

Sparks

WELCOME BACK ALL MEMBERS!

Welcome to the 99/00 PARS

I welcome all members back to the club and I am hoping that this will be a great year for all of us.

My first rant as PARS Secretary will be to ask any and all members to Submit articles for the "New and Improved" Sparks, I don't really care what it is about as long as you think other members will like it and of course I will edit all submitted articles for space and to keep the rating below "PG".

73 de Kd7dey



**WHY DO YOU THINK I PUT THIS
HERE?**

What's Up for the month of September

**Sept, 16 Pars General
Meeting.**

7:00-9:00PM

**at the Bellevue Senior
center**

**4063 148th ave ne.,
Bellevue, WA**

**also don't forget Dinner at
Coco's**

**Sept, 18-19 Salmon Run
In Wahkiakum county**

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PARS Net on the comeback??

Hear hear. I would like comments on what band the New Sparks Net should be on, what time and what day, oh and I almost forgot what Repeater?

You can reach me at
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Or you can Phone me at 425-
401-6950 after school.

Minutes of the PARS general meeting
June 17, 1999

The club met at the Bellevue Senior Center. 13 members were present, a quorum. The President brought the meeting to order at 7:14 PM.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the President introduced the evening's speaker, member Doug Bell. Doug demonstrated a homebrew Morse keyboard using a PIC microcontroller circuit he had designed and programmed, and talked about the design theory of the circuit.

Following the break, the President called the business meeting to order. The members approved, without revision, the minutes of the May meeting as published in the June issue of Sparks.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer reported a positive balance for the 30 days ending June 17, and reported on the withdrawal amounts for the same period [Financial statements are available to PARS members from the Treasurer - Ed.]

Trailer committee: The Secretary reported that he had repaired the Hy-Gain beam as best he could, and that the new Mosley beam hadn't yet arrived. Al Staples reported that he had obtained a mast to mount the Hy-Gain and six-meter beams for Field Day; there was some discussion among the members about how best to mount the two beams on the tower. The Secretary added that he had purchased a few additional items for the trailer, and had a couple of minor tasks to perform on the trailer in advance of Field Day.

Field Day committee: The President reported in Bob Adam's absence, that the major preparations were complete for the June 26-27 event. Chuck Graff had agreed to haul the trailer and tower to Downtown Park. Al Staples asked whether anyone could bring a folding table, and the Secretary asked the members to bring folding chairs. The members discussed what antennas would be available, and who would bring radios.

Old business: none

New business: The President solicited comments on the possibility of reviving the PARS net. The members discussed alternate frequencies and meeting nights. The President also asked the members to consider what topics they'd like to see for future meeting programs. With no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted -
Kirk Bellar,
N7UK

PARS Secretary

The Prez Sez ...

Welcome back! It's been nearly three months since most of us had the opportunity for an eyeball QSO, so I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on the 16th. There have been a few events of note since the June meeting -- the biggest, of course, being Field Day on June 26-27 (covered in detail elsewhere in this issue). It was gratifying to see so much participation; we may have to run four or five transmitters next year so that everyone can get a decent amount of operating time. I split my operating between PARS and Shoreline ARES again this year, working through the night and getting about two hours' sleep during the twenty-four hour contest period. I just hate to miss out on any of it! At our house, Field Day has become known as The Lost Weekend. My thanks to Bob Adams (and son), Al Staples (and son), Chuck & Lorie Graff, and everyone else who made Field Day '99 a success. Hef, KD7E, and I made a "mini-DXpedition" to Whidbey Island on July 24 to activate K7PAR/7 for the Islands On The Air (IOTA) Contest, sponsored by the Radio Society of Great Britain. While our efforts netted only 34 QSOs and 2574 points, it gave us another opportunity to set up and operate a portable station, and a chance to find out first-hand how popular the contest was (Answer: Very!). I was surprised not to hear more activity from Whidbey or the San Juans ... the only other local contestant we heard was N7MQ, running an IC-706 and a random wire out of his window at the Captain Whidbey Inn. On the other hand, some of the Western WA DX Club members mounted a major contest operation from rarely-heard Tatoosh Island, using the call W7W. I understand that they made over 3000 contacts (including us) and 1.4 million points! I'm trying to cajole one of the Tatoosh DXpeditioners to do a program for us. All in all, it was a fun experience and a useful exercise in emergency operations, even if our results were meager. I plan on doing this one again next year. The club's new Mosley TA-33M tribander arrived at my door about a month after Field Day, and is still sitting unassembled in my garage. A month after THAT, I was perusing the treasures at the Longview hamfest when I spotted a familiar-looking pile of aluminum under one of the sellers' tables. It turned out to be a Hy-Gain TH-3 Junior, the same model as the one we're replacing, only this one was in excellent condition and very attractively priced. Murphy works in mysterious ways. Anyway, yes, I bought it for myself, with the idea of taking it along on portable operations. As for the Mosley, we'll put it on the tower and have a trial run at the trailer sometime before the ARRL Phone

Sweepstakes in November. Stay tuned. Speaking of portable operations, I'll be working from Skamokawa, in Wahkiakum county in southwest WA, for the Washington Salmon Run on the weekend of Sept. 18-19, as I reported in the June Sparks. I've rented an RV for the occasion, which I'll be driving down there on the 17th. Everybody's welcome to come down and participate, whether for a couple of hours or the whole weekend (there'll be berths for as many as four people, if they don't mind getting cozy), and I'd be glad to take anyone along in the RV. It's about a 3-1/2 hour drive from Seattle to Skamokawa. If we can get out a decent signal from there, we should be mighty popular with the other contesters. Well, I think that covers it. I'll be doing some presidential pontificating in this space in the coming months, but for now I want to recognize Jim, KC7FEH, and Lorie, N7LCO, as they both take a well-earned break from their 2+ years of service as club officers. Lorie's ability to conjure up programs has been a godsend, and Jim kept the meetings going in no-nonsense style this past year (although the Kingston ferry schedule might have had something to do with it). Well done, guys, and I hope that time and geography don't deter you from making it to at least a few meetings this year. -- 73 de Kirk, N7UK

The K7PAR web site (www.qsl.net/k7par) is continuing to grow. Recent additions to the site have been the Club Contest/DX info, the Sparks Newsletter and Special Links. The Contest/DX information link gives details of what the Club has done and what it's future plans will be as far as Contesting goes. The May and June copies of the Club Newsletter Sparks, are also on the web. We're in the process of scanning and uploading the entire collection to our web site. This may take a while though, there are hundreds of pages to scan. We've also added a "Special Links" section to our site. NZ0I, Charles E. Scharlau, presented a program to our group a few months back on Radio Direction Finding and he has asked if we would mind adding a link from our Web page to his. Of course this would be a reciprocal link; he has added a link from his site to ours. After talking with the new club President, Kirk, we have decided to add the link. Other than that, we've added a few scrolling features to the bottom of some of the pages - you'll see what I mean when you pull up the page, it's kind of neat! If you are interested in adding anything of interest to the site, just let me know and I'll be more than happy to show you how to upload your additions or I'll do it for you, either way it's no problem for me. FYI - if any of you are interested in FREE internet service, check out www.netzero.com - I've been using it since last December and it works GREAT! Yes, it's completely free. Happy surfing! HEF