

April Meeting

The next regular membership meeting will be on April 12th at 10:00AM in the Everett Activities Center. Our guest speaker will be Mark Weinberg, K9PET, to give us a presentation on his DXpedition to Antarctica. We will also update status on Field Day and other items of interest. Since the Stanwood Hamfest falls on the 2nd Saturday of May, we will not be having a membership meeting next month in order to allow everyone to attend the hamfest.

Upcoming Operating Activities

In April the Missouri, Georgia, Michigan, Florida, Montana, Nebraska, and Ontario QSO parties are scheduled. Also, the Japan International DX CW contest is scheduled as well as the Kids Roundup, which is a great way to get your kids and their friends involved in amateur radio. See the current issues of CQ and QST magazines for contest dates, times, and rules.

7-Land QSO Party

Another reminder, the 7-Land QSO Party will be held on May 3rd-4th. There are some rule changes again this year so be sure to visit the official 7QP website for the particulars. There is a link to the website on the BEARONS homepage. The goal of the 7QP is to activate all 259 counties in the 7th call area. There are a number of computer logging programs that support this contest.

Odds And Ends

There is an excellent article on how to correctly assemble and install N-type coaxial connectors in the April 2008 edition of QST. The article appears on page 69.

ARRL Newsletters

Are you subscribed to any of the newsletters that the ARRL publishes? If not, here's a list of what's currently available:

The ARRL Letter – published weekly, contains a news summary of all things amateur radio related.

The Contester's Rate Sheet – edited by local ham Ward Silver, NØAX. Published every two weeks, it contains a comprehensive contest calendar with articles and technical content.

The ARES E-Letter – a monthly publication – it is a source of news of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

The VE E-Express Newsletter – published 4 to 6 times per year, this document keeps Volunteer Examiners up to date on the ARRL VEC program and other items of interest to VEs.

BEARONS VE Testing

There will be a VE test session on Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

2008 Pacific Northwest DX Convention

The 53rd annual Pacific NW DX Convention will be held on August 1st – 3rd at the Monarch Hotel in Portland, OR. Questions about the event should be directed to Al Rovner, K7AR, at k7ar@arrl.net