

We have had more than 250 participants in week #3 and more than 290 in week #4 for these Winlink Thursdays, and we are grateful for your efforts. You have demonstrated that you can send, receive and reply to ARC-213s. At the same time, we have had a number of folks sending various other messages from #2 and #3 into our Divisional Clearinghouses during week #4.

In this exercise, we are interested in how you might be using RF to connect to the Winlink system, and where you are so we can show a map giving our national coverage in graphic form.

We will use the Winlink Check In form which many of you used for week #2. This form is found under General Forms in the Standard Template section. It is called Winlink Check In.txt.

Please use this typical data entry:

SETUP	ARC EmComm Drill WinLink Thursday #5
Date/Time	Click to add your time stamp
Status	Net Check-In
Band	The band you used to connect to Winlink, N/A if you used Telnet.
Mode	Choose from the drop-down menu.
Send To:	Your Divisional Clearing House Tactical Address
Call Signs of Initial	
On-Site Operators	Enter the RMS node you used to send your message <i>Example: NODAJ-10, or Telnet if not using RF</i>
Sender	Enter your call sign
Location	2-letter State
Decimal GPS	Please enter this as close to your location as you desire.
	LAT/LON: The form accepts <u>only</u> Decimal Degree latitude and longitude. Four (4) decimal places are preferred.
	N/E/S/W: North and East are positive numbers in Decimal Degrees. South and West are negative numbers in Decimal Degrees. Do not enter the character N, E, S or W
	For example the Hollywood Sign is located at Decimal Degrees 34.1341, - 118.3215. This example would be entered in the form as "34.1341, - 118.3215". Note the use of a comma separation and there is no "N" or "W" character. Also note the decimal latitude is first then the longitude.
Comments	Tell us the radio and computer interface you are using to connect to Winlink. <i>Example: Yaesu 857 D / Signalink or ICOM 7300 / Built-in TNC</i>

Click on Submit, return to WinLink and check that your message is addressed to your Clearinghouse, then Post and send it.

Thanks for your participation in ARC WinLink Thursday #5.

See you all next Thursday!