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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

What a busy month April has been! Barry and I had lots of company. The household is now down to a slower pace. MARAC has definitely kept me busy. Dennis, KK7X has resigned as information coordinator. He wants to spend more time with his family and recuperate from his surgery. I'm happy to report he is doing fine. We should all thank Dennis for his service to MARAC. I have asked W0MU to take the position of information coordinator. I think you will see some changes already have been made on the MARAC site.

There will be a Board meeting May 10th, Wednesday (evening) at 0000 GMT. At that meeting I will be asking the Board to approve Brian, NX0X as the new Election Coordinator starting July 15th 2006. K9IA, Chuck has given me his resignation. Chuck, you have done a great job over the years and I appreciate it very much. I also have received the resignation of Norm, W2IBB (W2LSH), our Secretary. It was with great reluctance that I accepted it. Also, at the meeting, I will be asking the Board to ratify Jerry, W0GXQ to replace Norm until the election in 2007. Other issues that will be discussed are net control hours, proposal of a log checking system, and approval of the USA-Call Sign Combo Award. Members who wish to attend should go to the MARAC site and click on MARAC Board Room.

I received another resignation. This one is from John, WB9STT our North Central Director. John's health has become an issue and he needs to relax and let someone else represent the district. John, you have served MARAC for many years and have been very diligent in your office. THANK YOU. MARAC will need a replacement Director for this district. If you are interested please contact me. The Board will need to ratify John's replacement, who will serve until the 2007 election.

Gene, KD9ZP has offered to receive membership dues for the next two months, until a replacement Secretary is put in place. Please send the dues to KD9ZP, Gene Olig, P.O. Box 2295, Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2295.

Gene, KD9ZP has been working on the electronic election page. Members will be receiving a receipt of their ballot this year. When Chuck, K9IA gets a ballot he will only see the "key number", not a call or name. He will compare the key number against a list to assure eligibility and that only one vote was received for that number. Those who are mailing in ballots can request from their post office a receipt of confirmation. Whether you vote by mail or on-line I encourage you to vote!

Recently, the Road Runner has expanded and has more room for awards information and articles. To reduce the impact of increased printing and mailing costs we have implemented bulk mailing.

Through a change to the By-laws/Constitution, we can now hold all Board meetings electronically. Other issues are being looked at and I'll keep you informed as they happen.

The National Convention registrations are coming in at a steady pace. I've just sent our registration to Gene. Barry and I will be flying into Chicago and renting a car. We will be visiting family and friends in Illinois besides attending the convention in Wisconsin in July. I look forward to seeing you all. Look for additional details in this issue about the convention. Happy Hunting! Joyce, WB9NUL

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Dave's Call: Another big issue is upon us; an important one also. Please make sure you read the various candidates bios. This will be an important election.

If we were in Chicago in the forties, I'd say, "Vote early, vote often." But we don't do that. But, you do need to VOTE!

Two good articles here, in addition to our usual "Dateline CW." Skip, AD0H, and Matt, W0NAC give us some food for thought. What's next? My well is dry. I need your articles. Don't worry about polish -- that's what editors try to do.

On that vein, some of you have asked, "Why don't you print this or that?" Well, I edit what others give me. Then I lay it out in a format that, hopefully, is readable on your screen AND printable for the 50% of our members who do not have internet access. On a twist of WYSIWYG, What You Get Is What I See.

73s, Dave, KU4YM

NEXT DEADLINE IS MAY 24th.

Dateline CW

MAY 2006

Ed, KN4Y

Do you fear the force of the wind,
The pounding of the rain?
Go face them and fight them,
Be a mobile CW county hunter.

I am working on the logs from all the State QSO parties in April when I hear Gator's four-by-four barking as he downshifts coming off the main road. The birds take to the air thinking Dove season has started. I check out the cooler and it is empty. Gator and no beer, is survival possible? I hear his rat-a-tat tat and yell, "Come in the doors unlocked." Gator comes into the shack carrying a twelve pack of 807s and a package of pepper jack cheese. The question of survival has been answered. He puts ten of 807s into the cooler, "You getting ready for the MARAC CW contest?" I enjoy a swig of the coolness, "Yes Gator I've got the mobile ready to go. But I have no route yet." "That figures, you never know where you have been because you don't know where you are going." I ignore Gator and continue to enjoy the 807. County hunters do have priorities.

"Did you know the mobile operators were out in force in the past State QSO parties? Norm, W3DYA, got his shots updated, came from Texas and ran counties in the Georgia QSO party." "I would have liked to eyeball that Dude, was he close? Did he know to get the red clay treatment on his vehicle?" "Yes Gator. He has run counties in Georgia before and knows the routine." Gator is opening the pepper cheese. I open the box of Town House crackers. We do what county hunters instinctively do with cheese and crackers.

I notice Gator's pager is not on his belt, "Where is your pager?" "The company went out of business so I got me one of those cell phones. I can now go to the mall and join the cell phone walkers and talkers. I made some calls to various suppliers and in the process learned some Spanish. I be now bilingual," I point to the cooler. Gator gets two more 807's. I finally have to ask, "Speak some Spanish." Gator smiles from ear to ear and says, "Para espanol, oprima el dos."

Gator looks at the notebook I used for logging in the Florida QSO party, "How many contacts did we make Dude?" I ignore the we, "WE made 1110 contacts and ran in 26 counties," "How about the Alabama QSO party?" "I will let you know how 'we' did later. After I get back from the MARAC CW contest." "I bet Al and Jerry be better organized, you could learn from them." Suddenly we hear the sound of a trumpet sounding charge. "That be my cell phone." I wonder whatever happened to ring-a-ding ding. Gator gives me a thumbs up, "I have to meet a supplier, so have to bug out. See you later." Gator is out the door and again the birds take to the air. I yell, "What's the Squirrel man of Alcatraz latest count." "Ninety!" I go back into the shack and finish compiling my GQP logs.

The GQP data is interesting. I had a driver on Saturday and ran 17 counties and made 530 contacts or rate of 31 QSOs per county. Sunday I was alone and stopped and ran in each county. I ran 10 counties and made 379 contacts or a rate of 37 QSOs per county. Stopping in a county allows better use of being spotted and working the weaker stations. The drawback is not as many counties are run in the allotted time. There is an advantage for a county hunter to work State QSO parties. Working the State counties are good for various MARAC awards, for example, the USA-CA, USA-PA, BINGO to name a few. It is almost like having a net operation, except there is no NCS and no relays.

Take the Michigan QSP party as an example. I made 95 contacts and worked 51 different Michigan counties. I got two new counties with an N call, one each with a K and A call. I got three counties for fourth time around all CW. This is fertile contacting if you are into working mobiles only for an award. At the start of each month make a note of what State QSO parties are scheduled, and work as many as you can.

This month is the MARAC CW contest, the 7th call area QSO party and the Indiana and New England QSO parties. There is also the ten-ten CW QSO party but ten meters has not been very active lately. The biggie is the CQ WPX contest. Going to be a busy month, time to stockpile naps.

For Sale

1 - Complete Mobile Antenna, purchased from Custom Enterprises... Barry Boothe's design (Joyce, WB9NUL , OM, for those that don't know) 10 through 75 meters - never used , paid, \$268.50 , will sell for \$ 175

1 - Ameritron Amplifier like new - probably less than 2 hours total use. \$ 1000.00

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Election Coordinators Report

The Ballot is in this issue of the RoadRunner. It will also be in the June issue. We have additional “biographies” and information for you in this report.

Secretary: Norm Ellison (W2IBB)

W2IBB was running unopposed this year. Due to other pressing matters, Norm has decided not to run again this year and has requested that his name be removed from the 2006 ballot. Norm has been a real asset for MARAC for many years, doing a thankless job that apparently no one else wants to do. K9IA

**Vice president: Mark Michel (W9OP) and Chuck Secrest (AD8W)
W9OP**

Mark has requested that his name be removed from the 2006 ballot. W9OP has served as MARAC Vice President for the past year. Mark commented to me that he feels that AD8W will do a fine job representing MARAC members as your Vice President. K9IA

AD8W

Fellow County Hunters and MARAC Members I'm running for the Board of Directors position of Vice President.

I was first licensed in 1961 as WN8ASV and then in 1962 as WA8ASV after passing the General test. When the FCC announced the 2x1 calls I became AD8W. I started county hunting in the late 60's first on the 75 meter CHC net and then ICHN both on 75 and 20 meters. I remained active until the mid 80's when coaching my son's baseball & basketball teams plus other family and volunteer activities took priority. After retiring from full time employment in 2001, I once again became radio active. Today my radio time is almost exclusively county hunting. I have received USA-CA #216, Second time #302, Third time #184, Bingo #247 and USA-PA “W Prefix” #5. I'M currently collecting counties in 18 different categories and active on both CW and SSB.

I retired from County government in 1995 after serving as Data Processing Manger for 26 years. After retiring from county government I started doing consulting work. In 1998 I moved to Florida and accepted a contract with Walt Disney World as their Anti-Virus Program Coordinator. Then in 2004 I decided to leave the work force, retire full time and return to my home state. I now live in beautiful northern Michigan, Emmet County.

My non-radio activities include Cross Country Skiing, Snow Shoeing in the winter. Sailing, Hiking and Golf in the summer. Volunteer work.

I would be honored to serve as Your MARAC Vice President. I promise that I will keep an open mind on all matters that come before the BOD and to vote in the best interest of you and the best interest of the MARAC organization.

Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and questions. 231-526-7592.

Thank You for voting and helping make MARAC a strong growing organization.

Chuck Secrest AD8W – MARAC #R-827

Treasurer: Tom Conway (K7REL) and Terry Dummler (WQ7A)

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.

K7REL

My “addiction” to county hunting began back in 2001, when I first stumbled across the net frequencies while surfing the internet one day. Since that time I have operated multi-band, multi-modes, most QSO parties, most contests and have so far earned 3 stars, BINGO, and USACW. I have spent the last 15 years working in the fields of cost accounting, decision support, and financial analysis, so I feel my experience analyzing financial statements would make me uniquely qualified to handle some of the more mundane, “bookkeeping” tasks involved with being MARAC Treasurer.

I think MARAC exists because of its members, and that the BOD should serve that membership according to the will of the majority. I would like to see a return to the civility, camaraderie, and friendlier days of county hunting, that I hear so many of the “old-timers” speak of. I think the Board of Directors should be actively promoting goodwill and fraternity among all county hunters, as well as the amateur radio community in general. With that in mind, I would oppose any kind of “banned” list, unless first ratified by a majority of the club membership, and would encourage the BOD to do likewise.

I believe in a more open, transparent, democratic electoral process, and support changes to the By-Laws to safeguard the anonymity of the voter, to ensure the principle of a “secret” ballot, and to require that, once the votes are counted that the results are made public, along with the actual vote counts, so that the membership knows exactly how many votes each candidate for MARAC office has received. Members should also receive some kind of confirmation that their electronic or mail-in ballots have been received, and security measures need to be put in place to make sure that nobody is allowed to vote more than once. Nominations for MARAC candidates should be published as soon as they are received and the actual counting of the votes should be witnessed by at least two “disinterested”, non-BOD members of the club. The By-laws should be amended to include some form of term-limits on MARAC offices, in order to encourage new blood, new ideas, and broader participation by the membership. And never again should any elected MARAC officer be removed without approval by a majority of the general membership. All this would, I believe, go a long ways in restoring membership confidence in our club and attracting many of those long-time county hunters who have already left our ranks.

South Central District Director:**Mike Fatchett (W0MU) and Ross Harrell (N0ZA)****W0MU**

Hi my name is Mike Fatchett, and I am currently MARAC’s South Central District Director. I have been in this position two years. I have recently been appointed as MARAC’s Information Coordinator, whose main function has been the webmaster of our website. I hope to expand into other areas in the near future. I am also part of the 2007 National Convention planning committee which will be held in Colorado. I will be working on the convention prizes and anywhere else I am needed.

I was first licensed in 1978. I am currently working on my first star and I 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 travel to Montana a number of times a year. I reside in Montana May through September. I also have extensive computer and network engineering experience. I was a Network/Computer Engineer for AT&T for many years.

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 run or assist the 14.336 net as my time allows and my CW skills are improving, so I plan to be helping on CW as well. I also ran a late night net with N6PDB and host of others a summer or so ago. I hope to devote more time to the late night net again as time and propagation allows.

I have been involved with many clubs and organizations in the past. I am still associated with some local DX and Contesting clubs in the area. I run two successful businesses. I am very open to suggestions from all county hunters. I base my decisions 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. I believe that these qualities make me an excellent choice for this position.

I look forward to three mores years of energy and fresh ideas to our little slice of Ham Radio heaven and I would appreciate your vote in the coming election.

73, Mike Fatchett – W0MU South Central District Director w0mu@marac.org

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.

County Hunter of the Year Nominations

You will also have the opportunity to select County Hunter Year on the 2006 MARAC ballot. The candidates for CHOY are as follows:

SSB County hunter of the year:

W2IBB -- Norm Ellison

County Hunter of the Year - SSB

Nominated by Dave - KE3VV

Norm Ellison was first licensed in high school as W2IBB (he also held the call W2LSH, a tribute to his uncle/ Elmer). He specialized in communications in the United States Naval Reserve from 1952 until 1960 and in civilian life provided technical services to the Armed Forces and later specialized in all aspects of security and banking products.

A Life Member of the ARRL, Norm has served as a Volunteer Examiner and Official Observer. In retirement, he became a full-time ham and for the last 10 years has devoted himself to county hunting. Most significantly, Norm served as MARAC Secretary from since 1999, tirelessly preparing and filing corporate reports, providing Board minutes for the BOD and members of MARAC, and handling the endless tasks associated with club dues and membership renewals. Norm is proud of his work with Gene (KD9ZP) to make the MARAC Awards process easier for all.

As most MARAC members know, Norm was a victim of hurricane Katrina, losing all the contents of his home, including MARAC "hard copy" documents that he had saved for many years. Norm credits his friends in MARAC who pitched in and helped and encouraged him to prevail. "It is hard starting over," Norm said, "but some of the MARAC gang have made it easier than I thought it would be." After the ravages of the storm, which leveled his house and community, Norm was able to save only some computer files with current MARAC records and personal files, along with some radio equipment and the clothes on his back when he evacuated. He has since moved to Florida.

For his service to his country, to county hunting, and to MARAC, Norm Ellison truly deserves to be named County Hunter of the Year.

WQ7A – Terry Dummler

County Hunter of the Year – SSB

Nominated by: Carol AB2LS

I would like to nominate Terry, WQ7A, as SSB County Hunter of the Year.

Terry has been a licensed 'ham' since 1959 eventually becoming an extra class licensee. Though not a county hunter until 2001 he had already worked approximately 1000 counties. Then subsequently he discovered 14,336 and the rest is history. The challenge of working all 3077 counties began.

A mere two years after seriously chasing counties Terry finished and earned USA-CA 1075 in September 2003. On September 9th 2004 he was awarded 'Bingo' #256 in September 2004 and that was followed by a second 'star' in February 2005.

During this time WQ7A has transmitted from over 1000 counties on his way to and from 'mini's' and national conventions, accompanied by his wife, Boni. Both have become 'fixtures' at these gatherings adding their vitality to the events.

Terry is ever willing to help as Assistant Net Control and help with relays on the net. He has served as a member of the Marac Awards committee for several years. At many of the conventions he has attended he has given informative and

detailed presentations about the use of Street Atlas USA.

In addition Terry has written two Excel spreadsheets to help those county hunters using Kwiklog to view their files and correct the errors therein.

Finally he has become involved with helping Gene, KD9ZP, and other interested programmers in developing and beta testing the new Logger program.

N8KIE – Bob Woody

County Hunter of the Year – SSB

Nominated by Terry – WQ7A

Bob was first licensed as WD8CMT in 1976. Almost immediately he upgraded to the Technician Class while living in Honolulu. He spent most of his early ham radio experience on VHF for several years. Soon the Tech Plus license became available and he was able to get on 10 meter SSB. Of course the sunspot minimum intervened and inactivity became the norm.

Once the Morse Code requirement was reduced to 5wpm Bob upgraded his license to be able to work the lower bands using SSB. He has achieved WAS, DXCC and the hard to get Geratol Award. This award is earned by working all 50 states in the Extra portion of the 75 meter band. During the ARRL 10 meter SSB contest Bob took first place for low power, single operator for the years 2000 and 2001.

In 2002 Bob became interested in County Hunting and has been a big asset to the county hunting community. He earned his USACA ,1093, in May 2004. He achieved the Bingo award in February 2005. One more year and Bob earned his second star in February 2006. During all this activity he has transmitted from 1676 counties in 44 states to help other county hunters earn their awards. Along the way he was able to give out 221 last county contacts and seven contacts for the Whole Ball Of Wax.

Bob has gone out of his way to transmit from Kalawao and the other Hawaiian counties to help others. He even has taken special pains to attempt CW contacts for those who needed contacts from these rare counties.

After the passing of Hugh, K8GPC, Bob stepped up to the plate and volunteered to fill in for the remainder of the term of Great Lakes District Director. He is now running for that office to further serve MARAC.

Bob is retired from Chrysler Engineering having served in the Noise and Vibration Lab from 1972 until 2001

CW County Hunter of the year:

K8MFO -- Donald Karvonen

County Hunter of the Year – CW

Nominated by: Bob - N8KIE

Licensed at age 12 as KN8MFO in 1958 in Upper Michigan. In 1959 I passed the Conditional Class exam and became K8MFO. That exam was administered by Arne Kangas - W8DCD, who later earned USACA #25. Have been K8MFO ever since. Moved to Ohio in 1973, and live in the midst of Ohio's Amish Country. Have been retired for 7 years. I now play around growing Christmas trees and making wine.

When the USACA award was first announced (early 1960s?), I purchased one of the original record books and worked at it for a while. Then I went on to college, the employment world, military, etc. and never got back to county hunting until late 2004. Did a check of 46+ years of QSLs and found that I had 1007 counties confirmed on CW. Went at it seriously at that point and was awarded USACA 3077 #1126 (all CW) on 9/30/05. Now I am working at USACW Second Time. Have also stepped up my mobile activity.

I have always been a DXer and have been at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll for years, and am seriously involved in The DXCC Challenge. Through the years I have been involved in traffic handling, QRP, many DXpeditions, contesting, etc. Life Member of ARRL, MARAC Member, and FOC. I am also a letter manager for the 8th Area QSL Bureau. 73, Don Karvonen K8MFO

W0QE – Larry Benko

County Hunter of the Year (CW) Nomination Bio

Nominated by KE3VV

Larry became interested in radio in 1962 at age 12 when he found a Hallicrafters SX-28 receiver that his dad had brought back from Okinawa after WWII. First licensed in 1964 as WN3BLE, he earned his extra class license in 1968. Larry's early ham radio interests included DX, contests, fox hunting, and the National Traffic System (NTS), where he was

NCS for local and regional nets. He began collecting counties in the late 1960's.

Like many of his fellow hams, for a number of years Larry's hobby gave way to job and family. He designed telecommunication equipment, started two companies, and is now an independent contractor designing satellite based communications for business and commercial aircraft. He and his XYL are looking forward to retirement within a year.

Larry returned to active county hunting in 1998, when his home QTH began the process of becoming the new county of Broomfield, Colorado. Even with the distractions of work, Larry loves operating mobile and has made nearly 20,000 mobile CH contacts. In the process, he has earned USA-CA (1074), USA-CW (75), BINGO, and last year a second star. He needs less than 100 counties to finish on 30m. Larry has several hundred hours of CW Net Control time, primarily on 30m and 20m. He has participated in the MARAC CW Contest for the past 3 years (although his operating in last year's contest was cut short by a lightning strike).

Larry has spent many hours developing the Four Character County Code abbreviations that are now the contest standard and has devoted many hours over the past year to help create the new MIXED Category for the MARAC CW Contest. In the last 12 months he has been spotted putting out hundreds of counties. As anyone knows who has worked him while mobile or been helped by Larry as NCS, he has an excellent "fist" that produces an easy copy for the mobile or a fixed station no matter what their CW skill level. Larry is always ready to "Elmer" new CW operators develop their CW skills and CW County Hunting skills. For all his contributions to county hunting, Larry Benko has truly earned your votes for CW County Hunter of the Year.

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MARAC BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th

0000GMT (2000EDT, Etc.)

BE THERE!

Go to <marac.org>, click on <board room>

VOTE! (BY 6/30)

ELECTION BALLOT

This year we vote for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three district directors

President: WB9NUL Joyce Boothe
 W6RK Risto Kotalampi
Vice President: AD8W Chuck Secrest
Secretary **No Candidates**
Treasurer WQ7A Terry Dummler
 K7REL Tom Conway

!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Vote for candidate in your district only !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Please! Please! Please! Please!

!!!!!!!!!! If your district does not appear below, you don't get to vote for a director this year !!!!!!!

Great Lakes District Director: N8KIE Robert Woody
South East District Director: KE3VV David Splitt
 N7AKT Richard Scott
South Central District Director: W0MU Mike Fatchett
 N0ZA Ross Harrell
County Hunter of the Year PHONE: W2IBB Norm Ellison
 WQ7A Terry Dummler
 N8KIE Robert Woody
County Hunter of the Year CW: K8MFO Donald Karvonen
 W0QE Larry Benko

Vote either by Mail (with this Ballot) or the voting link on the MARAC website.
When voting by mail put your CALL on the return portion of the envelope (not on the Ballot)

!!!!!! Only Ballots from MARAC members are accepted. !!!!!!!

The envelopes are opened, ballots are extracted and envelopes are discarded.

To be counted, ballots must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2006

Mail ballot to: Charles Theisen K9IA
Elections Coordinator
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The Villages, FL 32162

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The Best Laid Plans

Skip, ADØH

With apologies to Robert Burns, who concluded the title phrase with “Gang aft aglay.” Which was olde English for “Look, here’s Murphy!” In previous reports to the Road Runner, I described running mobile in my brother’s 1939 LaSalle on trips from Seattle to Santa Clara (1999) and to Denver (2001). The purpose of these trips was to join a small convoy of members of the Seattle Chapter of the Cadillac-LaSalle Club, to attend the Grand National conventions of this group of car collectors and restorers. (LaSalle was a shorter, lower cost brand by Cadillac made between 1927 and 1940. Cadillac and LaSalle shared much common design and many parts. Fewer than 1,000 LaSalles are estimated to exist today.) The 2005 convention was scheduled for West Des Moines, Iowa, about 45 miles from my home in Ames, so it was a natural conclusion that I would again install the h.f. IC-706II in “Sally” (you can figure out the name) and make contacts along the way.

Preparation: rig

The Santa Clara trip taught me several lessons, mainly the effects of ignition interference. The old style points and distributor ignition put out so much hash that operation in motion on 20 was impossible. On 15 cw, it was tolerable, although that band was open only on a limited basis. For the Denver trip, a Clear Speech active filter made receiving at least practical, and 177 contacts were made from 35 counties, compared to 56 QSOs from 21 counties two years earlier. The only problem was in physically locating the little filter box and supplying it with 12 volts. The LaSalle uses a 6-volt, positive ground system, so the rig was powered from an outboard 12 volt car battery borrowed from Don’s other car. Since the Icom accessory jack requires a special plug available as OEM equipment at about \$60, the filter had been temporarily hooked up with battery clips and the unit loosely set in the box containing the battery, all on the floor of the back seat. This setup meant that the filter was turned on at the beginning of an operating session and it remained on until the next gas stop, whether the rig was actively in use or not. The rig had been controlled with the detachable panel, which was mounted on a clipboard.

For 2005, I wanted the rig to be plug-and-play, as much as possible, so I could move it from car to shack, and from car to car, since I was in the midst of installing mobile wiring in my 2002 Honda, having sold the 1992 Plymouth minivan at 114,000 miles. (I recently finished this project and can again work mobile, just as gas prices hit new highs.) In wandering around the local Lowes, I found a carrying case that measured 17 by 14 inches, so this established the outside dimensions of the set-up (even though I never got around to buying that case--maybe later). For a mounting board, I checked out the legal-sized clipboards at Staples, but decided on standard peg-board to give flexibility in moving items around, since mounting holes were already drilled. Lowes had this material, too, but only in 4-foot by 8-foot sheets. I finally found a more helpful at Litzell’s Hardware, on the west side of town, who had many remnant pieces and was willing to cut them to my specifications. So I bought two pieces that could be sandwiched for strength, smooth side out for looks and comfort when the rig was sitting on my lap. Total cost of the mounting boards: less than \$3.

A standard mobile bracket for the 706 was mounted on the left-side of the top board, with screws from the bottom. Since the Clear Speech filter needs the audio output of the radio, it was mounted beside the rig with black wires twisted on the underside of the board. An outboard Icom mobile speaker, that could be clipped to the sun visor or placed anywhere, is plugged into the audio filter. Since I’m right-handed, a small (6 x 9 inches) clipboard was screwed to the right-side of the board so logging can be done in a spiral-bound stenographers notepad. (There’s a job title you don’t find anymore: stenographers.) The photograph gives you an idea of the layout.

Then the 706 was placed into the bracket, tilted up, so the power cord and coax could be mounted onto the board. To reduce wear on the SO-239 jack on the rig, I went with a three-foot piece of coax with a barrel connector as the one getting the most wear (yes, I know about the db. loss for each connector in the transmission line). The power wiring began life as the standard Icom cable but I shortened it to under two feet and added a heavy duty polarized plug from NAPA. To power the speech filter, I tapped into the power cord after the fuses with a small polarized plug from Radio Shack. With its mate on the power line to the filter, the Clear Speech unit can be physically isolated from the battery; the somewhat flimsy on-off switch on the filter is more of a stand-by switch although power use is minimal in the “off” position. The coax and power wiring were held in place by black plastic cable clamps, again screwed from the bottom of the pegboard. So to hook up the rig, I needed only to screw the antenna coax onto the barrel connector and plug in the mating 12-volt plug on the cable that terminates in standard battery clamps. The final step was to bolt the bottom piece of pegboard into place, using 11 pairs of screws and nuts, with several washer thicknesses as spacers. The whole thing weighs in at 21 pounds, including the notebook, outboard speaker and the Paddlette for cw

Based on the two previous trips, I continued the use of a Hustler old-style steel strap bumper mount and a fold-over mast. The heavy-duty spring (not a Hustler item) added a few more pounds to my checked-baggage, as did spare hardware and coax connectors packed in plastic peanut butter jars. I laid out all antenna pieces and spares for a photo and a check to

avoid missing items.

Travel

Even with the scrutiny of luggage by airport security people, I was convinced that the rig would have a smoother ride in my shoulder bag carry-on than leaving it to the mercy of the checked luggage handlers. I had prepared a three-ring binder with multiple copies of my license and information about the Icom 706 to show it was a standard piece of electronic equipment. The antenna mount, the pegboard unit, cables and resonators went in my checked-in suitcase, and apparently didn't cause a concern. At the passenger security check, the first clerk was more concerned with removing my shoes (so I could walk where countless stockinged and bare feet already had walked). But the x-ray operator stared at her screen and asked to run my carry-on through a second time. I told her, "It's some amateur radio equipment and always gives an interesting shadow," a line I had made up even though it hadn't been x-rayed since 9/11. The operator said, "Oh, I'm a ham, too," and gave me her call. End of potential problem. Now if only the plane hadn't been late, causing me to miss my connection in Dallas--the one that included a hot meal--and transfer to a plane that landed after midnight, Seattle time.

Installation

Don's car was a Series 5019, 4-door, five passenger LaSalle, with an overall length of 202 inches and weighing at 3800 pounds. Tires are 7.00 x 16 inch tube-type, made new from original molds. There were 23,000 LaSalle's built in the '39 model year.

Since the LaSalle bumpers had been re-chromed at Don's considerable expense, the mounting area (on the left-side of the rear bumper to allow the trunk to be opened without antenna removal) was first wrapped with several layers of soft cloth, then a few tight layers of duct tape; see Figure 3. But this meant that the base of the antenna would be floating, rather than being attached to the car as a ground plane. So a short jumper of the outer shield of old coax was prepared in advance with a large solder lug to fit the 3/4-inch bolt holding the bumper to its bracket; see Figure 4. Similar jumpers of coax shielding tied the hood to the firewall and the tailpipe to the frame underneath. Resonators for 10, 15 and 20 meters were quickly tuned up for nearly flat indicated SWR ratios. A quick test QSO with Don, who is W7NG in addition to being a LaSalle owner, confirmed that everything was ready for our departure the next morning. Or was it?

Results: not so great

In the time between the Denver trip and 2005, Don had rebuilt the LaSalle V-8 engine. Rebuilding is a bit of a misnomer since many parts that might have been reused showed metal fatigue (i.e., cracks) and were replaced. The original 349 cubic inch displacement became 360 after the cylinders were bored out to make the walls uniformly smooth. The ignition components were updated with original equipment specification replacements, which meant that the sparkplug wires were no longer the resistor type (which apparently had been the case with the engine used in 1999 and 2001). While the Clear Speech filter removed some of the noise, what few voices did come through from very strong signals were distorted and nearly impossible to copy. With band conditions less than stellar, contacts were reduced to the brief periods when we were parked, with the engine off. A traveling companion car, a 1940 Cadillac owned by Ted and Beth Barber of Seattle, also wiped out all bands when it pulled in beside the LaSalle. (Figure 5 shows both cars, with Don, W7NG.) My best run was on cw, while parked at a Walgreen's drugstore in Missoula, Montana. However, that success did encourage me to persist, especially on 14.056.5, meaning that I made numerous calls that probably resulted in more interference to the mobile s.s.b. and cw nets and for that I do offer my apologies. But thanks to several who did persist to pull me through. Total QSOs sank to a disappointing 41, from 13 counties in 6 states, hardly what I had anticipated before Murphy joined the trip.

Car troubles galore

Murphy said hi several times, with a loose connection at the starter and a loose wheel cover choosing Interstate 90 to become evident. (I still found it in the tall grass way off the pavement.) Then Murphy really barged in with a froze-up water pump late in the day after we stopped at Carhenge. It's like Stonehenge in England, only 4,000 years newer. That meant a change in plans, motels, and routing, although Don did win the convention's "Hard Luck" plaque, based on his being stranded west of St. Paul, Nebraska, while awaiting a tow and installation of the spare pump that he had carried, just in case. During the enforced maintenance break, I asked some experienced parts men at two different suppliers about resistor plugs that would fit the '39 LaSalle. Both spent considerable time on their computer screens and in parts catalogs but could not identify a suitable match. Don chose to not try an on-the-road installation of resistor sparkplug wires, which would have had to be cut to size and connectors installed; probably that was a good savings of \$38 and more time than could have been spared. But if any of you are car guys, are there resistor plugs that can physically match AC Delco plug M-8 (which seem to be the OEM plugs), or substitutes from Autolite (3136), Denso (U20MU), or NGK (CM-6).

Our down-time was increased again on the return trip when Murphy decided to split open an ancient weld on the drive-shaft, on Sunday night no less in Kearney, Nebraska. Getting a new part fabricated took all of Monday. The lost day required us to pick up the driving from 400 miles per day to 500, if I was to make my Friday airplane schedule from Seattle back to Iowa. There was simply no parked operating time left after driving, eating and sleeping, and stopping at gas stations, as we burned through 309 gallons costing \$733 (plus those garage bills, of course). But we made it--3,822 miles in a 66-year-

old LaSalle.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

Photo 6

National Convention 2006
Appleton, Wisconsin

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Or
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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

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5:00 – 8:00/9:00 – Wisconsin Brat Fry and Corn Roast – Hosted by Fond du Lac
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ACTIVITIES:** Hospitality room – Meetings and Forums (Saturday) –Saturday Night Banquet Dinner
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P. O. Box 2295
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Enter number of persons that will attend events

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Brat Fry Only (Provide Your Own Transportation) #Adults _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

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Banquet - Sirloin Tips #Adults _____ X \$14.00 = \$ _____

Banquet - Chicken Marsala (Cooked with Wine) #Adults _____ X \$18.00 = \$ _____

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**Treasurer's Report
April 30, 2006**

Funds Balance 03/31/06 \$27,530.54

Income:

Awards	\$ 953.00	
Dues	886.00	
Interest	<u>5.29</u>	
		\$1,844.29

Expenses:

Gene Olig - expenses	\$ 168.40	
Norm Ellison - expenses	741.10	
Stafford Engraving - awards	75.50	
Fairmont Awards - awards	85.25	
Wachovia Bank - service charge	5.00	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	<u>507.16</u>	
		<u>1,582.41</u>

261.88

Account Balances \$27,792.42

Money Market Account	\$24,935.82	
Checking Account	<u>2,856.60</u>	

\$27,792.42

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

Mobile Digital Operations

Matt, W0NAC

I am writing this article to motivate more county hunters running mobile to add digital operation to their bag of tricks. I only know of 5 county hunters presently active mobile with PSK-31 or other digital modes. They are W7QQ, W0NAC/KC0QER, NX4W, and KD7KST (Bill). There are others who may go mobile with PSK-31 (N6PDB for one), but no great flood yet. Several other county hunters have expressed interest in going mobile digital or operate digital from their home stations. These are WB9NUL, WQ7A, VE9DH, K2NJ, W0QE, W4YDY, AA8R, K4UNF, K7REL, and others (If I left any one out, I apologize... no slight intended). I believe there are several reasons for county hunters being slow to adopt the digital modes, especially mobile. These are newness (all new things are intimidating at first), the difficulty of integrating a laptop computer into a modern vehicle, and the technical problems one can run into setting up a mobile rig. After operating mobile digital for over two years now, I have concluded that county hunters are really missing out on a lot of fun and a new challenge to go where others have not gone before (remember the "worthless" bands above 300M?). I know that many "old heads" have achieved about every award in the book and find themselves wondering what else they can do that they haven't already done. Some of these great county hunters simply go on to what they perceive as greener pastures and drop out of county hunting to hunt DX, chase IOTAs, etc. etc. As Bill (K2NJ) has stated, there are limitless ways to pursue the enjoyment of ham radio.

Why then should you set up to operate on the digital modes both at home and mobile? Let me offer a few thoughts....

First, on July 19, 2003 the MARAC Board approved a new USA-DIGITAL Award for working various numbers of counties (1000, 2000, 2500, 3000, and ALL 3077) using any digital mode except CW. Only KD7KST (Bill Magruder) has achieved the first level of this award (1000 confirmed counties) along with his USACA 1000 award (with ALL PSK-31 endorsement). I have worked over 600 counties digital. Bill has actually worked a total of over 1136 counties on PSK-31. You can go to his Web page (<http://www.qsl.net/kd7kst/>) to check his latest status. It will be very interesting to see who gets #1 for working all 3077 counties digital!

Second, having a laptop in your county hunting vehicle is useful for more than just operating PSK-31. The typical software package for digital operation includes the ability to operate MFSK, RTTY, THROB, HELLSCHREIBER, FAX, SSTV, CW (Keyboard), and many others. A laptop allows you to use GPS and navigation software to help navigate while on a trip and planning it before hand to optimize the number of counties you can put out with the fewest miles driven. You can locate county lines out where there are no friendly signs to help, even on dirt roads. You can also use your computer for rig control, logging (after the fact, not real time), internet (for spotting) and email access, etc. Further, with the multi-tasking capabilities of Windows 98 or XP, you can have all these software programs running at the same time and easily switch from one to another with a simple key stroke. In short, your laptop can be an extremely powerful tool to help you put out counties rapidly and efficiently.

Third, the digital modes (especially PSK-31) are uniquely suited for mobile operation in that most digital modes work extremely well even with low power and compromised antennas typical in mobile setups. The main disadvantages of operating using digital modes are: 1) the lack of voice recognition you get on SSB, 2) it is slower than voice which reduces the contact rate, and 3) You can't operate safely while in motion unless you have a partner. These latter 2 drawbacks may be overcome shortly by using PSK-63 and Voice Recognition Software)! PSK-31's usefulness in a "pile-up" is still a big unknown right now, but the challenge of finding out makes it worth trying. County Hunters are uniquely qualified to do this experiment because of our operating methods and large numbers of mobile to fixed station operations all over the US and the World.

Lastly, setting up a mobile rig for digital operation is not all that difficult. The hardest part is finding a place to locate your laptop so you can see the screen, type on the keyboard (not in motion if you are the only operator!), and not interfere with air-bag operation. Once you have done this, the rest is relatively easy. Photo 1 shows how I have mounted my laptop in my 2006 Honda Ridgeline Truck using a Heil mounting unit. My laptop can be swiveled either direction and moved up and down so either the driver or the passenger can operate it (again, never in motion if you are the driver!). I have an ICOM 706 MKII located under the rear seat (Photo 2) with its control head remote mounted on the dash board with Velcro using a home made Plexiglass mount (Photo 3). Since modern laptops no longer have serial ports, and since most ham digital equipment still use RS-232 serial connections, I have a USB to 4 port serial adapter (Photo 4) mounted on the passenger side of the center console. I also located my RigBlaster Plus digital interface unit (Photo 5) nearby. A "paddle" is available for CW (Photo 6). It works well even though I don't! The only other thing I do that is a little unusual is to keep a very "stiff" DC voltage supplied to both the ICOM 706 and the Ameritron ALS-500 Linear (Photo 7) by using HEAVY leads for both units direct to the battery (fused + and -) and 1 Farad (Yes, 1,000,000 μ fd!) capacitors at the load end of both (Photo 8). The GPS receiver (Garmon III) is mounted to the dash with Velcro. I use a High Sierra screwdriver antenna mounted into the towing receiver using a High Sierra mount. The antenna has been modified with a Hustler mast (Photo 9) and three E-FIELD

resonators (30M, 20M and 15M) and one Hustler 40M resonator mounted on the top of the mast with an E-FIELD coupler (Photo 10). The screwdriver is normally left almost fully retracted and the four top loading coil stingers are adjusted for lowest SWR on 7.238, 10.139, 14.336 and 21.336 MHz. This allows essentially instant band changing. This antenna setup seems to be broad enough to operate 14.071 for 20M PSK without changing anything. I then use 3 other preset positions on the KOOGI SAM unit (Photo 11) to tune the screwdriver for the low end of the 40M band for CW, 10.114 for 30M CW, and 3.580 for 80M PSK-31. The rest of the 16 presets on the SAM unit are used for several selected frequencies on 75M (the antenna has a very narrow bandwidth on 75/80M). Any antenna tuning changes needed can be done by the driver with one hand without taking your eyes off the road by simply counting clicks and pushing a button on the SAM unit.

Wiring all this “stuff” is a little daunting at first, but you can do it much like you eat an elephant – one bite at a time! Every setup will be very individual in nature and will have to be done using the various manuals you have for your own equipment. EMI/RFI problems can be forestalled for the most part with liberal use of ferrite beads and split transformers. One of the more difficult tasks is to get the transmit side of PSK-31 set up to yield a clean signal. This requires that your transceiver be set for nearly full RF power output. Then you must use the computer (Windows) volume control and RigBlaster volume control to adjust the audio drive from the laptop to the rig to the desired power output without triggering any ALC operation. Once you have gone through this carefully, you usually don’t have to tweak it again. With my setup I can change rapidly from PSK-31 to SSB operation and back to PSK-31 or any other mode for that matter, with minimal bother and no re-tuning or other adjustments (other than the antenna preset control for 40M CW, 30M CW and 80M PSK-31). There is not room here for a detailed explanation of how to setup everything, but I will be glad to help anyone who needs it over the phone (303-799-3658) or email (w0nac@comcast.net). Anything I can do to get more mobiles out there running digital I am willing to do. Operating digital is great fun besides giving folk a new way to advance this great hobby of Ham Radio. Hope to see many more of you very soon on the CH Digital Net (10.139 MHz)!

Matt (W0NAC/M)



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10



Photo 11

Awards and Birthdays

Major Awards Issued For The Month Of
March

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	187
LC-2	6
Roadrunner(LC-3)	6
Ran All State	3
All Others	15

Other Awards

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
VE9DH	4/1/2006	BINGO II	# 40
VE9DH	4/4/2006	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 124
KM9X	4/17/2006	BINGO	# 279
N2OCW	4/20/2006	BINGO	# 280
KA9JAC	4/29/2006	BINGO	# 281
K2JG	4/26/2006	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 77
KZ2P	4/26/2006	Worked all Counties - 10th Time	# 1
W6TMD	4/22/2006	USA-PA - K	# 9
KR5C	4/26/2006	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 192
AI5P	4/29/2006	Last County Count 675	# 9
WD9EJK	4/29/2006	Last County Count 175	# 107
NA7W	4/29/2006	Last County Count 375	# 32
W9GBH	4/29/2006	Last County Count 150	# 131
ND9M	4/29/2006	Last County Count 50	# 299
N8KIE	4/29/2006	Last County Count 225	# 68
N7ID	4/19/2006	Ran All USA	#7

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None

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R-3203	AJ0C	Robert A Rude	17032 E Carr Ave	Parker, CO 80134	Douglas	303-841-6443 aj0c@frupac.net
R-3204	K9ALF	Frank M Kliiger	PO Box 472	Riverside, TX 77367	Walker	000-000-0000 k9alf@arrl.net
R-3205	WB7NGI	Eugene P Reed	6120 Shenandoah Ave	Las Vegas, NV 89156	Clark	702-453-2832 moggy2cat@aol.com
R-3206	KD7OWN	Robert E Willey	1716 W Mellen	Centralia, WA 98531	Lewis	360-736-9633 kd7own@arrl.net
R-3207	KM1C	William N Pedersen	1027 Massachusetts Ave	Lexington, MA 02420	Middlesex	781-861-0444 billpedersen@verizon.net

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Current Call	Birthday Date
AE3Z	May - 01
AD5WI	May - 01
KB9ER	May - 01
W8WVU	May - 01
KA5AGM	May - 02
VO1SF	May - 03
W5AL	May - 03
VE3KZE	May - 04
KA1JPR	May - 04
NX0X	May - 12
KI0AZ	May - 13
KM9X	May - 15
KU9UUU	May - 15
N8BGF	May - 16
KA7ICF	May - 16
WA0RVG	May - 16
N9QPQ	May - 17
W5VD	May - 17
N3AO	May - 17
WB9UKS	May - 19
NA4FM	May - 22
AB2LS	May - 22
KF7CT	May - 22
W4RSD	May - 23
WA8OWR	May - 25
NU9M	May - 26
WB4KZW	May - 27
N8CIJ	May - 28
NL7KM	May - 28
KA4NZG	May - 28
K2MF	May - 30
KI0JD	May - 30
W9GBH	May - 31

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