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NEXT MEETING:  
7:30 pm Thursday  
Apr. 17, 1997  
Puget Auditorium

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Almost as soon as I mailed out the new club roster, it became obsolete! So now I have to do it all over again. Not that I mind, you understand. Roster revisions for an increasing membership are one of the better things I do in this job. We welcomed new member Lester Ellis KC7TQP at the last meeting, although he's been coming for some time. We also had an old member get his dues in; Jim Darby W7FYH. This brings us to 27 members so far for this year.

Unless I hear howls of protest from the membership, I will not send out the revised roster until the May issue, because I already know of at least one change to be made at that time. I don't think rosters need to be a monthly issue, but I can certainly get a current one to anyone who needs it.

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](mailto:arzetta@aol.com).

Speaking of e-mail, there was some interest expressed unofficially at the last meeting that rosters include e-mail addresses. I have started this revision, but what I need are the addresses! (Ben, I'm sorry to have to report that I have lost yours). You can send them to me at the above e-mail address, and I'll put what I have on the next roster revision.

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THE PREZ SEZ      The principal business at the April meeting is the nomination of candidates for officers for the coming year. Nominations may be made from the floor, but as the by-laws state, you must have permission from that person before the nomination may be made. Officers may serve two terms only in the office they currently hold, but that does not mean they cannot be nominated for a different office.

Al N7VOF

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TREASURER'S REPORT No report received from Chaz N7NNS at press time.

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The April Board meeting was cancelled for lack of agenda items. The next scheduled Board meeting will be Thursday May 7.

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

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The next general meeting will be Thursday April 17 at 7:30.

The program

will include a presentation by Jimmy Horn KA7GKP about the fox-hunt on May 17, and also a talk by Harry Lewis W7JWJ, our ARRL Northwestern Section Manager (and a CW champ, literally!) on tips for sending good CW, as well as what's what in the world of ARRL. The May program is up in the air at present, but in June We will hear a talk by Suzi Crickmore, a supervisor at the Bellevue 911 center, on 911 operations.

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#### Public Service Opportunities

Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH needs some radio people to work with him on May 3 for the opening day of boating season, and also for the Ballard Seafair parade on May 17. Anyone interested call Chuck at 392-5303.

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)--interested parties contact John Black W7HIL 746-7611 or Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH 392-5303. Always room for more help in this community activity.

HUMANE SOCIETY----While not radio related, I'm going to mention this anyway (Editor prerogative!) The annual Humane Society benefit, Tuxes N' Tails, will occur Friday, May 16 at the Seattle Sheraton hotel. We are very short on people for the Security Committee, and if anyone is interested give me a call. It's a fun night!

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#### MINUTES Of PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING March 20, 1997

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

The minutes of the February 20 meeting were approved as published in SPARKS. Treasurer Chaz Hitz N7NNS was not present so no report was given.

Members responsible for programs during April and May were reminded of their duties. June will likely be taken up with preparations for Field Day.

Chuck Graff K7CHV announced that the net receipts to the club on equipment sales at the Puyallup Swap Meet were \$786.75. In addition the club received a check for \$125 from Tom Grotte WB7TEJ for his purchases. The total realized from selling off surplus equipment was \$911.75. The club expressed its gratitude to Chuck, Lori N7LC0, Tom and Jerry Sampont WA7BUY for setting up and running the table. There was some discussion about running a table in future years, if there are other items that could be sold. Lori suggested that in the future some sort of banner or sign be used to denote PARS as the beneficiary of the sales.

Al brought up the subject of how to get the trailer to the Field Day site. Jerry WA7BUY said he would do it if he is in town. Other possibilities were mentioned, but no definite commitments were made.

Al has had a phone call from a party that has some ham gear that they want to give away, and he is going out to see it this weekend and decide whether we can use it either for the trailer or for the swap meet.

Chuck K7CHV has a few handhelds that need to be programmed for the

appropriate VHF frequencies, and requests that he get a list of frequencies that the club wants put into them. They can then be left in the trailer. Bob Adams KJ7BP will take care of that.

Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH reports that the roster mailed with the last issue of SPARKS is already obsolete, so that a new roster will be mailed next month. Tom WB7TEJ said he can provide a list of all hams in a given zip code area if anyone wants to do some leg work and phone calls. Chuck Stroeher WA7EBH said that since we are an ARRL affiliated club, we can request mailing labels for all hams in a given zip code from ARRL. We could then make up a flyer describing the club which could be mailed out on a bulk mailing rate. Bill Bingham WA7VEH wondered what ever happened to the member survey forms, and was any notice taken of suggested topics. We only had about 207 return of the forms. Lori N7LC0 said that if we are going to attract new members, we need to have an interesting lineup of programs with which to advertise. Jerry WA7BUY said that the programs need not always be ham-related, but can also be of more general interest. He said he would provide Al a list of suggested topics.

Jimmy Horn KA7GKP, the chairman of the fox hunt, was not present. Jim KC7FEH spoke by phone last week with Jimmy and expected him to be present at this meeting. The tentative date would be May 17, Saturday. Jerry WA7BUY said that a fox hunt could occupy several programs concerning special equipment needs and home brewing antennas, etc.

Al announced that beginning March 24 at 9:00pm, he and Eppy Eppenstein N7CAL are going to start some code sessions on 28.180 mHz on Mondays. He invited anyone who wants to join in.

John Black W7HIL announced that the IRS is reviewing our status as a tax-exempt organization. Our attorney advises that there are some inadequacies of record keeping of various sources of income, but probably nothing that cannot be worked out. However, the treasurer will in the future have to keep slightly different records.

No further business was ordered and a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. Following refreshments, an interesting reminiscence of two visits to the old Soviet Union in the 1980's was presented by Al N7VOF.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH

PARS Secretary

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April Birthdays

Chuck Graff

K7CHVH

Lori Graff

N7LC0  
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As noted in the minutes of the general meeting, the club realized considerable income from the sale of equipment at Puyallup. Again, thanks to Chuck, Lori, Tom and Jerry for their efforts and time.

That's about it for this time. I apologize for the lateness of this issue, but I was out of town over the past weekend, and forgot to think ahead before I left. Again, I am 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