

December Meeting

The December general membership meeting will be held at Alfys Pizza in Silver Lake on Thursday, December 11th @ 6:00PM. This will be our last meeting of 2008 so please plan to attend.

November Meeting Recap

At the November 8th general membership meeting, we were able to determine new club officers for 2009. The club officer roster for 2009 is as follows:

President: Dwayne Broderson, W7GD
Vice President: Mike Atwood, N7XLF
Secretary: Rick Muszynski, N7WLL
Treasurer: Annie Wright, AA7AG
Trustee: Mark McLaughlin, KN7T

The Treasurer's report indicates that we have a balance of \$1108.01 in the checking account and \$2692.33 in the savings account. We were able to update the membership on the final results for Field Day, Salmon Run, and the K7P Special Event operation with W7PIG.

Final Field Day results show that W7FLY placed 10th out of 61 entries for the WWA section with a final score of 2746. Nationwide, W7FLY placed 10th in a field of 18 entries in Class 3E. The Salmon Run results were covered in the last newsletter. For the K7P Special Event, we ended up with a total of 1236 QSOs, working all 50 states, 8 Canadian provinces, and a number of DXCC entities. We also entered the K7P operation in the W/VE Islands On The Air event and our submitted score for that event was around 59,000 points. As soon as the QSL cards are printed for the K7P operation, they will be sent out to those stations who have already sent in QSL requests.

We also discussed the planned disposition of a number of items that have become surplus to the club's need, including one A3S tri-band beam, FT-736R transceiver, and some Rohn tower sections. Other topics of discussion included the possibility of future joint operations with the Stanwood-Camano ARC in light of the very successful K7P event.

Upcoming Operating Activities

Major operating events in November include the ARRL Sweepstakes (CW and SSB), the Collegiate ARC Championship, and CQ WW DX CW. The only state QSO party in November is Kentucky.

For the month of December, the following major events are scheduled: ARRL 160 meter contest and the ARRL 10 meter contest. There are no state QSO parties scheduled in December.

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.

BEARONS VE Testing

VE testing for 2008 has been completed. The next scheduled VE test session will be in January 2009. The club's website will be updated to show the 2009 testing schedule in the near future.