

THE eQRM

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Wednesday 2 Meter
8:30PM on 145.310 MHz

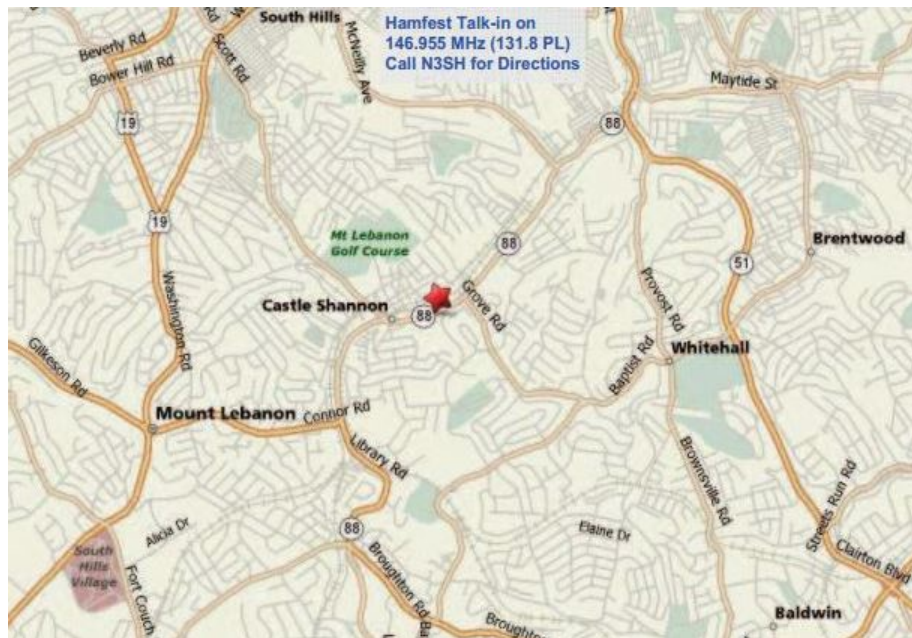
Wednesday 10 Meter
9:00PM on 28.470 MHz

Bulletins

HAMFESTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / CLUB NEWS

Hamfest/ WASHFest 2014

Sunday, February 23, 2014. 8AM - 3PM.



The Facts:

Date:

Sunday, February 23, 2014.

8AM - 3PM, rain or shine (or snow!)

Location:

Castle Shannon VFD Memorial Hall
3600 Library Road (State Route 88)
Castle Shannon, PA

Talk-in:

146.955 (-) and 443.650 (+)
131.8 PL

Top Prizes:

Yaesu FTDX-1200 HF+6M
Comet CMX 2300 (HF/VHF
SWR/Power Meter)
Clear Speech Speaker

Sponsored By:

Wireless Assoc. of South Hills ARC

Announcement/ ARES/RACES Meeting

February 20, 2014 @ 7:30PM, Beaver County 911 Center

The next monthly meeting of TAARA will be held at the Beaver County 911 Center in Ambridge. We will have a short business meeting and then a **special presentation by ARES Western Pennsylvania Section Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Harry Bloomberg, W3YJ**. TAARA are extending a special invitation to all members of the BVARA and all amateurs interested in ARES, RACES, and emergency communications in Beaver County to

attend. The date is **February 20th**. The location of the 911 center is 351 14th St., Ambridge PA. The start time of the meeting is **7:30 PM**. We hope to see you all there.

Side note:

There will also be access to our radio room and short tours of the 911 Center operations. -Frank Cole, N3TN

The Month Ahead

Contest Information, VE Testing and Presentation Series

CONTEST



ARRL DX

CW: Feb. 15 - 16, 2014
Phone: Mar. 1 - 2, 2014

OBJECTIVE: To encourage W/VE stations to expand knowledge of DX propagation on the HF and MF bands, improve operating skills, and improve station capability by creating a competition in which DX stations may only contact W/VE stations.

BANDS: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 Meters

CONTEST PERIODS:
CW: 0000 UTC Feb. 15 to 2359 UTC Feb. 16, 2014

SSB: 0000 UTC Mar. 1 to 2359 UTC Mar. 2, 2014

Log Submission: Deadline for CW submissions is March 18, 2014; Phone submissions deadline is April 1, 2014.

For more information on this contest, please visit www.arrl.org/arrl-dx

VE TEST SESSION

The next test session will be at the Beaver County Emergency Operations Center
351 14th Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

Time: 5:00 P.M.
(walk-ins allowed)

Date: Thursday, Feb. 13

All candidates wishing to take the test should bring ALL of the following:

1. Two (2) forms of identification. One should be a Photo ID.
2. A pencil and a blue or black pen.
3. Your original AND a photocopy of your current license (if any).
4. Your original AND a photocopy of any C.S.C.E's (if any).
5. The test fee of \$15.00.

All classes of amateur radio license tests will be administered.

Note: No question pool updates or releases will take place in 2013.

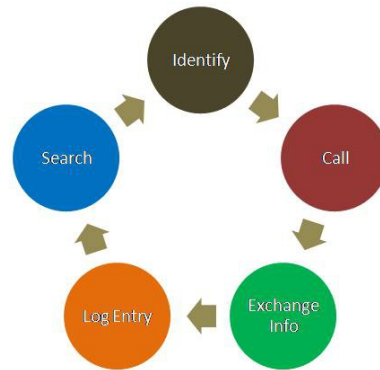
For more information, please contact our VE Test Coordinator:

Chris Moratis, W3OUF
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Ambridge, PA 15003
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MONTHLY

Presentation Series

The BVARA Presentation Series provides a vast array of topics and discussions, with a new topic every month at our club meetings.



February 13, 2014 @ 6:30PM

At Beaver County 911 Center, 351 14th Street, Ambridge PA

Speaker: Rich Soltesz, K3SOM

Topic: Automation: Tools and Techniques

Including: Continuing with our BVARA Presentation Series this New Year, our topic this month is about a rapidly growing trend of utilizing tools and techniques to improve your ham radio operating experience. We'll begin with a look at work flow in the shack and introduce some important concepts. Then we'll look at key steps you can take to significantly improve your automation. But wait, there's more: we'll examine QRZ.com and how you can improve your visibility to other hams and extract more information automatically. It's easy! This is one presentation you won't want to miss.

Rich's Background: Extra Class Ham, licensed since 1962; Volunteer Examiner (VE); B.S. Electrical Engineering

WEEKLY

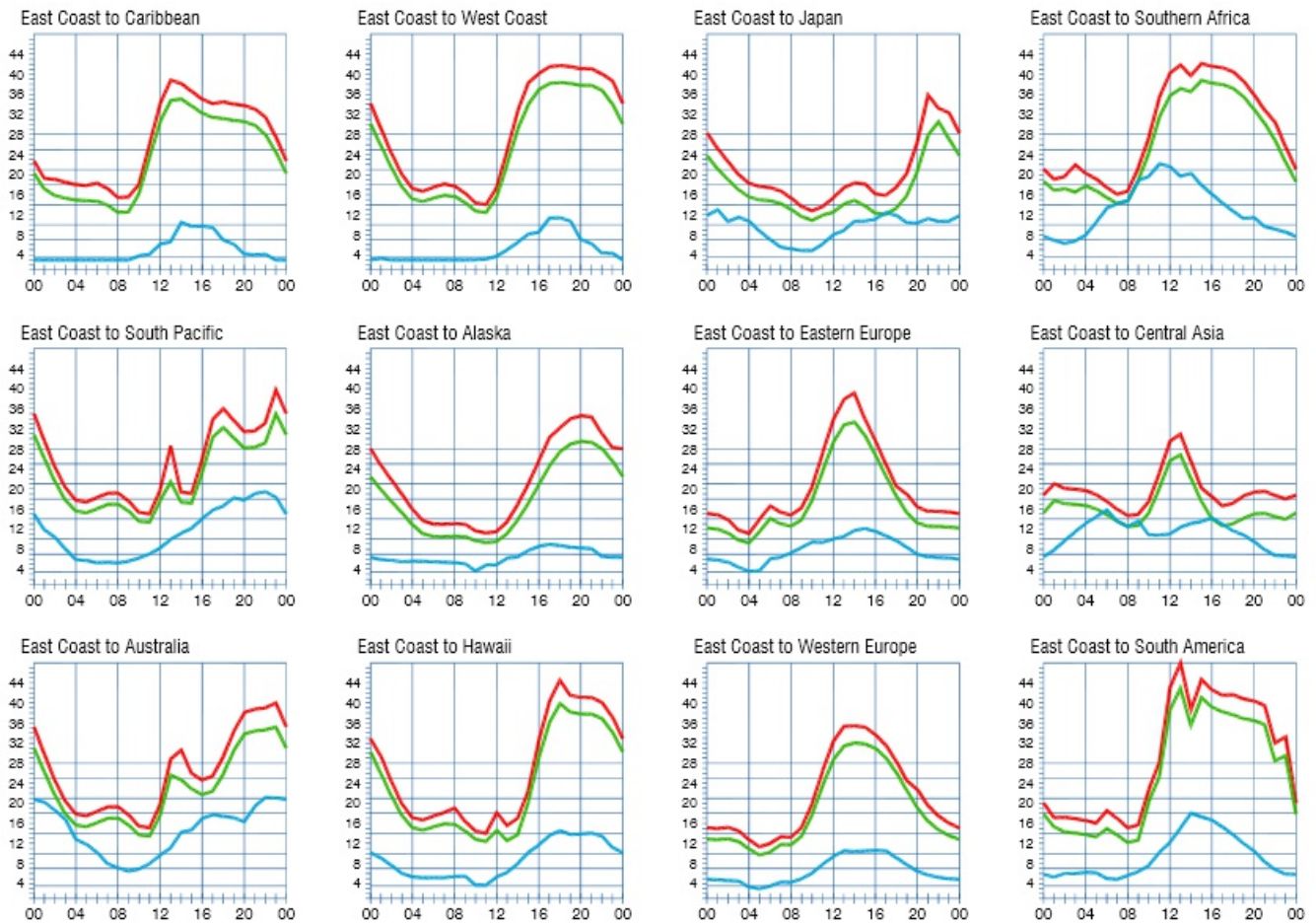
Thursday Morning Breakfast

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!



Propagation Charts

From the ARRL



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)

PROPAGATION

The East Coast propagation chart listed above is for February 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>



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

2014 BVARA OFFICERS

- President:** Jack Spencer, KZ3Z
Vice President: Jeff Waite, K3SLK
Second Vice Pres.: Mark Kavic, KB3LED
Treasurer: Pam Spencer, W3PMS
Secretary: Norm Trunick, K3NJT
Director: George Caffro, N3HOJ
Director: Denny Herbuth, KR3DX
Trustee: Rich Soltesz, K3SOM
Newsletter Editor: Grant Miller, KB3QFO

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
 February 13
 March 13
 April 10
 May 8
 June 12
 July 10
 August - No meeting (Corn Roast, Date TBA)
 September 11
 October 9
 November 13
 December - No meeting (Christmas Party)

QSL CARD
 Special 90th Anniversary Edition

