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## From My Point of View

This letter is starting off with a lot of “thank you” notes. First, to my husband, Barry, W9UCW who stayed home to baby sit two houses when Emily, the hurricane, came to south Texas. He put me on a plane early just so I could go to the Nat’l Convention. The second tnx goes to Bob, W4OWY and Barbara, who picked me up at the Atlanta airport and drove me to the convention, back to Atlanta and put me on a plane to go back to Texas. The third tnx goes to Terry, WQ7A and Boni who let me use their cell phone so I could call Barry and see how things were at home. The fourth tnx goes to Carol Ann, AB2LS, Sharon, KF8J, Karen, WB9ZNA, and Gail, WB2AXG for all the help in the hospitality room. The fifth tnx goes to Roger, WB2NWL, for the use of the cell phone so I could tell Barry about the two radio’s I had won!

The biggest “thank you” goes to AB4YZ, Ray and his crew who put on a great convention. I know, I’m probably forgetting some of the gang, but Jerry, Fred and Jim you sure made my job easy in the hospitality suite. I heard nothing but praise about the tours and trips that you had for us. The banquet was great....and Walt, K1DFO did a fantastic job as MC along with the awards that Ray and the kazoo players handed out. The appearance of “The Terminator” and the “The Three Stooges” was hilarious.

I was very proud to be asked to present the first “Life Time Achievement Award #1” to K2NJ, Bill. Bill is a charter member of MARAC #100, has net controlled, run counties as an individual and as a team, served a President of MARAC for 7 years, held offices in local radio clubs and serves on the DX Association in New Jersey. Congratulations, Bill.

The final tnx goes to all of you the members. Members who attend the conventions, take net control, run mobile, work the mobiles, apply for awards, run for office, and volunteer on committees and cause MARAC to be the organization that it is.

We have some new faces on the Board of MARAC. Mark, W9OP is our Vice President. W9GPC, Hugh is the Great Lakes District Director. W0UM, Mike as SC District Director and WB9STT, John as North Central District Director are returning to the board for another term. We have a new editor for the Road Runner, KU4YM, Dave. Please be sure and send him some articles and once in a while, a picture too.

A date for the next board meeting has not been set. I am hoping to get a September meeting in place. In the meantime, happy county hunting! 88’s Joyce, WB9NUL

**DATELINE CW****By Ed, KN4Y**

There is only one way to achieve happiness as a CW county hunter, And that is to have a thirty-meter resonator.

I am listening to and busy working mobiles on the county hunter CW nets. In between contacts I am reading the Roadrunner on the computer screen when I hear RAT-A-TAT TAT. I look out the window and it is Gator; I open the door, "Come in Gator it is hot out there." "Sure is Dude where have you been?" "Been on vacation." "You are retired, how do you know when you are on vacation?" "Was I here?" "No." "Now you know." Gator is not impressed with logic and heads to the cooler; he gets a couple of cool ones. "Here have a 807. That be county hunter talk for beer." I wonder why I did not hear him drive up. "What you be doing Dude?" "I am checking my logs that I sent to ARRL for various contests. Guess my hearing is getting worse." "Why do you say that?" "Well I made several errors when copying call signs, I copied d when b was sent for example." "What that mean?" "That means I lose that contact, and because I am getting old and my hearing is going they penalize me a good contact. I think losing a contact is bad enough, but then to be penalized another contact borders on elder harassment." "Guess they do not want hard of hearing old farts in the contests."

"I heard you caused a commotion when you were mobile in the GQP. What happened?" "Well that was a strange happening. I was in Tift County and stopped in the parking lot of a plant that was closed. I started running the county on 20-meters then I switched to 40-meters. I started calling and alarms started going off in all the buildings." "That be funny, what did you do?" "I moved to another location as the alarms were causing too much QRM."

Gator looks at the computer screen. "I see Roger, W2NWL has retired as the editor of the County Line Roadrunner." "Yes Roger did a great job over the years." "Just think what he could have done had he learned how to read." "Gator!" He is laughing hysterically as he heads for the cooler. He returns bearing two cold ones; it's difficult to stay angry with the bearer of 807's. "Who the new editor." "A county hunter named Dave with the call KU4YM." "I have not heard him on the CW net." "Not sure if he does CW, but time will tell." Gator continues to read the Roadrunner, "Hey, that Dude Bill, K2NJ, is no longer MARAC President, he must have got some of the Atlantic City smart pills." I give gator the evil eye, that boy is toying with a swim in the East River wearing concrete swim-fins. Gator picks up a note off the floor.

"What be the meaning on this note, is just say CH news?" "The CH news is a electronic newsletter that Bob, N4CD, writes every month. It can be found on the county hunters dot com web site." I bring up the newsletter and Gator reads it as I go to the processed 807 depository. On the way back I stop at the cooler and get a couple dill pickles, the crunchy kind. I hand Gator a pickle, "Did you wash your hands Dude?" "No." "Okay". Gator is not a sticker for formalities. I ask, "Did you read anything unusual?" "Yes, I read where Bob is not using the word IN when announcing a county." "Yes and I disagree with him. When on CW using the word IN conditions the mind that a county name is to follow. It is more of a challenge on CW to copy KD5JSS ESSEX VT, it is easier to copy KD5JSS IN ESSEX VT" Gator gives me a thumbs-up, "You got that right maybe when working Bob do not use the IN word, and use the IN word for all others. What this about county lines."

"Bob recommends the use of CL to mean on the county line of." "Never end a sentence with a preposition."

The use of CL can be confusing if you are on the county line of Clear Creek and Park." "Not to me Dude. I know Al and Jerry" "Oh I forgot, your majesty."

Gator looks at his Pager, "Heat has no effect on habits, have customers for the fermentation of sugars product, see you later. Gator is out the door and I hear him roar to infinity less one. I guess I was riveted on the Roadrunner and did hear Gator arrive. I wonder what a hearing aid costs.

I better check my pantry. Plenty of contests in August; the North American CW QSO Party, WAE CW DX Contest, Maryland-DC QSO Party, New Jersey QSO Party, Hawaii QSO Party, Ohio QSO Party, and the Kentucky QSO Party. I better stock up on naps. ZZzzzzz,

**Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club  
Treasurer's Report  
July 31, 2005**

Funds Balance    6/30/05       \$25,600.52

Income:

Awards     \$   435.00  
Dues           620.00  
Interest          5.22

\$1,060.22

Expenses:

Gene Olig - expenses             \$   97.42  
Stafford Engraving - awards       75.00  
Fairmont Awards - awards       785.50  
Wachovia Bank - service charge   5.00  
Print-Right, Inc - newsletter     370.34

1,333.26

(273.04)

Account Balances

\$25,327.48

Money Market Account

\$23,891.07

Checking Account

1,436.41

\$25,327.48

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds             \$1,200.00  
Convention Chairman's Funds - 2005 \$2,500.00  
Convention Chairman's Funds - 2006 \$2,500.00

## **2005 SE Mini**

Location: Clarion Hotel, Chattanooga, TN  
Dates: October 6, 7, and 8, 2005  
Directions: I-24 Exit 178; Take US-27 to Exit 1C. Turn right at first light, hotel is immediately on the right.  
Room Rate: 84\$/night plus tax. Call the hotel directly for reservations and mention County Hunters. The phone number is (423)756-5150.  
Parking: Due to the downtown location, parking will be 7\$/day.  
Activities: TN aquarium and IMAX 3D Theater 2 blocks from hotel.  
Lookout Mountain attractions (Ruby Falls, Rock City, Incline Railway) are 5 miles away. There will be a group trip on the Chattanooga Riverboat for a Lunch Cruise on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>. 16.65\$/person including tax, tip, etc. First 50 people to register are guaranteed a spot. After 50 is on a space available basis. Your money must be received by September 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Dinner: Buffet Style Dinner- 26\$/person Tax/Tip included.  
Registration 15\$ for first person, 5\$ each additional person.

Send registration and fees to:

John Hoyt- W5UGD  
125 WYATT OAKS CT  
EASLEY, SC 29642-8368

### **2005 SE Mini Registration**

**Callsign:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (to be put on badge):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**USA-CA#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Names/Calls/USA-CA Numbers:**

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Basic Registration:	15.00	
Additional Registrations	_____ x 5.00	_____
Banquet Tickets	_____ x 26.00	_____
Lunch Cruise	_____ x 16.65	_____
Total		_____

## Major Awards Issued For The Month Of *May*

### KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	120
LC-2	10
LC-3	5
All Others	47

Call	Date	Award	Number
KL1V	7/21/05	BINGO	272
N9STL	7/20/05	BINGO II	36
K4UNF	7/29/05	BINGO II	37
N0KV	7/31/05	Last County Count 25	441
KL1V	7/31/05	Last County Count 400	30
N6PDB	7/31/05	Last County Count 50	295
AF3X	7/31/05	Last County Count 50	296
KC0JG	7/31/05	Last County Count 550	16
KC6AWX	7/28/05	Master's Gold	13
K7REL	7/27/05	USA-CW	78
KC7AWX	7/16/05	USA-PA-K	8
KN4XP	7/14/05	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	356
WA7JHQ	7/19/05	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	188

USA-CA  
Issued By K1BV  
Roadrunner USA-CA

To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
		None

### August Birthdays

WA6HBV	8/1	KG4NNK	8/17
K8ZZ	8/1	WW0G	8/19
N3ISH	8/1	N4SMH	8/19
K0GO	8/3	WA7JHQ	8/19
KT5H	8/3	AA8R	8/23
K0FG	8/4	KW4V	8/24
AC4XL	8/5	KD4HXM	8/24
AB7RW	8/7	KB4JAA	8/25
W0FP	8/8	KE4UP	8/25
KK0J	8/10	WA4PGM	8/26
WW8O	8/11	N0KGX	8/26
WQ7A	8/16	KC7JC	8/28
KA4TYG	8/17	WA4QPD	8/29

### Editors Note

Bear with me y'all. This is a work in  
progress!

Dave, KU4YM

SAVE \$5 - SUBSCRIBE VIA E-MAIL!

## Deadline For The Sept RoadRunner Is Sept 30th

## Election Coordinators Report:

August, 2005

The 2005 election has past but my duties are not yet complete. For those who are in the dark as to how the process is supposed to work, please refer to the words from the bylaws.

### 3.4

#### ELECTION RESULTS

(a) The Election Coordinator shall verify the ballots (or separate ballot envelopes) against the current MARAC membership list, tabulate the ballots for each position, and report the results of the election in writing to the officers and Board of Directors.

(b) The Election Coordinator shall also provide for publishing the results of the election in the MARAC newsletter and may also announce the results in any other manner he or she deems appropriate.

(c) The Election Coordinator shall also submit a list of the MARAC membership numbers and/or call signs for which ballots were received to the officers and Board of Directors.

Therefore:

a)The results were presented "in writing" to the officers and the candidates immediately following the count. Sorry, I missed the board members.

(b) For the members, the results of the 2005 MARAC election are as follows:

President:	WB9NUL	Winner
	N8ELQ	
Vice President	W5UGD	
	W9OP	Winner
South Central District Director	W0MU	Winner
North Central District Director	WB9STT	Winner
Great Lakes District Director	K8GPC	Winner

(c)The list of voters (as specified in "c"), along with the actual numeric vote count is being provided to the officers and the members of the board of directors.

The results of the quarterly ballots and the County Hunter of the Year were forwarded on to the awards chairman prior to the convention.

My thanks to the MARAC members who elected to be candidates in this election and to all those MARAC members who considered this election important enough to take the time to cast their vote.

One final piece of business In the midst of all of these election doings, Fran and I have been moving. We needed to be in Fond du Lac to accept the mailed ballots. We planned our move around the MARAC election and Field day. What a guy!!!

Our new address is:

8075 SE 174<sup>th</sup> Belhaven Loop

The Villages, FL 32162

Phone: (352) 430-1040

[K9ia@arrl.net](mailto:K9ia@arrl.net)

73, K9IA

Charles Theisen

Election Coordinator

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

Marac No.	Call	Full Name	Address	City and State	County	Phone Number
R-3182	K2TRU	Jay Trunzo	51 Bowen Rd	Warwick, NY 10990	Orange	1-000-000-0000 <a href="mailto:jay@protitleny.com">jay@protitleny.com</a>
R-3183	K9JF	Jim E Fenstermaker	10312 NE 161 <sup>st</sup> Ave	Vancouver, WA 98682	Clark	1-360-256-1716 <a href="mailto:k9jf@arrl.net">k9jf@arrl.net</a>
R-3184	KC0SY	Richard C Johnson	PO Box 432	McPherson, KS 67460	McPherson	1-000-000-0000 river4313@yahoo.com

## Election Coordinators report to Awards Chairman for 2005 Awards

### Presidents

- WG6X

### Custodians

- KE3VV

### Service

- K2NJ
- W2NWL

President  
Road Runner Editor

### Best Net Control SSB

- KZ2P
- WQ7A
- WG6X

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

### Best Net Control CW

- N4CD
- WOGXQ
- AA0IP

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

### Best Mobile SSB

- WG6X
- N8KIE
- WQ7A

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

### Best Mobile CW

- N4CD
- WOGXQ
- WG6X

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

### Best Team

- AA9JJ/N9QPQ
- KM9X/KB9MGI
- W0NAC/KC0QER

First Place  
Second Place  
Third Place

### County Hunter of the Year - SSB

- WG6X

First Place

### County Hunter of the Year - CW

- No Entry



*The County Line Roadrunner*  
**MARAC Secretary**  
*117 Hayden Ave.*  
*Pass Christian Ms. 39871*

***“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”***

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## Board of Directors

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