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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Bill K2NJ



Wow, 7 years and this is my last column.

I can't believe it has been seven years ago that we took the ride all the way to Idaho to pick up the Presidency from Jim... I planned on only staying a year or so, get the new C&BL passed and then step aside.... Well, seven years later – tons of controversy – tons of fun and diminishing health I finally am on my way to retirement. I want to thank the membership of MARAC for their trust and the honor of serving them. Hopefully, I will be around for a long time to give the new officers some grief....

I have to tell you a story that happened this week. My son Scott KC2JPM is a senior in High School and as tradition in NJ (if not the rest of the country) is to have a senior skip (hooky) day, and yesterday was his. Now for the ludacracy of it all – the school call up to inform me that Scott is not in school today (Well, this happened yesterday so it was yesterday)... Scott is 18 making him an adult... why call me? So I have some fun at it. They remind me that he needs a note from his parent to be excused. (note above, 18 folks)... I ask the lady on the phone just how many seniors showed up... she told me 15. Well gosh goll, 15 out of 800... not bad, and I bet that all 15 of them are on the band. But I deviate...

So last night I sat down and wrote a note to the school... Here it is...

To: HCRHS Senior Administration.

From: William Inkrote

Please excuse Scott for being absent from school yesterday (Monday, June 13th) because on Sunday we were working outside in the yard all day and his allergies kicked in big time. Sunday night while we were relaxing, watching TV – Scott fell asleep on the couch while picking his nose. Both his mother and I told him to turn the TV off and go to bed as we went to bed.

Upon waking on Monday morning we found Scott in the same position on the couch with his finger still in his nose. Try as he did, he could not remove said finger because the mucus coagulated and acted like super glue. If he pulled hard he would have ripped every nose hair from this nostril. We treated him with saline spray solution for four hours until we were able to remove said finger.

Please observe him and verify that his right nostril is much larger than his left and if this does not go down I am afraid he will miss more school having this surgically repaired. But I ask that you do this covertly, he is very sensitive of this accident.

Sincerely,

Bill Inkrote

Now for the worse part of it... Scott refused to take this note to school. We were laughing too much, and he typed a simple excuse Scott because he had a headache note for his mother to sign.... Go figure, I try to help him out and again I am refuted.

Well, summer is here – 95 today so I will be in the shack most of the day... one of three rooms with AC... wont do my feet much good (Swelling) but tough... I don't see that doctor for another three weeks anyway. I am now seeing 5 doctors and a dentist... Thank you HMO.... Had a visiting nurse come out last week and drew 14 - yes 14 vials of blood for three different doctors... she was concerned and made me drink bunches of fluid before she left...

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No, Scotch was not allowed Joyce... OJ, Water or Fudge...

Got the RV all serviced for the trip to Roanoke. Had to replace a tire in the back, inside one of course... We will be going "Down Neck" (I called them those finger counties last time down that way and Duggie corrected me... see, I remember).. Then across the south tier or so and also hit the northern tier of NC... This will finish off VA for Gail and me... Maybe, just Maybe it is time to turn in those Ran All Counties in a State once and for all. Got the first three call areas done (Except MA) and 8th, IN, ND, SD, and maybe another I forgot...

I hope that I don't have to remind you to vote – two good races for officers (one year terms)... Districts are pretty well a one man race...

Again, looking forward to Roanoke, and thanks for putting up with me for the past 7 years... Adios and you all a three three....

Bill K2NJ

MARAC 37th National Convention 2005 – Roanoke, Virginia

Representatives from twenty-four States and the District of Columbia will be on hand for the MARAC National in Roanoke in July. For those that will not be able to attend, we will miss seeing you, but plans are to put photos on the website as soon as possible. The saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words," you will surely see many thousands of words on the website. The pre-registration cutoff date was July 1, 2005. We needed that date to allow time to give everyone the numbers and get ready for the large group coming to Roanoke. For all of you that have registered, we'll see you in just a few days! Should be lots of activity on the bands with all those mobiles traveling toward Virginia from all over the country.

The bus tour to Monticello and National D-day Memorial will be a fun trip. Friday's tours of local Roanoke attractions, O. Winston Link Museum and the Virginia Museum of Transportation, are set. The Smith Mountain Lake dinner cruise, MARAC has filled the boat and we will have a great time of food and drink.

Scheduled Forums will start after the Annual Board of Directors meeting on Saturday morning. There will be a group photo taken at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday. This will be done after the last forum of the day. Smile!

Your convention committee has tried hard to work out any and all issues we might have to make this the very best National Convention!

Everyone's registration has been received you should have received a post card telling you that your registration arrived. If you did not received a card, drop us a note at K1SO@aol.com.

Prize list for the Convention includes – Two – IC 706's, One FT 857 and other items. Good luck to everyone in the drawing!

Last minute prizes to donate for the drawings please contact W1VA - Fjoh68@aol.com, or AB4YZ – rcram@rbnet.com. There will also be the annual surprise table, so everyone coming remember to 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. Roanoke thanks MARAC for allowing us to host the 37th Annual Convention.

Hello From Our New Editor

Hi. Dave Hyatt, KU4YM here. I have volunteered to ATTEMPT to fill Roger's shoes as newsletter editor. With any luck, the learning curve won't be too steep since I've done newsletters before. Regardless, please bear with me as we embark on this new endeavor together. Like Roger, I want and need your input; it is your newsletter after all. However I am not a typist. Please give me your input via email or as a Word attachment so I can "copy and paste." As for my background — I wanted to be a ham back in the '50s but could never buckle down enough to master the code (in spite of AMECO records, remember them?). So I became an active SWLer until college (EE), marriage (2 kids, 5 grands) intervened. When I retired in 1998 I got my Tech ticket (KF4ZDP) and quickly moved to Extra. After WAC, DXCC, etc. I got bored and discovered County Hunting and have been happy ever since. Got a ways to go for USA-CA but with your help, I'll get there. I really want to put out some counties but I haven't yet figured out how to quiet down a Hybrid; any thoughts?

73, Dave, KU4YM

(PS If you must do snail mail, my address is on the back page.)

46th ANNUAL NEW JERSEY QSO PARTY- AUGUST 20- 21, 2005

The Englewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Invites all amateurs the world over to take part in the 46th Annual New Jersey QSO Party.

RULES:

[1] The time of the contest is from 2000 UTC Saturday August 20 to 0700 UTC Sunday August 21 and from 1300 UTC Sunday August 21 to 0200 UTC Monday August 22.

[2] Phone and CW are considered the same contest. A station may be contacted once on each band - phone and CW are considered separate bands - CW contacts may not be made in phone band segments. New Jersey stations may work other New Jersey stations.

[3] General call is "CQ New Jersey" or "CQ NJ. New Jersey" stations are requested to identify themselves by signing "DE NJ" on CW and "New Jersey calling" on phone. Suggested frequencies are, 1810, 3535, 3950. 7035, 7235, 14035, 14285, 21100. 21355, 28100. 28400, 50-50.5, and 144-146. Suggest phone activity on the even hours; 15/10 meters on the odd hours [1500 to 2100 UTC]; 160 meters at 0500 UTC.

[4] Exchange consists of QSO, Number, and QTH [State/province or country]. New Jersey stations will send county for their QTH.

[5] Scoring: Out - of - state stations multiply number of complete contacts with New Jersey stations times 3 ~~points per QSO times the number of New Jersey counties worked [maximum of 21].~~ New Jersey stations multiply number of complete contacts times 3 points per QSO times the multiplier. The multiplier is the sum of the number of states [other than NJ], Canadian provinces, and NJ counties worked - maximum is $49 + 13 + 21 = 83$.

[6] Certificates will be awarded to the first place station in each New Jersey county, state, province, and country. In addition, a second place certificate will be awarded when four or more logs are received. A total of two plaques have been donated by the ARRL Section Managers for NNJ and SNJ to the highest scoring single-operator station residing in each of their sections.

[7] Logs must also show the UTC date and time, QSO exchange, band, and emission, and be received not later than September 17, 2005. The first contact for each claimed multiplier must be indicated and numbered and a check list of contacts and multipliers should be included. Multi-operator stations should be noted and calls of participating operators listed. Logs and comments should be sent to: **Englewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc, Post Office Box 528. Englewood, New Jersey 07631-0528. A #10 size SASE should be included for results.**

[8] Stations planning active participation in New Jersey are requested to advise EARA by August 1st of your intentions so that we may plan for full coverage from all counties. Portable and mobile operation is encouraged.

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2005

Funds Balance 5/31/05		\$27,500.45
MARAC 2006 Convention Advance		(\$2,500.00)
Income:		
Awards	\$1,072.00	
Dues	\$456.00	
Interest	<u>\$5.86</u>	
		\$1,533.86
Expenses:		
Gene Olig – expenses	\$353.79	
Stafford Engraving-Awards	\$75.00	
Wachovia Bank-Service Charge	\$5.00	
Print-Right, Inc – Newsletter	<u>\$500.00</u>	
		<u>\$933.79</u>
		<u>\$600.07</u>
		\$25,600.52
Account Balances:		
Money Market Account	\$23,885.85	
Checking Account	<u>\$1,714.67</u>	
		\$25,600.52

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above: Awards Chairman's Funds: \$1,200.00
 2005 Convention Chairman's Funds: \$2,500.00
 2006 Convention Chairman's Funds: \$2,500.00

Notice: In the May Treasurers Report The Expenses for Norm Ellison Should have been \$1,156.33 not \$1,153.33 and error of \$3.00. All totals listed are correct. This was an EDITORS ERROR.

Goodbye From (me) Your Old Editor

The time has come to let another take over the Roadrunner. After serving MARAC as your Awards Manager, Vice President and Newsletter Editor over the last decade. It has become obvious that a new editor with new ideas and perspective is needed. I believe MARAC has just that with Dave KU4YM. I hope you will all consider submitting articles to Dave as it is "Your Newsletter" and without your input it will soon become "Just A Letter".

As you can tell by this issue, my last and possibly the smallest issue of the Roadrunner I have ever done. Submissions have not been forthcoming. Gone are the articles such as DATELINE CW from KN4Y and "Old Time Radio Quiz" from Alan Young, K6KLL... I sure have missed Gator's remarks and wisdom and I hesitate to admit that I was able to answer a lot of the questions in the "Old Time Radio Quiz"... I hope both will return along with other writers with new outlooks and ideas. Dave, as a new editor, will need support from everyone as he adds new enthusiasm and insight to the Roadrunner.

If the bands ever get back to where they were 10 years ago when I moved here to Crestwood Village. I hope to finish "Third Time" and some other awards with my 100 watts and indoor (attic) antenna. Thanks for many happy memories and the chance to serve MARAC. 73's W2NWL

Major Awards Issued For The Month Of *June Awards*

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	161
LC-2	8
LC-3	11

Ran All State 23 Contest 52 All Others 11

Call	Date	Award	Number
W3DYA	6/30/2005	Last County Count 150	124
W0GXQ	6/30/2005	Last County Count 175	101
W0GXQ	6/30/2005	Last County Count 175	102
W6TMD	6/30/2005	Last County Count 200	83
NE9DH	6/30/2005	Last County Count 225	64
W0QE	6/30/2005	Last County Count 25	439
K5AAR	6/30/2005	Last County Count 25	440
KL1V	6/30/2005	Last County Count 400	30
KO1U	6/30/2005	Last County Count 50	10000
KC1NA	6/30/2005	Last County Count 700	6
N4XE	6/30/2005	Last County Count 700	7
KK5MI	6/14/2005	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	354
W0QE	6/19/2005	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	355
K7REL	6/10/2005	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	187
KC0JG	6/22/2005	Worked all Counties - 6th Time	23

USA-CA
Issued By K1BV
Roadrunner USA-CA

To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
KA5TQF	6/21/2005	1123

July Birthdays

KA9QKN	Jul - 04	W7KOI	Jul - 05
K5UH	Jul - 05	WB5LFO	Jul - 06
W5FHL	Jul - 07	AA9ZZ	Jul - 07
N4ANV	Jul - 08	W8YL	Jul - 12
N4XE	Jul - 15	AA9CW	Jul - 17
W4NUL	Jul - 19	K5VYT	Jul - 20
KU4YM	Jul - 21	KE2EA	Jul - 26
N4IXV	Jul - 26	N4AKP	Jul - 27
N8HAM	Jul - 27	N7AKT	Jul - 29
K0NII	Jul - 29	W4YDY	Jul - 29
KD4DJ	Jul - 30	W6XLR	Jul - 30

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

JULY AT THE CONVENTION

**Deadline For The
August
RoadRunner
Is July 25th**

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

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