Ham Radio Today Newsline

Episode 27, Thursday, February 11, 2016

QST, QST, QST, Calling all amatuer 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 in 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 27 for Thursday *February 11th, 2016*, with Libby DeHaan, KD8ZMW, standing in for Michael DeHaan who is ill, reporting.

Events of Interest

Today

Events of interest for today; Thursday, Februry 11, 2016 include the following:

Item 1

Taco Thursday - a weekly lunch gathering held in Morgantown where local ham radio enthusiests gather to discuss common intrests in amatuer 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.

Item 2

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

Item 3

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.

This Week's Events

Friday (February 12th)

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.

Saturday (February 13th)

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 14th)

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 15th)

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

Tuesday (February 16th)

Taco Tuesday - a weekly lunch gathering held in Morgantown where local ham radio enthusiests gather to discuss common intrests in amatuer 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 Monongalia Wireless Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 16th at the River Valley Red Cross Chapter on Pineview Drive. Before the meeting, they will hold their regular monthly VE Testing session beginning at 6:00 p.m. A meet and greet social period will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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The North Central West Virginia Young Ladies net well be held a 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, or, contact Libby DeHaan, Kilo Delta 8, Zulu, Mike Wiskey at KD8ZMW@gmail.com

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

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This Month's Events

Other events happening this month include the following:

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

Item 1(February 18th - 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

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Events Farther Out

Looking to events next month and beyond.

Item 1(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 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 98 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 informmation via email to HamRadioToday1@gmail.com. All stories and announcements must be compliant with Part 97 of the Federal Communications Commission regulations and must be related to amatuer radio. So until our next broadcast, wishing everyone listening 73's and hoping you have a great day, this is KD8ZMW clear and returning the repeater to general use.