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NEXT MEETING:

7:30 pm Thursday

January 15, 1998

Blakemore House

10001 N.E. 4th St.

This is the first in several ways. This is the first edition of the new year, it announces the first meeting in our new site, and it's the first time I have used this word-processing system to do the newsletter. I hope it all comes out OK!

Our new meeting site will be in the Blakemore House, located at the corner of 100th Ave. N.E. and N.E. 4th St. in Bellevue. It is the northwest corner of the Bellevue Downtown Park. and is directly across the street from Bellevue Square. The room is upstairs, enter from 100th Ave. Parking is available in the west parking lot of the park, just south of the building. (See the attached map)

PROGRAM NOTES

January 15-- Rick Felt (or his substitute) from Icom, America on component miniaturization, and perhaps some demo items.

February 19--No Bricel N7AY will speak about amateur radio in Europe during WWII.

March 19-- Phil Ferrell K7PF, speaking on transmitter fingerprinting using DSP.

April 16--Jimmy Horn KA7GKP speaking about fox-hunting to occur in May.

THE PREZ SEZ It's less than two months until the Mike & Key Club Flea Market--and we have lots of work to do. We've received a nice donation of equipment from one of our members--but we need more. Chuck Graff K7CHV, our Flea Market chairman and Kirk Bellar KE7TN his cochair will be making an inventory list over this next 6 weeks so please take the time to let Chuck or Kirk know what you have to donate.

We're still looking for donations of equipment for the trailer too. Hopefully we'll be up and ready for member/operators before too long.

I hope to see all of you at our new meeting location on January 15th. You're welcome to join us for dinner before the meeting at Coco's on 112th in Bellevue. We'll be there about 6:00pm.

73 Lorie N7LC0

A number of you brought me up short with my last pitch for dues, pointing out that I didn't mention how much they are. Sorry about that, I guess that I just assumed that everyone would know since they didn't change from 1997. In spite of that, however, I have had 10 members pay already. Dues for 1998 are \$15 individual, and \$22.50 for a family (2 or more).

Most of you will notice the reminder about dues above your address this month. Dues are delinquent on February 1, according to the By-Laws, and those not paid by March 31 will be dropped from the roster. Even though I will not be at the next meeting, and will be gone for the

rest of January, please send them in anyhow. I'll get them all entered when I'm back in early February.

At the Christmas party, I was corrected by No Bricel N7AY, on my program announcement for next month in the last SPARKS. He said it was a very HOT WAR! Sorry Ivo, my misunderstanding.

There was no Board meeting in December. The Board met Wednesday, January 7, at Al Staples home. Items considered were: 1. Insurance for the contents of the trailer. 2. Trailer security once there is a functional operating station. 3. The flea market in March. 4. The club call sign is now K7PAR! It was granted by the FCC this week. The next Board meeting will be Feb. 5 at Al Staples' home, 409 109th Ave. S.E., Bellevue. All members are welcome at any Board meeting.

The minutes of the November 20, 1997 meeting were published in the December issue of SPARKS. There was no official meeting in December.

The Ham of The Year award for 1997 was given to yours truly. I am honored to be selected to join the ranks of the previous honorees, most of whom have been around a lot longer and made far greater contributions to the club and the hobby than I have. None the less, I cannot deny that I am very pleased to receive this award, and I am very appreciative of those who nominated and selected me. Thank you one and all!

The Christmas party at our house was a very pleasant evening, but I wish more of you could have come. It was a good time to meet spouses and chat about non-radio things, although I did hear a few words about computers and radios now and then.

Public Service Opportunities

EARS (Eastside Amateur Radio Service)--interested parties contact John Black W7HIL at 391-8026 or Chuck Stroehrer WA7EBH at 392-5303. Always room for more help in this community activity.

To continue with a newsletter feature initiated by Lorie last year, we present two more member profiles of people we should know more about.

Charles Beckmeier KC7GMF Charles, AKA Charlie or Chuck, is a new member, having joined in the fall of 1997. He stopped by the trailer during Field Day and met several members who encouraged him to come to one of our meetings, which he did in October, liked the people and the program and decided to join us.

Chuck lives with his wife Kathy in Kirkland. They have one adult daughter. Born in St. Louis and raised in Los Angeles, Chuck has spent the last 20 years of his life here, and for the past 18 years has worked as a groundskeeper for the Lake Washington School District. He was stationed on a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier during the Viet Nam conflict. He met Kathy at a USO dance in Seattle when his ship came in to Bremerton to be mothballed.

Chuck has been interested in radio since he was a teenager. He obtained his no-code tech license in 1994. He is also a member of the Kirkland ARES group and his primary interest is in public service and emergency service. (interview by Lorie Graff N7LC0)

Kirk Bellar KE7TN Kirk has been a member of PARS for about 7 years. He joined on the recommendation of former member Alex Vdolek, who worked with Kirk at Teltone Corp. Kirk and his wife Lisa live in Shoreline, now the 10th largest city in the state, located north of Seattle. They have no kids and two cats.

Kirk has been a ham for 21 years, and got his novice ticket at age 19 while attending the Univ. of Missouri engineering program. He got involved with a ham club on campus, and since he has at least a half-dozen relatives who are hams in other states he decided he'd get his license too.

Kirk moved here from St. Louis in 1979, with an associate degree in electronic engineering technology. While working full time he attended Western Wash University's off-campus classes at North Seattle CC at night for 3 1/2 years finally obtaining his bachelor's degree in electronics in 1991. He presently works at Spacelabs Medical in Redmond as a component engineer.

In addition to his radios, Kirk collects keys--he has about 40 of them. He is also a member of Shoreline ARES-- a new group that has recently set up an EOC at a local fire station and is working on a communications van. Kirk is the program coordinator for PARS this year, as well as the trailer chair-person and the flea market co-chair. (interview by Lorie Graff N7LC0)

I guess that's about all for this time. Once again, we will say thanks and a job well done to Kirk Bellar KE7TN, for his efforts in obtaining what I consider the perfect club call sign for us-- K7PAR! I'll see you in February.

73 de Jim KC7FEH