

Next Meeting

The next BEARONS general membership meeting will be on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 10:00AM at the Everett Activities Center.

Upcoming Operating Activities

This month features state QSO parties for Maryland-DC on the 9th and 10th, New Jersey on the 16th-18th, Ohio and Hawaii on the 23rd-24th.

Also, other major events this month include the European HF Championship, North American QSO Parties for both CW and SSB.

K7P Special Event Station

On October 18th and 19th, BEARONS in conjunction with the Stanwood-Camano ARC will be running a special event to commemorate the re-opening of Cama Beach State Park on Camano Island. The plan is to have two SSB stations and a third station to run CW and provide SSB back-up. All three stations will be located on Camano Island for this event. An announcement for the event can be found on the ARRL website. Both the BEARONS and SCARC websites have dedicated pages providing the details of the operation and they will be updated as more information becomes available. The special 1X1 callsign K7P (Kilo Seven Park) was obtained for this event.

Salmon Run 2008

This year's rendition of the Washington State QSO Party, aka Salmon Run, will be held on September 20th and 21st. BEARONS is the defending club category champion and we will be working the QSO Party from the QTH of Dwayne Broderson, W7GD, on Camano Island (Island county). There are some rule/op category changes for this year's event. For WA clubs, there are two categories – multi-op single transmitter or multi-op two transmitter. All ops must be club members and the operations must be mixed-mode only.

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, August 27th at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

Field Day 2008

All of the necessary back-up data and summary sheet that comprise the complete FD entry for BEARONS was submitted to the ARRL. Briefly, we completed a total of 611 QSOs this year, 387 by CW and 224 by SSB. We claimed 750 bonus points which gives us a total claimed score of 2746. We also submitted our entry to the BEARS in St. Louis for the annual Boeing Field Day competition. Again, a big thank you to Dwayne and Judy Broderson, who were gracious hosts for the BEARONS FD operation this year.

Elecraft K3 Kit Build

Next month's issue of the newsletter will feature a review of KN7T's new Elecraft K3 transceiver kit build-up complete with detailed information and photos.