

Monongalia Wireless Association

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Meeting minute corrections – please remove the text regarding the 50/50 drawing for March.

Repeater

WR8S, Bill, reported that the repeater was going up this weekend.

Transmitter Hunts

KC8YUI, Jim, gave the bunny hunt details for May 28. He talked to the Coopers Rock rangers. The rangers recommended the one right off the concession stand that is an easy trail. K8MIG, Mig, will set up an information table. We will set up in the picnic area in the first parking lot. The club has a pop up we can use and KD8ZMW, Libby, has some tables.

People will be able to preregister online. KD8ZMW will announce on the listserv when the forms are up.

We need to invite the boy scouts. KC8YUI has some extra baofengs that people can borrow. Consider having a radio borrowing station, we can program them to lock out transmit. If anyone has equipment that they would let others use they can bring them and we will set up a table.

Road Rally will be in July 16th. Jim will be testing the transmitters. Cash prizes and directional antenna.

Flyers will be done on Thursday. KD8ZMW will email to WVU club

Trailer committee

The committee has begun a proof of concept.

Announcements

Announcements NCWVYL meeting and Hamfest

State Radio Council – 11:00 meeting at HamFest

Balloon Launch

N8OZY said it went off on Saturday 17th it was a successful day. Packages were recovered off of a powerline. Smooth launch and a good flight. Parachute failed to deploy. Flew 30 miles. Found it at French Creek.

VE Coordinator

KE8CTK, Parker, reported that two people passed their exams tonight, Patricia had a perfect score on her technician exam and Michael Billie passed his extra exam.

KC8YUI, Jim, will bring shirts to taco Thursday.

Field day –WR8S

We need people to help set up antennas and set up stations. The club does have some antennas. We need shelters and tables. KD8ZMW will be one station captain. We invited WVU to our field day. WR8S needs other people to volunteer for station captains. We will set up on the hill where our repeater is. Roger Osbourne is our point of contact. They own 90 x 90 feet. Site preparation and clean up. Crew up the week before to set up the site Tuesday or Wednesday before. Special scoring points check on this. See their list. K8MIG will setup an Information table. Educational activity bonus with boy scouts or doing a workshop. Elected government official. Invite Jessi from Red Cross to come. GOTA station.

- Mike will write the press release.
- Boy scout – liaison-KD8ZMV
- 4-H – County Extension office – KD8ZMW
- Heritage girls – KD8ZMW
- Girl scouts – WA3ZZU
- KD8ZMV will contact Jessi from the Red cross.
- WR8S will put stuff up on the web page for sign ups.
- Talk of solar power with WVU crew.
- Going with 3 stations.
- Pot luck Saturday evening.
- Post information on ARRL site too.
- Arrange video of event and photos of the event. WVU time lapses.
- Bill has already reserved our blue box.

No new news on Audrey.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm