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Repeater 145.310 PL 131.8

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Check into our nets

Wednesday 2 Meter

8:30PM on 145.310 MHz PL 131.8

Wednesday 10 Meter

9:00PM on 28.470 MHz

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Who We Are

2019 BVARA OFFICERS

President: Jack Spencer, KZ3Z

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Director: Bob Winkle, N3AZZ

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 PM.

Regular meetings are at 6:30 PM

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

Club Meetings 2020

Feb 13

Mar 12

Apr 09

May 14

Jun 11

Jul 09

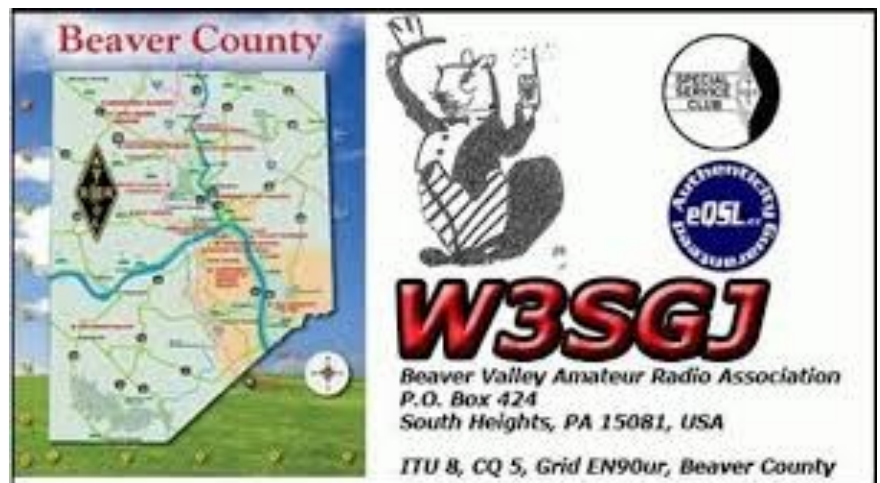
Aug Club Picnic TBA

Sep 10

Oct 08

Nov 12

Dec Club Christmas Party



This Month

February Special Session:

Speakers: BVARA Club Members and You

Topic: Roundtable Help with Questions from You

What's It All About:

New to ham radio? Are you wondering about new digital modes with your equipment? Maybe you have questions about antennas, setting up your station, how to make an HF contact, or how to interface your computer to your ham equipment. Perhaps your questions are even more basic like rules and regulations, which bands are best to use, where to find operating resources like band plans, what to do after you make contacts and how do you save or conveniently create a useful log. Maybe you have problems with annoying noise or need help in selecting some equipment. The list goes on and on . . .



Since our initial roundtable discussion in November, some changes have been planned in our roundtable format that will enable you to more easily seek the answers to questions you have about ham radio and operating a station. On February 13th, 2020 after our monthly club meeting, our second roundtable discussion with your participation is planned. You don't have to be a member of the BVARA; you may just have a question or two that's been bothering you about our ham radio hobby. In fact, you could be new to the hobby or a seasoned veteran with questions. Whether it's technical or about rules/regulations or operating or equipment, we want to help you. We'll start our roundtable around 7:15 PM at the Beaver County Emergency Services Center at 351 14th Street, Ambridge, PA 15003. ***Please join us with your questions!***

Rich Soltesz - K3SOM
Extra Class Ham,
BVARA Trustee,
BVARA VE Liaison

More this Month

Weekly

The Freedom Square Diner in Monaca has a great wait staff. Come let them take your order and serve you something delicious.

Thursday Morning Breakfast
(or you can have lunch)



The BVARA meets every Thursday at the Freedom Square Diner in Center Township, just to the right of the Cinemark Center Township Marketplace at 09:30 AM. All radio amateurs and those interested in amateur radio are encouraged to come join us at our Thursday morning breakfast.

See you Thursday at



The eQRM urges all Beaver County licensed amateurs to participate in the County's RACES and ARES programs.

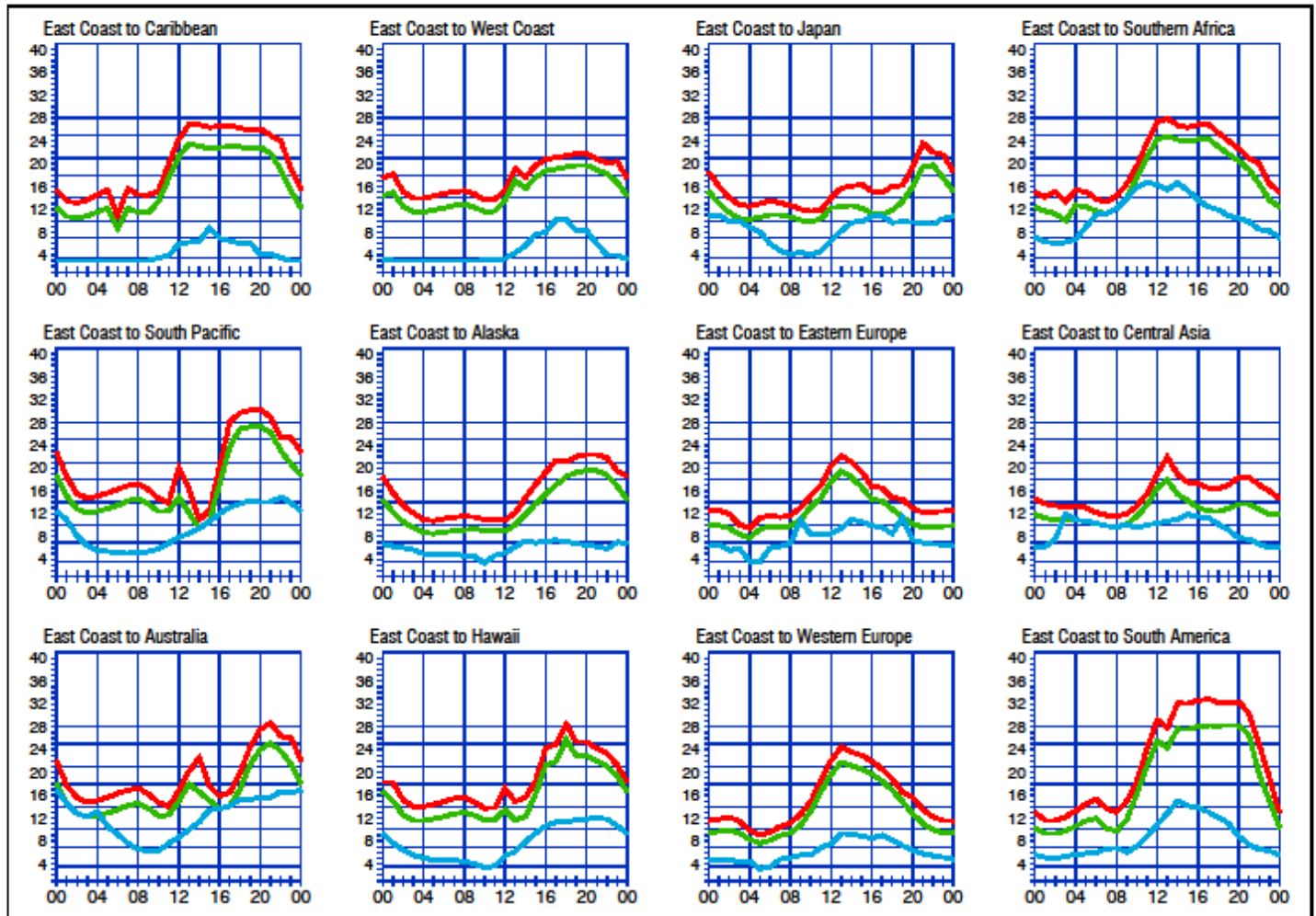
Any Beaver County Amateur that is interested in participating in the RACES/ARES programs can do so by checking into the Beaver County Public Service Net which meets every Monday evening at 8:30 PM local time on the N3TN 146.850 MHz repeater (131.8 PL)

RACES / ARES

The eQRM urges all county hams to participate.



Propagation



When are the bands open? These charts, generated using CAPman, show probabilities for average HF propagation in the month of February for the paths indicated. The horizontal axes show Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), and the vertical axes frequency in MHz. On 10% of the days of this period, the highest frequencies propagated will be at least as high as the upper red curves (HFF, highest possible frequency) and on 50% of the days they will be at least as high as the green curves (MUF, classical maximum usable frequency). The blue curves show the lowest usable frequency (LUF) for a 1500-W CW transmitter. For SSB or a lower transmitter power, the LUF will be somewhat higher than the blue curves indicate. See Oct 1994 QST, pp 27-30, and Feb 1995 QST, pp 34-36, for more details. The predictions assume an observed 2800-MHz solar flux value of 73. This is a Very Low level of solar activity. See the detailed propagation tables on *The ARRL Antenna Book CD-ROM*.

PROPAGATION

The East Coast propagation chart listed here is for February 2020.

If you would like more information in general, please visit

<http://www.arrl.org/propagation>

Get your License or Upgrade

If you are interested in getting your first FCC license or upgrading your current amateur radio license, the Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association holds VE Test sessions (Volunteer Examinations) the second Thursday of each month at the 911 Center in Ambridge Pennsylvania prior to our BVARA Club meeting. If there is no meeting there is no test session. Please come take your test with us! Testing starts at 5PM, Club meeting starts a 6:30. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact :
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VE TEST SESSIONS

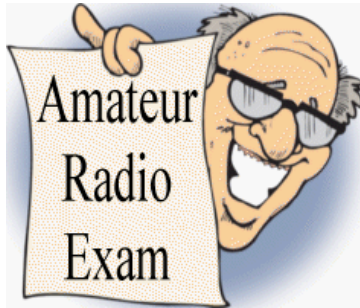
Beaver County Emergency Services Center 351 14th Street Ambridge, PA 15003.
Tests begin promptly at 5 pm on the same day as BVARA Club Meetings
(the second Thursday of the month).
All classes of amateur radio license tests are administered.

ALL candidates MUST bring ALL of the following:

1. 2 forms of I.D. - one MUST be a photo I.D.
2. A pencil AND a pen with blue or black ink.
3. The original AND a photocopy of any valid ham license.
4. The original AND a photocopy of any C.S.C.E.
5. The test fee of \$15 - cash, check, or money order.

New License and Upgrades

BVARA VE Testing

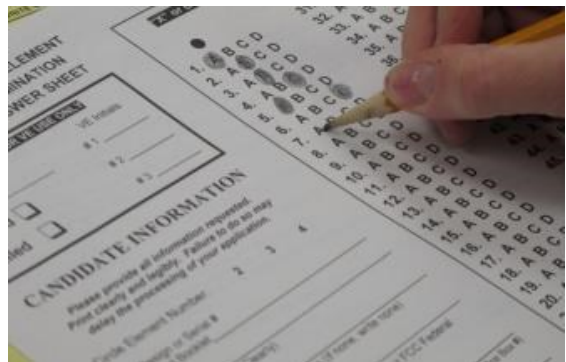


One of our VEs told me “This hasn't happened to me before”
here are some words to consider:

The VE testing results for the two candidates at the January 2020 VE session were not positive. With a bit more study, perhaps they will join others with success at our February VE session. One of the candidates missed passing the test by only one correct answer. It happens.

You are invited to come over to the Beaver County 911 Center at 5PM and take your test with us then stay for our normal Club meeting that starts at 6:30PM.

All are welcome!



Membership Information

By becoming a BVARA member you help secure the future of Amateur Radio in Beaver County. Additionally, the BVARA receives a portion of each ARRL

membership you purchase!

Join the BVARA and ARRL

Sign up for:	Price	
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA full membership	25.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA student membership	15.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA associate membership	10.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA Child under 21 at home membership	5.00	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> One year ARRL membership	49.00	_____
A Club Donation		_____
ARRL Member? Yes No	Total Enclosed	_____

Your License Class (If you have one.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Technician	Name _____
<input type="checkbox"/> General	Address _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Class	Email _____
	Phone _____
	Your Call sign _____
	Your Signature _____

Make check or money order payable to:

The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 424

South Heights, Pa 15081

Hamfests & General Announcements



WASHfest 2020

The South Hills Hamfest — Now in our **TWENTY FIFTH** big year!
Sponsored by the WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INC.

Sunday, February 23rd, 2020
8:00 AM until 3:00 PM Rain or Shine (or Snow!)

Home Economics Building, South Park

3735 Buffalo Drive, South Park Township, PA 15129
Behind the Allegheny County Police Station on Brownsville Road
Talk-In on 146.955(-) and 443.650(+) 131.8 PL
Donation \$5



(800) 545-8881

Breakfast & Lunch will be available!



FREE Coffee for the entire Hamfest
courtesy of HAM RADIO INSURANCE ASSOCIATES
of Canonsburg, PA



MAIN PRIZES — You've Got to Play to WIN!

- First Prize: FlexRadio Flex-6400M with Antenna Tuner
- Second Prize: Yaesu FTM-7250DR 2/440 50 Watt Mobile
- Third Prize: Yaesu FT-79DR 2/440 5 Watt HT

Additional Hourly Door Prizes! 2 Special Black Box Prizes (Separate Drawing)!

Main Prize tickets are \$2.00 each, 3 for \$5.00, 7 for \$10, 15 for \$20, 40 for \$50, 90 for \$100

All Prizes Subject to last-minute changes

For Table Reservations, or More Information, Please Contact:

Carol Danko KB3GMN at (412) 884-1466 n3sbf@comcast.net
E-mail us directly at washarc@yahoo.com Check out our website too! www.n3sb.org

Please Note: Early Table Reservations must be paid in full on or before January 31st, 2020. Reservations received after February 1st, 2020 must include payment in full. Reserve now... we have sold out in advance ten years running!

Hamfest Table Reservation Form—Please PRINT LEGIBLY ALL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: () _____ - _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Call Sign: _____

Tables WITH Electricity: _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Tables WITHOUT Electricity: _____ X \$12.00 = _____

5 Or More Tables w/o: _____ X \$10.00 = _____

Please make all checks payable to:
WIRELESS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH HILLS
PLEASE MAIL RESERVATION TO:
WASHFEST 2020
c/o CAROL DANKO KB3GMN
4246 Seton Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15227-1244

We reserve the right to resell any tables not occupied by 8 AM, unless prior arrangements have been made!

Hamfests & General Announcements

Hamfest Talk-in on
146.955 MHz (131.8 PL)
Call N3SH for Directions



Directions to WASHFest

Buffalo Drive can be reached from the intersection of Brownsville Road and Corrigoa Drive, adjacent to the South Park fairgrounds and the Allegheny County Policy station. Signs are posted. Brownsville Road can be accessed from State Route 51, and Corrigoa Drive can be accessed from State Route 88



Free Parking available across
Brownsville Road along the
Allegheny County Fairgrounds



Note:
Some maps also show the address of the building as
1900 Brownsville Road — whatever works to get you there!

Radio Sport

Bruce Draper, AA5B, aa5b.corral@gmail.com

Contest Corral

February 2020

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at www.arrl.org/contests.

Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Start Date-Time	Finish Date-Time	Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
1 0000	2 2359	1.8-UHF	Vermont QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), county or SPC	www.rmv.org/vtqso.html
1 0001	2 2359	28	10-10 International Winter Contest, SSB	Ph	Name, mbr or "0"; SPC	www.ten-ten.org
1 1200	2 1159	1.8-28	Black Sea Cup International	CW Ph	RS(T), ITU zone, Black Sea club info (if any)	bsecc.ucoz.ru
1 1200	2 1200	3.5-28, 144	F9AA Cup, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.site.urc.asso.fr
1 1200	2 2359	3.5-28	Mexico RITTY International Contest	Dig	RST, XE state or serial	www.rtty.mx
1 1400	1 2359	1.8-28	Minnesota QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	Name, county or SPC	www.w0aa.org
1 1400	1 2359	1.8-28	FYBO Winter QRP Sprint	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), SPC, name, power, temperature	arizonascopions.sappe-land1.com
1 1600	1 1900	3.5	AGCW Straight Key Party	CW	RST, serial, class, name, age	agcw.org/index.php/en
1 1600	2 2359	1.8-28	British Columbia QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), BC District or SPC	orcadcc.org/boop_rules.html
1 1700	1 2100	3.5-28	FISTS Winter Slow Speed Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	fistsna.org
2 0000	2 0400	3.5-14	North American Sprint, CW	CW	Other station's call, your call, serial, name, SPC	ncjweb.com
3 2000	3 2130	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, SSB	Ph	RS + serial	www.rsqcc.org/hf
4 0200	4 0400	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST + SPC + Power	arsqp.blogspot.com
5 2000	5 2100	3.5	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	Ph	4-char grid square	www.ukicc.com
6 1800	6 2200	28	NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	nrau.net/activity-contests
6 2000	6 2200	1.8-50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	www.skccgroup.com
8 0000	9 2359	3.5-28	CQ WW RITTY/WPX Contest	Dig	RST, serial	www.cqwparty.com
8 1000	9 1000	1.8-28	SARL Field Day Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), number of xmts, category, province or "DX"	www.sarl.org.za
8 1100	8 1300	7, 14	Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	CW	RST, serial	jpsc.org/apcsprint/aprule.txt
8 1200	9 1200	1.8	KCJ Topband Contest	CW	RST, JA Prefecture/District code or continent	www.kcj-cw.com
8 1200	9 1200	1.8-28	Dutch PACC Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), province or serial	pacc.veron.nl
8 1200	9 2359	1.8-50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
8 1400	10 0200	All (no WARC)	YLRL YL-OM Contest	CW Ph Dig	Serial, RS(T) SPC	yrlorg/wplyl-om-contest
8 1500	9 1500	1.8-28	OMISS QSO Party	Ph	RS, SPC, mbr (if any)	omiss.net/Facelift/qsoparty.php
8 1700	8 2100	3.5-28	FISTS Winter Unlimited Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	fistsna.org
8 1900	8 2300	1.8	RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest	CW	RST, serial, District code (if any)	www.rsqcc.org/hf
9 1300	9 1700	3.5, 7	Balkan HF Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial	hamyo.ro/balkanhf2019
9 1400	12 0800	1.8-144	Classic Exchange, Phone	Ph	Name, RS, SPC, radio model	www.classicexchange.org
10 0100	10 0259	3.5-14	COC Winter QSO Party	CW	RST, SPC	www.colonadocqppclub.org
10 0100	10 0300	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	www.4sqpp.com
10 1300	14 2359	All (no WARC)	ARRL School Club Roundup	CW Ph	RS(T), Class (IC/S), SPC	arrl.org/school-club-roundup
12 0130	12 0330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	naqcc.info
12 2000	12 2130	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, Data	Dig	RST, serial	www.rsqcc.org/hf
14 0000	14 2359	1.8-7	PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint	Dig	Name, OM/YL, SPC	www.podxs070.com
15 0000	16 2359	1.8-28	ARRL International DX Contest, CW	CW	WVE: RST + SP; non-WVE: RST + power	www.arrl.org/arrl-dx
15 1200	16 1159	1.8-28	Russian PSK WW Contest	Dig	RST, 2-letter oblast or serial	www.rdrclub.ru
15 1900	15 2059	1.8-28	Field Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, 4-char grid square	sites.google.com/site/fieldhellclub
15 2300	16 2300	1.8-14	AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party	Ph	Name, SPC	www.anticwreless.org
17 0200	17 0400	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	qppcontest.com/pigrun
19 1900	19 2030	3.5	AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	CW	RST, serial, year first used a bug	agcw.org/index.php/en
21 2200	23 2200	1.8	CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	Ph	WVE: RS, SP; DX: RS, CQ Zone	cq160.com/rules.htm
22 0600	23 1800	3.5-28	REF Contest, SSB	Ph	RS, Department/Pref or serial	concourse-e-f.org/contest
22 1200	23 1200	3.5-28	UKEI DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial, District code (if any)	www.ukicc.com
23 1400	23 1700	3.5-14	SARL Digital Contest	Dig	RST, serial	www.sarl.org.za
23 1500	23 1700	3.5-28	High Speed Club CW Contest	CW	RST, mbr or "NM"	www.highspeedclub.org
24 1300	25 0400	1.8-28	CQX Challenge	CW	RST, name, SPC, rig	cq-labs.com/party.html
26 0000	26 0200	1.8-28	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	www.skccgroup.com
26 2000	26 2100	3.5	UKEICC 80-Meter Contest	CW	4-char grid square	www.ukicc.com
27 2000	27 2130	3.5	RSGB 80-Meter Club Championship, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.rsqcc.org/hf
29 1200	1 1159	1.8-28	Russian WW Multimode Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST(Q), oblast or serial	www.rdrclub.ru
29 1300	1 1300	3.5-28	UBA DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial, province (if CN)	uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules
29 1500	1 0159	1.8-50	South Carolina QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), county or SPC	scqso.com
29 1800	1 0559	3.5-28	North American QSO Party, RITTY	Dig	Name, state/DQ/province/country	www.ncjweb.com
29 1800	1 0559	3.5-28	NA Collegiate Championship, RITTY	Dig	Name, state/DQ/province/country	www.w9smc.com/naacc

All dates refer to UTC and may be different from calendar dates in North America. Contests are not conducted on the 60-, 30-, 17-, or 12-meter bands. Mbr = Membership number. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. SPC = State, Province, DXCC Entity, XE = Mexican state. Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or NCJ. The latest time to make a valid contest QSO is the minute listed in the "Finish Time" column. Data for Contest Corral is maintained on the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at www.contestcalendar.com and is extracted for publication in QST 2 months prior to the month of the contest. ARRL gratefully acknowledges the support of Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, in providing this service.

Bits and Pieces

Hello All,

I have been eager to get my new HF antenna pole in the ground. This has been too big an obstacle for me to overcome so far this year. I just keep running into a logistical problem of one sort or another; no one can help on the particular day, the weather is uncooperative, tractor problem... I will get that “dad gum” pole in the ground and get my new antenna up in the air! NO, really, I will! This has been dragging on for too long. I stand committed to getting it done.



That’s mine, now how is your radio new year’s resolution going? I hope you are having a better time of it. Let me know. A new section in the eQRM is about this very subject. I can’t wait to see what you are up to and how it is progressing.

Winter Field Day was last weekend. I wasn’t sure if I would be able to attend. The excitement of it all won out and I went! My wife came with me... Winter Field Day started at 2pm Saturday and ran till 2pm Sunday, 24 hours. What a great time! We attended about 8 hours of it. There was great food, great comradery, good band conditions (for the most part) and plenty of contacts on the air. The BVARA had two stations set up inside a member’s home basement for shelter. A temporary 40-meter dipole antenna was temporarily put up and connected to an ICOM-7300 as the 40-meter station at 100 watts (excitement starting, excitement building, let the fun begin!). The open-wire 135’ doublet and the Skyhawk Yagi were connected to the Flex Radio 6700 and were used on 160, 80, and 20 meters, also at the 100-watt level. The BVARA operated with the club call, W3SGJ with the 2H Category and the WPA (Western Pennsylvania) ARRL Section. We made 358 contacts on four bands on both CW and

Phone. When a new or difficult-to-make contact was made everyone cheered! Frequently, the ‘Easy’ Button was pressed to announce the contact. This fed the excitement and added to the fun. At one point, we all encouraged Kathy, my XYL with a very pleasant voice, to help with the contacts. She finally got up the courage and began by calling: “CQ, CQ Winter Field Day. This is Whiskey Three Sierra, Gulf, Juliet, Over.” One of our Extra



Bits and Pieces

Class license holders sat right next to her and coached her. She really had fun! As anticipated, the pileup started! Someone from New Hampshire recognized our strategy and gave some very kind and encouraging words to Kathy to help ease her anxiety and allow all of us to enjoy this memorable moment in the contest.

Winter Field Day is a contest to see who can make the most contacts. In the case of BVARA, we put that goal on the back burner. It is more about getting together with good folks and Amateur Radio. Everyone had a great time. This is one reason I became a ham operator; good people, good fun and Amateur Radio. Field Day has a serious side to it also. It is to practice/hone our skills as radio operators in case of an emergency. The emergency could be local or national. All amateur radio operators know that when all else fails radio amateurs can provide critical communications. This is a proud heritage that all ham operators inherit & support and not just in the USA.

Things have begun to calm down and I am all excited about the upcoming Summer Field Day in June! Stay tuned, I will let you know where and when we will be setting up for it. Make plans to come. You will have fun. If you don't have a license, get to a Field Day setup near you and give it a try!

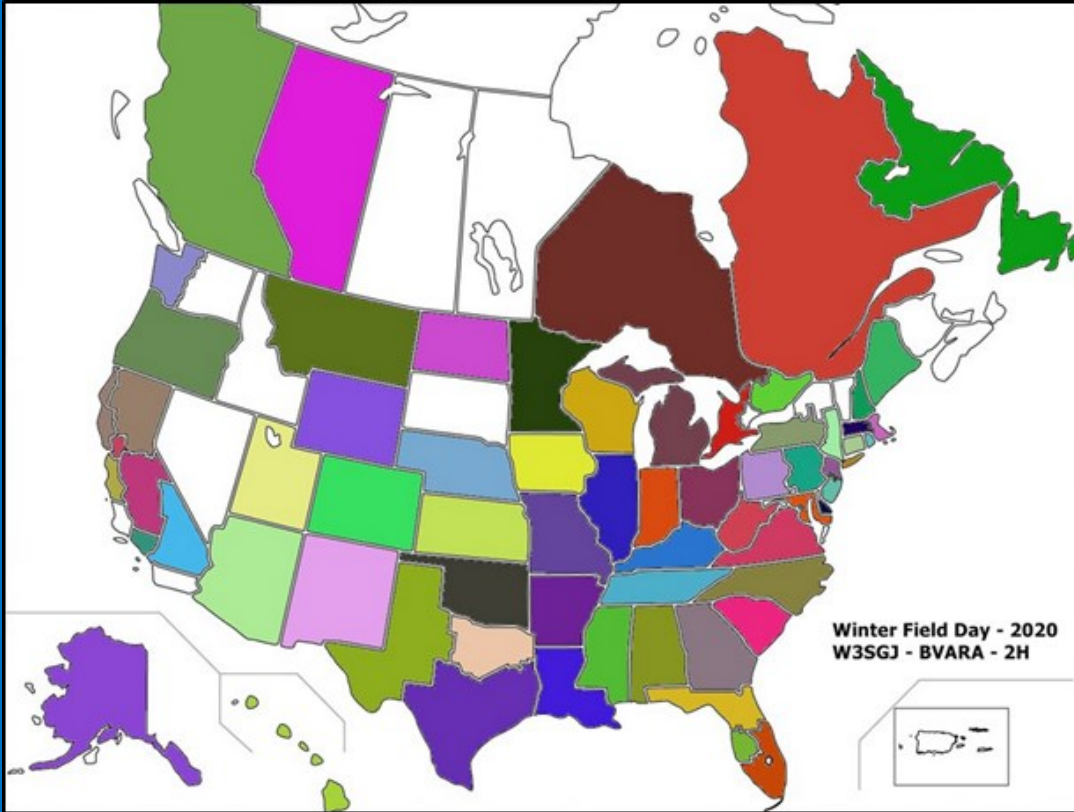
There is a Hamfest this month! The details are on page 10 of this month's eQRM. Break that cabin fever and attend it. Hamfests are always a good time.

I will put a bow on this month's Bits & Pieces. I am not sure, but we may have a new license holder soon. I think she may have been infected by the Radio Bug. Thanks to all who encouraged my wife and coached her 'on air'. Even if she doesn't get her ticket this will be a wonderful lifetime memory for both of us.

There you have it, this month's Bits & Pieces. Anytime you have something to share, please email me and let me know. I would be happy to share it with our eQRM readers.

Till next month 73 KC3BXC clear, but I'll be listening...

BVARA participates in Winter Field Day 2020!



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ARRL
Sections W3SGJ
Made contact
with.



Jim KC3IXE

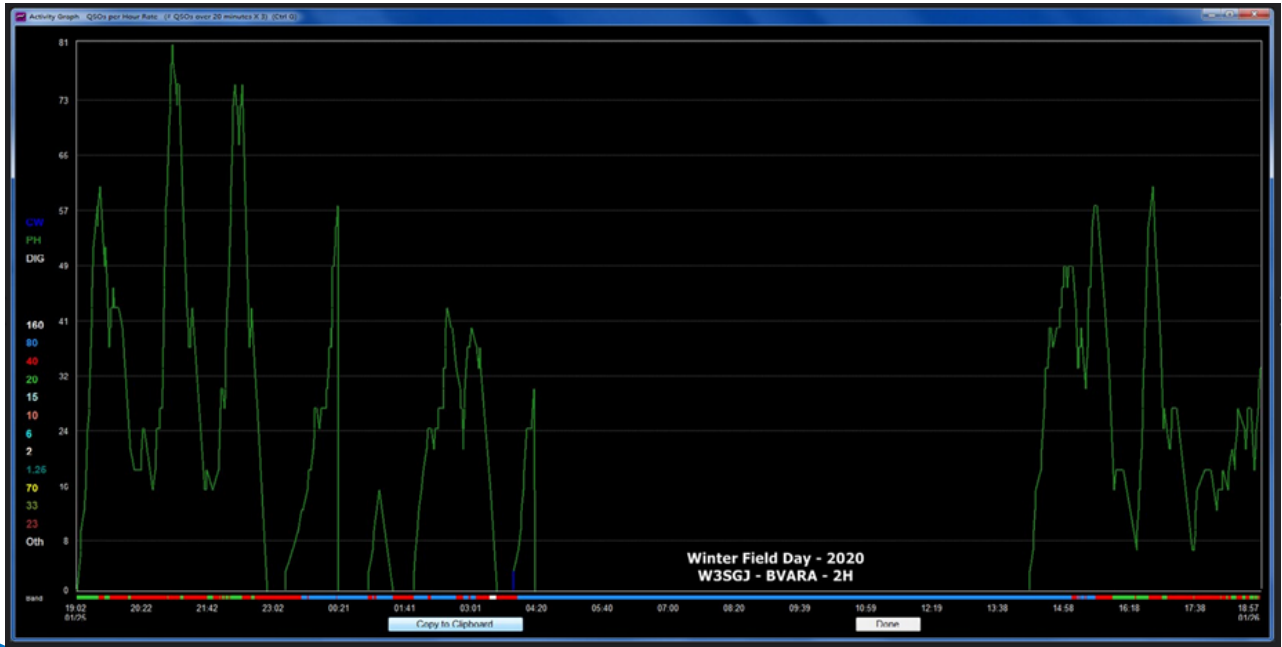
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Tony K3AHP

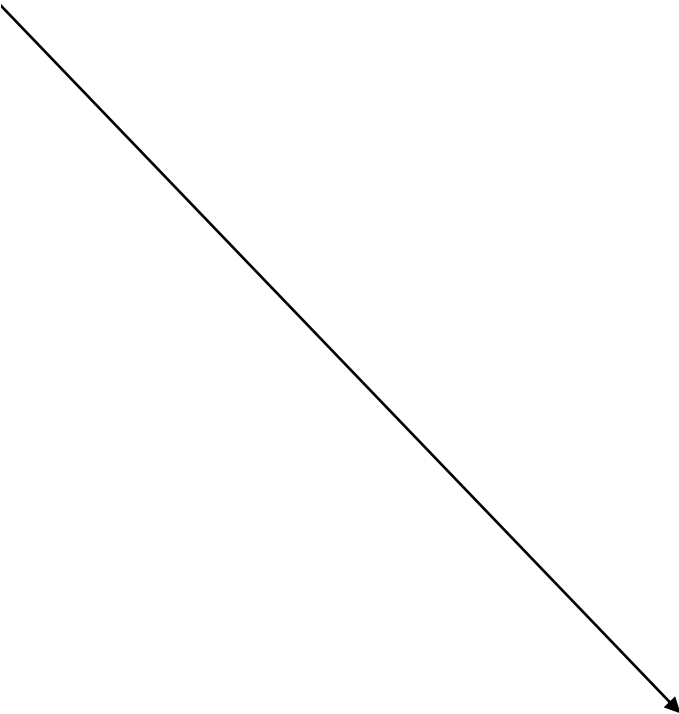
2020 BVARA Winter Field Day Results					
Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	Percent
160	0	1	0	1	0
80	0	116	0	116	32
40	1	147	0	148	41
20	0	93	0	93	26
Total:	1	357	0	358	100

Total Calculated Points = 1,795

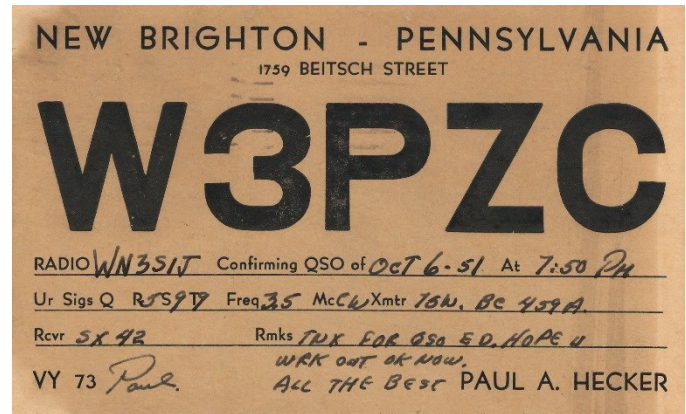


It's Your Dime

Remember back when you could communicate by "Pay Phone" for ten cents? This page is for anyone who wants to communicate with the BVARA community and beyond. Please send me the article you would like posted on this page. Please, only topics and language in good taste. As the editor I reserve the option to post it or ignore it. Send your dime to me at: kc3bxc.73@gmail.com



Of Interest to All



Mr. Paul A. Hecker, 92, of Seymour, Indiana passed away on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

He was born in 1927, in New Brighton, PA to the late Merritt L. and Viola (Elak) Hecker.

On September 25, 1954, he married Dollymae Daman. He was a member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Beaver Falls, since 1963. He enjoyed being with his wife and taking care of his family at their home in Darlington, where they lived for 55 years until moving to Seymour, Ind. in 2016. Paul also enjoyed amateur radio, fishing and camping, and woodworking. He was a former scout master for many years. Paul retired in 1985, from working in the laboratory at Babcock and Wilcox in Beaver Falls. Paul was a Veteran, serving during World War II. He enlisted in the Army and was part of the Army Air Corps. He then was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Air Force.

He is survived by his children, Paul D. Hecker and Donna (Rev. Andrew) Currao; grandchildren, Hannah (Clayton) Klosterman, Emily (Nick) Nehrt and Abigail Currao; great-grandchildren, Evelyn Nehrt and Amos Klosterman; brother, Eddy Hecker and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his wife; parents; brother, Larry Hecker and sister, Lucille Robinson.

Paul was a member of the BVARA for many years with an Amateur Radio Call Sign of W3PZC.

Now a Silent Key (SK), may he rest in peace.

What's your goal for 2020



I am KC3BXC, David your eQRM editor. My New Year's Resolution is to get this "Dad Gum" Pole in that hole (that is currently full of water) and put up a new HF antenna. I have been working on this for far too long. I hope to encourage others to succeed in their new years radio goal by sharing my journey to getting the new antenna up and running. My first goal is this dad gum pole.



How's your goal for 2020 going

This is the place

I will let everyone know how you are getting along with your New Year's radio resolution. This could also lead to a "Show and Tell" so to speak at a BVARA Club meeting.

#01 New Year's radio resolution report on KC3BXC David and the Dad Gum Pole :

Unfavorable weather, hitches and glitches are winning, no antenna up.