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From My Point of View Joyce, WB9NUL

MARAC has lost another friend. Ross, N0ZA has left us. He was a true friend who gave to MARAC leadership. Ross had been the District Director for the South Central area for many years. He often acted as net control or assistant net control and ran mobile. Ross attended National and Mini conventions and had a smile and an interesting story to tell. Ross you will be missed.

I have called a special meeting of the Board for Feb 15th. On the agenda will be the nomination of Barry, N0KV to fill the remainder of Ross's term as Director. I thank Barry for agreeing to serve MARAC.

The South Central mini in the Valley is fast approaching and we look forward to all who are coming. We are doing things a little differently this year. The early meal (Thursday) is being held at our home. Everyone will get a chance to see the new antenna system and new rig. Barry is so proud! Also, the meal will feature "lonches" from a local restaurant called "Nana's".

Barry and I are getting ready for a freeze in the Valley. Sure hope the forecast is wrong or our citrus and cane industry will be in trouble. Stay warm and for you all that have snow may a thaw head your way.

73, Joyce

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Dave's Call

Don't forget the MI Mini in Traverse City, MI on 4/28-30.

The BOD meeting starts at 8 pm EST. See the MA-RAC homepage if you need a link like I do.

Dateline CW Ed, KN4Y

There is a not a fiercer hell than the failure of a paddle during a MARAC CW contest.

I finally took the radio shack exterior Christmas decorations down, boxed and put back in storage for another year. I look out the window and see the squirrels running for the tree tops except for the Kamikaze squirrels. Gator must be on his way, and sure enough I hear him slide to a stop against the recycled railroad tie. Gator comes into the radio shack with two super sized Lattes. He hands me one. "Anyone running on the CW net?" "I have not heard a station; I just put the Christmas lights back in storage." "It is about time. What is that on your desk?"

"That is my certificate for the 2010 Colorado QSO party." Gator looks at the certificate. "Dang Dude you have achieved the distinguished award of third place. I can only wonder what first place must be." I ignore Gator's sarcasm. "This month is the South Central Mini at Weslaco, Texas. I hope to get some 30-meter contacts." "How come you are not going?" "They will not let me into Texas, I think Barry blackballed me." We have a laugh as we remember what transpired at the MARAC convention in Abilene. We sip our Lattes, (What happens in Abilene stays in Abilene). Gator picks up a large white envelope.

"You sure are getting a lot of wallpaper. What is this one?" Gator opens the unmarked white paper envelope. "Now this is an honor certificate, you are number one in the Illinois QSO party operating from Florida. Look at the neat graphics on this certificate." Gator hands me the certificate, It has a colorful picture of the State bird, Flower, Insect and Animal." Gator points out there is no State county hunter. "Not really Gator, the Whitetail Deer and mobile county hunters have been together during a county expedition." Gator gives me the bird. We finish our Lattes. "By the way Dude, I am ready to be a county hunter. I finished the course in argumentation and rhetoric presented at the high school." "I will see if I can find a microphone." Gator wanders off to the cooler to get some pastries.

Gator wanders back and sits at the computer; I give him my North American QSO party log, "Check this log." I have a pastry and listen for a QRV on the radio. Gator swings around in the swivel chair, "I notice you worked that CQ county hunter Dude K1BV and you had over 200 QSO's but you only got one new county on 15-meters, five on 80-meters and four on 160-meterts. What seems to be your problem?" "There is no problem at all; many of the stations I work are repeats from previous contests. If you notice I missed Mississippi, Arkansas and Hawaii for WAS." "Close is only good in horse shoes." Gator picks up a post-it, "You have written Ross on this, what does this mean?" "I hate to tell you Gator but we lost another CW county hunter, Ross NOZA is a silent key." We bow our heads in silence. Suddenly Jim, N9JF calls QRV on the radio and we both jump." Gator works Jim and logs the contact. He finds another log in the pile.

"I see you worked the Hungarian CW contest, why are you working DX you are county hunter." "Well Gator my grandparents came from Hungary many years ago I though it would be a fun contest. Also do not get excited. There are 20 Hungarian counties and I worked 14 of them." Gator's cell phone goes off, "We will discuss later, I must leave. I have a stuck condensate trap, bye." Gator is gone like gas through



Hummer. I hear the printer start; it is a list of county hunters operating on the county hunter CW

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frequencies during January.

I read; AA8R, AA9JJ, AA9ZZ, AF5Q, FM/AI5P. K0ARS, K0FG, K2HVN, K3IMC, K4EXT, K4YFH, K7TM, KA4RRU, KB6TAL, KB6UF, KC3X. KE3VV, KG4VBK, KM1C, KN4Y, K01U, N4AAT, N4CD, N4JT, N5XG, N7IV, N8KIE, N9JF, N9QS, NX4C, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W4RSD, W4SIG, WB4KZW, WQ7A.

I look at the contest calendar. The State QSO parties this month are the Vermont, Minnesota, Delaware, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Mississippi and North Carolina for a total of 360 counties up for grabs. There is also the Straight Key Party, the British Columbia QSO party and what sounds like a big gun event, the Semi-Automatic Key Evening. And of course the biggie ARRL DX CW Contest. Darn, I forgot to tell Gator Norm, W3DYA, was going to be mobile in the LA and MS QSO parties. With all these QSO parties I had better start stocking up on naps.

New Members

MARAC NumberCallsignNameR4445KJ4SLYMark ThomasR4446KJ9PThomas PlanerR4447VK7BAJohn Cunliffe



CW Status

STATUS OF COUNTIES WORKED ON CW AS OF THE END OF EACH YEAR

CALL VE1BES	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004 1930
AD1C	3064	3057	3045	3044	3026	2954	2857
KM1C	0001		3045 2070	0011	0020		
KA1Q K1TKL	2967	2705	1820	851		1350 #2	1320 #2
KO1U	543 #3	2703	1020	031	2418 #2	3033	2881
KL1V	2078	1943	1808	1730	1595	1441	1269
WB2ABD	3070 #2	2964 #2		1.01	1(01	1.01	1(14
WB2ABD WA2AKB WV2B	808	773		1621 505	1621	1621	1614
NM2L AB2LS	1686 #2	1125 #2	35 #2	2952	2677	2213	1695
AB2LS				1600	1250	449	
N2MH N2OCW	940 #2	649 #2	3000	944 2992	2687	634	46
K2RP	<u> </u>	049 #2	5000	2992	2275	1730	1410
NO2W N3AHA				1589	1589	1589	1589
N3AHA				2971	2830	2309	2050
DL3DD W3DLM	1300	984					3059
W3DYA	2311 #3	1489 #3	474 #3	3072 #2	3057 #2	3056 #2	3051 #2
W3DYA WA3GNW	2011 110	1405 115		0072 112	0007_112	1737	1604
WU3H		1150 #4	785 #4	3073 #3	3057 #3	2946 #3	2445 #3
N3HOO			1	1			1821
OH3JF						2973	2922
VE3KZE			1	1		3046	3035
KA3MMM	3032 #6	2872 #6	2412 #6	2125 #6	1044 #6	3048 #5	2643 #5
VA3NN			2939	2901	2849	2714	2063
WD3P						712 #3	678 #3
KA3QLF	2531						
WA3QNT				2641	2638	2634	
KE3VV	712 #2	3074	3052	2983	2779	2535	2134
KC3X	3035 #2	2786 #2	1492 #2		222 #2	170 #2	30 #2
VA3XOV	2399 #2	3073	3042				2929
N3XX	20002	0010	0012		11 #2	3067	3061
AE3Z	1854	1818	1806	1942	1630	1593	1395
W3ZUH				-			1645
N4AAT	2524 #2	1050 #2		2			
N4AKP	263 #3	3037 #2	2918 #2	2411 #2	869 #2	1489 #2	
K4AMC	1594 #2						
NU4C	1766						
N4CD	2977 #4	2394 #4	3064 #3	2903 #3	2759 #3	3065 #2	2715 #2
K4EXT	2782	1814	1431	727			
W4GNS	2554			1882	1010		
AA4GT	2001		1992	1002	1010		
W4HSA		2576 #2	2210				
G4KHG		20102		1436	1434	1374	1182
N4JT	2926			1100	1101	2443	2261
WB4KZW		3052	2937				1
KR4OE	1842	1678	1614	1555	1461	1313	1216
WD40IN	3011	10.0	2902	1000	2674	2539	2138
N4PI	2921		2002		2077	2000	
W4RKV	2844 #2	2810 #2	2793 #2	2775 #2	2761 #2	2788	2682 #2
KA4RRU	2162	1636	2750 112	658	2701 112	2700	2002 112
N4RS	2629 #4	1924 #4		3035 #3	191 #3	2225 #3	3075 #2
W4SIG	794 #2	1524 #4		5055 π5	151 #5	2225 π5	3030
K4UNF	1,54 #2		1278	1835	1556		820
WA4UNF WA4UNS	2093	835	1270	1055	1550		020
KW4V	3062 #2	835 2874 #2	2231 #2			3073	
WB4VFN	5002 #2	2014 #2	3067	3015	2899	2667	2301
VVD4VFIN	l	1	5007	5015	2099	2007	2301

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AA4VN		1	1		1		1619
W4VQ						947 #2	471 #2
K4XI	2962 #2	2462 #2	1387 #2	3071	3064	3050	3011
KN4XP	2302 112	2102 112	1007 112	2125	1638	1155	108
W4XT	2447				1000	2184	2167
KN4Y	3008 #5	2868 #5	2610 #5		2954 #4	2634 #4	1760 #4
W4YDY	986 #2	3053	2967	2936	2789	2462	2175
K4YFH	500 #2	5055	2507	3075	2705	2402	2577
K4YT		2959		1233	1871	2015	2011
AB4YZ	3054	2555		1255	1071	2685	2214
KS5A	5054					2983	2883
K5AAR			3073 #2	3055 #2	2926 #2	2362 #2	493 #2
W5AL			3073 #2	3033 #2	2520 #2	2805	455 #2
DL5AWI		2670		2541	2457	2317	2140
WC5D		2070		2341	1904 #2	1456 #2	834 #2
N5EBD					1904 #2	1430 #2	1248
	(27 #2					1655	1240
K5GE	627 #2	1017 #2	27(#7	60 #2	207 #2	2071	2024
K5JF	1608	1047 #2	326 #2	69 #2	397 #2	3071	3034
K5OT	2022	2000	2002	3075	3026	2902	2669
N5PR	3023	2968	2882	2634	2412	910	
N5XD	2050	1004 110	726	2072	2074	2000	2052
N5XG	2950	1984 #2	101	3072	3071	3066	3052
K5XY		132	131	131		1000	343
KC6AWX						1202	1025
WD6CKT	700 #2	500 #2	250 #2	3077	3071	3063	3035
КМ6НВ	2305	1561	1049				
NV6I						721	430
DL6KVA	2636		2439	2398	2267	2140	1937
W6OUL						1680	1606
W6RK					2142	1856	993
NW6S	131 #2	3050	3004		2870		2556
KB6TAL	2988						
W6TMD	1460 #3	1333 #3	3056 #2	3002 #2	2949 #2	2742 #2	2286 #2
W6TPC		276	234				
KB6UF	3023	2957		2336	2122	1531	
KE6US	İ						1125
SM6VR	3029	2998	2914	2860	2808	2665	2419
WG6X			2714	2491			
AA7CP				1246 #2	1034 #2		
K7DM						2777	2622
W7FEN	2316	2252	2036	2029	1932	1258	660
WE7G	2191						
KL7GN						2607	2543
K7INA			2972	1	1	2764	2705
WA7JHQ	2965 #2	2897 #2	2784 #2	2569 #2	2178 #2	1065 #2	3059
N7JPF	18		1				
W7KQZ			2569	1			
KG7Q				1			2887
K7REL	433 #4	2949 #3	2347 #3	41 #3	2946 #2	1865 #2	2915
AB7RW	3073 #2	3062 #2	3010 #2	2886 #2	2430 #2	3076	3062
KS7S						1660	
K7TM	2602			+	+		
W7TSM						2247	2290
K7VAY				QRT	3077	3042	3002
KI7WO		3045	2929	2631	1635	1030	802
N7WO	2449	5045	997	1994	1854	1599	1198
KK7X	1965	1814	1772	1334	1034	1333	1760
	1905	3077		2995	2850	2649	2385
AK8A		3077	3056	2990	2030	2049	2303

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N8CBW	2						
W8CE			3075 #2	3060 #2	3022 #2	3003 #2	2951 #2
N8CIJ	2445	1132					
K8CW			2885 #3		2397 #3	3074 #2	
KD8HB	3050 #5	2709 #5	630 #5			3064 #4	2983 #4
K8IW		2997	2982	2952	2933	2838	2724
W8JJ	1599	1356	1103	940	779	510	391
W8LSV						2100	
W8MP				327			
К8ОНС			1842	1814	1812	1797	1756
WD80IN			-	2795	-	_	
KB8OMG				1683 #2	3072	3027	2862
W8OP						1017	836
K8OOK	1986	1900	1720			1017	000
WD80WA	1000	1000	1720		3006		
W8PN					0000	2886 #2	2869 #2
K8QWY		2570 #2		3057	-	2000 112	2003 112
AA8R	1930 #2	751 #2	3059	2921	2717	2464	2307
KM8U	1550 #2	751 #2	2885 #2	2921	2885 #2	2404	2825
AD8W			2889	2603 #2	2373	1950	1677
W8WVU			2009	2099	2373	3056	1077
W8YL					_	3036	
	10(1 #2	COF #2	2072	2052	2727	2319	1478
K8ZZ	1064 #2	605 #2	3072	2952	2737		-
NF9A KOAAA		2402				2863	2848
K9AAA		2402					
N9AG						2545	2506
WD9BCG						3003 #2	3003 #2
VE9DH						2425	1954
W9GBH	2182		2547	2431	2404	2332	2300
N9ID	2748	2554	2296	2121	1711	924	
КА9ЈАС	3049	3014	2950	2819	2511	1747	1158
N9JF	2896	2851	2779	2637	2415	1657	
NN9K	1470 #3	1555 #3	865 #3	3064 #2	2625 #2	3072	2748
AA9KH			3064 #2	3069 #2	3053 #2	2631 #2	1731 #2
ND9M		3070		3066	3064	3044	2923
W9MSE	2835	1401 #5	3061 #4	2955 #4	2052 #4	3041 #3	2913 #3
N9QS	3039 #2	2908 #2	2562 #2	1364 #2	3053	2947	2725
K9RF			2813				1947
N9STL				2940	2499	1666	49
W9UX				2883			
K9WA			3057 #2	3025 #2	2988 #2	2815 #2	2525 #2
AA9ZZ			25 #2			1925	
ACOB		1101	985	897	689	-	
KY0E	3068	3018	2885	2617	2298	1789	680
WOEAR					2457 #5		
WOGXQ	1207 #5	2912 #4	502 #4	3049 #3	2648 #3		3077 #2
KOLG		1968					1186
NFON	3046	1000	2773	2548	2252	1862	1403
KOPY	5010		2110	2010	2202	1079	1403
NU0Q	542 #2	3072	3061	2976	2718	1079	321
WOQE	572 #2	2102 #4	3073 #3	2819 #3	3076 #2	2723 #2	3073
WORRY		2102 #4	5075 #5	2013 #3	5070 #2	2725 #2	2782
	2929					2302	2102
KAOSHC	2929	2000	1000	1000	1727	1(00	1222
NXOX	2005	2009	1966	1888	1737	1608	1233
K8IW	3005						

Nominations for CW and SSB

County Hunter of the Year

Nominations are now in open for the 2011 CW and SSB County Hunter Of The Year Awards. 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. Your District Director will select one nominee for both CW and SSB from those that are received and forward that selection, with the reasons for the selection, to the

Election Coordinator no later than April 15th. Prior recipients are not eligible for this award - for the same mode. Please support the members that go out of their way to make this Club thrive and advise your Director who you think they are.

MARAC 2011 ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Second Request

Nominations are currently open for the positions of Great Lakes Director, North Central Director (both 3 year terms) and South Central Director (to fill the unexpired of N0ZA) for 1 year. Nominations will be open for 60 days - 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 that is listed on the MARAC website. <u>http://marac.org/directors.htm</u>

If you are willing to serve MARAC in an elected position, please send your nomination to <u>KL1V@GCI.NET</u> or via regular mail. I must receive all nominations by March 10th.

MARAC VOTING INFORMATION

Remember, if you are a new member or are REJOINING following a lapse in membership, you are <u>NOT</u> 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 web site at <u>http://marac.org</u> click on <u>Member Database</u> and enter your call in <u>Call Lookup</u> to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

Kent Reinke

MARAC Election Coordinator

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History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

S teelers versus Packers in Super Bowl XLV. Guess I really don't have a dog in this hunt. It took me long enough to figure **S** out that XLV is Roman-numeral-speak for the number 45. But several folks in the #MARAC chatroom swear their allegiance to Wisconsin, Green Bay, and all things cheese. So, maybe I'll be a Packers fan on February 6th, even though I refuse to wear a yellow cheese-block hat during the game. But I still need Buffalo for Last County in Wisconsin, so I might have to re-visit that cheezy headwear scenario some other day.

Thanks again to folks that sent in goodies for the <u>www.CHarchive.com</u> website! Old pics came from Jerry, K1SO and Bob, KA9JAC. Bob also corrected some mis-labeled images that I had on the website, and Doug, WA4UNS helped fill in some missing convention info. Ed, KN4Y sent me some more old Roadrunner newsletters he discovered while shack cleaning.

Wes, NX4C sent in a nice picture of himself running Fentress County, Tennessee \dots the WBOW finale (Worked-All-Counties 2^{nd} time) for Jim, NW6S. Check the history website for a view of Wes doing his last county good deed.

The picture below is from December 1965 and features the shack of Vic Clarence, W0GYM (SK), USA-CA #6 (April 1968). The following information about Vic comes from Mike, NF0N:

Vic was from Bellevue, Nebraska and was my mentor in county hunting. Vic was a retired Electrical Business owner and was one of the early pioneers on 40 meters for many years. He had all Collins gear including the 30L1 amplifier. When I worked for the State of Nebraska, I had a number of occasions to travel to Omaha and Bellevue and always tried to visit his shack and work a few new counties. Vic traveled between Nebraska and Florida where he stayed during the winter with his XYL. They had an Airstream travel trailer and he had a mobile rig in his vehicle. All of this was back in the 1967 to 1969 time frame. de Mike, NF0N





Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays				
Call	Birthda y Date			
K5TQ	Feb - 01			
WA0SGJ	Feb - 01			
KQ4FA	Feb - 02			
NA7MT	Feb - 02			
N5PRU	Feb - 02			
NK7B	Feb - 03			
WB7ATT	Feb - 03			
WB5P	Feb - 04			
NG6X	Feb - 04			
KD4QIT	Feb - 04			
KA1Q	Feb - 05			
WA0ZVF	Feb - 06			
W3QZ	Feb - 06			
W9RR	Feb - 06			
AA4S	Feb - 07			
KJ8F	Feb - 07			
WV9N	Feb - 07			
K5AAR	Feb - 07			
K8IW	Feb - 07			
AA9MW	Feb - 07			
N4FTA	Feb - 08			
KODBK	Feb - 08			
KJ6DB	Feb - 08			
K5BDL	Feb - 08			
NOBHO	Feb - 08			
KI2G	Feb - 08			
κ8νјν	Feb - 09			
N8MD	Feb - 09			
N1GM	Feb - 09			
W7ZD	Feb - 09			
WD9BCG	Feb - 09			
N5IWA	Feb - 10			
W3REG	Feb - 10			
W1JD	Feb - 10			
K2HPV	Feb - 10			

Roadrunner -						
Dirtit	Birthdays					
Call	y Date					
KL7JR	Feb - 10					
N5PU	Feb - 11					
KA1YZV	Feb - 11					
WD9GSU	Feb - 11					
N4ACS	Feb - 11					
N4TOG	Feb - 12					
KD0ID	Feb - 12					
W4DUE	Feb - 12					
NH6SR	Feb - 12					
WC5D	Feb - 12					
KH6KW	Feb - 12					
N8ELQ	Feb - 13					
AB5C	Feb - 13					
K5NV	Feb - 13					
KK5MI	Feb - 13					
K3CAV	Feb - 13					
KF4YR	Feb - 14					
N9KEH	Feb - 14					
KL1V	Feb - 14					
N4CCJ	Feb - 14					
AA4C	Feb - 14					
N2IRQ	Feb - 15					
W9STW	Feb - 15					
K4KWW	Feb - 15					
N7TT	Feb - 15					
KD4PY	Feb - 15					
K1NY	Feb - 15					
N7UG	Feb - 15					
K1NGJ	Feb - 15					
NOCKC	Feb - 15					
N8LXQ	Feb - 16					
WC9O	Feb - 16					
KE9FH	Feb - 17					
WB9YCO	Feb - 17					
KS4DD	Feb - 17					

Roadrunner - Birthdays				
Call	Birthda y Date			
NOCSM	Feb - 17			
AE3O	Feb - 17			
WS9G	Feb - 17			
кток	Feb - 17			
WOTOL	Feb - 17			
ΝΟΚν	Feb - 18			
KD4NFE	Feb - 18			
W4ABW	Feb - 18			
K5UO	Feb - 18			
K4BIO	Feb - 19			
KB1EG	Feb - 19			
KC8ZON	Feb - 20			
K9KDS	Feb - 20			
N9VRZ	Feb - 21			
W5RIT	Feb - 21			
N8SVR	Feb - 21			
WA3QNT	Feb - 22			
K8IWI	Feb - 22			
AE4FL	Feb - 22			
KB6TAL	Feb - 22			
N7CLA	Feb - 22			
WB3Q	Feb - 22			
KZ3K	Feb - 22			
NL7BY	Feb - 22			
WD0EPE	Feb - 23			
KS5A	Feb - 23			
K4QL	Feb - 23			
WB7VIZ	Feb - 23			
KOWY	Feb - 24			
K4AMC	Feb - 24			
W4ARH	Feb - 24			
NO2W	Feb - 24			
W2UP	Feb - 24			
KA8MSU	Feb - 24			

K8MW

Feb - 24

Roadrunner - Birthdays					
Call					
	y Date				
K8QWY	Feb - 24				
K9OFF	Feb - 24				
AF5Q	Feb - 25				
N3RC	Feb - 25				
WD9EM W	Feb - 25				
N3DMI	Feb - 25				
K8CW	Feb - 25				
WB0M	Feb - 25				
KD7IQ	Feb - 25				
W7AV	Feb - 25				
KC2RS	Feb - 26				
K8WR	Feb - 26				
KK7LX	Feb - 26				
W5EHY	Feb - 26				
KU8R	Feb - 26				
AA7LJ	Feb - 27				
K4EEE	Feb - 27				
KROI	Feb - 27				
W0HFG	Feb - 27				
N7MZI	Feb - 27				
KOARS	Feb - 28				
WK5A	Feb - 28				
N5DG	Feb - 28				
AB4OI	Feb - 28				
N5XG	Feb - 28				
AB7KT	Feb - 28				
KJ7FJ	Feb - 29				



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National





The 43^{*RD*} *MARAC National Convention July* 6th – *July* 9th, 2011 *Duluth*, *MN*



Holiday Inn & Suites, 200 West First St. Duluth, MN 55802 1-218-722-1202

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Thursdays Tour to Tower, MN Soudan Underground Mine & Neutrino Physic's Lab



Minnesota's first iron ore mine – the Soudan Mine– opened in 1882. The mine's value was in the special kind of ore it produced. The ore's high oxygen content was used to make high-quality steel in open-hearth furnaces. When technology changed; the ore from the mine was no longer needed. Soudan Mine stopped mining ore in 1962. Today you can explore the last level that the miners worked.



Have you ever wondered about the "dark" or "missing" matter of the universe? The high energy physics tour takes you 1/2 mile underground to a lab where physicists and engineers from around the world are trying to answer questions about how the universe works.

Fridays Tours Morning Tour - Glensheen Mansion



Welcome to Glensheen, the historic Congdon estate. Along the shore of Lake Superior, a 7.6acre expanse of wooded land enfolds the 39-room Jacobean Revival mansion that is Minnesota's premier historic house museum. The 1972 horror film "You'll like my Mother" was filmed at Glensheen, starring Patty Duke as a widow who travels to Duluth to meet her motherin-law and, instead, makes a chilling discovery!

Afternoon Tour - Duluth Superior Harbor Cruise



Take in all the activity and spectacular scenery in the hard working Duluth and Superior Harbor. Our sightseeing tours are not to be missed! Our crew will provide a fun and unique experience to all passengers when sailing aboard a Vista Fleet vessel. Learn about the Harbor, Duluth's history, the science and ecology of Lake Superior and enjoy the panoramic views of the North Shore and the largest freshwater lake in North America.

More detailed information will be in the March issue of the Roadrunner.

It will also include the registration form with costs and banquet meal options.

We will get the MARAC website updated as soon as we can with the current information.

If you have any further questions please email Brian or Shari at:

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE!

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Calendar





Awards

Awards Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	Number
K2JG	1/2/2011	YL Mobile	# 191
KZ2P	1/2/2011	YL Mobile	# 190
AB4YZ	1/14/2011	5 Star	# 50
K5VYT	1/5/2011	5 Star	# 49
	1/10/2011	BINGO	# 325
N4AAT	1/14/2011	BINGO IV	# 6
N4UJK	1/26/2011	BINGO VI	# 1
N4AAT	1/24/2011	Call Combo 1 X 2	# 1
N4JT	1/24/2011	Mobile to Mobile	# 14
NW6S		Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 401
N5MLP	1/6/2011	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 400
AB4YZ	1/14/2011	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 150
KW4V	1/14/2011	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 149
K2JG	1/14/2011	Worked all Counties - 8th Time	# 7
N4UJK	1/26/2011	Worked all Counties - 10th Time	# 2
KZ2P	1/14/2011	Worked all Counties - 13th Time	# 1



Roadrunner Issued January					
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number	
KE3VV	1/22/2011		Last County Count 275	# 65	
K6JN	1/22/2011	Last County Count 100	Last County Count 100	# 222	
N4PJ	1/22/2011	Last County Count 50	Last County Count 50	# 327	
K5XY	1/30/2011	Last County Count 250	Last County Count 250	# 75	

Frequencies

Following are popular frequencies often used by County Hunters. There are no nets operated by MARAC, but you'll find many members here.

SSB	CW	PSK
14.336	14.056.5	14.071
7.188	7.056.5	10.139
3.901	10.122.5	7.071
18.136	3.556.5	
21.336	18.091.5	
24.936	21.056.5	
28.336	24915.5	
	28.056.5	

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	reasurer's F	-	
D	ecember 31	, 2010	
Funds Balance November 30, 2010			\$16,235.08
Income:			
Money Market Interest	\$1.98		WQ7A
Awards Manager Income	\$1,083.00		
Membership Income	\$378.00		TOTAL FORMAN
Logger Distribution	\$60.00		
		<u>\$1,522.98</u>	
Expenses:			
Awards Manager Expenses	\$454.68		
Print Right	\$149.69		
(29 units @ \$5.16 x 12 = \$61.94/year)			
South Central Mini Contribution	\$300.00		
		<u>\$904.37</u>	
Account Balances			\$16 852 60
Account Balances			\$16,853.69
Checking Account		\$5,228.34	
Money Market Account		<u>\$11,625.35</u>	
Woney Warket Recount		<u>\$11,023.35</u>	\$16,853.69
Note:			\$10,035.0 <i>7</i>
The following monies are not included in t Awards Chairman's Funds	he above: \$1,500.00		
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	ds Manager ecember 31	-	
Funds Balance November 30, 2010			\$1,500.00
			<i></i>
Income	\$ 304.00		and the second se
		<u>\$ 304.00</u>	RCGAWA
Expenses:			
Office supplies	\$518.13		
Plaque Suppliers	\$163.00		
Postage	\$ 84.17		
C		<u>\$765.30</u>	
Sent to Treasurer			\$ 304.00
Reimbursement received from Treasurer			\$765.30
			φ(03.30
Funds Balance December 31, 2010			\$1,500.00

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