

Ham Radio Today Newsline

Episode 26, Wednesday, February 10th, 2016

QST, QST, QST, Calling all amateur radio operators. Good Morning. The time is 7:30 a.m., 12:30 zulu and welcome to the morning edition of the Ham Radio Today newsline, reporting news and events of interest to ham radio operators throughout North Central West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania. Bandwidth for Ham Radio Today is provided by the Monongalia Wireless Association through the W8MWA repeater, transmitting on 145.43 MHz with a PL tone of 103.5. This is episode 26 for Wednesday, February 10th, 2016, with Michael DeHaan, KD8ZMV reporting.

General News

Here is today's news in ham radio.

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Item 1

The North Central West Virginia Young Ladies net met last night, and is once again proving itself both innovative and newsworthy. Going beyond the standard check-ins of most nets, this net is now conducting a weekly review for the General Exam, and is also offering a mini-class on Morse Code. This is just another example of why this net continues to gain in popularity with even old men beginning to check in as well. If you haven't visited this net yet, be sure to check it out next Tuesday.

Item 2

The Amateur Radio Parity Act, H.R. 1301, will be among three bills that the US House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology will consider in a Thursday, February 11, "markup" session. The subcommittee will gather today for opening statements only. When it reconvenes tomorrow, its members could vote to send the measure to the House Energy and Commerce Committee for further consideration.

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Weather

Now for today's weather.

NOAA Alerts

NOAA has issued weather alerts for the following for the following areas in the Ham Radio Today listening area.

Weather Message: for the following counties: Harrison and Taylor. Hazard Types: Snow showers of varying intensity. Total snow accumulations from Monday night through Today of 4 - 9 in portions of

North Central West Virginia. Temperatures around 20. Travel may be difficult at times. Visibility will be limited at times.

A winter weather advisory means primarily travel difficulties. Be prepared for snow covered roads and limited visibilities. Use caution while driving, with the colder temperatures have your vehicle equipped with emergency supplies

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Regular Weather

The local meteorological forecast for today calls for snow to continue before gradually diminishing Thursday. However, another round of snow is expected by the early weekend. Temperatures will continue to fall through the week to well below average.

For Today, Considerable cloudiness. Widespread snow showers mainly this afternoon. Additional snow accumulation 1 - 2 inches. Near steady temperature around 20. West wind around 10 mph. Chance of snow 90%

For Tonight, Widespread snow showers. additional snow accumulation 1 - 2 inches. Very cold with lows around 11 degrees. West wind around 10 mph. Chance of snow 80%.

At 7:00 a.m. conditions around the Ham Radio Today listening area include the following:

In Morgantown, Cloudy. Temperature 21 degrees with a windchill of 12.

In Clarksburg, Cloudy, 20 degrees

In Wheeling, Snow flurries, 19

In Parkersburg, Cloudy, 17

In Pennsylvania

In Altoona, Snow flurries, 23 degrees

In Pittsburgh, Snow flurries, 21

Once again, In Morgantown, 21 degrees under cloudy skies. In Clarksburg, 20 under cloudy skies.

For further information, listen to NOAA weather radio at 162.475 MHz .

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Solar Weather

Now for Solar Weather

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels today with occasional C-class flares likely through tomorrow due primarily to the flare potential of Regions 2497 and 2494. CME effects are waning,

therefore, solar wind parameters are expected to continue a trend toward background conditions through today.

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The greatest expected Planetary K-index for today is 3 with an average of 2.

The solar radiation storm forecast for an S1 or greater storm is 1%

No radio blackouts were observed over the past 24 hours. The chance for an R1 to R2 radio blackout for today is 5 % with the chance of an R3 or greater blackout is 1%

For more information visit the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center at www.swpc.noaa.gov. For a synopsis of the current band conditions, visit the band conditions chart at the Monongalia Wireless Association's website at www.W8MWA.org.

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Events of Interest

Today

Events of interest for today, Wednesday, February 10th, include the following:

Item 1

The Mon County Amateur Radio Club will hold its weekly trivia net at 8:00 p.m. (0100 Zulu) on the KD8BMI repeater, transmitting on 147.075 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5. This net is conducted every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 Zulu). For more information visit the club's website at www.qsl.net/k8mcr

Item 2

The Phillippi net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the K8VE repeater, transmitting on 145.150 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

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This Week's Events

Events happening later this week include the following:

Thursday (February 11th)

Taco Thursday - a weekly lunch gathering held in Morgantown where local ham radio enthusiasts gather to discuss common interests in amateur radio. This gathering is usually well attended and the discussion is often lively. Taco Thursday is held every Thursday at noon (1700 zulu) at the Los Mariachi's Restaurant in the Evansdale area of Morgantown, WV. We recommend arriving a few minutes early for this event as many local ham radio operators attend and seating is often limited.

The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club will hold its net at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the W3PIE repeater, transmitting on 147.045 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 131.8. For more information visit the club's website at www.W3PIE.org

The Clarksburg net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the WV8HC repeater, transmitting on 147.165 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 91.5.

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Friday (February 12th)

The Elkins net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the K8VE repeater, transmitting on 146.745 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

Saturday (February 13th)

The Parsons net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the KC8SIG repeater, transmitting on 145.370 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

Sunday (February 14th)

The Terra Alta net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the KC8KCI repeater, transmitting on 147.000 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

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Next Weeks Events

Monday (February 15th)

The ARES traffic and training net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the W8MWA repeater, transmitting on 145.43 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5 This net is conducted every Monday at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu). For more information visit the club's website at www.w8mwa.org

Tuesday (February 16th)

Taco Tuesday - a weekly lunch gathering held in Morgantown where local ham radio enthusiasts gather to discuss common interests in amateur radio. Taco Tuesday is held every Tuesday at noon (1700 zulu) at the Wings Ole Restaurant next to the Westover bridge in Morgantown, WV

The Monongalia Wireless Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16th at the River Valley Red Cross Chapter on Pineview Drive. Before the meeting, they will hold their regular monthly VE Testing session beginning at 6:00 p.m. A meet and greet social period will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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The North Central West Virginia Young Ladies net will be held a 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the W8MWA repeater, transmitting on 145.43 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5 This net is conducted every Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu). For more information, visit the net's website at www.NCWVYL.net, or, contact Libby DeHaan, Kilo Delta 8, Zulu, Mike Wiskey at KD8ZMW@gmail.com

The Washington, PA net will be held at 8:30 p.m. (0130 Zulu) on the K3PSP repeater, transmitting on 146.685 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5. This net is conducted every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (0130 Zulu). For more information visit the club's website at <http://www.wacomarc.org>.

The Stonewall Jackson net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the N8FMD repeater, transmitting on 146.685 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5. This net is conducted every Tuesday at 8:30

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This Month's Events

Other events happening this month include the following:

Other Events (Special Events, Parades, Marathon's, Hamfests, etc.)

Item 1(February 18th - 21st)

The Mon County Amateur Radio Club will hold its "Work All BMI Contest" from February 18th through February 21st on 2 meter repeaters. The contest will start at 1800 zulu on February 18th and will end at 1800 zulu on February 21st. This is a simple fun contest designed to be an introduction to contesting and to help sharpen your information gathering skills in the case of emergency operations. To get a set of rules and enter, or if you simply wish further information contact Bill Harris November 6 X-ray Alpha Kilo at n6xak@atlanticbb.net

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Hey, this is Mike DeHaan KD8ZMV for Ham Radio Today. Have you ever been listening to the newscast and wanted to remember an email, or website address, but haven't been able to write it down? Maybe you're driving to or from work, or maybe it just goes by too fast for you to get. Well, let not your heart be troubled. Because now, you can access the written transcript of each morning's transmission on the Monongalia Wireless Association's website. Simply go to www.W8MWA.org, and each episode will be ready for you to read shortly after the morning's transmission. We'll leave each transcript up for a about a week so you have plenty of time to get the information you missed. So if you have the time, please check it out. Now back to our regularly scheduled transmission.

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Events Farther Out

Looking to events next month and beyond.

Item 1(March 7th)

The North Central West Virginia Young Ladies net will hold their next face-to-face meeting at 6:00 p.m. 1800 zulu, on Monday, March 7th at the IHOP restaurant located in the Glenmark Center. This meeting will include a presentation on constructing Go-bags for emergency operations.

Item 2 (Also March 7th)

Also on March 7th, the W8MWA Simplex Net will be held, with a goal of seeing who can talk to whom should the local repeaters stop functioning. This net is held on the 1st Monday of every month on 146.550 MHz simplex. For more information contact Dr. Carl Werntz WA3ZZU, at cwerntz@hsc.wvu.edu

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Item 3 (March 14th)

The North central West Virginia 2 meter single sideband net will be held at 8:30 p.m. 0130 zulu. This net meets on the second Monday of each month at 8:30 p.m. 0130 zulu. For more information, contact Josh Smith, KD8HRX, at juicewvu@gmail.com.

Item 4 (March 19th)

The Kanawah Amateur Radio Club will hold its 32nd Annual Charleston Area Hamfest on March 19th 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in their new venue at the Activity Center of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. More details will follow as the event draws near.

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Item 5 (April 23rd)

The Mon County Amateur Radio Club will hold its Hamfest on April 23rd in the social hall of the St. Mary's Church in Star City, West Virginia from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00, and a VE Testing Session will be held beginning at 11:00 a.m. More details will follow as the event draws near.

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Major Events

Upcoming major recurring events in our area include the following:

West Virginia Ham Radio Convention (August 19 - 21st, 2016)

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council will hold the 58th Annual West Virginia State Amateur Radio Convention in the WVU Jackson's Mill Conference Center in Weston, WV, beginning on Friday August 19th through Sunday August 21st. This year's convention will feature VE Testing by the Mountain State VE team from Elkins, WV. Also on tap is a social gathering on Friday August 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Jackson Lodge Mountaineer room where guests can meet and greet each other, as well as the West Virginia State Amateur Radio Convention committee members and the convention's guest speakers. Speaking of which, stay tuned for the announcement of this year's keynote speaker coming soon. On Saturday, August 20th the midnight convocation of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong will induct new members. More activities and forums will be announced as the event draws closer.

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Dayton

There are 99 days until Hamvention on May 20th 2016, in Dayton OH.

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This has been the Ham Radio Today newsline morning edition. Ham Radio Today broadcasts the newsline each morning at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday with an evening edition containing breaking news from the day at 5:00 p.m., transmitting on the W8MWA repeater, at 145.43 MHz with a PL tone of 103.5. Anyone wishing to submit a story or have their event announced may send the relevant information via email to HamRadioToday1@gmail.com. All stories and announcements must be compliant with Part 97 of the Federal Communications Commission regulations and must be related to amateur radio. So until our next broadcast, wishing everyone listening 73's and hoping you have a great day, this is KD8ZMV clear and returning the repeater to general use.