

Next Meeting

Since we didn't have a May meeting, we've decided to have a pre-Field Day planning meeting. This will be a pizza dinner meeting at Alfy's in Silver Lake on Thursday, June 12th starting at 6:00PM. We'll cover the pertinent details for the upcoming ARRL Field Day event scheduled for June 28th and 29th. Make plans to attend this important meeting. In an effort to maintain continuity over the summer months, we will try to have some sort of club meeting in July and August. In the past we have typically not held meetings in those months.

Upcoming Operating Activities

This month features state QSO parties for Alabama on June 7th and 8th and West Virginia on June 14th and 15th. Other major activities include the ARRL VHF QSO Party on June 14th-16th and of course the grand daddy of them all, Field Day on June 28th and 29th.

Recently, there have been a number of decent band openings on 6 and 10 meters so keep your ears open in the evenings, you never know when an opening will pop up this time of year.

Special Offer to Club Members

With Executive Board approval, a number of club assets are going to be liquidated in order to pare down excessive inventory that is not used enough to warrant keeping. For sale are the following items (all items are used): Military mast kit, 1 ea. - \$60. This is the full size 40 foot kit which includes all of the necessary hardware and guy ropes. Two (2) Cushcraft A3S tri-band beam antennas (10, 15 and 20 meters). \$150/ea. If you are interested in any of these items, contact Dwayne Broderson, W7GD. Items will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. If these items are not sold prior to the issuance of the July newsletter, they will then be offered for sale to the general public at increased prices. Proceeds from these sales will go directly into the club's existing accounts.

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, June 25th at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

2008 Pacific Northwest DX Convention

The 53rd annual Pacific NW DX Convention will be held on August 1st – 3rd at the Monarch Hotel in Portland, OR. Questions about the event should be directed to Al Rovner, K7AR, at k7ar@arrl.net

Field Day 2008

BEARONS will be participating in Field Day this year. Once again, we will be up at Dwayne and Judy Broderson's QTH on Camano Island for the event. We are having a pre-Field Day planning meeting on June 12th which is detailed in the "Next Meeting" section. Once we've finalized our plans, an e-mail will be sent out to everyone that will include all of the necessary information you need to know for BEARONS Field Day activities.