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President: Lorie Graff N7LC0 392-5846

NEXT MEETING:

Vice-President: Bob Adams KJ7BP 454-0506

6:00pm Friday

Secy-Treas. Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH 885-7333

Dec. 19, 1997

Von Seggern home

PROGRAM NOTES

December 19--- Annual Christmas Party, this year at the Von Seggern residence, 3054 169th Ave. N.E. in Bellevue. See map attached. Party is pot-luck, bring enough for 5-6 people. Punch will be furnished, you may bring other types of refreshments such as wine.

January 15---Rick Felt (or possibly a substitute) from Icom, America on component miniaturization.

February 19--No Brice[N7AY on amateur radio in Europe during the cold war. NEXT BOARD MEETING--- January 8 at the home of Al Staples N7VOF.

Tom A. Grotte

June 3, 1928 November 22, 1997

With great sadness, we pay our last respects to Tom, one of the guiding lights of PARS for many years, and a good friend to any who were fortunate enough to know him. Tom left us on Nov. 22, after a brief illness. We will remember his spirit of cooperation in everything, his gift of organization, his willingness to help anyone anywhere anytime, and certainly his sense of humor. We shall all miss him, but we'll never replace him. Our sincere condolences to Gail and their family, in this very difficult time.

Thanks, Tom, for the QSO. 73 de Jim KC7FEH ..._._

THE PREZ SEZ This past month has been one of great joy and great sadness for me joy in the time spent with my family during the holidays and sadness at the passing of my dear friend and mentor, Tom Grotte.

From the time he joined PARS Tom was an involved and enthusiastic participant, serving as an officer and committee member on several occasions. His spontaneity kept us informed and entertained at many a meeting. He was at times our major-domo, and other times the devil's advocate, but always a soft-hearted man who wore his heart on his sleeve. He will be missed.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our annual Christmas party. This is one of the few times each year when we can visit with members and spouses and have a relaxing time. I hope you will all plan to attend.

We'll be in a new home for our January meeting. The Puget Sound Energy auditorium is going to be renovated--so it was a good time to move to the location chosen by your Board this summer. We'll be meeting in the Blakemore House which is located on the corner of 100th and N. E. 4th (the northwest corner of the Bellevue Downtown Park). The Bellevue Parks Dept. is providing this facility at no charge to us.

I'd like to wish all of you the happiest of holidays and a bright New Year. 73 Lorie

My Friend Tom; a personal note which tries to define our friendship.

Tragedy has no respect for the individual and its action operates on a hidden agenda. It caused me to think about our friendship and wonder why it was so special. In one's life there are a few special people who have a quality which is not readily defined. Tom was such a one. Even now I cannot fully comprehend what it was but I will attempt to explain in a round about way, and maybe get a better understanding myself.

I first met Tom, when the community had a combined garage sale, and Gail and Tom's home was one of the collecting and selling points. We talked about Amateur Radio and it broke the ice. Not long after this Sea-Com had an open house and Tom suggested we go together, which we did. After this we made many such trips, Tom driving, because he was the long-time resident and I was the newcomer. He could easily lose me in Seattle, diving down a side street and then suddenly we would emerge somewhere that I recognized.

Thus we became quite well acquainted, and we found that we could discuss things in a good manner, quite often disagreeing but accepting the differences. A sampling of the subjects where we did not always see eye to eye varied from VSWR, to politics (national). We agreed that we had to watch state, county and especially city very carefully, and attack often. On the subject of religion, we both felt that this was a personal matter and not a matter for discussion.

We joined PARS at the same time and a bit later we combined to procure the parts for the Bunny Hunt box. Quite often on a Saturday evening the phone would ring and a voice would say, "Do you want to go to breakfast in the morning? I'll pick you up." (I can't write his N.Dakota accent) He always insisted on driving because his car was outside and mine was inside.

Although we lived fairly close together, we did not see each other as much as you might expect, but each was there if the other needed assistance. I suppose that one could say that our friendship was comfortable, but somehow that does not seem enough. Perhaps, to close, I could borrow from Mark Anthony's speech: "For Tom was an honorable man."

Ben Bennett N71VM

Public Service Opportunities

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)---Interested parties contact John Black W7HIL at 391-8026 or Chuck Stroeher WA7EBH at 392-5303. Always room for more help in this community activity.

MINUTES
of
PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING
Nov. 20, 1997

The meeting was called to order by President Lorie Graff N7LC0 with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 member present and 4 guests. Members and guests introduced themselves.

The program was presented by Greg Milnes W7AGQ, Northwest Region Vice-Director for the ARRL.. He related some anecdotes from his 43 years as a ham, and 28 years as a Trial Judge

in Oregon. He then summarized ham-related items from the national and international scene. The FCC Bulletin on RIF exposure has now been published; WARC97 ended with no damage to amateur radio; the debate on cw in HF privileges has been delayed until WARC2001, due to a crowded calendar in WARC99; the US has now joined the European governments discussing reciprocal privileges for hams; The ARRL has authorized support of the Radio Coaches program, designed to stimulate interest in radio among young people; and there is growing interest in the US for conducting radio-direction finding activities under international rules.

Following the program, Lorie announced that Tom Grotte WB7TEJ is in Evergreen Hospital in critical condition from an as yet undetermined cause. A card is available during the break for those who wish to sign it. Refreshments were then served.

The meeting was then re-convened for the business meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Oct. 16 meeting, as published in SPARKS, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was the given. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report, motion carried. The complete report is available to members on request.

Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH announced that there is still need for amateurs to help with the Seattle Marathon on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Arthritis Foundation wants a few hams to help with the Jingle Bells Run-Walk on Dec. 7. He also reported on two drills with EARS 911, one at Stevens Pass simulating a train derailment, and the other with the city of Bellevue simulating a windstorm. Both were very successful. There is still a need for more volunteers for EARS.

Jim Darby W7FYH said that he has been putting meeting notices in the two eastside papers, and the Times and P-I. They have been seen by some of the members, and Jim asked that they be clipped out and sent to him.

Kirk Bellar KE7TN gave a report on the trailer. He has compiled a long list of items to be addressed, some of which he has done, but some of which he will need some help with. The major concern in the past has been leakage, but there does not seem to be any at present.

Lorie announced that we need to start working on a list of items for the Mike & Key swap meet in March. Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH said that tables are going fast and advised that we get a reservation in very soon.

Kirk Bellar KE7TN announced that we have been granted a club call KC7ZQP by the FCC, and he feels that's as good a reason as any to pursue a vanity call sign. He has the survey forms that were returned to him and after the meeting he and Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH will tally them, assuming that the club wishes to pursue a vanity call sign. A motion was made and seconded that the club pursue a vanity call sign, motion carried.

Lorie said that the site of the annual Christmas party will not be at the Grotte home, as previously announced, but the exact location will be in the next SPARKS.

The meeting was then adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH PARS Secretary

December birthdays
Chaz Hitz N7NNS Herschel Whiting WS7K

To echo Lorie, I'd like to extend a personal invitation to you all to join us at my home on Friday, Dec. 19 for the annual Christmas party. Directions are attached to this issue of Sparks. Casseroles, salads or hor d'oeuvres (your choice) are appropriate. The club will provide the punch, but you may bring other refreshments such as wine if you wish. 6:00 pm seems like a good time to get started. Jim KC7FEH

Chuck Graff K7CHV is looking for a volunteer to fill Tom's position as co-chairman of the flea market. Qualifications: desire to sort through donated items and help list and price them. Must be available for setup on the Friday before the flea market, and help man the table for sales during the day on Saturday, March 8, 1988. Compensation: your \$5.00 admission fee is covered by the club. Call Chuck at 425-392-5846 or e-mail him at squimmer@aol.com.

The top 25 call signs from the survey, in order of preference:

1.K7PAR	6.N71H	11.N7GQ	16.N7QX	21.N7AQ
2.N7F1	7.N7LE	12.N7XF	17.N7VX	22.N7HX
3.W7HH	8.N7YR	13.N7QA	18.N7VU	23.K7QX
4.W7L0	9.N7UV	14.N70H	19.N7VJ	24.N7EQ
5.N7VF	10.N7UK	15.N7Y0	20.N7JX	25.N7QV

N7KV would have been #2, but it was issued on Nov. 13, the same day we were given KC7ZPQ.

The forms are in the mill for procuring a vanity call sign. Maybe we'll know something by the time of the Christmas party. Kirk KE7TN

Most of you will notice that this issue of SPARKS came with the legend Dues Non-current above your address. Dues for 1998 are payable at any time, and I would appreciate as many of you as possible getting your dues to me as soon as possible. I will be gone the last part of January and the first part of February, and later payment will be more trouble for those filling in for me. Thanks for your help.

And with that, I think I will wind this issue down. Again, I hope to see a lot (like maybe ALL) of you at the Christmas party. However, in case I don't see you I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the very best of Holiday Seasons, and a very Happy New Year! Jim KC7FEH