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President: Lorie Graff N7LC0 392-5846

NEXT MEETING:

Vice-President: Bob Adams KJ7BP 454-0506

7:30 pm Thursday

Secy-Treas. Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH 885-7333

March 19, 1998

Bellevue Senior Center

Please note the new meeting site, at the Bellevue Senior Center, 4063 148th Ave.

N.E. We will meet in the crafts room, doors open at 7:00pm. (See the attached map). We should not have ANY parking problem at this location. Lorie explains it all in THE PREZ SEZ.

PROGRAM NOTES

March 19-- Phil Ferrell K7PF, speaking on transmitter fingerprinting using DSP.

April 16--Jimmy Horn KA7GKP speaking about fox-hunting to occur in May.

May 21--Joe Sloss K7MKS -- The resurrection of a boat anchor.

June 18--Steve Stroh N8GNU on packet radio

It is with sadness that we note the passing of Claude Anderson AB7G, a member of PARS through 1995. Claude, 71, was the manager of Goodwill Industries from 1967 to 1985. Claude regularly attended PARS meetings until ill health kept him home. He died on Thursday, March 5, from the effects of pneumonia.

THE PREZ SEZ

We have a new meeting site starting with the March 19 meeting. The Bellevue Fire Dept. will not allow large groups at the Blakemore House upstairs room because there is only a single exit. The parks Department has arranged for us to have the crafts room at the Bellevue Senior Center at no charge, because we are considered a partner in the city's communications scheme. Because of that, we will meet for dinner at the Overlake Coco"s.

The flea market was a huge success, not only for the Mike & Key Club who sponsor this annual event, but for PARS as well. Our two tables (and the floor underneath) were stacked with donations. Kirk Bellar KE7TN commented that our tables contained "ham history". A Hammarlund HQ-110 receiver and a Hallicrafters Model SX-117 receiver were purchased by a ham in Portland, Or. A Hammarlund S-200 speaker was bought by a ham from Toledo, OH and our own Jerry Sampont WA7BUY is now the proud owner of an E. F. Johnson Company Viking Challenger transmitter and a WRL Globe Chief transmitter (this was Tom Grotte's transmitter). Many of our "goodies" were purchased by other vendors who then resold them at their tables. Accolades to Chuck Graff

K7CHV and Kirk Bellar KE7TN co-chairs for the PARS flea market activities. for all their hard work. Also many thanks to the other PARS members who staffed the booth on Saturday.

The next outside club activity will be on Saturday, May 16, when Jimmy Horn KA7GKP puts us through our paces for our Fox Hunt. This will be our first annual Tom Grotte Memorial Fox Hunt. Tom loved these transmitter hunting expeditions, and Gail Grotte has donated Tom's direction finder to PARS. For those who have never participated in a fox hunt, Jimmy will be presenting a program on fox hunting at our April 16 meeting.

Believe it or not, our election of officers is only two months away. Nominating committee Chairman Al Staples N7VOF is seeking members willing to serve as officers. Bob Adams KJ7BP has served 2 1/2 terms as V.-Pres. and Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH has served 2 112 terms as Secretary. Club By-Laws exclude them from a third term.

I hope to see you at Coco's for dinner before the meeting. However, we will meet at the Coco's on N. E. 24th at 148th Ave. N. E. (across from Overlake Sears store), because of our new meeting site. We meet at 6:00pm, everyone is welcome. Lastly, don't forget to check into the PARS net on Wednesdays at 7:00pm on 443.200 mHz (the WS7K repeater). 73 Lorie N7LC0

Unfortunately, this is the last dues reminder for this year. If I haven't received your dues by March 31, I am forced to drop you from the mailing list. I hope that the number of you I do have to drop is a very small number. Of course we'd like to have you all back, but we know that some will not renew because of distance or other problems. Just don't let it slip by because you forgot! Send them to me, 3054 169th Ave. N.E., Bellevue, 98008.

MINUTES
of
THE PUGET AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING
February 19, 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Lorie Graff N7LC0 at 7:30 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 15 members and 1 guest present.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as published in SPARKS, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH, and was approved. At the present time, we have 21 paid members.

There was no Publicity Chairman report, due to the recent illness of Jim Darby W7FYH and his fax machine.

Swap Meet Chairman Chuck Graff K7CHV reports a great deal of "stuff" has accrued, and there is still a bit more to be picked up. He and Kirk Bellar KE7TN will be sorting and pricing items this weekend. Any further donations will need to be in Chuck's hands by Saturday, Feb. 28. There was a sign-up sheet for those who would be able to help sell.

Trailer Chairman Kirk Bellar KE7TN reports that the tires are in good shape. Some of the trim has been replaced but it is not a good match. The No. 2 battery may need to be replaced, and John Black W7HIL said that both batteries are nearing their end of useful life. There has been some water leakage into the battery compartment, and Kirk has replaced the seal around the door. The license tabs are on, and he has put on decals for the club call on both sides. He has been using the HF radio that was donated and has been checking into nets on his lunch hour. There is a possibility that we can string some additional long wire antennas if we keep them unobtrusive.

John Black W7HIL said that there is a need for some plan for an emergency, so that the generator and fuel can be gotten to the trailer when necessary. This was felt to be an appropriate area for Board action. The Board will consider this at the next meeting.

Lorie announced that an inventory of the trailer came up with just under \$3000 of insurable items, and we have purchased \$3000 of insurance for the radio and equipment. So far she has been unable to find comprehensive insurance for the trailer itself since it has been modified and does not have an individual owner.

Kirk Bellar suggested that we consider the possibility of running a net on the 443.2 repeater, which is a **PARS** repeater on Rose Hill in Kirkland. An informal poll showed that most of the people have 440MHz. After some discussion, it was decided to try a short informal net on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Kirk will be the NCS for the first time. Hopefully, this can generate some publicity and some interest in PARS.

Kirk also said that we still need to work out some sort of mechanism to open the trailer for those who might wish to use the radio, particularly those with Tech licenses who would like to do some HF work. This again is something probably best handled at the Board level.

The meeting was then recessed for refreshments.

Following refreshments, a most interesting talk was given by No Bricel N7AY, on some of his experiences as a ham in Yugoslavia before WWII (operating illegally but with the permission of the police), and then his various contacts with British and German intelligence agencies during the war, along with descriptions of some narrow escapes. He felt that he probably survived because he was skilled in radio, and he described some ingenious ways he used to build and hide his transmitters and antennas.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH

PARS Secretary- Treasurer

The Board met Thursday, March 5, at Al Staples home. Items discussed were the swap meet, publicity measures, member hospitality during meetings, the trailer, and spring elections. Complete minutes are available upon request.

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.

WANTD TO BUY Ham radio and test equipment that glows in the dark (anything with tubes). I enjoy restoring and most of all operating these beauties from a BYGONE ERA. They will get a loving home. Also will buy any tubes, parts, extra manuals, pre 1970 CQ-73-ARRL handbooks, or anything else relating to ham radio of that era. These items are of great value as a resource when restoring equipment.

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At the recent Board meeting, it was mentioned that some of the newer members had found it difficult to feel really welcome when they first started attending. While I know that we all tend to congregate with our established circle, I think we need to make a special effort to seek out guests and prospective new members, and make them feel that we know they are there. One of the best parts of amateur radio is the fellowship, and that needs to include the new people as well as the old. Who knows what treasures might walk in the door, and then right back out if we don't acknowledge them?

The PARS net on Wednesdays at 7:00pm (443.2 MHz repeater, +, 103.5 tone) is up and crawling! I say crawling only because we need more checkins. It's a good time to say a few words about what you're up to, and to disseminate information about the club. Join us, and bring a radio friend.

It's time for nominations for club officers again, folks. The offices of President, V.-Pres. and Secretary are open this year. Take a good look at your capabilities and schedules, and give some SERIOUS thought to being a candidate for one of the club jobs. It's a great way to get tuned in and turned on to the greater community of Amateur Radio. The nominating committee wants you!

I've been a bit remiss these last few months, what with the changeover in computers. I've forgotten the birthdays! Sorry guys.

for January: Joe Langjahr KD7DG Arthur Rolfe N7YKI

for February: Cameron Etezadi KFOR

for March: Bill Bingham WA7VEH

I think I've run out of material for this issue. Please remember the new meeting site (Bellevue Senior Center on 148th Ave. N.E.), the new dinner site (Overlake Coco's), and the Wednesday night PARS net (443.2 MHz, 7:00pm). Thanks to all who worked the flea market. See ya Thursday!

73 de Jim KC7FEH