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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Bill K2NJ

Spring has sprung



Yep, the white stuff of winter is gone; the green stuff that looks so pretty (but soon I will be complaining about growing like weeds) is starting to show its not all brown. The flowers are coming up and even the trees are taking on a new fresh look.

I just printed the registration form from last months RR and Honestly, I will fill it out in the next day or two... Yep, for sure and get it their way prior to the convention this time... I have all intentions on doing that... but like most of you, sitting there and wondering if you sent it in or not... well, maybe you are with me on this one... hi

Two more months and the convention will be here. I plan on leaving the tutu at home, unless one of you wishes to wear it this year. Kinda shocking last year, but then seeing me is shocking in itself... I wonder if there will be a pool for us to all gather around and burn as we did in Texas. Man, I have never been a pool that actually raises your body temperature – Guess us Yankee's just don't know how good you got it there in TX.

BT

We are still looking for a new editor for the Road Runner. As I have said in the past, there are do-ers and there are users in every club. I am looking to see if anyone wants to jump from the second category into the first one. Roger said he would only stay until the July issue is out, so we are getting desperate for someone to step up to the plate and take a swing at the job. We have the software and all for you, and it wont be too hard to learn and do. Lets try to make this transition to the new officers and their staff as smooth as we can. Just give me a phone call (908) 788 4827 or email me k2nj@marac.org and we can get the ball rolling.

BT

On a personal note, I had a friend NO2R climb my tower and after three or four trips up and back down I am back on the air again... New rotor wire and all... Now all I have to do is get some time to turn the radio back on again. The days are getting longer they say but I find that I have less and less time. Not only do I have the N cards with the bureau but Scott has Z and on a tempy basis I have Y cards (until a new manager can be found)... That along with some MARAC work and the doctor wants me to have my feet elevated (hard to do in the shack) so I am limited to only a few hours down here daily. That and the 4 steps up to the laundry room (gee, when I bought the house 30 years ago, I never noticed them)... well, they are very evident now... Gail and Scott are talking about moving the shack into the back bedroom. This would be easy to do, and much easier on me – but that would be admitting defeat in my mind... but then, its only a few feet away from the bathroom... .My favorite room lately... hi

I am going to leave this short and sweet this month. I must get working on the convention letter, and that also cuts into airtime... well, maybe next time I am down here I can actually turn the radio on.

Remember.... We really need a News Letter Editor... Pay is great, you make as much as the President or even the Awards Manager... big time eh?

73' C U in Roanoke
Bill K2NJ
MARAC President

MINUTES
MARAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBER MEETING

Date: April 13, 2005

The Meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called to order at 2000 EDT (0100Z) by Bill (K2NJ).

The Officers present were:

President	Bill Inkrote – K2NJ
Secretary	Norm Ellison — W2LSH
Treasurer	Jim Grandinetti – KZ2P
Great Lakes Director	Randy Davis – N8ELQ
North Central Director	John Robson – WB9STT
Southeast Director	David Splitt – KE3VV
South Central Director	Mike Fatchett – WOMU
Pacific Director	Robert t. Devine – KC6AWX

The Members present were: KA1NX, KB0HHH, KC3X, KK7X, NK7I, VE9DH, W5UGD and others.

Upon a motion by John (WB9STT) and seconded by Mike (WOMU) the minutes of the March 9, 2005 meeting were approved. Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) the Treasurer's report of March 31, 2005 was accepted. Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

A: Awards Dave (KE3VV) moved that we accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee for revised rules for Achievement Awards, Service Awards, the President's Award, the Custodian's Award, and Contest Award. The Awards Committee also recommended discontinuing the N50M and Excellent Operator awards (please note that the Net Control Award is not listed for elimination). The Motion was second by Bob (KC6AWX). Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed. Dave (KE3VV) indicated that there were other awards being reviewed. All of the outstanding Awards Committee business (rewrites) have been addressed, now the Committee can devote it's energies to assessing the merits of new awards.

B: Bill (K2NJ) asked Mike (WOMU) if he had anything to bring before the Board. Mike replied that all his issues had been addressed.

NEW BUSINESS

A: Bill (K2NJ) put forward a proposal, by Jim (VE9DH), **Section 5.6(c)** of the By Laws be amended to read **No Officer or Director may appoint himself to any committee.**

Norm (W2IBB) made a motion that we do not make any change to the Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mike WOMU. Roll call indicated 6 in favor not to change, none opposed.

B. Mike (WOMU) raised the question of the MARAC Database:

Mike (WOMU) mentioned that W5UGD was contacted by Gene (KD9ZP), the MARAC Awards Manager, regarding the database lookup that can be affected in the other MARAC chat room. Gene mentioned that one of the members asked that this functionality be removed. The member's database is currently viewable by the public. Norm (W2IBB) stated that he was the member who requested this change.

Mike (WOMU) did not understand why this request was made and had not heard any response from Gene. It was Mike's (WOMU) feeling that the Board should determine who maintains the database and where the organization's data/files are stored and/or viewed. Norm (W2IBB) stated that he was very uncomfortable with the public access to MARAC database.

Dave (KE3VV) defined the issue as whether the MARAC membership database info should be available to non-members of MARAC. After much discussion Bob (KC6AWX) moved that the MARAC membership database be restricted to MARAC members only and that the MARAC webmaster be requested to implement this change. The motion was seconded by Bill (K2NJ).

Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

Dennis (KK7X) MARAC Information Coordinator said that it will be taken care of right away.

Dave (KE3VV) moved that the phone numbers of the Officers and BOD Members, Committee Members and any other individuals not be included in the public viewing section of the web site. The motion was seconded by Norm (W2IBB). Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

Dave (KE3VV) moved that we authorize the Awards Manager to align the MARAC USA-CW award numbers with the KA3MMM numbers and reissue the plaques or plaque plates. The motion was seconded by Norm (W2IBB).

Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

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DATELINE CW**By Ed, KN4Y**

Fate cannot harm me; I am a CW county hunter.

I was busy preparing the mobile for the MARAC CW contest coming up fast. I downloaded a copy of the new State-County abbreviations and marked out a route. The rig checks out and the resonators are resonant. I was getting ready to tackle my Florida and Georgia QSO party logs when I hear the barking of a non-muffled internal combustion engine growing ever louder. Gator is on his way and he believes noise is power. The more noise the more power, like a chainsaw. I was glad I stopped and refilled the cooler; it might be a long day. I hear him slide to a stop slightly bumping the recycled railroad tie. Gator comes into the shack.

“What’s up Gator,” I point to the cooler. He gets two cool 807’s and hands me one. I had breakfast with the shack on the belt boys and Fatso said this years 3M mini at Murphysboro is cancelled. Is that true?” Gator has the same look he had when someone told him the best thing to come out of Arkansas was Interstate 40. I motion him to sit down before he blows an artery. “Yes Gator, Bill, KM4W, after many years of hosting a great mini convention has thrown in the towel. ““Dang, and this year I was going to go to the mini and give the Dude a hug.” “He might have got wind of your plans and got out while the getting is good.” Gator ignores me, “ What you going to do Dude, the only good thing in October is Halloween.” I do not try to understand Gator’s logic. I take a swig of the cool 807.

I try to look serious, “Bill, KM4W, Gene, N4ANV, Herb, W9GBH, and others produced many successful mini conventions. It is now time to turn the reins over to new blood. I think Bill’s wife did most of the work while Bill played golf. I, however, could not confirm this fact. ““I heard the Gene Dude had some heart by-passes.” “Sure did Gator, he is embarking on a new mobile adventure and before he left he had the engine rebuilt. But have no fear there will still be a Southeast Mini convention.” Gator smiles, “Clue me in Dude.” I motion towards the cooler, time for a new 807, Gator gets a couple, lets the water drip off and gives me one.

“Two county hunters, Jeffrey, AF3X, and John, W5UGD, are turning the wheels towards another Southeast Mini convention but in a different location.” “Great Dude, it be in the Caribbean?” “No Gator, it will be in Chattanooga, Tennessee.” “Is that in the United States?” I give Gator the evil eye, “You know dang well where Chattanooga is, and the dates are October 6-8, 2005.” “That be the weekend of the Pennsylvania QSO party.” “So what?” “No reason” Gator gets two more 807’s. I think to myself, the top and bottom of these 807’s are too close, Gator hands me another 807, “You going to the Mini?” “Yes, I plan to attend/” “Will there be a CW meeting?” “Would not be a county hunters convention without a CW meeting.” Gator gives me thumbs up. “How about a hospitality room for AL?” “Same goes for the hospitality room.” Gator’s pager activates, “Gotta go Dude, have customers waiting. Gator is out the door and roaring off into his own little world.

Going to be a busy month. The CQ World Wide CW WPX contest is May 28. That is a biggie contest. But first it is time to take a nap, and then tackle the world’s problems. I jot down the web site for the Southeast Mini. <http://semini.superhosts.net/>

(Minutes Continued)

OPEN MEETING Nothing at this time.

With no further Business to come before the Board, Dave (KE3VV) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike (W0MU). Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2047 EDT.

Respectfully Submitted, Norm Ellison W2LSH Secretary, MARAC

Election Coordinators Report May 1st, 2005

Here is a report of activity to date. Nominations for the 2005 MARAC elections have closed. The following County Hunters have placed their name on the ballot which will be presented to the membership for their consideration in June of 2005.

President: WB9NUL

Joyce, WB9NUL has been an active participant in County Hunting and MARAC for about 30 years. Her activity includes long stints as net control or assistant, on 20, 40 and 75 meters as well as mobile operation from over half the counties in the continental U.S. She is particularly proud of her work as host or hospitality chair at "mini" and "maxi" conventions throughout the years. Besides an array of certificates and plaques for county hunting achievements, she has received dozens of merit awards and also holds "County Hunter of the Year" and President's citation. Joyce was a member of the Awards committee for 12 years and has served as South Central Director of MARAC since 1990. Her goal is to work with the other MARAC board members to blend the interests of County Hunters with the operation of the organization.

President: N8ELQ

Most of you know me better as N8ELQ, 18 Wheel mobile (post 1999), as MARAC's first Election Coordinator and as of late the Director for the Great Lakes Region. It has been and continues to be my goal to continue to bring MARAC further into the "Electronic Age" but at the same time not to leave out those who wish to continue doing the County Hunting the Old fashion way.

I plan to review each and every MARAC by-law and hopefully with the cooperation of all Board members and the MARAC membership, we can modify those by-laws which are out dated, don't apply or are just plain unfair.

The first club I joined after getting my ticket was the 10-10 club, after that was MARAC, while no longer active in 10-10, I am still with MARAC and will continue to give MARAC my total support. With your support for me for president, I pledge to continue on with the great work the present president has done and will continue to strive to better this club for all MARAC and future MARAC members.

Vice President: W5UGD

I have asked that my name be added to the list of people running for the position of MARAC VP again this year.

I would appreciate your support and your vote in the election!

Why vote for me? What have I done for County Hunting? Not much. I'm a relative newcomer to the hobby, but I love it more than words can express. Some minor accomplishments: I have worked 'em all and hold USA-CA 1103. I have transmitted from over 600 counties in 28 states or more I brought a new county hunter (KG4UPA) to our ranks and she is putting out counties as a team

with me. I setup a spotting channel on IRC and started the electronic spotting gold rush - For better or worse. I developed special applications for county hunters to run with mIRC to alert mobiles of last counties. I have made over 200 phone calls to people for last counties they might need that are running. I have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours helping fellow county hunters with everything from installing equipment, to setting up software and finding people to put out counties for them. I have driven over 20,000 miles "out of the way" to help county hunters get a county they need.

Okay, that's A LOT of things all about ME, I tried not to break my arm patting myself on the back, after all, it pales in comparison to others who have been around a lot longer for sure!

My other interests are Emergency Communications (I am the Pickens County SC ARES EC), digital mode operation, satellite communications, project/kit building, and I dabble in CW but by no means am I proficient as anyone knows who has had the displeasure of working me. I have served as VP of a large club with over 150 members. I have served as Hamfest chairman for the largest hamfest in my part of South Carolina. I am able to work with a board of directors, look at things objectively, form MY OWN opinions, and not take sides with "friends" simply because they are like me. I support those who vote for me, even when I might not totally agree

Election Coordinators Report (continued)

with what they want, because I feel that the majority rules, though I fight for the cause of the “little guy” when the little guy is right.

Anyone who knows me, knows I am very outspoken, I am rude, crude and uncouth, and I tell you like it is, how I feel. I do not do the backroom chat thing, I will tell anyone how I feel to their face. I am a person of integrity, you will not find me caught up in untruths, nor conspiracies. (Contrary to what a select few might believe). For employment, I run www.SuperHosts.Net, a web hosting business, and www.HomelandSecureIT.com, a locally based IT business.

If you choose to elect me as your VP, I promise I will give all I can to the organization, and my votes will NOT be copy-cat votes based on what other board members want just because that is the popular way to vote. I don't take the easy road just because it is easy.

If you would like to contact me for more information, please feel free to do so using the following means: email: w5ugd@amicon.net phone: 864/335-9177 cell phone: 864/979-1224 (Free if you are on verizon wirless) Or the MARAC chat channel

Vice President: W9OP

The Orange pumpkin bounced into this world April 16, 1941 in Freeport, Illinois. I don't remember the exact time.

My father introduced me to SWLing with a console Philco . The bug bit and I passed my Novice in 1955 and became WN9PJT. The N was dropped the same year with a spanking new General license. (Remember when the Novice was good for one year?) I have been licensed since, and found county hunting in the early 1970's.

I graduated from college in 1963 with a degree in elementary education, and taught middle school for 35 years. My XYL Joan, W9PIP, and I are also real estate investors.

Retirement sure keeps me busy! Three grown sons, 3 male cats and the PIP make this possible. I am currently $\frac{3}{4}$ finished for the 4th time around, and beginning all CW as a goal. I am actively working DX and contesting. Through the years I have met many, many hams and have come to the conclusion the county hunters are the greatest hams in the world.

Joan and I are looking forward to seeing you at the National in Roanoke and/or the 2006 National we are sponsoring in Appleton, WI

Biographies for the district director candidates will be published in June RR South Central District Director: WOMU North Central District Director: WB9STT Great Lakes District Director: K8GPC

73, K9IA

Charles Theisen

Election Coordinator

K9ia@arrl.net

(920) 921-1605 N5563 County Road K Fond du Lac WI 54935

Database Printouts Available KD9ZP Awards Manager

The printout consists of:

- **Award Rules**
- **MARAC Members** – Past and Present listed by Call Area. This printout has Names, Addresses, Email Address, and number of stars including BINGO
- **Stars** – List of all Calls having at least one Star with their number. List sorted by Call.
- **List of Stars by Number** – Complete list of all Stars in numerical order.

\$5 for MARAC Members – This includes \$3.85 for Priority Mail shipping \$10 for non Members

Make check out to **MARAC Awards** and mail to :

MARAC Awards P.O Box 2295 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2295

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club
Treasurer's Report
April 30, 2005

Funds Balance	3/31/05		\$28,127.60
Income:			
Awards		\$1,350.00	
Dues		\$776.00	
Interest		<u>\$5.58</u>	
			\$2,131.58
Expenses:			
Gene Olig – expenses		\$428.34	
Stafford Engraving - awards		\$110.00	
Fairmont Awards - awards		\$163.25	
Cottrell Engraving - awards		\$539.00	
Wachovia Bank _ checks		\$85.00	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter		<u>\$435.74</u>	
			\$1,761.31
			<u>\$370.25</u>
Account Balances:			\$28,497.85
Money Market Account		\$26,874.65	
Checking Account		<u>\$1,623.20</u>	
			\$28,497.85
Note:			
The following monies are not included in the above: Awards Chairman's Funds: \$1,200.00			
Convention Chairman's Funds: \$2,500.00			

Special Information for the National Convention

2005 – Roanoke, Virginia

Those that travel with their pets, the host hotel will not take pets, but there are two Hotels within site of the Wyndam Hotel that do welcome your pets. Check with Clarion Hotel Roanoke Airport @ 540-362-4500 or the Comfort Inn – Roanoke Airport @ 540-527-2020. Sorry for this inconvenience, your convention committee is trying to work out any and all issues we might have to make this the very best National Convention ever!

There are spots left for the Lake Dinner Cruise on Friday night and many seats are left on the bus tour of Monticello and National D-Day Memorial on Thursday. Sign up and enjoy the trips. Join in for Friday's tours of local attractions, O. Winston Link Museum and the Virginia Museum of Transportation.

If you sent in your registration and have not received a post card back saying it was received, please drop K1SO@aol.com a note so we can check to see if it was received. We will get back with you. The registration post cards go out at receipt of you registration and check.

There will be a group photo taken at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. This will be done after the last forum of the day. Smile!

Anyone having prizes to donate for the drawings please let W1VA - Fjoh68@aol.com, or AB4YZ – rcram@rbnet.com, know. There will also be the annual surprise table, so everyone bring something, we want to make sure everyone leaves with special surprise gift. Lots of enjoyable things are planned to make this a fun event for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you in Roanoke in July!

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

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	404
LC-2	11
LC-3	15
All Others	18

Call	Date	Award	Number	Call	Date	Award	Number
W5AL	4/8/2005	BINGO	265	N5KGY	4/20/2005	BINGO	266
N4RS	4/22/2005	BINGO	267	W7GQK	4/23/2005	BINGO	268
N0ZA	4/3/2005	BINGO II	34	N4CD	4/25/2005	Last County Count 1100	3
KM9X	4/25/2005	Last County Count 125	142	N8KIE	4/25/2005	Last County Count 150	124
WB0M	4/19/2005	Last County Count 25	435	K4MUT	4/19/2005	Last County Count 254	36
ND9M	4/25/2005	Last County Count 25	437	K8AO	4/25/2005	Last County Count 254	38
NA7W	4/25/2005	Last County Count 325	40	K2HVN	4/19/2005	Last County Count 375	29
AA9JJ	4/19/2005	Last County Count 425	24	WG6X	4/25/2005	Last County Count 475	22
KC0JG	4/25/2005	Last County Count 525	17	KI0JD	4/25/2005	Last County Count 600	12
N8STF	4/25/2005	Last County Count 675	8	WA4PGM	4/19/2005	Last County Count 752	13
N0ZA	4/19/2005	USA-CW	75				
NF0N	4/10/2005	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	349				
N5KGY	4/18/2005	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	350				
WB9UKS	4/21/2005	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	351				
AB2LS	4/2/2005	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	186				
WD9HAW	4/15/2005	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	120				

USA-CA

Issued By K1BV

Roadrunner USA-CA

To Call Award Date Certificate Number

K8QWY 4/21/2005 1119

May Birthdays

KB9ER	May - 01	AE3Z	May - 01
W8WVU	May - 01	VO1SF	May - 03
W5AL	May - 03	KA1JPR	May - 04
VE3KZE	May - 04	NX0X	May - 12
KI0AZ	May - 13	KM9X	May - 15
WA0RVG	May - 16	N8BGF	May - 16
N9QPQ	May - 17	W5VD	May - 17
N3AO	May - 17	WB9UKS	May - 19
NA4FM	May - 22	KF7CT	May - 22
AB2LS	May - 22	W4RSD	May - 23
WA8OWR	May - 25	NU9M	May - 26
N8CIJ	May - 28	NL7KM	May - 28
KA4NZG	May - 28	KI0JD	May - 30
K2MF	May - 30	W9GBH	May - 31

If your birthday is not in the database at:

www.marac.org/database

Send it to: kd9zp@marac.org

MARAC Board Meeting

Schedule for 2005

June 8

JULY AT THE CONVENTION

Deadline For The

June

RoadRunner

Is May 25th

Please Welcome Our New Members And Add Them To Your Data Base

Marac No.	Call	Full Name	Address	City and State	Home County	Phone Number
R-3177	W0LFJ	Dan R Carter	211 Dwelling Drive	New Sharon, IA 50207	Mahaska	1-641-625-421

dwelling@lisco.com

37th Annual MARAC National Convention
21 July – 24 July 2005 Roanoke, Virginia
Convention site: Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel

NAME: (First MI, Last) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Convention registration fee and 1 (one) prize ticket \$ 35.00

NAME ON BADGE _____ CALLSIGN _____ USACA# _____

Additional Name Badges (list information below) Total # _____ @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ USACA# _____ Relation _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ USACA# _____ Relation _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ USACA# _____ Relation _____

Relation: W-Wife, H-Husband, D-Daughter, S-Son, M-Mother, F-Father, X-Friend, GD-Grand Daughter, GS-Grand Son, for any additional badges please attach or list on back of form.

Enter number of persons that will attend events

Thursday 21 July

Tour of Monticello/D-Day Memorial #Adults _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Friday 22 July

Tour of O'Winston Link and

Virginia Transportation Museums #Adults _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Dinner Cruise – Virginia Dare #Adults _____ X \$36.00 = \$ _____

Saturday 23 July

Banquet – Roast Sliced Sirloin #Adults _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

of Beef

Banquet – Chicken Forestier #Adults _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Prize Tickets

Ham (singles) _____ X \$1.00 = \$ _____

Ham (Book 12 tickets) _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Cash (singles) _____ X \$1.00 = \$ _____

Cash (Book 12 tickets) _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Mail Registration Form and Check to: Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

MARAC 2005 Annual Convention

C/O Jerry Haislip – K1SO

P. O. Box 13741

Roanoke, Virginia 24036-3741

Please make check payable to
2005 MARAC Convention

Hotel Reservations – call direct to Wyndham Hotel 800-996-3426 or 540-563-9300

Mention "Amateur Radio 2005 Convention"

Room Rate \$69.00 Single/\$69.00 Double plus 12% tax

Pre-Registration cut-off date – July 1, 2005

**Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club (MARAC)
37th Annual National Convention 2005
Roanoke, Virginia**

- WHEN:** July 21, 22 and 23, 2005
- WHERE:** Wyndham Hotel – Roanoke Airport
2801 Hershberger Road, NW, Roanoke, Virginia
Phone: 540-563-9300 – Reservations 800-996-3426
- ROOM RATES:** \$69.00 Single/\$69.00 Double – plus 12% tax –
Reservations 800-996-3426 “Amateur Radio 2005 Convention”
- RESERVATIONS:** Call 540-563-9300 or 800-996-3426 and mention “Amateur Radio 2005 Convention”
to get the rate of \$69.00 per night 21-24 July 05.
- DIRECTIONS:** I-581 at Airport exit – exit 3 west on to Hershberger Road
- TOURS AND
ACTIVITIES:** Thursday – Bus will pick-up at 8:00 a.m. from Hotel and return to Hotel.
Tours of Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Charlottesville. and
The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia. All day tour,
a stop will be made for Lunch. Limited to 55 seats, register early.
Friday – Bus will pick-up at 9:00 a.m. from Hotel and return to
Hotel. Tours of O’Winston Link Museum and Virginia Museum
of Transportation. Downtown Market area stop for Lunch.
Friday (dinner cruise 7:00 p.m. - 50 Seats) Own transportation – Smith Mountain
Lake, (approx 45 minutes from Roanoke area)
Dinner Cruise on the Virginia Dare and tour of Lake area.
- CONVENTION
ACTIVITIES:** Hospitality room – Meetings and Forums (Saturday) –Saturday
Night Banquet Dinner – Drawing for Prizes at Banquet – Awards
- REGISTRATION:** Forward Registration form with total fees and cost to:
- MARAC 2005 Annual Convention
C/O Jerry Haislip – K1SO
P. O. Box 13741
Roanoke, Virginia 24036-3741
Home phone number: 540-774-3454*
- WEBSITE:** For more information about Tours and locations check Website -
www.MARAC05Covn.com

ORIGIN OF THE 3M

Along with my brother, (KA4SAX) and our wives, we attended our first National Convention. The National in Des Moines, Iowa, in July of 1981. We were on a vacation tour through the southwest and western states. We wound up in Des Moines at the national convention. We attended some of the events and met the attendees, but had to leave before the Saturday night Banquet. I still remember W7LQT dressed up in his tiger suit. We also missed the photo session on Saturday afternoon. We had to head back home, my brother had to return to work on Monday morning. Soon after returning home I got this call from someone that I didn't know or even heard of. It was Gene Tyree, (N4ANV), who had just been elected to the position of S.E. Director at the National Convention. He told me that he had just been elected to the position of S.E. Director and that there had not been a Mini Convention in this area for several years. He asked me if I would help him set up a convention in Chattanooga, TN which is the central point of the Southeast District.. At that time I was still working and it seemed impossible for me to travel back and forth to Chattanooga. Gene then asked me if there were any Motels in this area. Well at that time there were about as many Motels as there were gas stations. I think they both were up in the teens for a town of about eight thousand people. He told me that all they were looking for was a place to sleep and eat and a place to get together for meetings.

I contacted the local Holiday Inn and they were glad to take care of us. The hospitality area was a two room suite with all the bedroom furniture moved out. The dates for the first S.E. Mini were the first week end in November and there were 51 people showed up. There were more people from the 9 call area than any other area. The attendance continued to rise each year and in November of 1989 we had 221 people in the small hospitality area of a two room suite. The motel had to go out and borrow silverware to set up the tables, we had to go single file down the tables to get to our seats, and if you wanted out before you got through eating and business attended to, you were out of luck.

That was the year that my daughter who lived in Murfreesboro called me and said she had a friend who worked at the Holidome in Murfreesboro and wanted us to come down and look over the situation. Gene Tyree and myself went down and looked it over and they gave us the room rates and buffet cost and threw in free use of the three room hospitality area and we hooked up with them in November of 1990. In 1990 there were 234 attendees and 1991 there were 234.

For the next 14 years it varied from 212 to 145. I have in my possession over 450 used envelopes, one for each registration that I kept up with ticket info on the prizes. Over the years we had attendees from Canada, Hawaii, Germany, Belgium, England and all of the fifty states. I have really enjoyed being the host for this great event and I will never forget all the friends I made over that time. Thanks again to Gene Tyree for asking me to be a part of this great get together and many thanks to all of you good people who helped me after the convention started, I certainly couldn't have done it without you.

One other piece of info: The first year we were at Murfreesboro, someone, I wish I knew who, made the remark that this was the "Manchester Mini at Murfreesboro", thus the 3M.

Thank you all again for a Wonderful Time. *Bill KM4W*

Editors Note:

Bill: I am sure I speak for more County Hunters than I can count when I use your own words to say: Thank You for so many "WONDERFUL TIMES".

Questions about KwikLog 2005? Ask Don McMinds K7DM at K7DM@casco.net.
Questions on the various versions of the original Kwiklog should be directed to KK7X.

SSB County Hunter of the Year Nomination

I would like to nominate Ray WG6X for County Hunter of the Year. He has been mobile and put out numerous counties as well as last county awards.

His awards are as follows:

CQ USA-CA # 1015 May 22, 2002	2002 the 3M Perpetual Award
MARAC SSB Mobile of the Year 2003	MARAC SSB Mobile of the Year 2004
MARAC Bingo # 245 March 04, 2004	MARC 2nd Time # 346 Feb. 7, 2005
MARAC SSB Net Control Runner Up 2004	

Whole Ball and Wax:

WD9HAW Comanche, KS May 26, 2002	KD5CXO KY November 23,2002
KD5CXO KY Bingo November 23, 2002	WA6OCI Tazewell, VA September 25, 2002
N8LXQ Scott, VA November 16, 2002	N4UJK 6th Hardin, TN December 28, 2002
WA5OPO Bingo Calhoun, MS January 12, 2003	KZ2P Lumpkin, GA April 12, 2003
KB2ZL Jenkins, GA April 13, 2003	W4YDY 1st Time Bacon, GA May 20, 2003
F6CUK 1st Time Cannon, TN June 29, 2003	N8LXQ 5 Stars LA July 12, 2003
K3IMC August 16, 2003	N4UJK Bingo 111 October 8, 2003
KA4TYG 1st Time Jackson, LA November 28, 2003	

Total LC's as of March 5, 2005 : 451

States that he has ran counties in:

CA, OR, NV, AZ, NM, TX, OK, AR, KS, LA, MS, GA, SC, TN, KY, OH, IN, VA, MO, WV, FL, MI

Other Awards:

He also received a MARAC Appreciation award from KI0JD for helping her when she broke down after leaving the 3M, because I got off the freeway and called her a tow service and passed her info to the AAA for her. He has also been Net Control on many occasions.

Carol KA4TYG MARAC #2978

2005 South East Mini Info Oct 6, 7 & 8, 2005 - Chattanooga, TN SEE Q ROCK CITY!

The contract is signed. The SE Mini will be held at the Chattanooga Clarion! They are working hard to provide us a great experience including bending over backwards to insure we have everything we need.

Why Chattanooga? Because it is in the heart of the South East, has many activities and attractions, is off of the "fall color tour" route so hotels are abundant, the city has been undergoing a massive revitalization which is nearing completion, several major interstates pass through the area, etc.

A better question than "why?" would be "Why not?""!!!!

The Clarion features:

Newer/cleaner hotel. (downside - it costs 84/day)

High speed Internet Connection.

Safe/secured parking (downside - it costs 7 dollars per day!)

Mary Bo-Bo's? THIS is unknown. Information Pending!!!!

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