

## Next Club Meeting

The next scheduled club meeting will be on Saturday, January 12th, @ 10:00AM at the Boeing Everett Activities Center. For this month's program - Ed Martin will be giving us our "annual" BACS update.

## Upcoming Operating Activities

By the time this newsletter is released, Straight Key Night will already be history – hopefully you were able to get on the air and pound some brass the old-fashioned way. Mark McLaughlin, KN7T, worked 18 contacts during the official contest period. There was no lack of straight key CW to be heard on the bands and many participants were also using vintage or homebrew gear. The weekend of January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> brings the annual rendition of the ARRL RTTY Roundup as well as the Kid's Day Operating Activity. The North American CW QSO Party will on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the following weekend is the Phone portion of the contest. The CQ WW 160 Meter CW Contest rounds out the month on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Next month begins the annual cavalcade of state QSO parties with Minnesota, Vermont and Delaware kicking things off.

## 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.

## New Products

MFJ now has a giant-sized SWR/wattmeter for 144, 220, and 440 MHz. The MFJ-867 features a meter face that measures 6.5 inches diagonally. The meter will read both peak and average power with meter ranges of 20/200/400 watts. The meter will run on either a 9V battery or a 12VDC supply. Price is \$149.

## BEARONS VE Testing

The first BEARONS VE test session for 2008 will be held on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30PM at the Boeing Everett Activities Center. The club webpage has been updated to show all 2008 BEARONS VE test session dates.

## Classifieds

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

**For Sale:** MFJ-962D Versa Tuner III (roller inductor), w/manual. Good condition. \$135. Mark McLaughlin, KN7T, [EvernhamMS91@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:EvernhamMS91@verizon.net)