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NEXT MEETING:
7:30 pm Thursday
JUNE 20, 1996
Puget Auditorium

Boy, a month really comes around fast when you're having fun (?). It seems like I just did this, and here it is time again! Fortunately (for you) I don't have any soap-box topics this time. I will remind everyone that Field Day occurs this weekend (June 22-23), and I'd like to take this opportunity to urge that as many of you as possible come down to the site for at least a while during the weekend. The more of us there are, the more interest we stand to generate in the people who stop by. We have a very good location this year, so we should have a lot more visitors than in previous years. Bob Adams KJ7BP has worked hard to get this all together, and I think we should reward his efforts by being there. He will give us all the details on Thursday at the meeting. (And of course, you'll all be at the meeting, won't you?)

— de Jim KC7FE1!

The program for this month is Bruce Franklin from Index Labs, who will talk about ORP and some other equipment, as well as bring some items for our inspection. The program for July will be arranged by Stuart Whiting KB7UUX and at this writing remains a "mystery program".

THE PREZ SEZ:

A summary of the member survey sheets returned so far looks something like this.

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| 1. DXing | 6. Miniaturization techniques |
| 2. Contesting | 7. Data compression techniques |
| 3. Making the trailer an operating station | 8. Meteor scatter |
| 4. Spread spectrum | 9. TCP/ICP |
| 5. Sun spots and propagation | |

Those members who are responsible for programs for the balance of the year might take notice of these topics of interest. Some of these probably could be combined into some worthwhile programs.

FIELD DAY!!! It's almost here. Bob will give us details. The weather WILL be CAVU, won't it!

de Al N7VOF

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).

TREASURER'S REPORT
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

May 31, 1996

Beginning balance 5-1-96	\$1670.02
Deposits	\$0000.00
Expenses	(\$0043.16)
Trailer	\$28.73
Postage	\$12.43
Balance on 5-31-96	\$1626.86

Respectfully Submitted Chaz Hitz N7NNS Treasurer

We still want the member survey forms that were mailed previously. 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

May 16 1996

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

Announcements: Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH said that there is still a need for volunteers for an evening parade in Ballard on May 17. Interested amateurs can contact him to sign up.

The minutes of the April 18 meeting, as published in SPARKS, were approved.

Treasurer's report --Chaz N7NNS was not present, no report given.

Committee Reports

Membership	Top Grotte WB7TEJ reports nothing new.
Technical	Chuck Graff K7CHV was not present to report.
Bulletin Board	Chuck Graff no report.
Trailer	John Black W7HIL reports nothing new.
EARS	Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH reported that the last program was cancelled due to illness of the speaker. New members are welcome and needed. The recent earthquake resulted in a, loss of communication in several fire stations, and the cellular phone network was not functional, and as a result the amateurs of EARS were the communications system for a while.

Field Day: Bob Adams KJ7BP reports that he has made all the arrangements with the City Parks Dep't for operating Field Day on Saturday and Sunday, June 22-23. They request that we shut down operations after 9:00pm on Saturday. We will likely have 2 HF rigs running, and possibly some UHF/VHF

as well. Bob will see that there are materials for putting up the antenna tower, and Al N7VOF has made arrangements to get the trailer to the site and back to the storage location. Hopefully there will be some sort of social function Sat. evening. Bob is getting some literature together for publicity, and will try to get advance publicity in the media.

Old Business No old business was introduced for discussion.

New Business Al took a vote of the members to officially approve moving the trailer to the Field Day site, and to use it for Field Day. Both motions passed.

The business meeting was then adjourned. Following refreshments, a very informative program was presented by Mary Lou Brown NM7N, the ARRL Northwestern Regional Director. She discussed the current legislative actions concerning federal protection for the ARRL Official Observers, the lack of enforcement by the FCC, and the movement to "privatize" license examination and issuance as well as the ARRL position against this, and the recent effort by the National Council of Volunteer Examination Coordinators to exclude non-members of their group from participation in the Question Pool Committee, in direct violation of repeated FCC directives. She feels this has been resolved for the present.

Mary Lou felt that amateurs should contact their Congresspersons to urge support of H.R. 3207, which "amends the Communications Act of 1934 to facilitate utilization of volunteer resources on behalf of Amateur Radio Services." The effect would be to place the volunteers who police the amateur service under the protection of the Federal Tort Claims Act, to help shield them from frivolous lawsuits.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH
Secretary PARS

MINUTES of THE BOARD
of
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
June 6, 1996

Chairman Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH called the meeting to order. Other members present were President Al Staples N7VOF and Vice-President Bob Adams KJ7BP.

The main topic was Field Day, to occur June 22-23. The site plan was reviewed and Bob passed around the press release he has prepared for the newspapers. Al has the tower and the beam antenna for HF, and it is expected that Chaz Hitz N7NNS is bringing an R7 vertical. We should have 2 HF radios as well as a VHF/UHF radio. Bob also is working on a revision of the previously published brochure about PARS, to make it current.

The member survey sheets that have been returned so far were reviewed, and some ideas for future programs and/or projects were discussed.

There will be no Board meeting in July or August, unless there is some

business presented by the membership or some new event that requires Board action.

The meeting was then adjourned.
Respectfully submitted Jim Von
Seggern KC7FEH Board Chairman,
Secretary, P.A.R.S.

Well, that looks like the whole kit n' kaboodle this time. I would again invite items for publication from the membership at large--it's your newsletter. See ya on the 20th at 7:30 pm.

73 de Jim KC7FEH