

DECEMBER 2014

THE eQRM



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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CHECK IN TO THE NETS

Wednesday 2 Meter
8:30PM on 145.310 MHz

Wednesday 10 Meter
9:00PM on 28.470 MHz

Bulletins

BVARA Annual Christmas Party

Place: Baden Community Room (Baden Municipal Building, 149 State Street, Baden, PA)

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2014

Time: 5:15 PM (Doors Open)

Price: \$16.00 Per Person (Checks payable to Pam Spencer, 322 Camilla Street, Baden, PA 15005 or if you prefer, please pay at the door). Any questions, please phone Pam Spencer at 724/869-2429.

Grab Bag (Optional): If you would like to participate, please bring a \$10.00 gift wrapped item to the party.

Buffet Menu:

Hot/Cold Appetizers
Bottom Round Roast Beef w/Au Jus
Broasted Chicken
Spinach and Cheese Raviolis with Alfredo Sauce
Stuffed Shells with Marinara Sauce
Green Beans
Olive Garden Salad w/Dressings
Rolls and Butter

Desserts:

Punch
Pop
Water
Coffee

2015 BVARA Membership Dues will be accepted at the Christmas Party.

2014 BVARA Hams of the Year:

Tom Kavic AA3TK
Rich Soltesz K3SOM

News & Information

George Caffro, N3HOJ

We are sorry to report that George Caffro, N3HOJ, has been hospitalized with serious health problems. The members of the BVARA would like to extend their well wishes to George for a speedy recovery.

No VE test session in December. VE testing will resume in January.

WEEKLY

Thursday Morning Breakfast

The BVARA meets every Thursday at Steak n Shake in Center Township, by the Beaver Valley Mall, at 10:00 AM. All area amateurs are invited and encouraged to attend the Thursday Morning Breakfast. See you at Steak n Shake!

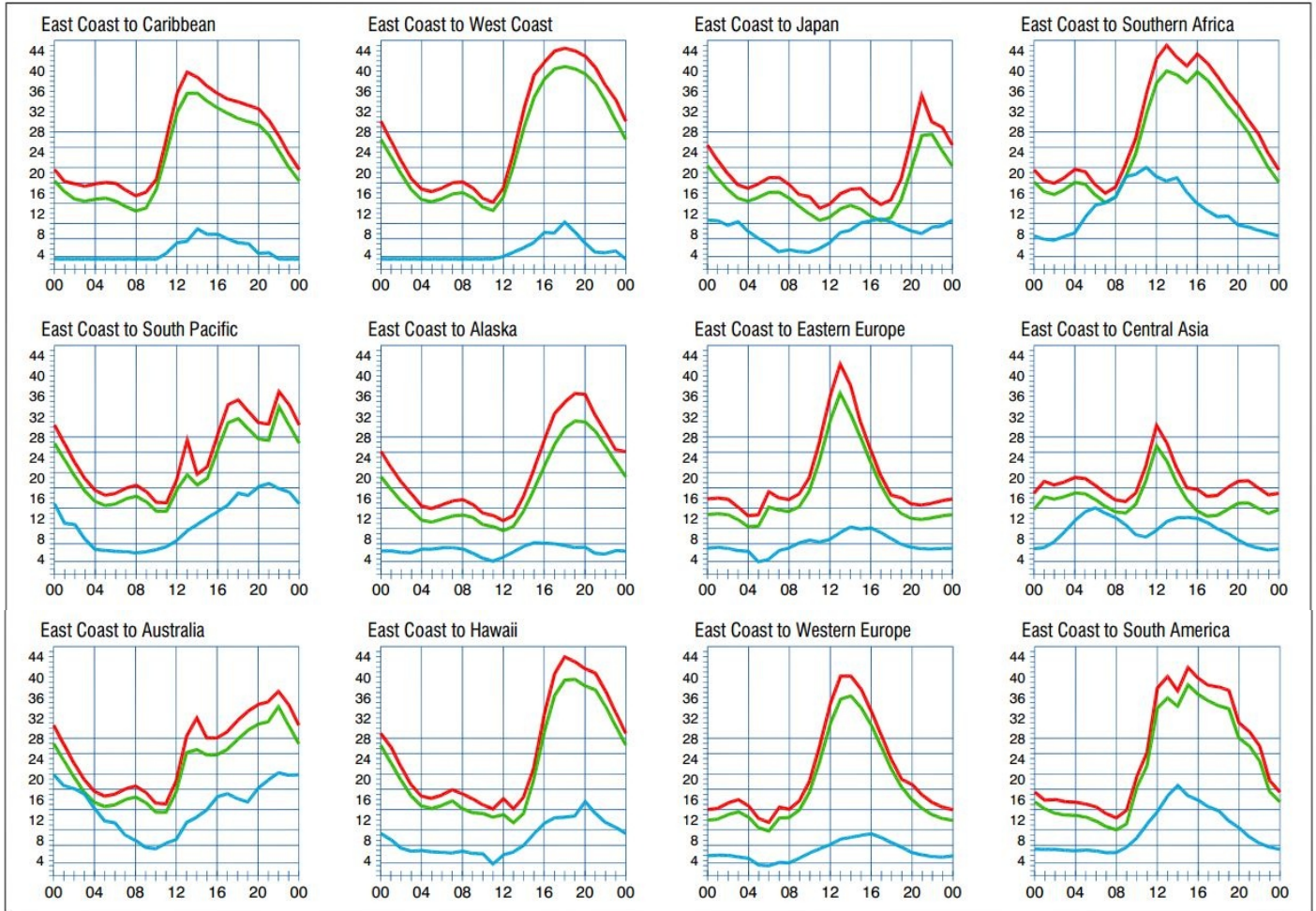


BVARA Christmas Party Saturday, December 13th Don't forget to mark your calendar!



Propagation Charts

From the ARRL



PROPAGATION

The East Coast propagation chart listed above is for December 2014.

If you would like more information on how to read these charts, or for more information on propagation in general, please visit <http://arrl.org/propagation>

RACES / ARES

eQRM Urges All County Hams to Participate

As a matter of editorial opinion, the eQRM urges all Beaver County licensed amateurs to participate in the County's RACES and ARES programs. Any Beaver County Amateur that is interested in participating in the RACES/ARES programs can do so by checking into the Beaver County Public Service Net which meets every Monday evening at 8:30 PM local time on the N3TN 146.850 MHz repeater (131.8 PL)



A Christmas Story

(Apologies to Jean Shepperd)
by: Dick Hanna, K3VYY

Christmas 1956 has always been very special to me. It actually started with what has become known as the famous “Missing telephone incident” in the Hanna household. To make a long story short, I dismantled the only phone in the house while Dad and Mom were out to see what made it work (I was almost 10, and pretty inquisitive). Unfortunately they came home before I could get it back together!

So the pieces got shoved under the end table. Dad never used the phone much, but he went to make a call and the phone was missing. Back then, phones were owned by Bell Telephone and I was informed that I would be paying Ma Bell for the necessary repairs. Dad had to go to the neighbor’s house to call repair service who showed up the next day. The phone repairman could hardly stop laughing as he replaced the phone with a new one! (Available in Black or White!) I had also taken an old “All American 5” tube radio I scrounged from a paper customer’s trash and got it working and used it to “DX” the broadcast band at night in my room. Chicago, New Orleans, Nashville, Mexico, and Canada were all on my list of stations heard.

On Christmas morning 1956, I got up to find two big boxes under the tree which Dad said to handle carefully. I opened them to find a marvelous Heathkit AR-3 receiver kit along with the separate cabinet! Dad helped me evening after evening assembling the radio, and then he had a friend he worked with who had a TV repair business the side. Ted Polhemus (I think I spelled it correctly) was a ham (I do not remember his call). Anyway, Ted agreed to align my radio since you had to have a signal generator and a VTVM which I didn’t have, and the best part was he didn’t charge me anything!

That began a few years of Shortwave listening, and a growing interest in Ham Radio. Dad worked with Bob (Red) McClain, W3VRZ who sent home the popular “How to Become A Radio Amateur”, a “License Manual”, “Learning the Radiotelegraph Code”, and a 1950 ARRL Handbook. Bob became my Elmer and friend for many years. The “How to become a Radio Amateur” became rather dog eared as I carried it everywhere.

The Ham License finally became reality in 1962, and the station grew by the addition of the Heathkit QF-1 Q-Multiplier and the AMECO AC-1 transmitter Kit. All of the original station works, in fact I just recapped the AC-1 Transmitter which originally cost me about \$17 of my hard earned paper route money. The AC-1 has become a “cult” radio with original units selling for as much as \$600!



Who We Are

Membership Information and Club Officers

BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE BVARA, YOU CAN HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF AMATEUR RADIO IN BEAVER COUNTY. ADDITIONALLY, THE BVARA RECEIVES A PORTION OF EACH ARRL AND/OR WORLD RADIO SUBSCRIPTION YOU PURCHASE!

Join the BVARA, ARRL and World Radio

Sign up for:	Price	Quantity
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA FULL MEMBERSHIP	20.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP	10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD UNDER 21 IN HOME	5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE YEAR ARRL MEMBERSHIP	39.00	

ARRL MEMBER? YES NO Subtotal: _____
 Donation: _____
 Total: _____

Your License Class (if any):

Novice _____ Name _____
 Technician _____ Address _____
 General _____
 Advanced _____ Email Address _____
 Extra _____ Phone _____

Your Call Sign: _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Make Check or Money order payable to:
 The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 424
 South Heights, PA 15081

2015 BVARA OFFICERS

President: Jack Spencer, KZ3Z
 Vice President: Dick Hanna, K3VYY
 2nd Vice Pres.: Rob Miller, N3OJL
 Treasurer: Pam Spencer, W3PMS
 Secretary: Norm Trunick, K3NJT
 Director: George Caffro, N3HOJ
 Director: Jeff Waite, K3SLK
 Trustee: Rich Soltesz, K3SOM

MONTHLY MEETINGS

E-Board meetings are now held the Saturday before the monthly club meeting.
 VE testing begins at 5:00.
 Regular meetings are at 6:30.

All meetings are held at
 Beaver County
 Emergency Operations Center
 351 14th Street
 Ambridge, PA 15003
 on the second Thursday of every month
 (unless otherwise stated).

MEETING DATES

2014

December - No meeting (Christmas Party)

2015

January 8
 February 12
 March 12
 April 9
 May 14
 June 11
 July 9

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