

Winlink Thursday' has returned!

Winlink Thursdays organized by the EmComm-Training.org group had taken a hiatus for a while but is back and ready to resume.

We are going to be resuming **Winlink Thursdays starting on April 13, 2023.**

We will start with a monthly pace until at least though August.

We want to make sure the expanded writing team has time to get settled in and we have the new grading programs working as expected.

Emcomm Training Organization™ schedule thru August 2023.

- April 13, 2023 – Winlink Thursday
- May 13, 2023 – Semi-Annual Drill
- June 15, 2023 – Winlink Thursday
- July 13, 2023 – Winlink Thursday
- August 10, 2023 – Winlink Thursday.

They have a presence on groups.io and to join their group you can subscribe by clicking here... main+subscribe@EmComm-Training.groups.io

They can also be contacted here... <http://www.EmComm-Training.org>

The April Exercise objective was to use the Beaufort scale to estimate wind speed and use Winlink Express to create and send a Local Weather Report form.

CURRENT LOCAL WEATHER CONDITIONS EmComm Training Organization	
Call sign: N7UWX	Observer Name : Tyler
Date Time: 2023-04-12 16:28:10	Location:
City:River Heiths	State: Ut County: Cache
Latitude: 41.718167	Longitude: -111.820167 MGRS: 12TVM3177618810 Grid: DN41cr
Current Conditions: CLOUDY	
Temperature 63 °F	HUMIDITY: 50% DEWPOINT: °F
Barometer 1007.5 in.Hg	Three hour trend: STEADY
Cloud cover description: Mostly Sunny	
Wind Speed: .9 MPH Estimated Direction From: South West	
Wind Gusts: 4.0 MPH Wind Gusts MAX: MPH	
Rain 1HR: 0 inches Rain Total: 0 inches	
Snow 1HR: 0 inches Snow Total: 0 inches Water Content: 0	
NWS Level:WARNING Avalanche	
Notes: APRS Weather Station	
Form Concept by KF5SMH Ver 2.9.4	

Most of the exercised are based on the Winlink Forms and the instructions given are straight forward and easy to understand. Past exercises have included Positions Reports, Mapping, P2P or Peer to Peer, DYIF earth quake report and many others.

Also the **RATPAC group** has lots of training opportunities <https://www.ratpac.us>

One of the more recent trainings done on the RATPAC was on “Winlink, Making Connections- IMPORTANT New Feature for End Users” by Phil Sherrod, W4PHS Software Developer, Winlink Development Team.

More on their training can be found here tiny.cc/ratpac-list

Tuesday WinLink Net

Cache County ARES sponsors a **Winlink-only net** each **1st Tuesday of every month**. All are welcome to participate.

- Check-in is between 0600-1900 Mountain and can be ANY mode **including** Telnet.

- You will receive an acknowledgement to show that you're checked in.
- Address your check-in message to **W7CSO (CCARES Callsign)**.

We are now using the "**Winlink Check In**" **template**. For those new to templates follow the step by step instructions on how to send a message.

1. Launch Winlink Express.
2. Select new message.
3. Click on "Select Template" in the menu.
4. Expand Standard Templates
5. Expand GENERAL Forms
6. Double Click on "Winlink Check In.txt"

If you are not using Winlink Express then the body of your message is as follows.

call sign, first name, city or town, state (HF, VHF or Telnet) and mode.

73 de Tyler N7UWX

Utah Section Assistant Traffic Manager (ASTM)