Required Radio Calls for Uncontrolled Airports

Remembering the Acronym **ITPAID** will help you with most of you radio calls.

I – Identification (Who you are. Ex-GGUC)
T – Type (What are you. Ex. C-172)
P – Position (Where are you. Ex. 1 Mile South of Orr Lake)
A – Altitude (How high are you. Ex. 3500')
I – Intentions (What are you going to do. Ex. Inbound for landing)
D – Destination (Where are you going. Ex. Lake Simcoe Regional)

Unicom – used when requiring information
Examples – Airport Advisory, radio checks

Traffic – used when providing information
Examples – Providing your position

After Start:

Pilot: (Airport) Unicom, this is (Type), (Registration), Requesting a Radio Check and Airport Advisory.
Ex. Lake Simcoe Unicom, this is Cessna 172, GGUJ, Requesting a radio check and airport advisory
Unicom: (Registration), I read you x (Hopefully 5x5). Winds are _____@___KTS, favouring runway__, Local Traffic is _____(Any other traffic)_____, Altimeter Setting _____ (If Available)
Pilot: Altimeter (Repeat), (Registration)

Before Take-Off:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Type), (Registration), taking position (or) backtracking runway ___.
Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, taking position (Backtracking) runway 10

Clearing the Circuit:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Type), (Registration), Clear of the circuit to the at (Altitude), (Intentions).
Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, clear of the circuit

Clearing the Zone:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Type), (Registration), Clear of the zone (Position), at (Altitude), (Intentions).
Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, clear of the zone to the north at 3500', going to be practicing upper air work in the Orr Lake area.

In the Practice Area:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Type), (Registration), In the (Practice Area), at (Altitude), practicing upper air work.

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, in the practice area at 3500' practicing upper air work.

Leaving the Practice Area:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Registration), (Position), (Altitude), (Intentions), (Destination).

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ in the Orr lake practice area at 3500' inbound for landing at lake Simcoe.

Entering the Zone:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Registration), (Position), (Altitude), (Intentions), (Destination).

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ 5 miles north of the field descending to 2000', going to cross over for a mid-left downwind runway 28.

Crossing Over the Runway:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Registration), (Position), (Intentions).

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, crossing over the field for a mid-left downwind runway 28

Joining the Circuit:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Registration), (Position – Downwind, mid-downwind).

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, joining the mid-left downwind runway 28

Turning Final:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Registration), (Position), (Intentions - full stop, touch and go, stop and go).

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, turning final runway 28, full stop

Backtracking:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Registration), (Intentions).

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, Backtracking runway 28

Clear of the Runway:

Pilot: (Airport) Traffic, (Registration), (Position)

Ex. Lake Simcoe Traffic, GGUJ, Clear the active, Runway 28