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From My Point of View

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The National Convention is nearly here. Matt and Sharon and the committee have all done a great job. Barry and I are going to fly in from Texas. I sure will miss hearing all the mobiles and not being able to put out some counties. The Colorado QSO Party has been scheduled for the weekend of our convention to take advantage of so many mobiles in the area.

I neglected last month to note that W4CCT, Rich had heart surgery. He is doing well but you still might want to send him a card. Also, Ralph WB4HXG contacted me and told me that Beverly had brain surgery. Please send cards to their home address. She is doing better and I hope she will have a full recovery.

The awards committee has sent their recommendations to the Board and we will be looking at those at the meeting in Colorado. Look forward to seeing you all soon. 73, WB9NUL

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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

There are county lines of which the stopping and leaving are by far the best parts.

Here I sit broken hearted for half the year has already departed. Speaking of departing, I am at the radio working the many mobiles headed to the MARAC national convention in Denver, Colorado. I sure wish I was one of those mobiles, maybe next year. I hear the crunching of gravel as Gator stops his four-by-four at the recycled railroad tie.

I yell, "Come in Gator, the doors unlocked." Gator wipes his feet on the welcome mat and comes in carrying a bag, "I got a drink called Monster, and it gives you energy." I go to the cooler, "I do not need energy. I want to feel good." I get two 807's at just above ice temperature and hand one to Gator. He cranks off the head, "Dude, I lost it there for a moment and tosses the Monster drink cans into the trash can. Who is on the radio?" "I am working the mobiles going to the convention, hold on while I work this station in Logan County." Gator sits down in the Norm recliner (named after a famous Texan county hunter) and looks at the envelopes on the desk.

"I notice you have received a bunch of QSL cards and MRCs for our participation in the Alabama QSO party, you want me to verify the contacts in the log?" "I sure would appreciate that Gator. Be sure to mark on the MRC that you did the checking." "Why?" "The county hunter would know it was done appropriately." Gator gives me a thumb up and smiles all over himself. He goes to the label writer and makes a checked by Gator stick-on. He methodically checks each contact; he does not want any moralist sending him e-mails.

"By the way Dude, how did we do in the Alabama QSO party?" I open my logbook, "We put out (in contesting context) 14 counties, traveled 774 miles and made 691 contacts. We ran only CW on four bands all having a short skip feature. I did not make as many DX contacts as last year. The driver consumed more fuel than the vehicle." Gator gives me two thumbs up. "That is 1.4 QSO per mile and 3 hot chicken wings per county."

"The only excitement we had was when, after dark, we switched to the 80-Meter antenna and few miles down the road we heard a KABOOM. I was sure we had lost the antenna. We stopped and found a night flying bird had hit the stinger and bent it ten degrees. Bet that was one surprised bird." We laugh and enjoy a cool refreshing drink.

There is the sound of CW in Gator's pants pocket. He checks his cell phone. "Gotta run Dude, the alarm went off on the back unit." He is out the door and metaphorically roars off into the sunset.

I notice the number of QSL and MRC requests for the AQP has outnumbered the total number received from the previous three mobile expeditions. I need to talk to Ray about increasing his CW activities in Alabama. I check and sign each QSL and MRC and put the envelopes in the mailbox to be picked up by wild Wilma. I notice a sheet of paper on the floor. I retrieve it and notice it is a notice for the 2007 South East Mini that will once again be held at the Springmaid Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC. The dates this year will be October 18-20, 2007. I mark the dates on my calendar. This is not my favorite location, but I will probably still go. The only State QSO party this month is the Colorado QSO Party from 2000Z, July 15 to 0400Z, July 16. That is the same time the county hunters will be heading home from the convention. Too hot to go outside right now, will continue to work mobiles or take a nap, whichever comes first.

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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Net Control

Hours of Service rule Revised

The MARAC Board approved the following revision.

For purposes of MARAC awards, credit for service as a Net Control Station (NCS) or Assistant Net Control (ANCS) can be earned for assisting mobile stations to make contacts with other county hunters, including maintaining control of a net frequency, keeping a list of active mobiles, announcing mobile call signs and counties, and providing relays. NCS and ANCS time may not be claimed when a net is not operating ("open session"). A log must be maintained by the NCS or ANCS containing the dates and hours of operation as NCS or ANCS. The log may also include other information supporting the time of service claimed, such as call signs of mobiles run and the name of the counties run. This log must be submitted with any application for an award where credit for NCS or ANCS is claimed. Then applying for an award, the applicant must also submit a summary of the log showing the total number of hours or service as NCS and ANCS claimed

SE Mini

Location: Springmaid Resort; Myrtle Beach, SC
Dates: October 18-20, 2007
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 shows.
Dinner: Buffet Style Dinner- \$25/person Tax/Tip included.
Registration: \$15 for first person, \$5 each additional person.
Website: More information, including online registration is available at: <http://semini.superhosts.net/>

Send registration and fees to:

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

2007 SE Mini Registration

Callsign: _____

Name (to be put on badge):

Address:

USA-CA#: _____

Additional Names/Calls/USA-CA Numbers:

Basic Registration: 15.00

Additional Registrations _____ x 5.00 _____

Banquet Tickets _____ x 25.00 _____

Total _____

**Treasurer's Report
June 30, 2007**

Funds Balance May 31, 2007 **\$27,443.94**

Income:

Dues	\$634.00	
Awards Manager Income	\$446.00	
Money Market Interest	\$21.25	
Logger Distribution	\$100.00	
		<u>\$1,201.25</u>

Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$305.44	
Fairmont Awards – plaques	\$94.65	
National Door Prize Contribution	\$1299.39	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	\$411.06	
Bank Fee	\$3.50	
Secretary Expenses	\$270.23	
ARRL Member renewal	\$34.00	
		<u>\$2418.27</u>

(\$ 1217.02)

Account Balances **\$26,226.92**

Money Market Account \$20,205.05

Checking Account \$6021.87

\$26,226.92

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

Awards

No report received

Birthdays

No report received

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