

## Next Club Meeting

The next scheduled club meeting will be on Saturday, October 13th, @ 10:00AM at the Boeing Everett Activities Center. This is a very important meeting as we will be nominating club officers for 2008. Officer eligibility requirements are defined in the club constitution so be sure to review that prior to the meeting. Also, if you want to nominate someone for an officer position, please make sure that they are willing to serve in that capacity BEFORE you nominate them. Also, we will have sort of a "show and tell" session – if you have any interesting CW straight keys, bugs, paddles, etc. bring them along for everyone to see. We will also discuss upcoming events and look ahead to 2008.

## Upcoming Operating Activities

This month, the following states have their respective QSO parties – California, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Also, the ARCI QRP Fall CW QSO Party and finally the CQ WW DX SSB contest kicks off the busy part of the major contest schedule this fall. In less than a month, November CW Sweepstakes takes place so now is a great time to get those CW "chops" up and ready to go.

## 2007 Salmon Run

BEARONS participated in this year's edition of the Washington State QSO Party, better known as the Salmon Run. W7FLY was in operation for the duration of the contest – manning the helm were Dwayne, W7GD, Lloyd, N7LH, and Mark, KN7T. Dwayne's QTH was the base of operation for the event. This year marked the first time in the club's history of participation in this contest that we were able to achieve a clean sweep of all 39 Washington counties. A total of 505 QSOs were made and a final score of 123,760 was submitted to the contest organizers.

## 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

There will be a VE test session on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center. This is the final BEARONS VE test session for 2007 so please make a note of that. If you miss this session the next one won't be until January 2008.

## 787 Rollout Event Final Update

All of the QSL activity for the 787 rollout special event has been completed. Subsequent QSL cards that are received for the event will be processed until all of the special certificates are exhausted. QSLs received beyond that point will be responded to with one of the club's new 2-sided color QSL cards.

## What's New?

**Elecraft K3 HF Transceiver** – this is Elecraft's highly anticipated follow-on radio to the wildly popular K2. The K3 offers several ground-breaking features – the ability for the

user to customize and upgrade the rig's features due to its modular design architecture. The rig is sold both in pre-assembled or no-soldering kit forms. The factory pre-assembled versions will set you back an additional \$200. The rig is superbly suited for both home and portable use – current drain in receive mode is less than 1 amp. The K3 starts at around \$1400 for the 10 watt user-assembled kit and around \$2000 for the 100 watt pre-assembled version. Elecraft offers a wide array of add-ons and accessories for this radio. Initial shipments of the K3 were scheduled for late August.

**Ameritron SDC-103 Mobile Antenna Controller for Icom radios** – This unit acts as a control head for use with Icom mobile radios and HF screwdriver antennas. The SDC-103 derives frequency information from the Icom CI-V interface and adjusts the antenna accordingly. The controller will also allow you to tune manually and has 10 tuning memories. Price is \$140

## Classifieds

**For Sale:** Timewave DSP-599zx digital signal processor. Excellent condition, includes power cable and manual. \$250. Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, [EvernhamMS91@verizon.net](mailto:EvernhamMS91@verizon.net)

**For Sale:** MFJ-962D Versa Tuner III (roller inductor), w/manual. Good condition. \$135. Mark McLauchlin, KN7T, [EvernhamMS91@verizon.net](mailto:EvernhamMS91@verizon.net)