

# B.V.A.R.A. QRM

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## THE NET LIST

WPA CW NET..... .....7:00 PM DAILY.....3.585  
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 CALLOUS BOTTOMS...11:00 PM DAILY...3.912.5  
 WPA PHONE & TFC NET .6:00 PM DAILY...3.983  
 PA TRAFFIC TRAINING NET..6:30 PM .3.610  
 E-CARS..... .....8:00 AM DAILY...7.255  
 EAN NET.. .....2:30 PM DAILY..7.243  
 RIP VANWINKLE... ....7:00 AM DAILY..145.31  
 B.V.A.R.A. 2 METER ...8:30 PM WED....145.31  
 B.V.A.R.A. 10 METER .9:00 PM WED...28.370  
 WPA TRAFFIC..... .....8:00 PM DAILY..146.88  
 QCWA NET..... .....8:30 AM SUNDAY.147.03  
 VISIT THE B.V.A.R.A. s WEBSITE AT:

Submit all articles for the B.V.A.R.A. QRM, to Debbie KB3EAQ at our monthly meeting or by phoning her at 724-758-4074 on details on how to get it to her. All articles must be typed in text format on floppy disk. Thank you.

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**==CLUB NEWS==****CLUB MEETING**

The April B.V.A.R.A. meeting will be held on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the Beaver County Emergency Operations center located 250 East End Avenue, Beaver PA.

**B.V.A.R.A. SPONSORED TEST SESSION**

The Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association will sponsor an ARRL VE examination on Saturday April 3RD, 2004 at the Community College of Beaver County's Aviation Science building located at 125 Cessna Drive, (Chippewa Twp.) Beaver Falls, PA.

Testing will start promptly at 10:00 AM so please plan on arriving at least 15 - 30 minutes prior. Walk-ins are welcome. Talk-ins will be on the 145.310 (W3SGJ) repeater. Use minus offset and 100 Hz PL tone. Also you can see our exact location via APRS on 144.39 MHZ. Look for W3SGJ.

All candidates wishing to take a test should bring the following

1. Two (2) forms of identification.
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 \$12.00.

All classes of amateur radio license tests will be administered. CW tests will **NO LONGER** be multiple choice.

All Technician Plus operators licensed as such prior to March 21, 1987 should bring a copy and the original proof of this credit.

Candidates are welcome and encouraged to join us for breakfast at the Chippewa Brighton Hot Dog Shoppe at 8:00 AM. For more information contact Tony KE3ED at the following:

Repeater: 145.310 (W3SGJ) minus offset & 100 hz pl tone.  
E-mail: ke3ed@arrrl.net  
Phone: (724) 774-4173

**PRESIDENT S'NOTES**

Our guest speaker for April s'Meeting will be Ernie, W3EJS. For those of you who missed Ernie s' presentation on antennas, He will be returning with his demonstrations and some new ideas as well. Ernie will also be taking us downstairs for a tour of the 911 Center s' operation, and communications.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting.

KB3EAQ, Debbie

**FUND RAISERS**

We are making our final plans for our bake sale in May. As you know N3KUG Phyllis and Myself KB3EAQ Debbie, have done well with recent bake sales, and we hope that our next endeavor will be as successful. But this won't be possible without your help. We hope all of you will donate your time or baked goods to help us out. Thank You,

KB3EAQ, Debbie

**CLUB T SHIRTS**

We are also still selling Club T Shirts, Hats, Golf shirts, and possibly Jackets. Just let N3KUG Phyllis, or KB3EAQ Debbie know what you would like to order. We have a book to look at, and we can take any orders.

**RIG FOR SALE**

The B.V.A.R.A. still has a rig for sale donated by WB3FKB, Bob Wilcox. The radio for sale is a KLM MULTI-2700. It is an all-mode 2 meter rig. If anyone is interested, please contact N3SVM, bob or KB3EAQ, Debbie at 7247584074.

**FIELD DAY**

Field Day will be held at Economy Park on the following days in June, Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>. We have secured two shelters for the event this year. They are shelters #2 and #4. The Covered Dish Dinner will start the weekend off on Friday, June the 25<sup>th</sup>. Dinner time to be announced at a later date. It looks like we'll have plenty of room this year for all the operators and equipment that will be participating **HI!** We do need to start with the planning of Field Day as it's just around the corner

## 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT S'COLUMN BY TOM, N4KRA

Now that spring is here, a hams fancy turns to Hamfests, Field Day, contests, outdoor operating, and the like.

In that case, I will be giving a few hamfest reasonably close by and some contests. I must admit, I get a lot of my information from the pages of the current month QST magazine from the ARRL. For additional information on contests, hamfests, special event stations, please refer to the April issue of QST.

Field Day is the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend in June and we have our site at Economy park off of rte. 989 in Economy Borough. Our meeting and picnic will be Friday evening when after we set up some sites and antenna. Your help will be greatly appreciated and don't forget Saturday morning also is needed to finish preparations. So fill out your pocket and wall calendars NOW and be sure to show up ...

I just picked up a Kenwood TS-140s this past Friday (March 19<sup>th</sup>) and am undecided if I want to bring this or the Icom 718 out for the Field Day. If you are interested in seeing how one or the other works, let me know and I will bring out the one with the most requests.

I have had a few good comments on my first column here in the QRM so will be continuing with the column. Now my problem will be getting enough information to fill it out. hi, hi.

### Hamfests upcoming

Ohio	Coalton	Apr17
Ohio	Cuyahoga Falls	Apr 18
Ohio	Athens	Apr 25
Ohio	Canfield	Apr 25
Maryland	Hagerstown	May 1
New York	Owego**	May 1
Pennsylvania	Fredricksburg	May 8

\*\* This is my home county in NY. I plan on attending this hamfest as I am from Tioga county New York.

Has anyone been on 60 meters? If so, send me a note telling your impressions. I may even add it to my April.

Apr 3-4 48<sup>th</sup> annual QCWA QSO Party.

Apr 10-18 Lighthouse Spring Lites QSO Party

Apr 14-16 SX YL-To NA YL Contest (phone)

Many state QSO Parties are scheduled. See the April issue of QST.

I was recently trying to work a DX station when I got covered up by a more powerful station belonging to an unnamed club member.. Well, I found a way to prevent that..I recently purchased a used Ameriton ALS-600 amplifier from W4THU, from Portsmouth, VA. Now I can be a big gun on the air also. hi hi.

Speaking of Jim, W4THU, I know Jim from when I lived in Virginia Beach when I got my ham license. A good ham and very knowledgeable. This brings me to my website of the month. Jim owns the Radio Works, Inc of Portsmouth, VA. A very interesting website and I recommend it looking at what he has on there ...

I don't know how many of you like contacting Special Event stations, but, there are a considerable number of them listed on the Special events station of April's QST.

That's it for this month and hope every one is doing ok..

73

de Tom N4KRA