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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Bill K2NJ

Did I have a vision of the future?



Two months ago I did a spoof about computer control of your radio and making the contacts for you... Little did I know of the QSO I would have a week or two ago on 15 meters PSK31.

I was working European stations – canned QSO's – Name, QTH, RST, QSL Sure yada yada... when I worked an Italian station who said he was remote controlling his radio. This had me sit back and we chatted a bit. It seems he was a Dentist and had his station at his home on top of the mountain, but he spent most of the day in his office in the valley and could never make good HF contacts during some idle time between patients. So he put a UHF link in between his house and his office... I was working him on 15m and he was working from his home to his office on 432. Neat eh...

Then this not that unusual, because when I had my hernia operation a bunch of years ago I would not be able to come up and down the steps to the shack easily – I took the Baby Room Monitor up with me... and laid the microphone (of my HF rig) on top of my 2 meter radio (facing down with the speaker facing up) with the VOX turned on. I had it on an unusual frequency and was using PL tone – and an alligator clip for an antenna (so it only worked locally). I would then listen on the BRM (baby room monitor) and if I needed something I would turn on the HT and call the /Mobile on 2M... transposed to 14.336 in my shack... I remember once working Dennis KK7X this way when I was out back laying in the sunshine on my lounge chair... he got a kick out of it...

Well, I am a member of the MixW Users Group on Yahoo (digital modes) – this is where we discuss aspects of the program, and recommend changes, updates, fixes... etc... When one of the developers said that he is working on a remote control possibility of the program – where from what I understand – it can be controlled remotely from the internet. (OK, by now I bet you are wondering where am I going with this?)

I got thinking (as only my sick mind can) of my article about the future... and now I have the ultimate angle on DXpeditions. You take your laptop and interface it to your portable radio. Team this up with a power supply and a hunk of Coax and a multi band vertical antenna... box it all up and ship it to the DX site you want to operate from. You set up ahead of time with the head of some hotel, motel, gas station, doctors office, whatever.. to accept the package and set it up in an unused room... hook it up to power and put the antenna somewhere that it will work. And to hook your laptop up to the internet – you now just have to telnet between the two points (your Home PC and the Laptop that only you know the IP address)... now you go to your PC – in the comfort of your home and operate on an extended DXpedition any time you want... for as long as you want... go to work the next day... come home – make a few hundred Q's and go to bed... what a life.

Would this count? I mean the RF is coming from Point X... somewhere rare. Imagine having a remote station setup in Kalawao County HI... Not so rare anymore is it? Or the Second District of Alaska... Or even in rare Washington DC and count for nothing...

Think about it... Because I guarantee that someone will do this in the very near future... and then we must let our bureaucrats and lawyers at the League fight over if it was real or not... Imagine this one up on stilts above the high-tide line shades of something tori-shima would work.. hi hi..

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Change of Subject.

I have had the most wonderful surprise by Skip WA0WOB who sent me some OLD MARAC convention pictures... like the ones from Mountain Home... and the first ICHN in Peoria IL... Real neat... I will be getting these to Roger in the near future (next time I head down that way) and he said he would make some room in the RR for copies of them – Gads, the men had hair then.... And it was dark... and all wore ties.. .and there was a picture of me when I was 20 something at W2KXL's mini in one of the CQ' mags he sent me... I was there with a good friend K3UEI who is now SK...only picture I have of the two of us. Thanks Skip, I treasure it more than you know.

I am looking again at what I hoped to accomplish this year on my antenna farm... Well, like most of you – I didn't get much done that I wanted. BUT this year I have a great excuse. We have had problems with our septic system. I contracted with a guy to come in (last spring) and not only fix the system but to put French Drains under most of my back yard. I have about an acre and half out back that gently slopes to the back... The problem being that under the six or so inches of soil is hard packed clay... NOTHING Drains... the dog piddles out there and it stays in a small lake.. He walked the yard with me telling me what he had to do with the septic and said he would also put this drain field in the yard and we could actually get in the yard before August every year (when it turns into a dust bowl every year but this one)... Problem is – he could not get in the yard this year with his machinery because he would have lost it in the muddddd... we had three times the normal rainfall. So I have had to put off any antenna work until after he digs up the entire yard (he would take out all wire antennas with the machine)... but the good news is that once he has the stuff stripped back I can lay some radials out and he will bury them all ... wow 160 meter ground plane? Hmmmmm!
FLASH.. He came over today and will be here on Monday... Just think Ma.. Flush toilets again...

Needless to say, its is frustrating not having the third tower up that I wanted – with a second tribander on it... nor do I have my wire yagi on 80 and 40... or my beverages or nothing... so like they say... wait till next year.

I am writing this in mid January... I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday season. Mine was wonderful – I had a super surprise where two days after Christmas I was on the phone with Jim VE9DH and he said he was thinking of coming down for a few days... then three days later they were here... Nice to have friends over on New Years... What party animals we are... we sat up in the living room, drinking wine (he makes some great stuff and brought it with him)... by 11PM 3 out of the 5 of us were out... at 11:55 Jim and I woke the wives (and our friend Mary, widow of my best friend K3UEI was over) we all toasted the new year... watched the ball come down and by 12:05 all were heading to our rooms... It doesn't get much better than this... (when did we get old???) Then we went out and did some mobile operating on Friday... This is the first time I have ever seen a GPS unit hooked up to a Lap Top in operation... NEAT... Gail and I will be ordering ours soon as we cal...

Stay warm the rest of the winter... Get ready to run stuff this summer... Both Jim and I are making plans to get to Texas for the convention and running all kinds of stuff both ways, with out new GPS – never to be confused with N4UJK unit again... Happy 2K4 Bill K2NJ

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February Birthdays

K8QWY	February 1	KJ8F	February 7
KA1YZV	February 11	NH6SR	February 12
W4IGW	February 13	WB9YCO	February 17
KD4NFE	February 18	WA3QNT	February 22
WB7VIZ	February 23	KA8MSU	February 24
NO2W	February 24		

If your birthday is not in the database at:

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MINUTES
MARAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBER MEETING

Date: January 14, 2004

The Meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called to order at 0802 PM EST (0102Z) by Bill (K2NJ).

The Officers present were:

President	Bill Inkrote – K2NJ
Vice President	Bob Voss – N4CD
Secretary	Norm Ellison — W2LSH
Treasurer	Jim Grandinetti – KZ2P
Great Lakes Director	Randy Davis – N8ELQ
North Central Director	John Robson – WB9STT
Northeast Director	Don Kimble – AE3Z
Southeast Director	David Splitt – KE3VV
South Central Director	Joyce Boothe – WB9NUL

The Members present were: Hugh (K8GPC), Jim (N1BY), Terry (WQ7A), Dave (KU4YM), John (K8BGF), Hollis (KC3X)

Upon a motion by Don (AE3Z) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the minutes of the December 10, 2003 meeting were approved. Roll call indicated 8 in favor, none opposed.

Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the Treasurer's report of December 31, 2003 was accepted. Roll call indicated 7 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

A: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A: General Rules and Definitions as submitted by the Awards Committee.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and second by Don (AE3Z) that the Board approve the "General Rules and Definitions for MARAC Awards" as submitted by the Awards Committee. (Latest revised version sent to the BOD January 14, 2004). Roll call indicated 8 in favor, none opposed.

OPEN MEETING Nothing at this time.

With no further Business to come before the Board, Dave (KE3VV) moved that we adjourn.

Seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL). The motion Carried, 8 in favor, none opposed.

We adjourned at 08:14 EST

Respectfully Submitted,
Norm Ellison W2LSH
Secretary, MARAC

CALL	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
WB4VFN	500						
AA4VN	1364	1078	853	830	290		
KK4VN	1264 #2	3072	3024	2886	2548	1951	
W4VQ	3058	3035	2939				
KM4W			1674	1452			
K4XI	2956	2844	2620				
KB4XK	2147	1892	1698	1494	1216		
W4XT	1931	138					
KN4Y	3070 #3	2988 #3	2789 #3	2333 #3	809 #3	2957 #2	2731 #2
W4YDY	1513	786					
K4YFH	1575						
AB4YZ	1900 #2	1380 #2	2489				
KS5A	2427	2038	833				
K5AAR	3055	2899	2074				
W5AL		2174	2001				
DL5AWI	2006						
NN5B			2676		2676		
KR5C	2940	2701	2282	2087	1776	1307	470
WC5D	500 #2	3077	3071		3069		
N5DKW	3015		3015				
KG5J			3063 #2	3029 #2	3075	3071	
W5LXG		2699	2544				
K5OT	1801						
A15P	3001	3077	2878	2518	1778		
WB5P		1125	569				
N5XG	3004	3004	2878	2671	2318	2174	2097
K5XY	211	48		21	12		
KC6AWX	871	881	770				
WD6CKT	2871	3003	2983	2919	2916		
NA6E	2523			1193			
W6HOR	2699 #2	2699 #2	2535 #2	1980 #2	980 #2	3074	3052
NV6I	2010						
W6IYS		1113 #2	823 #2		2999	2782	2636
DL6KVA	1525						
K6QWH	2641	2589	2532	1165	1165		
NW6S	2278	1235					
SM6TEU			1829	1758	1692	1326	
W6TMD	876 #2	3062		3001	2821	2617	2374
KB6UF	500						
SM6VR	1853						
AD6Z	2777	2484	2180	1715			
K7DM	2312	2028	1230	894			
K7DZE	1727	2514	1448				
KL7GN	2521	2483	2483	2387	2377		
K7INA	2500	2120	1528				
WA7JHQ	2922	2740	2297	2176	2010		
KG7Q		1897					
K7REL	1458						
AB7RW	2943	2776	2144				
W7SSM			1978				
K7TED	1734	1685	1658	1358	700		
W7TSM	1934	1697	1388	810	95		
K7VAY	2963	2853	2356				
NA7W	660	249					

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CALL	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
KK7X	1637	1632	1558	1512		1306	1152
AK8A		0 - fire	1927	1829	1750	1472	
W8CE	2845	2611	2257	1324			
K8CW		2927		2829 #2			
K8GSA	515	12					
KD8HB	2589 #4	3066 #3	2672 #3				
K8IW	2495	1934	1340				
K8MW	3006 20/m	2969 20/m	2914 20/m	2651 20/m			
K8OHC	1687	1590	1429	1385	1199		
KB8OMG	1659						
WD8OWA						2888	2862
W8OP	788	397					
W8PN	2863 #2	2855 #2	2852 #2	2830 #2	2790 #2		
W8QOI	1006						
AA8R	1848	427	285				
KM8U	2796	2739	2775	2651	2531	2413	
AD8W	684						
W8WVU		3047	3038	3022	3000	2927	2924
W8YL		3038	3028	3009	2974	2897	2897
NF9A		2719	2222	1882			
N9AG	2460						
WD9BCG	3001 #2	2974 #2					
AB9E	1564						
W9GBH	2045	1907	1513	1060			
W9HR		2932	2682	2268	1739	1273	
WB9IHH		2811					
KA9JAC		412					
N9JF		<1000	>1000				
NN9K	2101	1368	1070	630			
AA9KH	547 #2	6 #2	2970	2194			
W9MSE	2277 #3	3074 #2	2982 #2	2859 #2	2478 #2	1773 #2	3060
W9MYY	2834 #2	2831 #2	2741 #2		2733 #2		
K9WA	1390 #2	3069					
DL9YC	424	407	325				
K0CO			7				
WB0DPD	2967	2768	2079	2267			
K0EVE	3055	3001	2985	1331			
W0GXQ	2726 #2	1201 #2		2978	2698	2619	
KB0GZR			1082				
AA0IP	3062 #2	3007 #2	2785 #2	2362 #2	1061 #2	3063	2927
KC0JG	2472	2156	1711	684			
K0LG	888	789		587	587		
NF0N	820						
K0PY	1042	1008	785	1250	1200		
W0QE	2787	2110					
W0RRY	2242	1916	1677	1108	481		
NF0X	3063 #2	3060 #2			3055 #2		3045 #2
NX0X	488						
N0ZA	3039	2950	2711	2031	569		
K0ZT	3001	2773	2541	2334	2100		

ALOHA HAWAII !
by KS5A and KD7TOL

Following our October, 2003, Hawaiian operations, several county hunters asked about our trip or indicated they wished to see something published in the Roadrunner. I write this to reveal a few aspects of a really, great vacation as well as from the ham's perspective - the planning, coordination and mobile operations from four islands and five counties.

BACKGROUND

Why Hawaii and why the dates that we were there?

The why Hawaii part is easy; there is not one good reason not to go! If one only gets to one island/county or even a visit without a radio, don't pass up the opportunity.

With the dates of our trip, I was in a quandary. The 3M convention is approaching; darn it, we'll miss it. There is no way to do both – Hawaii and 3M. Propagation is not the best these days; we could wait a few more years. But, I'm too old now to learn how to ride a surfboard. Plus, today, I can still see those out there on the surfboards and those getting help with the suntan lotion on their backs! Don't they know I was a Boy Scout? I can check this out from the shade of a palm canopy with that little pink umbrella in my glass. In a few more years, I may need help just to get under the palms! This tells me to go now.

OK...OK...I know you can see through these lame excuses. You got me.... The bottom line, reason why we went and when we did.....I screwed up! In my job (the airline business), I must put in for vacation the year before I intend to take it. I put in for a week that I thought would correspond to KM4W's fabulous 3M convention. My week was too early by one. So, all of you that worked me for a needed Hawaiian county, thank Bill, for not holding the 3M during my vacation! Yeah, right, Guff!

Linda (the better half) has been after me for years to go to the islands. All I had to look forward to during that ill placed vacation was work around the house — Yuk! Why not surprise her with a trip to the islands and talk radios a little later? Following 9/11, air travel and the tourist resorts took a big hit, and only now, are starting a slow recovery. Maybe I could still make this trip happen with only a couple of weeks warning.

So, this trip was put together in minimum time. That's why there was not much notice on the Forums. I say that, not to garner bragging rights, but more of a warning. Remember, my business is moving around in airplanes and airports. I stay in hotels two or three nights a week. Rental car companies like me. It's nothing for me to plan to go to Miami and be told that has changed, and now I need to go to Calgary with two hours notice. But, that's work, and this is supposed to be a vacation (with radios).....

Therefore, if one is not prepared for a trip of this distance with the numerous changes in locations, one can almost forget about the vacation part. Plan on spending most of your time and money attempting to coordinate hotels, rental cars, airline flights and replace missing equipment. Forget electronic stores, Radio Shacks and the like, for the missing equipment. If anything, you will be lucky to find a hardware store in any place other than Honolulu. Going to use your cell phone, hotel phone, computer on the internet to do those things you should have accomplished before you left the home shack? Take a couple extra "C Notes". Roaming charges and hotel communications are not free. I can't emphasize enough to PLAN AHEAD so to enjoy the trip.

As plans started to come together it was time to spring the deal with the better half - "it would be a vacation to all the islands (uuuh, ...counties...) if I can take the radio with us! pretty please"?

THE PLANNING

I must remember, the vacation part takes precedence. The idea is to visit as many counties/vacation spots as possible, hopefully all five, sightsee and have fun. We live in the Phoenix area, and luckily, Hawaiian Airlines has daily, non-stops to Honolulu. If they have seats on the days I start vacation, we are at least, in one county.

ALOHA HAWAII (continued)

The remainder will depend on hotel availability. I check with the airline, and they have open seats....we're in there! Make the flight reservations first. Post a message on the Forums about rumors of all Hawaiian counties coming up. Surely, Linda can handle an overnight in the rental car if we can't find a hotel on some of the islands! We can still have fun....for goodness sakes, it's a vacation!

Let's see, I get home from a business trip one day and leave for Hawaii on the next. Can I be ready to leave in less than one day? You bet I can. Over the years I've developed a checklist for leaving town on a mobile trip. It even has items that I may not need to take or do. I take the list on each trip and add to it when we forget something. I asked other county hunters (N4CD, W0GXQ,) what I should take on these out of the way trips. The list grows, but it sure helps when you have a rushed trip. It's a lifesaver for this one...like dog? What dog? She can't go! Get a dog sitter or set up a visit somewhere. It's on the checklist. You want a copy? I'll be happy to provide one. Oooh yea, microphone, Guff. It's somewhere in the truck (and on the checklist). Probably a little dusty, but it should work. Heck, it's brand new. The last time I saw it, the plastic bag was still around it. I know many CH'ers do not want to try this on CW. It's a go!

OK, planning wise, we're there. Now, what? I figure we need at least two nights on each county island. With two daily operating windows to the mainland (one morning and one evening), that would give us at least three and hopefully, four runs in each county. Let's see, two nights times four islands (must get to the island of Molokai – Maui and Kalawao counties are on it) equals 8 days, plus travel time equals about 10 days of moving, sightseeing and operating in 7 days of vacation. Surely, they will not miss me at work! Darn vacations are never long enough... How are we going from island to island? And which direction do we go first?

Enter Aloha Airlines....they have something called an "island pass". Buy the ticket, and it's good the day you buy it and for the next 6 days. You can fly four legs a day to wherever you wish between the islands. To CH'ers, we should call it the "county pass". You list yourself (make a reservation) for all your flights early so as to guarantee a seat (small planes/few seats). Then, pay for the entire pass, the first time you use it. Now, we have 7 days to hit all the other counties and get back to Honolulu for the return home. This island pass is also good for Island Air Airlines, Aloha's commuter. Island Air is the only airline presently going in and out of the island of Molokai.

What route to take? Well, Honolulu is basically in the middle of the islands. With only Kauai to the west, we will go there first after Honolulu and then to the Big Island (Hawaii county) which is the most eastern island and work our way back to Honolulu. Sounds good.....but to get to Molokai we have to go from the Big Island, back to Honolulu and then to Molokai. That sort of kills day for operating/sightseeing, but it's the only way to get there.

OK, the routes are set – Phoenix, to and around the islands and back to Phoenix. Hotels and rental cars are next, and you all know how to do that. It's a personal choice. I used all internet sites or 800 numbers for these, and they worked fine. The only glitch I had was making the reservations in the same order we were planning to travel. That put Molokai at the end of the trip, and this was my only mistake. Molokai only has three hotels/condos. I later found out about a few B&B's, but they are booked well in advance. There were no rooms available for the two nights I have planned to be there. If I arrive a day later, and it was fine. So, rather than going back and changing all those other reservations, I elected to spend one additional night on the Big Island, add one day to the 7 day island pass and get back to Honolulu a day later than originally planned. Lesson on reservations? Make the tough (Maui/Kalawao) arrangements first! The others are less restrictive.

A few comments on Kalawao and the challenges of travel/lodging are in order. One does not drive down to the old leper colony, Kalaupapa, the only real, so to speak, city in the county. There are basically three ways to get to Kalaupapa while on Molokai: mule train (a guided tour that attracts a lot of tourists starts at the county line with Maui county), airplane, or boat. One must enter Kalaupapa with pre-planned/confirmed accommodations if an over-night stay is in your agenda. Visit for the day and you will need to be in a sponsored tour.

(*Continued in March*)

Notice

KD9ZP
Awards Manager

I will be out of town from February 18th thru March 2nd on a trip.

For those of you that might finish up your 2nd time, 3rd time etc, I will be unable to respond until after March 2nd.

Should you finish during that time, I suggest one of the following:

1. If you use Kwiklog and expect to finish in that time frame, email me before February 2nd and I will send you a procedure to attach your log to an email to me.

When I get back, I will issue the Award Date based on the email date (UTC)!

2. If you use any other logging program, simply attach the log to an email to me.

When I get back, I will issue the Award Date based on the email date (UTC)!

3. If you plan on sending your log via 'snail mail', I suggest that you get a **Flat Rate Priority Mail envelope** from the **Post Office (they are free)**. Place your log in the envelope (the cost is **\$3.85** regardless of weight) and mail it.

When I get back, I will issue the Award Date based on the postmark date + 3 days!

Any Questions?

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Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report January 31, 2004

Funds Balance 12/31/03 \$29,168.29

Income:

Awards	\$949.00
Dues	\$770.00
Interest	<u>\$10.56</u>
	\$1,729.56

Expenses:

Gene Olig – expenses	\$273.66
Dennis Hall software & domain reg.	\$88.35
Marsh-Seabury & Smith - liability ins.	\$869.15
Fairmont Awards - awards	\$580.00
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	<u>\$487.13</u>
	<u>\$2,298.29</u>
	(\$568.73)

Account Balances	\$28,599.56
Money Market Account	\$26,792.10
Checking Account	<u>\$1,807.46</u>
	\$28,599.56

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
2004 Convention Chairman's Funds	\$2,500.00

MARAC Board Meeting Schedule for 2004

Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12,
June 9, July Saturday morning at
convention.

This is AA4 ... oops, I mean W4B mobile or , “What was I thinkin’?”

BACKGROUND: About a year ago I agreed to take part in putting on a special event station to help commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first airplane flight on December 17, 1903. Members of the North Carolina Special Events Group (See ncseg.org.) based in my home QTH of Shelby, NC had obtained the call sign W4B and had arranged with the management of The Black Pelican restaurant in Kitty Hawk, NC to operate from their building. The significance of that particular location is that it was the site from which the telegraph message was sent announcing to the world that the first successful flight had taken place. Hence, people tend to associate Kitty Hawk with the event even though the actual flight took place at Kill Devil Hills, NC, but there was no operational telegraph office there.

Several members of our group arrived Thursday December 11th and began setting up. Two SSB stations and one CW station were assembled. Because of the time of year and anticipated weather conditions (cold temperatures and high winds), it was decided to keep the antennas simple. Dipoles, inverted vees, and a multiband vertical were erected. An anticipated operating period from 1700 UTC, 12/12 to 2000 UTC, 12/17 was posted. Operators were scheduled in shifts to keep at least one station on the air 24 hours a day during that time. The net result was that over 4000 QSOs were made despite extremely poor band conditions. As the only CW operator in the group I logged 1300 of those among 40, 30, and 20 meters. For more information regarding the actual Kitty Hawk operation please log on to The Carolina DX Association’s homepage at www.cdxa.org.

THE RUN: As if all this wasn’t enough, I felt it was necessary for “someone” to activate some of the rarer counties in the northeastern part of North Carolina. Not only that, I felt that this “someone” should make things more interesting by using the W4B call sign. “What was I thinkin’?” Monday morning 12/15 broke chilly but sunny. It seemed a perfect day for running some counties so “AA4Someone” headed north then west on Rt. 158 into Currituck County. After a quick CW QSO with WD9EJK/m on 14.0565, I got Jim’s attention and K2JG announced me at 1442 UTC on 14.336. That’s when I discovered I was (I were?) a team! Apparently some folks wanted to work both calls. So the rest of the day was spent trying to decide who I really was. The best one was when somebody said, “... and your buddy is 5-9 ...” I think I responded at some point that my “buddy” snores too much at night!

Well, 9 counties, 300 miles, and 453 QSOs later I found myself back in Dare County at The Black Pelican eating the best prime rib I’ve ever had. At this point I have to say that the stations on the net exhibited superior operating techniques. My log shows I was consistently able to work stations at a rate of five per minute. This extrapolates to around 300 per hour; a rate which would make any big time contester proud. Net users seem to possess an uncanny sense of timing as to how and when to drop in their calls. It sure makes things easy on my end. Sorry I didn’t do more CW work, but I was doing that on the fly for the most part on unfamiliar roads. Counting the trip out and back, I have now put out 55 of the 100 NC counties. My objective is to do them all by the end of next summer.

QSLs: W4B cards are in the design stage at this time, but should start being received by the latter part of January. I am holding QSLs for those of you who are requesting confirmation of both W4B and AA4S call signs until the new cards are ready. I hope this will be worth your wait and doesn’t cause too much inconvenience. Requests for confirmation of only the AA4S call will be answered immediately, as usual.

Thanks to Jim and the others who ran and relayed for me (Chuck, Terry, Hollis, Carol, et. al.) during my trip both going and coming back. I had a great time doing it and hope I fulfilled some needs along the way.

Very 73,
Ron Bailey
AA4S/m & W4B/m

“Old Tyme Radio Quiz”
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1. During it’s run over several decades the “Lux Radio Theater” featured two Walt Disney classics — what were they?
2. Orson Welles’ famous 1938 “War Of The Worlds” was based on a novel, name the author.
3. Name the home town of “Lum and Abner.”
4. Fletcher Markle was host and director of the award winning long-running CBS Radio series, it was?
5. WBBM featured a oneman afternoon discussion program from the Wrigley Building in Chicago. It was also heard on other CBS Radio outlets. Name that man.
6. In the 1950’s and early ‘60’s, KCBS aired an early evening musical program live featuring?
7. Name the longtime sponsors of: A. Fiber Mcgee and Molly B. Your Hit Parade C. John J. Anthony D. Walter Winchell

Answers

1. Snow White and Pinocchio, 2. H. G. Wells, 3. Pine Ridge, Arkansas 4. Studio One 5. Paul Gibson
 6. The Masters of Melody 7. A. Johnson's Wax B. Lucky Strike Cigarettes C. Ironized Yeast D. Jergins Lotion

**Major Awards Issued For
 The Month Of
 January**

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Award	Number
LC-1	237
LC-2	12
LC-3	11
All Others	22

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AA0IP	1/2/04	BINGO	242
KA0SHC	1/2/04	BINGO	243
K0GEN	1/16/04	BINGO	244
KA3MMM	1/20/04	BINGO II	29
WU3H	1/11/04	Last County Count 100	187
W0NAC	1/23/04	Last County Count 125	133
KA4TYG	1/23/04	Last County Count 25	413
KG0BB	1/23/04	Last County Count 25	414
N9QPQ	1/27/04	Last County Count 250	55
KD8HB	1/11/04	Last County Count 275	48

Call	Date	Award	Number
WA7SLD	1/23/04	Last County Count 50	272
WQ7A	1/23/04	Last County Count 50	273
KM9X	1/30/04	Last County Count 50	274
KI0JD	1/11/04	Last County Count 575	13
N4CD	1/11/04	Last County Count 975	3
VE9DH	1/20/04	USA-CW	70
KA3MMM	1/20/04	USA-CW IV	3
W3CR	1/30/04	USA-PA - K	5
KB6UF	1/22/04	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	331
N8BNI	1/18/04	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	176
N9STL	1/21/04	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	177
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