties.

*4. Be Prepared

Repeaters DO fail from time to time. Both accidental and deliberate interference happens from time to time. It might even happen that YOUR equipment may fail from time to time. Have spare equipment ready to go if possible. If you have difficulty hearing on the output, listen on the input, and ask for relays.

Select one of the 6 networked repeaters 1) Lavant VE3KJG (146.640MHz), 2) Christie Lake VA3TEL (145.230 MHz, tone 100) 3) Rideau Ferry VE3REX (442.200 tone 100), 4) WestPort VE3WPO/R (442.400 MHz), or 6) Almonte VA3AAR (444.300 MHz) to run the net. If the repeater you select is off the air when you arrive on frequency (before net time) go to Lavant (146.640) and conduct the net on that frequency. (Just make sure that it is the repeater that has failed, and not some part of your own station.) **Repeaters 1) Lavant and 2) Christie Lake**

are the normal repeaters to run the net.

If, at any time, a station breaks in with emergency or priority traffic, first determine what the station thinks the problem is, then help them to solve it, whether by a phone call to 911 or some specific agency, or some other means. Keep the frequency clear for further information about the emergency until the situation is resolved.

Note that the usual reason for someone speaking up after a call for "emergency or priority traffic" is that they weren't paying attention and thought it was time for regular check ins. -See the last section: "Be courteous"

*5. Be courteous

Thank check ins when you acknowledge them. Thank the stations on the net when you close down. It is impossible to overdo this part (and by the way, thanks for volunteering to take a shift as net controller).

Just a quick note on net protocol. In addition to allowing the tail to drop, please allow each check-in to get on the list before talking to them. Stop the list when it either peters out or reaches over 10 or 11 or so. Read back the list to acknowledge the participants and clarify any concerns with the check-ins. Then go down the list with each check-in and when finished, open the net for more check-ins or re-checks. Repeat as necessary. This approach will ensure that a check-in has reached the net control and hopefully will minimize doubling.

When closing the net, tell them you are closing the net and are returning the repeaters to regular service.

Reporting Net Statistics

At the end of you session a net control, please send an email to G. Dixon (fm167@ncf.ca) in the following format:

- 1a) Emergency Check-ins: #
- 1b) Mobile Check-ins: #
- 1c) Regular Check-ins: #
- 1d) Total # of check-ins: # including net control.
- 2) Traffic passed: # formal; # informal
- 3) Total net time: ~## minutes.

(Instructions provided by T. Tidman with modifications by G. Dixon, Rev 1, 25 July 2022)

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