

How to send Packet Messages For ARES/RACES during the SET

We are going to use the new packet to email system starting this year. The way a message is entered into the bbs is the same as you would send a personal message. We are sending the messages to an alias at the W5AUU packet bbs. The way it works is that from the W5AUU bbs the message is carbon copied to another alias that is setup at the W5AUU JNOS Gateway. Once there, the message is carbon copied to a few email addresses. For the SET, the emails will be going to David Huddleston at ADEM so be professional and informative in your message writing. The alias to use is the letters SET followed by the last two numbers of the year. During the year 2001 you would use the alias SET01, the next year you would use SET02..etc.

Enter your title and message following the formats listed in the example on pages two and three of this handout.

Once you enter the message you can continue to enter traffic the same way *until you are asked to do so differently*. Users will be notified by an announcement on the HF net or in a reply message over packet. Your message will be sent to the gateway and emailed within 1 minute.

Why are we doing it this way? In the past if you sent any traffic (Voice or Packet) to W5AUU there would have to be an operator there to receive it. With the new system the message can be automatically sent to the bunker to get the ball rolling. No operator needed. One way to look at is like this, at 2am your county emergency manager person calls you up and asks for you to send some emergency traffic to ADEM. He has to call you because he can't get the message there by any other means. But who would be at ADEM at 2 o'clock in the morning? There would be no ham operators on duty but there would be a person in the bunker. It is manned by ADEM personnel 24 hours a day.

How would ADEM know the message is legit? There is only one alias (secret alias) that will be automatically sent to the bunker. This alias is known by only to your county emergency manager. This way, the message is automatically validated since it came in via this alias. Your message will notify ADEM that there is definitely something going on.

We are trying to get users accustomed to the idea of sending traffic to an alias so that when a real disaster hits, you will know how to get your county the needed help.

INSTRUCTIONS:

When sending traffic to ADEM via regular packet follow these steps.

1. Connect to your local node
2. Connect to the node CONWAY
3. Once there type BBS
4. Begin message SP SET01 (zero one NOT oh one)
5. Enter title when prompted: 2001 ARK SET message
6. Once prompted begin to enter message.
7. Include statement that this is a test message.
8. Message can be formal or informal.
9. Make sure to include signature of sending official (judge or director)
10. Include a return packet address/route if applicable.
11. End message by typing /ex on a line by itself.
12. Wait for BBS to reply with a message number stating it's been sent.
13. You can make sure it is entered by reading it back: R #####
14. Disconnect from BBS by typing: Bye
15. Disconnect from Conway node by typing: Bye
16. Disconnect from your local node by typing: Bye

EXAMPLE:

*Tell TNC to Connect to your local node and it should give you a CONNECTED TO message.
Then here is the rest of an example:*

c Conway

BAXTER:K5BAX-4} Connected to: CONWAY:W5AUU-8

bbs

**CONWAY:W5AUU-8} Please wait, trying W5AUU
CONWAY:W5AUU-8} Connected to #ADEM:W5AUU
[FBB-7.00g-AB1FHMRX\$]
W5AUU BBS, QTH EM44.
Hello Kevin, you are now on channel 1.
Here are 84 active messages, 10551 is last message and
10545 is the last you have listed.**

Assigned channels:

Ch. 1 (NETWORK) : AC5DK-15 - Mon 01/10/01 20:28

**Hello Kevin, thank you for connecting to W5AUU's Packet BBS,
at 20:30 01-Oct-01. Sysop: KB5WBH.
(Arkansas Dept. of Emergency Management in Conway)
(1) W5AUU BBS (H for help) >**

sp set01

Enter the title for this message to SET01 :

2001 ARK SET message

Enter the text for the message, end with Ctrl-Z or /EX on a blank line) :

THIS IS A SIMULATED TEST MESSAGE

To ADEM Conway,

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County Judge

Reply to K5BAX <= BAXTER via packet radio or 3987.5 MHz voice.

/ex

**Mid: 10552_W5AUU Size: 18 bytes
(1) W5AUU BBS (H for help) >**

r 10552

From: AC5DK
To: SET01
Type/status: PN
Date/time: 01-Oct 20:40
BID (MID): 10552_W5AUU
Message #: 10552
Title: 2001 ARK SET message

(This message has been read 1 times so far in this BBS.)

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--- End of message #10552 to SET01 from AC5DK ---

(1) W5AUU BBS (H for help) >

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You have been connected 3mn 13s - Computer-time : 3s
Bye, Kevin, and welcome back.
CONWAY:W5AUU-8} Welcome back.

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CONWAY:W5AUU-8} Goodbye.
BAXTER:K5BAX-4} Welcome back.

b

BAXTER:K5BAX-4} Goodbye.

You will then be disconnected from the node.