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NEXT MEETING:
7:30 pm Thursday
Feb. 20, 1997
Puget Auditorium

Time again for another issue of SPARKS, and this one is a little early again. I will be gone for a few days and I want this to hit the mail before I go.

This is the last month for non-current members to receive SPARKS. While the paid up list grew astronomically in January, there are still several we'd like to put back on the roster. So far we have welcomed 4 new members (Dale Scott KC7KHD, Joe Langjahr KJ7DG, Lyman Petersen KJ7YK, and Erik Johnson KC7QLS), and an old member Jimmy Horn KA7GKP has rejoined. We'd like to see all of last year's members back, in addition to the new members.

My apologies to the membership and to Chaz Ritz N7NNS. I forgot to change the phone number for Chaz on the masthead when he moved, and I guess some members have experienced difficulty because of that. I changed it everywhere else, but forgot about that one.

For those who might be interested in sending items to me in the future (and I would welcome them), you can reach me on e-mail at arzetta@aol.com.

THE PREZ SEZ No great words of wisdom (?) this month. I wish to report, however, that having extensively used very sophisticated trouble-shooting techniques, I have discovered the reason the gavel pad did not sound at the last meeting. The battery was dead! Al N7VOF

TREASURER'S REPORT no report was received for January or February.

MINUTES of THE BOARD
of
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
Feb. 6, 1997

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

There were no definite agenda items for discussion. Al provided copies of several ARRL annual reports that he has sent in.

The general discussion was that of possible activities in the coming 6 months. At the January meeting, it was decided that a fox hunt will be held, with Jimmy Horn KA7GKP to act as coordinator. No date has been set yet.

The subject of an auction for some of our surplus equipment was discussed, and it was decided that we'd be better off going to a large swap meet. We may see if we can get into the Puyallup show.

No further items were mentioned, and the meeting was adjourned.

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

The next meeting will be Thursday Feb. 20 at 7:30. The program will be given by John Black W7HIL on "The Care and Feeding of Emergency Power Systems"

Public Service Opportunities

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

MINUTES
of
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING
January 23, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Al Staples N7VOF. Eleven members were present, a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

There were no minutes for December to approve, as that was the Christmas party. Chuck Stroehner WA7EBH was awarded the Ham of the Year plaque at that time, an honor well deserved. There was no Treasurers report to approve, and the Treasurer Chaz Hitz N7NNS was not present.

Al announced that dues payments have accelerated rapidly of late. A correction to the last issue of SPARKS was voiced, in that dues are delinquent if not paid by Feb. 1, rather than by Feb. 28 as stated in the newsletter.

Al asked about the VFF and UHF antennae on the trailer, which are on the roof (2m, 220 and 440). There is also the long wire which tunes on 80-40-20m. Al asked for some opinions about putting equipment in the trailer. Chuck Graff K7CHV stated that the club has a new Yaesu VHF radio, approx 30-50W donated by Puget Power but he has not programmed it. Chuck Stroehner WA7EBH will program it if frequencies can be decided on. There are also two Standard HT's in the commercial VHF band, which can be re-tuned to amateur frequencies that could be kept in the trailer, except that they need new batteries. John Black W7HIL reports that there is some ancillary equipment for HF in the trailer, but no working HF rig. Tom Grotte WB7TEJ has a transmitter (CW) and a receiver that will match up, but probably would have to have some tuning, and perhaps a QSK box made up. He says those could reside in the trailer if desired.

Al brought up the subject of an auction, which has been briefly discussed before. Do we have any interest in an auction? When? Both John Black and Chuck Graff stated that most of the items they have stored would likely require a fairly big flea market to be sold. Chuck will make up a list of

possible sale items and we can re-discuss this matter later.

Bob Adams KJ7BP has agreed to head up Field Day again this year, and presumably we will be in the Downtown Bellevue Park again.

Al brought up the idea of having a fox hunt, which apparently was done several years ago. John Black suggested that perhaps the hunt could be used to fill in one of the summer dates when we don't meet. Jimmy Horn KA7GKP indicated he would be willing to set it up, and will decide on a date relatively soon.

Chuck Stroehrer said that a list of the known public service events and opportunities will be available at the Puyallup swap meet. The list is going to be compiled and published by the Mike and Key ARC.

The programs for the next six months will be arranged by John Black in February, Al Staples in March, possibly Herschel Whiting in April, Al Staples in May, and June will likely be preparation for Field Day.

A motion was made and passed for adjournment. Following refreshments, a video was shown concerning a Kuwaiti ham who continued to operate during the gulf war in spite of harassment by the Iraqis.

Respectfully submitted Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH PARS Secretary

February Birthdays
Jay Davis W3HGV

This year's Ham of the Year Award went to Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH, as reported in last month's SPARKS. We have been informed that Chuck has also been recognized by ARRL for over 25 years of service to the community and to Amateur Radio Service, in an award presented in January by Harry Lewis W7JWJ, the ARRL section manager. Congratulations again, Chuck!

FOR SALE Antenna Hy-Gain Thunderbird Jr. 10/15/20 meters
Rotator CDE Ham II, includes rotator, controller and cable
Tower 40' Tristao, self supporting. Two section tubular steel, crank up, fold over (includes winch), and base mount. Concrete foundation not required.
Package price \$300 cash
Contact Bill Bingham WA7VEH at 206-746-6024 or wa7veh@juno.com or wa7veh@wa7veh.ampr.org

That's it for the moment. Hopefully we'll have some more people signing up again by the end of the month. I will publish a current roster with SPARKS next month. I am also always open to suggestions or contributions for content in the newsletter, so feel free to use the e-mail address or give me a phone call. See ya' at the meeting.

73 de Jim KC7FEH