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Nifty Noodles & Drones Great Success!

Created by John – KB3DFZ, *Nifty Noodles & Drones* was on display Saturday, April 8th as the Technical Expo showed off the latest technical, mechanical and electronic wonders of the 21st Century. Held at the Bedford County Technical Center, Nifty Noodles acquainted a number of young people with Ham Radio. BCARS post cards were distributed throughout. Center Director, Dave Pasquale commented it was a very satisfactory event. John displayed the latest mechanical and electronic

wonders to nearly 50 visitors who witnessed computer circuitry, geodesic domes, 3D Printing,

remotely operated helicopters and some amazing drones that can fly and take your picture at the same time!



DC to Light Ready Kit
KB3DFZ



**“Morgan Chicken”
APRS, 440,”580” & Chart**

During the event, remotely controlled helicopters took to the sky and performed acrobatic feats including, back flips and outside rolls. BCARS Member, Nick KC3FXE arrived and performed his usual Ariel photographic magic by recording the entire event on his drone-mounted HD video recorder. Nick’s work can be seen on www.bcars.org.



**Curious “Noodles” Visitors
DNB – ILF - HKZ**

H&BT Rails to Trails is assisted by BCARS

On a soggy Saturday -13 May, nine fearless BCARS Hams ventured into the wilderness of Cypher, Batesville, Locust Beach and Hopewell to assist the Annual Rails to Trails Triathlon. 24 bikers, runners and canoe enthusiasts ran, rowed and wheeled their way up and down the old H&BT right of way. BCARS provided excellent detailed tactical communications throughout the course. Participating were: KC3IFL, WB3JEK, K3QNT, KC3CMI, KE3ZT, KC3HKZ, KB3DFZ, KC3EXR & KC3FPA. Due to a total lack of cell phone service and marginal repeater coverage, the group formed a net on 146.580, the BCARS Tactical Simplex Channel.

Aided by a remote base cross band repeater, net control WB3JEK commanded the airwaves during the entire operation. The communications portion of the event was expertly organized by Events Coordinator, Steve Wurm KE3ZT.

Fortunately, no major mishaps required any urgent traffic. The H&BT mission team were pleased and grateful for the BCARS participation. After the mission, BCARS participants dined on barbecued chicken, baked potatoes and other goodies courtesy of Jana and Duane Morgan. The Morgan Farm was designated as “Morgan Chicken” for tactical call sign purposes.

Party Alert!

Be forewarned that another outstanding BCARS Picnic will be held at Merritt’s Pond also known as “Lake Kenny” on Saturday, 5 August 2017. Stay tuned to www.bcars.org for updates and details.

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at H&BT Rails to Trails
(QNT not shown for good reason)