

Next Club Meeting

The next scheduled club meeting will be on Saturday, April 12th, @ 10:00AM at the Boeing Everett Activities Center. Guest speaker Mark Weinberg, K9PET, will be giving a presentation on his DXpedition trip to Antarctica. It should be very interesting so please plan on attending. If anyone has not renewed their club membership for 2008 please do so as soon as possible so that we don't have to chase you down !!

Upcoming Operating Activities

For the month of March, the following states will be holding their annual QSO parties: Oklahoma, Idaho, Wisconsin, and Virginia. Other major events include the North American RTTY Sprint and the CQ WW WPX Phone Contest. One of our sister clubs, WOMA, will host the Missouri QSO Party in April so you may want to consider participating in that one. The Clipperton Island DXpedition will be in operation from March 7th through the 17th using the call TX5C. See the latest editions of QST, CQ, and NCJ for all the rules and exact dates/times.

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.

FLASH! New Boeing ARC!

We were informed late last month that a new Boeing amateur radio club has been formed at the Renton plant. The new club's call is K7RTN and will go by the moniker of Boeing Renton Amateur Team (BRAT). For information about the new club, contact Barry Palmore, K7PAL. We welcome K7RTN to the Boeing amateur radio fraternity and look forward to future joint activities.

BEARONS VE Testing

The next BEARONS VE test session will be held on Wednesday, March 26th at the Everett Activities Center at 6:30PM.

Puyallup Hamfest

The Puyallup Hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at the Western Washington Fairgrounds. There will be no BEARONS club meeting in March so that everyone can attend the area's largest hamfest.

PL-259 Bulk Buy

If anyone is interested in obtaining some silver teflon PL-259 connectors, another local area club is trying to organize a bulk buy and has asked us if any of our membership is interested in purchasing some. If anyone is interested in getting some of these PL-259s, please indicate the quantity you'd be interested in and send an e-mail to Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, at EvernhamMS91@verizon.net

The deadline for indicating interest in these PL-259 connectors is Friday, March 14th. There is also the possibility of a bulk coaxial cable buy and if that occurs additional information will be forthcoming at a later date.

Classifieds

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 McLauchlin, KN7T, EvernhamMS91@verizon.net