

## January Meeting

The January general membership meeting will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 10:00AM at the Everett Activities Center.

## December Meeting Summary

There was some discussion regarding the upcoming 787 rollout event and the possibility of the company asking for communications support, much like what was done when the same event for 777 occurred. Another item that was brought forward was possible club member involvement with communications support for the Arlington Airshow.

## Upcoming Operating Activities

Major operating events in December include the annual 160 meter and 10 meter contests. Also, Straight Key Night (SKN) will be on New Year's Eve so get those straight keys out, lubed up and ready to go. The New Mexico QSO Party is also slated for December. For the last 2 weeks of the month, the Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party will be in full swing. The VU7 Dxpediton to the Lakshadweep Islands is in operation for the entire month of December – this DX entity is number 2 on the top-100 most wanted DX list. There will be a second Dxpediton to Lakshadweep following the conclusion of the current operation and will run through a good part of January.

## Update on FCC Report And Order

The FCC Report and Order FCC 06-149 is now in effect, so expanded privileges for certain license classes can be taken advantage of. In late breaking news, the FCC has modified the licensing requirements to eliminate the Morse code testing for all license classes. The effective date of the no-code change has not yet been determined.

## 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.

## New Products

Alpha Radio Products has replaced its venerable model 99 linear amplifier with the new model 8100. It's a manually tuned unit for 160 through 10 meters and rated at 1500 watts output. The 8100 features all-new circuit cards and a new digital control board. Also included are USB and RS-232 serial ports. Line voltage is tap selectable and the amplifier is full QSK capable. Price is \$4850.

MFJ is now offering a large SWR/wattmeter, measuring 6.5 inches diagonally. The MFJ-868 is rated for use from 1.8 to 30 MHz and has ranges for 20/200/2000 watts as well as peak or average reading. A 9 volt battery or external 12 VDC supply is required. Price is \$139.

## BEARONS VE Testing

There is no more BEARONS VE testing this year. Testing will resume in January 2007. Please consult the BEARONS website for the 2007 testing schedule.

## Classifieds

**For sale:** Ameritron AL-80B linear amplifier. Unit is new with less than an hour of actual operating time. Price is \$1000. Contact Bill Kuder, W7PTT, e-mail: [W7PTT@aol.com](mailto:W7PTT@aol.com)

**For sale:** Two (2) military surplus mast kits – each is complete with everything needed to assemble a single 40 foot mast. Each kit includes: mast sections w/carrier and cover, swivel base, base plate, guy rings, guy rope assemblies, guy stakes, stake swivels and clips, halyard with pulley, and a small sledge

hammer. Yes, these are the mast kits that are most sought after but no longer available in the regular military surplus outlets – nearly impossible to find at hamfests or on E-bay. The ONLY reason I'm selling these is because I purchased an AB-577 tower and can't justify keeping these around for a "rainy day". These are medium duty units and can be deployed for long periods of time with virtually no maintenance required. Most popular use is as a center support for an inverted vee. Use two of them together to form a support system for a flat-top. Can't be beat in a Field Day application!! Price is \$150/ea. Contact Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, 425-486-6275.