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The BVARA in Beaver County Pennsylvania

Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association

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Concluse COVCE October can be spectacular in Pennsylvania. This beautiful Western Pennsylvania fall landscape was taken by Tim Hoeflich along Eberly Road near Avella Pennsylvania. Great photo Tim!

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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

2018 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, W6PEF 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).

2018

Oct 11 Nov 08 Dec 08 Christmas Party 7 PM

2019 Jan 10 Feb 14 Mar 14 Apr 11 May 09







This Month

Speaker: Rich Soltesz

K3SOM

Topic:

Nine DXpeditions to DXCC 'Ten Most Wanted'

Including:

Continuing with our BVARA Presentation Series this year, our topic this month is about DXpeditions. A DXpedition is an expedition to what is considered an exotic place by amateur radio operators, perhaps because of its remoteness, access restrictions or simply because there are very few radio amateurs active from that place. This could be an island, a country, or even a particular spot on a geographical grid. DX is a telegraphic shorthand for 'distance' or 'distant'. Bob Allphin, K4UEE has created several DVDs from recent DXpeditions. We will show one of his DVDs that describes nine 'adventures' to the 'Ten Most Wanted' DXCC locations. This description is from his web site at http://www.k4uee.com/dvd as given below.

3YØX, Peter One -- Nearly 90,000 Qs from the bottom of the world

A52A, Bhutan -- the mysterious and exciting Kingdom nestled in the Himalayas (footage and edited sequences contributed by James Brooks, 9V1YC)

AH1A, Howland Island -- where Amelia Earhart disappeared

K5D, Desecheo Island - So Rare, So Near, yet so Far

PJ6A, Saba - First contacts from a brand new DXCC entity

VKØIR, Heard Island -- with its ominous and active volcano rising to 8,000ft

VP8GEO, South Georgia -- the final resting place of Sir Ernest Shackleton

VP8THU, South Sandwich -- nearly 30,000 Qs in a three-day, commando-like strike

VU7RG, Lakshadweep -- From the #2 most wanted DXCC entity

These nine DXpedition video excerpts tell compelling stories of fear, frustration and sheer joy as DX traveler Bob Allphin, K4UEE and his intrepid teammates recount the highlights (and lowlights) of their most heralded trips, most named 'DXpeditions of the Year' -- and all to the rarest-of-the-rare DXCC entities. It's personal, emotional, humorous and sometimes frightening. It's about ham radio... but as you will see – "it ain't all about radio".

This is one presentation you won't want to miss!

Rich's Background:

Extra Class Ham, Licensed since 1962, VE, B.S. Electrical Engineering,



More this Month

Weekly

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

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 RAC-ES/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) 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.

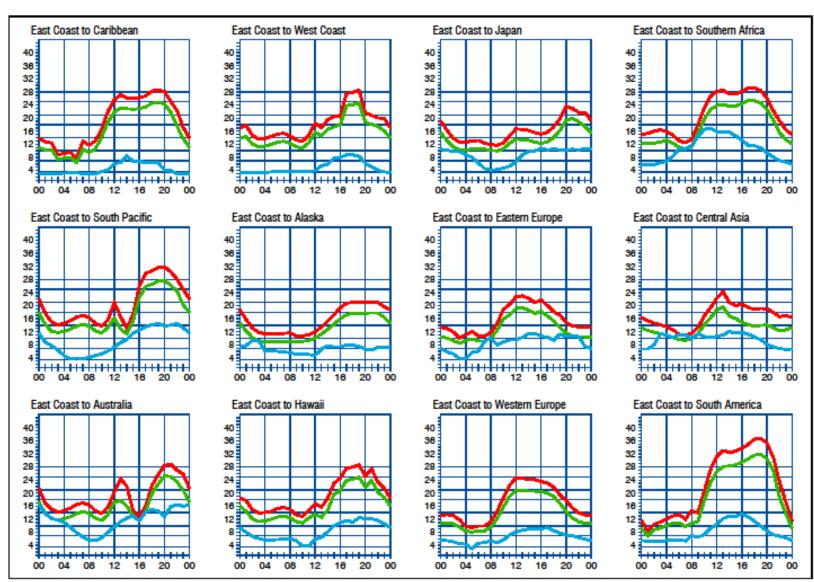
See you Thursday at



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Propagation



When are the bands open? These charts, generated using CAPman, show probabilities for average HF propagation in the month of Ootober 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 (HPF, 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 70. 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 October 2018.

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 Nine One One 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

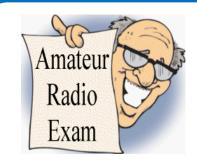
Beaver County Emergency Services Center 351 14th Street Ambridge, PA 15003. Tests begin promptly at 5 pm on the same day as BVARA Club Meetings (the second Thursday of the month). All classes of amateur radio license tests are administered.

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, check, or money order.

New License and Upgrades

BVARA VE Testing



Here's the list of participants in our VE process this past month:

Patrick Chalupiak, KC3MBO - Technician, Baden, PA (Father) * Michael Chalupiak, KC3MBP - Technician, Baden, PA (Son) *

Within two or three days of getting his new call sign, Patrick checked into the BVARA 2-meter net. Perhaps Michael had homework that night!

*Eligible for BVARA membership at no cost for 2018



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 | | 20.00 | | | | | | |
| BVARA student members | hip | 15.00 | | | | | | |
| BVARA associate membe | rship | 10.00 | | | | | | |
| BVARA Child under 21 at | t home membership | 5.00 | | | | | | |
| One year ARRL membersh | ip | 49.00 | | | | | | |
| A Club Donation | | | | | | | | |
| ARRL Member? Yes No | | Total Enclose | d | | | | | |
| Your License Class (If you have of Technician General Advanced Extra Class | Name Address Email Phone Your Call sign | S 1 | | | | | | |

Make check or money order payable to:

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

South Heights, Pa 15081

Hamfests & General Announcements



58th Annual Hamfest and Auction Sunday, October 28, 2018

MASSILLON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Massillon Boy's & Girl's Club A 730 Duncan ST SW, Massillon OH

Setup at 6:00 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. 13,000 sq ft : Handicap Accessible : All Indoors : Free Parking

ARRL APPROVED HAMFEST Still just \$5.00 General Admission!

Under 12 Free. Admission Ticket good for all main and door prizes

Tables Rental only \$14.00 each. Free electric available on a limited basis

PRIZES

Main Prize Drawing at 1:00

1st Prize - Yaesu FT-8900

2nd Prize - MFJ 259C Analyzer

3rd Prize - Dual Band J-Pole

Need not be present for Main Prizes but must be present for all other prizes.

AUCTION

Auction begins at 10:00 a.m. 15% Commission charged on all items sold. You may buy back your own items at no charge. MARC reserves the right to limit the amount and/or type of items sold at the Auction! No Computer Equipment!

VE LICENSE TESTING AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM

For more information or Reservations: Terry Russ - N8ATZ 3420 Briardale Dr. NW Massillon, OH 44646 Phone (330) 837-3091

Mobile Checkins & Directions on the 147.18+ Club Repeater Sale of Illegal Amplifiers or Adult Material is Strictly Prohibited

Contact us at truss@sssnet.com

WEB SITE http://www.w8np.org

Hamfests & General Announcements

NEW UPDATED LOCATION Largest Indoor Hamfest inTRI-STATE AREA 19,000 Sq. Ft. under one roof WACOM 2018 HAMFEST

Washington Amateur Communications Inc. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th 2018

The Printscape Arena at Southpointe 114 South pointe Blvd. Canonsburg Pa 15317



Exit 48 off Interstate 79 8:00 A.M -3:00 P.M-Admission \$5.00 Doors open early for VENDOR SETUP Saturday Nov 3rd 6:30 p.m. Talk in on 146.790 City-147.285 East-147.390 North-145.250 West -147.315 South- All PI-131.8 MAJOR VENDORS Largest Indoor Hamfest inTRI-STATE AREA 19,000 Sq. Ft .all under one roof KJI ELECTRONICS- -QUICKSILVER RADIO –RW ANTENNA STORE MAIN PRIZES 1ST Icom IC-7300 HF + 6m Multi Mode Transceiver 2nd YAESU FTM-3200DR 65w 145MHz C4FM/FM 2/ FM mobile 3rdYAESU FTM-3200DR 65w 145MHz C4FM/FM 2/FM mobile 4th YAESU FTM-3200DR 65w 145MHz C4FM/FM 2/FM mobile BLACK BOX PRIZE'S ONLY 50 TICKETS Sold MAIN DRAWING AT 1:30 P.M. NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN CONTACT FOR HAMFEST TABLES N3TIR <u>bud@n3tir.com</u> 724-350-6745 Vendor Forms located at <u>www.wacomarc.org</u>_under Hamfest tab We will sell out ALL TABLE SPACE PLEASE CALL EARLY 8Ft TABLES SUPPLIED, cost \$12.00 ea. ADDMISSION is not INCLUDED ON TABLES VE TESTING TIME 9:00ARE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE DOOR PRIZES-YL PRIZE-DX CARD CHECKER THE MEADOWS CASINO & Tanzer Outlets less than 2 miles Now Hotel next door Send all vendor payments to address below for tables Please include vendor form and make checks payable to WACOM c/o Norma Plants N3YJJ 236 Chambers Ridge Road West Alexander, Pa 15376

Contest Corral

October 2018

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 - | Fini | sh | | | | | |
|------|---------|------|------|--------------|--|-----------|---|------------------------------------|
| Date | e-Time | | | Bands | Contest Name | Mode | Exchange | Sponsor's Website |
| 1 | 0900 | | 2000 | AL | IQRP Quarterly Marathon | CW Ph Dig | RS(T) | www.arimontebelluna.it |
| 2 | 0100 | 2 | 0300 | 3.5-28 | ARS Spartan Sprint | CW | RST, SPC, power | arsqrp.blogspot.com |
| 3 | 0700 | 3 | 1000 | 3.5-7 | German Telegraphy Contest | CW | RST, LDK (#DL) | www.agow.org |
| 3 | 1900 | 3 | 2300 | 432 | 432 MHz Fall Sprint | any | 6-char grid square | syhfs.org |
| 3 | 2000 | 3 | 2100 | 3.5 | UKEICC 80-Meter Contest | Ph | 4-char grid square | www.ukeico.com |
| 4 | 1700 | 4 | 2000 | 3.5 | SARL 80-Meter QSO Party | Ph | RS, serial, grid or QTH | www.sarl.org.za |
| 4 | 1700 | 4 | 2100 | 28 | NRAU 10-Meter Activity Contest | CWPhDig | RS(T), 6-char grid | www.neou.net |
| 5 | 1400 | 7 | 0200 | A | YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest | CWPhDig | Serial, RS(T), SPC | yirlorg |
| 6 | 0600 | 7 | 1800 | 3.5-28 | TRC DX Contest | CW Ph | RST, serial, "TRC" (if member) | www.trodx.org/trodap |
| 6 | 0800 | 6 | 1400 | 902 and up | Microwave Fall Sprint | Any | 6-char grid square | syhfs.org |
| 6 | 0800 | 7 | 0600 | 1.8-28 | Oceania DX Contest, Phone | Ph | RS, serial | www.oceaniadxcontest.com |
| 6 | 1200 | 7 | 1159 | 1.8-28 | Russian WW Digital Contest | Dig | RST(Q), oblast code or serial | www.rdiclub.ru |
| 6 | 1600 | 7 | 1100 | 3.5-7 | International HELL Contest | Dig | RST, serial | www.daro.de |
| 6 | 1600 | 7 | 2200 | 1.8-28 | California OSO Party | CWPh | Serial, county or SPC | www.ogp.org |
| 6 | 1700 | 6 | 2100 | 3.5-28 | FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint | CW | RST, SPC, name, mbr or power | fistana.org |
| 7 | 0500 | 7 | 2300 | 3.5-28 | RSGB DX Contest | CW Ph | RS(T), serial | www.rsgbcc.org/hf |
| 7 | 0600 | | 0900 | 3.5 | UBA ON Contest, SSB | Ph | RS, serial, section (if ON) | www.uba.be/en |
| 7 | 2200 | 7 | 2359 | 7-21 | Peanut Power QRP Sprint | CW Ph | RS(T), SPC, peanut nr or power | nogagep.org/PeanutPower |
| 8 | 1900 | - | 2030 | 35 | RSGB 80-Meter Autumn Series, CW | CW | Other's call, your call, serial, name | www.rsgboc.org/hf |
| 10 | 0001 | | 2359 | 28 | 10-10 International 10-10 Day Sprint | CW Ph Dig | Name, mbr or "0," SPC | www.ten-ten.org |
| 10 | 0030 | 10 | 0230 | 3.5-14 | NAQCC CW Sprint | CW | RST, SPC, mbr or power | nagoc.info |
| 13 | | | 1559 | 3.5-28 | Makrothen RITTY Contest | Dig | 4-char grid square | www.pl259.org/makrothen |
| 13 | | | 2100 | 1.8UHF | Nevada QSO Party | CWPhDig | Serial, county or SPC | nvgso.com |
| 13 | | 14 | 0800 | 1,8-28 | Oceania DX Contest, CW | CW | RST, serial | www.oceaniadxcontest.com |
| 13 | | | 1200 | 3.5-28 | Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB | Ph | RST, serial | www.saclest.net |
| 13 | 1200 | 14 | 2359 | 1.8-50 | SKCC Weekend Sprintathon | CW | RST, SPC, name, mbr or "none" | www.skoogroup.com |
| 13 | | | 2359 | 1.8-28 | QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party | CW | RST, SPC, mbr or power | www.gparclorg |
| 13 | | | 2200 | 1.8-144 | Pennsylvania QSO Party | CWPhDig | Serial, county or SPC | pagso.org |
| | 1700 | | | 3.5-28 | FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint | CW | RST, SPC, name, mbr or power | www.fistsna.org |
| 13 | | 14 | 0500 | 1,8-144 | Arizona QSO Party | CWPhDig | Serial, county or SPC | www.azgsoparty.org |
| | 1900 | | | | South Dakota QSO Party | CWPhDig | RS(T), county or SPC | www.sdqsoparty.com |
| | | | | | PODXS 070 Club 160-Meter | | | |
| 13 | 2000 | 14 | 2000 | 1.8 | Great Pumpkin Sprint | Dig | RST, SPC | www.podxs070.com |
| 14 | 0530 | 14 | 0800 | 3.5 | UBA ON Contest, CW | CW | RST, serial, ON section (if ON) | www.uba.be/en |
| 14 | 0800 | 14 | 1000 | 50 | UBA ON Contest, 6 Meter | CW Ph | RST, serial, ON section (if ON) | www.uba.be/en |
| 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 |
| 15 | 1300 | 19 | 2359 | A | APPL School Club Roundup | CW Ph | RS(T), Class (VC/S), SPC | arrl.org/school-club-roundup |
| 15 | 1900 | 16 | 0300 | 1.8-UHF | Telephone Pioneers QSO Party | CW Ph Dig | RS(T), chapter nr (if any), name | www.tpgso.com |
| 17 | 1900 | 17 | 2030 | 35 | RSGB 80-Meter Autumn Series, Data | Dig | Other's call, your call, serial, name | www.rsgbcc.org/hf |
| 20 | | | | 50-144 | Araucaria World Wide VHF Contest | CW Ph | RS(T), 6-char grid square | www.avhfc.com |
| 20 | 0000 | - | 2359 | 3.5-28 | JARTS WW RITTY Contest | Dig | RST, operator's age | jarts.jp/rules2018.html |
| 20 | | - | _ | 28 | 10-10 International Fall Contest, CW | CW | Name, mbr or "0," SPC | www.ten-ten.org |
| 20 | | - | 0200 | Ă | New York QSO Party | CWPhDig | RS(T), county or SPC | www.nyqp.org |
| 20 | | | 1459 | 3.5-28 | Worked All Germany Contest | CW Ph | RST, DOK or "NM" or serial | www.daro.de |
| 20 | | 21 | 1500 | 1.8 | Stew Perry Topband Challenge | CW | 4-char grid square | www.kkn.net/stew |
| 20 | 2000 | 20 | 2359 | 1.8-7, 21-50 | Feld Hell Sprint | Dig | RST, mbr, SPC, grid | sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub |
| 21 | 0000 | 21 | 0200 | 14-21 | Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW | CW | RST, serial | isfo.org/apsprint |
| 21 | 0700 | 21 | 1000 | 144 | UBA ON Contest, 2 Meter | CW Ph | RS(T), serial, ON section (if ON) | www.uba.be/en |
| 21 | 1700 | 22 | 0100 | 1.9-144 | Ilinois OSO Party | Ph | RS(T), county or SPC | www.w9awe.org/LQP.html |
| 21 | | | | 35 | RSGB RoLo CW | CW | RST, previous 6-char grid square received | www.rsgbcc.org/hf |
| 22 | | - | 0300 | 1.8-28 | Run for the Bacon QRP Contest | CW | RST, SPC, mbr or power | apcontest.com/pigrun |
| 24 | | | | 1.8-28 | SKCC Sprint | CW | RST, SPC, name, mbr or power | www.skocgroup.com |
| 25 | 1900 | 25 | 2030 | 35 | RSGB 90-Meter Autumn Series, SSB | Ph | Other's call, your call, serial, name | www.rsgbcc.org/hf |
| 27 | 0000 | 28 | 2358 | 50-1296 | ARPL EME Contest | CWPhDig | Signal report | www.aml.org/eme-contest |
| 27 | | _ | 2359 | 1.8-28 | CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB | Ph | RS. CQ zone | www.ogww.com |
| | 2000 | | | 35 | UKEICC 80-Meter Contest | ĊŴ | 4-char grid square | www.ukeioo.com |
| 91 | 2000 | | 1100 | 0.0 | CHLICO CO HOLD COHOM | 011 | - and Available | THE REPORT OF A DATA OF A DATA |

Al 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. Sertai – Sequential number of the contact. SPC – State, Province, DXCC Entity. XE – Medican 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

Good golly where did summer go? !

The last few Ham Fests of 2018 will be taking place, these will be our last chances to make face to face QSOs with some of our radio friends. It's October already! We all know what that means; soon that cold white stuff will be coming down. It is time to finish any of the outside Ham tasks we have left to complete. We better get to it.



Last year around this time I wondered where all of our Amateur Radio pursuits would take us. I personally was hoping to have learned "the code" by now. "My Life's Journey" took me on a different path for a few months. Getting an understanding of this new radio language is going to have to wait just a little bit longer for me. I did get to try out some digital. It took me two weeks to figure out all the new settings on my radio to transmit using FT-8. This was part of the fun, it was an adventure. Another radio milestone for me was a birthday gift. The birthday gift was getting a pole installed to raise my HF Antenna to some thirty feet of height. I have heard many countries I never heard before! This is so great! I thank my family and some friends (my Kathy, Zak, Adam P. and the other Adam N.) for this kindness. These two achieved landmarks have rekindled my fascination with radio and Ham frequencies in particular.

Well how about you? Did you get to do some new technique, type of transmission; digital maybe, did you upgrade your license, perhaps a new antenna or radio? Have you had any landmark or milestone achievements this year? How about sharing them with me, I will put them here in the newsletter. What do you have planned for your winter? I encourage you to work/plan some new goal in your amateur radio adventures! Don't get stagnant; How about teaching some younger person about Ham radio. Could you pour a little knowledge into a newbie?

Whatever you do, do it with great passion. Till next month 73 KC3BXC clear and listening...

Be courteous on the air, be safe and have fun with your hobby.

It's Your Dime

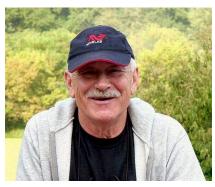
Remember back when you could communicate by "Pay Phone" for ten cents? This page is for anyone who wants to communicate with the BVARA community and beyond. Please send me your article that you would like posted on this page. Please, only topics and language in good taste. As the editor I reserve the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



Remembering a Silent Key

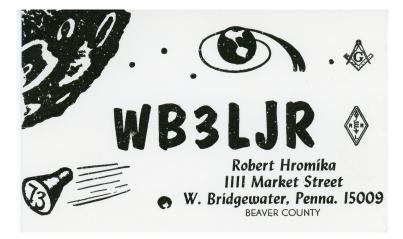
Here is a silent key story from Adam Horniak KG3L about his pal Robert Hromika WB3LJR:

Bob and I shared two hobbies, Ham Radio and Metal Detecting. Bob was more serious about metal detecting than I was. He was a member of the Butler County Treasure Hunters Club. He also organized and established the Beaver County Detecting Club (B.C.D.C). I saw Bob from time to time in the Power Plant I worked at. The Plant brought him in as a contractor during outages, he was a member of the Steamfitters Union.



Bob was a big joker, not mean spirited just a real joker! We went up to Pittsburgh to take our General Ham Operators test. At that time FCC tests were administered in the Federal Building on Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh. We entered the building and stepped onto the elevator; it was already full of scholarly working people. There were gentlemen & ladies dressed in suits and ties, carrying briefcases; very professional! Bob starts talking in the elevator, not to anyone in particular. "Boy what a day I am having today "My wife had called me and shared the details of her first bowel movement after her hemorrhoid operation while I was driving and I had to cut it short because I got a flat tire on the way here" what else can go wrong? I tried to move away from him and pretended I didn't know him. What a joker! His comments were followed by dead silence; well maybe I may have heard a few suppressed giggles. I was overwhelmingly relieved when the door opened and we could get out of that elevator on our floor.

Oh by the way we both passed our General exams.



The QSL Card above has a special meaning to me as I was Bob's first contact and this is the card confirming our contact.

73 Adam KG3L

Of Interest to All BVARA Members

During the September 14, 2018 BVARA Club Meeting there were a lot of important topics discussed. I wanted to share them here with all the BVARA membership so they are not forgotten or overlooked.

1. The BVARA Christmas party will be December 8, 2018 at 7 PM. It will take place in the back room of Yolanda's Italian Restaurant at 2228 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls (Chippewa). See Norm for more information.



 There will be a gathering at Rich's house for the October 13-14 2018 (Saturday & Sunday) Pa QSO Party. We will use the W3SGJ Club call so please listen for us. Contact Rich for specifics.



3. Dues for the BVARA Club will be going up next year. A one-year membership will now be \$25. All membership fees can be paid in January or earlier, but the membership fee will be due no later than February 01. A \$5 fee will be required for any previous-year member who fails to pay current dues by the deadline. Any new members wanting to join later in the year will be charged a pro-rated fee based on the full months remaining in the year. In accordance with our club bylaws, these changes require approval at two consecutive meetings. The first approval was received at the September 2018 meeting.

