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Welcome to New Members

16316 KE5TSZ Randy TX
16317 KBØSPA Dennis MN
16318 K5RST Ross TX
16319 WA3BHW Joe PA
16320 KI4JPD Jerry FL
16321 KC7DRC Phil SD

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## CALL CHANGES

KE5AZO 16120 now W5GGO

## SK=s

AE1S 13609  
WA1TKH 11720  
W4MHV 14838  
KA4BBB 11999  
JA1BAR 7479

## Convention Report

VE1JIM and his wife Joanne did a very good job hosting this convention and even arranged beautiful wx for us too. Hotel arrangements were great as was the food. Again, Jim and Joanne, thank you so much for all your hard work. Quite a few contacts on the air were made. Hope we logged you.

At the meeting on Sat, there were several changes. When renewing your membership for 2009, our dues will be \$20 per year. This covers individuals and teams. If you sponsor a DX station or team, their dues will be \$20 also and if you want their VOICE sent airmail, it will still be the \$5 extra. Also, changes were made in our operating procedures. These will be effective Aug 1<sup>st</sup>.

## NEW TFO'S

#470 KC2ATK  
#471 KI4P

CONGRATULATIONS!

To all TFO's, please remember to vote. Persons who are good operators, but are not controls are also eligible for a vote. See page 117 in VOICE 57 for explanation of a TFO and how and where to send your votes.

**\$1000 Scholarship Winner**  
**KI4WPL**  
**Rachel MacDougal**  
**SSB'er 16263**

► We will not claim in the preamble that our primary purpose is Ahandling emergency traffic@. **We will however** handle emergencies because as amateurs that is what we are about.

► The so-called Aformal portion@ of the System by going to every call area, will not be used anymore. We will operate the whole System by taking a log of check-ins, then go back, asking if they have heard anyone they would like to call. Similar to the way the Early Morning Warmup and the Moonbeam are operated..

The Policy and Procedure Manual is being revamped by KL7FQQ.

►After reading the annual report from K9WFE re the QSL Bureau and his recommendation that it be abolished, the Board decided to disband it because of the lack of card volume and participation by members.

**SSB=ers Need Some Staff Help**

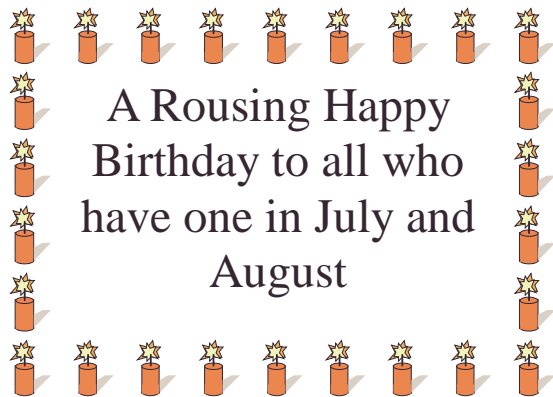
...i.e. We are in search of an Editor for the VOICE and Communicator. Also because of the resignations of K3CDQ as Moonbeam Coordinator and Public Relations person, we need someone for this position. WZ1F, Lee=s resignation as 40/80 meter coordinator was taken over by KI4TXP, Jay. Contact WD1Z or VE1JIM if interested.

**“OLD TIMERS”**

All SSB=er numbers below 13500 are considered to be AOld Timers@ and are eligible to receive a very nice, frameable award, designed by Awards Manager, Bud, WD1X. If you would like to have one, you must request it from him. They will not be sent out automatically. There is no charge for them.

Earl W7KOI

He continues his recovery from surgery, but



**A Rousing Happy  
Birthday to all who  
have one in July and  
August**

still has his ups and downs. His family sent a letter to the convention, thanking ALL SSB=ers for cards, letters, emails. They really make him feel loved. He still has hopes of getting back on the air. His shack will have to be moved upstairs so he can get

to it more easily. **His 99th birthday is July 5th!!**

**SPECIAL DAY ON THE SYSTEM**

Aug 22. Belt of Orion Day

**ZL-VK System**

Jda KB5YQ advises there are several state-side stations who faithfully listen each Fri for any signals from down under. They are rare, but our members down there still try too. There was an opening a few months ago and a few contacts were made.

**At the Saturday night banquet**

there was a special drawing for a beautiful picture of a harbor with boats, which was won by Thelma N7GBX.

Bud WD1Z was awarded a panoramic picture. Marilyn & Rex also were given a panoramic picture.

Jim VE1JIM read calls of all the SK's this year. Some of us old timers were given the new award for being members for 25 years or more. They were KL7FQQ, WA0AVW, KD4PY, KB9OC and KE5ZI. The awards are very nice and if you are eligible, be sure to request one from Bud.

K0MSR, Vern has been awarded the Rigel Trophy for 2008, however was not present to receive it. The Cornerstone Award from last year will be sent to Jda, KB5YQ. One was awarded to KE5ZI also. KL7FQQ was presented with the Founders Plaque. All of these folks have done great service to the System. Thank you so much.

Marilyn gave a report on the boutique items. We have \$555 for the scholarship fund. Thanks to all for your generosity in donating these items and also to those who purchased. A great time was had by all and the food was delicious.