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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

So many things are happening this month. Please take the time to read the bios that the candidates have written. Soon, the ballot will be in the newsletter, and I'm encouraging all members to vote.

Also, this is the month when you, the members, have a chance to nominate someone for County Hunter of the Year for both SSB and CW. Take the time and send your nomination to your district director.

There are two positions that will be vacant soon. I have accepted the resignation of Dennis, KK7X, as our webmaster for MARAC effective June 1, 2006. I also have accepted the resignation of Chuck, K9IA, as election coordinator effective July 15, 2006. If you are interested in either position, please contact me by phone or e-mail.

I'm sorry to report that Art, N5DKW, passed away. Art was the CHARS qsl manager. He was a very gentle and kind man. Jim Bogue, KN6ZB, will be taking on the bureau.

On a happier note, the Wisconsin convention team tells me things are all coming together. If you haven't sent in your registration yet, please do so. I, for one, can't wait to get there and get some of that wonderful Wisconsin cheese.

Until next month, I wish you happy county hunting. Joyce, WB9NUL

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Dave's Call: Well, this certainly is a big issue! Lots to report. Thanks to each of you who made this issue possible.

Future issues will include: *The Best Laid Plans* by Skip, AD0H; *Mobile Digital Operations* by Matt, W0NAC. This is YOUR NEWSLETTER. We look forward to seeing YOUR ARTICLE here.

Next deadline is April 24th.

Dave, KU4YM

Dateline CW

April 2006

Ed, KN4Y

It was not a CW county hunter that coined the saying, moderation is best, and to avoid all extremes.

Time is a flying past, What ever happened to the sixty-second minute? The Christmas lights were just taken down and it is now April first. It is on this day the great worldwide DX CW contest is the topic on all the bands. Rufus Kabbage, a friend of Gator, knows CW but electronics theory he is slow to comprehend. He could not imagine the concept of imaginary numbers. He wanted to work the CW contest so I invited him to join me. He could make the contacts and I would log them. Rufus had logged in many contests but never transmitted and he was excited to say the least. He knew the routine.

The contest started at that magic 0000 Zulu, the nothing hour and the race was on. The 15-meter band was awesome; Rufus was using the search and pounce method (S&P), working stations as he moved across the band. Rufus had a grin the width of a football field as he broke pile up after pile up. He is a CB'er and getting these results with only 100 Watts amazed him.

As the contest progressed I noticed an odor accumulating in the radio shack. I thought a rat had gotten into the pantry and died. Then I realized Rufus, in his excitement, was passing gas during each contact. I did not say anything as he was going at a great rate, I asked Rufus to take a short break and I opened the shack door and propped it open with the 807 recycle box. I got back to logging and we continued in the contest passing gas and working contacts at a great rate. Then suddenly, as if the time on the calling card was up, 15-meters faded, or QSB as we say on CW.

It was time to switch bands, but first a quick potty break. A true contester combines both activities and maintains the rate. Not us. I went outside and stood beside the hundred-year old oak tree for a breath of fresh air when I noticed three of my neighbors standing in the driveway. I told Rufus to continue in the contest and write down the information. I will log the contacts when I return. It was the homeowners association's architectural control committee. They reminded me of Section 21 of Article X in the declaration of covenants and restrictions that no boring for natural gas was allowed. I assured them I was not exploring for natural gas and they left, but by this time the odor had abated. In this case, dilution is the solution to the pollution. I started to laugh, which was not a good idea prior to a potty break. I changed my shorts and returned to logging contacts. Rufus had accumulated quite a list of contacts and it took a few minutes to catch up. I hope correct time is not a factor in log checking.

I left the door and window open and I prayed for a Santa Ana wind event. We continued to log contacts until the contest ended. It was a great contest and after it was over and Rufus had been gone for an hour I closed the window and the door. I shut of the rig and turned on the television to hear the news while I was checking the logs for dumb typing errors. My ears perked up, the news broad reported the National Weather Service announced that a weather balloon had detected an unusual concentration of sulfurous gas in the area. The local propane gas suppliers had been notified. I laughed and shut off the television, got an 807 and returned to checking the contest logs.

Some say working a contest is boring. But then, not all contests are on April first.

I plan to be a rover in a few State QSO parties this month. First will be the Georgia QSO party under the auspices of the South East Contest Club. The rules are available at: <http://gqp.contesting.com/Rules.htm>

Next will be the Florida QSO party under the auspices of the Florida Contest Group. The rules are available at: <http://www.floridaqsoparty.org>. A few county hunters have made a clean sweep, try it, you will like it.

The Alabama QSO Party with a new date rounds out the month. The rules are available at <http://alabamagsoparty.org>. The QSO party is on the fifth weekend of April. This is going to be an interesting QSO party next year as there is no fifth weekend in April 2007.

All the logging and thinking has made me sleepy, time for that well deserved nap. The average person falls asleep in seven minutes,

Clip or copy and mail this ballot or use the handy electronic voting system at <http://marac.org/elections>

MARAC 3rd. Quarter Ballot

Votes Accepted through

April 30, 2006

You are voting for Net Controls who ran the net and mobiles
that ran in the 2nd Quarter which were the months of

Jan, Feb, Mar of 2006

1 vote per Quarter --- Please

Please enter below:

Call Sign* _____ or Election Key* _____

Annual Award for:	1st choice	2nd choice
Best Net Control – SSB:	_____	_____
Best Net Control - CW:	_____	_____
Best Mobile – SSB	_____	_____
Best Mobile – CW	_____	_____
Best Team (Enter both calls):	_____ / _____	_____ / _____

Mail to: Chuck Theisen, Elections Coordinator
8075 174th Belhaven Loop
The Villages, FL 32162

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More 60 MPH Logging

John, K1ER (Trustee KH6BB)

There are several ways to log at 60 mph. Have the XYL keep the log. Have a recorder running and give it the info on Time and Location from time to time.

IF you take your eyes off the road and hands off the wheel to do logging have your affairs in order before the trip.

You really only need to note stuff like: "Saturday Aug 1, 2006 2105Z entering slump county Calif on road..." then your QSO logs until you enter the next county. Accurate time is unimportant.

If you are on a serious trip FOR COUNTY HUNTING, I'd stop on county lines and run. Merely announce where you're going to run if you can't run on the net freq and people who need it will follow you. If you are on a trip because you NEED to get somewhere, why aren't you flying Southwest? You'd save enough money to rent a car when you get there, then go mobile.

The bands are so bad I never hear anyone on 14336 anyway. Remember KH6BB is chasing counties! from the BATTLESHIP USS MISSOURI in Pearl Harbor, HI.

CW Contest

**2006 (40th) MARAC COUNTY HUNTERS CW CONTEST
0000Z Saturday May 6 to 2400z Sunday May 7, 2006**

The Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club is pleased to sponsor the 40th Annual County Hunters CW Contest. Mobile and Fixed operation from every county in the U.S. is encouraged.

A new “**MIXED**” category has been added to the contest starting this year. In this new category you can now work the contest in the MOBILE category and in the FIXED category. As part of the MIXED category you should maintain two lists of Multipliers. One list is for the Mobile category and the other list is for the Fix category. The reason for the two lists is to be able to compete for State Certificates and ease of switching between categories.

RULES

1. Mobiles must clearly identify themselves as being mobile by signing /**M** several times during each county run.
2. Multipliers: Each category, Mobile and Fixed, will have a separate set of Multipliers. The Mobile category will have a set of 3077 multipliers and the Fixed category will have a set of 3077 multipliers. A Multiplier can only be counted once in each category during the contest, regardless of band.
3. A Mobile on a county line can be counted for each county as a new potential multiplier BUT as only one contact – 15 points. Three and four county lines are not allowed.
4. Single operator stations only. Drivers are OK.
5. Contest contacts between operators in the same vehicle or in shadowing vehicles are invalid. There are no restrictions against spotting mobiles. To be considered as “Mobile” you must put out at least three counties.
6. Net contacts are invalid and are discouraged.
7. For a valid contact one station must be in a U.S. county.
8. Official list of County Codes (Multipliers) can be downloaded at: WWW.BNK.COM/W0OE/COUNTYABBREV-V3-4COL.PDF or [.DOC](#).
9. **Additional rules for the NEW MIXED category:**
 - 9.1 While in the Mobile category you cannot run the county that you declare as the county that you are in while operating in the FIXED category.
 - 9.2 You must remain in a category for at least one hour. You may switch several times during the contest.
 - 9.3 You must have at least 50 contacts from the FIXED category.
 - 9.4 You must submit a MOBILE log and a summary sheet.
 - 9.5 You must submit a FIXED log and a summary sheet.
 - 9.6 You have two sets of 3077 multipliers: one for Mobile and one for Fixed.
Ex: If you work KENT, MI for the first time in the Mobile category and again for the first time in the Fixed category. Both contacts are new multipliers. One for each category.

EXCHANGE

U.S. station: Signal report, State Code and County Abbreviation.

Ex: 599 MI JKSN

All others: Signal report, “DX” (Including Mexico and Canada).

Ex. 599 DX

SCORING

FIXED stations - 1 point. **DX** stations - 5 points. **MOBILE** stations - 15 points.

MOBILES:

1. Calculate a STATE score for each state that you put out a county in by:
 - a. Add up the Total # of QSO points worked while in that state.
 - b. Add up the total # of unique multipliers worked while in that state.
 - c. Total State score = (Total # QSO pts.) x (Total # Multipliers)
2. Scores CAN NOT count a multiplier more than once regardless of the State, County or band that you are operating in.
3. Final score = (Total QSO points from all states) x (Total Multipliers from all states)
4. You must submit log and summary sheet for each state.

5. Submit a Summary sheet for Total Mobile Category Score.

FIXED:

1. Scores CAN NOT count a multiplier more than once regardless of band.
2. Final score = (Total QSO points) x (Total multipliers)
3. You must submit a log and a summary sheet.

MIXED:

1. Determine your total Mobile QSO points following the MOBILE scoring rules.
2. Determine your total Fixed QSO points following the FIXED operations.
3. Determine total number of multipliers worked from your MOBILE operations.
4. Determine total number of multipliers worked from your FIXED operations.
5. Final score = (Total QSO points from both the Mobile and Fixed categories) x (Total Multipliers from both the Mobile and Fixed categories)
6. You must submit a log and summary following Mobiles rules and Fixed rules.

FREQUENCIES

3.575, 7.050, 14.050, 21.050, 28050. Fixed stations should operate above the suggested frequencies and mobiles below.

AWARDS

MARAC Plaques: (A station can win only one plaque).

- 1st and 2nd place MOBILE and FIXED.
- 1st and 2nd place MIXED if enough entries warrant an award.
- 1st place Canadian Station if enough entries warrant an award.
- 1st place DX station.

MARAC Contest Certificates:

- Highest scoring Mobile, Fixed and Mixed stations in each State.
- Highest scoring Canadian Provinces and Each ARRL Country.
- MARAC Participation Certificate is awarded to all entrants with at least 100 valid contacts.

APPLICATION AND FEES: In order to be eligible for an award, an entrant must submit a log and entry information that meets all of the requirements of the contest rules. There are no contest entry fees or other fees for this award.

Log submission:

Send completed logs and summary sheet by June 9, 2006, to:

Please note that the contest chairmen will not score your log. Any logs not scored or no summary sheet will be considered check logs only.

Send all logs and summary sheets to:

1st choice: AA8R@AOL.COM

2nd choice: Randy Hatt - AA8R
7878 W. County Line Rd.
Howard City, Mich. 49329

More info available at www.countyhunter.com & www.marac.org

Nominations Closed

As per the MARC bylaws, nominations for the MARAC 2006 election have closed. The candidates on the ballot for the 2006 election will be announced in the May issue of the Roadrunner. Ballots will be printed in the May and June issues and will be available on the MARAC web site. The deadline for receipt of ballots on-line or by mail will be midnight on July 1, 2006.

For further information contact the Elections Coordinator at k9ia@arrl.net, phone (352) 430- 1040, or mail to:

Charles Theisen K9IA
Elections Coordinator
8075 SE 174th Belhaven Loop
The Villages, FL 32162

MARAC COUNTY HUNTERS CW CONTEST
SUMMARY SHEET

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CALL _____ NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTY (Country for DX) _____

Circle Class of entry: MOBILE FIXED MIXED DX
Counties Activated (Mobiles): _____

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SCORING
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NUMBER OF FIXED STATIONS WORKED * _____ X 1 Pt = _____

NUMBER OF DX STATIONS WORKED _____ X 5 Pts = _____

NO. OF MOBILES WORKED _____ X 15 Pts = _____

TOTAL QSOs = _____ TOTAL POINTS = _____

MULTIPLIERS (TOTAL NUMBER OF U. S. COUNTIES WORKED) = _____

(POINTS x COUNTIES) TOTAL SCORE = _____

* FIXED STATIONS = U.S.

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YOUR COMMENTS
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Send Summary Sheet and Log to: Randy Hatt AA8R
7878 W.County Line Rd.
Howard City, Mich. 49329

EMAIL: AA8R@AOL.COM (TXT. EXCEL or WORD files)

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For more information about MARAC, please visit www.marac.org and
www.countyhunter.com web sites

CW Status

STATUS OF COUNTIES WORKED ON CW AS OF THE END OF EACH YEAR

CALL	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
KRIB			2499	2421		1983	1552
VEIBES		1930	1796	1342	925		
ADIC	2954	2857	2609	2087	1141	526	
KTIM						2507	2490
KAIO	1350 #2	1320 #2	1235 #2	1161 #2	901 #2	500 #2	3075
VOISF		2929	2987				
WITEE			2583 #2	2282 #2	1864 #2	239 #2	3074
KOIU	3033	2881	2122	1378			
KLIV	1441	1269	612	506	313		
WA2AKB	1621	1614	1579	1400	526		
N2CO			1489	1385	923		
N2CWG					2315 #3	163 #3	3070 #2
WA2EYA				2810	2798	2798	
W2EZ			3075 #2	3065 #2	2997 #2		
K2HVN					3037	3025	2922
NM2L	2213	1695	764				
AB2LS	449						
N2MH	634	46					
K2NJ	2083		1675				
OK2PAY							1800
K2RP	1730	1410	1000				
NO2W	1589	1589	1566		1310		
N3AHA	2309			2222			
W3BBO					1586		
DL3DD		3059	3056	3051	3039	3026	
W3DYA	3056 #2	3051 #2	3046 #2	3036 #2	3030 #2	2978 #2	2899 #2
WA3GNW	1737	1604	1511				
WU3H	2946 #3	2445 #3	163 #3	3005 #2	1126 #2	2999	2954
N3HOO		1821	1500				
OH3JF		2922	2903	2869	2823	2709	2682
VE3KZE		3035	3031	3016	2987	2864	2831
KA3MMM	3048 #5	2643 #5	3075 #4	2959 #4	2128 #4	3069 #3	2722 #3
VA3NN	2714	2063	1462	993	938	766	757
WD3P	712 #3	678 #3	297 #3	3075 #2	3041 #2	2962 #2	2770 #2
WA3QNT	2634		2573	2563	2542	2522	2461
KE3VV	2535	2134	1365				
KC3X	170 #2	30 #2	2695	1693	1449	1174	
N3XX	3067	3061	3054	3027	2966	2848	2028
AE3Z	1593	1395	1297	1187	850		
W3ZUH		1645	800	1631			
VK4AAR			1058				
N4AKP	1489		1264 #2	3072	3024	2886	2548
N4CD	3065 #2	2715 #2	3056	3013	2769	2496	1923
DJ4GJ				2389	2143		
N4HIM					2268	1875	1262
KA4IFF				2812 #2	2769 #2		2461 #2
WA4KER				2023 #2	2298 #2	2247 #2	2000 #2
G4KHG	1374	1182		1033	916	861	725
W4NBS			665				
KR4OE	1313	1216	1177	1135	1082	722	639
WD4OIN	2539	2138	1369	660			
W4RKV	2788	2682 #2	2588 #2	2482 #2	2386 #2	2317 #2	1958 #2
N4RS	2225 #3	3075 #2	2973 #2	2645 #2	2004 #2	3050	2982
WD4SIG		3030	3030	3030	3030	3030	3030
K4UNF		820					
KW4V	3073						
WB4VFN	2667	2301	500				
AA4VN		1619	1364	1078	853	830	290
W4VQ	947	471 #2	3058	3035	2939		

KM4W					1674	1452	
K4XI	3050	3011	2956	2844	2620		
KB4XK	2443	2261	2147	1892	1698	1494	1216
KN4XP	1155	108					
W4XT	2184	2167	1931	138			
KN4Y	2634 #4	1760 #4	3070 #3	2988 #3	2789 #3	2333 #3	809 #3
W4YDY	2462	2175	1513	786			
K4YFH	2819	2577	1575				
AB4YZ	2685	2214	1900 #2	1380 #2	2489		
KS5A	2983	2883	2427	2038	833		
K5AAR	2362 #2	493 #2	3055	2899	2074		
W5AL	2805			2174	2001		
DL5AWI	2317	2140	2006				
NN5B					2676		2676
KR5C	3071	3034	2940	2701	2282	2087	1776
WC5D		834 #2	500 #2	3077	3071		3069
N5DKW	3015	3015	3015		3015		
N5EBD	1833	1248					
KT5H	924						
KG5J					3063 #2	3029 #2	3075
K5OT	2902	2669	1801				
WB5P				1125	569		
N5PR	910						
N5XG	3066	3052	3004	3004	2878	2671	2318
K5XY		343	211	48		21	12
KC6AWX	1202	1025	871	881	770		
WD6CKT	3063	3035	2871	3003	2983	2919	2916
NA6E			2523			1193	
NV6I	721	430	2010	LOST	BUNCH	OF	
W6IYS				1113 #2	823 #2	LOGS	2999
DL6KVA	2140	1937	1525				
W6OUL	1680	1606	1265				
W6RK	1856	993					
NW6S		2556	2278	1235			
SM6TEU					1829	1758	1692
W6TMD	2742 #2	2286 #2	876 #2	3062		3001	2821
KB6UF	1531		500				
KE6US		1125					
SM6VR	2665	2419	1853				
AD6Z	3030	2890	2777	2484	2180	1715	
K7DM	2777	2622	2312	2028	1230	894	
K7DZE			1727	2514	1448		
KL7GN	2607	2543	2521	2483	2483	2387	2377
K7INA	2764	2705	2500	2120	1528		
WA7JHQ	1065 #2	3059	2922	2740	2297	2176	2010
KG7Q		2887		1897			
K7REL	1865 #2	2915	1458				
AB7RW	3076	3062	2943	2776	2144		
WA7SLD	1660						
W7SSM					1978		
W7TSM	2247	2290	1934	1697	1388	810	95
K7VAY	3042	3002	2963	2853	2356		
NA7W	1258	660	660	249			
KI7WO	1030	802					
N7WO	1599	1198					
KK7X		1760	1637	1632	1558	1512	
AK8A	2649	2385	2172	0 - fire	1927	1829	1750
W8CE	3003	2951	2845	2611	2257	1324	

K8CW	3074 #2			2927 #2		2829 #2	
K8GSA			515	12			
KD8HB	3064 #4	2983 #4	2589 #4	3066 #3	2672 #3		
K8IW	2838	2724	2495	1934	1340		
W8JJ	510	391					
W8LSV	2100						
K8MFO	1939 #2						
K8MW			3006	2969	2914	2651	
			20/m	20/m	20/m	20/m	
K8OHC	1797	1756	1687	1590	1429	1385	1199
KB8OMG	3027	2862	1659				
W8OP	1017	836	788	397			
W8PN	2886 #2	2869 #2	2863 #2	2855 #2	2852 #2	2830 #2	2790 #2
W8QOI	2147	1748	1006				
AA8R	2464	2307	1848	427	285		
KM8U	2870	2825	2796	2739	2775	2651	2531
AD8W	1950	1677	684				
W8WVU	3056		3050	3047	3038	3022	3000
W8YL	3040		3040	3038	3028	3009	2974
K8ZZ	2319	1478					
NF9A	2863	2848		2719	2222	1882	
N9AG	2545	2506	2460				
WD9BCG	3003 #2	3003 #2	3001 #2	2974 #2			
VE9DH	2425	1954					
AB9E		1947	1564				
W9GBH	2332	2300	2045	1907	1513	1060	
W9HR				2932	2682	2268	1739
KA9JAC	1747	1158		412			
N9JF				<1000	>1000		
NN9K	3072	2748	2101	1368	1070	630	
AA9KH	2631 #2	1731 #2	547 #2	6 #2	2970	2194	
ND9M	3044	2923		2811			
W9MSE	3041 #3	2913 #3	2277 #3	3074 #2	2982 #2	2859 #2	2478 #2
W9MYY			2834 #2	2831 #2	2741 #2		2733 #2
N9STL	1666	49					
K9WA	2815 #2	2525 #2	1390 #2	3069			
DL9YC			424	407	325		
AA9ZZ	1925						
K0CO					7		
KY0E	1789	680					
W0GXQ	2893 #3	3077 #2	2726 #2	1201 #2		2978	2698
KB0GZR					1082		
AA0IP	2720 #3	942 #3	3062 #2	3007 #2	2785 #2	2362 #2	1061 #2
KC0JG	2947	2725	2472	2156	1711	684	
K0LG		1186	888	789		587	587
NF0N	1862	1403	820				
K0PY	1079	1190	1042	1008	785	1250	1200
W0QE	2723 #2	3073	2787	2110			
W0RRY	2952	2782	2242	1916	1677	1108	481
NF0X		3064 #2	3063 #2	3060 #2			3055 #2
NX0X	1608	1233	488				
N0ZA	3068	3069	3039	2950	2711	2031	569
K0ZT	3062	3055	3001	2773	2541	2334	2100
Updated 01-14-06 KA3MMM							

MARAC 2006 Election
Submitted By K9IA k9ia@arri.net

I know how everyone is anxiously waiting for this information. Nominations closed on March 31st and so this may not be completely correct since one always needs to consider nominations that might arrive in the mail. That is, nominations sent on or before the 31st but not delivered to me in time for this printing. If that should occur we will have to make corrections.

In addition, I am including biographies that I have received to date. My apologies to those who through no fault of their own have not sent me their bios as of this date. The original plan was to place the biographies in the May issue but since I have most of them in hand it makes sense to get this information to you as soon as possible. Any candidate that has not had the chance to get their biography to me need not fear. We will get them in the next issue.

This is not a ballot. There will be plenty of time to vote. The ballot will be in the May and June Road Runner. You will also have the opportunity to vote via the internet.

This is the list of candidates and their biographies:

President:

Joyce Boothe (WB9NUL) and Risto Kotalampi (W6RK)

WB9NUL

Joyce WB9NUL has been an active participant in County Hunting and MARAC for about 30 years. Her activity includes long stints as net control or assistant, on 20, 40 and 75 meters as well as mobile operation from over half the counties in the continental U.S. She is particularly proud of her work as host or hospitality chair at “mini” and “maxi” conventions throughout the years. Besides an array of certificates and plaques for county hunting achievements, she has received dozens of merit awards and also holds “County Hunter of the Year” and President’s citation. Joyce was a member of the Awards committee for 12 years and has served as South Central Director of MARAC from 1990 until she began serving as President in 2005. Her goal is to work with the other MARAC board members to blend the interests of County Hunters with the operation of the organization.

W6RK

My name is Risto Kotalampi. I am originally from Finland where I spent my youth in a small city of Ähtäri. I studied Electrical Engineering, Digital Signal Processing and Computer Science in Tampere University of Technology. I moved permanently to U.S.A. in 1996. I am married to my wonderful wife Barbara and we have one boy, Adam, who is 7 years old (not yet licensed but we are working on it). I work for America Online, Inc. as a Technical Manager and I am leading a team of six highly skilled Systems and Database Engineers.

Radio has been my way of life since 1980 when I first started shortwave listening. I have been licensed since 1983 and my first call sign was OH6EE. I love ham and shortwave radio because there is so much you can do and there are always new challenges to improve your operator skill or station setup. Besides my addiction to county hunting, I have a lot of passion for contesting, DXing, digital modes and shortwave broadcasting listening. My strongest area of expertise is web technologies, database driven applications and I am always looking ways to utilize Internet in county hunting. A lot of people know me about the county hunting spotting website <http://ch.w6rk.com/> with advanced features like email alerts, plotting mobile routes on the map, county and mobile statistics, etc.

Why do I want to be the President of MARAC? I have an urge to help people, find out ways to do things better and make a difference in county hunting. I want to start several new initiatives with the club: we need to expand the club to be the general interest club representing county hunting and mobile operations, actively marketing our club and county hunting and recruit new members and hams into county hunting. We also need to look into ourselves and ask if everything we do is good for the hobby and if we’re all good ambassadors for MARAC or not. I was the President of the Finnish DX Association, a club of 1000+ members during 1993-1997 so running large organizations isn’t totally new for me and I’m looking forward to use my organizational skills in MARAC, too.

I am asking for your vote. I'm going to offer an opportunity for the change of the direction, new blood, new energy and bucket full of new ideas to make county hunting a lot of fun. You will also find me very pragmatic and objective team builder who is always looking for things to improve and not shy to address difficult issues. It's a huge challenge, but I like challenges and I'll be looking forward to work with all of you in making MARAC a club you will all be proud of being members. This club needs a new direction and I'm offering an opportunity for it. I am here to reform the club and change the direction and I'm asking your vote in this important election.

If you want to find out more and talk about MARAC's opportunities, please feel free to send me a letter, email or give me a call. You can also find out more about me and how I would like to take MARAC to the new direction from the special web site I have put together. I believe MARAC's board and officers are here to serve you and I'd be honored to be the President of MARAC and work with the board and all of the members to move us to the bright future.

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K7REL

K7REL was unable to get his biography to me considering the short notice but indicated that he would have it ready for the May issue.

WQ7A

Fellow County Hunters

I am announcing my candidacy for the Board of Directors position of Treasurer.

I believe that I can bring some talent to the BOD that will help direct this organization in a positive direction.

First, just a little about myself. I am retired from United Airlines as a senior Captain after serving 36 years for them.

Many of my bookkeeping skills were honed in that position.

I have been in Amateur Radio since 1959 and continually licensed since that time under several call signs. During this period I have achieved the 5 Band Worked All States award, and confirmed over 300 DX countries.

I became interested in County Hunting many years ago and earned my USA-CA number 1075 in September of 2003. Since that time I have earned my second star and Bingo Award. I have transmitted from over 1000 unique counties for the County Hunter community. My wife and I have attended many MARAC conventions and enjoyed each and every one.

I have served MARAC in the capacity of Awards Committee for some time. I have created several Excel spreadsheets for the County Hunters to use for logging their contacts and created county name overlays for those who use Street Atlas USA.

Currently I am deeply involved in the development of the new MARAC Logger program by KD9ZP and others. It has been my responsibility to assist Kwiklog users in their conversion process to the new program. I have developed two Excel spreadsheets to help the Kwiklog users view their files.

I believe that serving you on the Board of Directors would be a privilege and an honor. I would use my best judgment to vote for your best interest and the best interest of MARAC in all matters that come before the BOD.

I solicit your vote and thank you for voting for whoever your favorite candidate might be.

Great Lakes District Director:

Robert N Woody (N8KIE)

N8KIE

N8KIE Bob Woody, USA-CA 1093 Bingo 263 and 2nd time 359. First licensed as WD8CMT in 1976. I got interested in county hunting in 2002 and ran my first county mobile in July '02. Since that time we have run 1658 counties in 44 states. I find it more thrilling to give out last counties than to get them. I took over the Great Lakes Director post after the passing of Hugh K8GPC. I look forward to serving MARAC for many years in whatever capacity I can. 73

South East District Directo

David Splitt (KE3VV) and Richard Scott (N7AKT)

KE3VV

I was first licensed as a novice ham radio operator in 1959, after a number of years as an avid short wave listener. I learned Morse code from my Dad, who was the radio operator on a B-17 in WWII and radio theory from hams in my high school Ham Radio Club. I now hold an Extra Class license and I still enjoy CW, especially in DX contests and county hunting.

After practicing law for many years, I retired from private practice in 1997 to do some writing and consulting. Looking for more fun things to do, I joined the ranks of county hunters after a challenge from WA3ZMY (Bill, now an SK) to work all counties with 100 watts and a wire. Sixteen months later, I earned USA-CA #950. I am now about 90 counties away from my 4th star. My retirement lasted less than two years, and I am back working full time as Senior Vice President and Counsel for Affiliated Computer Services (ACS), a large InfoTech outsourcing company.

My favorite part of county hunting is road trips-- running an Icom 706 in the "Big Green Dragon" and handling the care and feeding of the County Lion. An active member of MARAC, I have especially enjoyed working on the revision of the constitution and bylaws and the updating of the awards rules, as well as serving as volunteer legal counsel to the club. For the last three years I have also served as MARAC Southeast District representative on the MARAC Board of Directors and would appreciate your support to continue my service on the BOD.

N7AKT

I would like to announce my candidacy for the position of S.E. District Director I am now retired, after 8 yrs. in the Marine corp, 7 yrs. as a security guard at a resort, and 35 yrs, as a law enforcement officer. I have been active in amateur radio since 1977 and been a member of MARAC since 1978 (I think. I've had one other call sign (WD9GPC from WI.) I moved to NV. in 1978 and upgraded to Gen. and received call N7AKT. I got interested in county hunting when I accidentally ran across the net when I heard a lot of people shooting everybody. 2 2, bang bang, rifle shots, etc. Being a former marine sniper this got my attention. To make a long story short I became a member and received MARAC # 1414. Worked all the counties and received USA-CA # 410, USA-CA # 27, USA-CA # 9, USA-CA # 3, and USA-CA #5. Got bingo #11 sometime in between. I've worked 178 countries via. mobile, and transmitted from all 3077 counties #6. Every contact I've ever made was mobile. I have no base station. I've been to a number of conventions mostly in the eighties, and now that I'm retired I will be at a lot more. I would be honored to represent all the members in the SE District if elected. Regardless, make sure you vote for the person of your choice. Thanks in advance, 73's Scottie, N7AKT

South Central District Director:

Mike Fatchett (W0MU) and Ross Harrell (N0ZA)

W0MU

I am currently MARAC's South Central District Director. I was appointed this year to fill the vacancy left when WB9NUL took over as Vice President. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

I was first licensed in 1978. I am currently working on my first star and am very active collecting counties. I also enjoy contesting and dxing. I live in Colorado the majority of the year. I also have a home in Montana. I own a real estate business and a log home business which requires me to travel to Montana a number of times a year. We reside in Montana May through September.

I enjoy running and working counties on SSB and CW. Most of my activity is on SSB but I am spending more time on CW. I will run or assist the 14.336 net as my time allows. N6PDB and I with lots of help from others ran a late night net after the

daytime net during the summer. We had a great time doing that and hope to restart the late night net again this summer. I am also providing a backup server for the mIRC chat channel that many use to spot mobiles and chat on. I have run many counties in Montana, Wyoming and Colorado.

I am very new to county hunting and to MARAC. I hope that I can bring new energy and fresh ideas to the table. I have been involved with many clubs and organizations in the past. I run two successful businesses. I am very open to suggestions from all the members. I think on my own and make decisions based on logic and business sense. MARAC is an awards club and needs to focus on providing the best awards and recognition to those deserving. I derive great enjoyment from assisting others working counties and helping mobiles run counties and hope to continue that as the South Central Director. 73, Mike Fatchett – W0MU

N0ZA

I was first licensed as WN5LTQ and WA5LTQ in 1965. I upgraded to general class about two months later. In 1968, after the so-called incentive-licensing plan went into effect, I obtained an advanced class ticket. In 1970, I moved from Dallas to El Paso TX. In 1974, I passed the extra class exam on the second try. In 1977, I received the call sign, N5ZZ. I moved to western Colorado in 1977, and my call sign changed to N0ZA.

Over the years my radio operation has had a strong emphasis toward CW, and my interests have been mainly DXing and contesting. My first brush with county hunting was in 1970, and continued until 1977. I managed to work around 1500 counties; my time was very limited as my medical practice kept me very busy. In 1997, following a spat with a neighbor over RFI, I turned off the amplifiers and Started county hunting again – very seriously.

I received USA-CA #988. In addition, I have done the counties three times, Bingo twice, and USA-CW. Twenty-five counties remain for the Masters Gold.

I enjoy being with the county hunter family, and attend as many of the conventions as possible. I have been very active as a mobile station since 1998.

I have been approached regarding accepting a nomination for the position of Director for the South-Central Division. If elected, I will do my best to represent the district and act in the best interests of MARAC and amateur radio.

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Scottie, N7AKT

Before I start my story, I want to thank all of the many people who helped me along the way. Especially the net controls, starting from WA6MAR to K2JG. Also, thanks for all the mobiles who gave me the room to run through the years. Without all of you I would not have been able to complete this task. God speed, everyone.

This story is going to last 29 years. That's how long I've had a license to use ham radio. It all started with FCC rules and Regulations, radio theory and of course CW. While studying to take my general exam, I built a Heathkit and Heathkit keyer. I practiced CW in my patrol car while working at night. It didn't take me long and I upgraded to general. I had to travel to Chicago from Milwaukee to take my exam. All the way back I wanted to get on a radio and wondered why I didn't have one in the car. When I got home and on my buddy's car ham radio, it was goodbye to CW and hello voice. I figured, heavens to mercy, God gave me a voice to use, so why do it with my fingers. Lo and behold my first voice contact was with a HC call station. The next day I went to AES and bought a Yaesu FT101D and installed it in my car. I then sold my Heathkit because I was going to have a mobile unit, and I'd be able to use it when I traveled. I do not have a base station and every contact I've ever made has been via mobile. I even ran the net while being mobile.

Before I knew what county hunting was I was traveling thru Alaska and was dialing around the bands. I ran across a "22 rifle rifle shot, bang bang" frequency, and I thought they were talking about hunting. Well that's why I was in Alaska, to hunt. Some people went to a different frequency so I followed. I broke in and stated the hunting in Alaska was pretty good. Then a guy named Art- W0BK asked me what my call was, where I was, and if I had any way to log calls. Yep, I had a pencil and a piece of paper. He gave me a report and I gave him one back. Then a few more people wanted to make a contact with me. I couldn't write them all down so I told them I was going home from hunting and had to go. All week while traveling thru Alaska someone was trying to get my call and a signal report from me. I thought these people are nuts because they weren't hunters at all. While traveling south through Washington, Oregon, California, and then into Utah, I would go back and listen to the crazy people on this frequency. I finally gave my call to work someone just to see what would happen. I got a signal report back and then the guy asked me where I was mobile, I said Utah. He said, "What county are you in?" I didn't know what county I was in but I told him what town I was close to. It wound up to be Beaver, Utah. Then a W0OWY came on the air and said, "That's my last county." I had no idea what he was talking about, someone took me off frequency and explained to me what these crazy "22 rifle shot bang bang" people were doing.

To make a long story short, I moved to Las Vegas, changed my call to a 7, got a good job, and started listening to WA6MAR run this net, and low and behold, I was hooked. Everywhere I moved I ran all the counties around me. I could have finished running them all back in 1986 but work came first. For 15 years I laid back and didn't run very many counties because I was too busy working. I only had 284 counties to go to finish. Well, in 2002 I got hurt at work pretty badly and for 2 1/2 years I fought death. We were eye to eye on a number of occasions, and I'm still not out of the woods. I decided to finish up running the last 284 counties I had left to run. On my way to CO. to get the new county, Broomfield, I ran the few I had to do in KS. After CO I ran south down thru OK and ran a few I had left there. Then came Texas. I thought I would never finish the 200 plus that I had there. This got me to thinking. I've never been to a convention in Texas so why not save one county around the convention site and run that county last. This left me with only one obstacle. Hawaii. My wife heard about a tour going to Hawaii and they were going to go to all of the Islands. Bingo. Problem solved. While over in Hawaii I worked with the tour guide and I did my thing while my wife did the tour. I am hoping to return to Hawaii someday in the future. Now, with only one county to go, I had to travel 3000 plus miles to put it out. What a blast I had running this county and participating with all the beautiful MARAC members at the convention. I felt like a celebrity when I sang a little county hunters song, I made up, during the banquet. I would love for some of the members who took pictures of me at the convention, to send a couple to me. I will compensate you for them. All in all it was a wonderful experience running all the counties. By the way, on the way home I started all over again, running them. Thanks again to all who helped me throughout the years. Best to all, 88's and 73's Scottie, N7AKT

The Journey
Ed, K8ZZ

I started my HAM interest chasing DX on SSB, CW and RTTY. I did a lot of contesting on all three modes for many years. I still like a good contest for a change of pace. I started giving out counties in 1994, but was not serious about working them all myself. It was just fun giving them out to pass the time while driving. It was like a contest rush, having a pile up for 10 minutes in every new county. I remember getting all those cards and MRC's and could not figure out what all the concern was about. I remember the nice notes attached to the cards in appreciation for the counties. In 1995 I received some Last County Awards from KG7GV, WB3IET, WA6OCI and others. At the time it did not mean much to me, but I was always amazed at how nice County Hunters were. Chasing DX in the pile ups can be brutal!! I got burned out of the hobby and put all the gear up for about 5 years.

It was in 2001 when the interest in radio started to get exciting again. I am not sure what got me back in county hunting. I bought a new ICOM 706 and started mobile, found the county hunter net, and the rest is history. Boy did I get hooked!! My son Tim, W8JJ, got hooked about the same time. We both look forward to our Dayton Hamvention trip every year, so we can run counties together.

I had not done any CW for many years, and never was real good at it. At Dayton in 2002, Bob, N4CD, told me I had to get a paddle in my vehicle because I was always going through good counties for the folks on CW. I told Bob I had not done CW in years, and mobile CW was out of the question. He kept insisting that I at least try it, and if I didn't like it, I could go back to SSB. My son also encouraged me to give it a try. I did get set up for mobile CW and it was awful. If it had not been for the patience of the CW net controllers like N4CD, W0GXQ, W0QE, K8MFO, K8CW, and KN4Y to name a few, I would have given up. I now have gotten to enjoy CW even though it can still be a struggle mobile at times. A quick way to get my wife to drive is do CW on the fly!

Speaking of my wife Gail, she is not a HAM but does my logging when I run on the fly. She knows a lot of the calls and does a great job. She even reminds me after some long CW runs on 3 bands, you didn't go to 40 phone yet!! She claims to be as sick as I am with this hobby. My wife and I went to our first convention in Chattanooga last October and had a great time. I want to again thank John, W5UGD, and Jeff, AF3X for all the time and hard work getting the new MINI up and running. It was a pleasure meeting these great County Hunters and being able to put a face with a call. My wife and I have already made arrangements to attend the National Convention in Wisconsin this July. We will also be attending the Michigan Mini in April.

/pI enjoy putting out counties in our travels. I have transmitted from 485 counties to date. I want to thank all the net controllers on SSB for your help on my runs. A special thanks to Jim, K2JG, for all his help under these poor bands conditions. I have had runs where Jim had more relays than I had on the run. I have 685 counties to go to finish on CW. I did not intentional save it, but Montmorency, Michigan was my last one and my son, W8JJ, gave it to me. It has been a long haul since 1994, and the paperwork is a lot of work but worth it. Now I guess I have to finish up Bingo and CW. A big thank you to all the mobiles out there running, because without you, I could not have gotten this award. 73 Ed
K8ZZ

A County Hunter's Wife

When Al first started County Hunting on the 20 meter band,
I felt for sure I'd lost my man.

We sat on the side of the road " God only knows where."
All I had to do was sit there and stare.

Then some voice with static, noise and a clang,
So very far away would come back with a 2-2 bang bang.

I thought it foolish, didn't want my friends to hear,
Not knowing that to Al it was so very dear.

Soon I had paper and pen in my hand,
Logging everything that came over the band.

Sometimes I'd go to bed alone without a peep.
Then I'd hear Paul running the net in my sleep.

Before the band would go haywire at last,
Paul would scold Al for talking too fast.

On the way to Manchester, Don gave the last county I hope.
You couldn't have hog tied Al with a rope.

He stirred through his papers, then turned with a jerk,
"Gosh," he said, "I've got a rework."

We travelled through sunshine, snow and ice,
But he got his reward and it's real nice.

I love the conventions, so away we go,
Try to say something to all if it's just a hello.

We've made lots of friends everywhere we've been,
Looking forward to seeing you all again.

On November 30,1984, he was floating on a cloud,
He had his USACA number and was so proud.

"Thank goodness it's over," I said with a grin.
Whatta you know he started again !!

Evelyn Garrett

2006 National Registration
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

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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

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54936-2295

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
R-3199	WB4KZ	Gene R Cummings	1612 Rochelle Dr	Elizabeth City, NC 27909	Pasquotank	252-333-1420 ercgene@adelphia.net
R-3200	K5SF	Richard P Detweiler	17839 Benchmark Dr	Dallas, TX 75252	Collin	214-986-0222 rdetweil@hotmail.com
R-3201	K5CBS	Cecil B Stanfield	816 Project Rd	Wiggins, MS 39577	Stone	601-928-9810 k5cbs@bellsouth.net

Awards and Birthdays

Major Awards Issued For The Month Of March

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	271
LC-2	5
Roadrunner(LC-3)	4
Ran All State	2
All Others	4

Other Awards

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
W5VD	3/6/2006	BINGO II	# 39
KR5C	3/14/2006	USA-CW	# 83
W6TMD	3/27/2006	Last County Count 250	# 59
KA0SHC	3/28/2006	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 360
WQ7A	3/30/2006	Last County Count 175	# 106
K8ZZ	3/30/2006	Last County Count 75	# 220
W6TMD	3/30/2006	Last County Count 275	# 53

**USA-CA
Issued By K1BV
None**

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Current Call	Birthday Date
AA9JJ	Apr - 02
AA4QE	Apr - 02
N3AHA	Apr - 03
KQ0B	Apr - 06
KB5VTB	Apr - 06
W9SUQ	Apr - 06
KA2CNG	Apr - 07
AA8HH	Apr - 07
KE7PB	Apr - 08
KM5W	Apr - 09
W4RKV	Apr - 10
K4HVB	Apr - 10
W7KQZ	Apr - 11
KW8T	Apr - 12
WB8RJW	Apr - 12
NA7W	Apr - 13
W6TKV	Apr - 13
WA0LMK	Apr - 14
W0GXQ	Apr - 14
KA2MKQ	Apr - 14
KA0DDJ	Apr - 14
W9OP	Apr - 16
WB9NUL	Apr - 18
W7LES	Apr - 20
W0NAN	Apr - 23
K2HVN	Apr - 24
W3IJT	Apr - 24
W8ILC	Apr - 24
KQ1Z	Apr - 27
N5KGY	Apr - 27
KF4KW	Apr - 29
KA0SHC	Apr - 30

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

Funds Balance 02/28/06 \$26,881.88

Income:

Awards	\$ 721.00	
Dues	688.00	
Interest	<u>4.78</u>	
		\$1,413.78

Expenses:

Gene Olig - expenses	\$ 162.93	
Stafford Engraving - awards	41.50	
Fairmont Awards - awards	108.75	
Wachovia Bank - service charge	5.00	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	<u>446.94</u>	
		<u>765.12</u>

648.66

Account Balances \$27,530.54

Money Market Account	\$24,930.53	
Checking Account	<u>2,600.01</u>	
		\$27,530.54

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

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