

# Ham Radio Today Newsline

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*Episode 23, Friday, February 5th, 2016*

QST, QST, QST, Calling all amateur radio operators. Good Morning. The time is 7:30 a.m., 12:30 zulu and welcome to the morning edition of the Ham Radio Today newsline, reporting news and events of interest to ham radio operators throughout North Central West Virginia and Southwestern Pennsylvania. Bandwidth for Ham Radio Today is provided by the Monongalia Wireless Association through the W8MWA repeater, transmitting on 145.43 MHz with a PL tone of 103.5. This is episode 23, for Friday, February 5th, 2016 with Michael DeHaan, KD8ZMV reporting.

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## General News

Here is today's news in ham radio.

### Item 1

Flint, Michigan, is not the only community with water problems due to high lead content. During the week of January 18, some 8100 water customers in Sebring, Ohio, were notified that they, too, had problems with high lead content in their drinking water. On January 22, both Ohio and Mahoning County emergency management agencies began passing out bottled water in Sebring. Mahoning County ARES Emergency Coordinator Wes Boyd, W8IZC, activated ARES to assist.

“Response on the workday was low, but a handful of ARES volunteers were able to respond,” said Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Stan Broadway, N8BHL.

Boyd said, “EMA and Red Cross were overjoyed that radio operators came to work not needing a radio.”

ARES volunteers joined others in moving and distributing pallets of bottled water, and another call went for weekend duty. ARES members from neighboring counties volunteered. All told, the volunteers moved more than 166 pallets of water in 6 days.

“This is a perfect example of being ready to serve in whatever capacity we can, in order to help our communities. Sometimes it doesn't involve only operating a radio,” Broadway said.

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### Item 2

The ARRL IT Department will conduct overnight maintenance on its network this weekend, between 0100 UTC and 1100 UTC on Sunday, February 7.

During this period some or all systems may be temporarily inaccessible. The website will remain up, but online purchasing will not be available. E-mail will not be available, but all messages will be queued for later delivery.

The ARRL apologizes for any inconvenience.

## Weather

Now for today's weather.

### Regular Weather

The local meteorological forecast for today calls for seasonable temperatures to continue into the weekend.

At 7:00 a.m. in Morgantown. Cloudy, temperature 28 degrees

In Clarksburg, Cloudy, temperature 27 degrees

For Today, Partly sunny this morning, then clearing. Highs in the upper 30s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

For Tonight, Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-20s. South winds around 5 mph.

For further information, listen to NOAA weather radio at 162.475 MHz .

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### Solar Weather

Now for Solar Weather

Region 2494's increased size and magnetic complexity, and tightening area of shear within the intermediate spots has prompted an increase in flare probabilities over the next three days. Solar activity is expected to continue at low levels with a slight chance for M-class flares over the next three days.

Solar wind parameters are expected to continue at slightly elevated levels, but will begin slowly decreasing as the influences of the positive polarity coronal hole high speed stream wane through today. The parameters are expected to see a return to near background conditions over the weekend.

The geomagnetic response is expected to be primarily quiet through today, with an isolated period of unsettled conditions due to waning coronal hole high speed stream effects. The weekend is expected to be predominantly quiet with an unsettled period likely later in the day on Sunday.

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The greatest expected Planetary K-index for today through Sunday is 3 with an average of 1.67.

The solar radiation storm forecast for an S1 or greater storm through the weekend is 1%

No radio blackouts were observed over the past 24 hours. The chance for an R1 to R2 radio blackout through the weekend is 20 % with the chance of an R3 or greater blackout at 5% for the period.

For more information visit the NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center at [www.swpc.noaa.gov](http://www.swpc.noaa.gov). For a synopsis of the current band conditions, visit the band conditions chart at the Monongalia Wireless Association's website at [www.W8MWA.org](http://www.W8MWA.org).

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## Events of Interest

### Today

Events of interest for today; Friday, February 5th include the following:

#### Item 1

The Elkins net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the K8VE repeater, transmitting on 146.745 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

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## This Week's Events

Events happening later this week include the following:

### Saturday (February 6th)

The Parsons net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu ) on the KC8SIG repeater, transmitting on 145.370 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

### Sunday (February 7th)

The Terra Alta net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the KC8KCI repeater, transmitting on 147.000 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

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## Next Weeks Events

### Monday (February 8th)

The North Central West Virginia Young Ladies net will hold a face-to-face meeting on Monday at 6:00 p.m.the IHOP located in the Glenmark Center. This meeting will include a presentation on how to program a Baofeng radio manually without using CHIRP. A handout for the presentation is available on

the groups website at NCWVYL.net. They will also discuss some of the groups business regarding upcoming projects.

The ARES traffic and training net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the W8MWA repeater, transmitting on 145.43 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5 This net is conducted every Monday at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu). For more information visit the club's website at [www.w8mwa.org](http://www.w8mwa.org)

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### **Tuesday (February 9th)**

Taco Tuesday - a weekly lunch gathering held in Morgantown where local ham radio enthusiasts gather to discuss common interests in amateur radio. Taco Tuesday is held every Tuesday at noon (1700 zulu) at the Wings Ole Restaurant next to the Westover bridge in Morgantown, WV

The North Central West Virginia Young Ladies net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the W8MWA repeater, transmitting on 145.43 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5 This net is conducted every Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu). For more information, visit the net's website at [www.NCWVYL.net](http://www.NCWVYL.net), or, contact Libby DeHaan, Kilo Delta 8, Zulu, Mike Wiskey at [KD8ZMW@gmail.com](mailto:KD8ZMW@gmail.com)

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The Washington, PA net will be held at 8:30 p.m. (0130 Zulu ) on the K3PSP repeater, transmitting on 146.685 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5. This net is conducted every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (0130 Zulu). For more information visit the club's website at <http://www.wacomarc.org>.

The Stonewall Jackson net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the N8FMD repeater, transmitting on 146.685 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5. This net is conducted every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (0130 Zulu).

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### **Wednesday (February 10th)**

The Mon County Amateur Radio Club will hold its weekly trivia net at 8:00 p.m. (0100 Zulu) on the KD8BMI repeater, transmitting on 147.075 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5. This net is conducted every Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 Zulu). For more information visit the club's website at [www.qsl.net/k8mcr](http://www.qsl.net/k8mcr)

The Phillippi net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the K8VE repeater, transmitting on 145.150 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 103.5.

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### **Thursday (February 11th)**

Taco Thursday - a weekly lunch gathering held in Morgantown where local ham radio enthusiasts gather to discuss common interests in amateur radio. This gathering is usually well attended and the discussion is often lively. Taco Thursday is held every Thursday at noon (1700 zulu) at the Los Mariachi's Restaurant

in the Evansdale area of Morgantown, WV. We recommend arriving a few minutes early for this event as many local ham radio operators attend and seating is often limited.

The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club will hold its net at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the W3PIE repeater, transmitting on 147.045 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 131.8. For more information visit the club's website at [www.W3PIE.org](http://www.W3PIE.org)

The Clarksburg net will be held at 9:00 p.m. (0200 Zulu) on the WV8HC repeater, transmitting on 147.165 MHz with a standard offset and a PL tone of 91.5.

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## **This Month's Events**

Other events happening this month include the following:

### **Club Meetings**

Beginning with club meetings

#### ***W8MWA***

The Monongalia Wireless Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16th at the River Valley Red Cross Chapter on Pineview Drive. There will be a VE Testing session beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will hold a social period at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

#### ***MARA***

The Mountaineer Amateur Radio Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at the First Street United Methodist Church in Fairmont on February 9th. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a social followed by their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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### **Other Events (Special Events, Parades, Marathon's, Hamfests, etc.)**

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#### ***Item 1(February18th - 21st)***

The Mon County Amateur Radio Club will hold its "Work All BMI Contest" from February 18th through February 21st on 2 meter repeaters. The contest will start at 1800 zulu on February 18th and will end at 1800 zulu on February 21st. This is a simple fun contest designed to be an introduction to contesting and to help sharpen your information gathering skills in the case of emergency operations. To get a set of rules and enter, or if you simply wish further information contact Bill Harris November 6 X-ray Alpha Kilo at [n6xak@atlanticbb.net](mailto:n6xak@atlanticbb.net)

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## Events Farther Out

Looking to events next month and beyond.

### Item 1(March 7th)

The W8MWA Simplex Net will be held on Monday March 7th, with a goal of seeing who can talk to whom should the local repeaters stop functioning. This net is held on the 1st Monday of every month on 146.550 MHz simplex. For more information contact Dr. Carl Werntz WA3ZZU, at [cwerntz@hsc.wvu.edu](mailto:cwerntz@hsc.wvu.edu)

### Item 2 (March 19th)

The Kanawah Amateur Radio Club will hold its 32nd Annual Charleston Area Hamfest on March 19th 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in their new venue at the Activity Center of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. More details will follow as the event draws near.

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## Major Events

### West Virginia Ham Radio Convention (August 19, 2016)

The West Virginia State Amateur Radio Council has announced even more activities for the 58th West Virginia State Amateur Radio Convention to be held in the WVU Jackson's Mill Conference Center in Weston, WV, beginning on Friday August 19th 2016. This year's convention will feature VE Testing by the Mountain State VE team from Elkins, WV. Also on tap is a social gathering on Friday August 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Jackson Lodge Mountaineer room where guests can meet and greet each other, as well as the West Virginia State Amateur Radio Convention committee members and the convention's guest speakers. Speaking of which, stay tuned for the announcement of this year's keynote speaker soon. On Saturday, August 20th the midnight convocation of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong will induct new members. More activities and forums will be announced as the event draws closer.

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### Dayton

There are 104 days until Hamvention on May 20th 2016, in Dayton OH.

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This has been the Ham Radio Today newsline morning edition. Ham Radio Today broadcasts the newsline each morning at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday with an evening edition containing breaking news from the day at 5:00 p.m., transmitting on the W8MWA repeater, at 145.43 MHz with a PL tone of 103.5. Anyone wishing to submit a story or have their event announced may send the relevant information via email to [HamRadioToday1@gmail.com](mailto:HamRadioToday1@gmail.com). All stories and announcements must be

compliant with Part 97 of the Federal Communications Commission regulations and must be related to amateur radio. So until this evening, wishing everyone listening 73's and hoping you have a great day, this is KD8ZMV clear and returning the repeater to general use.