

# MARA Net Meeting Script

*[Comments to the NCS are enclosed within brackets, "[ ]". Cross out any paragraphs that you will not be using before the net begins.]*

*[Before beginning the net, determine if an event review will be taking place during the net and make the appropriate decision at the bottom of this page (A or B).]*

*[Before you begin you can find the latest copy of ARRL Audio News at <https://blubry.com/arrlaudionews/>]*

Good evening. This is [name & callsign] \_\_\_\_\_, your Net Control Operator for tonight's Madison Area Repeater Association net. We meet at this time each Thursday evening on the MARA 147.150 MHz repeater with a PL of 123.0. For the remainder of the net I will use the call sign of Madison Area Repeater Association: W9HSY.

This net is held for the purpose of sharing information about the status of the MARA Repeaters, Hearing the latest edition of the ARRL Audio News, to alert participants about any upcoming contests and activities and for general discussion about operating, equipment and accomplishments particularly interesting to those with VHF and UHF privileges. All listening stations with VHF and UHF privileges are invited to check-in. You do not need to be a member of MARA to do so, although you are encouraged to become a member. For information about MARA please visit our website at [w9hsy.org](http://w9hsy.org).

If anyone needs to break into the net with emergency traffic, please do so at any time. This is W9HSY with the Madison Area Repeater Association Net.

*[Break]*

At this time I will take check-ins grouped in call-book order. We use the procedure of calling "net control," unkeying the mic and listening that you have not doubled with anyone, and then rekeying and giving your call followed by your first name and the location you are calling from. Release the mic and wait for the net control to acknowledge your check in. We will take several check-ins before acknowledging them. We will not be asking whether you are in or out for tonight's net as we will not be calling individuals by call sign for traffic.

After everyone has checked in we will give any timely MARA announcements that need to be shared and then we will play the ARRL Audio News for this week. Following the Audio News we will open the net for general sharing including information on any general operating opportunities and contests coming up, bragging, accomplishments, questions and other information participants would like to share.

*[If there is a particular subject we'd like to highlight for this net please add that here]*

*[Optional]*

After the hearing the Audio News we would like to discuss: \_\_\_\_\_.

*[/Optional]*

We will now continue with check-ins from stations call book order using the letter after the number in your callsign. If the letter after the number in your call is:

- A through J; Alpha through Juliet
- K through T; Kilo through Tango



*[After the Audio News]*

Before we continue, we'd like to offer one last opportunity for anyone who has not yet checked-in to do so. If you've not yet checked in to the MARA net please call "net control" unkey the mic and if you've not doubled with anyone key the mic and give your call, first name and location. Net control will acknowledge your check-in before we continue.,

We are now open for general information, announcements, bragging, questions, answers and [if planned] comments on our subject for the evening. If you have something you'd like to share with the net please key your mic and announce your call and wait for the net control officer to acknowledge you.

If you have anything you'd like to share with the net please call now. This is W9HSY with the Madison Area Repeater Association Net.

*[room for your notes]*

*[at the end of sharing]*

Thanks to all for joining us tonight. We had [number of checkins] stations check in tonight. Again, please visit our website, [w9hsy.org](http://w9hsy.org) for more information about the work of MARA and if you've not joined please consider doing so the Dues are \$24 per year (\$2 per month, if you start in the middle of the year) and your membership is particularly important during the pandemic when we are unable to have our Hamfest to help meet our expenses.

This is W9HSY, personal call, \_\_\_\_\_, signing off, 73