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NEXT MEETING:
7:30 pm Thursday
MAY 16, 1996
Puget Auditorium

It appears that the nailing last month went OK, so we will continue with that system. I don't know where we stand on the current roster at the time this issue is printed so for the moment I have not changed the mailing list.

de Jim KC7FEH

The program for this month is Mary Lou Brown NM7N, our Northwestern regional director, who will get us up to speed about ARRL. The program for June will be Bruce Franklin from Index Labs, who will talk about QRP and some other equipment, as well as bringing some items for our inspection.

Anyone interested in being involved with EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Support group), please contact John Black W7HIL (756-7611) or Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH (392-5303).

Summary of the Board Meeting of May 2, 1996.

1. The only attendees were President Al Staples N7VOF and Vice-President Bob Adams KJ7BP, and in the absence of a quorum no business was transacted.
2. The next Board meeting will be Thursday, June 6, 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

Treasurer's Report

Due to several factors, Chaz and I have not made contact so there is no new Treasurer's report at press time. I'm quite certain, however, that we are still very solvent.

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!

MINUTES Of PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING April 19, 1996

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

Announcements: Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH announced that the junk boxes were at the meeting for the last time and that anything left after this meeting was headed for the dump, excepting the small tax of tubes.

Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH said that there will be a need for volunteers for the Husky crew races the first weekend in May, and for an evening parade in Ballard on May 17. Interested amateurs can contact him to sign up.

The minutes of the March 21 meeting, as published in SPARKS, were approved.

Committee reports

Membership	Tom Grotte WB7TEJ reports nothing new.
Technical	Chuck Graf K7CHV no further action to report.
Bulletin Board	Chuck Graf reports no action. He has some of the parts he needs but has not assembled everything yet.
Trailer	Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH reports new curtains, courtesy of Lori Graff N7LCO.
EARS	Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH reported that EARS had some surprises during a recent drill. New people are always welcome. The next meeting will be at the Bellevue training center, and will be on the new radio system in Renton

Field Day: Bob Adams KJ7BP reports that he has received permission from the City of Bellevue to operate in the Downtown City park on Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23. They request that we shut down operations after 9:00pm on Saturday. John Black W7HIL will bring the generator for power, and also will have a smaller generator as back-up. Jim Von Seggern will have his motorhome there on Saturday and it also has a generator. Bob will check with the City about having the motorhome parked near the trailer, and also will check on having someone stay with the trailer overnight for security. Bob is in the process of trying to get material for handing out, concerning PARS, EARS and amateur radio in general.

Old Business No old business was introduced for discussion.

New Business No new business was introduced.

The Business meeting was then adjourned. Following refreshments, a very interesting program on radio-astronomy was presented by Prof. Woody Sullivan of the U. of W. Prof. Sullivan briefly traced the history of radio-astronomy, and followed with discussion of some of the techniques and equipment in his field, some of the applications in geophysics, and the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence, all with slides, photographs and tape recordings.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH
Secretary

Well, that appears to be it for this month. A little bit on the thin side. As said in my first issue, however, I need input from, the membership if I am to publish what is interesting to the membership. I simply cannot and will not manufacture drivel to fill up lines.

One thing that I do think is of interest to those of us in the club who may, still want to upgrade our licenses, or to those who may wish to become

VEC's, is the current skirmish (or battle if you will) between the ARRL VEC's and the group of VEC's who have formed the National Council of Volunteer Examination Coordinators and are claiming the exclusive right to develop and administer license exams. They have an interesting, if somewhat twisted (in my opinion) viewpoint. If you want to know more, the April QST and the April CQ VHF magazines can give you the details. Why do ego and politics have to intrude on an otherwise enjoyable and productive hobby?

See ya' Thursday May 16.

de Jim KC7FEH