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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

It is with disappointment that I have accepted Janet, KC5QCB's resignation as Awards Manager. The good news is she's back at school and she is also working. With that load she felt she could not give her full attention to the awards program. Janet has agreed to continue processing awards until a replacement person is found. I will recommend to the board that Janet receive an Outstanding Service Award from MARAC for her 2 ½ years of dedication to MARAC. She has done a fine job in what is a very demanding task.

Now the search for a new Awards Manager begins. This is a full time position. Computer knowledge is a must. This person will also be working with KD9ZP, Gene our data manager, as well as officers of MARAC. There may be some certificate design work as new awards become available and also redesign of certificates as names of awards change. There will be lots of computer input and also work with the MARAC data base. There is also the ordering of plaques and the mailing of all awards to the members. Each month an update of awards that members have received is put into a report for the newsletter. This person also works with the Awards Committee. If you are interested in this position please contact me by April 20th with your qualifications.

This column is short but just to let you know why... I am serving on a capital murder case jury and we are in our second week of the trial. This is by far the hardest thing I have ever done. On top of that, a nasty spring cold has caused some inconvenience. Barry has been great in supporting me and doing the honey-do chores I normally do.

Don't forget about the upcoming contests. Randy, AA8R has stepped up and is handling both the CW and the SSB contests. Thanks so much Randy.

Somehow, Jim, W4HSA, got left off the "Counties Worked CW" list for 2008. He worked 2110 for the year.

Hope your Easter is full of blessings and colored eggs.
Joyce, WB9NUL



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MARAC CW & SSB Contest Weekend. **Friday night at 0000z May 2nd thru Sunday evening 23:59:59z.** What a great way to increase your 'Toplist' totals. There will be 100's of counties available for the taking in this contest weekend. Along with the two separate MARAC contests there is also the 7QP, NEQP & the INQP this weekend.

Please remember that the MARAC CW & SSB are SEPARATE contest.....DO NOT combine them. Log and summary sheets are due June 6, 2009 to AA8R@AOL.COM or US mail. Logs without summary sheets will be used as check logs.

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

It always fair weather when county hunters get together with a Key on the table and CW ringing clear.

I mportant notice. On April 1 there will be available the Hummer award for backward county hunters. Literacy is recommended but not required and sobriety is optional. All counties must be run by a backwards mobile operator entering and working a county in reverse. Back into a county and run it in reverse, for example, Love, OK would be run as KO, Evol. The use of CW or reverse CW is optional. The Hummer is new and may be awarded to the number one backward county hunter at the MARAC convention in Michigan. All logs must be submitted before the deadline. Not!

Gator comes into the shack. "Hey Dude why are you looking so sad?" "My good county hunter friend in Colorado, Arden, AA0IP, is a silent key." "That the Dude who worked us all night on the trip from Virginia?" "Yes and he was the NCS during many of my mobile trips and a sure QSY to 17-meters. He will be missed." "In the democracy of the dead all county hunters are at last equal." "That is profound and calls for a couple of cool ones." Gator opens the cooler.

Gator asks, "This is the year for State QSO parties, how you doing?" I give Gator my Wisconsin QSO party log. "Here do your statistical wizardry, and I want to work the mobile running on 40-meters." Gator goes to the computer and I go to the radio, or as county hunters say, the rig. I smell boiling water; the peanuts are hot and ready. Gator has already dipped out some.

"Wake up Dude. I have the information for the Wisconsin QSO party." Gator scared the CW out of me; I was in deep thought. "What you got?" "You have finished running all the Wisconsin counties on 40-meters. You got 10 new counties on 80-meters; you got 4 counties for fifth time around and 12 call combos. I noted you did not work Jeff, W9MSE. I also looked at your Idaho QSO party and you worked the only two CW operators in Idaho." I nod my head in agreement, "I think there are a few more CW operators, I just did not hear them and Jeff was not in the Wisconsin QSO party this year." Gator gets two more cool ones; I give him my Oklahoma QSO party log.

I bump the shelf and a roll of duct tape falls on the floor. I pick it up and notice a warning label. Never tow another vehicle using panty hose and duct tape. I better show this to Gator. Suddenly Gator yells, "Dude you finished working all Oklahoma counties for fifth time around and need only Kiowa County to finish 40-meters. I also noticed two Texas Dudes, Norm, W3DYA, and Bob, N4CD, were mobile in the QSO party." "I worked them both in several counties, check and see if the call I worked for the last county is a county hunter." Gator checks the MARAC Logger, "Nope, why?" "If it was a county hunter I would send a LC." Gator is listing the mobiles heard during the month. I wash down some boiled peanuts and finish my cool one as he hands me the list. I look at the list.

AA9ZZ, AB4YZ, AB7RW, AC8W, AI5P, AK8A, K0ARS, K2HVN, K4XI, K4ZGB, K5CM, K5YAA, K5YT, K8MSQ, K8ZZ, K8ZZX, KD5JWC, KE4RUN, KG7E, KL5O, KS4S, N0IJ, N4AAT, N4CD, N9JF, N9NE, N9QS, N9UA, NC4KW, NF0N, NG9T, NN9K, NO5W, W0AA, W0BH, W0CML, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W3DYA, W4DF, W4HSA, W4MY, W7GHT, W9MSE.

Gator looks at his cell phone, "I have to leave so see you later." I am looking at the county hunter's forum and yell to Gator, "Jerry, W0GXQ, had a by-pass operation." "A by-pass of what?" "His heart." "Jerry has a heart?" I throw a CD at Gator as he goes out the door. "Write Jerry I will light a candle for a rapid recovery." And like a drop of water on a hot grill he sizzles and is fast gone.

This month I will be mobile in the Georgia and Florida QSO parties. Do not forget the Missouri, Montana, Michigan and Nebraska State QSO parties. But first a nap.



Election Announcement

I would like to introduce the candidates for the positions being voted on this election cycle. Voting will be taking place during the month of **May only**. Voting online is preferred at <http://www.marac.org/elections/default.asp>. The paper ballot will be enclosed in the May issue of the RoadRunner. The voting page at the MARAC web site will be available May 1st thru May 31st. The results of the election will be announced the first week of June.

South Central Director: Ross Harrell, M.D. - N0ZA
Southeast Director: Richard "Scottie" Scott - N4AAT
Southeast Director: David Splitt - KE3VV

Election Bio's

N0ZA

I'm Ross Harrell, N0ZA, I have been licensed for about 45 years. After many years of contesting and DXing, I had a spat with a neighbor, and decided to turn off the amplifiers. I remembered that county hunting didn't require much power. During the past eleven years, that's what I've done. I've done the counties five times, bingo twice, Master Gold, and a few other things. I try to attend as many of the conventions as possible and do some mobiling. It has been my privilege to serve as the South Central Director for the past three years. If re-elected I will do my best to represent the Marac members of the South Central Division. Thanks, Ross.

N4AAT

Hello, My Name is Sir Richard Anthony Scott. Known to the county hunting world as Scottie, (N4AAT). I used to be N7AKT and WD9GPC. I have been county hunting since 1977. There is no need for me to mention all of my accomplishments as a county hunter. I have run all of the counties, worked all of the counties many times, and I have run the net many times over the last 33 years. I have been to many conventions and have met hundreds of great county hunters.

I am running for the position of Southeast Director and would like to ask for your vote. If elected, I will do my best to help out in any way I can, with any problems in this region. Thank you, R. A. Scott

KE3VV

I was first licensed as a novice ham radio operator in 1959, after a number of years as an avid short wave listener. I learned Morse code from my Dad, who was the radio operator on a B-17 in WWII and radio theory from hams in my high school Ham Radio Club. I now hold an Extra Class license and I still enjoy CW, especially in DX contests and county hunting.

I retired from private practice in 1997 to do some writing and consulting. Looking for more fun things to do, I joined the ranks of county hunters after a challenge from WA3ZMY (Bill, now an SK) to work all counties with 100 watts and a wire. Sixteen months later, I earned USA-CA #950, and last summer I became 5 Star #92. I also hold the 5-Star and Master Gold Awards. After the XYL informed

me that she had married me for “better or worse, but not for lunch,” I un-retired and am back working full time.

My favorite part of county hunting is road trips-- running mobile with an Icom 7000 in the “Big Green Dragon” and handling the care and feeding of the County Lion. I have handed out more than 130 last counties and regularly run both SSB and CW. An active member of MARAC, I have especially enjoyed working on the revision of the constitution and bylaws and the updating of the awards rules. For the last six years I have also served as MARAC Southeast District representative on the MARAC Board of Directors and would appreciate your support to continue my service on the BOD. David Splitt, KE3VV

Nominations for CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year

Nominations are now in order for the 2009 CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year. Nominations must be received by your District Director not later than the end of March and should contain a brief list of reasons for the Nomination. Your District Director will select one nominee from those that are received for both CW and SSB and forward that selection with the reasons for the selection to the Election Coordinator no later than April 15th. Prior winners are not eligible for this award. We have over 500 members in this club and I have been advised that in the past, receiving nominations was like pulling teeth. Please support the members that Go out of their way to make this club thrive and advise your Director who you think they are. As of March 25 I have only one nomination for SSB. *Sometimes I wonder why we even have elections since no one is interested in them. I feel like I am wasting my time as coordinator when there is nothing to coordinate.* By the time you read this it will already be too late to nominate anyone to your director, as the director can only forward a recommendation that has been received by March 31st.

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.

MARAC 3rd Quarter Award Voting January - March

Voting will be open from April 1st through April 30th for the best net control, mobile and team awards. The easiest way to place your vote is at the MARAC web site <http://www.marac.org/elections/default.asp> 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:

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 _____

Lloyd S. Smith – NX4W
MARAC Elections Coordinator
4413 NW 36th Dr
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The Lunch Bunch
Roanoke, VA 3/24/09



Don, AE3Z

Ray, AB4YZ

Jim, W1VA

Jerry, K1SO

MINUTES
MARAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Date: March 17, 2009

Meeting Location
Internet Teleconference at <http://marac.org>
mIRC #MARACBOARD

**** **DRAFT** ****

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

Board Members Present:

President	Joyce Boothe – WB9NUL
Vice President	Chuck Secrest – AD8W
Secretary	Norm Ellison – W2IBB
Treasurer	Terry Dummler – WQ7A
Great Lakes Director	Randy Hatt – AA8R
Northeast Director	Carol-Ann Reitman – AB2LS
Southeast Director	Dave Splitt – KE3VV
Pacific Director	Robert Devine – KC6AWX (Logged in only)

The members present on the MARAC Internet Board Room were:

KA1JPR, KA9JAC, KC5QCB, N1BY, KL7D, AF3X, W5UGD, KC3X, KA3QLF and W0GXQ

The President (WB9NUL) proceeded with a roll call. There were seven (7) Officers/Directors present. Norm (W2IBB) declared that there was a quorum.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to accept the minutes of the July 12, 2008 MARAC National Meeting. The minutes were accepted by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Norm (W2IBB) to accept the Treasurers Reports as filed. Treasurer's reports were approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

OLD BUSINESS

Joyce (WB9NUL) asked if everyone received Dave's report from the Awards Committee regarding The Natural Bingo Award. All present indicated that they had received the report. Dave (KE3VV) made a motion that the Board approve the Awards Committee's recommendation for the Natural Bingo Award. Roll call indicated 6 in favor and none opposed. Janet (KC5QCB) and Dave (KE3VV) will update the MARAC Award's web site.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Carol-Ann (AB2LS) that the MARAC donate a radio (ICOM IC-7000) to the MARAC National Convention in Michigan. Roll call indicated 6 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Carol-Ann (AB2LS) that MARAC present a **MARAC Outstanding Service Award** to Bob Devine (KC6AWX) for his work hosting the 2008 MARAC National Convention held in Visalia, CA. Roll call indicated 6 in favor and none opposed.

At 8:39 PM with no further business at hand Joyce (WB9NUL) called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to adjourn. Roll call indicated 6 in favor and none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM EDT



Respectfully submitted,
Norm Ellison (W2IBB)
Secretary, MARAC

New Members

Marac No.	Call	Full Name	Address	City and	
State	Home County	Phone Number	E Mail Address		
R-4368	WX6Y	William E Wallace	PO Box 1511	West Union, SC 29696	Oconee
1-000-000-0000		wx6y@pskcontesting.c			

**Treasurer's Report
March 31, 2009**

Funds Balance February 28, 2009		\$23,648.17
Income:		
Dues	\$430.00	
Money Market Interest	\$6.29	
Logger Distribution	\$80.00	
Awards Manager Income	\$896.00	
		<u>\$1,412.29</u>
Expenses:		
Bank Fee	\$3.50	
Print Right – Road Runner	\$375.48	
Awards Manager Expenses	\$361.37	
Stafford Engraving – Plaques	\$394.00	
Fairmont Awards – Plaques	\$2,479.00	
Radio for National Convention	\$1,199.99	
		<u>\$4,813.34</u>
		(\$3,401.05)
Transfer from Money Market to Checking	\$2,000.00	
Account Balances		\$20,247.12
Checking Account	\$1,686.46	
Money Market Account	<u>\$18,560.66</u>	
		\$20,247.12

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
Convention Chairman's Funds - 2009	\$4,000.00



National Convention
8 July - 11 July 2009 Petoskey, Michigan
(Deadline for Early Registration Prize Drawing is May 1st, 2009)

NAME: (First, Last)
ADDRESS:
CITY: ST/PROV: POSTAL CODE:

Convention registration fee - Includes 1 prize ticket & 1 group photo. \$ 35.00

NAME ON BADGE CALLSIGN USACA#

Additional Name Badges (list information below) Total # @ \$5.00 each = \$

Name Callsign USACA# Relation
Name Callsign USACA# Relation
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Relation: W-Wife, H-Husband, D-Daughter, S-Son, M-Mother, F-Father, X-Friend, GD-Grand Daughter, GS-Grand Son, for any additional badges please attach list or enter on back of form.

Enter number of persons that will attend events

Wednesday 8 July - Check-In /Do It Yourself Activities

Thursday 9 July

Tour of Ice Breaker/Colonial Michilimackinac #Attending X \$40.00 = \$
Young Americans Dinner Theatre Beef Entrée #Attending X \$55.00 = \$
Chicken Entrée #Attending X \$55.00 = \$
Fish Entrée #Attending X \$55.00 = \$

Friday 10 July

Tour to Mackinac Island #Attending X \$45.00 = \$

Saturday 11 July

Banquet Beef Entrée #Attending X \$28.00 = \$
Fish Entrée #Attending X \$26.00 = \$
Vegetarian Entrée #Attending X \$24.00 = \$

Prize Tickets

Prize (single tickets) X \$ 1.00 = \$
Prize (Book of 12 tickets) X \$10.00 = \$
Cash (single tickets) X \$ 1.00 = \$
Cash (Book of 12 tickets) X \$ 10.00 = \$

Photographs

Extra: X \$ 10.00 = \$
YL: X \$ 10.00 = \$
USA-CA: X \$ 10.00 = \$
CW: X \$ 10.00 = \$

Mail Registration Form and Check to:
MARAC 2009 Annual Convention
Attn: Chuck Secrest - AD8W
4033 N West Bay Shore Dr
Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Total Amount Enclosed \$

Please make checks payable to
Chuck Secrest AD8W

Birthdays

Current Call	Birthday Date
K1QPV	Apr - 01
KC8WRP	Apr - 02
WB9TKR	Apr - 02
KW4FM	Apr - 02
W6YR	Apr - 02
WI4K	Apr - 02
AA4QE	Apr - 02
W1UYL	Apr - 02
AA9JJ	Apr - 02
N1LK	Apr - 03
N9WA	Apr - 03
N3AHA	Apr - 03
WB5CWI	Apr - 03
K4YFH	Apr - 03
K0DXX	Apr - 04
W9NGA	Apr - 04
W9ABM	Apr - 04
W6HOR	Apr - 05
KA0BUM	Apr - 05
N9IWL	Apr - 05
K1BM	Apr - 05
AL7R	Apr - 06
W9SUQ	Apr - 06
W9CSX	Apr - 06
KF5AT	Apr - 06
W3MAX	Apr - 06
KB5VTB	Apr - 06
KQ0B	Apr - 06
KS2S	Apr - 06
KD2SP	Apr - 06
W7LQV	Apr - 07
W0GOQ	Apr - 07
KA2CNG	Apr - 07
W5LJW	Apr - 07
AA8HH	Apr - 07
N2MED	Apr - 07
W7PSK	Apr - 07
KC2P	Apr - 08
WM8N	Apr - 08
KE7PB	Apr - 08
AA4KD	Apr - 09
AB5LY	Apr - 09
N7OTR	Apr - 09

W9WOC	Apr - 09
KM5W	Apr - 09
W4RKV	Apr - 10
KD8SF	Apr - 10
K4HVB	Apr - 10
W8JM	Apr - 10
KO2Q	Apr - 10
W7KQZ	Apr - 11
N7YG	Apr - 11
N3EA	Apr - 11
K9BLX	Apr - 12
KI7ZV	Apr - 12
KW8T	Apr - 12
WB8RJW	Apr - 12
W2RSA	Apr - 12
KB0FQC	Apr - 13
NA7W	Apr - 13
K4HBH	Apr - 13
WD0EAM	Apr - 13
W6TKV	Apr - 13
K0PVV	Apr - 13
WA0LMK	Apr - 14
KA0DDJ	Apr - 14
N2ODU	Apr - 14
W0GXQ	Apr - 14
KA2MKQ	Apr - 14
K4RAS	Apr - 14
NE8V	Apr - 15
K3GOO	Apr - 15
W3TTY	Apr - 16
W9OP	Apr - 16
W8WT	Apr - 17
W9PCI	Apr - 17
N7DH	Apr - 18
WB9NUL	Apr - 18
KD8GL	Apr - 19
WB0MNE	Apr - 19
N0DPX	Apr - 19
W2XQ	Apr - 19
NS9Q	Apr - 20
W7LES	Apr - 20
K5JYD	Apr - 20
W2ZI	Apr - 20

KD1ZL	Apr - 20
KJ5PQ	Apr - 21
KT4U	Apr - 21
W8UO	Apr - 22
N7ETN	Apr - 22
K2SGA	Apr - 22
KF5JC	Apr - 22
K0CN	Apr - 23
W0NAN	Apr - 23
KA5VWD	Apr - 23
W8DCD	Apr - 23
W8ILC	Apr - 24
K2HVN	Apr - 24
N7AXY	Apr - 24
KK5ZK	Apr - 24
W3IJT	Apr - 24
W0FS	Apr - 24
NN2Q	Apr - 25
K9CS	Apr - 26
N8TI	Apr - 26
WA5WWW	Apr - 26
W01B	Apr - 26
AJ4A	Apr - 26
W4GFQ	Apr - 27
KQ1Z	Apr - 27
N5KGY	Apr - 27
WS3F	Apr - 27
KE5TC	Apr - 27
W8SU	Apr - 27
KS4KM	Apr - 28
W9ZJX	Apr - 28
W5ST	Apr - 28
W6LMJ	Apr - 28
W0LFJ	Apr - 29
KA1HB	Apr - 29
W0MYZ	Apr - 29
W0ME	Apr - 30
K0PG	Apr - 30
KG0SV	Apr - 30
K8YJ	Apr - 30
AK8C	Apr - 30
AA2AV	Apr - 30
W6TN	Apr - 30
KA0SHC	Apr - 30

Awards

Call	Date	Award	Number
WQ7A	11/22/2008	Cliff Corne Jr. (K9EAB) Memorial	# 1000 USA-CA Holders
N9QS	3/2/2009	Gemini - Jack Scroggins (W0SJE)	# 355 2nd Time Holders
KB6UF	3/20/2009	5 Star	# 39
W9GUY	3/1/2009	Master's Gold	# 36
K8ZZ	3/7/2009	USA-CW	# 100
AF3X	3/21/2009	BINGO	# 308
AB4YZ	3/3/2009	BINGO II	# 59
W9GUY	3/1/2009	BINGO II	# 58
N5KUC	3/27/2009	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 387
K4XI	3/16/2009	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 140
AE3Z	2/28/2009	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 96



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Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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