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 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 B.V.A.R.A. monthly meeting will be held on May the 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Beaver County 911 Center, in Beaver Pa.

**CLUB T SHIRTS**

We are 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.

**PRESIDENT S'NOTES**

I would like to remind everyone that field day is less than a month away, and we need to get all of our plans together. If you are interested in helping with the covered dish dinner, please let me know at 724-758-4074 or Tom N4KRA. We will be operating 2 stations this year. I hope everyone that is able will help us set up antennas and stations as well as operate this year. I hope to see you there. 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.

Thanks, Debbie KB3EAQ

**BREEZESHOOTERS HAM FEST**

I would like to know if anyone would like to set up a table at this event as the Club has some equipment and other miscellaneous odds and ends to sell. If you would like to donate your useful old stuff that you may have laying around collecting dust, any would be appreciated.

Debbie KB3EAQ

**FROM THE DESK OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT  
BY TOM, N4KRA**

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 .Anyone interested in setting up a station let Prez, Debbie know..We also need a Field Day Chairman..

I will be bringing my Icom 718 out to field day. Let the members look at a newer rig .Speaking of rigs, My Kenwood TS-140S I got last month is working like gang busters. I like the performance. It is an older rig but it works great .similar to my TS-430S which has to go into the shop ...

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Mea Maxima Culpa. When I was talking about the website of the month last month, I forgot to put down the website. So here it is for those who asked.. I will get to this months website of the month later in the this column.

The club meeting was small in size this past month. About 7 or 8 members and no guest who did not show. We believe it may have been due to the day being Holy Thursday. And we hope every one had a Happy Easter Day with their families and friends. Tom s'(KA3YCZ) girlfriend had to work, so he spent it at home with me and the wife..(Poor kid).

Lightening season is coming up here fairly fast. Is your station properly grounded. With ground rods, rigs and accessories grounded. Besure to have your coax s'and other antenna leads properly grounded also..Remember, It is much cheaper to properly ground before hand than it is to repair or buy new equipment..

Dayton Hamvention is coming up this month. The dates are May 14, 15, & 16, 2004. I am thinking of going as I need some items and such for my station .I will probably go

Friday afternoon and return Saturday afternoon ...That is if I can get off of work on Saturday.

I found a neat Special Event going on that will take place on 29-31 May, 2004. It is the Kurt N. Sterba Strange Antenna Challenge hosted by Eric Weaver, N0EW and.

Dwayne Walker WB5PLJ. The object of this event is to construct, assemble, find or use antennas made of anything and everything except pipe, tubing, or wire and using this antenna to contact as many fellow amateurs as possible. QSL and send SASE to Eric Weaver N0EW, 4857 E. Farm Rd. #136, Springfield, MO 65809. Information: Dwayne Walker, WB5PLJ 573-230-7061; e-mail; website. (from the May 2004 World Radio Magazine)

Website of the month. This month is the site of AC6V. This site is extensive with 700 radio topics, 6,000 links and 132 pages. Compiled by Rodney R. Dinkins AC6V. Check it out.

Two other sites are KO4BB with many links also and NYLO's Notepad.

These 3 sites should keep you busy till the next QRM with my next set of notes..

I already mentioned Dayton, but before the next QRM for June gets out, we have the Breezeshooters Hamfest in Butler at the Farm Show fairgrounds. This is being held June 6, 2004. Contact or the Breezeshooters website for further information.

As usual see your May issue of QST 96 thru 102 for all the multitude of coming conventions, the Hamfest calendar, contests. Special events and W1AW schedule.

That looks to be all for now folks. So, until June issue of THE QRM, adios

73

de Tom N4KRA