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THE NET LIST

WPA CW NET..... 7:00 PM DAILY.....3.585
 TRADERS NET..... 7:00 PM MON & FRI 3.898
 HOSS TRADERS.... 8:00 PM WEDNESDAY.3.910
 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:

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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 June meeting will follow the Covered Dish Dinner on 6-25-4 at 6:30 PM.

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. The dinner is to start at 6:30 pm at shelter #4 on Friday June 25th. I will be there early to start getting the grilles ready, and the tables set up. The BVARA will be providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, bread, soft drinks, etc., so all You need to bring is Yourself, Family, Friends, and Your Covered Dish to have some fun !! 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 25th, Saturday the 26th, and Sunday the 27th. 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 25th at 6:30 PM, with a brief meeting to follow, then antenna setup. It looks like we ll'have plenty of room this year for all the operators and equipment that will be participating **HI!**

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. KB3EAQ, Debbie

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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@arrl.net

Phone: (724) 774-4173

From the desk of the 2nd VP

Field Day is the 4th 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 the Prez, Debbie know. This year we will be 2A.

The website I put in last month from April was left out When the column got typed into the QRM. So here it is again. www.radioworks.com. Jim has quite a selection of Carolina Windom wire antennas, Baluns, line isolators (for RF) and many hints for your station.

If you want a neat appearance outside your house with all the antenna cables, consider using plastic gutter downspout. Slit one side from end to end to hide the attaching screws and your cables inside. Use elbows to take around the corners. Makes a neat installation and is reusable. Also makes a great way to hide the cables in CC&R areas. Use a gutter section behind your operating station to hold the cables neatly. Make sure you use the plastic ones. (From World Radio Magazine)

Are you on 60 meters yet? Is the reason no antenna? Well Lakeview antennas has an answer for you. They make the Ham Stick antennas. Their Ham Stick #9160 antenna is for 60 meters. If you buy two you can make a dipole antenna for added enjoyment. They run about \$24.95 each.

If you do or plan on doing emergency ARES/RACES work you may be interested in the following. The connector of choice for commonality between connectors is the Anderson PowerPole. This is a neat connector that is available in various amperage ratings and the common is the 15/45 connector. Most of my rigs/power supplies, etc. are wired with the Radio Shack Molex 2 pin connectors. What I will do is wire all new equipment with the Power Poles and make connector jumpers for the rest. The new connectors are more expensive but I think worth it. This way, no matter

where you go for an emergency, you can hook up to most any power supply, etc.

I recently bought a new screwdriver antenna for my new truck. I bought the High Sierra Antenna, the model 1800 pro. It is a very well made antenna and should be a

keeper if I ever get it hooked up. It is mounted at least on the right rear bumper of my F-250. One thing I found out is that you have to use their mount to attach the antenna to anything else. The Base of the antenna is different from anything else. This is the website of the month for June. High Sierra Antennas.

Hamfests.

By the time you get this you should have new meters, dials and knob from going to Dayton in May and the Breezeshooters the first weekend of June. I enjoyed going to the BARA hamfest in Owego, NY the first of May and met some hams I have only spoken to over the radio. I also spent more money than I planned for the hamfest. Who doesn't? LOL. There are no local hamfest that I know of scheduled for the rest of June that I know of. There is one in Erie on July 10 and one in the Harrisburg area on July 4. See your QST for further information..

The ARRL JUNE VHF QSO Party is June 12- 14.
The West Virginia QSO Party is June 19-20.
The SMIRK QSO Party is June 19- 20.
The ARRL Field Day is June 26-27

For these and other contests see your June issue of QST.

There are a number of Special Event stations scheduled for June. If you are interested in working them, See your June issue of QST.

I worked the Shippingport Power Plant drill last month and it went well. I was assigned again to the Raccoon Township municipal EOC. Diane N3WPX and myself were the communicators. After turning in a recommendation sheet last drill (two years ago) we were set up better. We did find that having the PEMA radio in the same area we were was very distracting when trying to copy traffic or listen for traffic. Once we moved it to another area things went well. It would be nice if more were able to work these drills. It is good practice and helps in a real emergency.

Well, That is it for another month. Hope all are well and see you at Field day

73 Tom N4KRA

