

Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

September, 2026

Net Control:

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WHO: All amateur radio operators

WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

WHEN: Sunday, September 20, 2026 - 0000 UTC

Saturday, September 26, 2026 - 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.

This month, net control has asked participants to use send a Personal message using the TPRFN Skywarn Form generator, available at:

<https://www.tprfn.net/tprfn-skywarn>

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

SP N3MEL@N3MEL.#EPA.PA.USA.NOAM

Subject: PKTNET, Your Call, Your Name, Your Town, Your Grid

Message: (Form contents from the above link with comments)

PKTNET INSTRUCTIONS:

<https://www.tprfn.net/pktnet-info/september-pktnet-instructions>

IMPORTANT: NO EARLY CHECK-INS. They must be sent within the window below.

NET SCHEDULE:

STARTS: Sunday, September 20th @ 00:00 UTC* ENDS: Saturday, September 26th @ 23:59

UTC

Form: <https://www.tprfn.net/html-form-suite> (Use "TPRFN Skywarn Form")
SEE LINK AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE FOR SKYWARN FORM INSTRUCTIONS!

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

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

PACKET:

To: (Send Personal) SP N3MEL@N3MEL.#[EPA.PA](#).USA.NOAM

Subject: [PKTNET], [Name], [Call], [Town], [Grid]

Message: Paste HTML form data

WINLINK:

To: TPRFN

Subject: [Name], [Call], [Town], [Grid]

Message: Paste HTML form data

*EXTRA CREDIT (Packet via Winlink):

To: WLGATE

Subject: N3MEL

Message: Paste the PACKET Net Check-in data (NO Winlink forms!)

APRS:

To: N3MEL-6

Message: [Name], [Town], [Grid]

VarAC (Email):

To: TPRFN@winlink.org

Subject: //WL2K [Name], [Call], [Town], [Grid] <-- Must include //WL2K

Message: Paste HTML form data (NO Winlink forms!)

* 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.

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

Note:

N3MEL's TPRFN station now supports bidirectional messaging between VarAC & Packet Radio.

RESOURCES:

Local Forms: <https://code.frostlabs.me/n3mel/TPRFN-Forms-Suite> (Download full suite to PC)

Become a Hub: <https://www.tprfn.net/contact-us>

Thank you for supporting the network!

All check-ins will be mapped at:

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

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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