

About the PARS Club Station

Our call sign: **K7PAR**, originally held by Robert F. Hansen of Driggs, Idaho.

First licensed: In November 1997 as KC7ZPQ. We never used this call on the air. The members voted to get the vanity call K7PAR, which the FCC granted on January 6, 1998. Kirk Bellar, KE7TN (now N7UK), made the first K7PAR contact on 2 meters with ARRL Section Manager Harry Lewis, W7JWJ, at the PARS general meeting of January 15, 1998. Some contests, such as the ARRL Sweepstakes, require us to give the year first licensed as a **check**.

Our **QTH:** Bellevue, King county, Washington state

Our **ARRL Section:** Western Washington (WWA for CW contests)

Our **grid:** **CN87** (Refers to the Maidenhead Locator System of 1° latitude by 2° longitude grid squares covering the globe). Used for VHF/UHF contests and awards.

Our **CQ zone:** **3**. Used in some CQ Magazine-sponsored contests and the CQ Worked All Zones (WAZ) award.

Our **ITU zone:** **6**. (International Telecommunications Union) Used for various contests.

Station equipment: Icom IC-740 HF transceiver, 100W output. Permanent antennas are an **80'** (24-meter) **end-fed wire** and a **Cushcraft R-5 vertical** for 20 through 10 meters. We also have a **Vertex (Yaesu) model FTL-2011** for 2 meter FM operation, a four-element 2 meter beam, and an **Icom R-7000** receiver and Diamond discone antenna for 25-1300 MHz reception. For Field Day and other contests, we have **Mosley TA-33M** and **Mosley TA-33-JR-N** 3-element triband (10, 15, and 20 meter) beams which we can assemble and erect atop 20-30 feet of Rohm 25 tower sections or a 20-foot telescoping mast, along with 80 meter and 40 meter dipoles.

Members also bring their own equipment as needed for contests and special operating events.