Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA
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WHO: All amateur radio operators
WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA
WHEN: Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 0000 UTC
       Saturday, November 25, 2023 - 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.

The coming months will be about sending standard text based forms that
can be easily used via Packet Radio Messaging.

Below is a text version of the Field Situation Report (FSR) form. This month N3MEL is
asking that we fill out the form and send it back as a Packet Bulletin.

SB PKTNET@USA
Subject: Callsign, Name, City/Town/County, State
Message (example):
PACKET RADIO FIELD SITUATION REPORT

Packet Radio Bulletin Net

PRECEDENCE:= R/ Routine

DATE/TIME:= 2023-11-11 10:43:58Z   TASK:= # 01

FROM:= Your Call

TO:= SB PKTNET@USA

INFO (CC):= Your Call, Your Name, Your Town & Your State (This line
should also be your subject line of you check-in bulletin)

1. Is there an EMERGENT/LIFE SAFETY Need = NO

2. City:= Your City

2a. County:= USA

2b. State:= Your State

2c. Territory:=

3. Reporting Grid Sq:= Your Grid

4a. POTS landlines functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

4b. VOIP landlines functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

5a. Cell phone voice calls functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

5b. Cell phone texts functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

6. AM/FM Broadcast Stations functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

7a. OTA TV functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

7b. Satellite TV functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

7c. Cable TV functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

8. Public Water Works functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

9a. Commercial Power functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

9b. Commercial Power Stable?:= Unknown - N/A

9c. Natural Gas Supply functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

10. Internet functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

11a. NOAA weather radio functioning?:= Unknown - N/A

11b. NOAA weather radio audio degraded?:= Unknown - N/A

12. Additional Comments: Select the best choice above that best

describes your location.

13. POC:= Your Call
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The participant map will be updated throughout the duration of the net at:

https://www.qsomap.org/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!

Here's a simple web form here to help create the Field Situation Report (FSR) plain text:

http://vden.org/pktnet/fsr.html

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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