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The BVARA in Beaver County Pennsylvania

Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association

W3SGJ

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145.310

PL 131.8





Time to shuck some corn for the BVARA Corn Roast! Joint the group and enjoy some summer harvest.

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Check into our nets

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Who We Are

2025 BVARA OFFICERS

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Director: Jim Allen, KC3IXE

Director: Douglas Lawrence K3GTX

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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).

2025

Aug 09 Corn Roast

Sep 11

Oct 09

Nov 13

Dec 06 Christmas Party

2026

Jan 08

Feb 12

Mar 12

Apr 09

May 14



* No Testing this month *

Everyone will be at the BVARA Corn Roast.



Testing will resume at our September Regular Club Meeting.



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This Month

This Month:

Good Food, Radio Comradery and Fun

Speaker:

Your tummy and Your social desire to be with other BVARA Members

* No Club Meeting *
See you at the Corn Roast



When: August 09, 2025 at 5 PM

Where: Old Economy Park Pavilion #01

Who: All BVARA members, family and guests

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More this Month

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

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)

Weekly

Thursday Morning Breakfast (or you can have lunch)

Come join us!



BREAKFAST

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

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



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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)

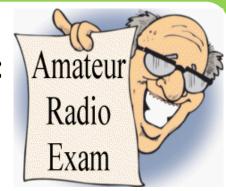


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New License and Upgrades

BVARA VE Testing

Testing this Month:



July 2025 VE Test Session Results

Our July VE Test Session had two candidates, with both candidates passing their Technician test, with one candidate upgraded to General. Our electronic filing system once again worked superbly.

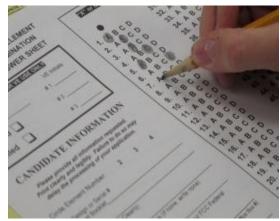
Testing was conducted at our normal location at the Beaver County Emergency Services Center in Ambridge, PA. Our next VE Test Session will be on September 11th, 2025.

Congratulations to:

Brian Wockenfuss, KD3BOW, Technician, Monaca, PA Larry Cumberledge, KD3BPG, General, Bridgeville, PA

If you hear them on the air, please congratulate them on their achievement! All of our BVARA testing would not be possible without the help of the following Extra-Class VE Team members:

Keith Custard – KC3TMC Reg Genola – W3REG Tony Pavilonis – K3AHP Scott Pelkofer - KC3KYZ Mick Pyzoha – N3OJP Bart Stack – KB3NFM Ron Victorelli – KC3TZT Bob Winkle – N3AZZ and Frank Witkowski – W3FJW



73 from Rich Soltesz – K3SOM, VE Liaison



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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	
\bigcirc	BVARA full membership	25.00	
\bigcirc	BVARA student membership	15.00	
\bigcirc	BVARA associate membership	10.00	
\bigcirc	BVARA Child under 21 at home	e membership 5.00	
	A Club Donation		
		Total Enclosed	
ARRI	Member? Yes No		
Your	License Class (If you have one.)		
\bigcirc	Technician	Name	
\bigcirc	General	Address	
\bigcirc	Advanced		
\bigcirc	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

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Gabfest 2025

The Uniontown Amateur Radio Club – W3PIE will be conducting our 75th Annual GABFEST.

Saturday August 9th 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Same Location, Same Free Parking, Same Great Food, New Presentations, Great Family Fun

The gates typically open around 8:00 AM with vendors welcome at any time Friday or 6 AM until 8 AM Saturday!

The GABFEST is 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-Ins will provided for directions and Gabfest information on 147.045 + (Full Time PL 131.8) Just call for W3PIE Gabfest Talk-In.

No check in is needed if you know how to get here!

A Free Swap-N-Shop Set-up with registration!

Emergency or public restrictions that should arise will be will be posted here.

Address for your GPS: UARC-W3PIE is 433 Old Pittsburgh Rd, Uniontown, PA

Gabfest Flyer will be available here sometime mid-year

Ticket /Advance Ticket information can be <u>found here</u> or in the coming Gabfest Flyer

As always there will be prizes in part thanks to:





Prize Sponsor

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

Make your plans to visit the UARC Gabfest this year!

GPS: 39°55'57.0"N 79°44'30.7"W LAT /LON: 39.932499, -79.741860

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2025 SKYVIEW RADIO SOCIETY SWAP N SHOP!

SUNDAY AUGUST 24, 2025 8:00am until 1:00pm

LOCATED AT OUR CLUB GROUNDS NEAR NEW KENSINGTON PA

Aprox 13 miles northeast of Pittsburgh

2335 Turkey Ridge Road

New Kensington, PA 15068

Talk-in 146.640- 131.8pl

Admission \$5.00 – Table space is \$5.00 (Bring your own table)

Main prizes ICOM IC-7300 and Astron SS-30M-AP power supply!

Door prizes

Begali CW key raffle

Breakfast and lunch served

Get your Skyview Burger and your Skyview Dipole Hotdog!

Contact: John Italiano WA3KFS - 724-339-3821

K3mjw@arrl.net

https://www.facebook.com/SkyviewRadioSociety

Location is near the intersection of Rt. 366 and Rt. 380

From Apollo / Leechburg: Take Rt. 66 S to Rt. 380. Take 380 W to Rt. 366. Take Rt. 366 W (toward New Kensington) to the end of the 4 lane. Go ¼ mile past the end of the 4 lane. Turn right on Whitten Hollow Road. Go about ½ mile to first stop sign. Turn right on Turkey Ridge Road. Go about ½ mile to top of hill. Skyview is on the left.

From New Kensington: Take Rt. 366 E. Go about 5 miles from the Parnassas area. Look for the Hannan Building on the left. Go about 100 yards past the Hannan Building (If you get to the 4 lane, you went too far). Turn left on Whitten Hollow Road. Go about ½ mile to first stop sign. Turn right on Turkey Ridge Road. Go about ½ mile to top of hill. Skyview is on the left.

From Monroeville / Parkway: Take Rt. 286 E to Rt. 380 E. Take Rt. 380 E to Rt. 366. Take Rt. 366 W (toward New Kensington) to the end of the 4 lane. Go ¼ mile past the end of the 4 lane. Turn right on Whitten Hollow Road. Go about ½ mile to first stop sign. Turn right on Turkey Ridge Road. Go about ½ mile to top of hill. Skyview is on the left.

From Greensburg: Take Rt. 66 N to Rt. 366. Take Rt. 366 W (toward New Kensington). Cross over Route 380 and then go to the end of the 4 lane. Go ¼ mile past the end of the 4 lane. Turn right on Whitten Hollow Road. Go about ½ mile to first stop sign. Turn right on Turkey Ridge Road. Go about ½ mile to top of hill. Skyview is on the left.

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Radio, Computer, Electronics

SwapFest

Sunday, September 7, 2025 8 A.M. to 1 P.M.



Buy a ticket, and open your trunk!

Gate donation of \$5.00 per person. No additional charge for sellers.

Unionville Fire Department 102 Mahood Road, Butler, PA 16001 (Along PA Route 8, 4 miles north of US 422)

In case of inclement weather, the SwapFest will be held indoors at the fire hall, and parking will be available on the asphalt.

40° 56' 19" N, 79° 57' 34" W

No firearm sales! No alcoholic beverages permitted in swapfest area!

FCC Amateur Radio Exams PRIZES

(To be announced.)

Winner need not be present to win.

50/50 Raffles

Prize tickets will be available at the club's table.

Talk in W3UDX 147.36/96, CTCSS 131.8 Hz Web Site: W3UDX.ORG

Breakfast and lunch available.

(No individual food sales permitted.)

Information: Dr. Mike Conlon, N2EM. N2EM@arrl.net; 724-496-3008

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We cordially invite you to attend our 3rd annual hamfest

HATFest 2025 Sunday, September 28, 2025

> 717 Washington Street Newell, WV 26050 FROM 10:00AM till 4:00PM



Talk-In Frequency

304-277-7552

For additional information and advanced tickets call

EMAIL: hatfest@wv8hat.org

147.510 MHz

Admission \$4.00 in advance (through August 31st) or \$5.00 at the door each admission includes 1 (ONE) Grand Prize Ticket

Vendor Table & Registration Fees:

\$10 per Table (no power) \$15 per Table (120VAC)

This year's grand prize is a



Yaesu FT-710 Field

100W HF/6M Transceiver with a 4.3 in. Color TFT Touchscreen Display

All prize winners must be present to win except for the Grand Prize

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Schedule of Events

VE Exam Session

1:00 PM

Suite 207 in the main building

Testing for all classes of amateur radio license



2 ATMs conveniently located on site

717 Washington Street Newell, WV 26050

Across the river from East Liverpool, Ohio Easy access from US 30 on WV Route 2 in Newell



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Of Interest to All

BVARA Corn Roast



Join our Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association celebration of Summer!

When: Saturday, August 9th, 2025 at 5:00 pm

Where: Old Economy County Park, Shelter 1 (enter the park and turn left at

the swimming pool) where we go usually on Field Day but not this year!

Who: All BVARA members and their families and invited quests

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 4th of how many

people will be there, so please:

Email your response to iijallen@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!

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Of Interest to All

BVARA Coming Attractions



August 2025

BVARA Club Corn Roast

No Club Meeting for August

Hamfests

September 2025

Regular Club Meeting

Several Hamfests

Bits and Pieces

Hello all,

It is August! Holy mackerel where did the summer go? Time seems to go so fast. Okay back to the newsletter...



So, are you going to the BVARA Club Corn Roast? This will be a great event you don't want to miss. There is great food, good socializing and just plain old fun.

I will be there and I invite you to come too. This event kind of signals the end of summer, September is just around the corner. You may be thinking about what is ahead. That bad word that begins with Winter and ends with Snow. Okay, don't let me get too far ahead of things. I bring this up because I am just thinking a little about Winter Field Day.

Have you made time to finish any station upgrades? I have some things I want to get done on my personal station. I still have those Dadgum Poles to put in the ground. Stop laughing. Really, I will get them in the ground one day and put up my dream horizontal loop HF antenna. NO, really! Stop laughing.

There is no VE testing this month and no regular club meeting. We will get back in the groove next month. The next Club meeting is September eleventh and regular testing will start back up.

I hope to see you at the Corn Roast. I am planning to make some great memories that include you. Come be a part of this BVARA event.

Till next month...

Clear on your final, but I will be monitoring.

73 KC3BXC





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Radio Sport

Contest Corral

August 2025

 $\label{lem:check} \mbox{Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at $\mbox{www.arrl.org/contest-calendar}$.}$

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

Da	Start - te-Time			Bands	Contest Name	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
2	0001	3	2359	28	10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB	Ph	Name, mbr or "0," SPC	www.ten-ten.org
2	1200	2	2359	1.8-28	European HF Championship	CW Ph	RS(T), 2-digit year first licensed	euhf.s5cc.eu
2	1800	3	0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, CW	CW	Name, state/DC/province/country	www.ncjweb.com
2	1800	3	1800	222 MHz and up	ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	CW Ph Dig	6-char grid square	www.arrl.org/222-mhz-and- up-distance-contest
3	0600	3	1359	144	Hemus VHF Contest - 144 MHz	CW Ph	RS(T), 6-char grid square	radioclub-troyan.bg
3	1400	3	1700	3.5-14	SARL HF Phone Contest	Ph	RS, serial	mysarl.org.za
5	0000	5	0200	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	ars-qrp.com
5	0800	5	0929	3.5	ZL Sprint	CW Ph Dig	CW/SSB: RS(T), outside temp; FT4: 4-char grid	www.nzart.org.nz
6	1700	6	2100	144	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu
7	0000	8	0300	7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk40
7	1800	7	2200	28	NRAU 10m Activity Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 6-char grid square	nrau.net/nrau-contests-in- general
9	0000	10		3.5-28	WAE DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, serial	www.darc.de
9	0000	9	2359	3.5-28	FISTS Saturday Sprint	CW	RST, first name, mbr or "0," SPC	fistsna.org
9	1200	10	1159	3.5,7,28	YB Bekasi Merdeka Contest	Ph	RS, YB section or "DX"	bmc.orari-kotabekasi.com
9	1400	10	0400	1.8-28	Maryland-DC QSO Party	CW Ph	MDC county/city or SPC	www.w3vpr.org
9	1400	9	2200	3.5-28	Kentucky State Parks on the Air	CW Ph Dig	KY park abbr, SP or "DX"	k4msu.com/kypota
9	1800	9	2200	50	50 MHz Fall Sprint	CW Ph Dig	4-char grid square	packratvhf.com
10	1300	10	1600	3.5-14	SARL HF Digital Contest	Dig	RST, serial	mysarl.org.za
11	0000	11	0200	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or pwr	www.4sqrp.com
11	2200		2159	144	MMMonVHF/DUBUS 144 MHz Meteorscatter Sprint Contest	CW Ph Dig	Signal report	www.mmmonvhf.de
12	1900	12	2029	3.5	ZL Sprint DARC FT4 Contest	CW Ph Dig	CW/SSB: RS(T), outside temp; FT4: 4-char grid	www.nzart.org.nz
	1700	13		432		Dig	RST, 4-char grid square	www.darc.de www.ft8activity.eu
13	0000	17	2100 1600	3.5-28	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest SARTG WW RTTY Contest	Dig	4-char grid square RST, serial	
16 16	0000	17	2359	2.3 GHz and	ARRL EME Contest	CW Ph Dig	See rules	www.sartg.com
16	0800	17	0800	up 1.8-28	Russian District Award Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), RU district code or serial	rdaward.org/rdac1.htm
16	0900	18	0759	10 GHz to light	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest	CW Ph Dig	6-char grid square	www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up
16	1200	16	1300	7	SARL Youth QSO Party	Ph	RS, age	mysarl.org.za
16	1600	16	1759	1.8-28,50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	See rules	sites.google.com/site/ feldhellclub
16	1200		1200	1.8-28,50	Keyman's Club of Japan Contest	CW	RST, JA prefecture/district code or CQ zone	kcj-cw.com
16	1800	17	0559	1.8-28	North American QSO Party, SSB	Ph	Name, state/DC/province/country	www.ncjweb.com
16	1800	17	2100	1.8-28	CVA DX Contest, CW	CW	RST, PY state, continent or "MIL"	cvadx.org
17	0000	17	2359	3.5-28	FISTS Sunday Sprint	CW	RST, first name, mbr or "0," SPC	fistsna.org
17	1700	17	2100	3.5-28	NJQRP Skeeter Hunt	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC mbr or power, "W"	www.qsl.net/w2lj
17	1800	17	2359	3.5-28	ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY	Dig	Name, 2-digit year first licensed, SPC or XE provience	www.arrl.org/rookie-roundu
17	2300		0100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, (mbr/pwr)	qrpcontest.com/pigrun
19	0800	19	0929	3.5	ZL Sprint	CW Ph Dig	CW/SSB: RS(T), outside temp; FT4: 4-char grid	www.nzart.org.nz
_	1700		2100	1.2 GHz	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu
21	0000		0300	14	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk20
21	1900	21	2000	3.5-14	NTC QSO Party	CW Db Dia	Max 25 WPM, RST, mbr or "NM"	pi4ntc.nl
23	0400	25	0400	1.8-28	Hawaii QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), HI district, or SP	www.hawaiiqsoparty.org
23 23	1200	24	1200	3.5-28	YO DX HF Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), YO county, or serial	www.yodx.ro
	1600	24	0400	1.8-28	Ohio QSO Party	CW Ph	RS(T), OH county, SP or "DX" RS. PY state, continent or "MIL"	www.ohqp.org
23 24	1800	24	2100 1700	1.8-28	CVA DX Contest, SSB	Ph CW		cvadx.org mysarl.org.za
26	1400 0800	24 26	0929	3.5-14	SARL HF CW Contest ZL Sprint	CW Ph Dig	RST, serial CW/SSB: RS(T), outside temp; FT4: 4-char grid	www.nzart.org.nz
29	2200	31	2359	1.8-28	SCRY/RTTYOps WW RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, 4-digit year license first issued	rttyops.com/index.php
30	0000	30	2359	1.8-28,50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	See rules	sites.google.com/site/ feldhellclub
30	0600	31	0559	3.5-28	ALARA Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), serial, name	www.alara.org.au
30	1200	31	0300	1.8-28,50	U.S. Islands QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	. , ,	usislands.org
30	1200	31	1200	1.8-28	World Wide Digi DX Contest	Dig	4-char grid square	ww-digi.com
30	1300	31	0400	All, except WARC	Colorado QSO Party	CW Ph Dig	Name, county or SPC/DX prefix	ppraa.org/coqp
30	1400		2000	3.5-28,50	Kansas QSO Party	OILL DI D.	RS(T), KS county, SP or "DX"	ksqsoparty.org