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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

As I write this Hurricane Alex is heading into Mexico about 50 to 100 miles south of our qth. The rain started at 4:30 AM. We have taken all the precautions we could and will wait to see just how much rain we will receive.

The convention plans are all in place. It will be a small National this year. The King Ranch tour should be great fun. Unfortunately, we did not make the needed numbers for the dolphin watch trip, but the event is still on. The plan is to motor caravan style out to the island.

Carol, AB2LS has sent her beautiful afghan as a door prize. The major prizes are an IC706, a FT-857, an mfj-269 analyzer, and a GPS unit. The early bird registrant's prize is a notebook computer that's perfect for home or mobiling. We look forward to seeing K1DFO, AB2LS, KZ2P, W3DYA & Karen, AF3X, WA3ZTY & WB3JDC, N4CD, N4JT, N5AWE & Jean, W5DU & KB5TVU, KK5MI, N5MLP, K5OH & Evelyn, K5UH, KG5UZ & KJ5PQ, AB7RW & AC7UH, N8KIE & N8RLJ, AA9JJ & N9QPQ, W9JL, Jennifer & Cody, KY0E & N0CWX.

One of our members, K8CW has lost his daughter to cancer. Please keep Alan and his family in your prayers.

The annual meeting will be on Saturday at the convention. We hope that you will join us by going to the MARAC site and logging in. The agenda has been posted on our site. Jim, KZ2P has gotten a few requests to pay MARAC dues thru PayPal. Is this something that you the members would like to see implemented? If so, we would need to charge an additional 75 cents to the dues. Please, let me know if you think this is something you would like to do. Also, one of the items on the agenda is a dues change. Terry has done a cost analyze of what it costs to mail the RoadRunner to our members....\$51.00 a year!

This year I presented the Presidential Award to AA8R, Randy. Randy did a fantastic job of improving the award process and cutting costs that had gotten out of hand. Thanks so much, Randy. That being said, Randy has given me his resignation. I have accepted it with great sadness. I ask you the membership to come forward if you are interested in this position. Ideally, this person should be able to navigate Microsoft Access, Print Shop, Word and Excel.

Have a great July!

Joyce, WB9NUL



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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Perhaps there is no happiness in life so perfect as the CW mobile county hunter.

Gator and I are assessing our mobile results in the running of the Alabama QSO party. He picks up a post-it, "Who is this name and call sign?" "You remember during the Florida QSO party that fellow that came up to the van at the restaurant and introduced himself." "Yes, I do remember, nice chap. I wish we could have listened to more of his stories." "Well he wrote his name, Tony and his call sign WB2FGL, on the post-it which I put in the logging notebook and it fell out." We enjoy the lattes Gator brought from the Bad Ass Coffee Shop.

We look at the ALQP log print out and read we made 328 QSO's on 40-meters, 335 QSO's on 20-meters, 2 on 15-meters and 15 on 80-meters. Gator points to the 80-meter number, "We could have had a big total on 80-meters had the signal not turned on the dash board warning lights. Wonder why?" "I called several automobile electrical system experts and they said it just happens, no one has been interested enough to figure out why." "Bummer, I see we worked 43 States, 2 Canada and 3 DXCC. We ran 14 counties and averaged 48 QSO's a county." We continue to enjoy our lattes. Gator opens a bag of the Girl Scout cookies.

Out of the blue Gator shouts, "You remember that 10 foot underpass at Greenville. Good thing I am an alert driver. The 12 foot antenna would not have made the trip to the other side." "You notice when you stopped and I got out to take off the antenna the cars behind us stopped and did not honk or cuss us out. I bet that is a nice town to live in." Gator murmurs under his breath, I think the cussing was just not audible. "What did you say?" "Nothing." I give Gator my ARRL VHF QSO party log.

"Wow Dude, you made 312 QSO's on 6-meters and got 106 new counties. You also got two natural bingo and three for fifth time around. How many you need to finish fifth time." "I do not know, bring up the logger summary." "You need 159 to go. You should finish this year." Gator looks at my West Virginia QSO party log, "Only 25 QSO's, did you have the radio on?" "I went up and down the bands for the entire QSO party and heard very few CW stations, fixed and mobile. The suggested frequencies are the general portion of all bands." Gator laughs, "In West Virginia they do not bunch up, too easy a target." "That may be true, but I think all the CW operators have retired and moved as West Virginia is not a retirement Mecca"

We have a good laugh. Gator picks up a QSL card, and says, "This is neat Dude, a QSL card from Kay, N3KN, the President of the ARRL." "We made a contact during the Florida QSO party. Gator's cell phone sends CW, a sign there is a problem. Gator tosses me a piece of paper is out the door and gone like a cookies at a MARAC convention.

It is a list of mobiles running on the county hunters CW frequencies, AA8R, AA9KH, AB7RW, AE3Z, K0ARS, K2VHN, K4YFH, K7INA, K8RYU, K8ZZ, K9JWV, KA4RRU, KB0BA, KB6UF, KN4Y, KS7S, W9MSE, N0KV, N0XYL, N2OO, N4AAT, N4CD, N4JJ, N4PI, N6HH, N7IV, N9JF, N9QS, NA7XX, NF0N, NM2L, NN9K, NS5J, W0GXQ, W0MU, W0NAC, W4HSA, W4SIG, W8OP, W9OP, WA4PGM, WB4KZW.

I ran the CW station for the Sportsman's Paradise ARC during field day. I am getting the K4WAK logs together while listening to and working the mobiles going to the MARAC convention. Nap time is approaching. The Canada Day contest is starting, and there is the IARU HF world Championships, the CQ VHF contest, and the IOTA contest. So much to do, so little time.



Elections**MARAC Board of Directors Election Results**

The following directors have been elected to 2 year terms expiring July 2012:

President: Joyce Boothe - WB9NUL
Vice President: Lightning Leo Bingham - WY7LL
Treasurer: Terry Dummler - WQ7A
Secretary: James Grandinetti - KZ2P

The following directors have been elected to 3 year terms expiring July 2013:

Pacific Director: Robert T. Devine - KC6AWX
Northeast Director: Carol-Ann Reitman - AB2LS

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

2010 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 10th at the MARAC convention.

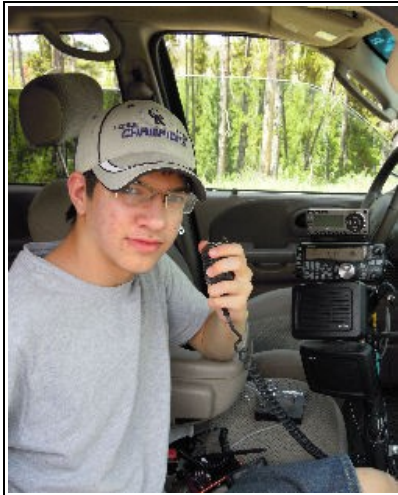
Please welcome KL1V- Kent your new MARAC Election Coordinator

The only thing left for Kent's elevation to MARAC Election Coordinator is his approval by the Board of Directors at their annual meeting on July 10, 2010. I am sure that he will be, and he will make a great coordinator. Please give Kent a warm welcome.



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WØTOL



WØTOL-Brenden Fatchett

Brenden is one of our newest county hunters. The county hunter gods must be smiling on him as he just worked N4AAT on June 22, 2010 from Teton, Wyoming which was the last for the Whole Ball of Wax 8th time for Scotty.

He got his Technician class license when he was 12. After riding along with his Dad, W0MU-Mike, he decided to start studying for his general ticket so he could work hf and do more county hunting with his dad. Brenden passed his General test at the Rocky Mountain National Convention in Casper, Wyoming, where he met fellow county hunters WY7LL and WY7ML.

WØTOL-Brenden-at the mic from Teton, Wy working N4AAT.

Brenden is 15 and will be a Sophomore in High School. He carries a 4.0 GPA in school and hopes to secure a nice scholarship. He also just got his Drivers permit. Brenden has a miniature donkey, chinchilla along with cats and dogs . Other interests include, computers, computer gaming, web design and graphic arts. He is a avid fan of most of the Denver sports teams. His favorite teams are the Rockies (MLB) and the Avalanche (NHL). He also enjoys reading and learning about pirates and pirate history during the 1600-1800 time period. He also enjoys shooting and hunting. He is also a Cadet with the Columbus Volunteer Fire Department.

He is enjoying county hunting and feeling more comfortable behind the mic and understanding all the two-tvos and three-threes that he heard for endless miles with his dad. So far he has worked 273 counties. He will be sending out MRC's as soon as his new QSL cards arrive. He designed the card himself. He was very excited when he was given the opportunity to hand out the WBOW so early in his CH career. He has enjoyed meeting so many nice and helpful people on the net. He wanted to thank everyone that has given him support and encouragement along the way. His favorite is band is 20 and SSB is his favorite mode. Brenden and his dad are planning on trying to put out more counties on PSK in the future.



WØTOL County/State Line Gallatin, MT & Teton, WY



WØTOL's QSL Card

Calendar

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
MI qrp cw sprint Firecracker PSK Sprint Independence Day		National				Annual Mtg
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						NA RTTY QP
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
NA RTTY QP						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Contest Results

Scott, KA3QLF

The 2010 MARAC contest(s) have once again come and gone. 56 unique stations submitted logs, with some very close scores. The complete scoring tables can be found on the MARAC website. For CW scores, go to this URL: <http://www.marac.org/cwresults.htm>
For SSB scores, go to this URL: <http://www.marac.org/ssbresults.htm>
To read soapbox comments from both contests, please go to this URL: <http://www.marac.org/cwsoap.htm>

Jeff, W9MSE ran away with the CW mobile victory, making 1083 qso's with 339 counties for just over 1.5 Million points, from 62 different Wisconsin counties. Norm, W3DYA ran 41 counties in TX on his way to a 2nd place finish, with 684 qso's and 179 mults. Newcomer to the MARAC contest as a mobile this year is our Third place finisher, Kerry, W4SIG. Running counties in 3 different states, Kerry picked up 413 qso's and 201 mults. Many thanks go out to the mobiles for activating over 200 different counties!

There is some very good competition in the CW Fixed category. Jim, NW6S earned top honors by edging out Sterling, WA7JHQ in the battle of perennial front runners in the MARAC contest. Coming in a close third is Jeff, N8II.

The CW Mixed category saw a rise in participation. In fact, it was doubled this year compared to last year. Jerry, W0GXQ used a strong fixed score, added to his diligence of being one of the mobiles out during the demise of conditions on Sunday, to take top honors in this county hunter friendly category. Justin, KG4VBK pried his father, K4EXT away from the radio long enough to also have a strong fixed score, coupled with some rare TN counties as a mobile, as the runner up.

Jiri, OK1AOV was very active working stateside during the contest period. Not only was he participating in the other contests that weekend, but he also found the time to follow the ch mobiles, to take first place in the DX category. Axel, DL6KVA did a remarkable job following mobiles in all the contests this weekend, to enter the 2nd highest dx score for 2010.

The SSB contest, once again was very much lacking in participation. Mel, KJ9C, coupled his operation in the Indiana QSO Party, with the MARAC contest, to run 21 Indiana counties on SSB, to take top honors in the Mobile category. Also out there in the mobile was NX4W on Friday night, as well as KA3QLF on Friday night and Sunday afternoon.

Dom, WW3K coupled his ssb participation in the New England Qso Party, to take the win in the Fixed category. Not too far behind is Jerry, N5KGY, who was busy playing in the various contests of the weekend, and put 86 counties into his log!

Stay tuned to this page, and the various forums, and email reflectors for news, updates, and announcements for future MARAC sponsored contests. I would like to thank each and every participant for taking the time to not only participate, but to turn in their logs and scores. without these, these contest(s) would not be possible. Best 73, and catch you on the air--Scott, KA3QLF, MARAC contest coordinator.

History Happens

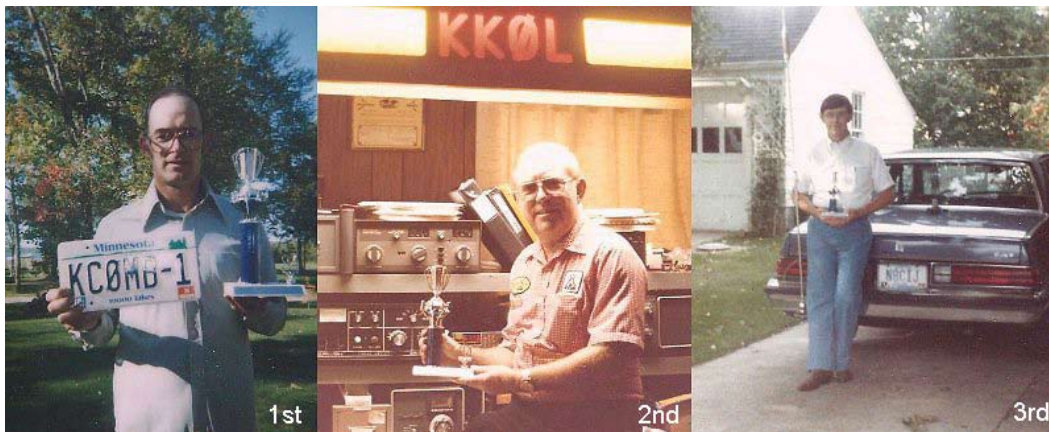
Gary, K4EXT

June was a GREAT month for collecting CH/MARAC historical goodies! KN4Y elected to unload his entire collection of Roadrunner newsletters on me ... some of those date back to 1988. Also included were some MARAC annual reports and some antique (sorry Ed, Gator made me use that term) log books! Now I have a bunch of new reading to do in between naps ... thanks Ed!

Various folks also elected to Email photos to me ... including N8KIE, N4AAT, KL1V, W0MU, AF3X, and WQ7A ... thanks guys! And Gene, N4ANV has promised to send me a collection of old County Hunting photos he received from W2PDM, so July might be a great month also!

One weird thing I received was from our favorite Alaskan fisherman and soon-to-be-appointed Election Coordinator, KL1V. Instead of returning my MRC's in the enclosed SASE, Kent elected to fill my SASE with various pieces of junk mail ... insurance application, shiny AAA decal, and even a handy danger tag. My actual MRC's arrived a couple weeks later ... mailed from the Yukon of all places. Historically speaking, I'm not sure this kind of bizarre MRC incident has ever happened before, so thought I'd better go ahead and mention it here.

Now for a piece of real history Scottie, N4AAT decided to hold his own Vacation Contest way back in 1984. In those days he was better known as N7AKT. Scottie planned a trip and stated that CH'ers who worked him in the most counties would receive an award, namely a spiffy trophy for the top three winners. After the dust settled and Scottie reviewed the submitted logs, the top three trophy winners were George, KC0MB (1st place), John, KK0L (2nd place), and Dick, N8CIJ (3rd place) as shown in the photo below. Very cool ... and congrats on that recent 8th star Scottie!



New Members

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4414	KG4FJC	John Gnatowsky
R4415	WB6OOA	Romona Davis
R4416	NA8W	Darl Deeds
R4417	K0MAF	Jack Hubby
R4418	K9DXA	Harry Jones

**Treasurer's Report
May 31, 2010**

Funds Balance April 30, 2010 **\$17,901.14**

Income:

Membership	\$552.00	
Money Market Interest	\$2.89	
Logger Distribution	\$144.00	
Awards Manager Income	\$788.00	
		<u>\$1,486.89</u>

Expenses:

Hoppers - Plaques	\$48.00	
Print Right 103 units@\$3.68 x12 \$44.17/yr	\$379.13	
Awards Manager Expenses	\$852.39	
Awards Manager Laptop purchase	\$1,617.49	
Treasurer Expense & Shipping	\$115.21	
Secretary Expense (W2IBB)	\$350.32	
		<u>\$3,362.54</u>

Account Balances **(\$1,875.65)**

Checking Account	\$4,294.16	
Money Market Account	<u>\$13,606.98</u>	

\$16,025.49

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,500.00
2010 National Convention Seed	\$3,000.00



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K4CQW	Jul - 01
KB8TIN	Jul - 01
W7AXY	Jul - 01
AL7GY	Jul - 02
KF0E	Jul - 03
KA6BTU	Jul - 03
NC4J	Jul - 03
KA9QKN	Jul - 04
W0WYJ	Jul - 05
K5UH	Jul - 05
W1WLW	Jul - 05
WB5LFO	Jul - 06
NN5B	Jul - 06
KE5WL	Jul - 06
W5FHL	Jul - 07
VA3RJ	Jul - 07
K8EMS	Jul - 07
KI0HF	Jul - 07
AA9ZZ	Jul - 07
KK0V	Jul - 08
N4ANV	Jul - 08
KU4QG	Jul - 08
KG7GV	Jul - 08
KE5RH	Jul - 10
N4GQQ	Jul - 10
AA6JR	Jul - 11
N8GEQ	Jul - 11
WA7AIM	Jul - 11
AA4GL	Jul - 12
WD8AYN	Jul - 12
W8YL	Jul - 12
K9FA	Jul - 13
WA4WIN	Jul - 13
KB4ET	Jul - 13
N5SGC	Jul - 13
WF0B	Jul - 13
AE5Q	Jul - 14
KE6LF	Jul - 14
W5OBT	Jul - 14

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N3FC	Jul - 14
WA1KPJ	Jul - 14
WA4WQG	Jul - 14
WA1JYO	Jul - 14
KC3AD	Jul - 14
W0GYR	Jul - 14
KD1TH	Jul - 15
K8ZXY	Jul - 15
K5TT	Jul - 15
N4XE	Jul - 15
K0UB	Jul - 16
KA1NX	Jul - 16
W4DRR	Jul - 16
W2ARP	Jul - 16
AA9CW	Jul - 17
KT1M	Jul - 17
KP4CZ	Jul - 17
K6PJ	Jul - 17
KI4W	Jul - 18
K5XY	Jul - 18
K0SDA	Jul - 18
KE6US	Jul - 18
KC0ZU	Jul - 18
WE7G	Jul - 19
W8YRB	Jul - 20
KW3H	Jul - 20
K5VYT	Jul - 20
K2RPM	Jul - 21
W4ZMB	Jul - 21
W4GNS	Jul - 21
KU4YM	Jul - 21
N8IPG	Jul - 21
WB2ABD	Jul - 22
KM8U	Jul - 22
KB9MGI	Jul - 22
WU3H	Jul - 23
W4BOB	Jul - 23
KE4MW	Jul - 24
KA3QLF	Jul - 24

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KV3D	Jul - 24
K9OC	Jul - 24
W5JBP	Jul - 24
WS9V	Jul - 25
W4VIC	Jul - 25
W5LOR	Jul - 26
KD8HB	Jul - 26
W7SAR	Jul - 26
KE2EA	Jul - 26
W9AAW	Jul - 26
N4IXV	Jul - 26
VE4AE	Jul - 26
K4BF	Jul - 26
K9IA	Jul - 27
KF4WC	Jul - 27
KF0Q	Jul - 27
NC1N	Jul - 27
WB1EEN	Jul - 27
W6PXE	Jul - 27
N8HAM	Jul - 27
N5OAO	Jul - 28
WA4LZI	Jul - 28
KF8UN	Jul - 28
N4AKP	Jul - 28
W4YDY	Jul - 29
N4AAT	Jul - 29
N0EHS	Jul - 29
K0NII	Jul - 29
WD4OIN	Jul - 30
KD4DJ	Jul - 30
KW5USA	Jul - 30
KU9G	Jul - 30
KY9Y	Jul - 30
K9GTQ	Jul - 30
W6XLR	Jul - 30
W6XJN	Jul - 31
W0FLZ	Jul - 31

Awards

Call	Date	Award
AA1VA	6/18/2010	BINGO
W4YDY	6/20/2010	BINGO II
W0GXQ	6/5/2010	County Challenge
WB0CQO	6/19/2010	Master's Gold
W0GXQ	6/19/2010	Worked all Counties - 4th Time
N4AAT	6/22/2010	Worked all Counties - 8th Time

Award Name	"Number of LC"
Last County In The State	364
Last County In The USA	4

Roadrunner Issued In June			
Call	Date	Award	Number
NE9DH	6/27/2010	Last County Count 325	# 50
KB0BA	6/27/2010	Last County Count 50	# 322
WD4OIN	6/27/2010	Last County Count 50	# 321
N9QPQ	6/27/2010	Last County Count 900	# 4
N8OYY	6/27/2010	Last County Count 125	# 164
N4CD	6/27/2010	Last County Count 1800	# 1
WG6X	6/27/2010	Last County Count 750	# 11
WD9EJK	6/27/2010	Last County Count 225	# 81
N7ID	6/27/2010	Last County Count 525	# 27
N9QS	6/27/2010	Last County Count 700	# 16
AA4S	6/27/2010	Last County Count 25	# 485
N0KV	6/27/2010	Last County Count 175	# 118

Dave's Call

Inside here (page 5) is an experiment; an attempt at a calendar of events with a potential county hunter interest. I know there are contest web sites out with anything and everything listed. This is filtered.

In order to maximize the day's space, it's shown/printed sideways here. For best viewing, print out the page – and keep it handy.

However, if this experiment is of no interest, PLEASE, email me so I know whether or not to spend anymore time on it. Or, email me if you like the concept. My address is dhyatt@homesc.com.

Thanks for your input.

Enjoy the National; Ellen and I can't make it. I have to work.

73 Dave KU4YM

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“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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