

# SPARKS

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NEXT MEETING:  
7:30 PM Thursday  
January 25, 1996  
Puget Auditorium

\* \* \* SPECIAL NOTE: A Puget Power Auditorium scheduling conflict requires that we meet on January 25, the fourth Thursday, - this month only.

From Presidents Al and Bob -

We are here under protest (not really), but after listening to blandishments from a person who shall be nameless, (but whose initials are L. G.) I accepted the position. I then went after Bob who also accepted (more or less gracefully).

There are two items of importance to me at the moment. One is to publish Sparks in a timely manner, containing information current to the following meetings: status of old business, previous meeting minutes, Treasurer's report, reports from Standing Committees, and items of general interest. The other item is identifying heads of Standing Committees, such as Technical, Trailer and Programs. There is progress in both of these areas and more is expected next month. That's it for now. See you on the 25th.

From Secretary Jim -

Jim? Hey Jim!! - (I guess he must have gone eel hunting. We'll catch him next month. But, the December meeting was a party at Grotte's. Good food, drink and gab. The one official duty of the evening was to approve the 1996 budget, but you can read about that in the Treasurer's Report. - Ed.)

From Treasurer Chaz -

Report for Dec. 31, 1995

Beginning Balance	\$1478.53
Expenses	0.00
Deposits:	
Dues for 1996	+195.00
Ending Balance	\$1673.53

Remember to pay your dues. Please send to: Chaz Hitz (N7NNS)  
2445 65th PL SE  
Mercer Is, WA. 98040

To initiate or to renew your ARRL membership you can help PARS earn a few extra dollars by paying through the club treasurer. Ask Chaz how.

73 for now. Chazman

p.s. I hate to bring it up but -Grotte screwed up. He didn't include our 1996 budget report in with the December party invite. He says he will do it with the January Sparks so we can vote on it at the next meeting. Chaz

From Temporary Editor Tom -

OK Chaz, so I screwed up. Well, it's included with this issue of Sparks, so we can satisfy our bylaws by voting on it this month. OK? Now get off my back, Chaz!!

#### Bulletin Board -

Chuck Graff, K7CHV, reports that the BB computer blew its hard drive back in December. Because of his busy schedule (and the vacation he took - Ed.) it has not yet been repaired. Chuck says he would like to find an IDE hard drive with 100 meg or more capacity. Any help?

#### Programs - by Chaz

This March, instead of the program coming to us, we have an opportunity to go to the program. We could visit the restoration site of the B--17F, now located at the Boeing factory in Renton. The program would focus on the radio communication gear repair being done by a number of hams. If so, by the end of the February meeting I would need a list of all who would like to attend this event in March - Just because Boeing likes paperwork. If interested please contact Chaz at home (230-9061), or by email (chaz@oz.net), or at the next meeting. I believe it would be one of the most interesting programs of the year.

73, Chaz

#### Technical Committee -

Several people met on Jan. 9 to determine the "who, what, why, when and where" of this group. An hour of discussion revealed that we need several types of people. We have a few high tech people (also known as "Techies") whose employment gives them the knowledge and experience needed to make the best decisions about the use, modifications, etc. of our equipment. Low tech, no tech and computer type people will also be needed for the paper work, inventory control, operating instructions and muscle. Chuck Graff, K7CHV, has agreed to be the temporary chairman until the group is better organized.

#### Public Service -

Nothing happening this early in the year. We'll try to put the schedule for the March and April activities in the next Sparks.

But, the Mike & Key Flea Market is scheduled for March 9 in Puyallup. Do it!

#### EARS (Formerly 911) Report -

Yup, the old 911 is now the Eastside Amateur Radio Support Group. Chuck Stroehrer, WA7EBH, says they welcome more people to join. "More than enough" is best because when a true emergency hits some of the group may be unable to respond. Chuck says many of the duties are not radio oriented, thus non-ham family members and friends are welcome. "Aggressive training" will start in March on topics such as hazardous materials, helicopter activity, C.P.R., crime scene, etc. Meetings are held at random places on the 2nd Thursday of each month. They do a "call out" on the 147.10 repeater at 6 PM to announce the 7 PM meeting location. For more info, call Chuck at 392-5303.

#### The Nosey News Section -

Welcome to Don Hickman, KC7MDA, and his wife Pat. Don is a new ham and a new member.

At "Juice and Cookie time" for the next meeting we will have the gallon of apple cider that "Eppy" Eppenstein, N7CAL, brought to the Christmas Party. There were so many other good things to drink that night, including dandelion wine, that we didn't get to Eppy's jug. So come thirsty on Thursday! (Not this week, next week.)

Ray Leslie, WA7EKH, may be running around clutching a pillow to his chest for the next few weeks. He took time out early this month to have a four way heart bypass, and the pillow helps when a cough or sneeze threatens. Most who have this done report that they have a lot of new energy after healing, so if you have a tower that needs climbing you may want to contact Ray later this year.

Bill Herzberg, AA7PI, acquired a 386 computer with "Windows 3.1." He thought he was confused while learning on an old XT machine on loan from Tom Grotte, WB7TEJ. Bill, it's just like the well digger said, "The harder I work, the deeper it gets." Hey, Bill, would you publish the next Sparks?

There's a shiny new "ham shack" on wheels out in northeast Bellevue that looks too big to have come down the chimney, but I'll bet it is pretty smooth on the road. I wonder if his XYL will drive while he cruises the bands? WAYTOGO!

Harry Warner, N6VFS, has been away for a few months, but for a great reason. Last September he and Marianne heard that their California daughter was due to have triplets so Harry went to assist. Three boys were born on the 5th of October. Harry helps by looking after 3 year old Ashley - you know, trips to the park and Disneyland, etc., and probably an occasional stop at a radio store. Harry says he will probably return when the triplets turn 16. I wonder if he means months or years?

#### Ecology Stuff -

Want to cut down on the pollution from used paint thinner or cleaning solvent? OK. Start by buying two one-gallon jugs of apple cider. After you drink the cider and wash out the jugs, label one "Dirty" and the other one "Clean."

Now go to the cupboard (or the grocery store) and get a package of Knox Gelatin. The kind that makes tasteless jello. It comes in little paper packets. Dump one package in the Dirty jug. You are now ready.

The next time you use new thinner or solvent to clean a paintbrush or wash the gears from your tractor, dump the used fluid into the Dirty jug. In a few days the pigment or grit in the dirty fluid will settle into the gelatin in the bottom of the jug and the clear used fluid can be poured off into the Clean jug, ready for another job. More Knox Gelatin may be needed later to hold the sludge together until the Dirty jug is about half full, which is a good time to pitch it. Then you relabel the Clean jug to be the Dirty jug, drink another gallon of cider to have another Clean jug and buy some more gelatin to add to the old Clean jug which is now the new Dirty jug. Got it?

*His parade has passed its finish point, While ours goes on its way. We pause and shed a tear or two, And bid farewell this day.*

Len Holder, N7VIR, passed away January 6, 1996. He was a close friend to Bob Adams and Al Staples. During the 1940's, Len was a radio specialist in the U. S. Army. He was employed 33 years with Boeing, specializing in instrumentation. Len had been a ham years back and after retirement in 1987 he renewed his license and used his experience to help Al and Bob with their code practice. Len became a member of PARS during this past year, and Al was planning to ask his assistance for this new year. His passing was not expected.

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#### THX ADVANTAGXS OF PARS MXXTING ATTxDANCX:

You can always gxt xecxllxnt sxats at all PARS mxxtings, and thx pricx is right.

From your advantagxous sxat you can gazx at, smilx at, ignorx or xnjoy thx fxllowship.

You arx in a wondxrful spot to sxx and say "Hxlllo" to guxsts or nxw mxmbxrs, if anyonx rxmxmbxrs to bring a guxst or nxw mxmbxr.

You nxvxr havx to worry about what to wxar xecxpt for your badgx, if you rxmxmbxr to bring that, too.

If you nxxd advicx about a problxm you can gxt a lot of it, frxx. (Plxasx kxxp it rxlativx to amatxur radio.)

And thx cost for all of thxsx bxnxfits, just onx vxvning a month.

Sxx ya a wxwk from  
Thursday!

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The beautiful part about helping someone up a hill is that you, also, get closer to the top.

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PARS PROPOSED 1996 BUDGET

The PARS Budget Committee composed of Tom Grotte, Board Member; Tim Von Seggern, member at large; and Chaz Hitz, Treasurer, reviewed the financial status of the present year, 1995, and discussed the possible changes for the coming year. Their recommendations for the 1996 budget are listed below.

It seems advisable to continue with the present dues rate of \$15.00 for individuals, \$22.50 for family members all under the same roof and \$7.50 for students 18 and under.

1996 BUDGET

Item	Expense	Income
CORPORATION FEE	\$ 10.00	
EQUIPMENT	100.00	
FIELD DAY	50.00	
INSURANCE	260.00	
POSTAGE	250.00	
PRINTING	20.00	
PROGRAMS	50.00	
SUPPLIES & MISC.	30.00	
TRAILER EXPENSE	300.00	
TRAILER INCOME		150.00
DONATIONS		0.00
DUES		500.00
EQUIPMENT SALES		250.00
Totals:	1070.00	900.00

Our By-Laws state: "Budget Committee - the Treasurer, one member at large and one other Board member shall constitute the Budget Committee. They shall meet and prepare a budget for the ensuing year, to be presented to the Board of Directors at the November Board Meeting. The proposed budget shall be submitted to the membership in writing and presented for adoption, at the regular December meeting."

Presented to the Board of Directors and the general membership at, the meeting of November 16, 1995.

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Chaz Hitz (NTNMS)