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### **Momma Hogenmiller and Six Others grab new licenses and upgrades!**

BCARS Fuhrer, Mark Leibfried reports that, ***“On Friday the 18th and Saturday the 19th our last Ham in a Day Session was held. We had ten people test, six were successful and received Technician licenses and one went on to achieve his General license at the same event! This is by far a record of attendance for BCARS at one of the events. Of special note, Momma Hogenmiller ( John's mother ) showed John how it is done and achieved a brand new Technician license! Congratulations to all. Names***

***and call signs to follow.”*** This has to put BCARS in the top VE recruitment rankings in the region. Congratulations to Mark and his dedicated VE crew for expanding the ranks of Bedford County Ham Radio.



KE3ZT Guards BCARS Comm Van

## **Comm Van Heads to Barn**

Accepting the gracious invitation of Bernie – W3DRW, the BCARS newly tricked up comm van is headed to Chaneyville for safe winter storage. It will occupy the same space as Bernie's experimental two engine MACH-3 supersonic jet aircraft. All comfy in Bernie's barn, the comm van will look forward to another season of service in 2017. Thank you W3DRW!

## **Election Day is Coming!**

The Trump/Clinton contest pales in importance to the upcoming BCARS officer election to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> during the BCARS meeting in Room #303 in the courthouse annex at 7:30 PM. Offices in play include, President, Vice-President, One year trustee and two year trustee. Last minute nominations will be accepted at the meeting. Make sure you nominate your favorite candidate and Vote on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Extraordinary Discovery Made in Cambria County!**

While on a leisurely hike over the hills of Western Pennsylvania, K3QNT and XYL

abruptly discovered an ancient radio ruin among the valleys of Cambria County. There have been writings and sightings over the years of an VVLF (Very very low frequency) transmitter that was developed by the Shawnee Indian tribe around 187 AD. Scientists have described these early 450,000 meter transmitters as VVLF Thromdimulators, which were powered by an early version of thermocoupling using the earth's natural heat to create power.



**K3QNT XYL NEAR UNIT #1**

Each Thromdimulator unit created 1.2 Gigawatts of thermal power which was then fed via underground coaxial aqueducts to the mountain-top stalagmite antenna. All documentation of its operation has been lost to antiquity but the original power generator units remain. Coincidence?, I don't think so!

## **NORAD Tracking of Santa now in its 60<sup>th</sup> Year.**

NORAD, the North American Air Defense Command, operated by the U.S. Air Force has announced they will again use their massive radar and satellite assets to track the movement of Santa Claus on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25. It is rumored that Santa will be equipped with a state-of-the-art APRS system to make the tracking effort more effective. To learn more, visit [www.noradsanta.org](http://www.noradsanta.org).

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