

February Meeting

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

January Meeting Summary

It's time to start membership renewals for 2007. Forms are available in PDF format on the club's website on the "Other Links" page. Print out the membership form (2 pages), fill it out, and send it in along with the appropriate amount of dues to the addressee specified on the form. You can also bring filled out forms to the next club meeting and turn them in there. The company is having a meeting in early February to discuss the 787 rollout activities and club president Mike Wuerth is supposed to be on the invitee list. The club will be having a special event station to commemorate the rollout ceremony. Mark McLaughlin has the action to make sure that the club membership meetings and VE test sessions are scheduled through Recreation for 2007.

Upcoming Operating Activities

For the remainder of January, the CQ 160 meter CW contest is scheduled. In addition, the second Dxpedition to Lakshadweep is now active as VU7RG - they have been heard on 40 meters CW in the local area in the early evening hours, around 0100Z or so. In February, the first of the state QSO parties are scheduled with Vermont, Minnesota, Delaware, and North Carolina on the docket. Other significant events in February include the ARRL International DX contests, North American Sprints, and the ARRL School Club Roundup.

Update on FCC Report And Order

The latest update on the elimination of the morse code testing element for amateurs is that it will likely take effect on February 24th. Keep watching the ARRL website and other amateur radio websites for the most current information.

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.

Puyallup Hamfest

The 2007 Puyallup Hamfest is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in Puyallup, WA. The scheduled start time is 9:00AM. A copy of the hamfest flyer is available on the club's website on the "Other Links" page.

NWAPRS Winter Gathering

The 2007 NWAPRS Winter Gathering is being combined this year with the Microhams Digital Conference event to be held on Saturday, February 24th, 2007, at the Microsoft Redmond campus. Pre-registration for this event is required due to space limitations and parking requirements. Additional information on the event is posted on the "Announcements" page of the BEARONS website.

Technician Training Class

The Sky Valley Amateur Radio Club is offering their 2007 Technician training class. The course is 8 weeks long and will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM to 8:30PM beginning February 6th, at the Monroe Community Chapel, 23515 Old Owens Road, Monroe, WA. There is no fee for the course but registration is required and students are expected to obtain their own study materials and complete the first reading assignment prior to the start of the course. The textbook to be used is the "Ham Radio License Manual", published by the ARRL, 2006. Students may register by contacting Dave Axe, W7AGJ, at 360-793-2526, or by e-mail to axeco@juno.com

Visalia International DX Convention 2007

The 2007 International DX Convention will be held on April 27th, 28th and 29th at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Visalia, California. This is an ARRL sanctioned event that is sponsored this year by the North California DX Club. Information is available at: www.dxconvention.org

New Products

MFJ is now offering a transceiver voltage conditioner. The MFJ-4403 is designed to protect transceivers and other equipment using 13.8 VDC as a source. It is intended mainly for mobile and portable stations. The unit features reverse voltage, overvoltage, voltage transient, and short circuit protection,

as well as noise and ripple filtering. Anderson Powerpole connectors are used for the DC input and output. Price is \$119.95.

BEARONS VE Testing

There is a BEARONS VE test session scheduled for Wednesday, January 24th, 2007, at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

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

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 McLaughlin, KN7T, 425-486-6275.