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From My Point of View Joyce, WB9NUL

Oops! It seems that a certain computer program thinks it is smarter than a certain writer. The explanations of the changes that are being voted on are misnumbered. I am having the explanation reprinted to correct the possible confusion. The ballot as published last month is correct and can be used.

The South Central mini is coming up in February. You'll find a registration form in this newsletter. Sure hope to see you all in Weslaco, TX. No special trips planned. I'm sure we will have a group going to Nuevo Progresso, Mexico. The town is just 15 minutes from the hotel.

Norm, W2IBB, has gotten settled in his new abode in Florida. All correspondence and dues renewal should be sent to him. Thanks to all the members who helped Norm get settled. I've said it before...MARAC is just one BIG FAMILY with a common hobby.

I've had some news about other club members. WQ7A is home from the hospital and is doing therapy at home. Terry had an airplane crash. He broke 2 vertebrae. He has at least 11 weeks more of therapy. K4ELK fell and broke his hip. I talked to Eleanor, and he is doing reasonably well. He is in the hospital. You can send cards to the home address. We lost one of our members: Dick, N2BL, on Mar 3, 2005. I'm sure Betty would like to hear from you. Her address is: Betty Lennon, Lexington Club, 920 Hunters Creek Dr., Suite 1205, DeLand, FL 32720.

Barry and I are getting ready for the holidays. If any of you are in our area on December 22 stop by and join in our Christmas Open House which starts at 2:00 PM. We wish each of you Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Peace and Joy to all! Till next month, 73's, Joyce, WB9NUL

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Dateline CW Ed, KN4Y

The more we love CW county hunters, the less we flatter them; it is the detour for that last county that pure love shows itself.

Merry Christmas and a Joyful Holiday Season from Ed, Gator, and Bubba.

The big sweepstakes CW and the big CW DX contests are over; it is time to get the logs into the Logbook of the World. Most contest logs are now submitted in the Cabrillo format. The goal of the Cabrillo format is to make the logs easy to digest by both humans and computers. The logging program I use does this for me. After checking my log for entering errors, I will e-mail the log to the address specified in the contest rules. I hear the roar of Gators four-by-four as he comes from behind the evergreen tree buffer. I check the cooler and all is well. I am opening some packages of trail mix when I hear the rat-a-tat-tat. I yell, "Come in Gator, the door's unlocked."

Gator comes in carrying a six-pack adorned with holiday bows and a pink ribbon, "Merry Christmas Dude, you ready for that Santa Dude?" "Nope, getting too old. That holiday is for kids." "Suppose he was planning to bring you a new HF radio." "Do you think that is his plan?" "Nope." Gator puts the six-pack into the cooler and extracts two for sampling purposes and hands me one. "Hey Dude, how many mobiles did you work this year?" "That is a good question. Why don't you go through my log and write down the call sign of each mobile I worked." Gator sits down at the computer. I hand him a bowl of trail mix, and I go back to checking my contest logs. "Gator, did you know a Goldfish has a memory span of three seconds." I am ignored.

Gator gets up and goes to the cooler, gets two cool ones and hands me one, "I got the list, did you work all these on the 30-meter band?" "Nope, thanks, I was getting thirsty. Let me see the list." I read over the list and wonder how many mobiles I missed, but there is always next year.

AA0IP, K0ARS, K0PC, K0ZT, KA0GGI, KC0JG, KQ0B, KY0E, N0KV, N0PI, N0SM, N0ZA, NF0N, NK0N, NU0Q, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W0QE, W0RRY, WB0M, AA1LL, AA1NZ, K1JB, KL1V, KM1C, KO1U, N1QY, K2HVN, K2NJ, N2MH, N2OO, NM2L, NO2W, W2WC, AE3Z, AF3X, K3IMC, K3ONW, KA3DRO, KA3MMM, KC3X, N3AHA, N3HOO, VE3KZE, W3BBO, W3DYA, W3ZUH, WA3QNT, WN3C, WU3H, AA4S, AB4YZ, G4KHG, K4CNW, K4MUT, K4PI, K4QFK, K4YFH, KB4XK, N4AKP, N4CD, N4RS, W4GNS, WA4PGM, WB4FFV, WB4VFN, AI5P, K5AAR, K5AX, K5GE, K5KG, K5OT, K5ZE, K5RPC, KD5JSS, KD5JWC, KG5J, KN4Y, KN4XP, KR5C, KS5A, KT5H, N5XG, W5AL. W5JBV, W5LXG, KB6TAL, KB6UF, KD6UFO, N6HH, N6MJ, W6ODG, W6OUL, W6TMD, WG6X, AB7RW, K7DM, K7DZE, K7RE, NA7W, NA7XX, W7GQK, W7TSM, WA7JHQ, WA7SLD, AA8R, AK8A, K8CW, K8MFO, K8MW, K8ZZ, KB8PGW, KM8U, N8KIE, NT8S, NZ8Q, W8JJ, W8LVN, W8OP, W8QOI, W8RJT, W8TZA, W8UE, W8YRB, WD8LQB, AA9KH, K9IUA, KF9D, KJ9C, N9BIL, N9JF, ND9M, NE9DH, NE9U, NN9K, W9GBH, W9MSE, W9OP, W9UCW, WN9O, WU9F.

"Gator, do you know what is similar between an Texas tornado and an Arkansas divorce?" "Nope." "Somebody's going to lose a trailer." Gator throws a pretzel at me, "I think I will ask AI to try and talk some sense into you. What you getting for Christmas?" "I hope to finish fourth time around all CW. Check my summary and see what I need." Gator brings up the MARAC Kwiklog Classic county hunters logging program and clicks on summary. Nope, never do it. You need 484 for fourth time around, 115 for the five stars award, and 314 for the Master Gold award." "You are correct Gator, guess I will make that my goal for 2006."

Gator grabs his waistline, "Got to go Dude. My pager just went off, Christmas is my busy season. It is my duty to help Santa spread good cheer across the area." He is out the door, I yell, "Conscience is what hurts when everything else feels good." Gator gives me the high sign, as least I think that what is was. I hear him yell a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all. I better get the Christmas lights out and mounted on the radio shack—sure do not want Santa to miss me. This month is the ARRL 160-Meter Contest, ARRL 10-Meter Contest and the Stew Perry Top band Challenge. I will be doing each on CW, hope the county hunters can hear me. I need to get the information on the county hunters forum. But later, it is already past my naptime. That trail mix compliments an 807.

Arnie Bill, N2NJ

Very few times can we just say a name and you know exactly who we are talking about. This usually invokes a response of "Oh, I remember when - - -" and on and on.

You talk to a baseball fan and say the name Yogi, The Babe, Mickey or even Pee Wee and you need say nothing further. Same goes for Football in the land of Cheese-Heads- You say Bart or Vince —and off you go... Even Ray, and you think of the meanest SOB on the earth (but was really a gentle guy). You talk to a basketball nut and Magic or Doctor (fill in the letter yourself) – I am sure you get the picture. And Hockey—Hell, I don't know or care... and sorry if I offend both of you Canadian members... hi..

You move to Ham Radio and talk to anyone who had been DX-ing in the 60's and say the name Gus or Lloyd and Iris and all kinds of visions are drawn up of exotic spots, of this frail old man crossing from Cambodia into China and operating and then being chased by the Chinese army. But I digress. Yes, I met Gus many times. WOW is all that comes to my mind.

You move again into this small niche in a small hobby and say the names (OK, you have to have been around in the 60's again for these), Orma and Tilly. Or try Bertha or even Uncle Ben, or even this old coot Hank, (W5ULN), who now advertises that he has a social disease and is married to a real Zero (think about it). And back in the late 60's this new comer to county hunting came to be. The difference is that Arnie never took a hiatus (like Hank and I did).

Arnie Bachmann K9DCJ.

Arnie was born in a log cabin in the woods and was raised by wolves. He built his first radio out of wood scraps and antenna out of humming bird tongues. (Insert record scratching noises at this point.)

Just to set the record straight for some of you who may not know, K9DCJ was not the MARAC club call; it belonged to Mister County Hunter himself— Arnie. We asked his wife, after his passing, to keep the memory of this great man around longer than most of us will be here. So in 2004 we traded in WB0DPD for K9DCJ. I just hope we can continue to pay homage to his memory.

Arnie was born on Oct 4th, 1914 in La Cross WI.

Arnie was an avid fan of both Baseball and Basketball – even played in a senior league into his 40's. He was licensed in either 1956 or 57. Lorraine is not sure on that...

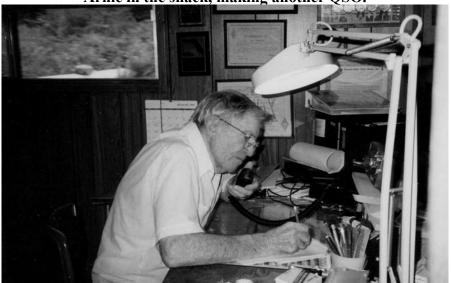
Not long after that he met and married Lorraine on her birthday April 16, 1960. They moved to Madison where he worked at Satterfield Electronics, in the Ham Department of course.



Here is a picture of the happy couple on their honeymoon.

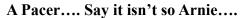
Lorraine tells me that Arnie was drafted on St. Patty's Day, so March 17th was a black day on their calendar for the rest of his life. He loved Big Band music and for some reason hated Bag Pipe music from that day on.. hi..

In 1974 Arnie and Lorraine moved "to the country" so that he could have some antennas. The house they bought had an old Wind Mill. So guess what that became. Yep, a house for a Quad.



Arnie in the shack, making another QSO.

Arnie was very a very active mobile operator and was even called by Barry Goldwater K7UGA on one of his trips. Together they put out all of WI several times. They attended every MARAC convention for a **quarter century**. Buffalo, New York was their last one – because that is when he started to feel ill.





His favorite foods were Mashed Potatos and Gravy, Apple Pie (What an American) and Apple Crisp. For a little guy, he was a big eater Lorraine says. He did not like Shrimp or Lobster. Nope, never tried em'. Just knew he wouldn't like them.

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Like all good Cheese-Heads they had season tickets to the Packers home games. Lorraine said they were going to a game one Sunday when he had a sched to get his last county, but the other station got detained. Arnie could not wait and told the NCS, (who else, but KZ2P) that he was going into the game, pass his apologies etc. Jim told Arnie he would call the stadium and have him paged. Of course, they didn't and he missed it, but it was a good laugh.

Arnie had a special relationship with Dorothy (the USACA custodian). Dorothy would call Arnie and give him the info on the newest USACA award, and Arnie would call the recipient on the phone, congratulate him, and have him show up on the 20 Meter County Hunter Net. He would also let the NCS know. Once the person showed up, the announcement was made, and Arnie took the newest USACA holder up frequency so others could work him for the Cliff Corn Jr. Memorial Award.

We hear of all the Master county hunters... Bingo XXII holders, yada, yada. I hate to burst your bubbles, but Arnie did all this many years before it became fashionable.

He worked All Counties by using only calls within that call area. In other words, if he worked a county in NY or NJ, he worked only a 2. In New England only 1's. In California only 6's. Yep, he did it his way. Then he turned around and worked them OUTSIDE their districts. No 2's in NJ or NY, etc. He did them all YL and all OM. I once asked him why he doesn't work them all naked both directions. His answer was simple, "How do you prove you were naked when you were in Podunk County? Take a picture of your naked body next to the Podunk County sign? Well, I have met enough county hunters to know I do not want to see them naked in person or in pictures" We both laughed at that one, and yep, he is right— well, most anyway...

Arnie worked all 3076 counties (no, he didn't miss one) with 3076 different calls. I was sitting home one Saturday right after getting back to active county hunting again. Arnie phoned me and asked if Gail and I ever got over to Bucks County, PA. I told him sure; it's only 5 miles away. I could get that for him in 5 minutes. He explained he didn't want me (nobody does), but he wanted to work Gail there for his last one for the entire thing (this was before there was a ball of wax) and he needed to work Gail since he worked me in another one. Gail was out shopping so as soon as she got home I told her that we had to make a quick CH trip to Bucks, PA. We loaded the dogs in the van and off we went. Someone was running as we crossed the river so I knew of a place to park on top of the 1200 foot hill to the west of us. Up we went to the town of Upper Black Eddy and into the parking lot of a soft serve Ice Cream place just as the mobile finished his run. The NCS asked any calls or chickens (we didn't do comments or queries back then either). I said "Last county contact", and was told to make my call (this was a big

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thing then). I handed the mic to Gail and said to call Arnie (no call was needed). She called him. He came back and gave her 59. She confirmed the 59 and gave him a 59 back. He confirmed the 59 and thanked her for his last county for the entire thing – 3076 separate calls. Well, folks, she was breathless. I mean entirely without words— just gaping with her mouth wide open looking straight at the radio and not a sound coming from her. I took the mic and congratulated Arnie, as the masses did the same. I looked at Gail, and she was crying. She was so happy, and I just sat there thinking "this bitch beat me out. I never got a LC. How can I live this down?" So I went to the walk-up window and bought two hot fudge sundaes, came back to the car and she was still weeping. The crowd was still congratulating Arnie. So I just sat there and ate— both of them.

Arnie was a charter member of MARAC – number 45.

His USACA was number 86 issued November 1st, 1972

2nd time number 5 Jan 25th, 1978

3rd time number 3 Dec 24th, 1984 (nice Christmas present)

4th time number 12 May 31st, 1991 (well, maybe he did take a break)

5th time number 10 July 2nd, 1993

6th time number 4 Sept 4th, 1995

7th time number 4 Sept 22nd, 2000

He had 550 LC's (where he was the mobile giving the LC out).Number 1 or 2 for each of the levels up to 500. He then was number 4 for both 525 and 550

He is, and probably will be, the all time high on the Polaris award (New name for the Cliff Corn Jr. Memorial Award—working holders of the USA-CA Award).

I could go on and on, but 5 pages is all I am allotted. To all that knew Arnie, this is just a brief opening of story after story. For those who didn't know him, you missed the kindest man in County Hunting. Now you know why MARAC changed its club call.

I surely miss hearing that old K9 (space) D (space) C (space) J... 73' ole buddy.

| Roadrunne | <u>er - Birthdays</u> |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Current Call | Birthday Date |
| KD2Q | Dec - 01 |
| K1DFO | Dec - 01 |
| NJ2DX | Dec - 02 |
| KU8G | Dec - 04 |
| N3XX | Dec - 04 |
| W9MDP | Dec - 06 |
| KR4MN | Dec - 08 |
| NV4Z | Dec - 09 |
| NG9L | Dec - 11 |
| NOZA | Dec - 11 |
| W8JJ | Dec - 11 |
| WU9F | Dec - 14 |
| KA9ZRW | Dec - 14 |
| AC0B | Dec - 14 |
| AD1C | Dec - 19 |
| AB8JF | Dec - 21 |
| K3IMC | Dec - 25 |
| N2OO | Dec - 28 |
| CT1TZ | Dec - 28 |
| WD9EJK | Dec - 31 |
| WA3ZTY | Dec - 31 |

Major Awards Issued For The Month Of November

| · | | KD9Z | ZP - Awards Manage | r |
|-----------------------------|---|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| | Award | | Numbe | r |
| | <u> LC-1 </u> | | <u> </u> | |
| Ber | <u>LC-2</u> adrunner(LC-3) | | <u> </u> | |
| | Ran All State | | <u>3</u> | |
| I | All Others | | 12 | |
| Other Awards | | | | |
| Roadrunner Issued Per Month | | | | |
| Call | Date | | Award | Number |
| W6TMD | 11/9/2005 | 5 Sta | | 21 |
| KR4ZH | 11/13/2005 | BING | | 278 |
| WA4UNS | 11/13/2005 | Last | County Count 150 County Count 175 | 128 |
| WONAC | 11/28/2005 | Last | County Count 175 | 104 |
| AA9JJ | 11/28/2005 | Last | County Count 475 | 23 |
| N7AKT | 11/13/2005 | Last | County Count 500 | 20 |
| KC0JG | 11/28/2005 | Last | County Count 575 | 15 |
| KA9PZS | 11/13/2005 | Last | County Count 600 | 13 |
| AI5P | 11/13/2005 | Last | County Count 650 | 11 |
| KC1NA | 11/29/2005 | Last | County Count 725 | 5 |
| AA9JJ | 11/9/2005 | Mast | er's Gold | 14 |
| W6TMD | 11/16/2005 | Mast | er's Gold | 15 |
| | | | USA-CA | |

Issued By K1BV

| Roadrunner USA-CA | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| To Call Award Date | Certificate Number | |
| N6PDB 11/4/2005 | 1128 | |

My Trip Scottie, N7AKT

Well, this was an experience I will remember for a long time. Some things turned out pretty good, but a lot of things went wrong, things I will never do again. I learned a lot form running these counties, and it cost me a lot more money than I thought it would.

First of all, I want to apologize to all the CW operators. I thought I had everything ready to go but couldn't make any contacts. I still don't know what went wrong. I could hear people, but no one could hear me. I worked on my setup with NA7W at the S.E. Mini, but something went wrong. Sorry folks.

Next, never try running these counties while taking a tour of Hawaii with a tour group. I had to try and run counties while staying on schedule with the tour and keeping my spouse happy. By the way, never take along a spouse who doesn't like county hunting to begin with. You must go to Hawaii just to run counties and to make sure you do it right.

Also, make sure you have rental cars booked ahead of time regardless of what other people tell you. Make arrangements to fly into the Molokai airport. If not, don't miss the Molokai ferry. Renting a chopper to fly there is very expensive. What really amazed me about Maui and Kalawao is that 99% of the people don't know that Kalawao county exists! They think it's just Maui County. I even had to show it to the tour guide on the map before he would believe me.

My tour guide was good to me and let me handle my business. And I didn't have to go on some of the tours that were planned. He even went out on a limb and found me a vehicle to use from one of his friends when I couldn't rent one in Hawaii. When we got to Hawaii County, there were two cruise liners in port and no cars to be had unless you had a prior reservation. The problem I had with the borrowed car was that I couldn't take it out of the hotel parking lot. I had to run Hawaii county from the parking lot, under power lines, and on the west side of the island with a 14,000-foot mountain blocking my way to the east. Now, that was tough!

Running Honolulu County was great. I ran it from the east side of the island at a public lookout overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Kauai County was also run from the east side at a state beach parking lot overlooking the Pacific. And, of course, I got to run Maui and Kalawao twice. I was a little mixed up on the times and when conditions were good to the states.

I want to thank all the operators who picked me up on the net from Hawaii and for the good job they all did trying to feed me relays. GREAT JOB Y'ALL AND MAHALO! This now leaves me with just one county to run–and I will have run them all! See y'all in the last one.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

A1. Current Provision (as revised in 1999)

1.2 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

1.2 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

1.3 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)

2.1 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 Provisions 2.1 OFFICERS

(b) A person may not hold more than one (1) office at the same time.

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: <u>Proposed NEW Bylaw Provision</u>

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) 8.2 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

8.2 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.

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| | Treasurer's Repo October 31, 2005 | ort |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Funds Balance 9/30/05 MARAC 2005 Convention - return of advance | | \$23,934.89 2,500.00 |
| Income: | | 2,300.00 |
| | 424.00 | |
| Dues | 942.00 | |
| Interest | 4.84 | |
| | \$1,370 |).84 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Gene Olig – expenses \$ | 361.51 | |
| Fairmont Awards Mfg awards | 74.00 | |
| Wachovia Bank - service charge | 5.00 | |
| 2005 National Convention | 974.44 | |
| Print-Right, Inc – newsletter | <u>429.95</u> | |
| | 1,84 | <u>4.90</u> |
| Account Balances | | <u>(474.06)</u> |
| Money Market Account | \$22,906.06 | \$25,960.83 |
| Checking Account | 3,05 | 4 77 |
| Checking Account | | \$25,960.83 |
| Note: | | <i>420,900.00</i> |
| The following monies are not included in the a Awards Chairman's Funds Convention Chairman's Funds - 2006 | \$1,200.00 \$2,500.00 | |
| Funds Balance 10/31/05 | November 30, 2005 | \$25,960.83 |
| Income: | | \$23,900.85 |
| Awards \$ | 493.00 | |
| Dues | 819.00 | |
| Interest | 4.86 | |
| | \$1,316 | 5.86 |
| Expenses: | ÷) | |
| Gene Olig – expenses \$ | 236.69 | |
| Stafford Engraving - awards | 185.00 | |
| Fairmont Awards Mfg awards | 278.50 | |
| Wachovia Bank - service charge | 5.00 | |
| Marsh, Seabrook & Smith - insurance | 867.00 | |
| Print-Right, Inc – newsletter | 431.43 | |
| | 2,00 | <u>3.62</u> |
| | | |
| Account Balances | | (<u>686.76)</u> \$25.274.07 |
| | \$22.010.02 | \$25,274.07 |
| Money Market Account Checking Account | \$22,910.92 2,36 | 2 15 |
| Checking Account | 2,50 | \$25,274.07 |
| Note: | | \$23,27 4. 07 |
| The following monies are not included in the a Awards Chairman's Funds Convention Chairman's Funds - 2006 | \$1,200.00 | |

SC Mini Registration

2006 SOUTH CENTRAL MINI

WHEN: Feb. 23, 24, & 25, 2006

WHERE: Best Western Palm Aire Hotel & Suites, 415 S. International Blvd. at Exp. 83, Weslaco, TX 78596

ROOM RATE: \$58.00 /Night plus tax. Includes free buffet breakfast.

RESERVATIONS: Call 1-800-248-6511 and mention MARAC to get the special rate. Same rate applies if you come in early or stay late. Our block of rooms will be held til Jan. 5. Please reserve before then if possible.

The hotel is located on Expressway 83 and FM 1015. There will be an antenna forum and undetermined others. PRIZES: Please consider donating a door prize.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

| Registration includes name badge, group p | hoto and prize drawing |
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