NET CONTROL SCRIPT Last revised: 1 September 2025

Opening Remarks

This is ***__callsign__*** calling the Vagabond Ragchew Net into session. I'm ***__name__*** and I'll be your net controller today.

This repeater is owned by the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club. If it fails, we may use K4GW's 147.315 repeater. All repeaters serve the Piedmont Triad Area. The offset is negative for W4NC and positive for K4GW. Both use a 100 Hz tone. We thank the owners of these repeaters for allowing us to use them.

The Vagabond Ragchew Net meets every weekday afternoon at 2:30 Eastern for about 90 minutes to inform, enlighten, ragchew and possibly add a bit of humor to the day. We invite all newcomers, especially new hams, to join us - either as a casual check-in or by starting a series of five check-ins within 30 calendar days in order to be pledged as a permanent Vagabond.

This is a directed net. At intervals, I will ask for check-ins. You should give only my call, ***__callsign__*** or net control and then un-key briefly and listen. Then, if the frequency is clear, give your Vagabond number if you have one, callsign, name and location. Let me know if you are portable or mobile, if you wish to be given priority.

Direct all transmissions to net control and wait for me to call on you. To comment out of turn, say "Comment" or "Contact" and wait to be recognized by net control.

We'll now pause for anyone who is mobile or portable away from home who wishes to check in. If so, come now. [Add them to your list.]

Any other stations, of any kind, wishing to check in to the Vagabond Ragchew Net, please call ***__callsign__*** or net control now.

[Proceed with the net, starting with EchoLink, then mobile/portable, then all others]

****NOTE**** When accessing EchoLink please pause for 2-3 seconds to allow EchoLink to acquire the repeater.

[At any convenient time when things slow down, read our Announcements.]

Closing Remarks

We appreciate your check-ins, your comments, and your contributions. We would again like to thank the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club for the use of their W4NC 145.470 repeater, and Jerry Minor for making his K4GW 147.315 repeater available as a backup.

This afternoon, we had _**nn**___ check-ins, including _**nn**___ temporaries, [*Who? Announce their numbers, call signs, and names]* and _____ new pledges *[Who? Announce their numbers, call signs, and names]*.

This is your net control station, ***__callsign__***, now closing this session of the Vagabond Ragchew Net for the ____ day of 20__. We now return the frequency to routine amateur use at _____ local time.

Have a good afternoon! 73s to all! This is ***__callsign__***, out.

The Vagabond Pledge

I, ___[name]___,_____[call sign]____, do pledge.....

that as a Vagabond.....

whether I travel hither and yon.....

or to and fro, from place to place.....

either on the airways or on the by-ways.....

I will always be moving in the right direction.

I hereby declare ___[name]____, ____[call]____, a member in good standing with all the privileges and honors accorded permanent Vagabonds.

Congratulations, and may you always keep moving in the right direction!

And now, before we hear a short biographical sketch from you and anything else you would like to say, all the Vagabonds on frequency may offer their congratulations.

[Wait for congrats from other stations.]

Thank you, Vagabonds. And now, ___[name]_____, we are ready for your comments.

[Wait for his or her comments.] Thank you, ___[name]___. Again, congratulations.

Your permanent Vagabond No. is _____.

[If possible, request *optional* info: month & day of birthday (not year) and phone number. Emphasize that these are optional]