

Next Meeting

There will be no club meeting in June as Field Day on June 27th and 28th will serve in that regard. The next scheduled general membership meeting will likely be in August as we normally don't have a July meeting due to family vacations, etc. Should we decide to do something different, we will notify everyone via an e-mail announcement.

Stanwood Hamfest

The Stanwood Hamfest was held on Saturday, May 9th. BEARONS had a table at the event and several members had items up for sale. The event seemed very well attended given the current economic realities. We were unable to sell the club's Yaesu VHF/UHF radio but another attempt will be made down at the upcoming Seaside Hamfest. We also were not able to sell the spare Cushcraft A3 either. A special thanks to John McCann, N7MZ, and the entire team at the Stanwood-Camano ARC for putting on yet another quality event.

Upcoming Operating Activities

State QSO parties in June are – Alabama (6th and 7th) and West Virginia (20th and 21st). Other major events: IARU Region 1 Field Day (6th and 7th), June VHF QSO Party (13th – 15th), Kids Day (20th), and ARRL Field Day (27th and 28th).

Kansas QSO Party

After an absence of 6 years, the Kansas QSO Party returns for 2009. One of our sister clubs, BEARS in Wichita is the co-sponsor of the contest. Dates for the event are August 29th and 30th. Take advantage of the opportunity to work those rare Kansas counties!

Band Openings

Over the last several days, band conditions on 10, 15, and 20 meters have been outstanding. As an example, 20 meters was active nearly 24/7 during last weekend's CQ WPX contest with lots of DX stations with good signals able to be heard in our part of the USA. Last night,

KN7T was able to work special event station 8N6ODXRC located on Okinawa at approximately 0800Z. 15 meters was very active during last weekend's WPX contest and several strong 10 meter beacons have been heard nightly so take advantage of the propagation!

BEARONS VE Testing

The next scheduled BEARONS VE test session will be on Wednesday, June 24th, 2009 at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.

Field Day 2009

Field Day 2009 is fast approaching. We will again have the BEARONS Field Day up at Dwayne and Judy Broderson's QTH on Camano Island. The present plan calls for us to have 3 stations again this year, 1 for SSB, 1 for UHF/VHF, and 1 for CW. We are planning to operate primarily from 12 VDC battery power but will have a generator available should the need arise. As this is typically the largest event of the year for BEARONS, it would be nice to have a majority turnout for it. Our biggest concern is always safety as it pertains to the setting up and taking down of temporary antennas. The more folks we have available to lend a hand, the safer we can make it for everyone involved. We encourage everyone to come up and participate in whatever capacity you are comfortable with – whether it be just helping set-up and teardown or also to get behind a radio and make some contacts. We'd like to have everyone show up for set-up activities on Saturday, June 27th at 8:00AM. This should give us plenty of time to get everything done before the opening bell. Similarly, we'd like to have everyone available to help teardown on Sunday, June 28th, at 11:00AM. For additional information and/or driving instructions, contact Dwayne Broderson, W7GD.

Guide Dog Run 2009

The 2009 Guide Dog Run will be held on Saturday, June 6th. We are still looking for additional help for this event, contact Mike Atwood, N7XLF, if you're interested in helping out