



11 NEW HAMS – 9 NEW GENERAL'S

There were 23 total candidates (I did NOT say "test-ees" as that leads to giggles) at the MWA April 26 Amateur Radio test session.

VEs were Al W3GEG, Bob N8HGL, Audrey KG8QS, and me. Help also from Bill WA8YCG, Wick KC8RHO, and Larry KC8AYW.

10 of 12 from the Technician class took the test, ALL PASSED.

New Technicians

KD8GDP	Ridgway	Joel W
KD8GDQ	Landes Jr	Randy G
KD8GDR	Landes	Ryan A
KD8GDS	Johnson	Claud M
KD8GDT	Hubbard	Rachel E
KD8GDU	Queen	Richard H
KD8GDV	White	Pamela A
KD8GDW	Harris	Linda
KD8GDX	Boyer	Michel L
KD8GDY	Williams	Brian M *
KD8GDZ	Wiley	Betty L

Upgrade to General

N8OZY	Crowe	Randy D
KD8AML	Meyers	Edward J
N8YPO	Nutter	David S
KD8FDC	Niehaus	Richard A
KC8WML	Graves	Aaron L
KD8DMZ	Leasor	Joshua S
KD8EBL	Shaver	David E
KD8DMY	Canon II	James T
N8UEV	Heck	Alfred Leroy

It was a wild night, lots of paperwork, but we finally got into a rhythm with papers flowing back and forth for grading, checking, signatures, filing, and disbursement. Congratulations to all!!!!

73,
Bob West WA8YCD

MWA Meeting info

- May 15, 2007
- Third Tuesday of month
7:00pm
- Refreshments at 6:30pm
- Red Cross office
White Birch Towers
3rd Floor
- Talk in 145.43 MHz
(304) 216-1726
- Meeting topic
Field day Prep
Debrief Balloon APRS
Triathlon Prep
- 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

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Bill Harris – N6XAK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

De **N6XAK**

I can't tell you how many times I have started this message, but the truth is my mind has been on my wife who is going through some tough times. She needs my support now and that will be my first priority until we have her back on her feet. So, if I seem to be a little distant and not quite in the game, please forgive me. I certainly don't want to let you all down. If the bus is a little slow or seems to be going off course, please talk to me and help me fix it.

It's hard to believe June is just around the corner and June is the MWA field day. MWA field day is always one of the high lights of the amateur radio season.

I have a new email address. N6XAK@frontiernet.net

Bill Harris 73

AMATEUR COMMUNICATORS WANTED!!!!!!! **The Mountaineer Triathlon** **Sunday 01 July 2007**

Once again Amateur Radio Operators needed to provide a communications network for the Mountaineer Triathlon 2007. New amateurs, this is a great event for you to test your equipment and get involved.

The 1.2 mile river swim will start downtown Morgantown around 7:00 AM, followed by the 56 mile bike race, and will finish with the 13.1 mile run. The approximate hours for the Bike race: 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM and the Run course 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Operators for the Bike race should be on station at 7:15 AM and have a Mobile radio and a HT. Operators for the Run course should be on station at 10:00 AM and will only need a HT.

Thanks to those who did an outstanding job for the 2006 Triathlon please let me know if you can assist this year.

All others contact me if you would like to assist or would like further information. If you don't have equipment, I am sure we can provide some.

Take a look at the below web site for the courses and information.

The website address for the Triathlon is: www.mountaineertri.com

Point of contact:

Bob Steele / N8HGL
Triathlon Communications Coordinator
Morgantown, WV
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Cell (304) 216-1726
Email: n8hgl@arrl.net



**MWA MEETING HQ
WHITE BIRCH TOWER BUILDING
1299 PINEVIEW DR – 3rd FLOOR**

Have you seen the 'WVU' Balloon?

On Saturday, April 14 at the Jackson's Mill airport the WVU club, W8CUL launched a weather balloon with several payloads. I have several photos and an interesting QSL card/report of sorts of the activity. From launch to recovery. In the spirit of "Where's Waldo", let the search begin.....

"Paul Davidson" <ve3uum@gmail.com> 4/14/2007 12:33 PM >>>

Hello Dr. Valenti:

I have an APRS station running in South Eastern Ontario, Canada, Grid FN14el.

This morning, as happens most days, my APRS program Xastir <xastir.org> sent an audio signal telling me that it heard a station from more than 300 km away, usually this is simply someone with an extremely long digi-peater path and it's nothing special but for the fun of it I zoomed out my map to see distant stations. There was a station W8CUL-11. After looking at the station info, it appears that I heard the station direct, more than 600 km away!

The altitude of the station, explains the distant signal. It was higher than 17,000 meters and the icon was a balloon symbol. I could not find any mention of an experiment on the Internet but I did discover that the call is a West Virginia University ARC callsign, so I presume that it was an experiment of the University ARC. Your e-mail address was the first that I could find that was associated with the Amateur Radio Club.

I'm not sure if you were looking for QSL reports, but just in case you will see attached to this e-mail, a PNG graphic of the screen shot of my Xastir station and the UTM grid locators for the last few packets from the W8CUL-11 station. I hope that is of some use to the experimenters.

73 de Paul Davidson VE3UUM



Some choices



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUMMARY ONLY

May 12	Armed Forces Day, Crossband
May 18-20	Dayton Hamfest
June 3	Breezeshooters Hamfest
June 9	Aviation Day at Morgantown
Jun 23-24	Field Day
July 1	Triathlon
July 8	North Hills Hamfest
Aug 5	Berryville Hamfest
Aug 25	WVSARC Convention
Sept 1	Uniontown Gabfest
Sept 8-9	Gaithersburg FarFest
Oct 20-21	JOTA

Details see Bob Steele, N8HGL



Morgantown High School Science Fair

Volunteers

Bob N8HGL – Coord.
Randy N8OZY
Wick KC8RHO
Sam, N8IY



Matt Goff, KC8ZQS & Donna Moore, KD8FDA
Students at MHS

This may be the start of the MHS 'Ham' Radio Club

MWA April 2007 MEETING MINUTES

- Vice President Randy Crowe/N8OZY presiding
- Call to order 7:01 PM
- Introductions
- Pledge of allegiance
- Minutes for Apr 2007 meeting approved
- Letter submitted for use of Field Day site by Secretary
- Treasurer's report given.
- W8MWA 2M repeater operating OK, 440 down by Randy/N8OZY
- Ham class started 15 Feb ends 19 Apr by Bob/WA8YCD
- VE test scheduled 26 April, VEs needed by AI/W3GEG
- SKYWARN class reminder of cancellation by Bob/N8HGL
- Triathlon scheduled 01 Jul, planning meeting schedule 18 Apr by Bob/N8HGL
- MWA Logo ware presented by Bob/N8HGL
- Field Day operations discussed, AI/W3GEG will arrange for Porta John, request for station operators and a manager mentioned.
- MHS Technology Fair status by Bob/N8HGL
- Possible upgrade class to be conducted by Bob/WA8YCD
- WVU repeater not operational reported by Aaron/KC8AML
- QWCA meeting scheduled 28 Apr at Weston Western Steer by Bob/WA8YCD
- Boston PA Hamfest 29 Apr info by AI/W3GEG
- Meeting was adjourned 8:11 PM
- Short programs presented by N8HGL, KC8AML, and WA8YCG.

What is Field Day?

Amateur Radio (or "ham radio") operators throughout the United States will put their emergency communication and technical expertise to the test during ARRL "Field Day," the weekend of June 23 and 24. This is a 24 hour event and starts at 2:00pm Saturday and ends 2:00pm Sunday.

The annual exercise is one facet of activities Amateur Radio operators undergo to ensure they will be ready to volunteer their assistance with communications during disasters and emergencies. Field Day is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) - the national association for Amateur Radio. This event is open to all Amateur Radio Operators.

Field Day was designed to test operators' abilities to set up and operate portable stations under emergency conditions such as the loss of electricity. Not only is this event a serious test of skill, for many clubs and groups it's a social occasion too.

The MWA Field Day site is located 8 miles east of Morgantown near the sand Springs Campground directly underneath the 500' WNPB TV Tower. We camp out Friday and Saturday, and there is a large pot luck dinner Saturday. New Hams especially, family and guest are encouraged to participate. Approximately 35,000 Amateur Radio operators participated in last year's Field Day. The first Field Day was held in 1933. At the MWA Field Day site all operators can work HF.



Typical Field day station

VHF NETS

Monday	9:00pm	Monongalia Traffic Net	-145.430 MHz	PL 103.5
Tuesday	8:00pm	Preston ARES Net	+147.000 MHz	PL 103.5
Wednesday	7:30pm	MWA informal fun net	-145.430 MHz	PL 103.5
Wednesday*	7:30pm	Monongalia County ARES Net	-145.430 MHz	PL 103.5
Thursday	8:00pm	HAMTALK VHF state net	+147.075 MHz	PL 103.5
Sunday	9:00pm	Preston Rag Chew net	+147.000 MHz	PL 103.5

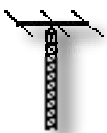
* Monthly on Wednesday following the 3rd Tuesday or the day after the MWA meeting

HF NETS

DAILY	6:00pm	HF Fone net	3865 KHz
1 st Thursday of month following the fone net		Mountain State Emergency Net	3865 KHz

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

MWA Field Day – Saturday, June 23 – 24 (24 hour period)



Monongalia Wireless Association
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