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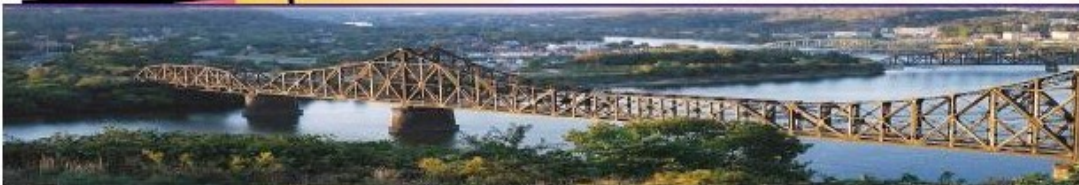
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Grant, KB3QFQ - Editor



What's new in the BVARA

THIS ISSUE in a NUTSHELL

This month, we have two exclusive interviews with WPA Section Manager candidates John Szwarc, N3SPW and John Rodgers, N3MSE! **Read the interview on page 7.**

Elections for club officers are also this month at **the November club meeting, Thursday, November 11.** Voting for **Ham of the Year** will also occur at this meeting.

We also have the Christmas Party coming up next month. For more information on the event, go to **page 12.**



At this month's meeting, Rich K3SOM will also be **making a presentation on WSPR!** You won't want to miss this!

We also have **photos from Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)**, our recent event! **Check them out on pages 13 and 14.**

UPCOMING EVENT

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Dec 4

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Would you like to help, but don't know how?

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opinion!

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The eQRM encourages letters/e-mails to the editor. Letters must 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 meets every Thursday
at Rainaldi's in Center Twp at 10:30 AM. All area amateurs are invited and encouraged to attend the
Thursday Morning Lunch.**

**VE TESTS are held by the BVARA VE Team at the Beaver County Emergency Operations Center in Ambridge.
IF YOU DESIRE TO TAKE A TEST, CONTACT CHRIS, W3OUF, FOR THE DATE OF THE NEXT TEST SESSION.**

**All tests will begin PROMPTLY AT 6:00PM. Information and registration on a test session can be obtained by
contacting the VE Team Coordinator, Chris Moratis, W3OUF.**

His address, email and phone number are as follows:

Chris Moratis, W3OUF

1199 Highland Avenue

Ambridge, PA 15003

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cjmoratis@verizon.net

2010 BVARA Officers

President: Jack Spencer, KZ3Z
Vice President: Robert De Marco, WA3ZRM
Second Vice President: Evan Finkelstein, KB3QFR
Secretary: Norm Trunick, K3NJT
Treasurer: Pam Spencer, W3PMS
Director: George Caffro, N3HOJ
Director: Chris Moratis, W3OUF
Trustee: Rich Soltesz, K3SOM



BVARA Meetings

***E-Board meetings are now held the Sat. before
the monthly club meeting.***

***VE testing begins at 5:00.
Regular meetings are at 6:30.***

November 11 – Ambridge 911 Center

December - None, Christmas party

January 13 – Ambridge 911 Center

February 10 – Ambridge 911 Center

RACES & ARES

eQRM Urges ALL Beaver County Amateurs to Participate



As a matter of editorial opinion, 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 N3TN 146.850 MHz repeater (88.5 PL).

PITTSBURGH AREA HAM RADIO CALENDAR

From the Greater Pittsburgh VHF Society

November

6-8: ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW) -

More Info:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>

7: WACOM Hamfest - Washington County Fair Grounds -

2151 North Mail Street - Washington, PA

Talkin: 145.49 Mhz

More Info: 724-484-0207 /

Email: n3tir@arrl.net -

<http://www.wacomarc.org>

20-22: ARRL November Sweepstakes (Phone) -

More Info:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>

27-28: CQ World Wide DX Contest (CW Mode)

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More info: <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com>

December

3-5: ARRL 160 Meter Contest - More Info:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>

11-12: ARRL 10 Meter Contest - More Info:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests.html>

11: Two Rivers ARC "Hams n Eggs" Breakfast

14: Two Rivers ARC Amateur Radio Exam Session



GUESS WHO!

Image DE Adam, KG3L

IMPORTANT NOTICE DE Frank Cole, N3TN

To all radio operators,

As of October 1, 2010 **the PL and CTCSS frequency on the 146.850 repeater has been changed from 88.5 to 131.8 MHz.**

Please make note of this and set your memories. Also please pass the word to others as I do not have everyone's email address.

There will be announcements on all nets on the machine and I will be listening the the input frequency to try to catch the ones that are not aware of the change.

This has been done in an effort to eliminate intermod and crosstalk from the public service frequencies here in Beaver County and to bring us up to speed with the rest of the region.

For more information about these events, please visit

W3SGJ.org/calendar



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!

Join the BVARA, ARRL and World Radio

Sign up for:	Price	Quantity
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA FULL MEMBERSHIP	20.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP	15.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP	10.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> BVARA SPOUSE/CHILD MEMBERSHIP	5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE YEAR ARRL MEMBERSHIP	39.00	

ARRL MEMBER ? YES NO Subtotal: _____
Donation: _____
Total: _____

Your License Class (if any):

- ☐ Novice
☐ Technician
☐ General
☐ Advanced
☐ Extra

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____

Your Call Sign: _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Make Check or Money order payable to:
The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association, P.O. Box 424
South Heights, PA 15081



Interested in becoming an
amateur radio operator?
Want to upgrade your license?

Jack Spencer, KZ3Z is **hosting a class** for just these reasons.
For details, please contact Jack
at 724-869-2429
or visit www.W3SGJ.org

The Amateur's Code

The radio amateur is
CONSIDERATE. . . never
knowingly operates in such a
way as to lessen the pleasure
of others.

LOYAL. . . he offers loyalty,
encouragement and support
to other amateurs, local
clubs, and the American
Radio Relay League, through
which Amateur Radio in the
United States is represented
nationally and
internationally.

PROGRESSIVE . . . with
knowledge abreast of
science, well-built and
efficient station and
operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY . . . slow and
patient operating when
requested; friendly advice
and counsel to the beginner,
kindly assistance,
cooperation and
consideration for the interests
of others. These are the
hallmarks of the amateur
spirit.

BALANCED . . . Radio is an
avocation, never interfering
with duties owed to his
family, job, school or
community.

PATRIOTIC . . . station and
skill always ready for the
service to country and
community.

The BVARA Speaker Series

The BVARA Speaker Series provides a vast array of topics and discussions, with a new topic every month at our club meetings.

Here are a few words from Rich, K3SOM, explaining the idea behind the series:

“By adding a speaker program with a wide variety of topics, not all necessarily exclusively ham-radio, our club has an opportunity to create excitement, to stimulate discussion, to spark creativity, and to enable people to have some fun as they expand their normal comfort zones with new ideas and possibilities for them to pursue.”

Are you interested in attending?

Just show up at our club meetings, held on the second Thursday of every month. They are held at:

Beaver County Emergency Operations Center
351 14th Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

Would you like to speak? Contact me or any other BVARA club members to let them know when you would like to speak, and what you would like to speak about!

Potential speakers may want to present topics like:

On what frequency am I transmitting, and how close to the band edge can I operate?

What's it take to operate BPSK31?

How can I effectively compete in a contest?

What's a fox hunt?

How can I find DX?

Or anything that interests you!

This Month:

Speaker:
Rich Soltesz,
K3SOM

Topic:
Shhh...

I'm Analyzing
Propagation with WSPR!

Including:
Setting up WSPR,

Gathering results,

Analyzing actual propagation,

And much more!

Rich's Background:

Extra Class Ham, licensed since 1962

Amateur Radio VE
(Volunteer Examiner)

B.S. Electrical Engineering

Registered Professional Engineer, PA

“...our club has an opportunity to create excitement....”

Club Announcements + Event Calendar

2011 Club Officers

de Bob, WA3ZRM

The recommendations from the 2011 nominating committee (Bob, WA3ZRM; Norm, K3NJT; and George, N3HOJ) for next year's slate of BVARA officers are as follows:

President: Jack Spencer, KZ3Z
 Vice President: Robert DeMarco, WA3ZRM
 Second Vice President: Grant Miller, KB3QFQ
 Secretary: Norm Trunick, K3NJT
 Treasurer: Pam Spencer, W3PMS
 Director: George Caffro, N3HOJ
 Director: Chris Moratis, W3OUF
 Trustee: Rich Soltesz, K3SOM

Voting for the 2011 officers will take place at the November meeting.

Voting for the **BVARA Ham of the Year** will also take place at November's meeting. The candidate should exemplify the Amateur's Code.
 (please see **page 4** for a copy of the Amateur's Code)

The Award will be presented to the winner at the Christmas Party in December.

Absentee ballots as per the club's constitution & bylaws should be directed towards the club Secretary prior to the November meeting. +

VE Test Session

de Chris, W3OUF

The next test session will be at the:
Beaver County Emergency Operations Center
 351 14th Street
 Ambridge, PA 15003

Time: **5:00 P.M.**
 (walk-ins allowed)

Date: **Thursday, November 11**

All candidates wishing to take the test should bring **ALL** of the following:

1. Two (2) forms of identification. **One should be a Photo ID.**
2. A pencil and a blue or black pen.
3. Your original **AND a photocopy** of your current license (if any).
4. Your original **AND a photocopy** of any C.S.C.E's (if any).
5. The test fee of **\$15.00.**

All classes of amateur radio license tests will be administered.

Note: A new set of Technician test questions has started being used on July 1, 2010.

For more information, please contact our VE Test Coordinator:

Chris Moratis, W3OUF
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 Ambridge, PA 15003
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cjmoratis@verizon.net +

The BVARA Calendar of Events

For more information, please visit www.W3SGJ.org

December 4:
Christmas Party
 at the Baden Municipal Building, Baden, PA

Next year's events coming soon

Do *you* have any

event ideas?

Send them to us by posting on our [Facebook Page!](#)



Are you interested in seeing what Boy Scout Troop 405 and Explorer Post 73 are doing?

Visit their website at www.Baden405.com to see photos, video and info about the Troop!

Are you prepared to vote for our next WPA Section Manager?

Election Interviews

It's that time of year again! November is when we hit the polls to vote for our Congressmen, Senators, Governor, etc., but how about our ARRL representatives? This month, the ballots for the election of our next WPA Section Manager are due...

Are you ready to vote?

Exclusive side-by-side interviews with

John Szwarc, N3SPW & John Rodgers, N3MSE

What specifically would you do to help struggling clubs increase membership and participation?

Here in the WPA Section, as well as every ARRL section, we have an Affiliate Club Coordinator (ACC). He/she is appointed to the section staff by the Section Manager (SM) and is the SM's assistant for radio club matters. My plan is to further develop the ACC position into a leadership position with regional assistants. The role of the ACC and his/her assistants will be to maintain a hands-on approach with all clubs and offer suggestions and assistance when necessary. They are not to wait for a club to call and ask for assistance, but rather to seek out all clubs and be in regular contact with them. The ACC position will be the key to developing and growing local clubs. Healthy clubs always seem to have something going on. People generally want to be part of a group that has a purpose and is doing things. The ACC will be in charge of making sure all clubs, ARRL affiliated or not, have access to a pool of meeting speakers, meeting presentations, technical experts, public relations assistants, and encouraging cooperation between clubs. With this approach I believe the local clubs will have a support structure they can use to help them gain new members and take on new projects they otherwise would not attempt.

What are your ideas for bringing young people into the hobby?

I don't think there is any one magic solution that will bring young people into the hobby, but there are things we can do to make sure today's youth are

What specifically would you do to help struggling clubs increase membership and participation?

Clubs of any nature go through periods of adjustment with the many demands on member's time. One area is to avoid lengthy business meetings and to combine every meeting with some sort of presentation to demonstrate some facet of the hobby or even something like a DVD of a recent dxpedition. Also simple refreshments such as coffee and cookies help to provide the social aspect of the group. In general only a few members participate in the work of any club. They say that 90% of the work in any organization is done by 10% of the people. I have seen the most success in clubs that have social functions routinely and also clubs that operate in various contests and events as a group. This combines the sharing of knowledge and friendships at the event as well as the social time over a cup of coffee.

What are your ideas for bringing young people into the hobby?

There are many demands on young people and to gain their interests for our hobby we have to approach several areas. One major issue is to treat them as equals and not look at them as being kids or anything less than a ham operator. We have to entice them by showing the combination of radio with computers and the new digital modes do a great deal to help in that area. I believe that attitude is one aspect that has to change and that when a young person shows an interest we need to remember the Elmer program and quickly offer them the help that all new hams need.



ARRL Election 2010 Special Feature

any less technically minded; it's just that they have discovered new electronic devices that are available today which had not been available in the past. (IE: I-pods, laptop computers, cell phones, etc) They are distracted from what otherwise might be a great hobby for them. One approach is to encourage clubs to make contact with their local schools and offer science teachers materials and offer to speak to science classes about amateur radio and the science of radio waves. I have observed that when you demonstrate how a person's existing interest in computers can be tied into amateur radio, you oftentimes will get them interested in the hobby as well.

What is wrong, in your opinion, with ham radio - and what should be changed?

The thing that bugs me the most is when operating on the HF bands and a DX station is working through a pile-up. There are often many stations trying to make contact and then some yo-yo with a huge amplifier decides he's going to step on everybody so he can get in first. They're obviously using much more power than necessary and common courtesy is oftentimes lacking. Of course I don't have the ability to change this, but that's my answer.

What, in your opinion, should not be changed in ham radio?

I really like the experimentation and development of new modes and technology that amateur radio has brought to the communications table. When I was Section Emergency Coordinator we adopted a digital software package called NBEMS as the official digital platform for emergency communications in the WPA section. I appointed Harry Bloomberg W3YJ as the Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator and his function was to champion NBEMS to local ARES groups throughout the WPA section. Yes, he had more than a little help from people like Dave Kleber KB3FXI and even I presented a couple of group talks on NBEMS. It was truly a group effort. I'm encouraged to see these efforts taking root and being used not only here in WPA, but in other sections as well. This is the type of innovative communications solution that amateurs are capable of and I hope this experimental spirit never disappears from ham radio.

What is wrong, in your opinion, with ham radio - and what should be changed?

The hobby is a great one and the vast percentage of individuals are wonderful people. An area of concern is those few that continue to demonstrate poor behavior on the airwaves. Continuing to clean up the bands by cooperating with the FCC and the OO program will do much in this area.

What, in your opinion, should not be changed in ham radio?

I find that the growth of the hobby as individuals find new methods of communications is a wonderful aspect. The recent advancements in the EMMCOMM program with things like NBEMS and the ability to combine computers with radio through experimentation will always be a positive aspect of the hobby and one that I hope never changes. The experimentation by individuals is one of the prominent attributes of this hobby.

Why did you decide to run for WPA Section Manager?

Actually I had pretty well decided not to run again for section manager. I was attending a hamfest and was asked about the nomination and expressed that I was probably not going to run again. I was then approached by several individuals for various clubs and asked to seek reelection so I could continue to be available for assistance by them when needed. After a great deal of discussion I agreed and a petition was circulated by these individuals and submitted to HQ and I later received notice that it had been processed.

If you had a magic wand and could make one issue go away by being resolved, what would that issue be?

One issue I would like to see go away is the bickering and fighting between individuals and between clubs. There are many aspect of amateur radio and also many personalities involved. I have seen clubs fall apart because of feelings being hurt or people that want to feel important just doing items without considering the consequences I would like to see that



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Why did you decide to run for WPA Section Manager?

I decided to run after John Rodgers N3MSE, the current Section Manager, had made it known that he was not going to seek reelection. Bill Edgar N3LLR and several others approached me about the idea of running and I began thinking about what could be done to further our common cause in WPA. Past leadership has been exceptional, but I believe there are several things we can do better. Eventually I came to the decision that I'd like to be the catalyst to bring about changes that will improve the hobby for all of us.

If you had a magic wand and could make one issue go away by being resolved, what would that issue be?

Communications between clubs would be the key. When I was Section Emergency Coordinator I frequently observed that neighboring clubs had no idea what was going on at neighboring clubs. As an example of why this is important, consider a public service event that is understaffed. The local club simply is unable to muster enough ops to pull it off properly. If the club next door was aware of the need the problem might be solved. The Pittsburgh region seems to have already figured this out. Now the task is to spread this idea to the rest of the section.

Why are you the best person for the job of WPA Section Manager?

I am running for Section Manager because I see an opportunity to advance our common cause. While past leadership in the WPA Section has been exceptional, changing times have presented some difficult challenges. I believe that I am the right person to face these challenges. I have previously served as the WPA Section ARES Emergency Coordinator, have been the President of my local club, the Philipsburg Amateur Radio Association, for the past three years, and am currently an ARRL Atlantic Division Assistant Director. The challenges and difficulties of running the section's ARES program and keeping a small club of about 25 hams motivated and moving in the same direction have prepared John N3SPW for the next step: The Section Manager position.

problem go away and people work to resolve issues without personal feelings.

Why are you the best person for the job of WPA Section Manager?

To say I am the best person to be section manager would be foolish. I am sure there are many individuals that could do the job quite well. Their circumstances may not permit them to run for the position. I do however feel that with my years of experience in various aspects of the field organization that I have the ability to understand the demands and the work that needs to be done. I also do not believe in micro managing the section. There are terrific individuals that have appointments as sec, stm, asm, dec, and ec's etc that have the knowledge and leadership skills to manage that portion of the section they are responsible for. I feel my position is to oversee the overall operation, be a support person and sounding board for those individuals and to allow them to operate as they do without me overruling their decisions. They were chosen for their skills and as section manager I am their support and guide. I believe that gives me a solid basis to be section manager. I have filled in during vacancies for various positions and have experience in those fields as well.

I hope that these interviews have educated you on where the candidates stand on certain issues. Make sure to mail your ballot and let your vote count!

Interview questions submitted from club members. If you would like us to interview a certain figure, please contact Grant KB3QFQ with your request.

BVARA 2 Meter Net Roster

Below is the net protocol. Please PRINT THIS OUT as a reference for when you run the net.

CQ, CQ, CQ. Calling the Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association Two Meter Net. (BK)

CQ, CQ, CQ. Calling the Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association Two Meter Net. (BK)

This is (**your call**), your net control station for this evening. (BK)

This net meets every Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM local time on the 145.310 W3SGJ repeater with a PL of 131.8 Hz. (BK)

The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association is an American Radio Relay League affiliated club and we invite you to visit our website at www.w3sgj.org. (BK)

The purpose of this net is to exchange general information about the amateur radio service in the tri-state area. this net is also part of the National Traffic System. (BK)

I will now stand by for any stations with emergency traffic. Any stations with emergency traffic please call (**your call**). (BK)

I will now stand by for any stations with priority traffic. Any stations with priority traffic please call (**your call**). (BK)

I will now stand by for any stations with routine traffic. Any stations with routine traffic please call (**your call**). (BK)

I will now stand by for any stations with ARRL Bulletins. Any stations with ARRL Bulletins please call (**your call**). (BK)

I will now stand by for any stations having any announcements for the net. Stations having announcements please call (**your call**). (BK)

Make sure the following are mentioned either by you or by an announcement station:

Mention webpage (www.w3sgj.org) for our newsletters & information

Mention Rainaldi's Thursday luncheon @ 10:30AM / 11:00AM

NEW: Monthly Executive board meeting begins at 6:30PM on the Saturday before the club meeting.

Mention monthly membership meeting on the second Thursday of every month at 911 Center in Ambridge.

**VE testing begins at 5:00PM.
Meeting begins at 7:30PM.**

I will now stand by for any mobile stations wishing to check in. Mobile stations only please call (**your call**) (BK)

I will now stand by for any portable stations wishing to check in. Portable stations only please call (**your call**). (BK)

I will now stand by for any stations wishing to check in to the beaver valley amateur radio association two meter net. Stations wishing to check in please call (**your call**). (BK)

**Record all call signs and then allow for comments.
After all stations make comments, stand by for any late or additional check-ins.**

I would like to thank all stations that have checked into our net. Listeners are reminded that the Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association's 10 Meter net on 28.470 MHz will follow this net at 9:00PM local time. Everyone is invited to check in. (BK)

I will now close the net at _____ local time and return the repeater to general amateur use. This is (**your call**) wishing you 73's and a good evening.

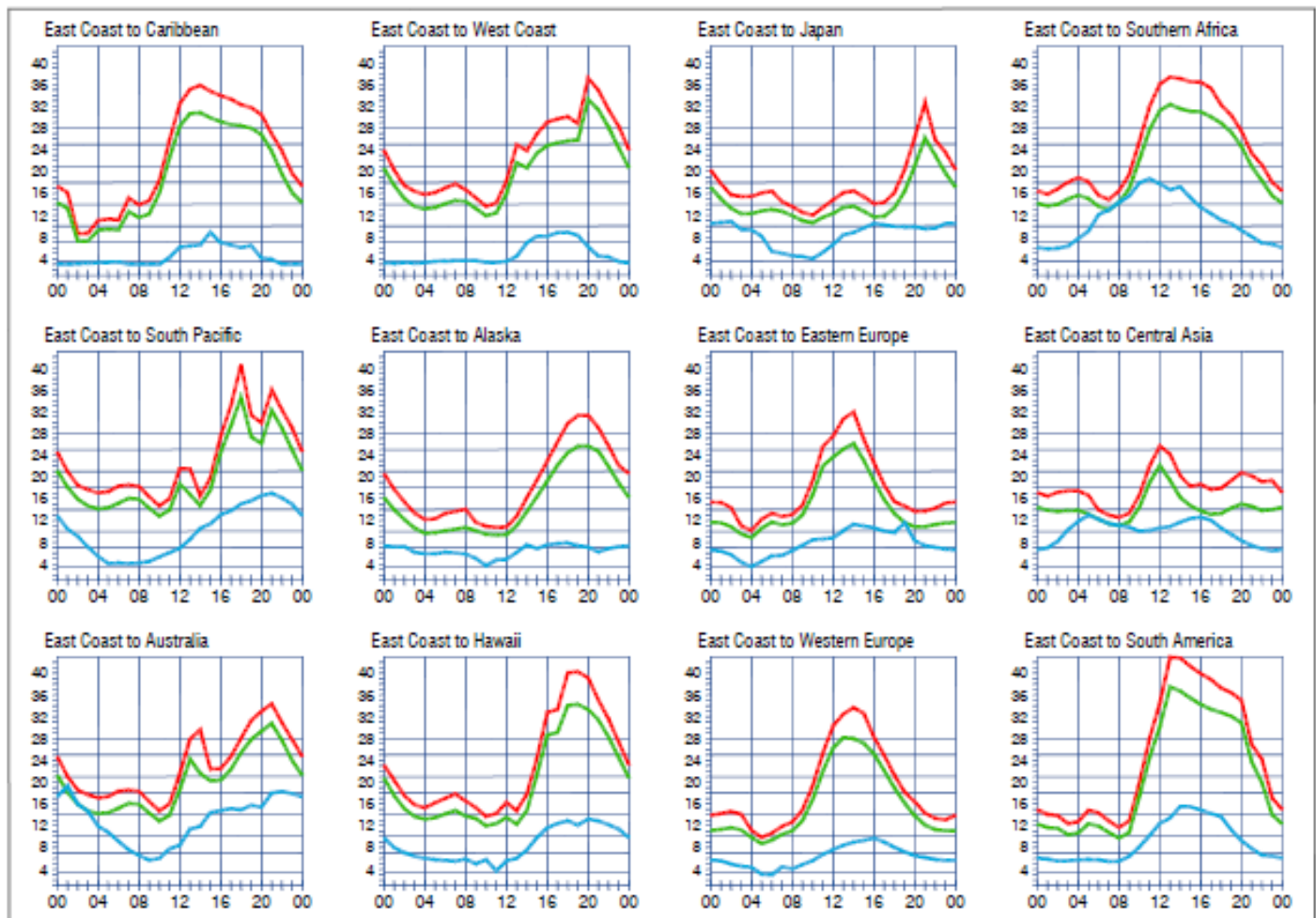
notes: a (BK) means to pause to allow the repeater tail to beep.

If any stations have traffic, ask if any stations on frequency can take the traffic. If not, take the traffic and contact Bob, WA3ZRM at 724-378-7070.

THANK YOU!

To Bob, WA3ZRM for the donation of an antique 1940's radio to the club. The radio has an estimated value of approximately \$150-\$200.

QST Propagation Charts



When are the bands open? These charts, generated using CAPman, show probabilities for average HF propagation in the month of November 2009 for the paths indicated. The horizontal axis show Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), and the vertical axis 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 34-35, for more details. The predictions assume an observed 2800-MHz solar flux value of 101. This is a Medium level of solar activity. See the detailed propagation tables on The ARRL Antenna Book CD-ROM.

The above chart is for the month of **November**.

For information on how to read these charts, and on propagation in general, visit

<http://www.arrl.org/propagation>

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Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association
P.O. Box 424
South Heights, PA 15081, USA
ITU 8, CQ 5, Grid EN90ur, Beaver County

MONTHLY WPA SECTION NEWS

de John Rodgers, N3MSE

On November 7 The WACOM group will sponsor the final scheduled hamfest for the 2010 season in our section. Additional information regarding the hamfest is available at

<http://wacomarc.org/hamfest.html> A list of vendors and other details is posted at that location. There will be an ARRL table as well as an ARES table. I will be in attendance as well to answer any questions or help with any problems. A VE session is also scheduled for the hamfest.

We will also be conducting a meeting to discuss last weekend's SET. We would like to hear from anyone that participated, your views on what did or did not work will help in planning for future events. This is the best way to identify issues that need to be resolved or improved upon. Plans are being considered for a complete revision of the section emergency plan and also a new platform for digital communications. Some of the lessons learned from the SET will be incorporated into that plan.

Steel City Amateur Radio Club has also been designated as an Official Emergency Station and also an Official Relay Station. This provides another fully equipped

location to assist during drills and emergency event to assist in communication needs. Congratulations goes out to the club for their efforts to support this need.

The PA-QSO party was again a terrific operating event. I was on the air throughout and enjoyed chatting with many old friends. Unfortunately I missed two counties in the contest this year. Fulton county and Cumberland managed to evade me throughout the weekend. Even without the sweep I enjoyed operating.

Congratulations to Skyview, K3MJW, for a great effort as the special event station. I am already planning for next year.

I have noticed that the solar index is finally climbing and operating conditions have been improving. There have been several good openings on 10 meters and good DX propagation. This is a great band for Technician class operators to experiment and enjoy the fun of working different countries.

Any clubs or groups that would like to include event notices or photos on the section pages should forward the info to

me at n3mse@arrl.org. I will post pictures on the site and post the info in the next month's column. Please give at least a month ahead of the event to allow for the posting. As always I encourage you to join one of the various traffic nets and help deliver messages to individuals in your community and throughout the country as operators struggle to keep this activity running strong.

The section net is on 3983 every evening at approximately 6:00 PM local time. The CW net is at 3585 at 7 PM local time. Also please check in on the Saturday morning ARES net. This net is conducted at 9 AM local during the summer and 10 AM in the fall on 3983 Hz. Following at 11 am is a NBEMS net on 3583.5. There is also a net on this frequency on Sunday morning at 10 am. Please check in for valuable information.

Additional information on various NBEMS nets is available at <http://wpanbems.org/> There are also several traffic nets on various vhf-uhf repeaters.

Join the nets and lets all get Radio Active. 73, John V. Rodgers, N3MSE
W. Pa. Section Manager +



BVARA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2010

Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Borough of Baden, Municipal Building, Community Room,
149 State Street, Baden, PA 15005

Buffet Menu: Baked Ham, Rotisserie Chicken, AuGratin Potatoes,
Linguine w/ Clam Sauce, Tossed Salad w/ Dressings, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Pop,
Water, Punch or BYOB

Price: \$12.00 per person **Grab Bag:** \$10.00 (Optional)

Deadline Date For Reservations: November 27, 2010

Checks Payable To: Pamela Spencer

322 Camilla Street, Baden, PA 15005-1843

Phone: 724/869-2429 (H)

Phone: 412/889-0889 (C)

E-mail: ajs322@comcast.net

Photos from Jamboree on the Air

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