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From My Point of View

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My New Year's wish for all of you is peace, happiness and good radio conditions. This has been a sad year with losing so many dear friends. This month is no exception. Sadly, we have lost four more County Hunters. AB4QD, Paul, W0GO, Nell, W5VDW, Sonny, and KI0AZ, Cliff are now Silent Keys. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Barry and I have had a loss also. We lost Barry's mother on Christmas Day. We buried her yesterday. We will be in Illinois till January 8th trying to sort things out. I'm sure it will take more than the time we have here so another trip is in the offing.

We hope that your holidays were joyous. We look forward to 2010.
73,'s Joyce



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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

A CW county hunter is as upright as a cedar.

Where did last year go, run a few counties here, run a few counties there and soon it is Happy New Year time. I hear bells approaching and look out the window to see Gator pull into the driveway. He still has his truck decked out as Santa's sleigh. Gator enters the shack with a latte in each hand and hands me one, "Happy new Year Dude and happy birthday." "I no longer celebrate birthdays and Happy New Year to you Gator and thanks for the hot java. Are you ready for 2010 only two years from the end of the world." Gator ignores me, sits at the desk and reads my e-mail. "Hey Dude; what is this no star award? Can I apply?"

I take a sip of the spirit enhancing fluid, "Yes Gator, MARAC has an award for working a mobile that has not obtained the USA-CA award." "You mean I can be worth nothing star wise and stations that work me get a zero star. " "Well not exactly a zero star, you get nothing for working the county the mobile is in, and when you work and log nothing in all the counties you can apply for the award. Yes Gator, you can give out counties for the award, but first you must get a license and go mobile." Gator has lost interest.

Gator sits at the desk and picks up a log sheet, "I see you worked the ARRL ten meter contest, You made 100 QSO's, that is three QSO's per hour. How did you stand up to the pace?" I ignore Gator's sarcasm. "I did get three new counties and a natural bingo." "That is better than you have done on ten meters in past contests, what is this RAC Contest where you worked 38 Canada stations." "That is the Canada Day contest." "I thought that was July 1?" "You are correct, this is the winter edition." "You are a county hunter; there are no counties in Canada." "Diversification is the key to radio life Gator." Gator is looking at my ARRL 160-meter contest log, "You got 29 new counties on 160-meters and three natural bingo, got the counties verified?" "Almost."

Gator again ignores me, he is busy listing the mobiles heard in December on the county hunters CW frequencies. He hands me the list as his cell phone rings. "Sorry but I have a problem in the cooling tower. See you later." I read the list; AC8W, AD7AF, K0ARS, K0RU, K2HVN, K4DI, K4XI, K4YFH, K5JF, K8ZZ, KB6UF, KH6MB, KL1V, KL2AX, KO7X, KW2J, N0KV, N4ATT, N4CD, N4JT, N5XG, N6HH, N7IV, N8KIE, N9JF, N9QS, NM2L, NT2A, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W3DQT, W4HSA, W5LXG, W7IN, W8MP, W8TZA, W9MSE, WA3JHQ, WU3H, WY7LL.

I look at a note I made, Jim, KB4XK, is now N4JT. Dang there goes another active two-by-two call and I just finished therapy to cope with the loss of KC0JG. I look out the window and guess it is time to take down the Christmas decorations. I look at my contest calendar; there is quite a list and just to mention a few there is the North American QSO party, the ARRL VHF sweepstakes, and the CQ WW CW 160 -meter contest. I finish my Latte and it seems to me the older I get, there are fewer things there are worth waiting in line for. One exception is the South Central Mini in February 11-13, 2010 at Weslaco, Texas. I wonder if Independent Cities are allowed for the Natural Bingo award. It is time to refresh and I head to the recliner.



Elections Announcement

Nominations are currently open for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, (all 2 year terms). Nominations are also open for the positions of Northeast Director and Pacific Director, (both 3 year terms). Nominations will be open 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 County Hunters Database web site <http://marac.org/database/default.asp> and enter your call in Call Lookup to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

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 awards. The easiest way to place your vote is at the MARAC On-Line Ballot 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 right away. 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.

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 _____



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New Members

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4385	K1STB	Maurice Dandeneau
R4387	NU4C	Paul Milward
R4388	W9CSX	Thomas Carroll
R4389	WB4FEV	B. J. Gillespie
R4390	N4GOA	Darrell Brock
R4391	AD6PB	Donald Davis
R4392	W6LGS	Lloyd Segroves
R4393	KM6D	Eugenie Balentine



2010 SOUTH CENTRAL MINI

WHEN: Arrive Feb. 11, Depart Feb. 14, 2010

WHERE: Best Western Palm Aire Hotel & Suites,
415 S. International Blvd. at Exp. 83, Weslaco, TX 78596
The hotel is located on Expressway 83 & FM 1015

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 til Jan. 29. Please reserve before then if possible.

FORUMS: There will be an antenna forum and undetermined others. Contact Barry, W9UCW to schedule yours.

MEETINGS: General Session, CW Ops, Others

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Registration includes name badge, group photo and prize drawing

Single..... \$10.00=\$ _____

OM/YL Couple..... \$15.00=\$ _____

Chuck Wagon Dinner (Thursday night).....# _____ X \$22.50=\$ _____

Big Ranch Style Buffet

Saturday Night Dinner.....# _____ X \$23.50 =\$ _____

Fajita Fiesta includes Grilled beef/Chicken Fajita, Charro beans, Spanish Rice, Shredded Lettuce & Cheese, Tomato, Sour Cream,Pico de Gallo,Dessert & Drink

Total.....(Includes Taxes & Gratuities).....\$ _____

Name _____ Call _____ USACA# _____

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E-mail address of primary registrant:- _____

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

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Birthdays

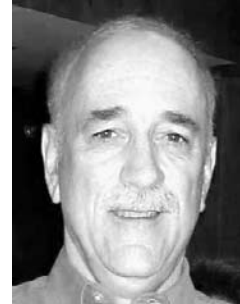
Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
WJ8Y	Jan - 01
KX1A	Jan - 01
W5RJ	Jan - 01
KN6ZB	Jan - 02
K2PF	Jan - 03
N8LG	Jan - 03
KQ8D	Jan - 03
N4IWY	Jan - 03
NX9H	Jan - 03
W2UJ	Jan - 03
WB5NFS	Jan - 03
KE4TTS	Jan - 04
KB1TH	Jan - 04
WS7R	Jan - 04
WA7HYD	Jan - 04
N4PJX	Jan - 05
W2UDT	Jan - 05
W6IUA	Jan - 05
KG7UU	Jan - 05
WB6ALC	Jan - 05
AJ1M	Jan - 05
W4QNW	Jan - 05
KC0YQ	Jan - 05
AA5AH	Jan - 06
N2OCW	Jan - 06
NG3F	Jan - 06
KE1HZ	Jan - 06
KY0E	Jan - 06
KL7IAA	Jan - 07
N0DIA	Jan - 07
K9FZ	Jan - 07
KE0AY	Jan - 08
KB8HW	Jan - 08
N0OSW	Jan - 08
K8MSQ	Jan - 09
K8NQP	Jan - 09
N5EW	Jan - 09
KK6MR	Jan - 09
KK0L	Jan - 09
NT1V	Jan - 09
KG5U	Jan - 09
AB5ZS	Jan - 10
K4QFK	Jan - 11
W6FG	Jan - 11
KK5OX	Jan - 11
W0BM	Jan - 11
W00U	Jan - 12

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
AA7CP	Jan - 12
N9ATA	Jan - 12
KE5TT	Jan - 12
N8OR	Jan - 12
WM0N	Jan - 12
W1EQ	Jan - 12
WA9PZV	Jan - 13
WD3P	Jan - 13
KD9OT	Jan - 13
W0QE	Jan - 13
K6RLR	Jan - 13
NS4C	Jan - 14
W0QDL	Jan - 14
KQ4V	Jan - 14
KE5AY	Jan - 14
AA8NS	Jan - 14
K4YC	Jan - 15
K8PP	Jan - 15
KO7X	Jan - 15
W7MMQ	Jan - 15
N9NI	Jan - 15
W4CCT	Jan - 15
K4YL	Jan - 16
KK7GN	Jan - 16
N7JV	Jan - 17
W2BED	Jan - 17
K4RK	Jan - 17
W5WEE	Jan - 17
WN8M	Jan - 18
WA3EOL	Jan - 18
KG5J	Jan - 18
W9QR	Jan - 18
KA0CYB	Jan - 19
K3JI	Jan - 19
WA4STO	Jan - 19
K9QM	Jan - 19
N00U	Jan - 19
W5NMX	Jan - 19
KN4Y	Jan - 20
KF2O	Jan - 20
WO7HI	Jan - 20
K1BV	Jan - 20
KC9ACL	Jan - 21
NB9P	Jan - 21
AA6MR	Jan - 21
AB4KL	Jan - 21
W1KI	Jan - 21

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N4JRY	Jan - 22
KG5VA	Jan - 22
AL7HS	Jan - 22
N6OL	Jan - 22
N8ZP	Jan - 22
W5THA	Jan - 22
KF5DE	Jan - 22
KB0MHH	Jan - 23
WA0EVO	Jan - 23
KC5UO	Jan - 23
K5DRF	Jan - 23
WD3K	Jan - 24
K2LFG	Jan - 24
W9XYL	Jan - 24
W7ABC	Jan - 24
KD4ON	Jan - 24
KB7QO	Jan - 24
W8DH	Jan - 25
W0RRY	Jan - 25
KG3P	Jan - 25
N7PIB	Jan - 25
N3CRH	Jan - 25
K0GEN	Jan - 26
K5IS	Jan - 26
WG9K	Jan - 26
WB8ROC	Jan - 26
N4GOA	Jan - 26
N0RX	Jan - 26
K1ER	Jan - 26
KC9A	Jan - 27
W5VPV	Jan - 28
WA7NB	Jan - 28
NG9V	Jan - 28
KF7SG	Jan - 28
KU7F	Jan - 29
KF9YL	Jan - 29
N4JRG	Jan - 30
K6PDQ	Jan - 30
W0RAA	Jan - 30
AA7GS	Jan - 30
K6EW	Jan - 30
KX2W	Jan - 31
N0WA	Jan - 31
KM4QM	Jan - 31
KF7ZN	Jan - 31
W3TOM	Jan - 31
W8CFF	Jan - 31

Awards

Call	Date	Award
N4XML	12/27/2009	Roadrunner
W0GXQ	12/27/2009	Roadrunner
KB6UF	12/27/2009	Roadrunner
N5UZW	12/27/2009	Roadrunner
KE3VV	12/27/2009	Roadrunner
N8KIE	12/27/2009	Roadrunner
K4DI	12/7/2009	Worked all Counties - 1st Time - USA-CA



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