

Next Club Meeting

The next scheduled club meeting will be on Saturday, February 9th, @ 10:00AM at the Boeing Everett Activities Center. Tentatively, a representative from the Western Washington DX Club will be on hand to present the club with it's first place plaque for the 2007 Washington State QSO Party (Salmon Run). We will also be discussing the results of the Field Day poll and laying the ground work for the planning to support. Don't forget that membership renewals are now due for 2008. You can find the necessary forms on the club's website or you can fill out the copy of the forms provided with the electronic mailing of this newsletter and return them to the club's Treasurer, Annie Wright, AA7AG.

Upcoming Operating Activities

For the month of February, the following states will be holding their annual QSO parties: Minnesota, Vermont, Delaware, Louisiana, Mississippi and North Carolina. Other major contest events include the North American CW Sprint, CQ WW RTTY WPX, North American SSB Sprint, and the CQ WW DX 160 Meter SSB contest.. The last big CW DX contest of the season, the ARRL DX CW contest is February 16th & 17th. See the latest editions of QST, CQ, and NCJ for all the rules and exact dates/times.

Communications Academy 2008

The Tenth Annual Communications Academy will be held April 5th-6th, 2008 at South Seattle Community College. The theme for this year's conference is: "The Next Disaster is Ready for You -- Are You Ready for it?" There will be a keynote speaker on both Saturday and Sunday, followed by five concurrent breakout sessions throughout each day. The new facility provides us with better conference and class room space, and a better location for vehicle displays. This year, lunches will be incorporated into the registration price for the first time. (There are no readily available fast-food or casual dining restaurants in the immediate area.) For more information, visit the Communications Academy website at:

<http://www.CommAcademy.org>

ARRL Newsletters and Publications

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.

Ham Radio Training Classes

SECAST will be holding class sessions on February 15th, 16th, and 17th. Also, Microhams has several offerings for training classes again this year. For details on both the Snoqualmie and Microhams classes, see the "Announcements" page on the BEARONS website.

BEARONS VE Testing

The next BEARONS VE test session will be held on Wednesday, February 27th at the Everett Activities Center at 6:30PM.

Puyallup Hamfest

The Puyallup Hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at the Western Washington Fairgrounds. There will be no BEARONS club meeting in March so that everyone can attend the area's largest hamfest.

Classifieds

For Sale: Timewave DSP-599zx digital signal processor. Excellent condition, includes power cable and manual. \$250. Mark McLaughlin, KN7T, EvernhamMS91@verizon.net

For Sale: Icom IC-756 PRO II HF Transceiver. 160 through 6 Meters, all modes – 100 watts. Color display, IF-DSP filtering, bandscope, INRAD roofing filter modification installed. Includes hand mic, power cable, and manual. Excellent Condition. \$1600. Mark McLaughlin, KN7T, EvernhamMS91@verizon.net

