

Next Club Meeting

There is no general membership meeting in August. The next scheduled club meeting will be on September 8th, 2007, at the Boeing Everett Activities Center.

Upcoming Operating Activities

The North American CW and SSB QSO Parties occur in August as do the New Jersey, Ohio, Maryland-DC, and Hawaii QSO Parties. The 2007 edition of the Washington State QSO Party will be in September so make plans now to participate.

Field Day 2007 Wrap-Up

BEARONS Field Day 2007 was a big success. The club posted its highest ever score for Field Day, which bodes very well since we are at the bottom of the current solar cycle. Our final score, including all bonus points, was 3904. That represents a total of 965 QSOs plus the 770 bonus points. We operated in Class 3E this year – all stations used 12 VDC battery power using solar panel charging to sustain the batteries. We had increased participation this year and had visitors from local emergency agencies and other local area hams. Site set-up went smoothly, the only real problem that was encountered was the discovery that the CW station's antenna was pointing the wrong direction for the first couple of hours of the event which didn't help the CW QSO totals. Band conditions were so-so but there was no lack of activity. 20 meters was by far the most active band. 10 and 15 never opened up but a small number of local QSOs were accomplished on those bands. 40 meters came alive in late afternoon and all through the night as did 75/80 meters. Again, a special thanks to Dwayne and Judy Broderson for hosting this year's Field Day. It's always a treat to do Field Day from their QTH.

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.

BEARONS VE Testing

There will be a VE test session on Wednesday, August 22nd at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

787 Rollout Event Wrap-Up

The BEARONS 787 Rollout Special Event took place on Sunday July 8th, 2007. The event was hosted by Mark McLaughlin, KN7T, on behalf of the BEARONS. The special event station was a temporary set-up in the garage, using existing antennas on the property. The event kicked off promptly at 1800Z and there were large pile-ups on the event frequencies all day long. Other participating stations were WOMA (St. Louis) and K7NWS (Kent). All tolled, the 3 event stations were able to make more than 1300 QSOs in just 9 hours of operation. QSL requests are still coming in from all over and we are in the process of creating the special event certificate that will be mailed to all stations that sent a card/request. There was a very high interest level and participation in the amateur community for this event. At the end of the

event at 0000Z, stations were still calling trying to make contact with us. The special event operators for BEARONS were Annie Wright, AA7AG, Lloyd Hopkins, N7LH, and Mark McLauchlin, KN7T.

7QP Wrap-Up

The results of the 2007 7-Land QSO Party were posted to the official 7QP website at the end of June. A total of 207 out of the 259 counties in the 7 call area were activated for the event. The top five finishers in the single operator, high power category were: K7L, K7RL, NN7ZZ, AF7Y, and K7QQ. The top five finishers in single operator, low power were: K7NJ, KN7T, K7RE, W3CP, and NQ7R. Participation was very good again this year and it is hopeful that it will continue to grow as this contest gains popularity.

Classifieds

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

For Sale: Grab bag of 39 FT-243 crystals. Various frequencies. \$30. Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, EvernhamMS91@verizon.net

For Sale: Two (2) AB-155 military mast kits (40 feet), complete. \$150/ea. Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, EvernhamMS91@verizon.net

For Sale: MFJ-962D Versa Tuner III (roller inductor), w/manual. Good condition. \$150. Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, EvernhamMS91@verizon.net

For Sale: B&W BWD-90 folded dipole antenna, w/center mounting kit. Used less than 1 year. \$100. Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, EvernhamMS91@verizon.net