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NEXT MEETING:
7:30 pm Thursday
SEPT. 19,1996
Puget Auditorium

Boy, the month sure does come around fast! Seems like I just did this little publishing bit. Anyhow, it is time again, so here we go. This will be a combined issue for July and August. Since the Board does not have a scheduled meeting until Sept., and the Board decided not to hold general meetings in July and August, it does not seem likely that there will be enough material for a newsletter until Sept. See minutes which follow for details.

MINUTES
of
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING
June 20, 1996

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

Announcements: There were no announcements other than a reminder of up-coming Field Day.

The minutes of the June 16 meeting, as published in SPARKS, were approved.

Treasurer's report --Published in Sparks and approved. However, Chaz N7NNS reports that some of the figures are in error, and an amended report will be published.

Committee Reports

Membership	no report.
Technical	no report.
Bulletin Board	no report.
Trailer	John Black W7HIL reports that a sloper antenna is now up at the trailer site, but has not been tuned yet.
EAPS	John Black had nothing new to report.

Field Day: Bob Adams KJ7BP plans to have the trailer at the Field Day site by around 8-8:30 am on Saturday. Actual set-up should start around 9:00am. We are on the northeast corner of the Downtown Bellevue park, across from Bellevue Square. We will have to shut down the generators at 9:00pm but if the bands are active we can continue on battery power. There should be sufficient materials to assemble, erect and guy the antennas. Bob showed the brochures he has made up, one for PARS and one for EAPS. The

Journal-American has been given publicity. John Black pointed out that we will need to watch the guy wires and the generators to be sure the general public does not get into trouble. Also he emphasized that the generators should not be refueled when running or while hot.

Old Business No old business was introduced for discussion.

New Business Harry Warner N6VFS, a former member recently returned to this area, asked whether there had been any discussion in the club of the move by commercial interests to take 2 meter and 70 cm frequencies from the amateur spectrum. Some members have heard about this but no one has seen anything in print. Harry will try to get some Internet materials to the club.

Tae Board was called for an emergency meeting during the break.

The business meeting was then adjourned. Following refreshments, a program was presented by Bruce Franklin KG7CR from Index Laboratories in Gig Harbor. Bruce gave an interesting talk on QRP and how it can be a vehicle to return to the old days of amateur radio when almost everything was home-brew. He showed the current version of the QRP rig his company is marketing, along with some technical explanation about how it is constructed.

Respectfully Submitted
Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH
Secretary PARS

MINUTES of THE BOARD
Of
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
June 20, 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, and Treasurer Chaz Hitz N7NNS.

The meeting was called to discuss whether the club should meet during July and August. The rather dismal attendance at this meeting (6 members and 2 guests) was not felt to be encouraging for the rest of the summer. After some discussion it was voted to cancel the July and August meetings and to resume both regular Board meetings and general meetings in September.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH
Board Chairman, Secretary, P.A.R.S.

Public Service Opportunities

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)--interested parties contact John Black W7HIL 746-7611 or Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH 393-5303. Always room for more help in this community activity.

SEAFAIR--Chuck Stroehrer can always use volunteers for the various Seafair parades. Contact him at 392-5303.

Field Day went off very smoothly, from all reports: Kudos to V-P Bob Adams KJ7BP for putting it all together, and a special thanks to Roger Staples who was kind enough to bring the trailer to the site and then return it to its normal location. The final tally, according to Bob, was 15 members logged in over the two days, and 15 guests signed in.

The tri-band beam and tower were erected with a minimum of fuss, along with an R-7 vertical, and by two hours after set-up started we had two HF stations and a VHF station on the air and working. We made a total of 90 contacts in 25 states. Bob is putting together the official report for submission to APPL. We should have a total score of 800.

While this was not the huge log that many stations will report, I think it is respectable, and we certainly demonstrated that we can use the trailer effectively if we need to. We also had some good talks with guests (and hopefully some prospective new members) during the weekend, and distributed some literature about PARS and the EARS organization. Some pictures were taken, and hopefully we can get even better advance publicity next year. It was a great location, and if the weather had been better I think we would have had more visitors. I know that many people who stopped in did not sign the register, so we actually had more people than the figures show. Thanks to all who participated, members and non-members (and there were several!) alike.

Well, this seems to be about the end of the line for this time. Remember, no July or August general meetings. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Sept. 5, and the next General meeting will be Sept. 19, with the program to be arranged by V-P Bob Adams KJ7BP. Mark your calendars!!

Also, be prepared in September to be thinking about officers for the coming year. The By-Laws state that nominations are to be made in September AND October. You hear from the nominating committee.

Have a great summer, and hopefully we'll meet on the radio now and then, if not in person.

73 de Jim KC7FEH