

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



3rd Quarter 2026

CLUB NEWS

The club has added
2 new radios to its
fleet

The club trailer
has some upgrades

Testing continues
to be on the
fourth Thursday of
the month

The West Virginia
State Amateur Radio
Council Convention
is Coming Up



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 16

Satellite Class @ Clubhouse @ 6:30 pm

July 23

Fox Hunt 6:00 Location to be determined

July 25

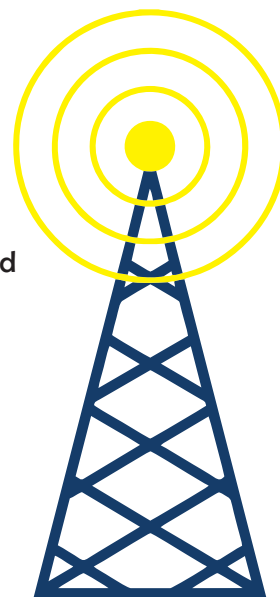
WV State Amateur Radio Council
Convention @ Days Inn in Flatwoods

August 13

Applications for Ham Radio Class
@ Clubhouse @ 7:00 pm

September 19

Hunting and Fishing Days at Stonewall
Resort 9:00 am to 6:00 pm



Don't forget to stop by and support the CWCWA Traders Net
Every Thursday at 9:00 pm on 147.165 pl tone of 91.5. These nets
are a great way to keep up with all the happenings in the club.



Todd White, K8SKD

“He gives a lot of himself to the club”

KE8VNN

Member Spot Light

This Month I chose Todd White (K8SKD) as the spotlight Ham!

Todd became a Ham in November 2016. His first call sign was KE8CYH. He is now Vice President of the club, and his new call sign is K8SKD.

Todd enjoys POTA, DX chasing, and 2-meter rag chewing, and he's always there to help other hams.

He started a career as a copier technician in 1998. Then he started his own business in 2008, Todd's Creative Woodworks, which he later changed to The Creative Engraver.

He gives a lot of himself to the club. We've all seen the work he has done with the club trailer. Todd and his wife, Crystal, are always among the first at club events to help set up and participate. Some of his hobbies include fishing, hunting, geocaching, and woodworking. Todd is a great asset to the club and to the world of ham radio. We are very lucky to have a person like him in our club. He helps people participate in events and club meetings. I would like to thank Todd and Crystal for all their help.

Written by Mike Bahr

The Club Trailer Receives Welcome Upgrades

Club Trailer Receives Some Welcome Upgrades

Our club trailer has recently received a few important upgrades that will make operating more comfortable and help keep our equipment in top condition for years to come.

One of the biggest improvements is the addition of an air conditioner. Whether we're operating during ARRL Field Day, special events, or community demonstrations, having a cool and comfortable operating environment will make a huge difference for our operators, especially during the hot West Virginia summer months.

Another major project was rebuilding the trailer's pneumatic mast. The mast has been fitted with a complete set of new seals to ensure smooth, reliable operation for many future events.

A special thank you goes to Todd (K8SKD) and Crystal (KF8EVT) for taking on this project. Todd coordinated the mast rebuild and installation, while Crystal spent many hours helping clean each component of the mast and assisting with the reassembly. Their hard work and attention to detail helped restore the mast to excellent operating condition.

Projects like these are only possible because of members who generously donate their time and talents. Their efforts continue to improve our club's equipment and ensure we're ready to serve our community and enjoy amateur radio activities for many years to come.

Thank you, Todd and Crystal, for your dedication to the Central West Virginia Wireless Association!



Participation and volunteering are the lifeblood of our club events—without your time, energy, and support, gatherings like these wouldn't be possible. Every helping hand ensures our traditions continue and our amateur radio community stays strong, active, and growing.

EXCITING NEW EQUIPMENT ADDED TO THE CWWVA CLUB STATION

The **Central West Virginia Wireless Association** is excited to announce the addition of several new pieces of equipment that will help expand our club station and provide members with the opportunity to experience some of the best amateur radio equipment available today.

We have recently added two new HF transceivers to our growing radio fleet: the **Yaesu FT-710** and the **Yaesu FTDX10**. These radios join our two **Icom IC-7300** transceivers, giving members the opportunity to operate and compare four of the most popular HF radios currently on the market.

When it came time to select new equipment, we wanted radios that were proven performers, offered excellent value, and were among the most widely used by amateur radio operators today. The FT-710, DX10, and IC-7300 consistently receive outstanding reviews for their performance, receiver quality, ease of operation, and advanced features. By choosing these popular models, our members will have the opportunity to operate equipment they are most likely to consider purchasing for their own ham shacks.

One of the greatest benefits of our expanding station is that members can spend time operating each radio, learning its features, and deciding which one best fits their operating style before making the investment in their own equipment. There is simply no substitute for hands-on experience, and we're proud to provide that opportunity for our members. (cont.)



Why choose FTDX10?

**Excellent receiver for pulling
weak stations out of the noise**

**One of the highest-performing
receivers in its price class**

**Modern SDR waterfall with
traditional Yaesu controls**

**Great choice for DX chasing,
contesting, POTA,
and Field Day**

**Built-in USB interface
makes digital modes simple**





Advantages of the MyAntenna EFHW

Multi Band Operation

No Antenna Tuner Required

Minimal Footprint

No Counterpoise Needed

High Power Capacity

Low Loss Transformer



In addition to the new radios, the club has also purchased a MyAntennas HF antenna along with a new 2-meter Diamond antenna for installation at the clubhouse. Once the antenna systems are installed, members will have access to a fully operational club station capable of HF and VHF operation.

Having a permanent station at the clubhouse will open the door to many exciting opportunities. Members will be able to stop by and get on the air, try different radios, mentor new operators, practice operating skills, and demonstrate amateur radio to visitors and prospective hams. The station will also serve as a valuable resource for training sessions, licensing classes, Parks on the Air preparation, contesting, emergency communications practice, and other club activities.

This investment represents another step forward in our commitment to making the Central West Virginia Wireless Association one of the most active and member-focused amateur radio clubs in the region. We look forward to seeing everyone on the air as we complete the station installation. Stay tuned for announcements as the antennas are installed and the club station officially goes on the air. We can't wait for everyone to come by, try out the new equipment, and enjoy operating from the CWVWA clubhouse!

FIELD DAY 2026

An Overwhelming Success!

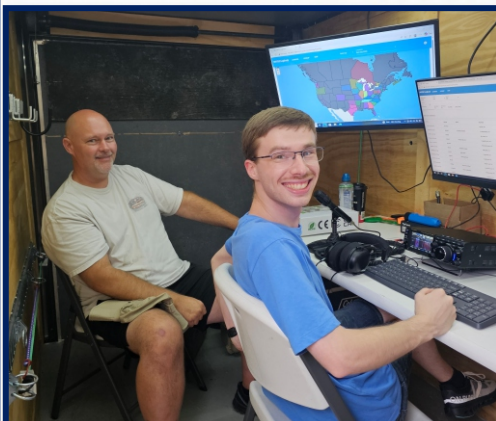
Field Day 2026 was an overwhelming success for the Central West Virginia Wireless Association. From setup on Friday through teardown on Sunday, members came together to demonstrate what amateur radio is all about—teamwork, fellowship, public service, and fun.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible. Whether you helped set up antennas and equipment, operated a station, prepared meals, cleaned up afterward, or simply stopped by to spend time with fellow members, you played an important part in making this year's Field Day one of our best yet.

Events like these remind us that our club is more than just radios—it's a family. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, equipment, and hard work. We couldn't have done it without you.



*73 from the Central West Virginia
Wireless Association!*



★ THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE FIELD DAY 2026 A SUCCESS! ★



SETUP CREW

- Set up antennas
- Erected shelters
- Hauled equipment
- Got us on the air!



COOKS & KITCHEN

- Cooked great meals
- Kept us fed
- Kept us energized
- Thank you!



CLEANUP CREW

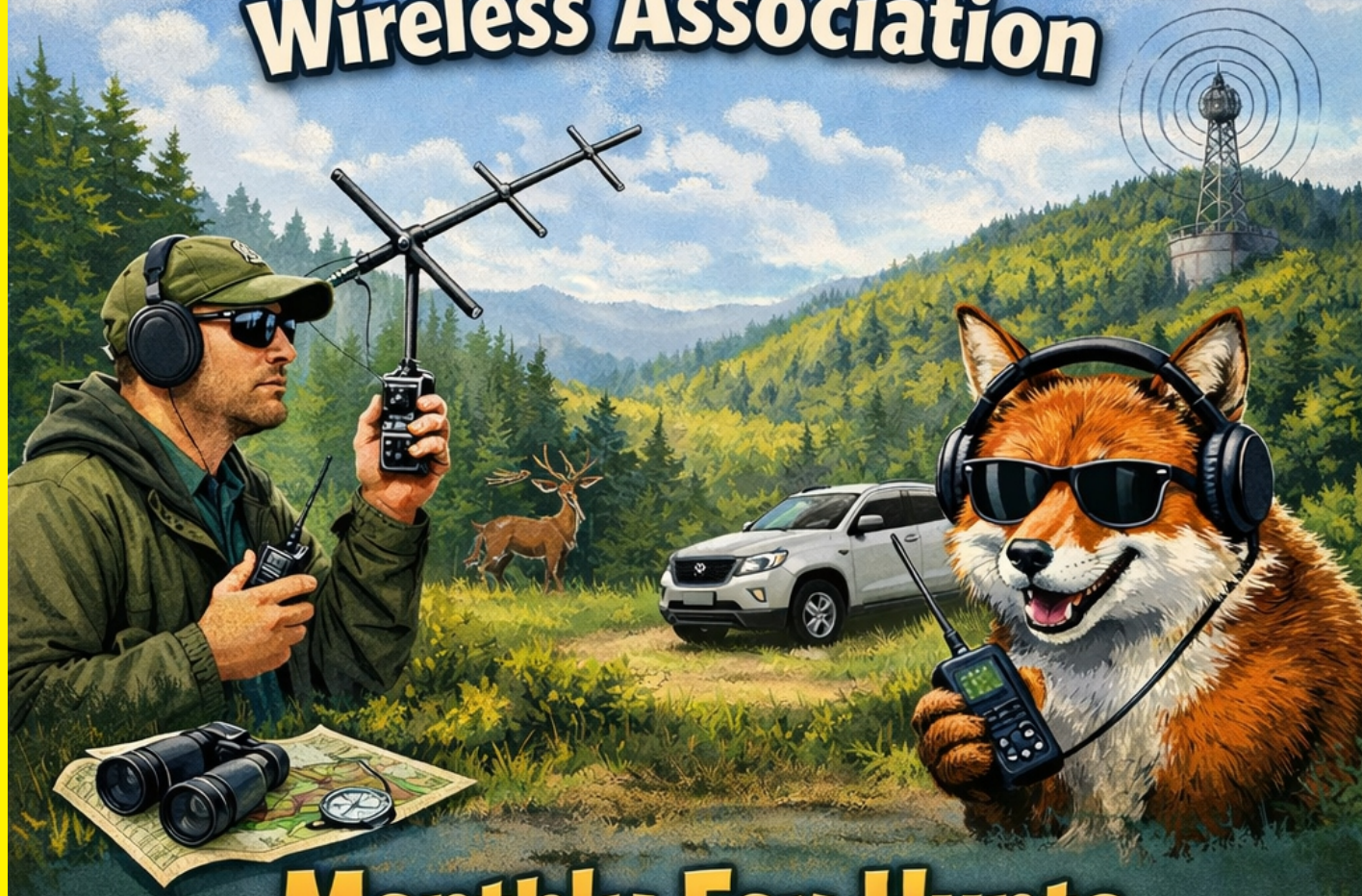
- Broke down tents
- Packed equipment
- Cleaned the site
- Left it better than we found it!



EVERYONE ELSE

- Operated radios
- Made contacts
- Visited and supported
- Shared friendship and good times!

Central West Virginia Wireless Association



Monthly Fox Hunts Under Way!

Next Fox Hunt: July 23, 2026
Starting location: To Be Determined

2026 leader board

30 points K8SKD, KF8EVT,
WV8K, W8TEC

28 Points KF8ERJ

22 Points W8JSB

20 Points N8OYY, KE8ZZG

16 Points K8TAC

12 Points KE8VNI

8 Points K1WVA

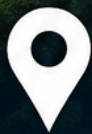
6 NOWIR, WV8AWT,
KE8VNN

4 Points KF8DGU

WEST VIRGINIA STATE AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL

ANNUAL CONFERENCE & Hamfest!

★ SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026 ★



DAYS INN CONFERENCE CENTER

350 Days Drive

Sutton (Flatwoods), West Virginia



DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM



**INDOOR &
OUTDOOR
VENDORS**



**PRIZE
GIVEAWAYS**



**LIVE
DEMONSTRATIONS**



**EDUCATIONAL
CLASSES**



**AMATEUR RADIO
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& Radio Clubs!*

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