

THE eQRM

AUG 2022



Its time for the
W3SGJ group
to have our
Corn Roast!

There will not be a Club Meeting
and No Testing. We will be at
Economy Park having a Great
Picnic and Corn Roast.



The BVARA in Beaver County Pennsylvania

Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association

W3SGJ

2M Repeater

145.310

PL 131.8



On the Cover: The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association will be at Economy Park having a Corn Roast. See page 13 for more details.

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Check into our nets

Wednesday 2 Meter	Wednesday 10 Meter
8:30PM on 145.310 MHz PL 131.8	9:00PM on 28.470 MHz

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Who We Are

2022 BVARA OFFICERS

President: Jack Spencer, KZ3Z

Vice President: Dan Grazulis, KB3VSP

2nd Vice Pres.: Doug Lawrence, K3GTX

Treasurer: Pam Spencer, W3PMS

Secretary: Norm Trunick, K3NJT

Director: Tony Pavilonis, K3AHP

Director: Jim Allen, KC3IXE

Trustee: Doug Hanna, N4YKQ

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 (A.K.A. THE 911 Center)
351 14th Street
Ambridge, PA 15003
on the second Thursday of every month (unless otherwise stated).

2022

Aug 13 Corn Roast

Sep 08

Oct 13

Nov 10

Dec Christmas Party

2023

Jan 12

Feb 09

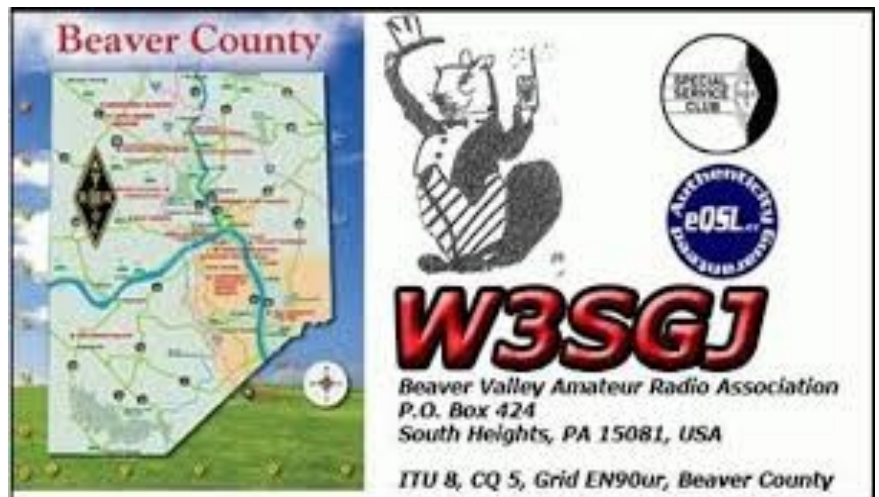
Mar 09

Apr 13

May 11

Jun 08

Jul 13



This Month

This Month:



We will all be at the Corn Roast!



More this Month

Weekly

The Freedom Square Diner in Monaca has a great wait staff. Come let them take your order.

Thursday Morning Breakfast
(or you can have lunch)

Come join us!



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



RACES / ARES
The eQRM Urges All County Hams to Participate.

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 WW3AAA 146.850 MHz repeater (131.8 PL)



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 Beaver County Emergency Services 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!

For more information, contact :
Rich Soltesz, K3SOM
(724) 847-0610
k3som@arrl.net



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 only.
6. Your FRN Number. (free from the FCC, call for details)

New License and Upgrades

BVARA VE Testing

Testing this Month :



July 2022 VE Test Session Results

Our July VE Test Session had one successful candidate, with the participant achieving his goal of passing the exam. Our electronic filing system once again worked superbly. A congratulations email was then sent to the candidate with a snippet of their license page with their new callsign and/or verification that all information was entered correctly.

Our testing was conducted at our normal location at the Beaver County Emergency Services Center in Ambridge, PA. There will be no VE Test Session in August because our Corn Roast event will be held instead of our regular club meeting. Beginning July 1st, the new Technician Tests have begun to be used.

Congratulations to:

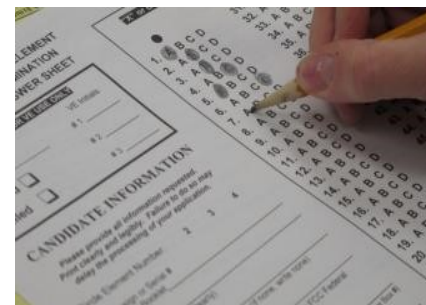
Keith Black, KC3ROR, Aliquippa, PA passed the Extra exam

Congratulations!

All of our BVARA testing would not be possible without the help of the following Extra-Class VE Team members:

Reg Genola – W3REG,
Tony Pavilonis – K3AHP,
Mick Pyzoha – N3OJP,
Bart Stack – KB3NFM, and
Bob Winkle – N3AZZ
Frank Witkowski - W3FJW

73 from Rich Soltesz - K3SOM, VE Liaison



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

Your License Class (If you have one.)

<input type="radio"/> Technician	Name _____
<input type="radio"/> General	Address _____
<input type="radio"/> Advanced	_____
<input type="radio"/> 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



Uniontown Amateur Radio Club

72nd Annual Gabfest
Saturday, August 13, 2022



NEW DATE!!!!

*The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club – W3PIE will conduct our
72nd Annual GABFEST on a NEW DATE
Saturday, August 13, 2022!*

The gates open around 8:00 AM with vendors welcome at any time prior to 8:00 AM! As current Pennsylvania Covid-19 restrictions are changing frequently, please check our web site www.w3pie.org for Covid 19 restriction updates. Social distancing is a must!

The GABFEST will be held at the Radio Club Grounds located on Old Pittsburgh Road just off Northgate Highway/RT 43 Mon Fayette Expressway--- near RT 51 and US RT 119 in Uniontown, PA

Talk in will be provided on 147.045 + (Full Time PL 131.8) Just call for W3PIE Gabfest Talk-In. This talk-in is provided for directions and Gabfest information. No check in is needed if you know how to get here!

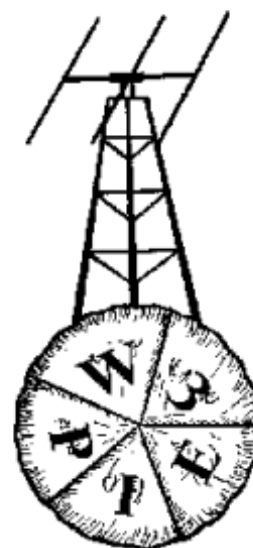
As always, free parking is available! Refreshments available! Free Swap-N-Shop Set-up with registration! Check our web site prior to the event for Covid 19 Restriction Updates.

KJI Electronics will be attending!
<https://www.kjielelectronics.com/>

Hamfest Prizes for our event
1 st Prize- Yaesu FTM200DR VHF/UHF Fusion Mobile Radio
2 nd Prize- Yaesu FTM3100R VHF/UHF Fusion Mobile Radio
3 rd Prize- Yaesu FTM3100R VHF/UHF Fusion Mobile Radio
4th Prize- SDR-FE-Play HF-2GHz Receiver
5th & 6 th Prize- NanoVNA-H4 4" Display handheld VNA

Address of UARC-W3PIE is 433 Old Pittsburgh Rd, Uniontown, PA

Contact Tony Alviar 724-430-1277 (M-F 8-4) or George Syner 724-439-1554 (leave message if no answer) if more information is needed. Also, Information is available anytime on 147.045 + (Full Time PL 131.8). Additionally- email officers@w3pie.org for information



Look forward to seeing everyone this year!

Hamfests & General Announcements

Uniontown Amateur Radio Club

UARC-W3PIE would like to announce that this year -
Advance Registration is available for the hamfest and for prizes.

Prices are as follows for tickets:

5 tickets for \$5 15 tickets for \$10 35 tickets for \$20
80 tickets for \$40 100 tickets for \$50 250 tickets for \$100

**DEADLINE FOR ADVANCE PRICES
IS AUGUST 3, 2022!!**

As an incentive for advance registration we are offering:

*2 additional tickets if you spend \$5 for advance registration
5 additional tickets if you spend \$10 for advance registration
15 additional tickets if you spend \$20 for advance registration
30 additional tickets if you spend \$40 for advance registration
50 additional tickets if you spend \$50 for advance registration
100 additional tickets if you spend \$100 for advance registration*

Please fill out the form below and return with your check or
money order payable to **Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc.**

*Uniontown Amateur Radio Club, Inc., W3PIE
George Syner, Treasurer
433 Old Pittsburgh Road, Uniontown, PA 15401*

Hamfests & General Announcements



Hamfest 08/28/2022

Skyview Radio Society clubhouse

2335 Turkey Ridge Road
New Kensington, PA 15068

Website: <http://skyviewradio.net>

Talk-In: 146.640 pl 131.8

Public Contact: John Italiano , WA3KFS

Phone: 724-339-3821

Email: radiofreebob@gmail.com

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 your article that 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

BVARA Corn Roast



Join our Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association celebration of Summer!

- When:** Saturday, August 13th, 2022 at 5:30 pm
- Where:** Old Economy County Park, Shelter 1 (enter the park and turn left at the swimming pool) where we were on Field Day this year
- Who:** All BVARA members and their families and invited guests
- What:** Club furnishes the corn - please bring a home-baked dessert or covered dish. All home-brought foods are optional, but home-made extras add to the deliciousness. Hot Dogs, Coffee, pop, and bottled water will be available. Again, you may choose to bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverages.
- RSVP:** For planning purposes, we need a count by August 10th of how many people will be there, so please:

Email your response to jjjallen@comcast.net or pavilonis@comcast.net or

- Call Jim, KC3IXE at (724) 630-7433 or
- Call Tony, K3AHP at (412) 974-9183

Special Note: Volunteers to help set up and clean up are especially welcome!

Bits and Pieces

Hello Everyone,

This summer has been going by entirely too fast! I have been enjoying it. I hope you have too.

I see we have two hamfests coming soon here in August. I am going to do my best to get there and enjoy them. What about you? Are you going? I have missed all of them so far this year. I really want to go to at least one hamfest this year! I hope to see you there.



The BVARA Corn Roast is this month too. This pleasurable event is always a great time of good food, enjoyable radio fellowship and just plain fun. Make plans to attend. I am going to thank everyone involved right now. I know this will be a wonderful BVARA event! I hope you can attend.

How have your station upgrades been going? Have you had plans to put up a new antenna, tower, improving your grounding, replacing that old coax or something else? Did you get it started or completed? I applaud you if you “Gott-er Dun”!

So as for the progress of my own horizontal loop project, I have to sadly report, not a thing! My Dadgum Pole update... If I ever get that pole planted you won't have anything to kid me about. I have been so busy painting, repairing broken things and cutting grass that the dadgum pole has fallen way down on the priority list. I haven't forgotten it. I have just had more important chores to do first. If I get that darn pole in the ground I dreamed about, then a Horizontal Loop antenna could be a reality. I can only dream-on at this point. You will just have to keep kidding me for now.

I think this will do it for this month.



Clear on your final, but I will be monitoring.

73 KC3BXC



Radio Sport

Contest Corral

August 2022

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at www.arrl.org/contest-calendar.

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

Start - Finish		Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website	
Date-Time	Date-Time						
2	0100	2 0159	1.8-28.50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, or Youth)	www.sac.com/rules.html
2	0100	2 0300	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, Power	arsqrp.blogspot.com
3	0230	3 0300	1.8-14,21	Phone Weekly Test	Ph	NA: Name, SPC; non-NA: Name	www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf
3	1700	3 2000	144	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu
4	0000	5 0300	7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Maximum 13 WPM, RST, SPC, name	qrcontest.com/plgwalk40
4	1900	4 2100	1.8-28.50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, (SKCC No./none)	www.skccgroup.com
5	0100	5 0230	14	QRP Fox Hunt	CW	RST, SPC, name, power	www.qrpfoxhunt.org
5	0000	7 2359	3.5-28	Batavia FT8 Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	batavia-ft8.com
5	0001	7 2359	28	10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB	Ph	Name, mbr or "0," SPC	www.ten-ten.org
6	1200	6 2359	1.8-28	European HF Championship	CW Ph	RS(T), 2-digit year first licensed	euhf.scc.eu/euhf_c_rules
6	1800	7 0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, CW	CW	Name, state/DC/province/country	www.ncjweb.com
6	1800	7 1800	222 and up	APRIL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	CW Ph Dig	6-char grid square	www.arl.org/222-mhz-and-up-distance-contest
7	1400	7 1700	3.5-14	SARL HF Phone Contest	Ph	RS, serial	www.sarl.org.za
9	0100	9 0159	1.8-28.50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, or Youth)	www.sac.com/rules.html
10	0030	10 0230	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	naqcc.info
10	0230	10 0300	1.8-14,21	Phone Weekly Test	Ph	NA: Name, SPC; non-NA: Name	www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf
10	1700	10 2000	432	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu
12	0100	12 0230	14	QRP Fox Hunt	CW	RST, SPC, name, power	www.qrpfoxhunt.org
12	1500	14 1459	144	MMMonVHF/DUBUS 144-MHz Meteorscatter Sprint Contest	CW Ph Dig	Signal report	www.mmmonvhf.de/ctestinfo.php
13	0000	14 2359	3.5-28	WAE DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.darc.de
13	1200	14 2359	1.8-28.50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
13	1400	13 2200	3.5-28	Kentucky State Parks on the Air	CW Ph Dig	KY park abbreviation or SPC	k4msu.com/kypota
13	1400	14 0400	1.8-	Maryland-DC QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	Entry class, county or SPC	w3vpr.org/mdcqsop
13	2300	14 0300	50	50-MHz Fall Sprint	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid square	svhfs.org
15	0000	15 0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	www.4sqrp.com
16	0100	16 0159	1.8-28.50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, or Youth)	www.sac.com/rules.html
17	0230	17 0300	1.8-14,21	Phone Weekly Test	Ph	NA: Name, SPC; non-NA: Name	www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf
17	1700	17 2000	1.2G	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	FT8	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu
18	0000	19 0300	14	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Maximum 13 WPM, RST, SPC, name	qrcontest.com/plgwalk20
19	0100	19 0230	14	QRP Fox Hunt	CW	RST, SPC, name, power	www.qrpfoxhunt.org
20	0000	21 1600	3.5-28	SARTG WW RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, serial	www.sartg.com
20	0600	21 2359	10 GHz to light	APRIL 10 GHz and Up Contest	CW Ph Dig	6-char grid square	www.arl.org/10-ghz-up
20	1600	20 1759	1.8-28.50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	(see rules)	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
20	1800	21 0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, SSB	Ph	Name, state/DC/province/country	www.ncjweb.com
21	1400	21 1700	3.5-14	SARL HF Digital Contest	Dig	RST, serial	www.sarl.org.za
21	1800	21 2359	3.5-28	APRIL Rookie Roundup, RTTY	Dig	Name, 2-digit year first licensed, SPC or XE province	www.arl.org/rookie-roundup
21	2300	22 0100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, (mbr/power)	qrcontest.com/plgrun
23	0100	23 0159	1.8-28.50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, or Youth)	www.sac.com/rules.html
24	0000	24 0200	1.8-28.50	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
24	0230	24 0300	1.8-14,21	Phone Weekly Test	Ph	NA: Name, SPC; non-NA: Name	www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf
26	0100	26 0230	14	QRP Fox Hunt	CW	RST, SPC, name, power	www.qrpfoxhunt.org
26	2200	28 2359	1.8-28	RTTYOps WW DX RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, 4-digit year license first issued	rttyops.com
27	0000	28 2359	2.3 GHz and Up	APRIL EME Contest	CW Ph Dig	Signal report	www.arl.org/eme-contest
27	0400	29 0400	1.8-28	Hawaii QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T) HI district or SPC	www.hawaiiqsoparty.org
27	1200	28 0300	1.8-28.50	WVE Islands QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), US/CI/SA Island Designation or SPC	usislands.org/qso-party-rules
27	1200	28 1200	1.8-28	YO DX HF Contest	CW Ph	YO: RS(T), county; non-YO: RS(T), serial	www.yodx.ro/en
27	1200	28 1200	1.8-28	World Wide Digl DX Contest	FT4/8	4-char grid square	ww-digl.com
27	1400	28 2000	3.5-28.50	Kansas QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), KS county or SPC	ksqsoparty.org
27	1600	28 0400	1.8-28	Ohio QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), OH county or SPC	www.ohqp.org
28	1400	28 1700	3.5-14	SARL HF CW Contest	CW	RST, serial	www.sarl.org.za
30	0100	30 0159	1.8-28.50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, or Youth)	www.sac.com/rules.html
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