

# Puget Amateur Radio Society

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**7:30 pm Thursday**  
**APRIL 18, 1996**  
**Puget Auditorium**

We had hopes that the USPS would do us better last month, but alas, Al still got his late and in a terrible state of repair. Most of you, I think got it on time, but I'm not sure in what shape. I am going to start mailing in envelopes, in hopes that we can do better.

I must correct two oversights of the last several months (brought to my attention by one of my guardian angels!). The first is that the 1995 HAM of the Year award was to Tom Grotte WB7TEJ. My deepest apologies to Tom, but it certainly wasn't because I didn't feel it was appropriate. He has been a tireless worker for a long time, and I understand this is not his first time to be so honored. Congrats--better late than never!

We were also reminded that Tom and the previous HOTY honorees have a permanent plaque as evidence of the award, through the generosity (and some personal expense) of John Black W7HIL. Thanks John, for the extra nice but not absolutely necessary--the real spirit of amateur radio.

You will notice that your address may contain a notice of dues current or dues non-current on this issue. We'd like to have all of you be current, but at the recent Board meeting, it was felt that we have reached a point where non-paid mailers should be dropped from the mailing list, except for ARRL and commercial addressees. Please consider this a plea, not a threat, since I really don't want to drop anyone. I hope this will result in a flood of dues going to Chaz, with a subsequent increase in the length of the current roster.

de Jim KC7FEH

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The PREZ SAYS: Be prepared to discuss Field Day. It's only a couple of months off. Bob Adams KJ7BP has received permission from the Bellevue Parks Dept. to set up operations on Field Day at the Bellevue Downtown Park.

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The program for this month is on radio astronomy, featuring Prof. Woody Sullivan from the U. of W. Should be very interesting. Next month, Mary Lou Brown NM7N, our Northwestern regional director, will fill us in on what's hot and what's not at ARRL.

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Anyone interested in being involved with EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Support group), please contact John Black W7HIL (746-7611) or Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH (392-5303)

MINUTES  
of  
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING  
March 21, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Al Staples N7VOF. Members and guests present introduced themselves.

Announcements: Al stated that since he had not had any volunteers to take over as Program Chairman, he was going to take over that function. In that capacity he appointed a different individual to take responsibility for each month the rest of this year. Those responsible are: Al N7VOF April and June, John Black W7HIL May, Stuart Whiting KB7UUX July, Herschel Whiting WS7K August, Bob Adams KJ7BP September, Jim Hossack V7LS October, and Jerry Sampont WA7BUY November.

Minutes of the February 15 meeting, as published in SPARKS, were approved.

John Black V7HIL was appointed to purchase what might be useful for the trailer to use up a \$20 credit we have at an electronics house, since it has been on their books a long time and needs to be used.

The Treasurers Report, as published in SPARKS, was discussed and it was stated by the Secretary Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH that since the newsletter is mailed to other people/places than just our membership, he did not feel it appropriate that all the numbers should be published in SPARKS. The full report is certainly available to any member who requests it. There did not appear to be any dissent, so the Treasurer's Report will continue the informal format.

Committee Reports

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| Membership     | no report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Technical      | Chuck Graff K7CHV no further action to report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Bulletin Board | Chuck Graff reports that Ben Bennett E71VF has also donated a hard disk and hopefully it will not be long before the BB can be up and running again. An announcement will appear in SPARKS when the BB is again available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Trailer        | Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH report; nothing new.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| EARS           | John Black W7HIL report: that they can always use more people in the group.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Program        | Al N7VOF has taken over this function, as stated above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Field Day      | Bob Adams KJ7BP reports, that he has inquired about a site in the downtown Bellevue park, but as yet no definite answer. Field Day will be June 22-23. We will eventually need to have some sign-ups for members to set up, and operate the station. We will also need to find someone who can tow it down to the site and back to the Senior Center after Field Day. We would like to operate HF and VHF, and also a packet station. We also plan to use this opportunity to publicize the EARS group. |

Old Business No old business; was introduced for discussion.

New Business No new business was introduced.

The business meeting was then adjourned. The intended program did not materialize due to non-appearance of the speaker. Therefore, following refreshments those who were interested were invited to rummage through several boxes of "junk" and look for "bargains". This was surplus items from the club inventory, and will be available again at the April meeting, after which the remaining items will be thrown away.

Respectfully Submitted  
Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH  
Secretary

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The Northern California QRP club is sponsoring a Mini Field Day" on Saturday, April 27. Open to all amateurs, there are several categories of operation, depending on equipment used and power output. For further details, contact Bob Farnworth WU7F, 6822 131 Ave. S.E. in Bellevue, or the PARS Secretary Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH.

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Summary of the Board Meeting of April 4, 1996.

1. At the time of the meeting, there had been no action by the City on the request for a Field Day site in the Downtown Bellevue Park. (Subsequently, word was received that our request has been approved.)
  2. The Board felt that, given notice in the next issue of SPARKS, addressees not current in dues should be dropped from the active mailing list for the newsletter, excluding commercial and ARRL addresses.
  3. The Board agreed with the use of envelopes for mailing SPARKS, at an additional cost of 1.03/copy.
  4. The Board will consider taking out a mail box as the club address, to relieve Chuck and Lori Graff from being the official mail address of the club.
  5. A Web Page will be established on the internet system by Stuart KB7UUX.
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The next Board meeting will be Thursday, May 2, at Al Staples' house at 7:30 pm. The meeting is open to the membership. Members wishing the Board to consider specific topics are requested to contact a Board member in advance. Board members are the four officers, and Stuart Whiting KB7UUX.

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Treasurer's Report.

After receipt of dues for 2 members, and payment of administrative and trailer maintenance expenses, the club maintains a balance in excess of \$1,500 as of March 31, 1996.

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We still want the member survey forms that were mailed last month. If you can't find yours, we'll have some by the registration book at the meeting. So far there have been some good ideas unearthed so keep it up!

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Our condolences to Jerry (WA7BUY) and Louise Sampont and their family for the recent passing of Jerry's mother, who and been ill for some time.

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On that sad note, we will end this month's SPARKS. Attached is a copy of the most current roster I have. Hopefully, I'll be able to send out a greatly expanded list next month. See ya' on the 18<sup>th</sup>! Jim KC7FEH