THE eQRM

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The BVARA in Beaver County Pennsylvania

Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association   W3SGJ

2M   Repeater   145.310   PL 131.8

On the Cover: The BVARA wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas !

Inside this edition

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

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
Dec 10 Christmas Party at 5PM
        No Club Meeting
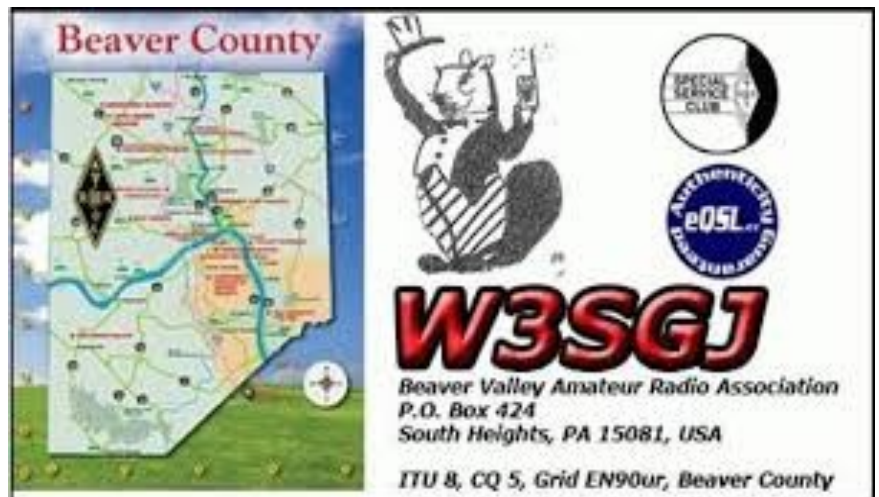
2023
Jan 12
Feb 09
Mar 09
Apr 13
May 11
Jun 08
Jul 13
Aug Corn Roast
Sep 14
Oct 12

This Month

This Month:

No Club Meeting for December.

We will all be at the Christmas Party
at 5 PM in Rochester.

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

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)

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

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.

ARRL
Amateur Radio

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)

Testing this Month :

November 2022 VE Test Session Results

Our November VE Test Session had two successful candidates, with their achievements of obtaining a license and upgrading a license class. Our electronic filing system once again worked superbly.

Our 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 January 12th, 2023.

Congratulations to:

Nate Kish, KC3VCW, Zelienople, PA passed the Technician exam
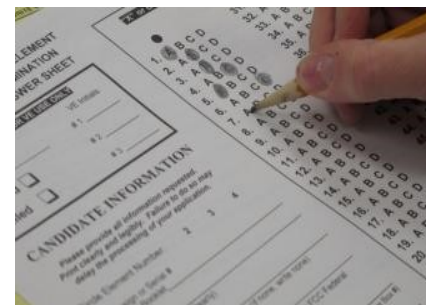Larry Popeck, KC3SPY, Canonsburg, PA passed the Extra exam

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**

   ○   BVARA full membership   25.00   _____

   ○   BVARA student membership   15.00   _____

   ○   BVARA associate membership   10.00   _____

   ○   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.)

   ○   Technician   Name   _____

   ○   General   Address _____

   ○   Advanced   _____

   ○   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

Looking forward to
next year !

No more
Hamfests this year in
Western Pennsylvania, but
Washfest 2023 is coming February 26th,
2023!

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 CHRISTMAS DINNER

BVARA members,

Please join us for the club's annual Christmas Dinner at the Rochester Hotel Penn Beaver Restaurant in Rochester, PA.

Date: December 10, 2022
Time: 5 PM
Address: 218 West Washington St, Rochester, PA 15074

Menu will include:

    Roast Beef au jus
    Chicken
    Lasagna or pasta
    Salad
    Soft drinks
    Cash bar

We will also have the optional grab-bag gift exchange. Anyone wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift in the $15-$20 range.

Hope to see everyone there.

The BVARA is planning to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2023. We have secured a special event call sign W3S for the week of April 15 through April 22, 2023. Our plan is to operate from the Brady's Run ball fields on April 15 and 16 to open the week. On April 22, Rich, K3SOM, has invited us to operate from his house to close the week. We will need operators and equipment for both weekends.

During the week, club members are encouraged to operate from home using the special event call. Anyone interested would need to sign up for a specific time slot, band, and mode. Operators would also need to log contacts on a program of their choice, as long as it can export an ADIF file.

Bits and Pieces

Hello all,

This has been a busy year once again for the BVARA. There have been so many field trips, comm support for local events, club events, field day, ham fests and good ham friend & fellowship. I am looking forward to the new year and the unknown promise it holds. I have a hard time thinking about how fast this year has gone by. I am so excited to contemplate the new year of ham fests, Thursday morning breakfasts, field day, club events, club field trips, the corn roast and any time we get together with any excuse to do just that… get together and have fun.

It won't be long and we will be saying Happy New Year. Enjoy your friends and family, 'till next month, wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

Clear on your final, but I will be monitoring.

73 KC3BXC

Radio Sport

Contest Corral

December 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					
1	0000	1	300	1.8	QRP ARCI Topband Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	qrparci.org/contest
1	0000	2	300	7	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, name, mbr or power	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk40
1	0300	1	400	1.8-28	CWops Test (CWT)	CW	Name, mbr or SPC or "CWA"	cwops.org/cwops-tests
1	0700	1	800	1.8-28	CWops Test (CWT)	CW	Name, mbr or SPC or "CWA"	cwops.org/cwops-tests
1	1700	1	1900	3.5-14	RTTYops Weeksprint	Dig	Other station's call, your call, serial, name	rttyops.com
1	2000	1	2200	1.8-28, 50	SKCC Sprint Europe	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
2	2000	2	2100	1.8-28	K1USN Slow Speed Test	CW	Max 20 WPM, name, SPC	www.k1usn.com/sst.html
2	2200	4	1600	1.8	ARRL 160-Meter Contest	CW	W/VE: RST, section; DX: RST	www.arrl.org/160-meter
3	0600	3	800	7, 14	Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	CW	RST, serial, suffix of previous QSO	qrp.ru/contest/wakeup
3	1200	4	1159	3.5-28	PRO CW Contest	CW	RST, serial, "/M" if member	www.procontestclub.ro
3	1800	4	2359	3.5-28	FT Roundup	Dig	W/VE: RST, state/province; DX: RST, serial	www.rttycontesting.com
5	0000	5	100	1.8-28	K1USN Slow Speed Test	CW	Max 20 WPM; name, SPC	www.k1usn.com/sst.html
6	0100	6	159	1.8-28, 50	Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest	Ph	RS, age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth)	wwsac.com/rules.html
6	0200	6	400	3.5-28	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, power	arsqrp.blogspot.com
6	1700	6	1900	3.5-14	RTTYops Weeksprint	Dig	Other station's call, your call, serial, name	rttyops.com
7	0230	7	300	1.8-14, 21	Phone Weekly Test	Ph	Name, SPC	www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf
7	1300	7	1400	1.8-28	CWops Test (CWT)	CW	Name, mbr or SPC or "CWA"	cwops.org/cwops-tests
7	1700	7	2100	144	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
7	1900	7	2000	1.8-28	CWops Test (CWT)	CW	Name, mbr or SPC or "CWA"	cwops.org/cwops-tests
8	1700	8	1900	3.5-14	RTTYops Weeksprint	Dig	Other station's call, your call, serial, name	rttyops.com
10	0000	11	2359	28	ARRL 10-Meter Contest	CW Ph	W/VE/XE: RST, state/province; DX: RST, serial	www.arrl.org/10-meter
10	0000	12	2359	1.8-7	PODXS 070 Club Triple Play Low Band Sprint	Dig	RST, SPC	www.podxs070.com
10	0600	11	1800	1.8-28	TRC Digi Contest	Dig	RST, serial, "TRC" if member	trcdx.org/rules-trc-digi
10	1200	11	2359	1.8-28, 50	SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	CW	RST, SPC, name, member or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
10	1300	11	1300	3.5, 7	ARI 40/80 Contest	CW Ph Dig	RS(T), 2-letter province code	www.ari.it/en/contest-hf
10	1600	11	1559	3.5-28	International Naval Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), mbr (and club) or serial	www.marinefreunde.com
11	2000	11	2300	1.8-28	QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	qrparci.org/contest
11	2100	11	2259	14	CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run	CW	RST, SPC	www.coloradoqrpclub.org/contests
12	0100	12	300	1.8-28	4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint	CW Ph	RS(T), SPC, mbr or power	www.4sqrp.com
14	0130	14	330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	naqcc.info
14	1700	14	2100	432	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
15	0000	16	300	14	Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	Max 13 WPM; RST, SPC, mbr or power	qrpcontest.com/pigwalk20
16	1600	16	1700	3.5, 7	AGB-Party Contest	CW Ph Dig	RST, serial, mbr (if member)	www.ev5agb.com/contest/agb_party.htm
16	1800	16	2200	1.8	Russian 160-Meter Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), oblast code or serial	www.topband.ru/rules.htm
17	0000	17	2359	1.8-28, 50	Feld Hell Sprint	Dig	RST, mbr, SPC, grid	sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub
17	0000	17	2359	3.5-28	OK DX RTTY Contest	Dig	RST, CQ Zone	okrtty.crk.cz/index.php?page=english
17	0000	17	2359	1.8-28, 50, 144	RAC Winter Contest	CW Ph	VE: RS(T), province/territory; Non-VE: RS(T), serial	www.rac.ca/contesting-results
17	1400	18	1400	1.8-28	Croatian CW Contest	CW	RST, serial	9acw.org/index.php/rules
17	1500	18	1500	1.8	Stew Perry Topband Challenge	CW	4-char grid square	www.kkn.net/stew
18	1800	18	2359	3.5-28	ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	CW	Name, 2-digit year first licensed, SPC	www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup
18	2300	19	100	1.8-28	Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	qrpcontest.com/pigrun
21	0130	21	330	3.5-14	NAQCC CW Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, mbr or power	naqcc.info
21	1700	21	2100	1.2 G	VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	Dig	4-char grid square	www.ft8activity.eu/index.php/en
25	0000	25	1159	3.5-28	RAEM Contest	CW	Serial, latitude and longitude (e.g., 57N 85O)	raem.srr.ru/rules
26	0830	26	1059	3.5, 7	DARC Christmas Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), DOK (or "NM" if not a DARC member), serial	www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste
28	0000	28	200	1.8-28, 50	SKCC Sprint	CW	RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none"	www.skccgroup.com
30	1200	30	2359	3.5-28	YOTA Contest	CW Ph	RS(T), age (avrg age for multi-ops)	www.ham-yota.com/contest
31	0900	31	2359	3.5, 7	Bogor Old and New Contest	Ph	RS, operator age	www.orari-bogor.org