

May Meeting

The next regular membership meeting will be on May 21st, 2007 at 6:30PM at Alf's Pizza in Silver Lake. This will be our last meeting prior to Field Day so please make plans to attend. We will also provide an update on the 787 rollout special event and other items of interest.

Upcoming Operating Activities

In May, the major operating events are the 7-Land QSO Party, Indiana QSO Party, New England QSO Party, Mid-Atlantic QSO Party, and the CQ WW WPX CW contest.

Guide Dog Run

Don't forget about the Guide Dog Run on Saturday, May 19th. If you are interested in helping out with this event, contact Mike Atwood, N7XLF, at SAR2424@aol.com

7-Land QSO Party

The 7-Land QSO Party was held on May 5th and 6th. From early reports, it looks like the contest had another outstanding turnout and a good many of the 259 counties in the 7th call area were activated. Band conditions were so-so and 10 and 15 meter band openings never materialized so 20 meters was where the vast majority of activity took place. At last check of the 7QP website, 195 logs have been submitted for this year's event. The deadline for log submission is still a ways off so expect that total to grow.

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, May 23rd at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

Field Day 2007

Field Day 2007 is fast approaching. If you haven't made plans yet to participate, now is the time. BEARONS will be having their Field Day again this year at Dwayne Broderson's home QTH. Additional details will be forthcoming on the website and June newsletter.

New Products

MFJ has a new 144/440 MHz yagi antenna – the MFJ-1760 antenna has 3 elements on 144 MHz and 5 elements on 440 MHz utilizing a common boom. Boom length is 45 inches and the longest element is 40 inches long. It will handle up to 500 watts and works with masts up to 1.5 inches in diameter. Price is \$79.95