

## **Suggestions for Questions for BCARES Monday Night Nets:**

- 1) How far are you from the nearest major intersection ( state or national highways ) ? Name the intersection and estimate distance ( in miles ).
- 2) Estimate your travel time to the Boulder County Fairgrounds ( or some other staging location ).
- 3) Estimate your arrival time to the Boulder County Fairgrounds ( or some other staging location ) if you are able to leave immediately.
- 4) How much fuel do you have in your vehicle gas tank ?
- 5) Estimate how many hours per week you monitor the .76 repeater( or Red 1 )?
- 6) If you lost battery or commercial power at time of check-in how long would it be before you were back on the air ?
- 7) What is the most extreme or bizarre location ever from which you've monitored the .76 repeater ?
- 8) Have you ever generated or received a National Traffic System Radiogram message ?
- 9) Have you ever submitted comments on proposed Amateur Radio rule-making to the ARRL or FCC ?
- 10) How many different antenna options do you have available for the radio you are now using ?
- 11) Have you ever operated emergency HF or passed traffic to NTS during a disaster scenario ?
- 12) Briefly describe the last opportunity you had to demonstrate Amateur Radio to a non-Ham or prospective new Ham.
- 13) Very briefly describe the event if you have you ever used your radio to report or prevent a crime, assist in a rescue, report or prevent an accident or disaster.
- 14) Some people name their cars, equipment or other favorite possessions. Describe any nicknames you have for any of your radios or other related equipment and how they were named.
- 15) What other activities do you frequently combine with Amateur Radio such as: Vacations ? Scouts ? Cruises ? Flying ? Skydiving ? Motor Sports ? Backpacking ?
- 16) Other questions on battery power, capacity, battery cycling, etc.

# **Suggestions for Micro-Exercises for BCARES Monday Night Nets:**

Fill in the blanks with additional suggestions:

- 1) operate Nets partially or completely on FM Simplex
  - ◆ start on a repeater and switch to simplex
  - ◆ schedule at least a week a month exclusively for simplex net operation
  - ◆ establish a simplex Net Control Station with commanding signal on a high location
  - ◆ start on one simplex frequency and switch to another simplex frequency
  - ◆ operate a net on 146.76 simplex and / or 146.16 simplex
  
- 2) operate Nets on alternate repeaters ( 146.27 or 146.70 ) with prior warning and awareness and approval of LARC and BARC.
  
- 3) take check-ins on one repeater and switch to another repeater for the remainder of the net.
  
- 4) start a net on VHF repeater and switch to a UHF repeater to finish the net
  
- 5) have a net that involves available stations to report immediately upon check-in to a nearby staging type of location of their choosing ( school, park, recreation center, shopping center, major intersection, etc. ) to complete the remainder of the net. To verify that participants actually went somewhere, everyone must report an actual address, GPS position, or at least one unique feature of location upon arrival.
  
- 6) encourage cross-band check-ins from stations not on the primary net frequency
  
- 7) simulate a telephone callout during net by asking check-ins to participate by calling an assigned portion of the BCARES roster, and to report back to NCS on those contacted or messages left.
  
- 8) combine an ATV net with the VHF information net, simulcast the Monday night net on ATV and 146.76 and take check-ins via both ATV and voice. Specially acknowledge people who check-in using both modes.
  
- 9) combine a Packet net with VHF information net. Take check-ins via both packet and/or VHF voice on 146.76, specially acknowledge people who do both.