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Five decades in operation causes a group to look back. Two of the founders of the Puget Sound Repeater Group, Don W7UUL and Barry K7PAL, are still active within the community, and have recently given PSRG members a look back into the group's history. Although the exact date has been lost to time, the PSRG has been running daily nets for thirty or forty years, and a strong sense of community has always been central to the group's ethos.

Today, we run not one but three social nets per day, with often much more happening on our repeaters in between. Visitors from across the world have included the PSRG in their regular radio operations. The group's reputation as a welcoming, friendly, and active community has been cemented not just locally, but internationally. We are incredibly grateful to our members and volunteers for driving this culture of openness and generosity. It is by the contributions of hundreds of individuals that we come together as a group capable of more than the sum of its parts.

Repeaters are almost ubiquitous in Western Washington, and the area boasts several groups that have ably served local radio amateurs. The role of the Western Washington Amateur Relay Association in coordinating frequencies on our brimming spectrum is central to maintaining healthy amateur radio activity in the area; the fact that activity is thriving is a sign of WWARA's notable efforts. We thank the Relay Association for their diligence and hard work in keeping our frequencies free of interference and well managed.

We greatly appreciate that the WWARA board has recognized the PSRG and our community in this manner. It is a strong signal that our contributions to the community are valued, and perhaps unique in the Pacific Northwest.

With our thanks,
The Board of the Puget Sound Repeater Group

Quentin Caudron, K7DRQ Secretary of the Board