

April Meeting

The next regular membership meeting will be on April 14th, 2007 at 10:00AM in the Everett Activities Center. We have a number of items to talk about including Field Day and the 787 rollout special event station.

Upcoming Operating Activities

In April the Missouri, Georgia, Michigan, Florida, and Nebraska state QSO parties are scheduled. The Missouri QSO party will be held on April 7th-8th and is sponsored by one of our sister clubs, WØMA, in St. Louis. If you can, get on the air and hand out a few QSOs to those Missouri stations that are participating. Also, the QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party is on the docket – same weekend as the Missouri QSO Party. The Georgia QSO Party is scheduled for April 14th – 15th, the Michigan QSO Party is also April 14th – 15th, and the Florida and Nebraska QSO Parties are on April 28th – 29th.

7-Land QSO Party

Another reminder, the 7-Land QSO Party will be held on May 5th-6th. There are some rule changes this year, including being able to work up to 10 DX entities for multiplier credit. For the complete set of rules and contest period, visit the link for the 7QP on the BEARONS website. Last year's inaugural event was well received and a great success. Hopefully, this year will be even better. The goal is to activate all 259 counties in 7-land, an ambitious undertaking to say the least.

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

New Products

80/40/20 meter rotatable dipole from MFJ. The MFJ-1785 is a 33 foot long rotatable dipole covering the 80, 40 and 20 meter bands. It's rated for 1500 watts and includes a balun. It can be rotated with a medium duty rotator. Price is \$360.

Ham Gadgets is now offering Version 3.3 of the PicoKeyer CW keyer kit. The kit includes everything needed for assembly and requires only a 2.5 to 5.5 VDC power supply. It can run for many months using an onboard standard lithium 3 VDC cell. Price is \$17.99.

Classifieds

For Sale: Yaesu FT-817ND all mode HF/VHF/UHF radio. QRP 0 to 5 watts adjustable in steps, comes with all original accessories plus extra battery pack. \$495. Contact Lloyd Hopkins, N7LH: LloydN7LH@verizon.net

For Sale: 12 VDC cigarette lighter adapter for FT-817ND radio. \$5 if purchased with above radio or \$15 separately. Contact Lloyd Hopkins, N7LH: LloydN7LH@verizon.net

For Sale: LDG Z-11 Auto Tuner. All HF bands 160-10 meters. \$110. Contact Lloyd Hopkins, N7LH: LloydN7LH@verizon.net