



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

Since the July meeting in Appleton, Wisconsin there has been no official business for MARAC. It will be my policy that if all we need is to approve a treasurer's or secretary's report, I will not call a meeting. Brian, NX0X, our election coordinator is in the process of developing a new election plan which he will present to the Board in the near future. If you have questions or input for the Board, please contact your director or any officer.

Gene, KD9ZP was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Convention for his dedication to MARAC as Awards Chairman. Gene, I want to thank you so much for bringing our awards program into the computer age. Janet, KC5QCB will become our new Awards Manager as of October 1. Any questions or awards should be submitted to Janet as of that date. Janet's e-mail address is [awardslady@cox.net](mailto:awardslady@cox.net) and the mailing address is MARAC Awards, P.O. Box 188, Carlsbad, TX, 76934-0188

I'm still looking for a copy of the video or slide program about MARAC that Barry and I made many years ago. MARAC hopes to develop a new program that can be given at radio meetings or conventions.

Till next month, Happy County Hunting! Joyce, WB9NUL

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Dave's Call: Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." My experiences these last few years prove to me that we CHers truly "make a life."  
73, Dave, KU4YM

**Dateline CW**

Ed, KN4Y

County hunters are but children of a larger growth.

I am looking at my dismal results in the MD-DC and NJ QSO party. I listened but did not hear many mobile or fixed CW stations. Not sure if this was due to band conditions or CW inactivity (no extra points for a CW contact). I hear Gator's four-by-four slide to a stop by the recycled railroad tie. I yell. "Come in, the door's unlocked." Gator comes in carrying a Wal-Mart shopping bag and before I could stop myself I asked, "Been to Wal-Mart?" He gestures with his hand and says, "Here's your Sign."

Gator, giggling, takes a six-pack of 807's out of the bag and puts it in the cooler along with some pepper jack cheese and crackers. He pops the top on two cool ones and asks, "How did you do in the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Weekend? You know where ham radio operators around the world set up a radio near a lighthouse and communicate with other radio operators also set up near a lighthouse. That be like county hunters except there is a light involved." I gave Gator the stern look of an aged county hunter net control, "We wasted a lot of air time. We called and called and got very few replies." "What lighthouse did you go to?" We went to the Florida St. Marks lighthouse, Number 801." Gator looks sympathetic and says, "Must have been band conditions and not the operators." I nod my head, "I like to think that was the problem."

Gator gets the cheese and crackers and sits down at the computer. He hands me a few crackers with cheese and we enjoy a counters hunters snack. Gator brings up the MARAC web site, "I see the Southeast Mini is next month." "Yes it will in the Springmaid Beach Resort located on Myrtle Beach, SC." "Is that in the US of A?" I throw a cracker at Gator, "And the dates are October 18-21, 2006. The chiefs are John, W5UGD and Jeffery, AF3X."

Gator is excited, "Will there be a hospitality room and a CW meeting and will Al be in charge? Hey Dude look here that Jerry, W0GXQ, the Minnesotan, got the first single band 30-meter award." Gator gets sidetracked easily, I snap my fingers to get Gator's attention, "As I was saying, Myrtle Beach became a city fifty years ago and the name comes from the wax Myrtle, a shrub that grew abundantly in the area." "You mean before the developers arrived."

Gator is laughing and is no longer interested in the Southeast convention. I hear a burping sound. It is Gator's cell phone, how disgusting. "Sorry Dude I would like to hear more about the mini convention at Burple Beach but I have a call from the back forty." Gator is gone like a county hunter on a detour. He yells, "Tell the county hunters going to South Carolina the Highway Patrol Officer that pulls them over for driving like an idiot – his name is 'Sir,' no matter how young he is. I yell, "County hunters do not drive like idiots." But he is out of sight and the birds return to the trees. I forgot to tell Gator that Larry, W0QE and Bob, N4CD also received the Single Band award for 30 meters. I look at my watch; I am way behind on my naps.

This month is the ARRL VHF QSO party for the six-meter enthusiasts. For county hunters there is the Tennessee QSO Party, The Washington Salmon Run (several mobile county hunters plan to operate in this party), and the South Carolina QSO Party. Then of course Norm, W3DYA will be mobile in the Texas QSO Party. To round out the month is the Arkansas QSO Party. I need to tell Gator so he can work Al who may run Pulaski County, which is considered an exotic place. See you on the beach.

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**2006 SE Mini**

- Location: Springmaid Resort; Myrtle Beach, SC
- Dates: October 18-21, 2006
- Directions: US 17 to southern end of Ocean Boulevard. Take Ocean Blvd. ½ mile to Spring Maid Blvd on right. 2/10 mile to reservation building on **right**. More details at <http://semini.superhosts.net/>
- Room Rate: \$69/night plus tax. (\$77.85 total) Call the hotel directly for reservations and mention MARAC. The phone number is (843) 315-7100. The rate is valid only through September 3. Make your reservations early!
- Hotel Notes: There is a 2 night minimum stay, and a one night deposit is required. Cancellations must be done 2 weeks in advance, and all but \$25 of your deposit will be refunded. Cancellations within 2 weeks will be charged for 2 nights.
- Parking: Ample FREE parking, both covered and open!
- Activities: No group activities are planned, but area attractions include lots of golfing and great shows.
- Dinner: Buffet Style Dinner- \$23/person Tax/Tip included
- Registration Website: \$20 for first person, \$5 each additional person.  
More information, including online registration and fee payment is available at:  
<http://semini.superhosts.net/>

Send registration and fees to:

Jeffrey Napier- AF3X  
2804 Sue Ellen Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37921-3754

**2006 SE Mini Registration**

Callsign: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (to be put on badge):

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

USA-CA#: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Names/Calls/USA-CA Numbers:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Basic Registration: 20.00

Additional Registrations \_\_\_\_\_ x 5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x 23.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**SE Mini Prizes**

**P**rices: There will be 2 radios given away at the convention. AB2LS has donated a new Yaesu FT-897D for a drawing. Tickets will be available at the convention, and at the request of Carol all of the proceeds from the drawing will be donated to MARAC to be put towards buying more radios at future MARAC events. Many thanks to Carol for this donation! In addition, Norm, W2IBB, has donated an Icom IC-V8 2 Meter handheld that will be given away at the convention! Thanks, Norm!

**Net Control of the Year – SSB**

**T**he quarterly vote for **Net Control of the Year – SSB** results were overwhelmingly for **K2JG**. In addition, the votes for **KZ2P** were added to the count.

When I posted the results, I erred in that I ordered a plaque for **K2JG**.

Since the **award is for the person and not a call**, I reordered the plaque with the call **KZ2P**.

The plaque has been received and shipped to **KZ2P**.

Sorry for the confusion.

**KD9ZP**  
**Awards Manager**

**Notice Notice Notice**

**A**s many of you are aware, **KC5QCB** will be taking over the **Awards Manager's** job by **October 1, 2006**.

Therefore, **effective immediately**, please address all mail correspondence to:

**MARAC Awards**  
**PO Box 188**  
**Carlsbad, TX 76934-0188**

All **email** should go to:

**[awardslady@cox.net](mailto:awardslady@cox.net)**

Within the next two weeks, I will be shipping all MARAC equipment (including the computer and printers) to Janet.

Therefore, there will be a short period of a few days wherein the web site:

**[www.marac.org/lastcounty](http://www.marac.org/lastcounty)**

will be disabled.

Additionally, my email address:

**[gaolig@pitnet.net](mailto:gaolig@pitnet.net)**

will be discontinued. All future email correspondence should be sent to:

**[kd9zp@fdlhams.org](mailto:kd9zp@fdlhams.org)**

I would like to thank all of you for your support over the last 6 – ½ years. ***I have to tell you that the Awards Manager's job was the most rewarding job I have ever had.*** Again:

**TNX**  
**KD9ZP**

**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-4279	KA1LMR	Christopher M. Merchant	12 Hanover St	Concord , NH 03301	Merrimack	603-224-0821 <a href="mailto:ka1lmr@yahoo.com">ka1lmr@yahoo.com</a>
R-4277	WA1UDI	Melvyn Peskin	19467 Colorado Cir	Boca Raton, FL 33434	Palm Beach	561-451-4945 <a href="mailto:waludi@bellsouth.net">waludi@bellsouth.net</a>

**To Our Ham Radio Family**

Thank you so much for the cards, thoughts and prayers. We missed seeing everyone at the convention and we hope to see everyone soon. Our best wishes to everyone. Love, Ralph, WA4HXG and Beverly

**Major Awards and Birthdays**

**KD9ZP - Awards Manager**

Award	Number
LC-1	216
LC-2	6
Roadrunner(LC-3)	6
Ran All State	2
All Others	9
Convention Appreciation	41

**Other Awards**

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
K2NJ	8/31/2006	Last County Count 425	# 28
N7ID	8/31/2006	Last County Count 400	# 34
N4CD	8/31/2006	Last County Count 1275	# 2
N0ZA	8/31/2006	Last County Count 200	# 88
AB4YZ	8/31/2006	Last County Count 225	# 70
KC0JG	8/31/2006	Last County Count 600	# 14
KW4V	7/24/2006	USA-CW	# 85
VE1WT	8/22/2006	BINGO	# 284
K0EH	8/3/2006	BINGO	# 283
N4CD	8/17/2006	USA - Single Band	# 3 - 30 Meters - 3077 Counties
K8CW	8/31/2006	USA - Single Band	# 4 - 30 Meters - 3077 Counties
AA0IP	8/6/2006	USA - Single Band	# 6 - 20 Meters - 3077 Counties
VE1WT	8/3/2006	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 363
KL1V	8/6/2006	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 364
WA5OPO	8/17/2006	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 195

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Current Call	Birthday Date
LA9SN	Sep - 01
WE8D	Sep - 01
K2NJ	Sep - 02
K4XI	Sep - 03
W6RK	Sep - 04
NN9K	Sep - 04
W9GUY	Sep - 04
KA0W	Sep - 05
WA3LVH	Sep - 05
WD9HAW	Sep - 05
KN4S	Sep - 06
WA2BEG	Sep - 07
KJ7PO	Sep - 09
K4SL	Sep - 09
KG7Q	Sep - 09
K9WA	Sep - 11
N9STL	Sep - 12
N8RYD	Sep - 13
WB3JDC	Sep - 20
NN6AA	Sep - 21
W3CR	Sep - 23
KA6RAT	Sep - 23
KR4ZH	Sep - 23
AD8W	Sep - 24
K3VQO	Sep - 25
WM3T	Sep - 27
K1LH	Sep - 27
W7FGD	Sep - 28
KC3X	Sep - 29
W1IBS	Sep - 29
WA2CNJ	Sep - 29
KD4RKJ	Sep - 29

**USA-CA**

**Issued By K1BV**

Roadrunner USA-CA		
To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
KE5AY	8/18/2006	1144

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

Funds Balance July 31, 2006 \$25,580.99

## Income:

Dues	\$473.00
Return of funds from National	\$2,500.00
Awards Chairman Income	\$984.15
Money Market Interest	\$2.04
	<u>\$3959.19</u>

## Expenses:

Awards Chairman Expenses	\$321.22
Incoming Awards Chairman Expenses	\$147.92
Fairmont Awards - plaques	\$803.00
Stafford Engraving – plaques	\$211.00
Treasurer - expenses	\$98.69
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	<u>\$440.89</u>
	<u>\$2,022.72</u>

\$1,936.47

Account Balances \$27,517.46

Transfer \$5000.00 from checking to Money Market

Money Market Account \$20,002.04

Checking Account \$7,515.42

**\$27,517.46**

## Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
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**MARAC Secretary**  
**PO Box 758**  
**PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470**

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