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Editor Pro-tem KE5ZI

I am editor pro-tem for this issue because of the health problems of Paula AK1X. We are sorry to report this. She also will not be able to finish the "VOICE" for 2008/09. This is being done by President Rose KL7FQQ. This will delay the mailing of it even more, but don't despair, it WILL BE issued. Please be patient. If you had sent any articles or other info for inclusion in the VOICE, please resend them to her. E-mail [kl7fqq@yahoo.com](mailto:kl7fqq@yahoo.com) or mail to Box 3159, La Feria, TX 78559.

Because I don't have the SASE's, this issue will be on our website only.

## Welcome to New members

Continuing from the last issue

16348 KB1OJT Roger MA  
16349 KB1QZP James RI  
16350 WA2VJL Al TX  
16351 KC7WWY Gene MT  
16352 KI4WLB Paul VA  
16353 KB3OMO Allen MD  
16354 K8HZ Roy OH  
16355 WA7YSW John ID  
16356 N8MCV David OH  
16357 K7LNR Randy WA  
16358 KC0VWK Jerry ND  
16359 CO6YI Yulian Cuba  
16360 KE5FNA Robert MS  
16361 W7OXB Tom WA  
16362 KB9LUK James WI  
16363 N8OUO Carl WY

## DUES

are now due and payable. \$20 per year. If you are sponsoring a DX station and wish their VOICE to go airmail, it costs \$5 extra, otherwise it goes on the slow boat. If you are a team, the dues are \$20 for both of you, not each. However if you have multiple members in the team and want a VOICE sent to a different address, that will be \$20 for that person. Send to Jodi Law ABOEG 1400 Zillock Rd. WF-316. San Benito, TX 78586-9730

## QSO PARTY

SSB/phone is on Jan 24, 2009 beginning at 0000utc through Jan 25 ending at 2359utc.  
CW/RTTY is on Feb 7, 2009 beginning at 0000utc through Feb 8 ending at 2359utc.  
VE1JIM is the manager. Check with him or on the website.

16364 KC2ALG Bernie NY  
16365 WA2MQI Glenn CO  
\*16366 WB5OHN Dee MS team  
\*16367 K5ILJ Paul MS team  
16368 KA4HOS Pete FL  
16369 NF4P Dan FL  
16370 KD4TXM Chuck SC  
16371 KE7VSC John OR  
16372 N1RFM Mike CT  
16373 K9LUV Mike GA  
\*16374 WH6BDR David AL team  
\*16375 WH6BPL Shelley AL team  
16376 KG4ENP Dan NC



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL  
WHOSE BIRTHDAYS ARE  
IN JAN & FEB.**

16377 VE9HC Hugh NB  
16378 KC0UZK Rickey MO  
16379 N0MMR Perry KS  
16380 WA6SUE Suzanne CA  
16381 WD5IAT Shirley OK  
16382 N9LY Louis WI  
16383 K5MLT Marv TX  
16385 K9YG Todd IL  
16386 KC0WCF Jerome MN  
16387 KJ4HEY Larry SC  
16388 K4ZDH Riley PA

#### **CALL CHANGES**

<u>OLD</u>	<u>NEW</u>
K1CLN 14462	K1CN
K3HKS 16024	W2TL
K6EZY 16205	N5EZE
K7HRO/W5QLT 10125	K5JB
KC0NLQ 15913	NW0G
KE7LSJ 16231	WG7Z
KI4PXG 16204	WA4JS
NK8T 15961	W8CFI
W5QLT/K7HRO 10125	K5JB
WA0TIL 7241	W6DCL
WA6UNT 15588	W6UNT
WB5UGJ 15795	AB7HB
WN2R 14662	N2FJ

#### **Convention Info**

The next SSB'ers convention will be in Spokane, WA on June 18-21, 2009. It will be hosted by KL7FQQ and KL7FQR. The registration form is on our website ([www.qlsystem.org](http://www.qlsystem.org)), or if you prefer, send a request to KL7FQQ. Her address is elsewhere.

#### **Position openings at YLISSB**

We will be needing a new editor for the next VOICE. If you have any interest and would like to take on this job, advise KL7FQQ and have a talk with her. Also, we are in need of a Condolence Chairman who will send sympathy cards to our SK families. We furnish the cards and stamps. Contact KL7FQQ.

#### **From the K7RA Solar Reports**

2008 was a year of very low solar activity. (as we all know) The average daily sunspot number for the year was 4.7. In 2007 it was 12.8. Sunspot numbers for Dec 25-31, 2008 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, and 0. The 3 month average, Oct-Dec was 4.4 without any help from Dec.

K7RA wrote in his first bulletin of 2007, this year we'll likely see the end of sunspot Cycle 23, the beginning of Cycle 24, and the minima between cycles. The first bulletin of 2008 noted the same quote and now a year later we might say the same about 2008! (ed: even the solar system is having a hard time just like our world economy, etc)

WB0OEW of New Mexico called attention to recent news from NASA that the ionosphere is now at a lower elevation than in the past. I suppose this means that worldwide shortwave signals might not propagate as far. Some hams sent links to articles about a big hole in our earth's magnetic fields. The magnetosphere helps protect us from solar wind, so if these findings are correct, it wouldn't take strong space wx to trigger aurora.

(This info obtained on the QST website)

From the editor pro-tem...Paula was conducting a survey of who had the earliest contact or QSL card from "Old Faithful", Earl W7K0I. I'm sorry I have no information regarding this, so I don't know if more entries came in or not.

Also she was going to do "recipes and stories", but again, I have no information on this. Possibly, whoever will be the new editor will want to pick up on this, maybe not. Thanks to anyone who did contribute.