

THE WASHINGTON AMATEUR RADIO TRAFFIC SYSTEM  
WARTS

Founded December 23, 1947

Founders

W7BBK – W7CKT – W7EPS – W7JVB

These members appeared on the first roster

As signed by Lewis F Rylie, W7CKT

**THE CHARTER MEMBERS**

W7AGJ Vancouver---Ed	W7EYD Longview----Jack	W7IVE Moses Lake--Don
W7BBK Ritzville-----Wes	W7FOV Enumclaw----Allen	W7JFB Everett-----Mariam
W7BIW Pasco-----Sam	W7FVY Tacoma-----Chris	W7JNU Lynden-----Van
W7BMB Raymond---Pete	W7FXD Sedro Wooley Barney	W7JVB Yakima-----Roland
W7BWC Everett-----Bill	W7GEK Hoquiam-----Vern	W7LCZ Fermdale---Tax
W7BZI Olalla-----Hugh	W7GJG Chehalis-----Earl	W7KKI Bremerton---Doc
W7CKT Bainbridge--Rylie	W7GJY Portland-----Stan	W7KVA Custer-----Gil
W7CUD Richland-----Skip	W7GKY Olympia-----Max	W7LFA Anacortes---Norm
W7CXR Auburn-----Ernie	W7GNR Bellingham---Morrie	W7LNW Coulee Dam--Fred
W7DRT Ellensburg-- -Bill	W7GOO Astoria-----George	W7OC Spokane-----Ken
W7EGR Ellensburg---Stan	W7ICM Spokane-----Joe	W7WQ Oswego-----Marion
W7ELN Spokane-----Jim	W7IPS Castle Rock—Johnie	VE7PO Victoria-----Clarence
W7EPS Yakima-----Virg	W7IQO Pullman-----Dick	VE7SW Victoria-----Allen

W7FOV, W7GJG, W7IVE, W7KCY, W7LFA AND VE7SW ARE WARTS CHARTER MEMBER SURVIVORS IN 2006. ALL OTHERS HAVE DEPARTED TO THE LAND OF THE SILENT KEY.

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

\_\_\_\_\_ is a charter member of the WARTS Net  
(Lewis F. Rylie)

Extract of Letter from W7CKT Feb 10, 1949

*“W7EPS and W7JVB at Yakima and W7BBK at Ritzville and myself (W7CKT) started talking about organizing a Net in December of 1947... We originally figured if we could get 25 stations around the State we would be doing good. W7JPX, then Phone Activities Manager said it had been tried several times before, but nothing ever came of it due to lack of interest. However, we had his blessings... In a couple of months we had 22 members, many of whom are still with us (1949). In another couple of months we has over 50 and it kept on growing until at one time we had 100 stations checking in from time to time. For the various fairs and celebrations around the State we have handled as many as 300 messages, and during the Oregon flood we were on night and day for five days for about five days... Norm, W7LFA, in Anacortes has a KW now and has relieved me of most of the jobs of running the Net including bringing out the PARASITE..)*

CQ, CQ, CQ. This is \_\_\_\_\_ calling the Washington Amateur Radio traffic System. This Net handles traffic for any place in the United States, its possessions and Canada. Any station phone or CW is invited to check in. Stand by for roll call

A complete history of the WARTS Net was published  
In the PARASITE of April 1973  
Mary, W7QGP then WARTS Secretary