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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

I hope that you all had a joyous Christmas and that your New Year's Eve was spent with friends and family. Barry and I had a Christmas open house on Dec. 22nd and spent the day with over 60 friends. New Year's was very quiet with Barry building a 40 meter QRP rig and I just cross stitching. I am happy to report that inventory at the shop is complete!

It appears that the radio conditions are not improving much. Let's hope that the up swing will come sooner than later. I see that several of you have attained new awards! It is fun to work towards new challenges. I suggest that you look at some of the awards that are perhaps not as challenging as 1st, 2nd, Bingo etc.

I noticed that there was some discussion on working a mobile when you might not need the county. My feelings as an "old timer" are that the mobiler is a friend who I haven't talked to in a while. So, this is a way to say hi! Granted, if it is a time when there are 15 mobiles running I wouldn't do that. It's time for us to remember this is a hobby not a job.

It is with sadness that I found out that Maury, W9FBC's wife passed away last June. Maury, our thoughts are with you.

Don't forget the deadline for reservations to the SC mini for the hotel is fast approaching. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

From our house to your house, Barry and I wish you a blessed 2008!

73, Joyce, WB9NUL

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Dave's Call: Ellen and I certainly hope everyone had a safe and happy New Year celebration.

On page 3, Gene, KD9ZP, does another super job of explaining our LOGGER program. I apologize for its appearance. Gene's article looks super until I import it into my page layout program. Then Murphy shows up and distorts the image. Try as I might, I can't seem to fix it. I suspect it has something to do with Word styles, but I'm not a Word expert. Any and all suggestions will be appreciated by me and I'm sure by Gene.

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

County Hunter: an ingenious assembly of mobile plumbing.

Another year gone, time flies when county hunting, and the finger continues to write in the present. Last year I lost the top hat for my 80-meter mobile antenna while at the YMCA bowling center. The center manager found it and thought it fell from an alien space ship and he threw it into the thirty cubic yard trash dumpster. I went to the dumpster and it was empty of all but the odor. So the first project for the New Year is building a new top hat. Barry, W9UCW, was the antenna designer so who better to ask for instructions. I did not find Barry's e-mail on the K3IMC website so I asked for a relay from Joyce, WB9NUL, who is located in the same county.

Barry got back to me and in his soft southern Texan drawl told me where to go. I complied and got the hardware and with only one cut finger and two bruises I constructed a new top hat. I put the antenna together and got it to resonate on the county hunters CW frequency of 3.5565 MHz, bring on the State QSO parties. I hear Gators four-by-four barking as he drops off the main road and stops at the recycled railroad tie. Gator comes into the shack, "Hi Dude, you got the 160 meter contest information for me to mascara." "That is massage" "Whatever."

Gator is considered to be a master statistician because of his virgin birth in Arkansas on the sixth day of the sixth month on Sixth Avenue in the sixth unit in the county road 6 trailer park. Gator looks at my logs. I go to the cooler, "What kind of beer do you want?" "An open one." I flip Gator a finger and pop the top on two cool ones. We enjoy the refreshing moments, then Gator looks up from the computer, "This is what a county hunter can expect working a 160 meter contest for the first time." Gator lists the statistical data.

63% of contacts made will be in needed counties.

8% of the stations worked will not be at their database address.

52% of the counties can be verified by e-mail.

5% of the stations worked will be county hunters.

2% of the stations are good for the prefix award

I am really impressed. "That is great Gator, how about the ten meter contest?" "I do not do ten meters." "Why not?" "I am a specialist, but let me see your logs." There is a thin line between BS and statistics but I hold my tongue and I hand the ten meter logs to Gator. He runs the log through the county look-up program, A few cool ones later, Gator speaks, "Well Dude you made 247 contacts. There were 200 different counties worked but only 13 were counties you needed. A new county hunter would have made a dent in his needed county list and ten meter book. I also notice you worked several county hunters." "Yes, Larry, K5OT, spotted me during the contest. It was great working familiar calls." Gator's cell phone barks out CW. Gator gives me the high sign and heads out the door. I yell, "How about saying bye-bye." "Bye-bye!" He is gone, the only guy I know who has a cousin who has a plastic hose emblazoned with the word VISA. But if it were not for Gator, there would be no Happy in the local New Years Eve celebrations.

I hope the new CW county hunters have gained an appreciation for working State QSO parties and contests to obtain counties, but in the end it is the mobile county hunter that will get the rare counties and of course that last county. I wonder if any county hunter got the last county for the WBOW during a contest. That might be a good question to put on the county hunters forum. I forgot to tell Gator that I had another 80-meter experience with N9JF, K8ZZ and even got a big rig contact from W4GNS.

When the weather gets cold and nasty, stay in the shack and work the Midwinter Contest, CW North American QSO Party, CW Midwinter Contest, VHF Sweepstakes, Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, and the CQ 160-Meter Contest. Now it is time for a New Year nap but first a HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

Logger Anatomy

Anatomy of
MARAC Logger
Part 5 – Country Hunter Table
By: KD9ZP

This month we will begin looking at the structure of some of the tables in **Logger**. I hope this series helps you understand Logger a little better.

- **Table: County Hunters**
- **Purpose: Record information on Calls used in County Hunting**
- **Database Location: Common**
- **Notes: A subset of the County Hunter database on the Web Site.**
This table is shared between County Hunters in the same household

Field	Description
Call ID	Unique ID for each call in the database. ID's less than 100000 are also in the Web Site table ID's 100000 and over are user entered calls
Current Call	Current Call
First Name	First Name
Middle Initial	Single and first letter of the Middle Name – no period
Last Name	Last Name
Address	Address
City	City
State	State 2 letter abbreviation
Zip	Zip Code
Address DX	DX Country
Home County	Home County
MARAC Prefix	First letter of the MARAC number Normally 'R' Charter Members - 'C'
MARAC Number	4 digit MARAC assigned number for MARAC members
MARAC Expiration	Date of MARAC Membership expiration – always the last day of the month
Phone Number	10 digit phone number
Email Address	Email Address
Date of Last Update	Date of last modification to this record
Sounds Like Alias	See below

Sounds Like Alias

For each letter in your call, there is a 'a **Sound Like Letter**'. This scheme was developed by **NJ3DX** and allows Logger to group 'similar calls'.

For example (using my call – **KD9ZP**)

Note All the calls below have the same '**Sounds Like String**':

Similar Calls	'Sound like' string
KD9ZP	AEIEE
K5IYD	AEIEE
KB9CC	AEIEE
KB9DD	AEIEE
KB9EC	AEIEE
KC5CV	AEIEE
KC9BC	AEIEE
KC9GG	AEIEE

MINUTES**MARAC ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Date: July 14, 2007

Meeting Location

Doubletree Hotel (SE), 13696 East Iliff Place, Aurora, CO

The meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called to order at 9:00 AM MDT by Joyce (WB9NUL).

Board Members Present:

President	Joyce Boothe – WB9NUL	
Vice President	Chuck Secrest – AD8W	
Secretary	Jerry Mertz – W0GXQ	
Treasurer	Terry Dummler – WQ7A	
Great Lakes Director	Bob Woody – N8KIE	
North Central Director	Cliff Bird – AC0B	
Northeast Director	Don Kimble – AE3Z	(Internet)
South Central Director	Ross Harrell – N0ZA	
Southeast Director	Dave Splitt – KE3VV	(Internet)
Pacific Director	Robert Devine – KC6AWX	

The members physically present were: AC0B, W0DSY, KY0E, K0EH, K0ERE, K0GO, W0GXQ, N0KV, KK0L, N0LFV, N0LXJ, KF0LZ, KB0MHH, W0NAC, N0OSW, W0QE, NG0T, NX0X, N0ZA, K1DFO, K1SO, KL1V, KA1YZV, AB2LS, K2RP, K3IMC, AF3X, AE3Z, WA3ZTY, N4AKP, N4CD, W4OWY, NX4W, KU4YM, AB4YZ, KS5A, KF5AT, KD5CXO, W5VD, AJ5ZX, KC6AWX, KB6HW, K6KLL, W6TMD, W6YLJ, WQ7A, WY7LL, N7PIB, KB7QLH, KI7WO, N8BGF, N8KIE, AA8R, N8STF, AD8W, KC8WRP, WG9A, WA9DLB, W9GUY, KA9JAC, AA9JJ, NN9K, KB9MGI, WB9NUL, W9OP, W9PIP, N9QPQ, HB9RG, W9SUQ, W9UCW, KM9X, KB9YVT, WB9ZNA.

The members present on the MARAC Internet Board Room were: KA1JPR, W2IBB, W3CR, N3ISH, KA3QLF, KE3VV, AE3Z, K4UNF, N4XML, NV4Z, K5RPC, W6RK, K7VAY, N8CIJ, K8QWY, K9HUH, and N9STL.

The chair (WB9NUL) recognized a quorum with eight (8) at the convention site and two (2) at the internet site.

A motion was made by Chuck (AD8W) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A), to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting. The minutes were accepted by a vote of 8 in favor and none opposed. Jerry (W0GXQ) abstained.

A motion by Chuck (AD8W) and seconded by Cliff (AC0B), to accept the May and June 2007 Treasurer's reports was approved by a vote of 8 in favor and none opposed. Terry (WQ7A) abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

A: The chair (WB9NUL) requested the Board consider the following Awards Committee Recommendations:

(1) Club Stations

The Awards Committee recommends that the Board adopt a general rule that confirms that club stations may earn MARAC awards and limits the use of club station contacts for awards that do not require contacts with operators who have earned an individual achievement award. The Committee explained that a rule was needed because there was no current restriction on club call contacts for awards. Contacts with club calls would remain valid for counties, modes, call signs, big rig, and other awards that do not require contact with an award holder.

A motion by Chuck (AD8W) and seconded by Bob (N8KIE) to approve the following new General Rule regarding Club Stations was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 2 opposed (WQ7A) and (AE3Z):

Club Stations

A club station may apply for and receive MARAC awards. Applications for awards for a Club Station must be filed by the trustee of the Club Station. Contacts with a Club Station are Valid Contacts for all MARAC awards except those awards that require contacts with operators who have earned individual achievement MARAC awards, such as the Master Gold or 5-Star awards. For these awards, the operator must use his or her personal call sign to make a Valid Contact.

(2) Five Band County Award

The Awards Committee recommends that the Board keep the Five-Band award with the following recommendation for wording of the rule:

Objective: To make contacts with amateur radio stations in All USA Counties on the 80/75, 40, 20, 15, and 10-meter bands. **Special Rules:** Any Valid Contacts submitted for other MARAC awards may also be used for this award. **Award Levels:** Basic Certificate for 2000 counties on all 5 bands. MARAC Trophy for All USA Counties on all 5 bands. **Application**

and Fees: Standard application, logs, and fees.

A motion was made by Terry (WQ7A) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) to approve the Five Band County Award with no start date. Following discussion, Terry (WQ7A) withdrew his motion. A motion by Jerry (W0GXQ) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to approve the award with the award objective changed from “80/75, 40, 20, 15, and 10-meter bands” to “any 5 bands” was approved by a vote of 9 in favor, none opposed. The amended rule is as follows:

Five Band County Award

Objective: To make contacts with amateur radio stations in All USA Counties on any five (5) amateur bands.

Special Rules: Any Valid Contacts submitted for other MARAC awards may also be used for this award.

Award Levels: Basic Certificate for 2000 counties on five (5) bands. MARAC Trophy for All USA Counties on five (5) bands.

Application and Fees: Standard application, logs, and fees.

(3) USA-CW Award

The Awards Committee recommended that the Board eliminate the levels on this award with a proposed rewrite of the rule. A motion by Jerry (W0GXQ) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) to approve the committees recommendation was approved by a vote of 9 in favor, none opposed. The revised award rule is as follows:

USA-CW Award

Objective: Make contacts with amateur radio operators in All USA Counties using the CW Mode.

Special Rules: Any Valid Contacts using CW submitted for other MARAC awards may also be used for this award.

Award Levels: USA-CW is awarded for working All USA Counties.

Application and Fees: Standard application, logs, and fees.

(4) Native American Counties Award

The Awards Committee recommends that the Board adopt this new award with a start date. A motion was made by Terry (WQ7A) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) to adopt the Native American Counties Award as a new award with a start date. Following discussion, Dave (KE3VV) moved to amend the main motion with no start date. The amended motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 3 opposed (AC0B, KC6AWX, and W0GXQ). The main motion as amended was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 3 opposed. The award was adopted with no start date, as follows:

Native American Counties Award

Objective: Make contacts with amateur radio operators in USA Counties that have names derived from Native American languages.

Special Rules: Any Valid Contacts submitted for other MARAC awards may also be used for this award. The list of required counties is available from the Awards Manager or on the MARAC web site.

Award Levels: This award requires making Valid Contacts with all of the counties on the Native American counties list.

Application and fees: Standard application, logs, and fees.

(5) U.S. Presidents Award

The Awards Committee recommends that the Board adopt this award with a start date. A motion by Chuck (AD8W) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to adopt the US Presidents Counties Award as a new award with no start date was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and 3 opposed (AC0B, KC6AWX and W0GXQ). The award rule as adopted is:

U.S. Presidents Award

Objective: Make contacts with amateur radio operators in USA Counties that are named after Presidents of the United States.

Special Rules: Any Valid Contacts submitted for other MARAC awards may also be used for this award. The list of required counties is available from the Awards Manager or on the MARAC web site.

Award Levels: This award requires making Valid Contacts with all of the counties on the US Presidents counties list.

Application and Fees: Standard application, logs, and fees.

(6) Mobile to Mobile Award

The Awards Committee recommends that the Board create a new Mobile to Mobile Award with a start date. A motion by Dave (KE3VV) to adopt the Mobile to Mobile award as a new award with no start date, and seconded by Chuck (AD8W) was approved by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed. The award rule as adopted is:

Mobile to Mobile Award

Objective: To make contacts with mobile amateur radio operators in all USA counties from a mobile.

Special Rules: Any Valid Contacts submitted for other MARAC awards may also be used for this award. The list of required counties is available from the Awards Manager or on the MARAC web site.

Award Levels: Mobile to Mobile will be awarded for making contacts in all USA counties.

Application and Fees: Standard application, logs, and fees.

(7) County Challenge Award

The Awards Committee recommends that the Board adopt this new award with no start date. A motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) to adopt the County Challenge Award as a new award with no start date was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, none opposed. The new award rule is:

County Challenge Award

Objective: To encourage county hunters to work and activate counties on as many bands as possible and to work as many counties as possible on the following bands: 160m, 75-80m, 40m, 30m, 20m, 17m, 15m, 10m, and 6m.

Special Rules: The number of counties worked for the award is the combined total of counties worked on each band. For example, if 500 counties are worked on 80m, 1500 on 40m, 2000 on 30m, and 3000 on 20m, the County Challenge total is 7000.

Award Levels: Each one thousand (1000) counties worked is one level of the award. For example, a CC total of 7,000 counties would be eligible for CC Level #7.

Application and Fees: Standard application, logs, and fees.

(8) Valid Contact

The Awards Committee recommends that the general rule for a "Valid Contact" be amended to disallow remote-controlled contacts. The current MARAC Award rules require valid two-way radio contacts with other licensed amateur radio stations. A Valid Contact must be made in accordance with all applicable rules of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) relating to amateur radio (such as Mode, licensing, operating procedures). A Valid Contact requires an exchange of information between two amateurs. Contacts made through "repeater" devices, or any other power relay methods (other than satellites) are not valid for MARAC Awards. The Awards Committee recommends that the Board add a restriction on remote-controlled transmissions, so that the last sentence of the rule would read: . Contacts made through "repeater" devices, **remote control (including use of the Internet or other indirect operation)**, or any other power relay methods (other than satellites) are not valid for MARAC Awards.

A motion by Chuck (AD8W) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) would adopt the rule with an exception that would allow remote control of the operator's own station. The Board discussed the need to define one's "own station" and whether the rule should include a distance limitation. The Board voted unanimously to refer the recommendation back to the Awards Committee for additional consideration of the technical issues involved in defining the "one's own station" exception and the need for additional technical language.

B. The chair (WB9NUL) presented a proposal from Election Coordinator Brian (NX0X) which would require a change to the Bylaws. Brian proposes changing Article III, paragraph 3.1(b) to read "At least **sixty (60)** days before the closing date for nominations, the Election Coordinator shall publish a list of positions that will be filled in the annual election and solicit nominations for candidates for each position".

A motion by Bob (KC6AWX) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to change Article III, paragraph 3.1(b) of the Bylaws from "At least ninety (90) days" to "At least sixty (60) days" was approved by a vote of 9 in favor, none opposed. The amendment to the bylaws will be published in the Roadrunner for consideration and a ratification vote by the members of MARAC.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bob (N8KIE) reported receiving a request from the conveners of the 2008 Michigan Mini Convention for monetary assistance in the amount of \$300 and made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) and approved by a vote of 9 in favor, none opposed.

B. The chair (WB9NUL) and the entire Board expressed their thanks to outgoing Northeast Director Don (AE3Z) for all his years of dedicated service to MARAC. A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Bob (N8KIE) to present AE3Z a MARAC Service Award for his service on the Board. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstention (AE3Z).

C. The chair (WB9NUL) introduced new and reelected members of the board. Jerry (W0GXQ) was reelected to the office of Secretary. Directors are North Central Director, Cliff (AC0B) (incumbent); Northeast Director, Carol

(AB2LS) (elected); and Pacific Director, Bob (KC6AWX) (incumbent).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX), to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved and the chair adjourned the meeting at 10:09 AM MDT.

The Annual Membership meeting followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Mertz W0GXQ
Secretary, MARAC

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>
R-4333 n0bz@arrl.net	N0BZ	Tom Toviassen.	3743 S. Helena Way	Aurora, CO	Arapahoe	303-915-9260
R-4334 earicci@yahoo.com	KE0N	Eliot Ricciardelli	3616 23 rd Ave South	Minneapolis, MN	Hennepin	651-235-9662
R-4335 bradburrell@msn.com	WA3PAK	Bradley Burrell	1300 Old Pond Dr	Marion, OH	Marion	740-389-4727

Fine Line

There is a fine line between success and failure

Bill, K0ERE

In 2007, the participation on the single sideband contest was dismal at best. Less than 10% of the active county hunters participated in this event. I realize that to some, contests are not the highlight of their amateur radio enjoyment. However, this contest is all about our hobby. As I am writing this I sit here listening to Jim, KZ2P looking for a mobile to run a county. I also watch the spots, and see only two mobiles out running. Yes the price of gas is hovering around \$3.00 per gallon, and the weather is not the best in the Midwest. This is all the more reason that when MARAC sponsors a contest, we as county hunters, need to band together and make some noise. Where is our portion of the hobby going? Is our membership growing, or have we seen our ranks dwindling? With the FCC eliminating the code from the licensing requirement, everywhere I turn, I hear that volunteer examiners are busier than ever. How many of these new hams have we enticed with this hobby that we enjoy so much?

When I started chasing counties I read on one of the county hunting websites, that state QSO parties were a great place to pick up some needed counties. I have entered several state QSO parties, and only seem to get about a 75% return on my MRC's. Maybe some have better luck, but wouldn't our new county hunters have better luck if they were dealing with other county hunters? The end to gas price increases do not seem to be in the near future, but the MARAC contests are the one time of the year that you can run a county, your home county, without buying gas. I realize that some of the county hunters only want to work mobiles (not fixed stations) but remember that there are several that still might need your county for USA-CA. If we were able to interest some of the amateurs, that are new to HF, we could have even more that might need your county.

The SSB contest added a new category this year, the Mobil Team; I did not have one team submit for this new award. One of the certificates awarded in the SSB contest is the top score in a state, less than 1 hr. of your time could have won this award in most states. What changes need to happen, to increase participation in this contest? What are your ideas that will make the SSB contest better? How can I get you, to look forward to this contest?

Please forward me your comments, suggestions, or concerns. All comments are welcome; maybe yours will make the difference between success and failure.

Bill Blake – K0ERE
SSB Contest Manager
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620-584-4488

Elections

MARAC 2008 ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominations are currently open for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, (all 2 year terms) Also open are the positions for the Great Lakes Director and North Central Director (both 3 year terms). Nominations will be open as per the new rule for 60 days. They are open from January 5th through March 10th. Any current member of MARAC is eligible to run for office. For the District Director positions you must live within the district which is listed on the MARAC website.

If you are willing to serve MARAC in an elected position, please send your nomination to nx4w@cox.net or via regular mail, which must be received on my end by March 10th.

MARAC VOTING INFORMATION

Remember, if you are a new member or are REJOINING following a lapse in membership, you are NOT eligible to submit nominations or vote in an election until the first day of the month following receipt of initial payment of dues and valid membership application to the Secretary of MARAC.

Those individuals maintaining uninterrupted membership status are not restricted from nominating or voting in the current month.

If you are unsure of your membership status, please go to the MARAC web site at <http://marac.org> click on Member Database and enter your call in Call Lookup to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

Lloyd S. Smith
MARAC Election Coordinator
4413 NW 36th Dr
Gainesville, FL 32605-5424

MARAC 2nd QUARTER AWARD VOTING
October – December

Voting will be open from January 1st through January 31st for the best net control, mobile and team award. The easiest way to place your vote is at the MARAC web site <http://marac.org> and all you will need to enter on the sign in page is your call sign and your MARAC key. If you have lost or do not know your key then enter your callsign and then click on the button below to request your key. The key will be emailed to your email address on record instantaneously. You may also send me your vote via regular mail. However I must receive the ballot by the closing date of the voting window to be counted. Please include your callsign, MARAC membership and key numbers along with your choices for each class to:

Lloyd S. Smith – NX4W
MARAC Elections
4513 NW 36th Dr
Gainesville, FL 32605-5424

A vote for 1st choice is awarded 2 points and 2nd choice is awarded 1 point. Please do not vote for the same call for both choices. Of course any choices can be left blank.

Best Net Control SSB: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Best Net Control CW: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Best Mobile SSB: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Best Mobile CW: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Best Mobile Team: 1st Choice _____ / _____
2nd Choice _____ / _____

Your call sign: _____ MARAC # or Election Key _____

Thank you,
Lloyd S. Smith – NX4W
MARAC Election Coordinator

BALLOT RECOGNITION

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition from their peer's and votes in the 1st quarter award voting: (no particular order)

NET CONTROL SSB: N5UZW, KZ2P, AA1VA, WB4KZW, N9KNJ, KM9X, AD4IA, N2OCW, WG6X, KA0SHC, K2JG

NET CONTROL CW: NM2L, KB6TAL, W0GXQ, N4CD, K8ZZ, AA0IP, W0QE

BEST MOBILE SSB: KM1C, WQ7A, KL1V, AC0B, N8KIE, N4CD, N5UZW, WG6X, KB0BA, N0XYL, K0RCJ, KA9JAC, KB9YVT, N0KV, AD8W, AB4YZ, K3IMC, N9STL

BEST MOBILE CW: N9JF, W0QE, KO1U, AC0B, N4CD, W0GXQ, W6TMD, KS5A, W9MSE, W4GNS, NM2L, K8ZZ

BEST TEAM: N0KV/N0LFV, AA9JJ/N9QPQ, NX0X/KB0MHH, KB0BA/N0XYL, N6PDB/WA6OCV, K6JN/W6XJN, KA9JAC/KB9YVT, W0NAC/NOLXJ, WY7LL/WY7ML, KM9X/KB9MGI

Lloyd S. Smith – NX4W
MARAC Election Coordinator

Birthdays and Awards

Roadrunner - Birthdays			
Current Call	Birthdate		
KX1A	Jan - 01	KE5AY	Jan - 14
W5RJ	Jan - 01	NS4C	Jan - 14
WA2ZYM	Jan - 01	K4YC	Jan - 15
KN6ZB	Jan - 02	W4CCT	Jan - 15
W2UJ	Jan - 03	AB4QD	Jan - 15
K2PF	Jan - 03	W2BED	Jan - 17
WB5NFS	Jan - 03	KG5J	Jan - 18
KQ8D	Jan - 03	WA3EOL	Jan - 18
WA7HYD	Jan - 04	K3JI	Jan - 19
KE4TTS	Jan - 04	KA0CYB	Jan - 19
KB1TH	Jan - 04	NO0U	Jan - 19
WS7R	Jan - 04	WO7HI	Jan - 20
W2UDT	Jan - 05	K1BV	Jan - 20
W4QNW	Jan - 05	KF2O	Jan - 20
KC0YQ	Jan - 05	KN4Y	Jan - 20
AJ1M	Jan - 05	N4JRY	Jan - 22
NG3F	Jan - 06	KG5VA	Jan - 22
N2OCW	Jan - 06	KF5DE	Jan - 22
KE1HZ	Jan - 06	KB0MHH	Jan - 23
KY0E	Jan - 06	KC5UO	Jan - 23
W8QOI	Jan - 06	KD4ON	Jan - 24
AA5AH	Jan - 06	W0RRY	Jan - 25
K9FZ	Jan - 07	W8DH	Jan - 25
N0DIA	Jan - 07	N7PIB	Jan - 25
KL7IAA	Jan - 07	KG3P	Jan - 25
KE0AY	Jan - 08	N4MYZ	Jan - 26
N0OSW	Jan - 08	K5IS	Jan - 26
AI1Q	Jan - 09	K1ER	Jan - 26
NT1V	Jan - 09	K0GEN	Jan - 26
W3DQT	Jan - 09	KF7SG	Jan - 28
KG5U	Jan - 09	WA7NB	Jan - 28
KK0L	Jan - 09	W5VPV	Jan - 28
W0BM	Jan - 11	W0RAA	Jan - 30
K4QFK	Jan - 11	N0WA	Jan - 31
N8OR	Jan - 12	KM4QM	Jan - 31
WO0U	Jan - 12	KX2W	Jan - 31
KE5TT	Jan - 12	N9CIC	Jan - 31
WM0N	Jan - 12	W3TOM	Jan - 31
WD3P	Jan - 13		
W0QE	Jan - 13		
KQ4V	Jan - 14		
W0QDL	Jan - 14		

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
WA4WQG	12/31/2007	Last County Count 250	# 64
WA4RNN	12/31/2007	Last County Count 75	# 235
AB2LS	12/31/2007	Last County Count 150	# 137
N4CD	12/31/2007	Last County Count	#
WG6X	12/28/2007	Last County Count 675	# 11
WA5OPO	12/14/2007	5 Star	# 31
K7REL	12/27/2007	USA-CW II	# 18
KN4Y	9/17/2007	USA-CW IV	# 5
WD6CKT	12/28/2007	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 375
KN4Y	9/17/2007	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 132
K7REL	12/6/2007	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 87
K2JG	12/19/2007	Worked all Counties - 6th Time	# 31
KZ2P	12/19/2007	Worked all Counties - 11th Time	# 1

Roadrunner USA-CA		
To Call	Award Date	Certificate Number
N0LXJ	12/8/2007	1165

SC Mini
2008 South Central Mini

WHEN: Arrive Feb. 21, Depart Feb. 24, 2008

WHERE: Best Western Palm Aire Hotel & Suites, 415 S. International Blvd. at Exp. 83, Weslaco, TX 78596

ROOM RATE: \$64.00 a night plus tax. Includes free buffet breakfast. (For up to 2 persons)

RESERVATIONS: Call 1-800-248-6511 and mention MARAC to get the special rate. Same rate applies if you come in early or stay late. Our block of rooms will be held until Jan. 21. Please reserve before then if possible.

There will be an antenna forum and undetermined others.

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration includes name badge, group photo and prize drawing

Single.....X\$10.00=
OM/L Couple.....X\$15.00=
Chuck Wagon Dinner (Thursday night).....X\$19.00=
Saturday Night Dinner.....X\$19.00=
Chicken Fried Steak ____ Fried Catfish ____
Total (Includes taxes and gratuities).....

Name.....Call.....USACA#.....
Name.....Call.....USACA#.....

Email Address of primary registrant.....

Send a check for the total registration and dinner fees payable to:.....

Joyce Boothe, WB9NUL
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Santa Rosa, TX 78593

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**Treasurer's Report
December 31, 2007**

Funds Balance November 30, 2007 **\$27,447.85**

Income:

Awards Manager Income	\$622.00	
Dues	\$765.00	
Money Market Interest	\$19.09	
Logger Distribution	\$120.00	
		<u>\$1,526.09</u>

Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$199.53	
Fairmont Awards - Plaques	\$248.00	
Stafford Engraving - Plaques	\$185.00	
Postage	\$67.00	
Bank Fee	\$3.50	
S.E. Mini Convention	\$300.00	
		<u>\$1,003.03</u>

\$ 523.06

Account Balances **\$27,970.91**

Checking Account \$7,643.07

Money Market Account \$20,327.84

\$27,970.91

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
Convention Chairman's Funds - 2008	\$2,500.00

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