

## Next Meeting

Due to the ongoing IAM strike at Boeing, the October general membership meeting was cancelled. The next scheduled general membership meeting is set for Saturday, November 8th. Depending on the status of the IAM strike prior to the November meeting, we may decide to defer the nomination and election of club officers. If a decision is made to do so, we will communicate that to the membership. Hopefully, the labor dispute will be resolved by then and make all of this a moot point.

## Upcoming Operating Activities

This month features state QSO parties for California (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>), Pennsylvania (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>), and Illinois (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>).

Also, other major events this month include the JARTS WW RTTY, QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, W/VE Islands QSO Party, School Club Roundup, and the CQ WW DX SSB Contest.

We are now entering into the beginning of the heavy Fall contesting season and there are major contests on just about every weekend. There is a very diverse range of contests available and likely that you can find one that appeals to your interests in amateur radio.

You don't have to be a seasoned contester to enjoy these events, just get on the air and make some contacts – you don't even need to submit a log if you don't want to – the important part is to get on the air.

## K7P Special Event Station Update

On October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, BEARONS in conjunction with the Stanwood-Camano ARC will be running the K7P special event to commemorate the re-opening and dedication of Cama Beach State Park on Camano Island. BEARONS participation will begin at 1600Z on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> until 2359Z. We will continue on Sunday beginning at 1600Z up until 2359Z. For more information, see: <http://mysite.verizon.net/evernhamms91/K7P.htm>

## Salmon Run 2008 Wrap-Up

This year's rendition of the Washington State QSO Party was held on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. BEARONS participated in the event using our club callsign, W7FLY, from the QTH of Dwayne Broderson, W7GD, on Camano Island (Island county). Conditions were favorable on both days and BEARONS posted a best-ever QSO total of 801 contacts and a final score of just over 223,000 points. We worked a total of 35 of the 39 Washington counties, not quite as many as last year (we got all 39 last year!) but the activity in this contest was certainly increased. Results for the contest will likely be available early next year.

## 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 22nd at 6:30PM at the Everett Activities Center.