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**The monthly Newsletter of the Monongalia Wireless Association**

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## MWA MEETING

**MWA will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, in Room 355, Engineering Sciences Building.**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

In recent months some of our club members have been tinkering with packet radio gear. I hope this may mean a rebirth of packet radio use in our area. In order to inspire even more packet radio use, I have made it the topic of our February meeting. Our keynote speakers for the evening will be Geno Boyd WA3IOU and Ron Lape K3MI from the Southwestern Pennsylvania Packet Group. Geno and Ron run a large packet network that spans a large area of the state of Pennsylvania. Geno and his group have put a lot of effort into keeping packet radio alive and well in their area. Over the last several years, Geno's Southwestern Pennsylvania Packet Group has been one of the major driving forces in digital amateur radio in their area. In closing, I hope everyone enjoys having Geno and Ron as our keynote speakers for the February meeting.

73 N8UEV, Leroy Heck

## TECHNICIAN CLASS

Technician License class starting Thursday, February 16, 2006. The 10 sessions will run Thursday nights,

7 to 9 PM at the Red Cross conference room (White Birch Tower, 1299 Pineview Drive) and a regular quarterly VE session will be on the week following the last session.

The class is free, *the book for the class* (Now You're Talking! 5th edition) *is NOT REQUIRED, but is RECOMMENDED*. The cost for the book is \$20. Please plan on CASH or CHECK made payable to "Monongalia Wireless Association".

At the VE Session (Thursday, April 27, 7PM, in Room 355 WVU Engineering Sciences Building), the exam fee is \$14, payable at the time of the exam.

We are also looking at General (including code!) and Extra upgrade sessions following the Tech class.

Bob, WA8YCD

## CAP Aviation and Technology Fair

Saturday April 22, 7:00am - Sunday, April 23 at noon . Morgantown Municipal Airport

Theme: *HONOR OUR VETERANS; PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, and make plans to participate in this annual community aviation event. The Civil Air Patrol, Morgantown Composite Squadron and the BSA Aviation Explorer Post are gearing up for their annual community aviation educational fair.

The Fair starts Saturday at 7:00am with a fly in breakfast (open to the community)  
Saturday...7:00am – 10:00 (lunch starts at 10:30am)  
Sunday.....7:00am – noon

Fair activities open at 9:00am.

EAA Young Eagle Flights all day Saturday

Displays, military, civilian, corporate, home built, experimental, government, etc.

Educational exhibits (NASA, ICR, CAP, Fairmont State, college flight programs, FAA, NWS, AOPA, EAA etc.)

CAP Morgantown reunion (members from all eras).  
Amateur radio special event station, call sign 'W8V'

SKYWARN training class Sat. at 5:00 pm.

Saturday Noon:  
RC model aircraft, UAV's, helicopters, etc.  
Large model rockets

Astronomy (all day and night)

Weather balloon launches with GPS tracking (and other payloads)  
Seminars through out the day.

Aviation Explorer Post Air & Space Camp  
6:00pm Sat till noon Sun -- Camp out-east side of airport

- a. Astronomy
- b. Night Vision Goggles
- c. Amateur radio special event station continues
- d. night time orientation & GPS
- e. survival course for the kids
- f. construct a shelter using natural items
- g. military revile and offer church services

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## CHECK OUT THE NEW WVARRL WEBSITE!

<http://www.wvarrl.org/>

If you find that your info is in need of updating, please contact Ron via [k8rww@verizon.net](mailto:k8rww@verizon.net)

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