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NEXT MEETING
January 20, 2004
Room G 084, Engineering Building
WVU Evansdale Campus

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/PDS/> The courses, in recommended order of completion, are:

- IS230 Principles of Emergency Management
- IS235 Emergency Planning
- IS242 Effective Communication
- IS241 Decision Making and Problem Solving
- IS240 Leadership and Influence
- IS244 Developing and Managing Volunteers
- IS139 Exercise Design

Congratulations New Officers

The results of the November elections continued N8NQW as VP and N8TJM as Secretary/Treasurer. Our new Prexy is Bill, WA8YCG. Bill was a little surprised at being elected, since he was not at the meeting. That's what you get for not showing up, Bill.

It Was a Nice Dinner

About 40 people were at the annual joint holiday dinner of MWA and MARA at Shoney's in Morgantown. Good food, good chatter, a good time. See some photos from the dinner (thanks N8HGL) on the back page of this issue.

Free Online Emergency courses

Hal Turley's WV Section newsletter brought to attention the availability of FEMA's course offerings for emergency management and response. For those of you with an interest in upgrading your skill level in emergency response/communications take a look at FEMA's free on-line program It is a seven course professional development series and can be accessed at

Graduates of the course series receive a diploma from the West Virginia Office of Emergency Services.

NEWS ITEMS NEEDED

Solid Copy is a "NEWSletter" for MWA members. The editor does not know all of the news about the club, hams, member activities, member awards, and all of that stuff. So please, help out. For those with email, send your items to WF8X@arrl.net. Those without email, call 594-2740, or catch Jack at a meeting. We really want news about MWA to be a strong feature of Solid Copy.

Here are times and frequencies of the HF nets that are in operation in the state. You may want to cut out this table and keep it near your HF radio.

West Virginia HF Nets				
Net Name	Day(s)	Time (local)	Frequency (MHz)	Manager
West Virginia Early Net	Dy	1900	3.567	N8NMA
West Virginia Fone Net	Dy	1800	3.865	W8YS
West Virginia Late Net	Dy	2200	3.567	N8NMA
Mountain State Emergency Net	Th	1830	3.865	N8TMW
West Virginia Mid Day Net	Dy	1145	7.235	WW8D
Triple States ARES CW Net	W	1846	28.480	KF8RL
TSARC 10 meter Phone Net	W	1930	28.480	N8FQN
TSARC 40 meter Net	W	2000	7.260	K8UGO

Did You Know . . .?

- 84.5% of ham calls match the call district in which the ham lives.
- 56.5% of non-ham spouses are indifferent to the ham spouse's hobby . . .
- But 8.7% of the non-ham spouses hate the hobby.
- 48.8% of hams are optimistic about the future of ham radio
- 2.1% of hams do not have a working transceiver in the home
- 55.4% of hams who download a shareware program from the Internet register and pay for the program.

There are lots more interesting poll results that can be found on the ARRL website. There is always a poll going on and you can chime in with your two cents worth.

CORES Registration

If you have not yet done so, you should register with CORES (Commission Registration System) and obtain your FCC Registration Number (FRN). It makes filing online easy and accessible. If you change your address or apply for a vanity call sign, you will need to be registered to use the online system. It only takes a few minutes. For online forms and filing go to <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>. – Bob West

KC8VCB Paddles

Sam, KC8VCB, has been applying himself to the fine art of learning CW. In the process he has made his own set of CW paddles. Take a look...

Way ta go Sam ! (Thank you BobWest for the photos).



Sam KC8VCB
Homabrew Keyer Paddles



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