

ACS CENTRAL COUNTY DIGITAL WEEKLY CHECK-INS

Central County ACS is now accepting weekly check-ins digitally via Winlink. This provides a way for you to practice using digital modes to check in, and to verify that your digital station works.

There are two Winlink client programs recommended.

(In this context, a client is your station on your computer and/or radio that you use to create, send, and receive emails using the Winlink system.)

If you use Windows, then use Winlink Express, formerly called RMS Express, as your client program. See the document "Install Winlink Express."

You can also install Winlink Express under MacOS/Parallels.

If you use Linux, use PAT. See the document "How to download and install PAT." PAT will also work on Windows or Mac but Winlink Express is recommended for those systems.

You are encouraged to check-in weekly on **Mondays before 6 pm** using multiple modes:

- Winlink via VHF using Packet on 144.91 at W6SON-10, KB6YNO-10 or K6ETA-10, or 144.96 at AA6BD-10
- Winlink via HF using any ARDOP, PACTOR, VARA or WINMOR modes.
- Winlink via TELNET (Internet) connection.

If you use Winlink Express, select the ICS-213 template to check in. If you use Pat, it does not yet directly support ICS-213, so just include the subject and body as shown below.

Send your message to KZ6T and AA6BD. You can use the call sign only in the To: field when sending an email through Winlink. "@winlink.org" is implied but not required.

The subject of your message is: **ACS check-in**

The body of your message is as follows:

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

Note that all fields in ICS-213 except for Incident name must be filled in.

Example Body:

AA6BD, Bill, Santa Rosa, CA, VHF, packet

For a detailed example of how to send the check in message, see the document "Telnet Basics" which shows how to send the message using Telnet (Internet direct).

For help in setting up other modes, see the videos at:

[https://winlink.org/content/k4ref how to video series winlink winlink express](https://winlink.org/content/k4ref%20how%20to%20video%20series%20winlink%20winlink%20express)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3gdwsV9_ca0

and the information at:

https://winlink.org/content/how_to_recipes

All check-ins will be acknowledged, and a complete list of check-ins will be sent via Winlink to all participants as well as included in the weekly call summary.