

WinLink Practice Opportunities

Here are some ways you can sharpen your WinLink skills.

Common Procedures

Prepare a message according to that week's instructions and send it by whatever method is available. The WTX Section supports P2P but only at certain times of the day. For other times and other areas, select any station in the VARA HF list by double clicking it and send when the frequency is clear. If you can't connect, try another method. All three will accept "TELNET WinLink" messages as well. Be sure to mark your message according to the method you want to use ("WinLink", "Radio Only" or "P2P") **BEFORE** post to your Outbox. Your VARA send method must match or it won't send. If you connect, but nothing is sent, check that both match. Go back, edit and resave the message to your Outbox, then try again.

If you choose "P2P" you must send it to that station, no other RMS HF or CMS station will accept it. To forward to another station, use "VARA HF WinLink" or "Radio Only". If you mark it "VARA HF WinLink", the receiving station may forward it over the internet to the destination. "Radio Only" means don't use the internet. Some RMS HF stations won't allow "Radio Only" - check WinLink.org ==> Tools ==> Map and select the station to see parameters and restrictions for VARA HF first.

All three practice groups will add you to their WinLink email list and send the following week's info to you so you don't have to look it up again.

West Texas Section WinLink Tuesday

P2P or HF or TELNET

Practice by sending various forms to both KB5HPT and NE8U:

- TELNET - All day Tuesday
- RMS HF - All day Tuesday
- P2P - NE8U 7063.5 CF from 9:00am to 11:00am CST
- P2P - KB5HPT 7116.5 CF from 9:00am to 11:00am CST
- P2P - KB5HPT 3595.0 CF from 7:00pm to 9:00pm CST
- Weekly Form information available at
<https://www.hamradioelpaso.com/emergency-coordination>

North Texas Section - WinLink Wednesday

HF or TELNET

Practice by sending a WinLink Check In message to KF5VO:

- TELNET - All day Wednesday
- RMS HF - All day Wednesday
- (1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month only)

Iowa WinLink Saturday / Monday

HF or TELNET

Practice by sending various forms or WinLink Check In message to WB0GAG:

- TELNET - All day Saturday and Monday
- RMS HF - All day Saturday and Monday
- Weekly Form information available at
<http://iowawinlink.net>