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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

After more than six years of arduous work, our awards manager, Gene, KD9ZP has decided he will leave the post this fall. Gene has decided it's time to get back to enjoying ham radio as an operator. His "new" rig purchased a year and a half ago has seen no use except for his XYL, Dottie, who ran in the Wisconsin QSO party.

Gene's hard work has brought the Awards program to a new level of efficiency. He has also had the leading roll in the programming of the new logger program.

Members who would be interested in the Awards Manager position should contact me by phone (956-636-9161) or by e-mail (<u>JoyceNUL@aol.com</u>).

At the MARAC Board meeting on May 10, major changes to the Board and Committee line-up were ratified. First, we have a new Secretary. Jerry, W0GXQ will be in that position at least until the 2007 election, replacing W2IBB. Cliff, AC0B will take over as North Central Director, also until the 2007 election, replacing WB9STT. Brian, NX0X will become Election Coordinator starting July 15, 2006.

At that meeting, the so-called "Combo" award was modified to allow foreign calls to be valid entries. This award provides recognition for working amateur operators in all counties having all prefix and suffix combinations. Go to the MARAC website for details.

Not long ago, Awards Committee recommendations for a change to Net Control time tabulations were approved by the Board. Since that time, a number of responses from members made it clear that the changes caused undue distress to those collecting hours by the old rules for a number of years. That issue, as well as others discussed by Board Members in the last few months resulted in sending the rules back to Awards for reconsideration. Members should hold on to their records until that process is finished.

Then, at the May 10 meeting, a motion was made and passed, without discussion (my fault) to no longer require submission of "logs, spreadsheets or data of any nature" when applying for MARAC awards. It happened so fast that one would wonder if there was due consideration of the consequences. Because such rules are the realm of the Awards Committee, I asked them to put it through the "Rules" committee process, and consider the effect of the action on all awards wordings and the general integrity of the MARAC Awards Program. The overwhelming and emphatic response from Awards Committee members was that this motion be rescinded. Therefore, I will, at the June 13 Board Meeting, ask for discussion and will entertain a motion to rescind the action.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you in Wisconsin. At this time over 100 people are attending the convention. The list is growing and a good time should be had by all. Happy County Hunting to all.

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Dave's Call: Yet another issue is upon us. Back to pretty much
standard; I need YOUR articles! Don't worry about your writ-
ing skills. I'm not half bad and my xyl teaches english at a
local university. We can polish anything!

- This election is critical. I sure hope you have voted or are going to. Do it now!
- And while you're thinking about it, why not join us in Appleton?
- 73, Dave, KU4YM

Dateline CW

June 2006 Ed, KN4Y

You should never wear your best trousers when you go out county hunting.

It happened last month and I missed it. It was the anniversary of county hunting, as we know it today. The idea was conceived in May 1966 and brought us to what county hunting is today by the many dedicated county hunters that over the years graced the many county lines. I am discussing this anniversary with Gator.

"Well, Gator county hunting has been around for a few years." "That is nothing Dude, I found a letter giving me my old membership in the H. F. International, it came from Inglewood California." "Figures, when is the envelope dated?" "It be January 5, 1976." "That is also 30 years old. What does it apply to?" "My HF number it be HFX-8909." "Read me the rules." "You really interested?" "Yes." Gator reads the letter.

The originators formed the HF group to provide a better means of communications for everyone on Single Side Band. The HF group operates on 27.315, 27.325 etc up to 27.500 MHz. Because of the growing interest among HF members in working toward their amateur licenses, 27.480 and 27.505 MHz have been set aside for CW practice and theory discussions.

Gator continues reading, also listed are business and government frequencies to be avoided. The HF number is not to be used on Channel 16 or any other CB channel. The call frequency is 27.325 MHz where contact is made and then move to another frequency. It is important to use courtesy at all time, no breaker, breaker or contact, contact calling.

"The letter ends, 'With your cooperation,' that be me, 'we can anticipate enjoying HF for many years.' It be signed, Jack, HF 61. I wonder how many county hunters remember H.F. International? I bet Al and Jerry do." "Jerry is too young, but Al and Norm might remember, I will ask."

I motion to the cooler,"... also get the HF chicken out of the aluminum foil." "What be HF chicken?" "Hot and fried." Gator gives me a look that would spoil sour cream. "I will ask some oldie but good county hunters and let you know." The chicken calms Gator down and we eat out HF chicken while listening to the HF 30-meter county hunter's net.

There are many county hunters headed to the Dayton Ham Convention in Ohio with 'N' and 'A' calls. Gator logs as I work the 'N' and 'A' calls in the counties of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. I work a few stations for fourth time around and a few for Master Gold all on CW. What can be better than HF chicken, cold 807 and a 599 mobile? There is the sound of a battle charge; it is Gator's cell phone. "Keep working the mobiles Dude, I have an emergency." "Anything serious?" "Sure is, old man Plower's spirit medicine bottle fell off the tractor and he ran over it." Gator is out the door and into his four-by-four. I yell, "What is the squirrel count now?" "Last I heard one hundred and twenty-five." Gator is out of sight in a cloud of dust, I look around for a squirrel and see none.' One old man can make a difference. The pecan trees are smiling. I go back into the shack and continue to work mobiles on 30-meters.

I check my summary of counties needed for the various MARAC awards. Gosh only 61 more for Master Gold, 291 for fourth time around and 90 for the Stars award. I also need to finish up my WPX contest logs. Also next month is Field day. I feel there is too much to do and so little time. I head for the recliner, priorities are important.



4th. Quarter Ballot

Votes Accepted through June 30, 2006

You are voting for Net Controls who ran the net and mobiles that ran in the 4th Quarter which were the months of Apr, May, and Jun of 2006

1 vote per Quarter --- Please

Note: This vote is one month early in order to meet national convention deadlines.

	Please enter		
Call Sign*	or	Election Key*	
Annual Award for:	1st choice	2 nd choice	
Best Net Control – SSB: Best Net Control - CW: Best Mobile – SSB Best Mobile – CW Best Team (Enter both calls):			
Mail to:	807:	n, Elections Coordinator 5 174 th Belhaven Loop e Villages, FL 32162	
Clip or copy and mail this ballo	t or use the handy elec	tronic voting system at http://s	marac.org/elections
Have you	voted vet	-9	

If not,

VOTE!

ROADRUNNER

2006 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

> Tom Conway K7REL

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

> WO7A Terry Dummler

N8KIE Robert Woody

K8MFO Donald Karvonen County Hunter of the Year CW:

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 then June 30, 2006

Mail ballot to: Charles Theisen K9IA

> **Elections Coordinator** 8075 SE 174th Belhaven Loop The Villages, FL 32162

Not Enough Info? Call or Email K9ia@arrl.net 920 273-0777

National Convention 2006 Appleton, Wisconsin

WHEN: July 12 thru 15, 2006

WHERE: Best Western Midway Hotel

3033 W. College Ave.

Appleton, Wisconsin 54914

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

RESERVATIONS: Reservations Phone: 800-482-3879 or 920-731-4141

Mention: 'Amateur Radio Convention'

DIRECTIONS: US Hwy. 41 North Exit 137 (College Avenue) – East 0.6 Mile

Turn right from College Avenue onto frontage road at Emilianos/Victoria's Restaurant

which is adjacent to the hotel.

TOURS AND

ACTIVITIES: Thursday – Bus will leave at 9 AM from the Hotel and return to the Hotel at 3:15 PM

9:30 – 10:45 AM – Tour Bergstrom-Mahler Museum (1/2 Group)

Or

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

The two tours will be switched at 10:45 AM

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

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

2:00 – 3:00 – Tour Vande Walle's Candies 3:05 – 5:00 – Fox River Mall – Shopping

3:15 & 5:15 – Return to Hotel

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

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

Or

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

4:35 – Bus to South Eden Game Preserve (Owner – Phil Majerus – AES Owner) **5:00** – **8:00/9:00** – Wisconsin Brat Fry and Corn Roast – Hosted by Fond du Lac

Amateur Radio Club and Green Fox (Green Lake) Amateur Radio Club

9:00 PM Return to Hotel.

CONVENTION

ACTIVITIES: Hospitality room – Meetings and Forums (Saturday) –Saturday Night Banquet Dinner

- Drawing for Prizes at Banquet - Awards

REGISTRATION: Forward Registration form with total fees and cost to:

MARAC 2006 Annual Convention

Attn: KD9ZP P. O. Box 2295

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54936-2295 Home Phone Number: 920-923-0130

WEBSITE: For more information about Tours and locations check Website -

www.marac.org/marac2006.htm

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National Convention 2006

NAME: (First Mi, Last)				in 	_	
ADDRESS:						
CITY	ST/PROV	POST	AL CODE		_	
Convention registration f NAME ON BADGE						35.00
Additional Name Badges	(list information below	r) Total #	@ \$5.00	each =	\$	
Name	Callsign	USACA#	ŧ R	elation		
Name	Callsign	USACA#	# R	elation		
Name	Callsign	USACA#	# R	elation	_	
Name	tion: W-Wife, H-Husband, D-	Daughter, S-Son,	M-Mother, F-	Father, X-Friend, C	 GD-Grai	nd Daughter
	GS-Grand Son,	for any additiona	ıl badges pleas	e attach or list on b	oack of f	Corm.
Enter number of	persons that will attend ev	<u>vents</u>				
Thursday 13 July						
Tours Bergstrom-Mahler M	useum/					
Paper Baron Mansion			#Adults	X \$30.00 =	\$	
Friday 14 July						
Tour EAA (Includes Ticket)		g and Brat Fry				
(Includes Bus Transportatio			#Adults	X \$30.00 =	\$	
Prime Outlets – Shopping C						
(Includes Bus Transportatio			#Adults	X \$20.00 = X \$15.00 =	\$	
Brat Fry Only (Provide You	r Own Transportation)		#Adults	X \$15.00 =	\$	
Saturday 15 July						
Banquet – Lasagna			#Adults	X \$13.00 =	\$	
Banquet – Sirloin Tips			#Adults	X \$14.00 = X \$18.00 =	\$	
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 =	\$	
9k				X \$10.00 =		
				X \$10.00 =		
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Mail Registration Form and Check to:

Total Amount Enclosed:

MARAC 2006 Annual Convention

Atten: KD9ZP P. O. Box 2295

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54936-2295

Home Phone Number: 920-923-0130

Please make check payable to: 2006 MARAC Convention

<u>Hotel Reservations – call direct to Midway Best Western Hotel 800-482-3879 or 920-731-4141</u>

MINUTES MARAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Date: January 10, 2006

The meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 PM EDST by Joyce (WB9NUL)

The Officers present were:

President

Vice President

Mark Michel – W9OP

Secretary

Norm Ellison -- W2IBB

Treasurer

Jim Grandinetti – KZ2P

Northeast Director

Donald Kimble – AE3Z

South Central Director

Pacific Director

Robert Devine – KC6AWX

Immediate Past President

Immediate Past President Bill Inkrote – K2NJ

The Members present were: K5RPC, N4XML, WQ7A, W6RK, N8BGT, AA8R.

Upon a motion by Jim (KZ2P) and seconded by Mike (W0MU) the minutes of the September 8, 2005 meeting were approved. Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

Upon a motion by Bob (KC6AWX) and seconded by Mike (W0MU) the Treasurer's reports for September 30, 2005, October 31, 2005 and November 30, 2005 were accepted. Roll call indicated 5 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

A: None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A: A motion was made by Jim (KZ2P) and seconded by Mike (W0MU) that MARAC Board of Directors accept the changes to the contest rules as proposed by the Contest Chairman and also to use the ARRL country list. Roll call indicated 7 in favor none opposed. Motion passed.
- **B.** A motion was made by Jim (KZ2P) seconded by Norm (W2IBB) that the MARAC BOD accept a proposal to change from first class to BULK MAILING of the RoadRunner to those members who prefer receiving a hard copy. Roll call indicated 6 in favor 1 opposed. Motion passed.
- C. A motion was made by Bob (KC6AWX) seconded by Don (AE3Z) that the MARAC BOD accept a proposal to increase the annual dues by one dollar (\$1.00) for all members requesting a hard copy issue of the RoadRunner. The new dues schedule will begin as of **March 1, 2006** for all new members and all current members renewing on or after this date. Roll call indicated 7 in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

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Dave (KE3VV) and the Awards Committee proposed changes to two awards. First was NET CONTROL Hours of Service. Norm (W2IBB) moved that we accept the recommendations. The motion was second by Mark (W9OP). Roll call indicated 6 in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

Second was MARAC Contest Award. Bob (KC6AWX) made a motion that the Board accept the recommendations of the Committee. This motion was seconded by Mark (W9OP). Roll call indicated 7 in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

E. Joyce (WB9NUL) recommended the appointment of Bob Woody (N8KIE) to fill the vacancy, created by the passing of Hugh (K8GPC), as the Great Lakes Director. Don (AE3Z) made a motion that the Board approve the appointment of Bob (N8KIE) as the Great Lakes Director. This motion was seconded by Mike (W0MU). Roll call indicated 7 in favor none opposed. Motion passed.

OPEN MEETING

On a motion by Norm (W2IBB) and seconded by Jim (KZ2P), the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM EDST. Roll call indicated all in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted, Norm Ellison W2IBB Secretary, MARAC

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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 I	Phone Number
R-3208 n8cbw@arrl.ne	N8CBW	Clark B Wierda	PO Box 7857	Ann Arbor, MI 48107	Washtenaw	734-481-0452
R-3209 jwooten@abe.	N5VSB msstate.edu	James R Wooten	13045 Hwy 50 W	Cedarbluff, MS 39741	Clay	662-494-3527
R-3210 w6fg@pacbell	W6FG .net	Ross F Guldenbrien	481 Estero Ave	Morro Bay, CA 93442	San Luis Obispo	805-772-0848
R-3211 we7g@arrl.net	WE7G	Wayne Glover	2473 N 840 W	Clinton, UT 84015	Davis	801-825-4507
R-3213 ai9d@arrl.net	AI9D	David M Rayner	901 N Main St	Milan, In 47031	Ripley	000-000-0000

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Treasurer's Report May 31, 2006

Funds Balance	04/30/06	\$27,792.42
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Income:

Awards \$ 702.00 Interest 4.78

\$706.78

Expenses:

Gene Olig - expenses \$ 205.36 Stafford Engraving - awards 112.00 Mike Fatchett - web software 34.95 Wachovia Bank - service charge 5.00

Print-Right, Inc – newsletter 512.00

869.31

(162.53)

\$27,629.89 **Account Balances**

Money Market Account \$24,940.60 **Checking Account** 2,689.29

\$27,629.89

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

Awards and Birthdays

Major Awards Issued For The Month Of *May*

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	368
LC-2	8
Roadrunner(LC-3)	14
Ran All State	0
All Others	9

Other Awards

	Roadrunner Issued Per Month				
Call	Date	Award	Number		
WG6X	5/24/2006	Last County Count 550	# 17		
K2HVN	5/24/2006	Last County Count 400	# 32		
AA9JJ	5/31/2006	Last County Count 500	# 21		
N4XML	5/24/2006	Last County Count 25	# 449		
N4CD	5/24/2006	Last County Count 1225	# 3		
AC0B	5/24/2006	Last County Count 1225 Last County Count 100	# 199		
N7AKT	5/24/2006	Last County Count 525	# 19		
VE9SX	5/24/2006	Last County Count 25	# 450		
NE9DH	5/24/2006	Last County Count 275	# 54		
N6HH	5/24/2006	Last County Count 50	# 300		
N9JF	5/25/2006	Last County Count 100	# 200		
W0GXQ	5/25/2006	Last County Count 250	# 60		
N9QPQ	5/24/2006	Last County Count 450	# 27		
KB6UF	5/24/2006	Last County Count 475	# 24		
AF3X	4/27/2006	DX Mobile *	# 51 Countries		
AA9JJ	5/22/2006	5 Star	# 24		
N9STL	5/2/2006	Master's Gold	# 16		
K8CW	5/5/2006	USA-CW II	# 15		
K0GO	5/6/2006	BINGO	# 282		
WD9EJK	5/9/2006	BINGO II	# 41		
AE3Z		Worked all Counties - 4th Time			
W7KQZ	5/25/2006	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 126		
W6TPC		Worked all Counties - 5th Time			

Poadrunne	er - Birthdavs
Current Call	Birthday Date
K8OHC	Jun - 02
K5OT	Jun - 02
KJ4EJ	Jun - 03
N9DYE	Jun - 03
N9GN	Jun - 04
K5NRA	Jun - 04
K1MIJ	Jun - 05
K0AYO	Jun - 05
AA9RE	Jun - 05
VK3MW W3BZJ	Jun - 09
KC5QCB	Jun - 12 Jun - 12
W5LXG	Jun - 15
KK6BB	Jun - 16
W6TMD	Jun - 17
W6OUL	Jun - 17
N4EED	Jun - 20
N8ACL	Jun - 22
KE7GI	Jun - 23
W2IBB	Jun - 29
KD9ZP	Jun - 29
WD5JGS	Jun - 30

USA-CA Issued By K1BV

	Roadrunne	er USA-CA
To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
W0FP	5/16/2006	

The County Line Roadrunner MARAC Secretary 111 Lakeview Dr. Leesburg, FL 34788

"A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird"

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