**Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA**
November, 2026

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View net reminder bulletin from N3MEL

WHO: All amateur radio operators
WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA
WHEN: Sunday, November 22, 2026 - 0000 UTC
Saturday, November 28, 2026 - 2359 UTC

This month, net control has asked participants to use the HTML form of their choice, available at:

https://www.tprfn.net/html-form-suite

The net will continue with taking check-ins via Packet, Winlink, APRS, VarAC, and JS8Call.

**SP N3MEL@N3MEL.#EPA.PA.USA.NOAM**
**Subject: PKTNET, Your Name, Your Call, Your Town, Your Grid**
**Message: (Form contents from the above link with comments)**

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PKTNET INSTRUCTIONS:

https://www.tprfn.net/pktnet-info/november-2026-pktnet-instructions

IMPORTANT: NO EARLY CHECK-INS.

The net is starting a week late due to being busy with a family matter!

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NET SCHEDULE:

STARTS: Sunday, Nov 22nd @ 00:00 UTC* ENDS: Saturday, Nov 28th @ 23:59 UTC

Forms: www.tprfn.net/html-form-suite (Use the form of your choice NO WINLINK FORMS)

Map:
NEW live mapping, filtering by callsign & modes. Page will open at the start of the net and close a week after the net closes.
Map link: n3mel.ddns.net:5005/

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INSTRUCTIONS BY MODE (You receive credit for each mode you use!)

So that we track your check-in mode please be sure to enter it in the form you use!

**** NEW THIS MONTH (Please follow these steps for your Packet check-in)

* PACKET:
Preferred 1. (NEW) Use the new interactive Check-in form, complete set of instructions can be found here:
www.tprfn.net/pktnet-info/interactive-pktnet-check-ins
This is a great way to practice using the packet network! Please give a try.

Optional 2. Send a private check-in message.
To:(Send Personal) SP N3MEL@N3MEL.#EPA.PA.USA.NOAM Subject: [PKTNET], [Name], [Call], [Town], [Grid]
Message: Paste HTML form data

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* WINLINK:

To: TPRFN
Subject: [Name], [Call], [Town], [Grid]
Message: Paste HTML form data (NO WINLINK FORMS PLEASE)

* EXTRA CREDIT (Packet via Winlink):
To: WLGATE
Subject: N3MEL
Message: Paste the PACKET Net Check-in data (NO WINLINK FORMS PLEASE!)

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* APRS:
To: N3MEL-6
Message: [Name], [Town], [Grid]

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* VarAC (Email):
To: TPRFN@...
Subject: //WL2K [Name], [Call], [Town], [Grid] <-- Must include //WL2K
Message: Paste HTML form data

* VarAC EXTRA CREDIT (Vmail):
To: Create and send a Vmail to N3MEL
Subject: packet:n3mel <-- Must be exact (no spaces, include colon)
Message: Paste your check-in form

How-To: Use "Path Finder" in VarAC to see who heard N3MEL. Leave Vmail with the station showing the best SNR.
Relay will notify N3MEL.

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* JS8CALL new this month.
A few stations will be assisting by taking JS8CALL check-ins this month. To send your check use the following:
@PKTNET MSG YOUR CALL, YOUR NAME, YOUR TOWN, YOUR GRID, BAND USED

The receiving station(s) will send your check-ins to the NCS every day or two via a private packet message to N3MEL or via Winlink message to N3MEL.

STATION INFORMATION & LINKS

N3MEL VarAC Operating Schedule:
14.105 MHz: 13:00 to 22:59 UTC daily* 7.105 MHz: 23:00 to 12:59 UTC daily

RESOURCES:
Become a Hub: www.tprfn.net/contact-us

Thank you for supporting the network!

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All check-ins will be mapped at:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1ZrtB3pv8QW9LrRhBKRmOHE-MHykuoWs&usp=sharing

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Don't feel obligated to enter a detailed message if it's difficult; the important part is the Subject line!

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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