

## **Eyeball 2009**

Well, this years Eyeball is in the books, and Loren , his family and all the members that helped did a great job. All in attendance had a great time, it was good to see old friends and make new ones. We had a great antenna shootout this year, it was done on 7.178 as requested by the members. Lon K0WJ was the Top Gun, 2nd went to Hayden a CA ham that participated and Dave WQ1H finished 3rd. More information on the Shootout will be released by Tom AA1NZ.

Certificates were presented to a large number of people this year and will be sent to those who are were unable to attend the Eyeball. I made certificates for all Area Directors, Assistant Directors, Area Awards Managers, Award Committee members, Award Secretaries, Net Coordinators, and the top NCS on each net, all modes. QSL Bureau Managers were also presented certificates and thanked for the fantastic jobs they do.

Special Awards were issued, the KD3FM Service Awards went to Ron N9KNJ, Ronnie NC4RS and Mike K4NOP. These three really deserve these awards for all the time they have put in keeping this club going and I congratulate all three for their dedication to the club.

Randy KJ4JC recieved the K7MFG NCS Award for all the time and effort he has put into all the nets the Century Club operate, Great job Randy.

The Founders Award goes to Jay KT4CB as being there from the beginning and we appreciate you being there.

The Pioneer Award went to Harold W4NNO, Harold is there every night and always helping, Thanks Harold.

The Pro Driver Award went to Dave W5FBK. Dave is no longer driving and really earned this. Thank you Dave for all the hours you put in on the road and the contacts given out.

The Liesure Driver was a tough one this year, we have had so many members out there traveling around this year. I gave out more than one, the first one to Dave KI4DFS. Dave the last few years has been just about everywhere and defintly deserves the award. The other Award went to a duo, DA BOYZ, Glen WT0A and Dwayne KD4POJ. These two have been just about everywhere this year and are not done yet, Thanks guys.

We had a great dinner of Southwest food and plenty of it, followed by fantastic cheesecake, this was followed by a spirited raffle drawing for fantastic prizes. I believe all in attendance had fun and some of the prizes had several owners before it was all over.

Dean N7XG spent time with members on the operation of the Logger and how its features work and some new features that have been added. It was a very informative presentation and was well attended.

We have had an offer for next year's Eyeball, and it has to be approved by the Board, but make plans to go to MS next year. Stay tuned for more information on this.

It was a long drive to CA, 4500 miles total, but it was very enjoyable, as my XYL went with me this year (only took 10 years). She had a great time and is thinking about next year. I was able to put 5 new states on in this trip, but did not get any calls while mobile in CA. The Eyeball site had great antennas this year and I hope all that could, made many contacts at the Eyeball.

My travel partner Jay N0PUI had to cancel this year, but in his memory, some people decided that my car should be shrink wrapped. Jay, that was for you buddy, good thing I had a sharp knife on me, pictures will follow I'm sure.

A great time was had by all, so make plans for next year.  
73, Pete NJ9T

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