

## Puget Amateur Radio Society

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NEXT MEETING:  
6:00 pm Saturday  
Dec. 14, 1996  
Sampont Residence

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Happy Holidays everyone! The last issue of Sparks for 1996 is a little early to avoid the Holiday rush. Hey, the stores can do it, why can't I?

You will notice that your SPARKS this time came in an envelope marked dues non-current (at least most of you will), which is just a reminder that dues for 1997 are now due and payable. According to the new By-Laws, dues are due in January and are delinquent if not paid by the end of February. There are a few who have already paid that I know of, but if your SPARKS came in the wrong envelope, I apologize. This year it will be important if you want to continue getting SPARKS. After this issue, only last year's paid members plus those paid for 1997 will be on the list, and after February, only those paid for '97. Fore-warned is fore-armed!

For those who might be interested in sending items to me in the future (and I would welcome them), you can reach me on e-mail at [arzetta@aol.com](mailto:arzetta@aol.com).

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THE PREZ SEZ        Since I was cleverly eased into another six months, and since January 1997 is upon us, and since I was foolish enough to appoint myself Program Chairman, I find myself without a program for January. Any suggestions would be welcome at 206-454-2882, or e-mail [aln7vof@msn.com](mailto:aln7vof@msn.com). Some thoughts I had might be a discussion of some future club functions for joint activities, in addition to Field Day.

We might also do some serious thinking about how to use the trailer, but we need to have some equipment in place to encourage use of the trailer as a working station. Should we think about a club license?

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Al N7VOF

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Louise and Jerry (WA7BUY) Sampont have graciously volunteered again to host our annual Christmas potluck/meeting at their home, Dec. 14 at 6:00pm. The address is 11211 N.E. 100th St., Kirkland. See the attached map for, directions. If you can call Louise or Jerry at 827-4480 to coordinate dishes, it would probably be wise.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance 11-1-96		\$1104.41
Deposits (Dues)		\$0085.00
Expenses		(\$0073.00)
ARRL (donation)	\$ 50.00	
ARRL (membership)	\$ 23.00	
Balance on 11-30-96		\$1116.41

Respectfully Submitted  
Chaz Hitz N7NNS Treasurer

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The December 5 board meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.  
The next Board meeting will be at 7:30 pm Jan. 2, 1997.

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Public Service Opportunities

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)--interested parties contact John Black  
W7HIL 746-7611 or Chuck Stroehner WA7EBH 393-5303. Always room for more  
help in this community activity.

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At the December 14 potluck/meeting there will be no formal program and  
usually no business of consequence. This is a time for fellowship and the  
Ham of the Year award is usually announced at this time. At press time, I  
do not have information about programs for 1997.

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Minutes of the November 21, 1996 general meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Al Staples N7VOF. Eleven  
members were present, a quorum. Those present introduced themselves.

President Al asked for any discussion of the minutes of the October meeting, and  
a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published in SPARKS,  
motion was passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the  
Treasurer's report as published in SPARKS, motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Graff K7CHV reported that he has acquired three handheld 2 meter units from  
Puget Power, which can be reprogrammed for amateur frequencies. These will be  
placed in the trailer for emergency use. President Al asked Harry Lewis W7JWJ, our  
W.Wash section manager, to discuss the situation regarding the proposals by  
commercial interests to take over the amateur frequencies in the 2 meter and 70  
centimeter bands. The ARRL has had to hire additional lobbyists to promote our  
interests in this matter, and this is a strain on ARRL finances, being a  
non-profit organization. It is his feeling that this argument presages attempts to  
take over other amateur frequencies, and thus threatens the entire field of  
amateur radio. The league has asked for individuals and clubs to donate funds to  
help cover this new expense for lobbying Congress, as well as at the international  
level. Mary Lewis W7QGP also pointed out that ARRL is up against many millions of  
dollars of industry lobbying. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and  
seconded and passed unanimously to contribute \$50 from the club treasury for this  
fund. Individual contributions are tax deductible.

Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH discussed the proposed 1997 budget. The main expense item, aside from the insurance, is the newsletter. The newsletter costs \$6/year/member, and about 37% of the mailing list are non-dues paying recipients. The budget has a deficit of \$268, which we could make up by increasing membership, or selling some surplus equipment. It was suggested that perhaps 1997 would be a good year to purchase a table at the Puyallup Swap Meet. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to approved the budget as published in SPARKS. The mailing list will be revised at the Board level.

A motion was then made to adjourn. Following refreshments, a very interesting talk on antenna tuners and what they do and don't do and how they can be used was presented by Patrick Buller W7RQT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Von Seggern KC7FEH  
PARS Secretary

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December birthdays  
Chaz Hitz N7NNS Herschel Whiting WS7K

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FOR SALE  
Antenna TH7DXX excellent condition \$350  
Rotor excellent condition \$250  
Contact Chuck Graff K7CHV at 392-5846, leave message if not home.

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That seems to be the wrap for 1996. I look forward to seeing you at the Christmas party, but for those of you who don't make it, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year! 73 Jim