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WALMART Rendezvous

Patti KC3DNA discovered an itinerant Ham at the WALMART who admired her call-sign license plate. As a result, her OM, Mark KC3CMF invited Matthew Mullins KD2MLR to an afternoon repast at our favorite beer joint across from the Giant. Licensed less than a year, Matt founded a new ham radio club at his school, William Patterson University in Wayne, NJ. In addition to Mark, the greeting party included WB3JEK, K3QNT, KC3IFL, KC3HKZ

& KB3DFZ. As you can see from the photo below, all present were hanging on Matt's every word. It was good to meet someone from a DX location like New Jersey. It enhances our world view.



Matt is the one at the end.

Martin Hill Returns!

Due to the assiduous and pertinacious efforts of KC3CMF, WB3JEK and KA3PNL, the newly repaired and adjusted repeater is back on the air at 146.79-OH on your radio! Use the minus 600 kHz offset and a PL tone of 123.0 Hz and you're off to the races! Initial reports from KC3AFO and others reveal significant coverage improvement despite reduced repeater output power.



How many Hams does it take to move a big & heavy repeater?

After some preliminary adjustments by our repeater "consultant" Joe WB3CZI, the repeater came up and voila! Southern Bedford County is now covered.

The new repeater can be easily worked in downtown Bedford, downtown Everett and downtown "Where the Indian used to Be." Mucho Thanks to Joe WB3CZI for his time and generosity.



Last Minute Adjustments

In addition to the repeater, an antenna was installed on the roof of the building using tried and true rigging techniques first perfected by the Carthaginian Navy. The restored 146 mHz Super Station Master now performs its duties with exactitude.



Collective Erection

APRS Improvement

John – KB3DFZ has announced the proposed installation of not one but two new APRS sites. One on Mount Dallas Everett and the other on Martin Hill at the present 146.7900 site. “these new Digipeaters will dramatically improve our APRS coverage said, “DFZ.” APRS or “Automatic Position Reporting System” uses a combination of GPS technology and amateur radio transmitters to “Digipeat” the position, direction of travel,

speed and other information to others around the globe. Locally we use 144.4900 simplex. Currently there is a APRS system at the QTH of KB3DFZ and the County Courthouse. If you would like to learn more how to initiate an APRS station, contact John – KB3DFZ.



Thank You Joe- WB3CZI

National Night Out

Once again BCARS “Showed the Flag” at the Bedford County Chamber National Night Out, which highlights the activities of public service organizations within the county. Participating with our shiny clean van (thank you WB3JEK, KC3IFL and KC3CMF) were: Lance Hogenmiller, KB3DFZ, K3QNT, KC3BTA, KB3HUA, K3SCM, KC3AFO, WB3JEK, KC3IFL, WA3UXP KC3CQH, & KC3EXR.

The van had interesting radio noises emanating from its back door, which included encrypted RTTY and code practice from W1AW.

BCARS Summer Soirée

Held at the world-class resort “Lake Kenny” aka Merrit’s Pond, dozens of BCARS members along with their OMs XYLs and SOs savored a feast of Fried Chicken Francais exquisitely prepared by the famous French Chef, Francois Montours Lafayette Gianté d’Eagle, accompanied by delicious covered dishes, salads and desserts lovingly

furnished by the XYLs. Adult beverages included local wines and cold “807s” imported from Milwaukee, Saint Louis, Golden Colorado and Pottsville, Pennsylvania.



KC3CMF (Armed) and WB3CZI Guarding the Repeater Site Propane Tanks from Terrorist Attack.



K3SCM & Linda



Two Happy Hams!

If you would like to have news of your activities published in S*H*O*R*T*S, please contact Lloyd -K3QNT at k3qnt@arri.net or 814-623-1688.