



# **THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER**

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## **From My Point of View** Joyce, WB9NUL

I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday. Christmas is fast approaching. Barry and I have the house decorated and Christmas music is playing throughout the house. This is my favorite time of the year. We will be having our annual Christmas open house on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and if any of you are in the area we hope you will stop by.

Final arrangements have been made for the February South Central Mini. There will be a dinner at our house on Thursday of lunches and other goodies. This is a treat that comes to us from Mexico. Nana's a café in Weslaco will do the catering. Yes, we have plenty of room here at the house. The banquet will be hosted at the Lone Star Restaurant. Those of you who were at the National will remember the good food and service we received. I look forward to seeing you all. If you haven't been to the new birding center on South Padre Island I recommend you put it on your list of things to do. For those of you who are coming to the mini don't forget to bring a door prize.

If you haven't been to the MARAC web site recently take a look at the history link. It brought back lots of pleasant memoirs. This is indeed a labor of love and I appreciate the hard work that Gary, K4EXT has put into this.

From our house to yours we wish you a Merry Christmas.

Joyce, WB9NUL



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**Dateline CW**

Ed, KN4Y

A mobile CW county hunter has nothing to offer but miles, sweat, toil and counties.

I was discussing with Gator that I think I had what is called a phenomena. It had been dry for weeks and the 10-10 CW QSO party was coming up. I had added hundreds of radials to the tower with the Yagi to shunt the tower for 160-meters. I decided to wet the ground area containing the radicals and hope my chances of working stations on ten meters will be improved. I found my garden hose was not long enough and I was able to water only the East quadrant of the system. After the QSO party I had worked 200 contacts and not a contact in the 1, 2,3,5,8 and 9 call areas. I usually have many Ohio and Illinois stations in my log. I had only two QSO's in the 4 call area, one in North Carolina and a ham in the next county. Most of my contacts were in the West and Northwest and some DX. When I operated the radio did I get skewed by the half moist area? Gator goes to the cooler and gets a couple 807's and hands me one.

"This is a complex situation and requires liquid intervention since it might have been a different pattern had you been all wet. There is the ARRL ten meter contest coming up, wet only the West side and see if the East dominates. I think you will agree that correlation does not imply causation" "You got a good idea Gator; I will go to Wal-Mart and get more hose." Gator looks at my 10-10 contest log, "You got your last Oregon County, a 2x1 call and an 'N' prefix. I also see you got a bunch of new ten numbers. and a new county on ten meters. Not bad for a skewed signal." Gator is laughing as he sips his 807.

I change the subject, "Did you know the creator of Rocky and Bullwinkle died?" Gator gets a coconut bar, "No, they must have been county hunters before I was born." I again change the subject, "Here, run my ARRL sweepstakes log and see if I got some new counties." Gator runs the program, "Well, it was not a complete waste of energy. You got nine new counties on 80-meters, three on 15-meters and two natural bingo." I hand Gator my Kentucky QSO party log. He gives me the high sign. "You got 32 no-star counties, three natural bingo, five for fifth time and 10 new counties on 80-meters." "Thanks and there was a bonus mobile club station but it never made it to 40-meter CW." "That was a bummer; you would think a bonus station would be on all bands and modes. It is best not to have a bonus station." "You got that right."

I pick up some certificates off the desk, "Look, I got a certificate from ARRL for first place in the last year's 160-meter contest and the Sweepstakes contest, for single operator, low power, NFL section." "You must have been the only one in the section to send in a log." I give Gator the evil eye. I go to the loft to get the Christmas lights. Another December. Where did the year go? Gator is at the microwave. "What are you doing?" I am heating some turkey for sandwiches." "Anyone I know?" Gator gives me the evil eye. His cell phone goes off, "Dang nap it, there is a temperature recorder out on the reflux line, got to go." Gator grabs a sandwich and is gone like cash at an amusement park. He yells, "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." I hear the printer start. It is the list of mobiles heard on the CH county hunters' frequencies during November.

I read: AA1VA, AA8R, AB4YZ, AB7BW, AC8W, AE3Z, K0ARS, K0TI, K2HVN, K4YFH, K4YT, K8ZZ, KA3DRO, KA4RRU, KD5JWC, KD8HB, KE3VV, KM1C, KO1U, N0KV, N0LXJ, N2OO, N4AAT, N4CD, N5XG, N7IV, N9JF, ND9M, NX4C, W0NAC, W4HSA, W4SIG, W7FEN, W9MSE, WA1HIE, WD4OIN, and WE7G.

I look at the calendar to see what CW contests will end the year. The ARRL CW 160-meter contest followed by the ARRL 10-meter contest. The Stew Perry Top Band Distance CW Challenge. The ARRL Rookie Roundup will be on CW. To mention just a few. Before my nap I repeat what Gator yelled.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**Ballot Recognition**  
*1st Quarter 2010-2011*

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition and votes from their peers in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter award voting. There is no particular order, but all have received at least 3 points. 2 points is given for a first place vote and 1 point for a second place vote. I received 30 electronic ballots and no paper ballots for this quarter.

NET CONTROL SSB: N5UZW, WA9DLB, KZ2P, N4AAT, N5MLP

NET CONTROL CW: W0GXQ, AB4YZ, W4SIG, N4CD, NM2L

BEST MOBILE SSB: K5GE, KM9X, KL1V, W0GXQ, N4AAT, N5UZW, N0KV

BEST MOBILE CW: K4YFH, W0GXQ, W9MSE, K8ZZ, N4CD, KL1V, N4PJ, W4SIG

BEST TEAM: KM9X/KB9MGI, W8FNW/W4FNW, N0KV/N0DXE, KB0BA/N0XYL, AA9JJ/N9QPQ

Kent Reinke, KL1V  
MARAC Election Coordinator  
P.O. Box 215  
Valdez, AK 99686-0215



**New Members**

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4441	N0CWX	Ellen Bonham
R4442	W3DY	Ted Stewart



?? KZ2P ??

## History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

November was another good month for collecting County Hunting historical goodies including - a bunch of very old pics and info from Mike, NF0N - more great pics from Mike, W0MU and Silver, N9QS - and new pics from Hank, W5VD and Darl, NA8W. Many of these photos have already been posted on the [www.CHarchive.com](http://www.CHarchive.com) website. Thanks guys!

On a somewhat non-historical note ... folks that have been following my personal ordeal to get back MRC's sent to Kent, KL1V will be pleased to hear that all six (6) MRC's have finally made their way back to their home here on Nanny Goat Hill. Comprehensive fingerprint, handwriting, and DNA analysis is still on-going, but I hope to write a special article for a future Roadrunner that describes the entire painstaking process that Kent and his co-conspirators went through in order to, as he likes to say, mess with me.

Mike, NF0N sent me the picture below of Irene Kennedy, WA9EZP (SK) taken in 1971. Irene was MARAC charter member C-63. Per Mike, she was a regular on the 75 meter County Hunter Net. According to John, W3WWP, Irene was one of the 6 stations that checked into the inaugural 40 meter CW County Hunter Net on May 2, 1966. Irene passed away in September 2001 at the age of 84.



## Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KJ0H	Dec - 01
NU5V	Dec - 01
K1DFO	Dec - 01
KD2Q	Dec - 01
KZ2I	Dec - 01
WE3Z	Dec - 02
NE6B	Dec - 02
WA9EZT	Dec - 02
NJ2DX	Dec - 02
WA4NBC	Dec - 02
W0MHK	Dec - 02
N7JB	Dec - 03
N9ER	Dec - 03
NI7F	Dec - 03
K7TM	Dec - 04
WA7YUL	Dec - 04
KU8G	Dec - 04
K1VSI	Dec - 04
K0PY	Dec - 04
W2GDW	Dec - 04
KE2RX	Dec - 04
N3XX	Dec - 04
K8BBM	Dec - 04
NF9R	Dec - 05
W4IDW	Dec - 05
KB1GN	Dec - 05
W8FDV	Dec - 05
WA4DRM	Dec - 06
K7DZE	Dec - 06
K1QZV	Dec - 06
W9MDP	Dec - 06
N4VA	Dec - 06
K6JN	Dec - 06
KD4LM	Dec - 07
K5CWR	Dec - 07
K4ZT	Dec - 08
KE5KC	Dec - 08
N1WA	Dec - 08
W1DIT	Dec - 08
W5OXK	Dec - 08
AB0EE	Dec - 08

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K9BX	Dec - 09
NV4Z	Dec - 09
KE9VM	Dec - 09
W3HU	Dec - 09
KI7WO	Dec - 09
KN8M	Dec - 09
WA0WOB	Dec - 09
KM4NW	Dec - 10
NG9L	Dec - 11
W8JJ	Dec - 11
N8KIE	Dec - 11
WB5LOZ	Dec - 11
K7ANT	Dec - 11
KB9BL	Dec - 11
W9HA	Dec - 11
KD7KWM	Dec - 11
K7KWO	Dec - 11
N0ZA	Dec - 11
N8TA	Dec - 11
KT7W	Dec - 12
N9JF	Dec - 13
K4YY	Dec - 13
WB8JZN	Dec - 13
KI0JO	Dec - 13
AC0B	Dec - 14
N8CBW	Dec - 14
N4RFX	Dec - 14
KA9ZRW	Dec - 14
W0XT	Dec - 14
K1TEX	Dec - 14
W9UX	Dec - 14
NN4NN	Dec - 14
WA7ETH	Dec - 14
WA4AUL	Dec - 14
K8BHG	Dec - 15
KV4DT	Dec - 15
K9PO	Dec - 15
N2XTU	Dec - 15
KJ6NR	Dec - 15
KA5WGL	Dec - 16
W4HSA	Dec - 16

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W3FG	Dec - 16
NJ9X	Dec - 16
K6KLL	Dec - 16
KE1LA	Dec - 17
KC0VB	Dec - 17
KZ2P	Dec - 17
AF4PQ	Dec - 17
AD1OS	Dec - 17
N4XP	Dec - 18
N8ESR	Dec - 18
AD1C	Dec - 19
KB9CC	Dec - 19
KC0QA	Dec - 20
W5JX	Dec - 20
KC1WE	Dec - 20
WA6KHK	Dec - 20
K1MLP	Dec - 20
K7OQZ	Dec - 21
KE2ZG	Dec - 21
K3FP	Dec - 21
WA4KER	Dec - 21
AB8JF	Dec - 21
N4EEL	Dec - 21
N7HS	Dec - 22
AB4AV	Dec - 22
W4UB	Dec - 22
K8NB	Dec - 22
W9UCW	Dec - 22
N4FSZ	Dec - 23
NM5SR	Dec - 23
W0FF	Dec - 23
N0TKX	Dec - 23
KJ5M	Dec - 23
K3BM	Dec - 23
WB5TWK	Dec - 23
AB0C	Dec - 24
KC4SF	Dec - 24
K1RY	Dec - 25
K3IMC	Dec - 25
W6OF	Dec - 25
WA3PAK	Dec - 25

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N8WH	Dec - 25
AG4DX	Dec - 25
K9PI	Dec - 25
WY7ML	Dec - 26
KH6G	Dec - 26
KG0BB	Dec - 26
K2QK	Dec - 27
NU4D	Dec - 27
KC1NA	Dec - 28
AC4MP	Dec - 28
N2OO	Dec - 28
KD3XA	Dec - 28
W3JV	Dec - 28
CT1TZ	Dec - 28
W4BQD	Dec - 29
W8UPH	Dec - 29
K4SX	Dec - 29
W9WIC	Dec - 29
K6TV	Dec - 30
NS5J	Dec - 30
WS5R	Dec - 30
KB7KR	Dec - 31
WD9EJK	Dec - 31
WA3ZTY	Dec - 31



SCMini

2011 MARAC South Central Mini Convention

WESLACO, TEXAS- Best Western Palm Aire Hotel & Suites
Arrive Thursday, February 17, depart Sunday February 20, 2011

NAME CALL USACA#
ADDRESS CITY ST/PROV ZIP
E-MAIL ADDRESS BEST PHONE NO.

REGISTRATION FEE -Includes one badge, one prize ticket, and E-Mailed photos \$10.00

ADDITIONAL NAME BADGES Total number of additional badges X \$2.50 = \$
EXTRA BADGE NAME CALL or other designation USACA #

E-MAILED PHOTOS ARE FREE NUMBER OF PRINTED AND MAILED PHOTOS WANTED X \$5.00 = \$

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, FEB. 17----"TEX-MEX DINNER PARTY AT JOYCE & BARRY'S HOME"

It's a 15 minute straight shot ride to our countryside home. Join us for a special treat. "Nana's of Weslaco" will bring in their portable kitchen and serve up their specialties, including their famous "Lonches." It's an "all you can eat" event and you do your own selection of food items.

We'll provide the refreshments and cocktails. # Attending X \$11.00 = \$

SATURDAY, FEB. 19 ----- "CLOSING BANQUET AT THE LONE STAR"

It's a short drive to The Lone Star Restaurant (not related to the chain by that name) just west of Harlingen. We'll have a private room and it'll be order-from-the-menu. The Lone Star is moderately priced and has great seafood, steaks, mesquite smoked meats, burgers, Mexican, American, and fantastic appetizers. Try the mushrooms-WOW!

NUMBER ATTENDING (Pay your own bill)
(WE NEED THE NUMBER to make the reservation)

YOUR PAYMENT Make your check payable to "JOYCE BOOTHE, WB9NUL" TOTAL \$
Mail it to Joyce Boothe, 21175 FM 2556, Santa Rosa, TX 78593.
If you have questions or comments, email me at JoyceNUL@aol.com or call my cell phone at 956-202-3373. Present plans include General & CW meetings, and an Antenna Forum. If you wish to schedule a forum or meeting, call Barry, W9UCW at 956-202-3105.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS- Call the Best Western Palm Aire at 956-969-2411 and mention "MARAC"
We have a block of rooms set aside until January 31, each with either two doubles or one king. The rate is \$64 per night including a cook-to-order/buffet breakfast in the hotel restaurant for up to two persons each day. The rate will be honored before and after the Mini. The hotel is located at the intersection of Expressway US 83 and FM 1015 (International Blvd).
PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATED DOOR PRIZES TO THE LONE STAR SATURDAY EVENING

**Awards**

Call	Date	Award	Number
W0GXQ	11/22/2010	DX Mobile	# 77 Countries
K5GE	11/10/2010	Mobile to Mobile	# 12
N0SM	11/15/2010	USA-CA	# 1207
KW1DX	11/19/2010	USA-CA	# 1208
NG9L	11/20/2010	Master's Gold	# 47
N4JT	11/19/2010	Master's Gold	# 46
NW6S	11/20/2010	USA-CW	# 118
N4AKP	11/1/2010	USA-CW II	# 23
K7REL	11/8/2010	USA-CW III	# 12
N8RLJ	11/1/2010	BINGO	# 324
K4XI	11/29/2010	BINGO II	# 77
N4AKP	11/1/2010	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 398
N4JT	11/26/2010	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 99

Roadrunner Issued Per Month				
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number
KN6ZB	11/20/2010	Last County Count 150	Last County Count 150	# 151
AA9JJ	11/20/2010	Last County Count 775	Last County Count 775	# 11
W4SIG	11/20/2010	Last County Count 50	Last County Count 50	# 324
N5UZW	11/20/2010	Last County Count 175	Last County Count 175	# 122
WA9DLB	11/20/2010	Last County Count 25	Last County Count 25	# 490
ND9M	11/20/2010	Last County Count 175	Last County Count 175	# 123
KD8HB	11/20/2010	Last County Count 300	Last County Count 300	# 57
K3IMC	11/20/2010	Last County Count 350	Last County Count 350	# 45
N9QPQ	11/29/2010	Last County Count 975	Last County Count 975	# 4
N4CD	11/29/2010	Last County Count 1850	Last County Count	# 1
KL1V	11/28/2010	Last County Count 925	Last County Count 925	# 5
N0XYL	11/20/2010	Last County Count 100	Last County Count 100	# 220
N4AAT	11/28/2010	Last County Count 825	Last County Count 825	# 7
KB6UF	11/28/2010	Last County Count 800	Last County Count 800	# 10

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

Funds Balance September 30, 2010 **\$15,538.31**

Income:

Money Market Interest	\$1.97	
Awards Manager Income (KC6AWX)	\$1,073.00	
Membership Income	\$405.29	
		<u>\$1,480.26</u>

Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$1,259.75	
Print Right	\$172.24	
(34 units @ \$5.08 x 12 = \$60.97/year)		
		<u>\$1,432.49</u>

Account Balances **\$15,586.08**

Checking Account \$3,964.62

Money Market Account \$11,621.46

**\$15,586.08**

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,500.00





**Awards Manager's Report**  
October 31, 2010

Funds Balance October 31, 2010 **\$1,500.00**

Income \$1,433.00  
\$1,433.00

Expenses:

Office supplies \$40.24

Plaque Suppliers \$177.00

Postage \$153.79

\$371.03

Sent to Treasurer \$1443.00

Reimbursement received from Treasurer \$371.03

Funds Balance August 31, 2010 **\$1,500.00**



**BOD Minutes**  
**MARAC Board of Directors Meeting**  
**December 1, 2010**

The Special Meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called to order at 0102Z by the President (Joyce-WB9NUL).

**Board Members Present**

President - Joyce Boothe - WB9NUL  
Secretary – Jim Grandinetti – KZ2P  
Treasurer - Terry Dummler - WQ7A  
Northeast Director - Carol-Ann Reitman - AB2LS  
Pacific Director - Robert Devine - KC6AWX  
South Central Director - Ross Harrell - N0ZA  
Southeast Director - Dave Splitt - KE3VV

A motion was made by Terry (WQ7A) and seconded by Dave (KE3VV) to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting. The minutes were accepted by a vote of 6 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Jim (KZ2P) and seconded by Dave (KE3VV) to accept the Treasurer's Reports for August 2010, September 2010 and October 2010. The reports were approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Jim (KZ2P) to accept the Awards Manager's Financial Reports for August 2010 and September 2010. The reports were approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

**Old Business**

A motion was made by Jim (KZ2P) and seconded by Carol-Ann (AB2LS) to require the Awards Manager to submit a monthly financial report to the Board of Directors and to have it published in the Road Runner (similar to the Treasurer's Report). Also, have the Awards Manager's financial records audited annually prior to the Annual Meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

**New Business**

A motion was made by Terry (WQ7A) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) to modify the MARAC Awards Rules concerning U.S. Counties QSO Party Rules (see below). The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and none opposed.

**U.S. Counties QSO Party Rules**  
**Sponsored by Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club**

**Objective:** To establish radio contact with as many U.S. Counties as possible

**Contest Period:** Annually held during the last full weekend in July. Contest runs in two periods, from 1200Z Saturday morning to 0600Z Sunday morning, and begins again at 1200Z and ends at 2359Z Sunday.

**Contest Exchange:**

USA stations send RS(T), State and County name, abbreviations are acceptable in CW mode. A list of suggested abbreviations can be found at the following URL's: Credit to Larry, W0QE for formatting, and sharing for use

<http://www.bnk.com/w0qe/CountyAbbrev-V3-4col.pdf>

<http://www.bnk.com/w0qe/CountyAbbrev-V3-4col.doc>

All other stations send RS(T) and "DX".

Categories:

Single Operator- One individual performs all radio operating, and logging functions.

- A. CW only-Only qso's made using CW (morse code) qualify for contest credit. If qso's are made using another mode, one may submit those qso's as a checklog without changing categories.
- B. Phone only-Only qso's made using voice modes qualify for contest credit. If qso's are made using another mode, they may be submitted as a checklog without changing categories
- C. Mixed mode-Qso's made using voice and CW qualify for contest scoring.

Multi Operator- More than one individual performs any or all radio operating, or logging functions.

Only one transmitted signal on the air at any one time.

- A. CW only
- B. Phone only
- C. Mixed mode

Mobile- A station which is either in motion, or capable of being in motion. This includes transmitter, receiver, power source, antenna(s), and logging equipment. Mobile entrants shall be Single Operator only. Drivers O.K. See Miscellaneous, Item C for details

- A. CW only
- B. Phone only
- C. Mixed mode
- D. Multi Op Mobile (Must use one callsign for duration of contest)

Mixed Category-A single operator may choose to operate the contest both from one fixed or portable location, as well as a mobile. To qualify for this category, a minimum of 100 qso's must be made from the fixed or portable location, as well as a minimum of five additional counties must be activated as a mobile station. The county operated in as a fixed or portable may not be run as a mobile as well. See definition of mobile in the mobile category description.

- A. CW only
- B. Phone only
- C. Mixed mode

Outside U.S.

- A. CW only

- B. Phone only
- C. Mixed mode
- D. Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2m are used in this contest. Phone qso's only in the Phone sub bands, CW qso's only in the CW sub bands. No cross mode, cross band, repeater, or satellite qso's permitted.

Suggested Freq's- CW 50khz up from bottom of band

Phone 1850, 3850, 7250, 14270, 21400, 28400, 50135, 146530

Mobile windows: 5 khz down from suggested freq. Please, if you are a fixed station, keep these freqs clear for mobile operations.

### Scoring:

#### U.S. Stations-

Fixed- 1 point for U.S. Fixed, 2 Points for outside U.S., and 15 points for U.S. Mobile. While participation is encouraged for those outside of the U.S., please note, since the objective of the contest is to work as many U.S. counties as possible during the contest weekend, it is not in the spirit of the contest for a U.S. Fixed station to "run dx".  
Mobile- 1 point for U.S. Fixed, 5 points for Outside U.S., and 15 points for qso with another U.S. Mobile

Dx stations- 1 point for U.S. fixed stations, and 15 points for each qso with a U.S. mobile.

Mixed Category- Add the qso point total as a fixed station to the qso point total as a mobile station, and multiply by the sum of multipliers worked as a fixed and mobile. Example: Fixed score: 1000 qso points and 250 multipliers. Mobile score 200 qso points and 50 multipliers. Mixed score is 1200 qso points X 300 multipliers for a total score of 360,000 contest points

### Multipliers:

U. S. Counties worked, per mode. A CW only, or Phone only station has a maximum of 3077 mults. A mixed mode station, has a maximum of 6154 mults.

### Miscellaneous:

- A. There is no digital communications in this contest. Acceptable modes are CW and Phone only.
- B. Self spotting as a fixed station is not allowed. Self spotting as a mobile is permitted.
- C. Drivers for mobile stations are permitted, provided they do not assist with in any way with the contest on air operations. This includes, but is not limited to operating, logging, spotting, and antenna changes.
- D. County Line operations: As defined by MARAC, a stationary mobile may operate from one county line, and contacts with that mobile shall count as two qso's, and 2 counties worked. Some part of the vehicle must be in both counties for the duration of the qso. The mobile may also log two qso's for contest scoring.
- E. Independent city-A station which operates from any of the independent cities, as defined in the MARAC awards rules, must choose, and use only one county for use in the contest exchange, for the duration of the contest.
- F. This contest, unless otherwise stated above, shall follow the ARRL General Rules for

Contests.

### Awards:

Plaques to be awarded to top scoring entrant in each Category, .

Certificates will be awarded to category runner up, as well as top scores from each U.S. State, Canadian Province, and DXCC Entity.

Participation certificates will be awarded to those who submit logs containing 100 qso's or more. Any one entrant may win only one contest award in any given year.

Additional awards may be available at the discretion of the Contest coordinator, or the MARAC Board of Directors.

Plaque sponsorship-If you are interested in sponsoring one or more awards, including one which is not listed, please feel free to contact the contest coordinator.

### Reporting:

Logs are due by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Electronic submission is preferred. Please submit electronically to <insert proper email address here> Paper logs may be submitted to <insert proper snail mail address here>

A motion was made by Jim (KZ2P) and seconded by Dave (KE3VV) to change the MARAC Ran All (State) Counties Award rules (see below). The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and none opposed.

### **Ran All (State) Counties Award**

**OBJECTIVE:** To make contacts with amateur radio operators while transmitting from every county in a State.

**SPECIAL RULES:** The applicant must make Valid Contacts while transmitting from every county in a State while the applicant is in a Mobile Operation or Portable Operation.

**AWARD LEVELS:** A separate award is available for each State. All counties in a State must be completed for the award for that State.  
Each State award may be earned multiple times up to a maximum of ten (10) times, but only the first time is a numbered award. An applicant must complete transmitting from all counties in a State before starting over.

**APPLICATION AND FEES:** Standard application. Logs must indicate the State and county transmitted, the station worked, the date of each contact, and the date of the last contact. Band or Mode is required for endorsements.

There is no fee for award certificates for MARAC members. For non-members, there is no fee for the first award certificate for each State. The fee for each additional award certificate for a State is \$3 for non-members. The fee for the optional mobile plaque for each State is \$20. A trophy will be awarded for completing all States. There is no fee for the trophy.

A motion was made by Jim (KZ2P) and seconded by Dave (KE3VV) to send Joyce (WB9NUL), the host of the SC Mini, \$300.00 to help defray refreshment expenses of the SC Mini. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and none opposed.

There was a discussion concerning Life Memberships. The concept was held for further study.

A motion was made by Bob (KC6AWX) and seconded by Ross (N0ZA) to adjourn the meeting at 0129Z. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Grandinetti KZ2P

**Calendar**

December Calendar

~ December 2010 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Click event to go to web site			1	2	3	4 TARA RTTY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 ARRL 10M PSK DEATH
12 Strt key sp Grt CO snowshoe run	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 ARRL cw rookie	20 Run for bacon	21	22 SKCC strt key sp	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 SD qp (???)	Notes: Start dates shown

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