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From My Point of View

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There has been a change in my retirement as President of MARAC. I have been persuaded to run one more time. I am serving notice that this is definitely my final term. I was looking forward to being past President. And yes, I do believe in term limits.

Today I just finished up Bingo. W0GXQ, Jerry was a sweetheart and went to Spinks, SD to get it for me. Thanks so much. Also, thanks to AK8A, Steve and N8EMV, Paula who got the three I needed in Kentucky and Ohio to get me down to that last one.

Plans for the National are set and now it's time to start getting the prizes and food laid away. I'm happy to report we have reservations in already. Those attended so far are: N4AAT, W3DYA & Karen, AB2LS, N4JT, N5MLP, KG5UZ & KJ5PQ, K1DFO, and AA9JJ & N9QPQ.

I've had several inquiries about going to Mexico. The little town of Progreso has had no trouble as of yet. I feel it is safe to go over in the daylight. The Winter Texans have not stopped going. I would not recommend an evening trip. Most of the businesses are closing at dusk which is something that didn't use to be done. You, the individual, will have to decide for yourself.

It's time for me to get at the paperwork to send to Randy. Have a Happy Easter!

Joyce, WB9NUL



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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

There are two sorts of CW affection, the love of working counties, and the love of running counties mobile.

I am in the shack busy getting my route finalized for the Georgia and Florida QSO parties. I am listing my route on the respective web sites when I hear the squirrels barking and I know Gator is in the driveway, no need for an exterior surveillance camera. Gator slams his truck door and I yell, "Come on in the door is unlocked." Gator is wearing a new bright red tee shirt.

I turn around in my chair, "What does it say on your tee shirt?" Gator turns around and I read, Tobacco Free Florida. "I got this shirt in the mail and there will be a mad rush of smokers into Florida when they find out the tobacco is free. I may even start chewing again." I laugh so hard I wet my pants. "No, no, Gator that means Florida will be free of tobacco users, free of second hand smoke from smokers." The tears are running down my face as I wonder if Gator was serious. Gator murmurs something about false advertising and makes a quick dash to his truck and returns with two supersized latte. He hands me one, "What is next? Coffee Free Florida. By the way did you know the day has been shortened by 1.26 microseconds as a result of the Chile earthquake? I hope MARAC Logger team is aware of this. I see you have your QST open, anything interesting?" Gator's attention span is very short. I point to an article, "You remember many years ago I worked a very active mobile county hunter Bill, W7GHT, who roamed the Northwest." "Sure do, I saw his call many times when I was rechecking some of your old logs for Logger, what did he do?" "He was given the George Hart distinguished service award." "What is that?" "It is an award." Gator looks at the computer as we sip our latte. Gator has selective hearing.

"I see you got our routes set up for the Georgia and Florida QSO parties, I am ready to get on the road. Did you order the red clay detail kit from Bubba?" "It arrived today, and the bucket is really heavy." "The day before the Georgia QSO party I will come over and help you detail the Bubba Boy red clay." "Thanks, that will be a big help, by the way the shots we got last year are still good." Gator is looking at my Idaho and Wisconsin QSO party logs.

"What happened in Idaho?" "I heard only three stations on CW and worked them." "I did not think you would get back from Georgia in time for the Wisconsin QSO party, I see you got to operate for two hours." "It was great, plenty of fixed stations and mobiles on CW." "Were there many county hunters mobile?" "I worked W19WI, W9HB, W9MSE, and N9NE all with good signals." "How about N9JF?" "Missed him." "I see you still got five for BINGO III and one on 80-meters." Gator picks up more logs, "I see you only got four hours in the Virginia and Oklahoma QSO parties, and I see you got a natural Bingo in both. Gators cell phone plays CW and he gives me the got-to-go sign, "Have a blown gasket on the feeder steam line." He is gone like chocolate rabbit ears on Easter. He flips me a sheet of paper. Gator has made a list of mobiles running counties on the county hunters CW frequencies. AA9ZZ, AC8W, AF3X, AI5P, AK8A, K0ARS, K0PY, K0RU, K4YFH, K4YT, K8OOK, K8ZZ, KA4R-RU, KB0BA, KB6UF, KE3VV, KS5A, N0KV, N2NL, N200, N3AHA, N3ATT, N4CD, N4JT, N4RS, N7IV, N8IPG, N9JF, NF0X, W0BH, W0FP, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W3DQT, W3DYA, W4HSA, W5LXG, W7FEN, W9MSE, WB4KZW, WD4OIN, WV2B,

I must get some rest; I plan to be mobile in the Georgia and Florida QSO parties. Both are active parties, bring your RF (BYRF). There is also the Missouri, Montana, Michigan and Nebraska QSO parties. There is also the Ontario QSO party and several DX contests. If you are not radio active you ain't trying. Dang it, I forgot to show Gator the NC QP mobile experience (?) letter from Jim, W4HSA, but first a recharge nap.

Safety

John, WB9STT

It's the season for more County Hunters to be on the road, and at times they are in need of assistance for mobile or medical service. Below is what information is needed for the police or service garage. Also a list of phone numbers (YOUR: City, State, and County police) should be handy.

Name of person in distress

Are police and emergency vehicles required?

What is the vehicle problem, can it be repaired on site, or must he be towed?

Type of vehicle

- a Make
- b Type sedan van other
- c color
- d State license info

What is his location

- a Route number
- b Mile marker
- c Nearest city or town

Direction he is facing N S E W

These are the questions I was asked by the State police and the service garage.

John WB9STT

Team MRC's

SOME NOTES ON SENDING MRC's TO TEAMS & USING LOGGER

By "Matt" – W0NAC

I became a county hunter way back in 1999 when I accidentally tuned across 14336 and heard these strange cryptic goings-on! I was immediately "hooked" and "put out" my first county some time later. I received my USA-CA award certificate from CQ Magazine (#1032) dated October 9th, 2001 a little over 2 years later. After convincing my XYL (Sharon – N0LXJ) to get her license in 2002 we begin "putting out" counties as an OM/YL team. Sharon received her USA-CA award (#1165) on November 8th, 2007.

Both of us have slogged our way through the tedious and expensive (but fun!) process of verifying all our contacts in the 3077 counties either by QSL or MRC's (Mobile Reply Cards). Using MRC's and one of the bureaus is a great way to save on postage expenses and there is good information on how/when to use them on the countyhunter web page at: <http://www.countyhunter.com> . However, I have never found a specific procedure for verifying contacts with mobile teams.

Over the years we've seen many different approaches to verifying team contacts. These have included:

- 1) Sending one (or more) MRC's to just the OM member of the team.
- 2) Sending one (or more) MRC's to just the YL member of the team
- 3) Sending duplicate MRC's to both members of the team (each in separate envelopes with SASE's)
- 4) Sending duplicate MRC's to both members of the team (in same envelope with one SASE)
- 5) Sending MRC's to both members of the team where only some counties are duplicated and others are not.

When you include sending or not sending QSL cards to one or both team members, the total possible variations multiply very fast and so does the time and expense involved! Ultimately, the choice is still a personal one, but since CQ Magazine only requires confirmation from ONE call sign, I suggest the following:

- 1) For mobile team contacts send only **one** set of original MRC(s) to the team member of your choice (to avoid discrimination or hurt feelings, you may wish to alternate between the two team members).
- 2) If you have made USA-CA contacts with only one member of a team, they should be verified by using separate MRC's.
- 3) If you wish, also include QSL's for both team members if this is the first contact you have made with the team.
- 4) If both team members share a common address (usually the case), all of the MRC's & QSLs mentioned above may be mailed in one envelope (include a single SASE with adequate postage).

One additional suggestion – if you are a MARAC member, use the MARAC Logger computer program to manage your MRC's. It will do a very efficient job in managing and printing your MRC's including keeping track of the Counties that are confirmed and those that are still outstanding. It will even print duplicate copies of MRC's previously sent so you can re-send them if needed. Here is a sample MRC printed by Logger:

To Call: W0MU			From Call: KM9X			MRC #: 2	
MARAC Number: R-03072							
No	State	County	Date	Time	RST	MHZ	Mode
1	KY	Ballard	9/22/2004	18:50	59	14.336	SSB
2	OH	Clermont	1/8/2005	21:27	33	14.336	SSB
3	KY	Washington	1/11/2005	22:26	55	14.336	SSB
4	KY	Nelson	1/11/2005	22:38	55	14.336	SSB
5	KY	Larue	1/11/2005	23:13	55	14.336	SSB
6	KY	Hardin	1/11/2005	23:13	55	14.336	SSB
7	KY	Barren	1/11/2005	23:44	55	14.336	SSB
8	TN	Sumner	1/12/2005	21:31	33	14.336	SSB
9	TN	Robertson	1/12/2005	22:13	55	14.336	SSB
10	IN	Harrison	2/8/2005	15:06	55	14.336	SSB
Printed By Logger: 3/18/2010			Signature: _____				

This MRC was printed in 3”X5” format, but 4”X6” format is also available. Incidentally, Logger will also manage (by reference number) QSL cards used for verification of contacts, but does not print QSL cards suitable for mailing out.

Another Logger bonus is that you can print your MRC’s out on plain paper instead of card stock which can also save significantly on postage, storage space, etc. If you are still using the older KWIKLOG program, be aware that it will print many duplicate contacts on the MRC’s it produces and it is much less “user friendly” than Logger. Conversion from KWIKLOG to Logger is reasonably straight forward and there is a lot of help available from the Logger team if you run into difficulties or if you are not a computer “geek”. I highly recommend that you convert ASAP.

If you are already a Logger user, but don’t use it to manage and print your MRC’s, then you are losing out on using a super tool, especially on that special day when you finally finish (and verify) the WBOW (Whole Ball Of Wax)! Logger will print your entire application (to paper or to a file) in a form acceptable to CQ Magazine. Again, if you have difficulties using the MRC management feature in Logger, there are several sources of good help available to you.

Feel free to call me at 303-799-3658 with any comments or email me at w0nac@comcast.net.

73’s & Good County Hunting!

MATT

Awards

Call	Date	Award
K4YT	3/15/2010	BINGO
AD8W	3/14/2010	BINGO II
W6RLL	3/2/2010	Native American Counties
W6RLL	3/2/2010	US Presidents Counties
KE3VV	3/16/2010	USA-PA - K
K8AO	3/27/2010	Worked all Counties - 1st Time - USA-CA
KM9X	3/13/2010	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time
K7REL	3/4/2010	Worked all Counties - 6th Time



Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
AK8A	3/28/2010	Last County Count 175	# 117
N4AAT	3/28/2010	Last County Count 775	# 9
AA9JJ	3/28/2010	Last County Count 725	# 13
W7FEN	3/28/2010	Last County Count 450	# 36

42nd Annual MARAC National Convention

WESLACO, TEXAS- Wed. 7 July through Sat. 10 July, 2010
Best Western Palm Aire Hotel & Suites

NAME _____ CALL _____ USACA# _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ BEST PHONE NO. _____ - _____ - _____

REGISTRATION FEE -Includes one badge, one Ham prize ticket, one cash prize ticket and E-Mailed photos **\$30.00**

ADDITIONAL NAME BADGES Total number of additional badges _____ X \$2.50 = \$ _____

BADGE NAME _____ CALL or other designation _____ USACA # _____

BADGE NAME _____ CALL or other designation _____ USACA # _____

BADGE NAME _____ CALL or other designation _____ USACA # _____

DESIRED PHOTOS GROUP - USACA HOLDERS - YL - CW OPS **E-MAILED PHOTOS ARE FREE**

Please circle the ones you want

NUMBER OF PRINTED AND MAILED PHOTOS WANTED _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

EXTRA PRIZE TICKETS Raise your chances of winning the "Big Ones"

HAM—Single tickets # _____ X \$ 1.00 = \$ _____

HAM—12 pack tickets # _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

CASH—Single tickets # _____ X \$ 1.00 = \$ _____

CASH—12 pack tickets # _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES PLEASE READ PAGE TWO FOR DESCRIPTIONS!!!!

Wednesday, July 7 ----- **"DINNER AT THE LONE STAR"** # attending _____ (Pay your own bill)
(We need the number to make the reservation)

Thursday, July 8 ----- **"A DAY ON THE KING RANCH"** # going _____ X \$60.00 = \$ _____

Friday, July 9 - **"DOLPHIN WATCH CRUISE AT SO. PADRE"** # going _____ X \$28.00 = \$ _____

Saturday, July 10 ----- **"AWARDS BANQUET"** Includes tip and taxes
Flounder Almondine -----# _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____
Chicken Marsala-----# _____ X \$23.00 = \$ _____

YOUR PAYMENT (Do not send cash, please) **TOTAL \$** _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "2010 MARAC CONVENTION"

Mall this form and your payment to: Joyce Boothe, 21175 FM2556, Santa Rosa, TX 78593

Questions, Comments, call me—956-202-3373 or e-mail me at JoyceNUL@aol.com

EARLY REGISTRATION Register before May 1, 2010 to get a chance for the early bird prize!

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—Call direct 1-800-248-6511—Mention **"MARAC"** (Cut-off date June 23)
Convention rooms for one or two persons—\$69 + tax (good before and after event)
Includes Buffet/Cook-to-Order Breakfast every morning

MARAC National Convention **Events and Activities** Weslaco, TX July 7-10, 2010

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 Opening day evening—**"DINNER AT THE LONE STAR"** Fellowship

Most of the day will be taken settling in, renewing old friendships, sitting around the pools, and getting the "lay of the land." That evening we'll "caravan" the 13 mile straight shot drive toward Harlingen to enjoy dinner and good times together. The **Lone Star Restaurant**, not related to the chain by that name, has been a landmark in the Valley for decades. We'll have our own big dining room, order from the menu and enjoy great food and drink at moderate prices. The Lone Star serves seafood, steaks, Mexican dishes, burgers, and smoked meats from its own mesquite fired smoke house. They have fantastic appetizers, a full service bar, their own bakery, all set in very pleasant surroundings. Join us for a great opening get-together.

Check it out here: http://www.thelonestarrestaurant.com/Lone_Star_Restaurant/Home.html

THURSDAY, JULY 8 A chance to relive history—**"THE KING RANCH"** A day log tour

It was about 150 years ago that Richard King, the salty steamboat captain developed the world's largest ranch of nearly one million acres here in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The King Ranch is larger than the state of Rhode Island. This National Historic Landmark is considered to be the birthplace of the American ranching industry. This is where the Santa Gertrudis breed of cattle was developed, as well as the first registered American Quarter Horse. Besides the **ranch operations**, you'll visit the **Henrietta Memorial Museum** and it's rich collection of artifacts, browse the **Sellers Market** near the **Old Opera House** where saddles, blankets and those famous King Ranch purses are sold, plus much more. You'll be treated to a **Texas Style Bar-B-Que** at the Ceasar Kleberg camp house for the midday meal.

The tour bus will load at the motel in the morning and you will spend most all of the day in air conditioned comfort either riding or inside visiting the various locations. There will be a minimum of outside walking. Check out these web sites: www.king-ranch.com & www.KRsaddleshop.com

FRIDAY, JULY 9 Off to South Padre Island - **"DOLPHIN WATCH CRUISE"** & lunch at Blackbeard's

This is a favorite of both visitors and residents the Lower Rio Grande Valley. You'll board a tour bus at the motel after breakfast and motor out to South Padre Island. There you'll board a big double decker boat and cruise the calm blue waters around the south end of the Island. You'll see the dolphins feeding, playing and surfing in the wake of ships going in and out of the port waterway. You'll see the shrimp boats heading to the gulf, the old Confederate Landing and other points of interest. Then, back on land, the bus will take you up the Island's "main drag" to Blackbeard's. This casual eatery has great seafood, burgers, and steaks at very moderate prices. Order from the menu at your own expense, then board the bus for the return to Weslaco.

Check the websites: <http://www.theoriginaldolphinwatch.com> & <http://www.blackbeardsspi.com/>

SATURDAY, JULY 10 The final event **"THE AWARDS BANQUET"** Plaques & prizes & food & fun

This event, hosted by outgoing President Joyce, WB9NUL and her merry band of revelers will end what we all expect to be a "good time had by all," as she takes on her new role as Past President Emeritus. After opening remarks and dedication, a fine meal served by the folks at the Palm Aire, then the presentations of special MARAC Awards, then a fun time for the drawing of winners of the donated prizes, special Ham prizes & cash prizes.

The menu choices: **1. Flounder Almandine**—Filet of Flounder lightly coated with cornmeal & sautéed until Golden, finished with Almonds
2. Chicken Marsala—Sautéed Breast of Chicken with Fresh Sautéed Mushrooms & a Marsala Wine Demi Glaze

Both served with: Green Bean Almandine, New Roasted Potatoes with Rosemary & Garlic,
 For dessert, Carrot cake.
 Coffee & Iced Tea

CW Team Procedures

OM/YL MOBILE TEAM CW PROCEDURES

By "Matt" (WØNAC) & "Sharon" (NØLXJ)

Sharon (NØLXJ) and I (WØNAC) are planning to put out some counties in the near future on CW as an OM/YL team. Apparently, this hasn't been done before (at least recently) so we want to give folks a "heads up" on the procedure we plan on using. Please understand that this is new to us also and we ask in advance that you be tolerant of the mistakes we are bound to make. We are just trying to provide the county hunter community with a new way to work OM/YL teams. Also, be aware that our ability to distinguish call signs (particularly in a pile-up!) is still far from perfect, but we are trying very hard to improve. Your patience will be appreciated! Also, if you have any comments or suggestions, you can email us at w0nac@comcast.net.

Here are the 3 procedures we plan to use:

US PUTTING OUT A COUNTY

WØNAC ----->	QNF?	
ANYONE ----->	GA	
WØNAC ----->	WØNAC ES NØLXJ/M DOUGLAS CO QRZ	
CALLING STATION ----->	NØKV	
WØNAC ----->	NØKV UR 599	
CALLING STATION ----->	AL 599 BOTH K	
WØNAC ----->	R 599 $\overline{A S}$	($\overline{A S}$ = WAIT)
NØLXJ ----->	R 599 TU	
CALLING STATION ----->	R 599 BOTH TU	

CALLING A MOBILE WHEN WE ARE ALSO MOBILE

MOBILE STATION ----->	NØKV ELBERT CO QRZ
WØNAC ----->	WØNAC ES NØLXJ/M
MOBILE STATION ----->	WØNAC ES NØLXJ/M 599 BOTH
WØNAC ----->	R 599 AL 599 DE DOUGLAS CO $\overline{A S}$
NØLXJ ----->	R 599 TU
MOBILE STATION ----->	R 599 BOTH TU

CALLING A MOBILE (US FIXED AT HOME)

MOBILE STATION ----->	NØKV ELBERT CO QRZ
WØNAC ----->	WØNAC ES NØLXJ
MOBILE STATION ----->	WØNAC ES NØLXJ 599 BOTH
WØNAC ----->	R 599 AL 599 $\overline{A S}$
NØLXJ ----->	R 599 TU
MOBILE STATION ----->	R 599 BOTH TU

(Please note: procedures may vary slightly, especially if sent and received reports are different)

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.

President: Joyce Boothe - WB9NUL
Vice President: Lightning Leo Bingham - WY7LL
Treasurer: Terry Dummler - WQ7A
Secretary: James Grandinetti - KZ2P
Pacific Director: Robert T. Devine - KC6AWX
Northeast Director: Carol-Ann Reitman - AB2LS

Election Bio's**Carol-Ann Reitman
AB2LS**

My name is Carol-Ann Reitman, AB2LS and I have been the NE director of Marac for the past three years. What qualifies me as a marac director? Well, I have been involved in county hunting for ten years having attained four stars, bingo three times and master gold. WA2AKB and I used to be very active as a mobile team but unfortunately his ill health has put an end to that. I attend as many of the conventions as possible. I have asked for comments or suggestions from the members in this area (without receiving any signs of interest). I also have tried to encourage several new members to persevere through the tough conditions we have experienced these past few years. I have the interests of Marac at heart. It is possible that others may consider themselves more qualified if so, please step up to the plate; otherwise you're stuck with me for three more years.

**Lightning Leo Bingham
WY7LL**

I was licensed in 1984 ...started county hunting in 1985. I received my 1st star in April 2009. Served as Vice President of the North East Wyoming Amateur Radio Association for four terms. Volunteer Examiner with ARRL and W5YI . Designed the associations Logo, jackets & vests. I have served on the MARAC Awards committee for the last year and have helped design some of the newer awards. Produced the county hunting basics video seen on County Hunter dot com. Team member of Contest Station WY7SS. I am a retired UPS driver with 25 years' service. Work when called as a reserve Deputy for Campbell County Wyoming Sheriffs Dept. since 1989. Certified in many aspects of Law Enforcement and Search & Rescue. FEMA certified Public Information Officer. Certified SCUBA Diver and Certified Fishing fanatic. Some of my ham radio accomplishments can be seen in detail on QRZ dot com.

**JAMES GRANDINETTI
KZ2P**

As you are all aware, I have been your (MARAC) Secretary for the past 7 months. I am now seeking election to the Office of Secretary. During the past 7 months, I have demonstrated my ability to perform all of the duties required for this office.

- 1) Since assuming the Secretarial position, I have familiarized myself with all of the requisite computer programs, reports and duties.
- 2) I have both a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Economics with a minor in accounting.
- 3) I was President & Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Peoples National Bank in Lakewood before retiring in 1983.

I have been actively involved in county hunting as well as an active member of MARAC since 1978. I have completed USA-CA 12 times as well as the Five Star, Master Gold and Master County Hunter awards.

My service to the county hunting community includes:

- 1) Serving as MARAC Treasurer for 7 years.
- 2) Serving as Treasurer for the New York National Convention.
- 3) Co-hosted the South East Mini for the past several years.
- 4) I was instrumental in drafting the current MARAC Constitution and By Laws, which returned control of our organization to the membership.
- 5) I have transmitted from 2000+ counties.
- 6) I have acted as either net control or assistant net control and have accumulated 31000 hours of service. I have been selected SSB Net Control in 1994, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
- 7) I received the MARAC Custodian's Award for continuing service to MARAC - 1998.
- 8) I was selected County Hunter of the Year in 1998.
- 9) MARAC Outstanding Service Award - 2006.
- 10) MARAC President's Award - 2008.

I am eminently qualified and have proven my ability and desire to serve as MARAC's Secretary and I look forward to your continued support and friendship.

**Joyce Boothe
WB9NUL**

Joyce Boothe, WB9NUL has been an active County Hunter and MARAC member for 35 years. Her on-the-air activity includes long stints as net control or assistant on 20, 40 and 75 meters as well as mobile operation from over half the counties in the continental U.S. She is particularly proud of her work as host or hospitality chair at "mini" and "maxi" conventions throughout the years. Besides an array of certificates and plaques for county hunting achievements, she has received dozens of merit awards and also holds "County Hunter of the Year" and a President's citation. Joyce was a member of the Awards committee for 12 years and served as South Central Director of MARAC from 1992 until she was elected to the office of Vice President. She has served as President for the last 6 years. Her goal is to work with the other board members to satisfy the interests of County Hunters through efficient operation of a viable organization.

Terry Dummler
WQ7A

Having served as your Treasurer for four years now, I have a good understanding of the MARAC accounts. The actual keeping of the books is not a big part of the position however. It is also my privilege to serve on the Board of Directors. I have tried to vote in the best interest of the MARAC membership. It would be an honor to be re-elected to this position. I solicit your vote.

Robert Divine
KC6AWX

I was first licensed in 1988 and worked mostly DX and IOTA islands until November of 1996. It was at that time he stumbled across the county hunter net on 14.336 and have been there ever since.

I have completed USACA 1st Time (#967) on 12/24/98, 2nd Time (#271) on 08/07/00, 3rd Time (#161) on 09/14/02, 4th Time (#118) on 10/20/04, 5th Time (85) on 08/12/2007, Bingo (#172) on 10/08/99, Bingo 2 (#20) on 08/19/02, Bingo 3 (# 9) on 9/20/06, K Prefix (#8) on 07/16/05, Masters Gold (#13) on 07/28/05 and 5 Star (#23) on 12/30/05.

I have helped on the net when needed as both Net Control and Assistant Net Control. I have transmitted all of the San Francisco Bay Area counties on numerous occasions and have been instrumental in removing these counties from the "most needed list". I have amassed 51 Last Counties and 6 WBOW awards. I also hold the Cliff Corne Award #465 07-14-97. My radio activities have been somewhat curtailed in recent months because of illnesses that required my immediate and undivided attention.

In 1997 I assisted in formatting the county line program for Kwiklog. I researched the county lines throughout the San Francisco Bay area of California and sent this information to Willis, KJ4EJ for inclusion in the Kwiklog Program.

I have been a member of MARAC since 1996 and have always been actively involved in the Club - attending 98% of all of the meetings. I was elected to the office of Pacific Director in 2001 and have represented my District as a member of the Board of Directors since then. When a site for the National in 2002 was needed, I stepped to the plate and volunteered to host the convention. I

hosted the MARAC National Convention in Visalia, Ca in 2002. I received the MARAC MERIT AWARD category 2 on July 13, 2002. Not satisfied to sit on my laurels, I hosted the 2008 MARAC National Convention in Visalia, CA. I received the MARAC Outstanding Service Award on July 12, 2008. .

I am also an ARRL accredited volunteer examiner (5 years) and in charge of the ARRL 6th District Incoming QSL Bureau.

I would like your support for the next three years as your Pacific Director. I will do, as I have in the past, what members of the district ask of me, regardless of the flack I may get from others. I am your representative and as such will do your will to the best of my ability.

Nominations for CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year

Nominations are now in order for the 2010 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. As of the 20th of March I have not received any nominations. 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. Please support the members that Go out of their way to make this club thrive and advise your Director who you think they are. 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.

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_____

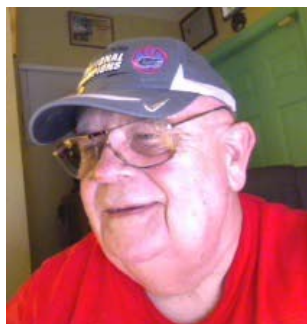
Best Mobile SSB: 1st Choice_____ 2nd Choice_____

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>
R4398	W5FBK	Dave Holman
R4399	W3ZD	Allan Corderman
R4400	N3TG	Red Free
R4401	N7LFX	Larry Robinson
R4402	K3MAF	Adrienne Free
R4403	AI4IV	Jackie McCormac
R4404	WY8I	William Odam
R4405	N8DMW	Karen Odam

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K1OPV	Apr - 01
WI4K	Apr - 02
WB9TKR	Apr - 02
KW4FM	Apr - 02
W6YR	Apr - 02
AA4QE	Apr - 02
KC8WRP	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
K1BM	Apr - 05
W6HOR	Apr - 05
KA0BUM	Apr - 05
N9IWL	Apr - 05
W9SUQ	Apr - 06
AL7R	Apr - 06
W9CSX	Apr - 06
KQ0B	Apr - 06
KF5AT	Apr - 06
W3MAX	Apr - 06
KD2SP	Apr - 06
KB5VTB	Apr - 06
KS2S	Apr - 06
W7LOV	Apr - 07
W0GOQ	Apr - 07
KA2CNG	Apr - 07
N2MED	Apr - 07
W5LJW	Apr - 07
W7PSK	Apr - 07
AA8HH	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
W8JM	Apr - 10
KO2Q	Apr - 10
K4HVB	Apr - 10
KD8SF	Apr - 10
W4RKV	Apr - 10
N7YG	Apr - 11
W7KQZ	Apr - 11
N3EA	Apr - 11
WB8RJW	Apr - 12
KI7ZV	Apr - 12
KW8T	Apr - 12
W2RSA	Apr - 12
K9BLX	Apr - 12
W6TKV	Apr - 13
K0PVV	Apr - 13
W7FEN	Apr - 13
KB0FQC	Apr - 13

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K4HBH	Apr - 13
WD0EAM	Apr - 13
KA0DDJ	Apr - 14
W0GXQ	Apr - 14
N2ODU	Apr - 14
WA0LMK	Apr - 14
K4RAS	Apr - 14
KA2MKQ	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
WA0SMX	Apr - 18
W2XO	Apr - 19
N0DPX	Apr - 19
WB0MNE	Apr - 19
KD8GL	Apr - 19
KD1ZL	Apr - 20
NS9Q	Apr - 20
K5JYD	Apr - 20
W7LES	Apr - 20
W2ZI	Apr - 20
KT4U	Apr - 21
KJ5PO	Apr - 21
N7ETN	Apr - 22
K2SGA	Apr - 22
KF5JC	Apr - 22
W8UO	Apr - 22
KA5VWD	Apr - 23
W8DCD	Apr - 23
K0CN	Apr - 23
W0NAN	Apr - 23
KK5ZK	Apr - 24
K2HVN	Apr - 24
W8ILC	Apr - 24
N7AXY	Apr - 24
W0FS	Apr - 24
W3IJT	Apr - 24
WA9LEY	Apr - 25
NN2Q	Apr - 25
W01B	Apr - 26
WA5W-	Apr - 26
WW	
N8TI	Apr - 26
K9CS	Apr - 26
KE5TC	Apr - 27
W8SU	Apr - 27
N5KGY	Apr - 27
KO1Z	Apr - 27
WS3F	Apr - 27
W4GFO	Apr - 27
W9ZJX	Apr - 28
KS4KM	Apr - 28
W5ST	Apr - 28
W6LMJ	Apr - 28
W0MYZ	Apr - 29
KA1HB	Apr - 29
W0LFJ	Apr - 29

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K0PG	Apr - 30
NU4C	Apr - 30
KG0SV	Apr - 30
W0ME	Apr - 30
W6TN	Apr - 30
AK8C	Apr - 30
K8YJ	Apr - 30
AA2AV	Apr - 30
KA0SHC	Apr - 30

**Treasurer's Report
February 28, 2010**

*Note: Your Treasurer was out of town the month of February.
Membership and Awards income will be reported in March.*

Funds Balance January 31, 2010 **\$16,452.19**

Income:

Membership (Not reported)	\$0.00	
Money Market Interest	\$2.61	
Logger Distribution	\$0.00	
Awards Manager Income (Not reported)	\$0.00	
		<u>\$2.61</u>

Expenses:

Hoppers - Plaques	\$85.50	
Print Right - Road Runner	\$375.04	
Awards Manager Expenses	\$0.00	
		<u>\$460.54</u>

Account Balances **\$15,994.26**

Checking Account **\$2,392.96**

Money Market Account **\$13,601.30**

\$15,994.26

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
2010 National Convention Seed	\$3,000.00



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