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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**7:30 pm Thursday**  
**MARCH 21,1996**  
**Puget Auditorium**

Well, as the old saying goes, nobody's perfect. Of all the people to not get his copy of SPARKS, it would have to be our illustrious leader. Oh well, at least he knew what's happening, even without the newsletter! Sorry about that, Al, but I knew I folded, labeled and stamped one for you so it didn't surprise me when it showed up a week later, rather mangled by the USPS.

You will notice a form in this issue which President Al N7VOF would very much like to have you all fill out and return to us. It has to do with what and who we are, and how we do what we do, whatever it is we do. We may be able to learn more about what direction the club should be taking, or what activities we should be featuring, to make the club more vital and interesting to the membership. I've made it easy--it's already pre-addressed, so all you have to do is fill it out, fold, staple and stamp, and drop it off with those nasty bills you all have to pay.

This club, after all, belongs to all of us, and we all must contribute something at some time or we won't last very long. So please help your officers and return these forms, and don't be bashful about tooting your own horn if you have some area of expertise, or have had some interesting experiences we might like to hear about, or just have something you'd like the club to do. Thanks in advance.

'73 Jim KC7FEH

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The PREZ Sez: In the January SPARKS I mentioned that as the new kid on the block, I was interested in two things. One, to see SPARKS published and mailed before each meeting. This is well in hand due to the professional (?) efforts of Dr. Jim. (ed.-Thanks Al, perfect timing. Your check is in the mail.) The other item, the committee heads, is about 80% complete. The real stumbling block is the Program Committee. Programs have been arranged for this month, April and the June-July period. So, the fortunate person who takes on the position of Chairman has a good start. Do I hear an offer? And I know that Chuck would like relief from the Technical committee Chair. It's being worked, being worked .....

Lastly, I also would like to encourage your returning the member survey forms. It hopefully will help both you and others, such as the program committee. It would be nice if you brought them to the meeting, or mail them back to us.

73 Al N7VOF

The next general meeting agenda:

- I. Introductions
- II. Announcements
- III. Approval of minutes meeting of Feb. 15, 1996
- IV. Treasurer report
- V. Field Day
- VI. Committee report
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Adjourn business meeting
- X. Break
- XI. Program

The program for this month will feature Bruce Franklin from Index Labs. They manufacture QRP and other equipment, and he will bring some hardware to show. This should be a good program for all of us, but particularly those with special interest in QRP operation. For April, radio astronomy is the topic.

As mentioned in the minutes which follow, there is always a need for more people to become involved in EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Support group). A number of our own are heavily involved but there is room for more. They meet the second Thursday of the month. For more info, contact John Black W7HIL (746-7611), Stuart Whiting KB7UUX (230-0882) or Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH (392-5303).

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MINUTES of  
February 15, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Al Staples Y7VOF. Members and guests present introduced themselves.

Announcements: Bob Adams KJ7BP has volunteered to take charge of Field Day this year. Stuart Whiting KF7UUX has agreed to act as consultant for digital radio, but not to act as committee chairman. There is still a need for someone to take over the Program Committee.

The minutes of the January 25 meeting, as published in SPARKS, were approved.

The minutes of the Board meeting of February 7, as published in SPARKS, were approved, with clarification by Chuck Graff K7CHV, regarding the discussion of the repeaters.

The Treasurers Report, as published in SPARKS, was discussed and it was pointed out that the date was Jan. 31, 1995, and should have been 1996.

Committee Reports

- Membership Tom Grotte WB7TEJ has talked to some possible new members, but so far nothing concrete.
- Technical Chuck Graff K7CHV reports that the committee also includes Stuart Whiting KB7UUX, in addition to the previously listed members. Efforts to catalogue the club's equipment continue.
- Bulletin Board Chuck Graff reports that the Bulletin Board is down at present due to a hard disk crash. Alex Vdolek WA7EDZ has offered a new disk but it will require being rebuilt, so nothing is imminent.
- Trailer Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH reports that he and John Black W7HIL will put up a long wire for 160/80/40/?20 meters in the next

2-3 weeks. The HF station is basically otherwise complete except for a transceiver.

EARS John Black W7HTL reports that they can always use more people in the group.

Program Al N7VOF again stated a need for someone to take over the Program Committee.

Old Business No old business was introduced for discussion.

New Business Chuck Graff K7CHV informed the club that Eppy Epstein N7CAL has suffered a recent loss of a spouse, and that Eppy may have some difficulty in getting out. Hopefully members who live in his general area can try and insure that he has an opportunity to get to club activities.

The business meeting was then adjourned. Following refreshments, President Al brought out a large box of old radio tubes, which evoked a lot of memories from the older hams present, and some reminiscing about the types of applications for them.

Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH, Secretary

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT

February 29, 1996

There were no new deposits made during February, and no expenses paid. There remains a healthy balance in the bank.

Chaz Hitz N7NNS Treasurer

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#### Summary of Board meeting March 7, 1996

1. The Board will meet the first Thursday each month at Al Staples home.
  2. The complete minutes will not be published, but are available to members on request.
  3. The disposition of equipment in possession of PARS was discussed.
  4. The Board authorized purchase of one of the repeaters on the equipment list by Chuck Graff K7CHV for a nominal sum, in view of his long service to the club including a considerable cumulative cash donation.
  5. Preliminary plans for Field Day were discussed.
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Enough for this month. Please try and return the survey forms, either at the next meeting or by mail. See ya' Mar. 21 at 7:30 pm.

Jim YC7FEH