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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving. Barry and I spent the day with friends and continued the celebration to the next day with neighbors. A few days later W3DYA and Karen came for a visit and to enjoy our warm weather. Well, they left just in time as this morning it is 39 degrees! Much too cold for this lady!!

On a sad note, I have received information on two of our members who are SK's. KI5TV, Diane passed away several months ago. Diane had not been active recently but when the Board was in Dallas she served as Treasurer of MARAC. K4BZV, Dot who was a long time member of MARAC passed away last week. I extend our sympathies to both of these families.

Bill, K0ERE, has volunteered to take the position of SSB contest coordinator. Thanks so much for stepping up to the plate and offering to help. Duane, WV2B, thanks for your years of dedication in filling this position. I have had the good fortune of winning this contest both mobile and as a fixed station. I have to admit that I haven't entered the contest in a few years. Bill, I promise that I'll be in it this year. Let's, as members, each take some time for the contests that MARAC sponsors and participate. It's one of the ways that we can get MARAC's name out to the radio community and encourage people to join our branch of the hobby.

Barry and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

73, Joyce WB9NUL

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Dave's Call: Wow, another year has come to an end! Ellen and I have thoroughly enjoyed the two conventions we were able to attend. We look forward to more in 2007. We both wish all y'all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Amateurs will confess to out of band, over zealous power output, continence and false teeth. In 2007 how many of them will own up to being a CW county Hunter?

How can sealed boxes get so dusty in one short year? I am taking the Christmas lights out of storage and checking each light before hanging them outside the shack. I am not going to put up a Christmas tree this year. I did last year and Santa did not leave a new rig under it. I go outside and start stringing the lights. I am almost done when I hear Gator's four-by-four down shifting as he turns off the main road. I finish putting up the last string of lights and plug them all into the timer. The lights come on and start blinking like CW penetrating the darkness with a message for Santa. I know Santa does CW. Gator's stops at the recycled railroad tie and gets out, "Merry Christmas Dude, the lights make your shack look seasonal. What you getting for Christmas?"

I point to the cooler, all that swallowed dust needs to be sloshed and flushed, "You have good timing, I just finished putting up the Christmas lights. I got a new 30-meter frequency for Christmas." Gator twists the top off two 807's and hands me one, "Who gave you a frequency, the FCC?" "No Gator, you remember how many times the CW net on 30-meters has moved. Well, it has been moved again and hopefully found a home. I consider this my Christmas present from the CW county hunters." Gator takes a deep breath, rolls his eyes and says. "Pray tell me my good man, what is the frequency?" I whop Gator on the side of the head with an empty light carton, "Don't be so melodramatic, it is 10.122.5 KHz." "Jerry and Roy made me say it, you CW guys sure have you ups and downs trying to get settled on 30-meters. You should have let Al handle this." "Al went fishing." "Yes, Al knows how to set priorities."

Gator gets two more 807's, "I notice the frequency is not a whole number, why the point five?" "You remember what the other CW county hunter frequencies are?" "Yes Dude, you are right, this fits the current assignment scheme." Gator sits down at the console and tunes the radio to 10.122.5 KHz. The band is quiet. "How long will y'all stay at this frequency?" "Hopefully until you read the headline 'Psychic Wins lottery.'" "Don't hold your breath"

"How did you do in the sweepstakes CW contest?" "Did not participate, had a bowling tournament." "You need to talk with Al about priorities?" Somehow Al and priorities should not be in the same sentence. "Do you know Santa's Helpers are called?" "No." "Subordinate Clauses." Gator is grinning from ear to ear.

Gator sits down at the computer, "How many mobiles have you worked this past year?" "Good question, bring up my logs and make a list." I notice one of the strings of lights is drooping; I go outside to adjust it. I return and Gator hands me a list, "This is impressive, I do not remember working this many mobiles on CW." "You need to get some memory pills." I read the list.

AA1LL, AA1NZ, K1ESE, K1GU, K1KI, KL1V, KM1C, KO1U, KS1J, NW1O, WA1Z, K2BA, K2HVN, K2NJ, K2NT, K2WK, K12G, N2MH, N2OO, NM2L, W2RQ, W2CDO, AB3CX, AE3Z, K3CR, K3IMC, AF3Z, K3GY, K3IMC, KA3DRO, KA3MMM, KB3CO, N3AHA, W3ABT, W3DYA, W3WC, W3ZUH, WA3QNT, WN3C, WX3B, AA4S, AB4YZ, G4KHG, K4AMC, K4CFA, K4CNW, K4PI, K4XU, KB4GYT, KB4XK, KC4D, KN4Y, KR4OE, N4AKP, N4CD, N4IQ, N4QS, N4RJ, N4RS, NY4N, W4AU, W4DF, W4GNS, W4OV, WA4PGM, WB4KZW, WB4VFN, AC5K, AI5P, K5AAR, K5AX, K5DLE, K5OT, K5SF, K5YA, KD5JSS, KG5J, KG5U, KM5WN, KR5C, KS5A, N5JB, N5KEV, N5RP, NO5W, W5LE, W5XX, AE6Y, K6XX, KB6TAL, KB6UF, KF6T, KH6RF, N6HH, N6RK, N6TV, NH6SV, NW6S, W6NL, W6RGG, W6TK, W6TMD, W6JTT, WG6X, AB7RW, K7ID,

K7NV, K7OX, K7RE, KK7X, KL7HBK, NA7W, NA7XX, W7GOK, WA7SLD, AA8HH, AA8R, AD8J, AF8A, AK8K, K8AZ, K8CW, K8MFO, K8MW, K8OOK, K8QWY, K8SB, K8TW, K8ZZ, KU8E, N8II, N8JF, N8KIE, NU8Z, W8JJ, W8MJ, W8R JL, W8UE, W8YRB, WN8RFB, AA9KU, AA9ZZ, AE6Y, K9CHZ, K9CS, K9CW, K9KM, K9LJN, K9LU, K9LY, K9OT, K9OZ, K9UIY, K9WA, K9ZA, KB9AX, KB9S, KC9GBX, KF9D, KI9A, KJ9C, KR9L, N9BIL, N9CK, N9FH, N9GZ, N9JF, N9MSG, N9Q, N9STL, N9XU, N9ZA, NC9F, ND9M, NE9DG, M,9C, NN9K, W9IL, W9IU, W9LO, W9MSE, W9OP, W9PZT, W9RI, W9SE, W9TO, W9TY, W9YYG, WA9AQN, WE9V, WI9JI, WN9O, WT9U, WU9F, WD9CIR, AA0IP, AA0RS, AA0XJ, AC0W, K0ARS, K0ESV, K0RU, KOUU, KC0JG, KQ0B, KY0E, N0KV, N0NI, N0SM, N0ZA, NF0N, NI0G, W0AV, W0GXQ, W0OPW, W0QE, W0RRY, WB0M, WY0L.

I look up as Gator is heading out the door, “Merry Christmas to all you weirdo county hunters, the red nose reindeer needs my help.” He is gone in a flash. I yell into open space, “Merry Christmas to all County hunters and a Happy New Year.” All that yelling has made me tired; I better rest up for the ARRL10-meter and 160-meter CW contests. Not to forget the Stew Perry Topband Challenge, and like Al, I have my priorities, so first a nap.

Epilogue – Gator was reported lost in Canada. It seems Gator was on his way to see Jerry in Minnesota. When he arrived he found Jerry had left on a mobile trip to run counties so Gator decided to go to Arkansas to see Al. It was a cold night and Gator’s compass froze in the North position. He realized his directional error when he encountered a Canadian checkpoint. He had no problem crossing the boarder as the boarder guard had a son living in Gainesville, Florida. Gator decided to go north by something and visit KL1V. Gator was on his CB talking to truckers when somehow the word got to KL1V that Gator was headed that-a-way. It is still a mystery but KL1V may have made arrangements to have a storm wash out the bridge. Gator was not paying attention and drove into the water. A fellow helped him get out of the truck before it sank out of sight. Lucky for Gator, the fellow had met Gator’s sister Bubba while visiting in Florida and he would fly him back to the States. To make a long boring story short, Gator got rides on 18-wheelers back home. If you ask Gator he will tell you this was a planned trip. He agreed it was a nice place to visit and probably a good place to have moved from.

New Members

Please Welcome Our New Members And Add them to Your Data Base

<u>MARAC No.</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Full Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City and State</u>	<u>Home Cty</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
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R-4290 K5vfw@sbcglobal.net	K5VFW	Carroll Morrison	13400 Gene Allan Rd	Austin, TX	Travis	512-255-8791

KA3DRO Letter

Dear Fellow County Hunters;

I recently had the great pleasure of finally completing 2 major awards all within a short time. I started 2nd Time Around in Mid summer of 1991 over 16 years ago and was able to obtain # 368 a few weeks ago. Even earlier, I started the Bingo award.... And just completed that one last week earning #288 . Needless to say, it was a Happy Holiday season for me already. But as I reviewed the Coloring Books..... Yes..... I still used them as when I started these awards, I had no available computer program or space in the small unit I owned..... A song kept dancing in my head..... the old Bob Hope special THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES..... I'm sure you all know it well!

I turned page after page of both applications and saw so many contacts that brought back so many fond memories..... I wondered how many of you out there have these calls in your logs..... and my pleasure was having been able to meet with every one of them either at one of the many National Conventions I attended, or at one of the many MMM meetings including the last of the original ones in Manchester before they relocated to Murfreesboro..... And some I was able to meet for an eyeball QSO along the road or to share a meal with as I put out counties in 49 states over the years. The nostalgia just filled me with some emotion as I recalled just a few of those that helped make both awards possible as well as pleasurable.

The list is not total but a few calls stood out in my mind as the pages turned..... do you remember.....
W1WLW, N1FJR, VE2MS, WA2AKB, W2CUK, WA3TUC, VE3BFJ, N3AHA, N3DRO, KC3YT, WA3ZMY, N4EED, WB4FFV, WA4IMC, KC4UG, WB4FBS, WA4NBC, .KB3GN, K4ELK, KJ4EJ, WA4KER, KA4SAX, WB4FFV, N4ANV, W4RKV, KM4W, WU4S, N4UGH, K4QFK, KB5FU, W5ILR, K5CKQ, KJ5PQ, W5UJO, KC5UO, K5OUK, NV6L, NV6I, K6HZI, WB6SRK, W6PXE, W6VJP, KB7QO, W7LQT, W7KEU, W7GVF, KK7X, N8BGF, KD8HA, KD8HB, AK8A, K8DTO, N8EMV, N9CHU, N9CLZ, N9DEH, W9DC, W9GPC, WB9TKR, N9BDM, K9DCJ, WA0SBR, KF0LZ, W0OWY, W0WYJ, KC0MB, W0FF, N0DRX, N0COL, KK0L, N0CKN..... and the list goes on.....

Some of these people are SK, and some are aged to the point they can no longer operate, while some are still here with upgraded calls..... And a few have abandoned SB for the pleasures of CW... Some are still around and heard on an occasional basis..... And a few have even been "terminated" from running on certain frequencies..... But all created the firm foundation of the hobby that we all enjoy today.....and for that I send my sincere THANK YOU. You all helped instill the aura of good Citizenship and gentlemanly radio practices with respect and courtesy and set the standards that we should be practicing today not just as amateur radio operators, but as Human beings and for that example, I send my personal appreciation and am sorry that more of the members who participate today were not able to observe you and to learn from you.

As for me..... Contrary to the wishes of a few, I will not be departing the radio or this hobby. I expect to establish new goals such as Masters Gold, among several others and I shall remain active . If you are good for the MG award, I hope, when you hear me operational, you will make a contact so I can assure credit for the county towards that award..... and because it is just good operational practice as well as fun. I look forward to many more contacts as we both fill out our respective logs . I expect to endeavor to operate on the net 20 m frequency and if you hear me....or ANY MOBILE..... denied access because of a personal vendetta, I hope you will remember the spirit of Amateur Radio exemplified by those I have mentioned and you will speak up in defense of those who are out there to run the counties so you will get the contacts..... By denying you the opportunity to fill in your personal "coloring book" you are the ones being punished....not me or anyone else who can go to 40 M or to CW and still get their credit for activity. You will only continue to be a victim if you quietly sit back and allow it to happen..... I hope those days will soon be over for both our sake.

Vy 73.....

Ron Rosenwald, KA3DRO

USA-CA # 713 Second Time # 368 Bingo # 288 Masters Gold= someday

Ooops!

In late June I promised I would run the following in June or July. I totally screwed up and failed to do so. Alan is very upset with me and rightly so.

“Correction. On June 3, 2006 I was sb on I75 in GA about 1500z. I announced I was in Forsyth co. That is incorrect. I was in the town of Forsyth, GA. On the fly I tried to look at the map and announced a correction that I was in Bibb. That also is incorrect. As any interstate traveler knows, the city of Forsyth is in Monroe co GA. Thus all contacts from 1459z to 1525z were in Monroe co GA. Ann says that is only my 1st and 2nd mistake. Tks to all who rode along. Good County Hunting. Alan k8cw. Ann ka8tkb.”

Elections

MARAC 2007 Elections Announcement

Now is the time to start thinking of the 2007 annual election for MARAC's officer and board member positions. If you are or know of anyone interested in running for any of the positions, Nominations open December 25, 2006 and close on March 24, 2007.

Positions open for election this year include the Secretary (1 year term), North Central Director (2 year term), Northeast Director and the Pacific Director (3 year term). Any current member of MARAC is eligible to run for office and for the district directors you must live within the district listed on the MARAC website.

If you are willing to serve MARAC in an elected position please send me your nomination after December 25 to nx0x@aol.com or regular mail.

Brian Bird - NXØX
MARAC Election Coordinator

Awards and Birthdays

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
W0GXQ	11/29/2006	Last County Count 275	# 57
KC3X	11/5/2006	Last County Count 300	# 49
KB9YVT	11/5/2006	Last County Count 25	# 453
N8KIE	11/10/2006	Last County Count 300	# 50
W0QE	10/13/2006	Last County Count 50	# 302
W1KSI	11/5/2006	Last County Count 25	# 452
KA9JAC	11/29/2006	Last County Count 75	# 225
N9QPO	11/29/2006	Last County Count 500	# 23
N2OCW	11/29/2006	Last County Count 50	# 304
W8QOI	11/29/2006	Last County Count 50	# 305
W6TMD	11/29/2006	Last County Count 350	# 39
WB0CQO	11/29/2006	Last County Count 100	# 202
W9GUY	11/29/2006	Last County Count 125	# 148
KK0L	11/29/2006	Last County Count 500	# 24
KA4TYG	11/29/2006	Last County Count 75	# 224
N4CD	11/29/2006	Last County Count 1300	# 2
NX4W	10/29/2006	Last County Count 75	# 222
W6TPC	11/6/2006	5 Star	# 26
N8KIE	11/6/2006	Master's Gold	# 21
N9QPO	11/10/2006	Master's Gold	# 22
KA3DRO	11/22/2006	BINGO	# 288
KA4TYG	11/7/2006	BINGO	# 286
AA8R	11/17/2006	BINGO	# 287
N9QPO	11/10/2006	BINGO II	# 44
KA3DRO	11/18/2006	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 368
KD4HXM	11/5/2006	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 200
WB0CQO	11/27/2006	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 129

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Current Call	Birthday Date
KD2Q	Dec - 01
K1DFO	Dec - 01
NJ2DX	Dec - 02
KU8G	Dec - 04
N3XX	Dec - 04
WA7YUL	Dec - 04
W9MDP	Dec - 06
NV4Z	Dec - 09
NG9L	Dec - 11
N0ZA	Dec - 11
N8KIE	Dec - 11
W8JJ	Dec - 11
N4RXF	Dec - 14
KA9ZRW	Dec - 14
AC0B	Dec - 14
WU9F	Dec - 14
AD1C	Dec - 19
AB8JF	Dec - 21
K3IMC	Dec - 25
N2OO	Dec - 28
CT1TZ	Dec - 28
WD9EJK	Dec - 31
WA3ZTY	Dec - 31

Roadrunner USA-CA		
To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
N5UZW	11/14/2006	1146
KA7OAI	11/27/2006	1147

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

Funds Balance October 31, 2006 **\$24,519.06**

Income:

Dues	\$574.00	
Awards Manager Income	\$1,018.00	
Money Market Interest	\$21.14	
Return of funds from National	\$461.00	
		<u>\$2,074.14</u>

Expenses:

Secretary Expenses	\$130.89	
Awards Manager Expenses	\$179.84	
Fairmont Awards - plaques	\$216.75	
Stafford Engraving – plaques	\$182.50	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	\$352.75	
Logger Expenses	\$119.63	
Bank Fee	\$3.50	
		<u>\$1,185.86</u>

\$888.28

Account Balances **\$25,407.34**

Money Market Account \$20,059.97

Checking Account \$5,347.37

\$25,407.34

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
Convention Chairman's Funds - 2007	\$2,500.00

SC Mini

2007 SOUTH CENTRAL MINI

WHEN: February 8, 9 & 10, 2007

WHERE: San Angelo Inn & Conference Center
441 Rio Concho Drive
San Angelo, TX 76903 www.hotelsanangelo.com

ROOM RATE: \$73.00/night plus tax.
 Includes a free breakfast buffet.

RESERVATIONS: Call 1-800-784-7839 and mention **HAM RADIO**
 to get the special rate. This rate is available for
 Wed. Feb 7th thru Sat. Feb 10th. Our block of
 rooms will be held until January 25, 2007. After
 this date regular rates apply. Plenty of parking
 available for RV's and Big Rigs.

There is a tour of Fort Concho scheduled for Friday afternoon as well as shopping and sightseeing along Historic Concho Ave and the Concho River. There will be a couple of forums on Saturday. I will update you as to what the forums will be when they are scheduled.

A radio has been donated to the South Central Mini and it will be raffled off, with all proceeds going to MARAC.

Please consider bringing a door prize for the banquet Saturday evening.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration, includes name badge, group photo, and prize drawing

Single.....X \$15.00=_____

OM/YL Couple.....X \$25.00=_____

Chuck Wagon Buffet (Friday night).....X \$20.00=_____

Saturday Night Banquet.....X \$25.00=_____

Please let me know which you would prefer:

Grilled Chicken Breast # _____

Roast Beef Au Jus # _____

Tour of Fort Concho Please let me know if you are interested and how many will be attending the tour No _____ Yes _____ # _____

CALL _____ NAME _____ USACA# _____ MARAC# _____

CALL _____ NAME _____ USACA# _____ MARAC# _____

EMAIL address of primary registrant _____

Send a check or money order for the total registration and dinner fees payable to:

Janet Camron, KC5QCB
7641 Gladiola
San Angelo, TX 76901

Phone 325-659-2802
Cell 325-226-0869
email kc5qcb@cox.net

Please have registration in no later than January 15, 2007

SE Mini Pix





Standards

I think I've passed this information on before, but it appears to need repeating.

For the sake of overall readability, the RR, generally, is done in only one Serif-style type face, "Times New Roman."

I use Adobe InDesign, the replacement for Pagemaker, for the general layout and the placement of articles. InDesign is NOT the place to edit articles or photos. That is best done elsewhere.

My preferred "elsewhere" is Microsoft Word; easy to work with and coordinates seamlessly with InDesign.

Hence, I prefer that articles/reports be Word attachments to email rather than embedded in the email text. Embedment requires that I do a lot of cutting and pasting before I can begin to edit. The last thing you want to do is to require that I actually type the whole article.

Thanks for helping out and thanks for your continued support.

Dave, KU4YM

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