

Join the shared coverage map (optional)

RARCHAMS ARES net — a simplex coverage test shows who can reach whom on tactical simplex

What this is

During the simplex test, net control logs where check-ins are and who can hear whom. If you **choose** to join, your callsign and a **grid square** are added to a shared list that the club's coverage-map page loads, so every member can see where members are and where coverage may be weak. Joining is **completely optional**; saying no has no effect on your part in the net.

Exactly what is shown on the public map

- **Only your callsign, a grid square you pick, and the date you agreed.** No name, no street address, no phone, no e-mail.
- **You choose the precision:** a **6-character grid** (for example EN34ra, a cell a few miles across) or a **4-character grid** (for example EN34, roughly 70 × 100 miles). If you pick neither, we use the 4-character grid.
- The list is on a public web page. Nothing is copied from your FCC license record; the location is whatever **you** tell net control.

Separate option: use my APRS position during net tests

- If you run APRS, net control can look up **the one callsign-SSID you name** (for example W0ABC-7) on aprs.fi when a test is run, and use that as your location. By default it is **rounded to the grid you chose**; **exact position is used only if you specifically ask for it**. It helps most when you are mobile or portable.
- The result stays on **net control's computer**. It is **not published** and no history is kept.
- This is independent of the public list: you can do either, both or neither, and stop at any time.

How to join, and how to leave

- **Join:** tell net control “yes” on the air with your callsign, the grid you want shown, and (if you want the APRS option) your APRS callsign-SSID, or fill in the sheet below.
- **Change or leave at any time:** tell net control (on the air, or by e-mail). You are removed from the current list at the next update; earlier saved copies of the page's history can also be purged on request.
- Not sure of your grid square? Net control can look one up from your city, or use any grid-square map site.

Net control announcement:

“Optional: if you would like to appear on the club's shared coverage map, say yes now and give me your callsign and the grid square you want shown, six characters or four. Only your callsign and that grid are shown. If you run APRS and want me to use your APRS position during tests, give me that callsign-SSID too; it stays on my computer. You can ask to be removed at any time.”

Sign-up sheet

Callsign	Name (printed; never published)	Public grid (blank = not on public map)	4, 6 or exact	APRS call-SSID (blank = no APRS option)	Initials	Date

By initialing, I agree to what I filled in: my callsign and grid shown on the club's public coverage map, and/or net control looking up the APRS callsign-SSID I wrote during net tests. I can ask to stop at any time.

Keep this sheet with net control. Printed names are only so net control can tell members apart; they are never published. APRS data courtesy of aprs.fi.