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Our next RACES/ARES net will be on Wednesday June 8, at 8 PM on the CARS repeater 146.745 MHz, per the new schedule wherein we are holding weekly drills or training.

The format for this week's exercise will be the same as that listed in the RACES manual with one change. The net controller will ask operators if they would check in on non-commercial power, either battery or generator or handheld. If the initial check in on commercial power, stations will be asked if they can switch and re-check on back-up power/handheld and record the check-in the log.

Please mark your calendar for our monthly in-house training session at the EOC at the Sherriff's office on Utilities Road near the airport. Gerard Mallet, the Emergency Management Coordinator will present training on the Incident Command System (ICS) that is put in place during emergencies. The training is set for 2:30 PM on Wednesday the 15th of June. This is important training and we hope for a good initial turn out of our members.

In July, we will hold the annual RACES meeting. There is much to discuss. I am looking for the third Wednesday but have not decided on location yet or whether we should hold it in the evening to allow for working folks to attend. Please provide your input and suggestions.

One clarification, I am attempting to track these weekly exercises and have used the word "certify" for successful accomplishment of goals. Certification should not be interpreted as exclusionary. What certifying does is establish a track record of our training and exercise tasks and also allows us to spot weakness to be addressed through formal classroom training and other measures.

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