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From My Point of View Joyce, WB9NUL

It was a busy month for the MARAC Board of Directors. Changes to the contest rules were approved. A new entry category was created and defined. The rules should be on the web site soon. Contact Rand, AA8R if you have any questions. Keep May 6th and 7th free. That's the weekend for the MARAC CW Contest. Whether you are mobile or fixed it will be a fun weekend for County Hunters.

The Board also passed the recommendations of the Awards Committee for Net Control/Hours of Service and the MARAC Contest Award. Those changes can be seen on the MARAC site under awards. A large "thank you" to the Awards Committee. I know the members spent long hours on these two awards, and it is really appreciated.

The Board also raised the dues of those who receive the Road Runner by mail. Please read the separate article that explains this. [See page 2]

We have a new Great Lakes director, N8KIE. Welcome aboard, Bob, and thanks for filling in. Don't forget that nominations are open for all MARAC offices, plus Southeast Director and the Great Lakes Director. Contact K9IA if you're interested in running for any of these positions.

There are more than 70 people coming to the Southeast Mini the end of this month. We can't wait to see you all in Weslaco, Texas at the PalmAire Best Western.

For now, 73's and Happy Valentine's Day.

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Editor's Notes:

OOPS – two errors crept into the last issue. When I added the byline to the "Arnie" article I got Bill's call wrong; it should have read "K2NJ." Also, the email for new member Bob Ower should have read wa7yul@arrl.net.

This was posted on the Forums: "Michigan Mini April 20, 21, & 22...RAMADA INN (same Motel). I believe it is our 17th year. Any questions call 269-227-3794 or email. Thanks and see you there. Steve AK8A & Paula N8EMV."

Thanks for all the suggestions for articles! It'll take a bit of time to fit them in. Bear with me.

Deadline for the next RR is February 24th.

Raise In Dues

Well, it has finally happened. The post office and printing costs have necessitated the raise of dues for those who receive the RoadRunner by mail. Starting in March, any new member who wishes to receive the newsletter by mail will pay \$20 for a year membership instead of \$19. Current members who receive the newsletter by mail will be raised to \$20 on their renewal dates from the current \$19.

Also, the mailing will be done by bulk mail as soon as our permit is issued from the post office.

There will be no dues increase for those receiving their newsletter by email.

New Members

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

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N8KIE Bio

I was first licensed in 1976 as WD8CMT. It took 14 weeks to get my first license. In the interim I bought and mostly assembled a Heathkit SB-104; one of the first all solid-state broadband transceivers. Before I finished, Heathkit contacted me and told me to ship it back as there was a problem. I got it back 2 months later fully built. A week after I got my license we headed to Hawaii for Christmas with the in-laws. My wife, Jaci, bought me a Wilson 800 2 meter rig and I upgraded to Tech at the FCC office in Honolulu. The SB-104 never got used as I developed a strong dislike for CW. 1990 brought tech plus and 10 m phone so out came the Heathkit and lots of pleasant contacts. With the end of the 13 and 20 wpm requirement an upgrade to Extra was easy. 2001 brought retirement from Daimler Chrysler and a lot of free time. WAS, DXCC, and in 2002 I discovered county hunting. Since running our first county in July 2002 we have logged 1600 transmitted from 44 states and 140,000 miles on the company cars. It sure helps to have an xyl that is an Exec and gets free cars. I have run all of Hawaii twice, still the only one to do 30m cw from Kalawao. Who would believe that? During our Christmas trip I decided to see if I could help Hugh K8GPC due to his illness only to find that he had become a silent key. I look forward to serving the club. Hope to see many of you in the conventions. 73 Bob

Sign on a door in the “Silverdome” in Pontiac, MI. Photo courtesy of Ral, W8QOI.



Major Awards

November

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	244
LC-2	5
Roadrunner(LC-3)	11
Ran All State	8
All Others	11

Other Awards

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
KC6AWX	12/30/2005	5 Star	# 23
K0TVY	1/9/2006	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 358
VE4AGT	1/11/2006	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 191
WDX4KEF	1/23/2006	BINGO III	# 7
N9QPQ	1/20/2006	USA - Single Band	# 3 - 20M - 3077 Counties
AA9JJ	1/20/2006	USA - Single Band	# 4 - 20M - 3077 Counties
N4CD	1/27/2006	Worked all Counties - 6thTime	# 26
N4CD	1/27/2006	USA-CW II	# 14
W6TMD	1/27/2006	Last County Count 225	# 66
N8KIE	1/27/2006	Last County Count 200	# 86
K8QWY	1/27/2006	Last County Count 25	# 446
AB4YZ	1/27/2006	Last County Count 200	# 87
AE3Z	1/27/2006	Last County Count 175	# 105
W3CR	1/27/2006	Last County Count 325	# 42
NV4Z	1/27/2006	Last County Count 75	# 217
WW3K	1/28/2006	Last County Count 25	# 447
KM9X	1/28/2006	Last County Count 150	# 129
W0GXQ	1/28/2006	Last County Count 225	# 67
NM2L	1/28/2006	Last County Count 25	# 448

USA-CA

Issued By K1BV

Roadrunner USA-CA		
To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
NN9K	1/26/2006	1131
AB7RW	1/26/2006	1132

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Current Call	Birthday Date
W6FAH	Feb - 05
KJ8F	Feb - 07
AA4S	Feb - 07
K8VJV	Feb - 09
N8MD	Feb - 09
KA1YZV	Feb - 11
NH6SR	Feb - 12
N8ELQ	Feb - 13
KK5MI	Feb - 13
KL1V	Feb - 14
N8LXQ	Feb - 16
WB9YCO	Feb - 17
AE3O	Feb - 17
KD4NFE	Feb - 18
WA3QNT	Feb - 22
WB7VIZ	Feb - 23
KA8MSU	Feb - 24
K8QWY	Feb - 24
NO2W	Feb - 24
N3DMI	Feb - 25

**Dateline CW
Ed, KN4Y**

Fancy the rapture of being there when the county lines were made.

I am on the computer in deep concentration getting my CQ 160 meter contest logs ready to download to CQ Magazine and the ARRL LOTW when I hear rat-a-tat-tat on the shack door. I look out the window, which I notice needs cleaning, and I see Gator's four-by-four. "Come in Gator, I am working on my contest log and I did not hear you drive up." "Okay Dude, I was over this way and decided to see how you did in the contest. I also got your mail." Gator puts the stack of mail on the desk. "So how did you do in the ARRL sweepstakes VHF contest?" "Horrible, using CW is not the most popular mode for that contest. I made four contacts." "Why do you bother?" "I am a CW masochist." "A what?" "Never mind I did a lot better in the 160 CW contest." Gator picks up an envelope from the pile of mail.

"Here Dude you got a big envelope from that MARAC Gene Dude." "Open it up Gator." Gator takes out his pocketknife; he is the county mumblety-peg champion, the blade pops open, and he carefully slices along the edge of the envelope. He takes out a certificate. "This is your MARAC single band award. Sure be pretty and you be number two. That means you try harder." He hands me the award. "This award is sure colorful, that Gene does a great job." "That be the MARAC awards guy." "Yes, pay attention. This is for working all the counties on twenty meters." "Awesome Dude, what is next?" "Gator we have been chatting for awhile and the cooler lid is still closed." Gator gets the hints and gets two frosty cool 807's. We salute the new MARAC award.

Gator points to the 80-meter mobile antenna, "Going to add another band to county hunting." "Yes and no. The county hunters have set up 3556.5 KHz as the latest net frequency on 80-meters. There has been quite a bit of activity." "You going to work the band?" "Yes I hope to." "You will have to stay up past dark." "That is the problem Gator, but if I can get enough naps in, I should make it." Gator smiles and holds up an 807. "Have another cool one and stick with daylight hours." He looks at his pager, "Gotta go Dude, the shipment of barley has arrived. See you tomorrow if the dam don't break." He is out the door.

I like short visits. I notice where Phil, AB7RW, and Pete, NN9K, have obtained their USA CA number. I make a note to update my MARAC logging program to add two more Stars to work on CW. I look at the contest calendar and this month is the Idaho, Wisconsin, and Virginia State QSO parties. There is also the ten-ten mobile contest, but I have not had much luck using CW. I better get this log project done and get to napping.

**Treasurer's Report
January 31, 2006**

Funds Balance 12/31/05 \$26,224.65

Income:

Awards	\$ 429.00	
Dues	642.00	
Interest	<u>4.71</u>	
		\$1,075.71

Expenses:

Gene Olig - expenses	\$ 127.47	
Stafford Engraving - awards	282.00	
Wachovia Bank - service charge	5.00	
Joyce Boothe - SC Mini	300.00	
Kingt Kong Publishing - Web hosting	115.00	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	<u>437.33</u>	
		<u>1,266.80</u>

(191.09)

Account Balances \$26,033.56

Money Market Account	\$24,920.34	
Checking Account	<u>1,113.22</u>	
		\$26,033.56

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

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

**2006 National
38th Annual National Convention 2006
Appleton, Wisconsin**

WHEN: July 12 thru 15, 2006

WHERE: *Best Western Midway Hotel
3033 W. College Ave.
Appleton, Wisconsin 54914*

ROOM RATES: *\$74.00 Single/\$74.00 Double – plus 5% tax*

RESERVATIONS: Reservations Phone: *800-482-3879 or 920-731-4141*
Mention: *'Amateur Radio Convention'*

DIRECTIONS: US Hwy. 41 North Exit 137 (College Avenue) – East 0.6 Mile
Turn right from College Avenue onto frontage road at Emilianos/Victoria's Restaurant
which is adjacent to the hotel.

**TOURS AND
ACTIVITIES:**

Thursday – Bus will leave at 9 AM from the Hotel and return to the Hotel at 3:15 PM
9:30 – 10:45 AM – Tour Bergstrom-Mahler Museum (1/2 Group)

Or

10:45 – 11:45 – Paper Baron Mansion Neighborhood Bus Tour (1/2 Group)

The two tours will be switched at 10:45 AM

Noon – 1:30 – Lunch at Stone Cellar Brew Pub

1:45 – 1:50 – Drop off those who wish to return to the Hotel

2:00 – 3:00 – Tour Vande Walle's Candies

3:05 – 5:00 – Fox River Mall – Shopping

3:15 & 5:15 – Return to Hotel

Friday – Bus will leave at 1:45 PM and return to Hotel at 9 PM

2:30 – 4:30 – Tour EAA (Experimental Aircraft Museum)

Or

2:35 – 4:35 – Prime Outlets – Shopping

4:35 – Bus to South Eden Game Preserve (Owner – Phil Majerus – AES Owner)

5:00 – 8:00/9:00 – Wisconsin Brat Fry and Corn Roast – Hosted by Fond du Lac Amateur
Radio Club and Green Fox (Green Lake) Amateur Radio Club

9:00 PM Return to Hotel.

**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 2006 Annual Convention

Attn: KD9ZP

P. O. Box 2295

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54936-2295

Home Phone Number: 920-923-0130

WEBSITE:

For more information about Tours and locations check Website -
www.marac.org/marac2006.htm

38th Annual National Convention 2006
Appleton, Wisconsin

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 13 July

Tours Bergstrom-Mahler Museum/

Paper Baron Mansion

#Adults _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Friday 14 July

Tour EAA (Includes Ticket) / Prime Outlets - Shopping and Brat Fry

(Includes Bus Transportation)

#Adults _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Prime Outlets - Shopping Only

(Includes Bus Transportation)

#Adults _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Brat Fry Only (Provide Your Own Transportation)

#Adults _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Saturday 15 July

Banquet - Lasagna

#Adults _____ X \$13.00 = \$ _____

Banquet - Sirloin Tips

#Adults _____ X \$14.00 = \$ _____

Banquet - Chicken Marsala

#Adults _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

(Cooked with Wine)

Prize Tickets

Prize (Singles)

_____ X \$1.00 = \$ _____

Prize (Book 12 tickets)

_____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Cash (singles)

_____ X \$1.00 = \$ _____

Cash (Book 12 tickets)

_____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Photographs:

Extra: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

YL: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

USA-CA: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

CW: _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail Registration Form and Check to:

MARAC 2006 Annual Convention

Atten: KD9ZP

P. O. Box 2295

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