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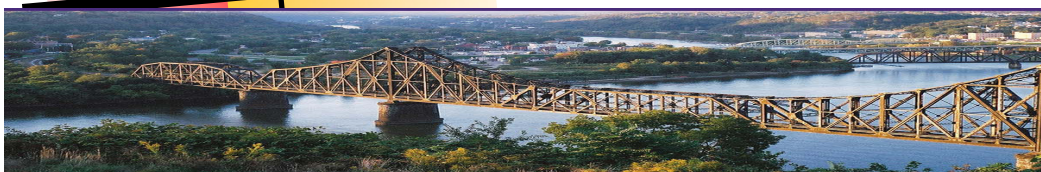
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Bob, WA3ZRM - Editor



FIELD DAY 2008 - BVARA TO RIDE THE WAVE

Field Day 2008 is shaping up nicely thanks to the efforts of George, N3HOJ. At press time, George had three items to share with us. First, a proof of the patch that can be obtained by anyone that visits the BVARA Field Day site at Brady's Run. A sample of how the patch will look appears to the right. Second, George informs us that Scouting interest in our hobby has grown to such a



degree that plans are in the works to re-activate the clubs Explorer Unit, Post 73. You can find more about Post 73 & Exploring in this issue of the eQRM. And finally, George is excited to report that Rich

Tanner, WA3IVV, will be working QRP on 20 CW!

In closing, George reports that Field Day band allocations are going fast. He encourages any club member that desires to work a specific band to contact his as soon as possible.

N3HOJ can be reached at 724-891-3236 or via e-mail at hojigc@verizon.net

Give George a call to reserve your band.

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Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day W3SGJ SPECIAL EVENT STATION

All Beaver County Amateur Radio operators are invited to attend a Special Event Station celebrating Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day at the Baden American Legion on May 24 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Special Event Certificates will be available to anyone that attends the event or works W3SGJ on the air (see page 9 of this issue).

Any amateur radio operator that would like to participate in this event by setting up a station should (Continued on Page 3)



Newsletter & Information Exchange Program

- Have your club's latest news and happenings printed here for FREE!
- Is your club having a VE session or classes? Let me know and I'll help spread the word!
- Planning a Hamfest? Drop me a line and get some FREE PR in the eQRM!
- Having an ARRL night, special speaker or program? The eQRM can help by spreading the news within our region!

Non-Discrimination Notice

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and the Pennsylvania Fair Educational Opportunity Act, **IT IS THE POLICY OF THE BEAVER VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC. TO ACCEPT MEMBERS WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR DISABILITIES, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS, RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEX.**

ANY PERSON GENUINELY INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION.

E-BOARD MEETING CHANGE NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BVARA'S E-BOARD WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 @ 6:00 PM AT THE BADEN AMERICAN LEGION. THE MEETING DATE AND LOCATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE MEMBERS OF THE CLUBS EXPLORER POST. ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association meets at the Beaver County Emergency Operations Center located at 250 East End Avenue, Beaver, PA on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

+++PLUS+++

Don't forget to listen to the BVARA club nets every Wednesday Night! 2 Meter Net on 145.310 MHz 100Hz PL at 8:30 PM and the 10 Meter Net 28.370 QSY +/- 10 at 9:00PM.

Letters and E-Mails to the Editor

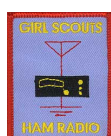
The eQRM welcomes letters/e-mails to the editor. Letters must be signed and contain your contact information for verification prior to publication. Preference will be given to letters of 200 words or less. Letters are subject to editing. Unused letters will not be acknowledged or returned.

The BVARA 10 Meter Net Lunch group will be meeting this Thursday at Kings in Center Twp at 11:00 AM. All area amateurs are invited and encouraged to attend the Thursday Morning Lunch.

VE TEST SESSION TO BE HELD ON JUNE 7, 2008: The BVARA sponsors ARRL VE examinations at the Community College of Beaver County's Aviation Science building, 125 Cessna Drive, (Chippewa Twp.) Beaver Falls, PA. For more info on the test session, dates and times, contact Tony, KE3ED @ 724-774-4173 or by e-mail at KE3ED@arrrl.net.

2008 BVARA OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President: Robert De Marco, WA3ZRM
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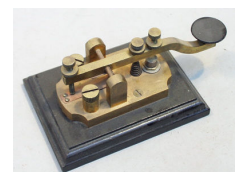


ROSSI WINERY WIRELESS SOCIETY

Temporary Relocation To Kings Restaurant



All area Amateur Radio Operators are invited to attend the weekly meeting of the Rossi Winery Wireless Society. Until further notice, the Society will be meeting Saturday's at Kings Restaurant in Center Township. The reason for this temporary move is due an illness in the Rossi Family. As always, the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM with a traditional Vino toast. Talk-in is on the ,31 repeater.



BVARA TO REACTIVATE EXPLORER POST

During the past several months, Jack, KZ3Z along with several other club members have been working with Baden American Legion BSA Troop 405. To date, Jack has licensed three scouts and anticipates licensing three more along with two parents within the next few months.

Several of the newly licensed scouts have expressed an interest in participating in BVARA activities and meetings. In fact, WA3ZRM recently appointed one of these scouts (Evan, KB3QFR) as the club's Second Vice President.



In an effort to keep the momentum going, Pam, W3PMS has volunteered to reactive the club's Explorer Post. First Chartered in 1984 as Post 730, the Post will be reorganized under a new number—Post 73.

By way of background, Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) or 15 to 20 years old. Adults are selected by the participating organization for involvement in the program. Color, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic background, economic status, or citizenship is not criteria for participation.

Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities. Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in their communities. Local community organizations initiate an Explorer post by matching their people and program resources to the interests of young people in the community. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

Pam anticipates kicking off Post 73 during Field Day weekend. She is working with BSA Pittsburgh Council to launch a mass mailing to several hundred young adults in our area that have expressed an interest in the Engineering and Technology fields. These eager youth's will be invited to the BVARA Field Day event to be held in late June.

For more information on Exploring, please visit the following website:

<http://www.learning-for-life.com/exploring/index.html>

BVARA Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day

Contact Jack, KZ3Z @ 724-869-2429 or via e-mail at: ajs322@comcast.net.

ARMAD is always held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. In 2008 it falls on May 24TH. It is a Special Event, and can be an individual effort, or the joint effort of your local Amateur Radio Club. The main goal of ARMAD is to generate publicity for our hobby while providing a great public service to our local communities, our military members; and their families.

ARMAD encourages Military Support Groups and Veterans organizations to be involved in the event. It can be a small event or a community affair with as much activity such as entertainment, speakers, and other participation as each ARMAD venue wants to organize.

meant to be a fun event that gives the people of our communities a chance to see our hobby at work, and also gives the public hands on experience with the hobby.

A list of the main operating modes and frequencies are listed at <http://www.armad.net/eventinfo.htm> however you may operate anywhere in the ham bands. The ARMAD web page can be found at www.armad.net.

Let's *'Ham It Up For The Troops'* this Memorial Day Weekend. Fill the bands with positive messages of thanks and appreciation for those that sacrifice to keep this nation free by attending the BVARA's ARMAD Special Event Station on May 24 at the Baden American Legion from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

THE HAM'S HOROSCOPE

BY MADAM ZELDA, ST1ARS

That's Gold	I'm Happy	Can't Complain	Not Happy	Turn down the heat	
Sign	Romance	Home & Family	Finances	Career	General
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Taurus					
Gemini					
Cancer					
Leo					
Virgo					
Libra					
Scorpio					
Sagittarius					
Capricorn					
Aquarius					
Pisces					

Tour de Cure, June 22, 2008 to be on W3SGJ/R

On the 22Jun2008, the American Diabetes Association is putting on a bike ride out of Seneca Valley HS, this will be number 11. As in the past 145.31 will be used as the events main communications link. They will be on the air from 0600 to about 1800. They do a 100 mile ride and a 50 mile ride. Going to Ellwood up to Volant and back to SV.

Tour de Cure is a series of fund-raising cycling events held in 40 states nationwide to benefit the American Diabetes Association. The Tour is a ride, not a race, with routes designed for everyone from the occasional rider to the experienced cyclist. Whether participants ride 10 miles or 100 miles*, they will travel a route supported from start to finish with rest stops, food to fuel the journey and fans to cheer them on! Last year, more than 32,000 cyclists in 78 Tour events raised nearly \$13 million to support the mission of the ADA: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Anyone that would like to help should contact at N3XCD@fyi.net 724-452-0583 or on the 145.31. We could use help on net control at SV and help at the rest stops.

I'm one of the 55 Are You?

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Decision 2008 - Oh Hell Yes!

The following article is an editorial commentary and does not reflect the opinions of the Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association or the American Radio Relay League

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. With this in mind, what can better describe the upcoming ARRL Division elections than this pic?

In the best tradition of yellow journalism, I have plucked this gem off of KF3V's website. And, in keeping with unfair and unbalanced news, Thom is now viewing this classic photo of himself, just as you are, for the very first time— unannounced and unrehearsed!

Rhetoric is beginning to “heat-up” on QRZ.COM concerning the ARRL Division elections. A quick visit to the following link: <http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=152397> will provide eQRM readers with a wealth of information about races in both the Delta and Atlantic Divisions.

What follows are some snip-its from the aforementioned QRZ forum. Due to space limitations, comments have been edited. Readers are encouraged to visit the QRZ Forum listed above for a complete transcript.

WA3ZRM POSTS: I think this thread is great. It's too bad the ARRL does not have forums available on their website. Speaking of which... if you were to become Delta Division Director, would you make any recommendations as to changing the design and content of the official League website? If so, what changes would you like to see? I also have a few other questions that I hope you can answer:

1. Why are ARRL Board meetings not open to a limited number of observers when non-personal matters are discussed?
2. Does the ARRL have a working Strategic Plan? If so, how does it address the future of our hobby over



Thom, KF3V, AKA
The Renaissance Ham,
in front of Circus, Circus
Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada

the next three to five years?

3. I have been told by more than one League official that the ARRL Strategic Plan is a confidential document. Is this true and if so, why?
4. Is eliminating the \$3.00 senior member discount in 2009 part of the ARRL's Strategic Plan or just an attempt to provide a quick fix to a much larger problem?
5. Does the ARRL have specific projections that detail anticipated growth in our hobby? If so, what are these projections and how were they arrived at?

K5MC RESPONDS: Thanks very much, Bob, for your comments and questions. It is unfortunate that the ARRL currently does not have forums on its website; I think adding such a feature would be very worthwhile. If I'm elected Delta Division Director, I will work on this issue along with

the items outlined earlier in my platform. (It is my understanding that the Board of Directors and the HQ staff in Newington do recognize that the layout of the League's website needs to be more “user friendly” than it presently is.)

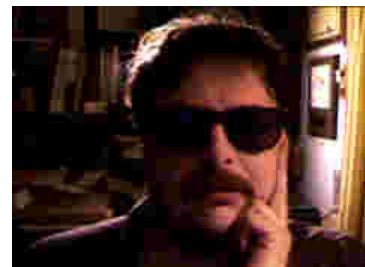
Here are my current thoughts on your remaining questions:

1. In my reading of the ARRL Articles of Association and By-Laws posted on the League's website, I can't find exactly who is eligible to attend the meetings of the Board of Directors (BOD). Item 14 of the By-Laws defines who the members of the ARRL BOD are (the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and the 15 Division Directors). Item 16 points out that the President is authorized to invite the president of another IARU member Society to attend, whereas Item 41 discusses who may/should attend meetings of the Executive Committee. **(Continued on Page 7)**

Amateur Radio Words of Wisdom from

Thomas F. Peluso, KF3V

*"Woe is ham radio. Why are no youngsters interested in getting licensed anymore? I'll tell you why... cell phones and the Internet. Oh! And the loss of all credibility due to moronic operators and little dictators. I feel certain that in my lifetime, I will see the complete demise of amateur radio. All I can do is foster interest... recruit youngsters... and have fun while it lasts. So, even though I left the hobby for many years, **I'm back!** And I'm doing just that... having fun. I'm just taking it easy and doing what I want, when I want to."*



KF3V

AKA

The Renaissance Ham



**RACES
&
ARES**



eQRM Urges ALL Beaver County Amateurs to Participate

As a matter of editorial opinion, the eQRM urges all Beaver County licensed amateur's 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 (88.5 PL).

A county wide Simulated Emergency Test involving the nuclear power plant will be taking place in early June. More information on this drill will be forthcoming in future editions of the eQRM.



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!

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<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA SPOUSE/CHILD MEMBERSHIP	5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE YEAR ARRL MEMBERSHIP	39.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> WORLD RADIO SUBSCRIPTION	21.00	

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The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 424
South Heights, PA 15081

Decision 2008 - Oh Hell Yes! (Continued from Page 5)

It's interesting that those in attendance at the BOD meeting in January 2008 "at the invitation of the Board as observers" (according to the minutes posted on the ARRL website) were the RAC President, the Vice Directors, the ARRL General Counsel, the Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager, and one Past Director. Thus, the current rules apparently do allow the BOD to invite anyone it wishes to "observe" a meeting. I cannot answer why the BOD, as a general rule as far as I can tell, chooses not to invite a limited number of "rank and file" members (or members who write for non-League publications) to attend Board meetings. However, unless personnel decisions are under discussion, I strongly believe the advantages of open Board meetings outweigh whatever disadvantages might be suggested. 2/3. Concerning your second and third questions, as you know I recently emailed Henry WD4Q (the current Delta Division Director) about the ARRL Strategic Plan. As the current LA Section Manager (but only until the end of March), I asked Henry to forward me a copy of the Strategic Plan or to explain WHY the Board considers it a confidential document. Henry responded quickly but somewhat vaguely to my message; he did state that he would inquire about the current status of the Strategic Plan (assuming such a plan exists) and WHETHER the Board considers it confidential. (Bob, until you mentioned the ARRL Strategic Plan in your recent email to me, I don't recall hearing anything about the ARRL Strategic Plan, even though I've been the LA SM for the past eight years. Perhaps I wasn't paying close attention, however!)

4. About the only answer I now have to your fourth question is that the minutes of the January 2008 BOD meeting (minute number 26) points out that the elimination of the \$3.00 senior discount starting next year was recommended by the League's Administration and Finance Committee, along with the fact that all Directors voted in favor of the recommendation except Messrs. Allen, Sarratt, and Norton, who voted opposed. (I'm assuming that the Board decided the League needs more money and that the Board took this specific action thinking it would probably result in more income rather than less, at least over the next few years or so!)

5. Although I don't have the numbers handy at the moment, I do believe the ARRL has published some projections or goals concerning growth (e.g., 30,000 new hams over some specific period of time?). However, I have no idea how the numbers were arrived at. They may have been "pulled from the air" or perhaps some type of study was made by someone. It might be a simple matter for any member to ask his Division Director for detailed information on this matter, but I haven't done so yet.

N5KWB POSTS: I would like to know how you could get more transparency in what the ARRL discusses at their meetings. Understanding that some things may need being kept close, still too much bad can happen in closed rooms. As a Division Director what can and would you do?

K5MC RESPONDS: Tom, I think the vast majority of the issues facing the ARRL Board of Directors are not of a confidential nature. Therefore, if I'm elected I will try to convince the other Directors that attendance at the Board meetings should not be limited to the Officers, Directors, and Vice Directors as they currently appear to be. Of course, the attendance by interested members will be limited by the size of the meeting room, along with any occasional personnel issues that would very likely need to be handled in an executive session.

In reading the By-Laws I see nothing that explicitly states that the meetings are closed to the members. It might be a simple matter to have the Board extend an invitation to a number of members to attend the meetings as observers based upon some selection criteria. As I've pointed out in my campaign platform, I think it's particularly important that the Board meetings be open to the members who write for non-League publications. I also agree with AB0WR that these "reporters" should be able to record the meetings and make the transcripts available to the general amateur public.

There's little doubt in my mind that, as far as the current ARRL national leadership is concerned, this matter of open Board meetings is the most sacrilegious in my platform. I am also not so naïve to doubt the likely behavior of the current leadership as described earlier by N7WR: if I'm elected, I will probably be ostracized by most of the current leadership as I work toward the changes outlined in my platform. However, if enough members will inform their Directors that they support such changes (and will only support candidates who share the same philosophy), then these constructive changes will occur.

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WA3VJB POSTS: K5MC is really onto something with his campaign proposal to end the secret meetings of the ARRL's Board of Directors.

Clearly the closed-door, backroom style of deliberation has not served the League, its subscribers, nor the greater community of active and interested U.S. licensees.

Why wouldn't they try allowing outside observers into these meetings? If such openness causes the ruling clique to be inhibited at discussing certain issues, maybe that's a telling sign. Possible reasons: Competitors will get our secrets. Enemies will distort what we say. It would air our dirty laundry.

They're doing the same thing they accuse the FCC of doing – hiding their discussions.

K5MC POSTS: The past few days I have been in touch with several traffic handlers up in the Atlantic Division. Their responses to me via email concerning your current leadership are pretty much a mixed bag, just as it's been here on this thread. I suppose that should not be too surprising to anyone. One man's meat is another man's poison. My naïve political philosophy is to let folks know where I stand on the issues. I did admire Jim Haynie when he was the League President for his "courage" to post comments from time to time here on QRZ. I really don't understand why none of the current Directors (to my knowledge) appear willing to post comments occasionally. Just as I'm doing now before the election, I plan to continue to let hams know where I stand on the various issues if I do happen to become the new Delta Division Director. (If that comes to pass, I will, of course, make it clear to everyone that I'm speaking as a single Director and not on behalf of the ARRL Board of Directors.)

AB0WR POSTS: The idea that BOD meetings need to be private so that the Directors feel free to speak without having to worry about their words being publicized just amazes me.

This is more indicative of people that are afraid of criticism than anything else.

The very fact that what you say is open to the public (and since your votes **are** also what you say they should be public also) is what keeps representatives **honest**.

Having what you say open to the public forces you to think about what you are going to say in many ways. It forces you to do the necessary research and think positions through ahead of time. Is it what my constituents want? Do I have substantive arguments for what I am going to say? Can I convince my constituents that my vote is correct even if it is against their wishes? Why am I supporting this issue? Why am I against this issue?

Even better, it will put the Executive Staff back in a subordinate position. They will have to provide **their** positions far enough ahead of when the issues come up in the BOD meetings that the Directors will have sufficient time to **do** the activities above, -- including -- finding out what their constituents actually think about the issues and how they want to Director to act on the issue. It tends to act as a brake on the Exec Staff being able to bully things through the BOD. The BOD will no longer be able to be used as a rubber stamp by the Exec Staff through the tactic of "expediency".



Bill Edgar,
N3LLR

WHAT ARE THEIR POSITIONS?

Where do the current ARRL Atlantic Division Director & Vice Director stand on K5MC's campaign platform? What are their positions and comments to the questions posed by WA3ZRM on page 5 of this issue? If you would like to know, I urge your to e-mail Mr. Edgar, N3LLR and Mr. Abernethy, W3TOM and ask. They can be reached at the following e-mail addresses:

n3llr@arrrl.org

w3tom@arrrl.org



Tom Abernethy,
W3TOM

EDITORS NOTE: Please visit <http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=152397> to see the complete thread that these snips were taken from.

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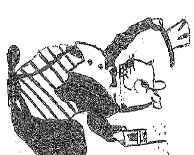


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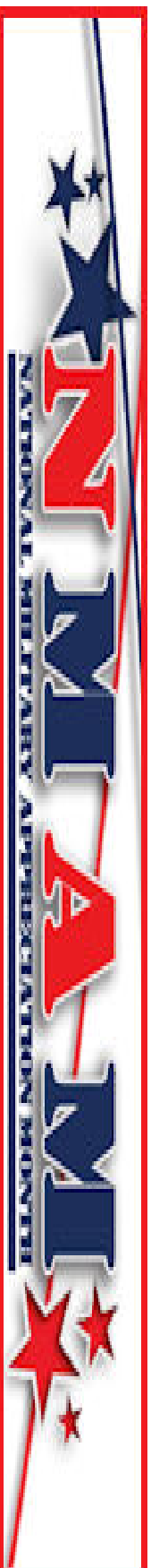
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participated in the Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Associations' Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day on the 24th of May, 2008 at American Legion Post 641 in Baden, Pennsylvania.



WESTERN PA SECTION HAMFEST UPDATE

Atlantic Division Convention (Rochester Hamfest) - May 30/31, 2008

Rochester Amateur Radio Association

<http://www.rochesterhamfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.88 (PL 110.9)

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300 White Spruce Blvd
Rochester, NY 14623
Phone: 585-424-7184 (office) or 585-225-5260 (home)
Fax: 585-424-7130 (office) or 585-227-5771 (home)
Email: rochfst@frontiernet.net

ARRL Atlantic Division



24 Aug 2008 * Western Pennsylvania Section Convention

Skyview Radio Society

<<http://www.skyviewradio.net/>>

Talk-In: 146.640- (PL 131.8)

Contact: Bob Boehmer, WB3FXC

1240 Hulton Road

Oakmont, PA 15139 Email:

<SkyviewHamfest2008@verizon.net>

Skyview Radio Society Clubhouse, 2335 Turkey Ridge Road, New Kensington, PA



The BREEZE SHOOTERS



1 Jun 2008 + Hamfest and Computer Show Breezshooters ARC

<<http://www.breezeshooters.net>> Talk-In: 147.300 (no tone)

Contact: Robert W. Benna, N3LWP, 1010 Willow Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-2225

Phone: 412-366-0488 Fax: 412-366-0488

Email: <n3lwp@verizon.net>

Butler Farm Showgrounds

Route 68, (next to Roe Airport)



13 Jul 2008 + 23rd Annual Hamfest- North Hills Amateur Radio Club

<<http://www.nharc.org>> Talk-In: 147.09 (PL 88.5)

Contact: John Gorman, N3RQD, 162 Home Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15223

Phone: 412-487-9254 Email: <n3rqd@earthlink.net>

Pittsburgh, PA - Northland Public Library - 300 Cumberland Road

“Radio Scouting” To Be Explored at Dayton Hamvention

From QRZ.COM: DAYTON, OH – May 1, 2008 Scout Leaders will be reaching out to Ham Radio Operators at the Dayton Hamvention May 16-18 to encourage them to provide Amateur Radio opportunities to Boy Scouts back in their home towns. A forum session will given on Saturday, May 17 at 9 AM in Forum Room 2 explaining how hams can reach out to Scouts to get them involved in the exciting world of Amateur Radio. And, for the first time, an exhibit booth will be staffed by veteran “Ham Scouters” to answer hams questions and provide them with resources about “Radio Scouting”. Booth 631 in the Hamvention’s East Building will be location of the Scout Radio outpost.

Bill Ragsdale, K6KN, District Chairman of the Yolo District of the Golden Empire Council of the Boy Scouts of America is leading the effort. Bill says “This is how we assure the future of your local ham community by growing the next generation of amateurs via the Boy Scouts. At the same time, we also build community awareness about amateur radio. Scouts have a built-in sense of adventure which ham radio complements”.

Hams will also learn how to teach Radio Merit Badge and help their local Scouts participate in Scouting’s largest annual event, the Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). “Each October, a half million Scouts around the world talk to each other via Amateur Radio. Tips on how hams can let their local Scouts participate will be shared”. Visit <http://YoloBSA.editme.com/Dayton> for further information.

Hams can also learn about a new program being developed for 2010’s 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. “Scout Camps On The Air (SCOTA) promises to be a fun way for hams to help encourage Amateur Radio Operations at Scout Camps and other large Scouting Events”, says, Matt Murphy, KC8BEW, of the Muskingum Valley Council, BSA, who is coordinating that program.

The Boy Scouts of America currently serves more than 4 million youth and adult members. So stop by booth 631 and the forum session to learn how you can help some of them become the next generation of hams.



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Silence is golden. Duct tape is silver.



ATTITUDE
It takes 43 muscles to frown and 17 to smile,
but only three for proper trigger squeeze.