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BCARS Conducts Field Day during torrential rains!

Braving Monsoon conditions, the super-tough men and women of the BCARS Field Day Team drove through driving rain and washouts to the grounds of the Pleasantville Fire Company in Alum Bank, or is it Pleasantville, PA. Among the brave and daring to participate were: Steve – KE3ZT, who arranged for the convenience and comfortable facility. Steve Elliott – KA3UDR headed up the team of weather beaten hams including, Robert – KC3CMI, Mac – KC3BTA, George -KC3EXT, Steve – KC3DNB, Josiah – KC3EXU, Bernie – W3DRW, Lloyd – K3QNT, Jay-WA3UXP, Jay -K3SCM, Kenny-WB3JEK, John- KB3DFZ, Mark – KC3CMF and Robin -KC3EXR. Classified 4-F, K3NQT was operated from four different operating positions, including a “remote” CW station operated by K3QNT from the EOC at the courthouse. Despite horrific band conditions, especially on 20 and 15 meters, BCARS fared pretty well scoring slightly less than last year.



KC3CMI operating on 20 meters

The courthouse CW operation enabled the club to qualify for its EOC status. The new HF antenna and club Kenwood TS-2000 worked very satisfactorily. Kenny Burtnett – WB3JEK operated out of the rain in the comfort of his motor home. Kenny used is trusty 40 meter Inverted “Vee” mounted on the special RV bracket atop the vehicle.



WB3JEK Inverted Vee

A huge team effort resulted in the erection of the BCARS tower trailer despite eight inch water at the base.



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VE EXAMS RESULT IN UPGRADES!

Three of our company upgraded to General while dodging rain drops in the outdoor pavilion. Promoted from Tech to General were: Robin- KC3EXR, George – KC3EXT and Josiah – KC3EXU. Congratulations to all!

HF EFFORTS PAY OFF AT FIELD DAY

Despite the poor propagation, WB3JEK and others persisted on 40 meters, 75 meters, 20 15 and even 10 meters both days.



HF Set up in Gazebo at Fire Hall

K3QNT sacrificed the food and fellowship and operated CW from the climate controlled and dry radio room at the EOC. He maintained communications with the Field Day site on the BCARS repeater.



K3NQT (Key not Shown)

**Congratulations to
everyone for a successful
Field Day 2015.**

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