



BEFORE & AFTER BUT WHAT IS IT?



January Meeting

Monongalia Wireless Association (MWA) newly elected President Bill Harris, N6XAK has several items on the agenda at the next MWA meeting.



First and foremost, Bill would like to thank the previous MWA President and officers for the great job they performed as officers of this great volunteer organization. He is ready to carry the torch for the coming year and hopes to continue where the club left off in December 2006.

We will have a guest at the January meeting, Mike Hopkins, who was the organizer of the 2006 Morgantown Christmas Parade. Mike was very impressed with the volunteers who provided communications for the parade. He said, "With all the new routing and set up locations, the parade could not have been pulled off without major delays if it were not for the Amateur Radio Operators of MWA".

Bob Steele, N8HGL, EC Monongalia County will have his quarterly Monongalia County ARES meeting just after the MWA meeting. Prospective ARES volunteers welcome.

Rick Heis, N8PDQ

MWA Meeting info

- January 16, 2007
- Third Tuesday of every month **7:00pm**
- Refreshments at 6:30pm
- Red Cross office
White Birch Towers
3rd Floor
- Meeting topic
New MWA Officers
Projects for 2007
ARES Meeting
- Refreshments & snacks
- Equipment set up assistance

"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."

MWA INFO

President

Bill Harris – N6XAK

Vice President

Randy Crowe – N8OZY

Secretary/Treasurer

Bob Steele – N8HGL

ARES Mon. County

Emergency Coordinator

Bob Steele – N8HGL

Web Administrator

Roger Neptune – KC8YNZ

<http://www.gsl.net/W8MWA>

Net Control – Wed 7:30pm

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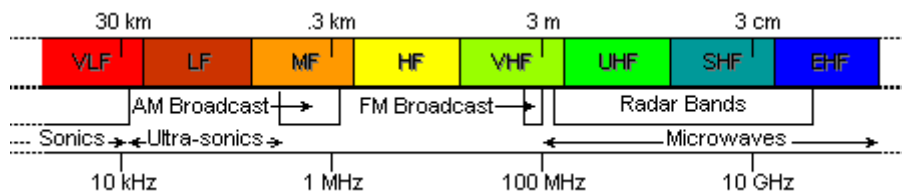
President's Message

De N6XAK

Hi everyone. I trust the Holiday season was a good one for you. This year was a blessing for Sharon and me as we are in the process of purchasing a new (old) home in Masontown. It is the typical fix-er-upper, but we are ready for the challenge. During the month of January, we will be settling in as well as settling in here as your new president. So bare with me and we may be able to get it together before you have to elect someone else next year. As many of you know, we are new to West Virginia, only living here for a year and a half. We really like it here and have decided to stay as we only came here to take care of Sharon's mom who needs help. We have four kids, none of which has any interest at all in ham radio. It's not because we did not try. They are all computer wizards and like it that way. That's good for me too, as I have my own tech support.

I received my first Novice license (KN8VUQ) in my first year of high school. In those days, you needed to upgrade before the year was out or lose your privileges. Well, at that time in my life, sports and girls were more important so I failed to continue. After coming out of the military, I was going to pick up where I left off, but decided to get married and raise a family. I'm sure many of you know what it is like to start out on \$185 a week and work your way up. No monies for toys for several years. In 1989, my wife inherited a Kenwood 520s station from her dad and asked me if I would go to class with her and I did. As KC6GBN and KC6GJY, our first exposure was working the San Francisco earthquake for several weeks without much rest. She worked as a dispatcher in the Red Cross building while I spent my time

out in the community. I became very interested in the upper frequencies and found no need to get my general for about 15 years. There is so much to do between 6 meters and 10 GHz, that it took that long to experience it all. Once I had the opportunity to play with or own all of these, I decided it was time to move on. In the meantime, Sharon had developed an interest for HF and I had an awful time catching up with her. Now that I have my general, she will quite often operate outside of her privileges with me in the room, or should I say, the car. I'm very fortunate to have a spouse that understands the hobby enough to let me play when it is three in the morning and that's the best time for a good contact somewhere. Until we are settled, I only have uhf/vhf in the house and my hf work is done in the mobile. I like to get involved in public events and support the community in as many ways as I can afford to. You will find a drive in me to build the spirit and pride of the club and work on being identified wherever we go. I would like to see more involvement in recruiting new members and educating the kids in the adventure of the NEW HAM RADIO that we have to enjoy. Most kids today are interested in the technical communications and have the misconception that Ham Radio is nothing more than a glorified CB set. I would like to be able to dispel that notion. I would like nothing more than to be able to show off our hobby once in a while. I like to see that this club is involved in public events and have a good schedule to work on. If you find me wanting too much or pushing too hard, don't be afraid to pull on the reins and slow me down. I do have a tendency to let it run a little faster than I should. If I refer to other clubs we have belonged to, please bear with me as I still feel a sense of pride in being a life member there.



District Emergency Coordinator Message, N8PDQ

Public Service and Emergency Communications Questions and Answers

What are the differences between public service communications and emergency communications?

What does attitude have to do with emergency communications?

Amateurs as Professionals – The served agency relationship. Who works for whom?

Do you have a dedicated deployment equipment 'go kit'? 24 or 72 hours?

Are you familiar with the Incident Command System (ICS)? Have you taken the online training from the FEMA website?

Do you have plenty of copies of appropriate forms for communications? Disaster Welfare Message, Radiogram, ARRL numbered Radiogram, etc.

How proficient are you at handling traffic? Are you set up to pass a list of 75 evacuees with info to the Red Cross?

Why is a self-sustained dual band FM 35-50 watt mobile transceiver the most universal choice radio system for emergency communications?

Why is it important that we plan and prepare for emergency communications?

I have provided many questions, can you provide the answers?

Two very good publications for Emergency Communications are provided by the ARRL. You can order online at 'arrl.org'

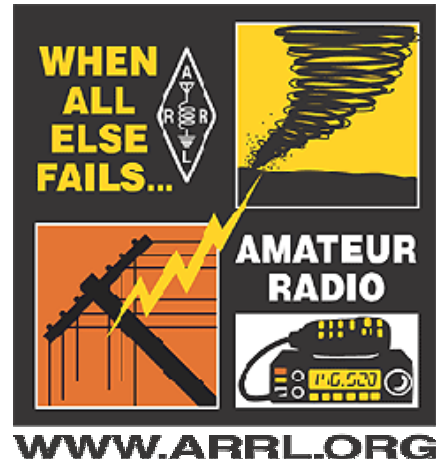
[ARRL Emergency Communication Handbook](#)

[ARES Field Resources Manual](#)

When all else fails....Amateur Radio

Remember, if you plan for problems, they cease to be problems and become merely a part of the plan.

Rick Heis, N8PDQ



<http://www.hamvention.org/>
MAY 18, 19, 20, 2007



The meeting before the meeting



MWA meeting location
White Birch Tower Building
1299 Pineview Drive
Morgantown WV
Red Cross area on 3rd floor

MWA NOVEMBER 2006 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the MWA held at the Red Cross Training room November 20, 2006

Meeting was called to order by Leroy Heck, N8UEV at 7:03pm.

Introductions were given and there were 16 people present

There were no minutes of the last meeting read as the secretary was not present

There was not a treasurer's report

There was not a quorum

The Christmas dinner was discussed December 9 at Tygart Lake Lodge in Grafton.

The up coming radio class was discussed It will start February 15 and end April 26, 2007

HR 5441 was discussed. It puts Ham Radio in the national Emergency plan

The rules changed of December 15 was discussed

A Sky Warn Day on December 2 was discussed

The special event station at the Buckwheat Festival was discussed

The special book deal from the ARRL was discussed

The ARES net to be held on the Wednesday after the club meeting was discussed

Jim W8GUL is in Ruby hospital

Mike, K8LG is in Mon General hospital

Bob Steel will have a vehicle in the Christmas parade representing MWA

The parade will start at 6:30 and last 1 ¼ hours. Hams who wish to help should be at the corner of North Spruce and Prospect Street at 4:45

We will have a review of the parade at the at the January meeting

The BSA will have a merit badge University in February at Fairmont State College. Hams could help with the radio merit badge.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Rick N8PDQ gave a program about Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking

VE testing Thursday January 25

Amateur Radio Examinations
Thursday, Jan 25, 2007
7:00pm

MWA meeting location
Red Cross facility, 3rd floor
White Birch Tower building
1299 Pineview Drive

Schedule and info:
Al Heck, W3GEG
(304) 296-5176

Amateur Radio Class Starts Thursday, February 15, 2007

- **Start:** Thursday, February 15
- **Last Class:** Thursday, April 19
- **Exam:** Thursday, April 26
- **Location:** Red Cross facility
- **Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Request pre enrollment
Bob West, WA8YCD
(304) 672-6381 (cell)
rlwest@wa8ycd.net (email)

NEW MWA meeting location
will have a talk in frequency
MWA repeater on 145.43
(tone 103.5)

OR

Cell 685-0862

Cell 216-1726

THE JANUARY MEETING OF MWA

NEW OFFICERS FIRST MEETING
PROJECTS AND GOALS FOR 2007
ARES MEETING
MR. MIKE HOPKINS – GUEST
DEBRIEF OF CHRISTMAS PARADE

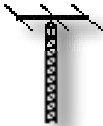
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newsletter via
email or snail mail
to those who
would appreciate
a copy.

Print out a copy(s)
and leave at work
or school or a
doctor's office.

The Mountain State Emergency Net meets the
first Thursday of each month on 3.865 MHz,
immediately following the closing of the WV
Fone Net (which meets at 6 PM Eastern

**Bring a former MWA member to
the meeting**

MWA web site <http://www.qsl.net/W8MWA>



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