

# SHORTS

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### **BCARS SUPPORTS FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL 2015**

There is a time-tested saying in Emergency Management planning, *"Disasters rarely occur in nice weather."* The weekend of 3 & 4 October 2015, certainly illustrated to the volunteers of BCARS who participated in the Simulated Test Exercise (SET) during the first week of Fall Foliage that the old saw may be true. Cold and rainy weather made set up and deployment more difficult and uncomfortable but demonstrated what its like during the real thing. In addition to deploying over a dozen BCARS members, a VHF and HF station was on the air passing traffic to and from five counties in the region. The drill scenario included a collision between a private

aircraft and a military Apache Helicopter at the Bedford County Regional Airport. The drill accident caused a HAZMAT spill and closure of most of the area road arteries around Bedford, including I-99 and Route 30. K3NQT operated on VHF & HF WinLink, CW and SSB.

However, the second week of the festival was spectacular and brought tens of thousands of visitors to Bedford. In addition to our routine traffic, bus dispatch and other duties, BCARS volunteers participated in a small search and rescue for a seven year old boy and an elderly lady who got on the wrong bus. Festival President Kevin Hampson – KC3BTC congratulated BCARS on another year of exceptional service.



**Rainy Banner Operation at Courthouse Parking Lot**



**“SET” HF Station -K3NQ7**

*Shortly our esteemed Emergency Coordinator, (EC) **KA3UDR**, will be filing our SET report to the ARRL. We anticipate that BCARS will once again be in a leadership position in WPA and national SET rankings. These results will be published in a future QST.*

### **Fall Foliage Festival**

**thanks:** KC3EXR, KA3UDR, W3DRW, KC3BTC, KC3BTA, KA3PNL, K3QNT, WB3JEK, KC3CMI, KC3CMF

KB3DFZ, AB3LP, KC3BTH, KB3HUA, KC3BTD, KB3LSH, KA3UDR, KE3ZT & WA3UXP.



**Net Control KA3UDR**

## ***My Shack!***

**S\*H\*O\*R\*T\*S** visited Kenny Burtnett - WB3JEK to observe operations in Studio "B" of Kenny's QTH. Carefully disguised as a garage, Kenny has installed a significant amount of radio communications apparatus in his radio room, which also serves as a well equipped auto and mechanics shop. Kenny says he is fully operational with his trusty Kenwood TS-430, and several VHF, APRS and UHF rigs to keep him company while creating some new mechanical breakthrough, such as sawing a nice big hole in K3QNT's Jeep!



**Kenny - WB3JEK**

*Studio "B" also employs emergency power from a combination of gasoline, solar and battery power sources. In addition to the multiple shacks, there are no less than two mobile stations operating at WB3JEK. Kenny checks into a number of daily nets including: ECARS 7.255, MIDCARS -7.258, SOUTHCARS 7.251 and the WPAPTN. Kenny's "Studio "A", is in the Burtnett residence within an EMP protected, highly classified and secure area.*





**KC3CMI on duty at  
Fall Foliage Festival**

## REMINDERS!!

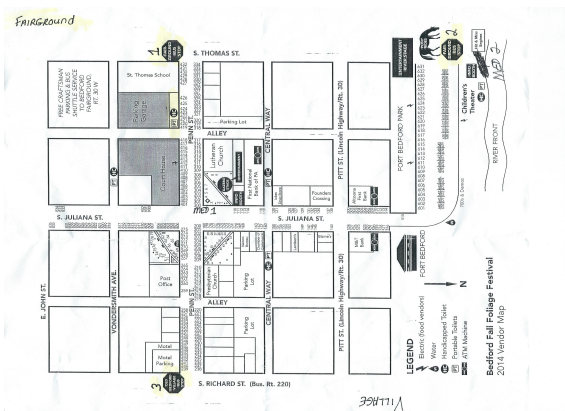
If you haven't gotten on the BCARS email mailing list, contact KB3DFZ. Right away. It's free!



**Undercover Black OPS Team  
in BCARS Bunker**

## **AUXCOMM**

*is coming.....*



**Fall Foliage Map**

**Plans are afoot to replace the traditional ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) and RACES Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service with AUXCOMM (Auxiliary Communications). In June of this year, WPA District Emergency Coordinator, of District Two South (K3QNT) attended a two-day course conducted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).**

***While attending the comprehensive AUXCOMM course, which seeks to familiarize licensed hams with federal and state EMComm procedures, K3QNT learned that PEMA in particular is eager to simplify the process from an emergency management perspective. State AUXCOMM coordinator Susan Singer, KB3KDC, is leading the initiative to make the change. RACES was originally formed by FCC mandate under Part 73 of the commissions rules to enable Ham Operators to take on additional communications responsibility during national emergencies. ARES, formerly AREC was created by the ARRL as a public service organization. No formal action has been taken as of this date. You may wish to make your views about this proposed change known to KB3KDC at PEMA in Harrisburg.***



## ***HAM LUNCHEON***

***Some of us in BCARS, check into the nightly Western Pennsylvania Phone Traffic Net. (WPAPTN) This net is part of the ARRL National Traffic System and has been on the air continuously on 3983 kcs nightly without fail since 1974! On Saturday 17 October, KA3UDR and WB3JEK suggested in order to represent BCARS, I should attend their annual luncheon in Foxburg, PA on the Allegheny River. What Steve and Kenny failed to tell me***

***was the Foxburg is in suburban Canada! After driving for several hours through the mountains and valleys of Western PA, I arrived to meet many folks who I only know on the radio. Great time.***

***Editor***



***K3MIY - WB3ING- N3KB -KA3CQM  
and others.....***

***Don't forget, if you have any  
contributions to  
make to S\*H\*O\*R\*T\*S***

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