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From My Point of View

Joyce WB9NUL

Once again I must tell you about another of our members who has passed away. Carol, KI0JD left us with a heavy heart but with so many wonderful memories. Please keep Birger, KA0DDJ in your prayers.

K0AYO, Bob is looking for someone to help him with Morse code. Anyone in the Olathe, Kansas area please contact me or Bob's wife Laura. Bob has a speech problem and wants to get on CW.

In just a week we will be in Michigan enjoying friends and family. My daughter will be joining her father, W9JL at the convention along with grandson Cody. Chuck, AD8W says that there are over 100 people coming to the banquet.

I had a computer problem recently. Of course it impacted my county hunting program. I managed to save everything except the last 8 months. I know that I worked someone in Carrol, Ohio in that time period. If you happen to check your logs and find me in there please get in touch with me. I'm down to 5 for bingo, which includes the county in Ohio.

We're looking forward to seeing who wins the radio(s) and who gets all the special plaques at the convention.

Till next month, 73,

Joyce WB9NUL



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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

County hunting is change: Our life is what our thoughts make it.

I was in the shack and had just worked Rick on twenty meters when five wasps flew past my vision towards the window. I was startled by this unexpected fly-by and checked to see if the door was open. It was closed. I logged the contact, then opened the window and using a folded Texas map I fanned the wasps out the window. I shut the window. Where had they come from, I looked around and saw no signs of a paper pulp nest. Perhaps there was a momentary rip in the time fabric between our universe and the parallel universe. Why wasps and not a county hunter mobile operating in a county located in the parallel universe. It would have been my first contact towards my Parallel Universe award. This concerns me. Is the fabric of time collapsing and I still need two counties for my Master Gold award. Perhaps Gator's elixir caused the time warp.

How the wasps materialized had me concerned. Dare I tell anyone? Would it get the same reaction as when I said I was a county hunter. This burden is hard to bear by oneself and Gator is at an ACE meeting. The best thing to do at a time like this is wash clothes. It is a wholesome pastime and is a cleansing of the fabric. I was in the utility room loading the washer when out of the corner of my eye I saw a wasp. I remained stationary and watched the wasp. The wasp flew up to the rack of clothes hangers and went inside the cardboard tube that formed the bottom of the wire coat hanger. I carefully looked in the cardboard tube and saw wasp eggs. I assumed this since I am a county hunter and not a wasp expert.

The cartoon light bulb flashed above my head, perhaps it was not a tear in the fabric of our universe but a normal function of wasp play. I felt better and started off to the shack. I stopped and went back and started the washer. An un-started washer is like a mobile on a county line with the radio off. I arrived at the shack, went inside and looked around. There hanging on the wall was my 2008 ARRL field day shirt. I took the shirt off the hanger, and yes the cardboard bottom had wasp eggs. The problem has been solved and the fabric between our universe and the parallel universe has not been compromised. County hunting will go onward. Hallelujah.

I looked at my Alabama QSO party log data that Gator compiled prior to his departure to the ACE meeting. I almost missed this QSO party when I hit a tree limb on the way to picking up Gator. You know right away when the antenna hits a tree limb, the first reaction is to say darn. I stopped to survey the damage. The 40-meter resonator, which I had pointed aft for less wind resistance, hit the roadbed and broke. The 20-meter resonator broke where the stinger attaches. I taped the 20-meter resonator and replaced the 40-meter resonator with one recently repaired but not tested. I put new guys on the antenna then installed it back on the van, picked up Gator and headed to Alabama. We had had our shots and our papers were in order.

I operated CW through 16 Alabama counties and traveled 742 miles, which included to and from my QTH. The bands went out as we entered Coosa County and came back with a few miles remaining in the county. This allowed me to make five QSO's so it was not a total Coosa wipeout. The weather was nice and the bands, with the one exception, were good. I made 305 QSO's on 20-meters and 474 QSO's on 40-meters and worked 45 multipliers. I also made four QSO's on 15-meters but nothing on ten meters. I did not work the States of ME, VT, LA, HI, ID, and NV. I was running stations from county line to county line on 40-meters and never got on 80-meters.

I see Gator also did my ARRL VHF QSO Party logs. I did CW on six meters in the ARRL VHF QSO party. Boy that was the most fun I have had on 6-meters since I tried brandy. I got 106 new counties, two K prefix, four for 5th time, two natural bingo and seven call combos. A contest is a friend of a county hunter in the know.

I look at the clock and it's approaching nap time. I notice Gator had made a list of mobiles heard on the county hunter CW frequencies.

AA9KH, AB4YZ, AB7RW, AC8W, AE3Z, AI5P, AK8A, G4KHG, K0ARS, K0UU, K2HVN, K4YT, K4ZGB, K7DM, K8ZZ, K9JWV, KA3QLF, KB6TAL, KB6UF, KC3X, KD5JWC, KH6LC, KH7C, KI4YAH (NEW), KM1C, KN4Y, N0ZA, N2OO, N4AAT, N4AKP, N8II, N9JF, NA7W, NF0N, NM2L, NN9K, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W4DF, W4HSA, W8II, W8MP, W8PC, W9MSE, WB4KZW, WG6X.

I check the calendar and see there are the North American CW QSO party and the Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio and Hawaii state QSO parties. I got to tell Gator how much fun he missed at the ARRL field day. Nap time is arrived.



Unofficial Minutes
MARAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
Date: June 2, 2009
Meeting Location
Internet Teleconference at <http://marac.org>
mIRC #MARACBOARD

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 Dummer – WQ7A
Great Lakes Director	Randy Hatt – AA8R
North Central Director	Cliff Bird – AC0B
South Central Director	Ross Harrell – N0ZA
Northeast Director	Carol-Ann Reitman – AB2LS
Southeast Director	Dave Splitt – KE3VV (Monitoring)

The members present on the MARAC Internet Board Room were:
KA1JPR, KA9JAC, AF3X, K4EXT and NX4W

The chair (WB9NUL) asked for roll call by call sign and recognized a quorum with eight (8) answering. Norm (W2IBB) declared a quorum present.

A motion was made by Terry (WQ7A) and second by Carol-Ann (AB2LS) to accept the minutes of the March 17, 2009 Meeting. The minutes were accepted by a vote of 7 in favor and none opposed. One abstained.

A motion by Norm (W2IBB) and second by Carol-Ann to accept the Treasurers Reports as filed. Treasurer's reports were approved, a vote of 6 in favor and none opposed. One abstained.

Joyce (WB9NUL) noted for the record that Chuck (AD8W) is on the phone with Randy (AA8R).

OLD BUSINESS

Terry (WQ7A) inquired if all the Awards Manager equipment had been shipped. Joyce (WB9NUL) replied that the equipment had been, but not all paper records that were still in storage. Randy (AA8R) commented that he was expecting another shipment at the end of the week. Terry (WQ7A) also asked if there would be an accounting of the Awards Managers Books.

Joyce (WB9NUL) said there will be an audit when everything is closed on Janet's end.
Randy stated that he would provide a status report to the Board in the next couple of days.

NEW BUSINESS

Joyce (WB9NUL) asked the Board to approve the nomination of Randy (AA8R) as the Awards Manager.

A motion made by Norm (W2IBB) to approve the nomination of Randy (AA8R) as Awards Manager. Second by Terry (WQ7A). The motion carried, 5 in favor, none opposed, one abstained.

Joyce (WB9NUL) asked the Board to approve the nomination of Scott (KA3QLF) as the Contest Chairman for CW and SSB.

A motion made by Norm (W2IBB) to approve the nomination of Scott (KA3QLF) as Contest Chairman. Second by Carol-Ann (AB2LS). The motion carried, 7 in favor, none opposed.

Joyce thanked Lloyd (NX4W) for the great job organizing the elections this year.

At 8:18pm with no further business at hand Joyce (WB9NUL) called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Cliff (AC0B) and second by Terry (WQ7A) to adjourn. The motion carried by a vote of 7 in favor, none opposed.

We were adjourned at 8:19pm EDT
Respectfully submitted,
Norm Ellison (W2IBB)
Secretary, MARAC



Election Results

The following directors have been elected to 3 year terms expiring July 2012:

Southeast Director: David Splitt, KE3VV

South Central Director: Ross Harrell, N0ZA

Congratulations to both of you for offering your time and services to MARAC

2009 Awards

County Hunter of the Year SSB & CW, Net Control SSB, Net Control CW, Best Mobile SSB, Best Mobile CW and the Best Team awards will be announced at the banquet on Saturday July 11th at the MARAC convention.

Lloyd S. Smith – NX4W

MARAC Election Coordinator

4413 NW 36th Dr

Gainesville, Fl, 32605-5424



Birthdays

Current Call	Birthday Date
K4CQW	Jul - 01
W7AXY	Jul - 01
AL7GY	Jul - 02
KF0E	Jul - 03
KA6BTU	Jul - 03
NC4J	Jul - 03
KA9QKN	Jul - 04
NZ8K	Jul - 05
W0WYJ	Jul - 05
K5UH	Jul - 05
W1WLW	Jul - 05
NN5B	Jul - 06
KE5WL	Jul - 06
WB5LFO	Jul - 06
K8EMS	Jul - 07
AA9ZZ	Jul - 07
KI0HF	Jul - 07
VA3RJ	Jul - 07
W5FHL	Jul - 07
KU4QG	Jul - 08
KG7GV	Jul - 08
N4ANV	Jul - 08
KK0V	Jul - 08
KE5RH	Jul - 10
N4GQQ	Jul - 10
WA7AIM	Jul - 11
N8GEQ	Jul - 11
AA6JR	Jul - 11
AA4GL	Jul - 12
W8YL	Jul - 12
WD8AYN	Jul - 12
WA4WIN	Jul - 13
KB4ET	Jul - 13
N5SGC	Jul - 13
K9FA	Jul - 13
WF0B	Jul - 13
KC3AD	Jul - 14
WA1JYO	Jul - 14
WA1KPJ	Jul - 14
W5OBT	Jul - 14
AE5Q	Jul - 14
W0GYR	Jul - 14
N3FC	Jul - 14

Current Call	Birthday Date
KE6LF	Jul - 14
WA4WQG	Jul - 14
N4XE	Jul - 15
K5TT	Jul - 15
K8ZXY	Jul - 15
KD1TH	Jul - 15
W4DRR	Jul - 16
W2ARP	Jul - 16
K0UB	Jul - 16
KA1NX	Jul - 16
KP4CZ	Jul - 17
KT1M	Jul - 17
K6PJ	Jul - 17
AA9CW	Jul - 17
KI4W	Jul - 18
K0SDA	Jul - 18
KE6US	Jul - 18
KC0ZU	Jul - 18
K5XY	Jul - 18
WE7G	Jul - 19
KW3H	Jul - 20
W8YRB	Jul - 20
K5VYT	Jul - 20
W4ZMB	Jul - 21
K2RPM	Jul - 21
KU4YM	Jul - 21
N8IPG	Jul - 21
WB2ABD	Jul - 22
KM8U	Jul - 22
K5CKQ	Jul - 22
WU3H	Jul - 23
W4BOB	Jul - 23
KE4MW	Jul - 24
KA3QLF	Jul - 24
K9OC	Jul - 24
W5JBP	Jul - 24
KV3D	Jul - 24
WS9V	Jul - 25
W4VIC	Jul - 25
W9AAW	Jul - 26
W5LOR	Jul - 26
K4BF	Jul - 26
KE2EA	Jul - 26

Current Call	Birthday Date
VE4AE	Jul - 26
N4IXV	Jul - 26
W7SAR	Jul - 26
W6PXE	Jul - 27
KF0Q	Jul - 27
KF4WC	Jul - 27
WB1EEN	Jul - 27
K9IA	Jul - 27
NC1N	Jul - 27
N8HAM	Jul - 27
N5OAO	Jul - 28
N4AKP	Jul - 28
KF8UN	Jul - 28
N0EHS	Jul - 29
N4AAT	Jul - 29
W4YDY	Jul - 29
K0NII	Jul - 29
KW5USA	Jul - 30
WD4OIN	Jul - 30
KY9Y	Jul - 30
K9GTQ	Jul - 30
KU9G	Jul - 30
W6XLR	Jul - 30
KD4DJ	Jul - 30
KF8DV	Jul - 31
W0FLZ	Jul - 31
W6XJN	Jul - 31

New Members

Marac No. Phone Number	Call E Mail Address	Full Name	Address	City and State	Home County
R-4374 1-936-634-4200	W5LOR larry@sumners.com	Laurance E Sumners	305 Hickory Hollow	Lufkin, TX 75904	Angelina
R-4375 1-540-788-3572	KA4RR ka4rru@hughes.net	Michael Trowbridge	11325 Eskridges Lane	Catlett, VA 20119-2335	Fauquier
R-4376 1-352-315-0260	N4PJ aburkefl@comcast.net	Arthur L Burke, Jr.	1102 S 9th Street	Leesburg, FL 34748	Lake

CORRECTION

R-4373 1-770-645-8012	KC4YBO kc4ybo@nfarl.org	Steve Knittel	1905 Six Branches Drive	Roswell, GA 30076	Fulton
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Contest winners**SSB:**

1st Place Mobile: KM9X

2nd Place Mobile: WA4JA

1st Place Fixed: WY7LL

2nd Place Fixed: KB9MGI

CW:

1st Place Mobile: W0QE & W9MSE (Tied)

1st Place Fixed: N8II

2nd Place Fixed: WA7JHQ

1st Place Mixed: KA3QLF

2nd Place Mixed: K4EXT

Randy, AA8R

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2009

Funds Balance May 31, 2009 **\$19,372.08**

Income:

Dues \$914.00

Money Market Interest \$3.95

Logger Distribution \$80.00

Awards Manager Income (Not Reported) \$0.00

\$997.95

Expenses:

Bank Fee \$3.50

Fairmont Awards - Plaques \$2,108.50

Stafford Engraving – Plaques \$424.00

Print Right – Road Runner \$393.80

Awards Manager Expenses \$623.29

\$3553.09

(\$2,555.14)

Account Balances **\$16,816.94**

Checking Account \$243.22

Money Market Account \$16,573.72**\$16,816.94**

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,200.00

New Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,200.00

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



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Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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