

2015



PSRG Annual Report

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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

It is my privilege to present to you the Puget Sound Repeater Group's 2015 Annual Report. You will see in this report that the PSRG continues to help foster amateur radio through communications support during events and emergencies, education to help spread knowledge and encourage participation in the hobby, and events to help first-time radio operators get on the air.

During the fiscal year, which started May 1, 2015 and ran through April 30, 2016, we received over \$1,000 in support from you, our amateur radio community. It is through your donations that we are able to maintain a high-class repeater experience, as well as participate in events like Field Day, and share information about amateur radio and the PSRG at area events and conferences. I thank you for your past and continued support of our mission to foster amateur radio, and I invite you to read about how your support helped us in our list of accomplishments and events we detail below.

I'm looking forward to the 2016 Fiscal Year, including continued support of our regular events, exploring new opportunities to support our mission, and making enhancements to how the PSRG operates to demonstrate our commitment to using your donations wisely and reporting in ways that work to follow generally accepted accounting principles. This Annual Report is one step in this process and we will continue to provide these each fiscal year.

On behalf of the entire PSRG Board of Directors, thank you for continued support. Without you, none of these accomplishments would be possible.

Respectfully submitted,



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Aaron Hulett". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Aaron Hulett
PSRG Secretary-Treasurer

OUR PURPOSE

- To provide volunteer amateur radio communication services to government agencies and the general public in times of emergency.
- To provide community, state and nation with volunteer amateur radio communication services in support of charitable agencies.
- To promote amateur radio related education.
- To promote programs that develop and improve the skills of licensed amateur radio operators.
- To promote the development of new technology and scientific discoveries by supporting and encouraging research and technological innovation in the application of amateur radio.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This year Glenn Evans, K7GLE, after several years of serving as Secretary-Treasurer, decided to step down. We would like to thank him for his contributions over the years and for helping make the transition to Aaron Hulett, K8AMH, a smooth experience.

Post-transition, Aaron will begin working on importing our financial information into QuickBooks, and using laser checks to both streamline using QuickBooks to record payments and help present a more professional image. Treasurer Reports will be generated each month and include a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss statement so that Board members, PSRG members and the public can review our Group's finances.

This fiscal year, which ran from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016, we had a net income of \$322.17 for a year-end balance of \$3,083.98. Our BECU Checking and Savings account balances were \$888.22 and \$1,959.93, respectively, and our PayPal account was at \$231.83. We also have \$4.00 at CafePress that will be paid out when the total meets their current payout threshold.

Expenditures	
Business Registration Fees	\$10.00
Annual Dinner	\$1,127.96
PO Box	\$130.00
Annual Picnic	\$130.00
Postage and Supplies	\$402.92
Web Hosting	\$58.48
PayPal Transaction Fees	\$19.85
Insurance	\$200.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,929.21

Income	
Gifts in Kind	\$197.91
Donations	\$903.00
Interest (Checking & Savings)	\$2.51
Item sales (donated items, CafePress)	\$81.96
Annual Dinner	\$1,066.00
Total Income	\$2,251.38

OFFICERS

Board Members

Position	Call Sign	Name	Date Elected	Term Length
President	KD7DK	Doug Kingston	Jan 24, 2016	2 years
Vice President	AF7BO	Tyler Heinemann	Jan 24, 2016	2 years (elected mid-term)
Secretary/Treasurer	K8AMH	Aaron Hulett	Jan 24, 2016	2 years
Board Slot 1	KL7GT	Jon Newstrom	Jan 25, 2015	2 years
Board Slot 2	KG7CME	Elaine Bradtke	Jan 24, 2016	2 years
Board Slot 3	KF7UHK	Jessica Phipps	Jan 25, 2015	2 years
License Trustee	W7UUL	Don Abeles	Feb 27, 2016	Board appointed; no term

Other Positions

Position	Call Sign	Name
Technical Committee Chair	NQ1E	Cory Johnson
Control Operator	KD7DK	Doug Kingston
Control Operator	K7PAL	Barry Palmore
Control Operator	KG7AUL	Costa "CK" Katsaniotis
Webmaster	W7RJT	Marco Deppe

PSRG ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND EVENTS

ARRL Field Day at South Seattle College

JUNE 27 AND 28, 2015

We had a successful Field Day operation in June 2015 working closely with Seattle ACS and located at the South Seattle College. We earned 2,798 points, improving on our score for 2014 and included several improvements on the previous year including a solar power array and an educational seminar on Field Day and contest operating. As part of this effort we also hosted an Antenna Workshop at Marymoor Park on Sunday June 14th where we worked on several antennas for Field Day including the construction of Bob's (K9PQ) Spider Beam. The entire event went off very smoothly and very safely.



West Seattle Natural Energy brought solar panels to show how we can power amateur radio equipment without the need of utility power or a fueled generator. Photo by Elaine (KG7CME).

Annual Picnic

JULY 11, 2015

Held at Magnolia Park, not only was it an opportunity to meet off the air, Michael (KJ7WC) brought his satellite equipment and made a contact with a station!



Many amateur radio operators were interested in Michael's (KJ7WC) equipment to track and communicate through satellites. Photo by Ron (NR70).

Annual Dinner

JANUARY 9, 2016

This was a successful event hosted at the Ballard Bridge Cafe. Many thanks to Barry (K7PAL) for helping to secure the location.



Several PSRG members and their guests came to enjoy a meal with their fellow hams and talk about the many facets of the hobby. Photo by Aaron (K8AMH).

Annual Meeting

JANUARY 24, 2016

In 2016 our topic was about monitoring for earthquakes and the different levels of damage they may cause, and reinforced how amateur radio operators can jump in to assist during such emergencies should they occur. Bill Steele of the University of Washington and the University of Oregon's jointly-managed Pacific Northwest Seismic Network describe characteristics of the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquakes typically experienced in our area and the earthquake and tsunami warning system the Network has been developing over the last several years.

Mike & Key Electronics Show and Flea Market Meet-up

MARCH 5, 2016

Several PSRG members attended this annual Ham event to look for new radio equipment and gadgets, and share info about the hidden gems they found such as how they work and what they're used for.



Several PSRG members met up during the Mike & Key event. Photo by Ron (NR7O).

LOOKING FORWARD: 2016 GOALS

- Continue fostering participation in and sharing knowledge about amateur radio through:
 - Educational sessions to provide amateur radio operators a welcoming place to ask questions and learn about operating amateur radio equipment
 - Helping the community during large events and times of emergency by providing communications and support
 - Continued support of the Seattle Auxiliary Communications Service by providing a primary repeater and hosting its weekly net
 - Promoting amateur radio at area events to spread awareness and raise interest