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From my point of view

Joyce, WB9NUL

Hurrah! K9DCJ gets third time #190 all CW. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help this happen. Larry, WD3P a special thanks for co-coordinating and recording the contacts. Great job by all of you! For those of you who might not know, the club call has been changed to K9DCJ. This was done in honor of Arnie Bachmann who contributed so much to MARAC and County Hunting.

I hope you all will take the time to vote on the Constitutional/Bylaw ballot. These changes will make it easier to conduct the club meetings and for members to vote on issues that pertain to MARAC.

I have heard nothing but good comments on the mini held in Tennessee. The group is looking at new location for next year...in South Carolina. Barry and I were sorry to miss this one. Hopefully, we can make it to the next one.

Okay, enough with the hurricanes! We had members who were in the path of Wilma. I haven't, as of this date, heard how the homes held up, but I do know that they all have safe places to stay.

In the meantime, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Editor's Note: The Table of Contents has an enhancement for our email subscribers. It can be made interactive in Acrobat Reader. Go to the View Menu, click on Navigation Tabs, then Bookmarks. Now you can jump to whatever page you want to. Sorry, "paper" subscribers will still have to turn the pages.

Editor's Note 2: Deadline for the next RR is November 25th.

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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Labor to keep alive in your fist that spark of celestial fire – CW.

The weather is cooler and I should be out in the yard doing fall things, but I have contesting logs to finalize. I remember the old saying; the job is not done until the paperwork is completed. I log the State QSO party and contest contacts with the Writelog logging program. The procedure to enter the log in the Logbook of the World is simple after having done it many times. First I go to each contest file and obtain the log in ADIF format. Next using an ARRL program I sign the log. The ARRL program converts the log into a TQSL format I can e-mail to the ARRL to be entered into the Logbook of the World. Not being a computer person this is all hocus pocus to me. It all works as long as I follow the instructions. I am sending my last log, which is the Illinois QSO party, when I hear the roar of Gator's four-by-four down shifting coming off the main road.

I check the cooler and pantry and see the supplies are low but will have to do. I hear Gator's truck slide up to the recycled creosoted railroad tie. I yell, "Come in Gator." He comes in and flops down in the operating chair. He turns on the radio already tuned to the 30-meter county hunters CW net. I, out of curiosity ask, "What are you doing?" "Turning on your radio." I pop Gator on top the head, "I can see that Dufus, but why?"

"Well, you were bitching about not getting many Big Rig contacts. I was listening to the scanner and heard a big rig driver announce QRV so I ran over here to let you know he was running." I listen and sure enough he is in Jackson county Alabama. I need that county and I work him and log the contact. "Thanks Gator, since I do not hear many Big Rig drivers on the CW net anymore. I just about have given up on getting the Big Rig award endorsed CW." "How many you got?" I go to the computer and check my award summary list. "I got 531 Big Rig contacts." Gator gets two 807's, "You will be several hundred years old before you get that award." I take a long swig, "Yes, Gator, you are right." "What do we need to do to get more Big Rig operators on CW." "Free Beer." "Gator!" "Well you asked." Gator is laughing as he gets to more 807's. I wonder if anyone updates the Big Rig driver list at: http://countyhunter.com/big_rig_drivers.html.

"Dude did you hear that on the CW net." "What?" "Two stations were talking at the same time." "That Gator is because neither CW station is using break-in keying." Gator looks at me, "Seems I remember Al saying his transceiver is capable of receiving signals during transmission spacing intervals."

"Yes, I think full break-in is available on all new transceivers." "Why don't everyone use full break-in?" "Probably many operators do not do enough CW to think about it, we need to mention it on the net sort of like a like public service announcement. Gator what is the Q-signal for can you work break-in." "That be QSK." That is correct, now get two more 807's."

"Sorry Dude my pager just went off, I have customers waiting and must depart." Gator is out door and soon roaring off through the canopy roads. I see no squirrels running to the trees. Where did I put that left over Halloween candy? I notice a note to myself; do not forget the ARRL Sweepstakes CW contest and the CQ Worldwide CW DX contest. I look at the clock, dang, almost missed my nap.

Treasurer's Report

We're Sorry, but Hurricane Wilma has made it impossible to publish the October Treasurer's Report. We hope that Jim will be able to put his home back in order shortly.

2005 South East Mini A Success!

John W5UGD

On behalf of the SE Mini team, I would like to thank all of those who attended the Mini and helped make it the success it was! The attendance met and exceeded our expectations for a first time attempt, and it sealed the deal, there **WILL** be a SE Mini in 2006. Those in attendance suggested and we decided upon Charleston, SC. See you there!

More pictures are available at <http://semini.superhosts.net/>



Proposed Bylaws Changes

A1. Current Provision (as revised in 1999)

2.2 TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

- (a) Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve for a term of three (3) years.
- (b) Terms of directors shall be staggered so that the terms of one third (1/3) of the directors expire each year.
- (c) The Board of Directors shall have authority to provide for special or partial terms for directors within the intent of this section, as well as a procedure to allocate terms by lot.

Reasons for Proposed Amendment

The provisions of Article 1, Section 1.2(a), (b) and (c) are revised. Subsections 1.2(a) and 1.2(b) are combined and modified to clarify that subsections (a) and (b) apply only to District Directors and subsection (c) is added to clarify that a person may not hold more than one seat on the Board at the same time, as follows:

Proposed NEW Bylaw Provision

2.2 TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES

- (a) Each District Director shall serve for a term of three (3) years. The terms of District Directors shall be staggered so that the terms of one third (1/3) of the District Directors expire each year.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall have authority to provide for special or partial terms for District Directors within the intent of this section, as well as a procedure to allocate terms by lot.
- (c) No person may hold more than one (1) seat on the Board of Directors at the same time.

A2. Current Provision (as revised in 1999)

1.3 MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

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- (e) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at a physical location or by electronic means including (but not limited to) amateur radio, Internet teleconferencing, or conference telephone call.

Reasons for Proposed Amendment

The provisions of Article 1, Section 1.3(e) are amended to remove the word “Special” so that all meetings of the Board of Directors, including the annual meeting, may be held by radio, Internet, or conference call (as well as in person), as follows:

Proposed NEW Bylaw Provision

2.3 MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

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- (e) Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at a physical location or by electronic means including (but not limited to) amateur radio, Internet teleconferencing, or conference telephone call.

A3. Current Provision (as revised in 1999)

1.1 OFFICERS

- ...
- (b) A person may not hold more than one (1) office at the same time, and a person may not serve as an officer and Director at the same time.

Reasons for Proposed Amendment

The provisions of Article 2, Section 2.1(b) are amended to clarify that no person may hold more than one officer position at the same time. This change is combined with the change to Article 1, Section 1.2, clarifies that a person may not serve in more than one officer position and may not serve as both an officer and a District Director or Immediate Past President in combination with any other officer or director position, as follows:

Proposed NEW Bylaw Provision

2.1 OFFICERS

- ...
- (b) A person may not hold more than one (1) office at the same time.
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A4. Current Provision (as revised in 1999)

3.3 BALLOTS AND VOTING

(a) The election of members to fill the positions of those directors and officers whose terms are about to expire shall be conducted by mail ballot, in accordance with the provisions of this section and any additional procedures adopted by the Board.

(b) The ballot shall be published in the MARAC newsletter and may be published by other means, including electronic publication.

(c) The voter's MARAC membership number or call sign shall validate each ballot. The ballot shall include a space for the MARAC member number or call sign; however, a member who wishes to omit his or her MARAC number from the ballot may do so by enclosing the ballot in a separate plain envelope with the voter's MARAC membership number or call sign printed on the envelope. The ballot (or separate envelope containing the ballot) shall be mailed to the Election Coordinator and must be postmarked not later than the date set by the Election Coordinator as the last date to submit ballots.

Reasons for Proposed Amendment

The provisions of Article 3, Section 3.3 are amended to allow more flexibility in the voting process, including the use of electronic ballots and the MARAC web site (on-line voting), and to require the Election Coordinator to maintain voter identity separate from tabulated votes, as follows:

Proposed NEW Bylaw Provision

3.3 BALLOTS AND VOTING

(a) The election of members to fill the positions of those directors and officers whose terms are about to expire shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section and any additional procedures adopted by the Board.

(b) The ballot shall be published in the MARAC newsletter, the MARAC web site, and any other method determined by the Board.

(c) MARAC elections shall be by secret ballot, and the Election Coordinator shall ensure that voting procedures provide for the identity of voters to be maintained separately from the tabulated votes. Each eligible MARAC member shall be entitled to cast one ballot. The MARAC membership number or call sign shall be used to validate each ballot.

A5. Current Provision (as revised in 1999)

RATIFICATION BY MEMBERSHIP

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(b) The vote of members of the corporation on ratification of proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws shall be conducted by mail ballot (U.S. Postal Service).

Reasons for Proposed Amendment

The provisions of Article 8, Section 8.2 are amended to eliminate the current requirement for mail ballots and allow more flexibility in the ratification process for amendments to the MARAC Bylaws, including the use of electronic ballots and the MARAC web site (on-line voting), as follows:

Proposed NEW Bylaw Provision

RATIFICATION BY MEMBERSHIP

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(b) The vote of members of the corporation on ratification of proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section and any additional procedures adopted by the Board.

MARAC BYLAWS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
RATIFICATION BALLOT

Instructions: Clip out this ballot or make a copy and fill out the information. Cast your vote to ratify (YES) or not ratify (NO) by making an "X" in the box. After the vote is determined to be eligible, the vote and the voter ID will be separated before the votes are tabulated. A list of members who voted and a tabulation of votes will be maintained, but no record of how each member voted will be kept.

CALL SIGN _____ MARAC MEMBER NO. _____

Ballot

1. **Clarification of 3-year staggered terms for District Directors and prohibition on holding multiple board seats and offices by members.** Ratification of the Amendment to Article 1, Section 1.2(a), (b) and (c) and Article 2, Section 2.1(b), as adopted by the MARAC Board of Directors at the Special Meeting held September 8, 2005.

- YES** I vote to ratify the amendments as adopted by the Board of Directors.
- NO** I vote to keep the Bylaws as currently in effect.

2. **Modification of Bylaws to allow all meetings of the Board to be held via Internet or other electronic means.** Ratification of the amendment of Article 1, Section 1.3(e), as adopted by the MARAC Board of Directors at the Special Meeting held September 8, 2005.

- YES** I vote to ratify the amendments as adopted by the Board of Directors.
- NO** I vote to keep the Bylaws as currently in effect.

3. **Modification of Bylaws to allow all balloting for elections and ratification of the bylaws to be conducted via electronic ballots,** including email and web site balloting. Ratification of amendments to Article 3, Section 3.3 and Article 8, Section 8.2, as adopted by the MARAC Board of Directors at the Special Meeting held September 8, 2005.

- YES** I vote to ratify the amendments as adopted by the Board of Directors.
 - NO** I vote to keep the Bylaws as currently in effect.
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Ballots will be accepted until Midnight, December 17, 2005. MAIL your ratification ballot (postage prepaid) to:

**Chuck Theisen, Elections Coordinator
8075 174th Belhaven Loop
The Villages, FL 32162**

Awards and Birthdays

Major Awards Issued For The Month Of
October

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	238
LC-2	3
Roadrunner(LC-3)	11
Ran All State	2
All Others	14

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Current Call	Birthday Date
W2NWL	Nov - 01
VE9DH	Nov - 01
W7TSM	Nov - 03
N5DWI	Nov - 03
KA3MMM	Nov - 04
WA2AKB	Nov - 04
WU4S	Nov - 06
N1API	Nov - 06
KW0U	Nov - 07
N4AHZ	Nov - 08
NT9V	Nov - 10
NX4W	Nov - 10
W5UGD	Nov - 11
WG6X	Nov - 11
K8GPC	Nov - 13
N4XML	Nov - 13
WB9STT	Nov - 13
WB0AXN	Nov - 13
KC5DSP	Nov - 14
WA5AUR	Nov - 16
KA9FDV	Nov - 16
K7BOI	Nov - 17
N7LYR	Nov - 17
W4XT	Nov - 17
WB2AXG	Nov - 17
WB9ZHS	Nov - 17
NF0N	Nov - 18
W7LQT	Nov - 20
W7WBZ	Nov - 22
KK7X	Nov - 23
W5ETM	Nov - 23
VE1BES	Nov - 24
KC6AWX	Nov - 26
N9HRX	Nov - 28

Other Awards

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
KQ0B	10/20/2005	BINGO	277
KJ8F	10/21/2005	Cliff Corne Jr. (K9EAB) Memorial	1115 USA-CA Holders
WA7SLD	10/15/2005	Last County Count 100	198
N4CD	10/15/2005	Last County Count 1175	3
WQ7A	10/15/2005	Last County Count 150	127
AC2J	10/30/2005	Last County Count 175	103
W0GXQ	10/30/2005	Last County Count 200	84
KD7KST	10/30/2005	Last County Count 25	444
N4JR	10/30/2005	Last County Count 25	445
NA7W	10/30/2005	Last County Count 350	36
N9QPQ	10/30/2005	Last County Count 425	25
WG6X	10/22/2005	Last County Count 500	19
N9JF	10/15/2005	Last County Count 75	215
K8MFO	9/30/2005	USA-CW	80
N2OCW	10/28/2005	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	357
WB9NUL	10/21/2005	Net Control	1005 Hours

USA-CA

Issued By K1BV

Roadrunner USA-CA		
To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
K8MFO	9/30/2005	1126
ND9M	10/7/2005	1127

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

Marac No.	Call	Full Name	Address	City and State	Home Cty	Phone Number
R-3186	N2OC	Larry F Ashton, Jr	565 Johnson Mill Rd	Berkeley Springs, WV 25411	Morgan	1-304-258-9296
R-3187	W2ZI	Donald W King	1409 N Halifax Ave	Daytona Beach, FL 32118	Volusia	1-386-248-3095
R-3188	WB7A	Richard M Denny	1865 Copa de Oro	El Paso, TX 79936	El Paso	1-915-855-7255
R-3189	K6EJP	Richard J Bernard	PO Box 1384	Bethel Island, CA 94511	Contra Costa	

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“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

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