

CLUB NEWSLETTER

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THE eQRM

The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association
Beaver County's Only 75-Year ARRL-Affiliated Club!

Home of W3SGJ/R
145.310 - 131.8 Hz PL



THE BOYSCOUTS AND ICOM PARTNERSHIP

THE eQRM

SEPTEMBER 2012

CHECK IN TO THE NETS!

Wednesday 2 Meter

8:30PM on 145.310 MHz

Wednesday 10 Meter

9:00PM on 28.470 MHz

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*Photograph of the
21st Scout Jamboree
courtesy of scout.org*



An ICOM IC-R75 radio. Photo courtesy of Scouting Magazine.

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The BVARA is offering
a variety of used ham equipment
for sale, while they last!

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Bulletins

News From the Radio Community

HAMFEST

WACOM 2012 Hamfest

Sunday, Nov. 4

8:00AM - 3:00PM



Washington County Fairgrounds
2151 North Main Street
Washington, PA 15301

Admission: \$5.00

Doors open early for vendor setup
Saturday 6:00pm.
Talk in on 146.790 MHz no PL.

MAJOR VENDORS

Over 200 tables
Vendors Include
KJI Electronics
Quick Silver Radio

Main Prizes:

1st - Ameritron 811 HF Amplifier
2nd - Hi-Def TV
3rd - VHF FM Transceiver ICOM
IC-V8000

Black Box Prize, Only 50 Tickets
Sold

Main Drawing at 1:00PM, need
not be present to win

Vendors contact Bud Plants,
N3TIR at bud@n3tir.com
724-350-6745

Vendor forms located at
www.wacomarc.org

6ft Tables supplied, cost \$12.00
ea. - Discount reserve more than
(5) \$10.00 ea.

Table deadline is Oct. 24, 2012 -
Must prepay to hold tables

VE Testing Time TBA

Breakfast and Lunch will be
available

Door Prizes - YL Prize - DX Card
Checker

The Meadows Casino Nearby

Send vendor payment to -
Please include vendor form and
make checks payable to

WACOM c/o Norma Plants N3YJJ
236 Chambers Ridge Road
West Alexander, PA 15376

HAMFEST

Butler Swapfest

Sunday, Sept. 9

8am - 3pm



Unionville Fire Department, 102
Mahood Road, Butler PA 16001.

Prizes include: Yaesu FT-7900A
Dual Band Mobile with
separation kit, and (2) Icom IC-
V80 Sport Handhelds.

Talk-In: 147.36/.96 (PL 131.8)

\$5 door donation/person. For
more information, visit
<http://w3udx.org/Hamfest.htm>

Et Cetera

Amateur Radio News, Club Announcements and Speaker Series

EVENT / HAMFEST



Details for more upcoming events follow:

MarcFest 2012
September 30, 2012
 Rostraver Central Fire Hall
 1100 Fells Church Road
 Belle Vernon, PA 15012
 For more details visit
www.w3csl.org
 Talk-In: 147.225 +
 Public Contact: Chris Grilli, W3CDU
 133 Main Street New Eagle, PA 15067
 Phone: 724-258-8419
 Email: grilli@verizon.net

PA QSO Party
October 13 and 14, 2012
 The goal of the PA QSO Party is: Pennsylvania Amateurs try to contact as many other amateurs in PA, the United States, Canada and the world. PA Amateurs receive multipliers for each PA county, US and Canadian section, and one multiplier for DX entities. More details next month. ➔

VE TEST SESSION

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, Sept. 13

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
 1199 Highland Avenue
 Ambridge, PA 15003
 PHONE: 724-266-2866
cjmoratis@verizon.net ➔

ARRL CONVENTION

ARRL: The Atlantic Division Leadership is turning the traditional convention model on its head!

This year, through the use of multi-media, we will be bringing the convention to our Atlantic Division ARRL Affiliated clubs on Saturday, November 10th.

This is an opportunity for affiliated clubs to provide their members with exciting presentations by acclaimed speakers. It is also an opportunity for the clubs to reach out to their local Amateur Radio community and invite potential new members to this major event hosted by local clubs.

If your club is interested in learning more about this opportunity or would like to participate, please register for an informational webinar where we'll explain in greater detail how this will work.

To register for the Thursday, August 16th webinar, please go to the following web address:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/659570777>
 and register as soon as possible. ➔

MONTHLY

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

RICH'S BACKGROUND

Extra Class Ham, licensed since 1962
 Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiner (VE)
 B.S. Electrical Engineering
 Registered Professional Engineer, PA ➔

WEEKLY

Thursday Morning Breakfast

The BVARA meets every Thursday at Steak n Shake in Center Twp at 10:30 AM. All area amateurs are invited and encouraged to attend the Thursday Morning Breakfast.





The ICOM and BSA Partnership

From Scouting Magazine

Amateur radio: Fun but not free.

That makes the recent sponsorship agreement between the Boy Scouts of America and Icom America, a world leader in the amateur radio market, such big news.

The deal makes Icom the exclusive amateur radio transceiver and repeater supplier for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

And even if you aren't going to the jamboree, you can still benefit from this sponsorship.

That's because Icom also agreed to loan out up to 10 stations for use by local councils beginning in 2012 and extending through 2015.

Local Scout councils can fill out this application

[Editor's Note: PDF document located at [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/jota/pdf/AmateurRa](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/jota/pdf/AmateurRadioStationLoanProgram.pdf)

dioStationLoanProgram.pdf] to receive one of two kinds of station loans:

-- Development Loan Stations. This type of loan facilitates the development of a Radio Scouting program at the local Scout council and provides an opportunity to raise funds to acquire and support a long-term station installation. The duration of the loan is expected to be up to but not longer than 12 months.

-- Event Loan Stations. This type of loan is meant to support special events at the local Scout council. This includes but is not limited to Radio merit badge workshops, ARRL Field Day and Kids Day, as well as Jamboree-on-the-Air.

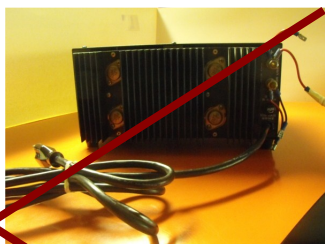
Our thanks to Icom America, manufacturer of communications products for both land and sea.

Equipment for Sale



Astron RS-35M Power Supply
25 amp cont. 35 amp surge 13.8vdc.
\$100.00 plus S+H.

SOLD



Ritz Electronics Power Supply
PS-1001MR regulated.
13.8 vdc, 8amps, 115vac input.
\$25.00 plus S&H. **SOLD**



Dentron Ant Tuner AT-1K
with manual, 160meters-
10 meters, 500 watts
\$75.00 plus S&H.

SOLD



Ramsey Electronics PA-1
2 Meter Amplifier,
20W out with 4W in
\$30.00 plus S&H.



Palomar TX75 Amplifier.
\$35.00 plus S&H.



American Electronics
SWR/Watt Meter, model
95/134. 52 Ohms, 100 W
\$20.00 plus S&H.



Daiwa SWR Model CN-
520, 1.8-60mhz, 50
ohms, 2KW. (with
manual)
\$50.00 plus S&H.

SOLD



Daiwa SWR Model CN-
550, 1.40-250 mhz, 50
ohms, 200 W, (with
manual)
\$40.00 plus S&H.

SOLD



Trionyx TR-1000, 600
mhz Frequency Counter.
(with manual).
\$40.00 plus S&H.

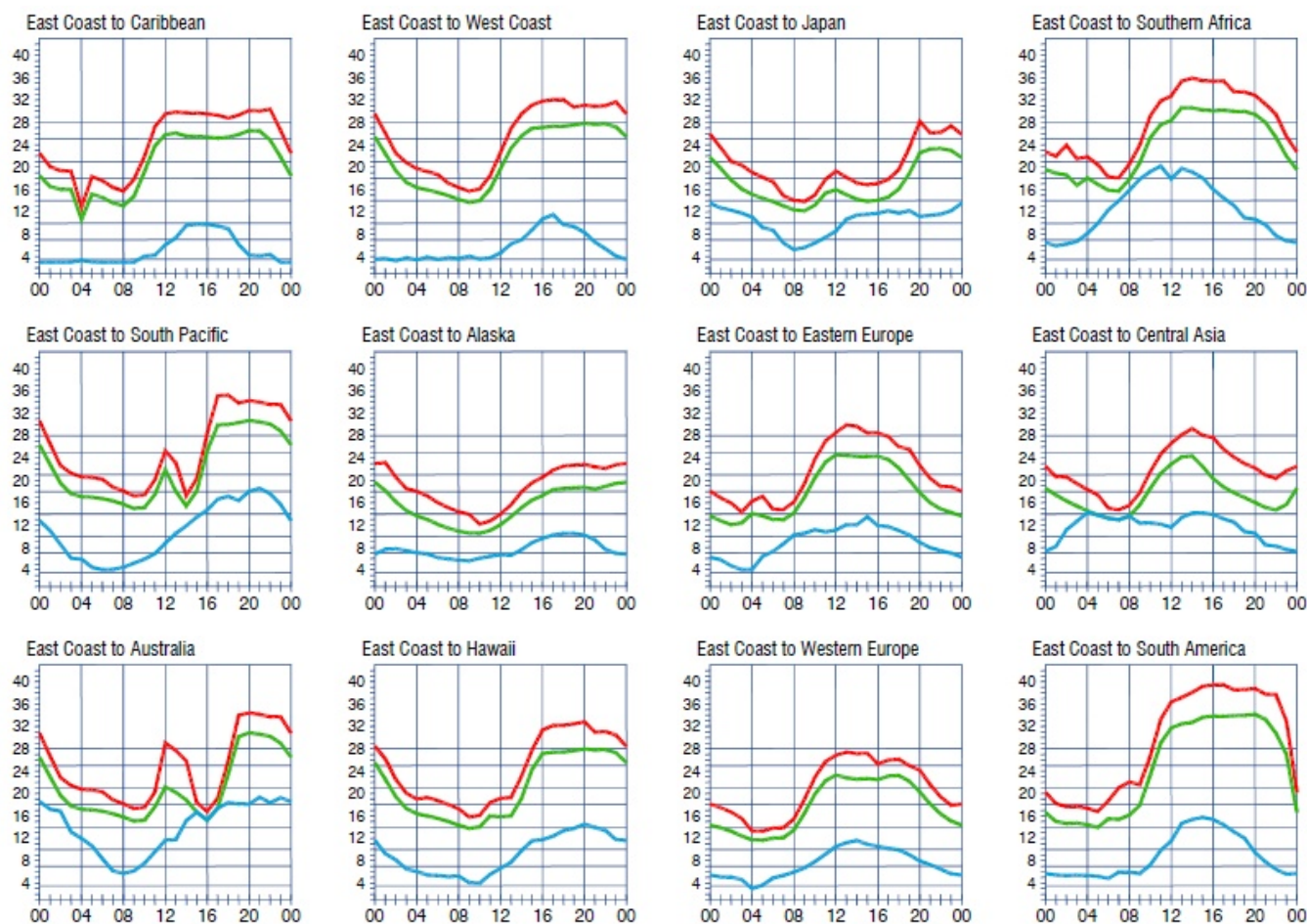


2 Turner Model +3B
microphones. \$15.00
each plus S&H.

If you are interested in buying an item, please call Chris, W3OUF at 724-266-2866

Prop Charts

From the ARRL



RACES / ARES

eQRM Urges All County Hams 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 (131.8 PL)

PROPAGATION

The propagation chart listed above is for September 2012.

If you would like more information on how to read these charts, or for more information on propagation in general, please visit <http://arrl.org/propagation>



Who We Are

Membership Information and Club Officers

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"/> CHILD UNDER 21 IN HOME	5.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> ONE YEAR ARRL MEMBERSHIP	39.00	

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

Your License Class (if any):

☐ Novice Name _____
☐ Technician Address _____
☐ General _____
☐ Advanced Email Address _____
☐ Extra 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

2012 BVARA OFFICERS

President: Jack Spencer, KZ3Z

Vice President: Robert DeMarco, WA3ZRM

Second Vice Pres.: Tom Workman, AA3CE

Secretary: Norm Trunick, K3NJT

Treasurer: Pam Spencer, W3PMS

Director: George Caffro, N3HOJ

Director: Adam Homiak, KG3L

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.

Regular meetings are at 6:30.

All meetings are held at

Beaver County

Emergency Operations Center

351 14th Street

Ambridge, PA 15003

on the second Thursday of every month (unless otherwise stated).

MEETING DATES

2012

September 13

October 11

November 8

December – No meeting (Christmas Party)

2013

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9

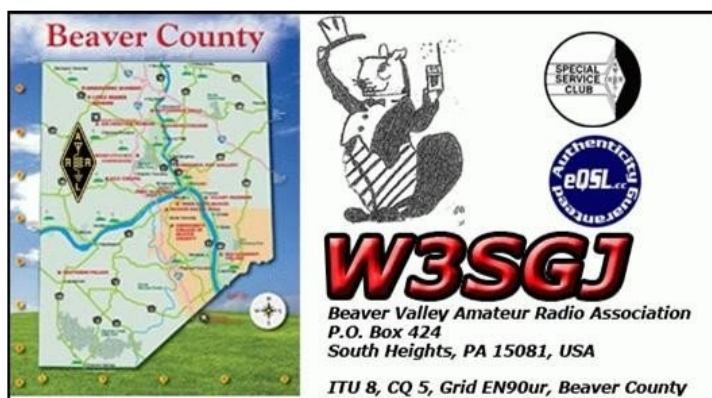
June 13

July 11

August - No meeting (Corn Roast)

September 12

QSL CARD



NEXT MONTH
OCTOBER 2012



THE PA QSO PARTY RETURNS OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 2012