

## February Meeting

The February general membership meeting will be held at the Everett Activities Center on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at 10:00AM. We're in the process of putting together a program for this meeting so the details have not yet been finalized. There will be a number of items we plan to discuss so be sure and plan to attend.

## Results – 2008 Salmon Run

The results for the 2008 Washington State QSO Party are now available on the Western Washington DX Club website, at

<http://www.wwdxc.org>

BEARONS came in first place for the club competition – this is the second year in a row that we have taken the club category title. Our sister club, K7NWS, took second place. The W7FLY submitted score was just under 220,000 points. We worked 35 of the 39 Washington counties.

## Upcoming Operating Activities

County hunters, it's time to get revved up, February kicks off the state QSO party circuit: Vermont (2/7-2/8), Minnesota (2/7), Delaware (2/7-2/9), New Mexico (2/7-2/8), Northern New York (2/14-2/15), New Hampshire (2/14-2/15), Louisiana (2/14-2/15), and Mississippi (2/28-3/1). Other major contests during the month of February are: North American CW Sprint (2/8), School Club Roundup (2/9-2/13), CQ WW RTTY WPX (2/14-2/15), North American SSB Sprint (2/15), ARRL DX CW Contest (2/21-2/22), North American RTTY QSO Party (2/28-3/1), CQ WW 160 SSB Contest (2/28-3/1).

## BEARONS VE Testing

The next scheduled BEARONS VE test session will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

## Tidbits, Odds and Ends

The Puyallup Hamfest this year is scheduled for Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. This is one week earlier than it normally occurs and it will not conflict with our March general membership meeting should we decide to go ahead and schedule one. BEARONS will have a table at the hamfest so if you have some stuff you'd like to sell, contact one of the club officers for details. Also, the club will be ordering tickets for any member who wishes to attend the event – an earlier e-mail was sent to everyone so please be sure and respond if you want to have the club order a ticket for you. The deadline for response is February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Yaesu FTDX9000 owners, be advised that Yaesu is now offering what appears to be a no-charge hardware and firmware upgrades program for your radio. Contact Yaesu for details. Yaesu indicates that they will provide no charge parts and labor, including shipping to and from your QTH – sounds like a deal!!

## What's New

Array Solutions has several new product offerings.

The QSK Master is an external QSK switching add-on for your existing non-QSK amplifier. Also, the SWSD-1 is a single wire, single direction Beverage antenna system. It comes with a receiver matching transformer assembly and a 10-watt non-inductive terminating resistor assembly. Both come in weatherproof enclosures. Operation is from 1.8 to 30 MHz and interfaces to your receiver with standard 50 ohm cable.

MFJ is now offering a 300 watt dry dummy load that is good up through 3 GHz. A new high-tech metal film resistor provides low SWR all the way up to 3 GHz. It will handle 125 watts continuous and 300 watts for 10 seconds.

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