

Next Meeting

There is no club meeting in May due to the Stanwood Hamfest – BUT, we may elect to have a meeting in early June but that has not yet been decided. If we do decide to have one, we will notify everyone via e-mail and the club's website so keep checking both periodically.

Stanwood Hamfest

The Stanwood Hamfest will be held on Saturday, May 9th, 2009, at the Stanwood Middle School from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. VE Testing will be available at the hamfest. BEARONS will have a sales table so if you are attending and have something you want to sell, bring it along.

Upcoming Operating Activities

State QSO parties in April/May are – Missouri (4/4-4/5), Georgia (4/11-4/12), Michigan (4/18-4/19), Florida and Nebraska (4/25-4/26), Indiana (5/2-5/3). Other major events include the 7-Land QSO Party (5/2-5/3), New England QSO Party (5/2-5/3), and the CQ WW WPX CW Contest (5/30-5/31).

BEARS/7 50th Anniversary

K7NWS, our sister club in the south end will be celebrating their 50th anniversary shortly. They have a special event planned to commemorate the milestone. Special call sign K7B will be on the air on May 16th, 2009, from 1600Z to 2359Z. Frequencies are 14.275 for SSB and 14.125 for CW. QSL to BEARS Trustee, 19221 Normandy Park Dr. SW, Seattle, WA. 98166.

BEARONS VE Testing

The next scheduled BEARONS VE test session will be on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

7-Land QSO Party (7QP)

This year's 7QP will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2009, beginning at 1300Z and ending at 0700Z on May 3rd. Complete rules and details can be found at <http://www.7qp.org> – the goal of the event is to activate all 259 counties in the 7th call area. If anyone is interested in putting the club call on the air for this event, please coordinate with Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, prior to doing so as there are some specific operating and logging requirements that must be observed. Although there is no specific operating category for clubs in this contest, there are other categories that will fit for a club operation. It would be great if we could get the club's call on the air for this one – let's talk if you're interested. That same weekend is also the Indiana QSO Party and the New England QSO Party and all of the folks operating in those contests will be looking for participants in the 7QP and vice-versa.

Guide Dog Run 2009

The 2009 Guide Dog Run will be held on Saturday, June 6. BEARONS has traditionally provided communications support for this event and we will be discussing the details of this in upcoming club meetings. Mark your calendars now!! We are still looking for additional help for this event, contact Mike Atwood, N7XLF, if you're interested in helping out.

BEARONS E-mail Distribution

We've had some on-going issues with e-mail distribution of the newsletter and other items. Please make sure that the e-mail address you have on file with Annie Wright, AA7AG, is current and correct. A number of folks have mentioned that they aren't getting the newsletters and announcements and the reason is most likely that the e-mail address we have on file for you is no longer valid. Also, please make sure your e-mail's spam filter isn't treating the club's e-mails as spam.