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NEXT MEETING: 7:30 pm Thursday Jan.16,1997 Puget Auditorium

Well, I hope you all had a good Holiday Season, albeit a rather wet one. This has been a really fierce winter so far for this part of the country.

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 some who have already paid that I know of, but there's a bunch more of you out there that haven't. This year it will be important if you want to continue getting SPARKS. Next month, only last year's paid members plus those paid for 1997 will be on the list, and after next month, 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.

THE PREZ SEZ Come to the meeting January 16. A1 N7VOF

Many thanks to Louise and Jerry Sampont for hosting the annual Christmas party again this year. I hope we didn't leave too big a mess!

TREASURERTS REPORT for December, 1996 not received by date of publication.

The January 2 board meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items. The next Board meeting will be at 7:30 pm Feb. 6, 1997.

Public Service Opportunities

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

January birthdays Joe Langjahr KJ7DG

This year's Ham of the Year Award went to Chuck Stroeher WA7EBH, a most deserving fellow if ever there was one. Chuck has been around the amateur world for many a moon, and is well known in the community for his public service as well as for his service to the club. Congratulations Chuck, display that plaque with pride---you certainly earned it!

FOR SALE

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

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This seems to be it for this time. The newsletter gets a lot shorter when you don't have meeting minutes to circulate. I'll take one last opportunity this month to remind you to get your dues in to Chaz so that we don't have to cut you from the mailing list.

Also, I will not be at the January meeting--Sunny Panama beckons! This retired life is sooooo difficult! I hope the rest of you can make the meeting, however, so that Al can get a sense of what the club wants in the year to come. 73 de Jim KC7FEH