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VE Session Produces Results!

Another successful VEC session, headed up by John KB3DFZ resulted in five new licensed hams. Among them was the famous ***“Dr. Bob” Young, KC3KFX, proud father of KC3CMI and Carl Keller, KC3KFW.*** The VE session was held at the Bedford American Legion. Club officials were very pleased with the new location. In addition, thanks went out to KA3UDR and the Bedford County Christian Church for hosting us over several years. New VE sessions will be coming up shortly in 2018. Contact KB3DFZ for details.

BCARS Assists with Largest Veterans Day Parade in Bedford

A number of BCARS volunteers including KC3IFL, KA3UDR, KC3BTA, W4NMP, WB3JEK, KC3FPA, KB3DFZ, KC3HKZ, W3DRW, KE3ZT and others coordinated parade activity and traffic control by providing communications for the parade on 11 November 2017, the 99th Anniversary of Armistice Day. “Mac” and Chairman Josh Lang, congratulated BCARS for a fine turnout and assistance. Mac KC3BTA was the co-chairman of the event and K3QNT served as Keynote speaker.



Veterans Day 2017



Chairman Lang at Party

Annual BCARS Christmas Meeting/Party Elects New Officers

Over four dozen members, XYL's, SO's, children and relatives enjoyed a short business meeting and dinner at Ed's Steak House at the Interchange on 7 December. Our esteemed President WB3JEK was Master of Ceremonies. Newly elected officials included: 1 Year Trustee: KC3AFO, 5 Year Trustee: KA3UDR, Activities Manager: KE3ZT and Secretary: KB3DFZ. Joining the members was Bedford County Commissioner's Chairman, Josh Lang, currently under a recruitment effort to be licensed.

BCARS Competes in National SET Exercise

According to the Bedford County ARES Emergency Coordinator KA3UDR, BCARS participation exceeded 350 points to rank highly in the recent exercise. Historically BCARS ARES-RACES places in the top five in the Commonwealth of PA. QST will publish the results shortly. The SET (Simulated Emergency Test) was held on the first Saturday of Fall Foliage this year. Congratulations to all who participated.

**KUDOS from Bedford
County Department of
Emergency Services.**

David Cubisson, Director of Emergency Services recently congratulated BCARS and ARES-RACES for the services provided to the county. Most recently, six BCARS members stood by with radio equipment and portable emergency generators to provide power to the county polling places in the event of a power failure on election day. In an email, *Cubisson wrote, "You guys are awesome! Thank you for your efficient and immediate assistance with this project."*



**KC3BTD & Newly Elected
Secretary - KB3DFZ**



**KE3ZT -Newly re-elected
Activities Director**



New 5 Year Trustee and Yvonne

Important "HAM" Dates

Weekly Two Meter Net

Every Tuesday at 8:00 PM
on 145.490 FM & 28.450 SSB

4 January 2018 – Members
Meeting in Room #303 in the
Courthouse Annex.

9 February 2018
Orlando, Florida "**HamCation**"
ARRL Convention & Hamfest

24 February 2018
Winter Hamfest
Big Flats, NY

25 February 2018
"WashFest" South Hills
Amateur Radio Club

If you have items you wish to
have included in **S*H*O*R*T*S**,
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New 1 Year Trustee -KC3AFO



KC3FPA & Friends



Merry Christmas & 73!