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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

What a great job Shari and Brian did with the National Convention! Everyone had a great time. The impromptu tour and the scheduled tours were really a treat. The banquet was great and everything ran smoothly. At the annual National Board meeting on Saturday morning MARAC welcomed Tony, WA9DLB and Dan, KM9X to the Board of Directors. Thanks go to both for agreeing to serve as District Directors.

As I write this I'm in Illinois and enjoying our family. Yesterday we were at a Chicago Cubs game that went 10 innings and we WON!!! We took Jane, John and their kids and spouses and Jim, Amy and their kids. We enjoyed one of those mezzanine suites with catered food and beverages. What a great view of the game!

I want to thank you all for putting Jennifer in your prayers. Her surgery went well and they believe that they got all of the cancer. We drove up to Georgetown to be with her for a few days. The final tests to come back Monday or Tuesday and that will determine what type of follow-up treatment will be required. I'll keep you posted.

Enjoy the summer and stay cool.

73, Joyce WB9NUL



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Dateline CW

Ed. KN4Y

Error of sideband may be tolerated where CW is left free to combat it.

I am telling Gator he missed a good field day at the Wakulla Station Trail Head Park. I setup and ran the CW station and made 311 QSO's. The other station alternated between sideband and digital operation. I also tell Gator how the park now allows horses and dogs. But if the dog poops the owner has to clean it up. If the same thing happens with a horse, it keeps going. "That, Gator, is ultimate discrimination in poop control."

Gator is not interested in aromatics not related to county hunting and is looking at my Writelog program that is on the computer screen, "I see you got 200 CW contacts in the Canada Day contest." "I had a blast on 15-meters. I made 113 QSO's, but at midnight I pooped out. I got on a few hours the next day. I now know what happened to the State QSO party CW operators. They moved to Canada and Florida."

Gator opens my Logger program, "I see you been working the mobiles going to the MARAC convention." "Yes you will see I got several needed call combos and prefixes plus a few for fifth time around." "I wonder if Al was there to run the CW meeting." "No, Gator. I got an e-mail from Jerry, W0GXQ that he and Bob, N4CD, were the CW meeting moderators with 20 in the A1 gallery." "Any new items on the agenda?" "They discussed most of the issues discussed at a CW meeting." "Same BS." "Not really, they discussed getting the 80-meter night out going in the fall. I think most of the mobiles have run the close by counties. So we may have to endure repetition." "There is no such thing as repetition in county hunting." "My error Gator. I stand corrected." Gator smiles as he looks at my CQ VHF contest log. I open two 807's and hand one to Gator.

"Thanks Dude. I see you made 118 QSO's on 6-meters in the CQ VHF contest, most of them Sunday afternoon." "Yes. The CW operators remembered the contest and tuned to 6-meters and it was non-stop fun until the closing bell." Gator is counting out loud, a red neck trait, "You done good Dude, you worked 39 new counties on 6-meters." I smile and take a swig of my 807.

The sound of CW comes from Gator's phone. "Sorry Dude got to run, the tonic bottles are in for the new MARAC XX award." I sound the alarm and the squirrels run for the tree tops. I wonder what award he was referring too. Right now I got to finish putting my US county QSO party contacts into Writelog.

The printer stops, I look at the printout and it is a list of stations heard on the CW mobile frequencies during July, I can see the advantage of summer weather. I read: AA8R, AA9ZZ, AB4YZ, AB7NK, AB7RW, AF3X, AI5P, K0ARS, K0FG, K0PY, K2HVN, K3IMC, K4YT, K7TM, K8MM, K8ZZ, KA3QLF, KA4RRU, KB0BA, KG5U, KO7X, KW1DX, N0KV, N2OO, N3HOO, N4CD, N4JT, N4PJ, N5XG, N7IV, N8II, N9JF, N9QS, ND9M, NF0N, NM2L, NN9K, NT2A, NU0Q, NX4C, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W3ZUH, W4HSA, W4SIG, W7FEN, W8JJ, W8MP, W9MSE, W9OO, W9OP, WA1IIE, WA3QNT, WA4PGM, WA4UNS and WB2ABD.

I scan the Contest Corral to see what CW county hunters can do this month. I notice a new CW contest. This contest is for the CW county hunter with RBF. (rapid butt fatigue). It looks like a lot of fun, check out www.cwops.org. The State QSO parties this month are: Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland-DC, Ohio, a total

of 222 counties up for grabs. There is also the Lighthouse weekend, worked all Europe and the South Africa DX contest for the DX inclined. I plan to be mobile (late) in Pasco County Florida for the North American QSO party. Log contacts or take a nap, decisions, decisions, decisions.



New Members

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4468	KE5FXE	Roy Snodgrass
R4469	W6TK	Dick Stepanian
R4470	KC6PIK	Liz Stepanian
R4471	KM4GJ	Stuart Ogilvie
R4472	N4RWH	Robert Henderson



Annual BOD Meeting
MARAC Board of Directors Meeting
July 9, 2011

The Annual Meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called to order at 1400Z by the President (Joyce-WB9NUL).

Board Members Present at Duluth, MN

President - Joyce Boothe - WB9NUL
Vice President - Leo Bingham - WY7LL
Secretary - Jim Grandinetti - KZ2P
Treasurer - Terry Dummmler - WQ7A
Great Lakes Director - Randy Hatt - AA8R
North Central Director - Cliff Bird - AC0B
Northeast Director - Carol-Ann Reitman - AB2LS
South Central Director - Barry Mitchell - N0KV
Southeast Director - Dave Splitt - KE3VV

Board Members Present via mIRC Chat Room

Pacific Director - Robert Devine - KC6AWX

A motion was made by Barry (N0KV) and seconded by Dave (KE3VV) to accept the minutes of February 16, 2011 meeting. The minutes were accepted by a vote of 8 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Jim (KZ2P) to approve the Treasurer's Reports for January 2011, February 2011, March 2011, April 2011 and May 2011. The Treasurer's Reports were approved by a vote of 8 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to approve the Awards Manager's Financial Reports for January 2011, February 2011, March 2011, April 2011, May 2011 and June 2011. The Awards Manager's Financial Reports were approved by a vote 8 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

Old Business

Joyce (WB9NUL) asked for a motion to establish a Life Membership for MARAC. No one offered a motion.

New Business

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Jim (KZ2P) to appoint Tony Mazzocco

(WA9DLB) as the North Central Director and to serve until the next MARAC Annual Elections in 2012. The motion was passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Barry (N0KV) to appoint Dan Mulford (KM9X) as the Great Lakes Director and to serve until the next MARAC Annual Elections in 2012. The motion was passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Cliff Bird (AC0B) to approve a MARAC Merit Award for Randy Hatt (AA8R) for his service to MARAC as a District Director. The motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to approve a MARAC Merit Award for Cliff Bird (AC0B) for his service to MARAC as a District Director. The motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to approve a MARAC Merit Award for Brian Bird (NX0X) for hosting the MARAC National Convention. The motion was passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Leo (WY7LL) to approve a MARAC Merit Award for Shari Bird (KB0MHH) for hosting the MARAC National Convention. The motion was passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to approve a MARAC Merit Award for Jeff Napier (AF3X) for assisting at the Annual Meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Jim (KZ2P) to accept the Annual Audit report of MARAC's financial records. The audit was conducted by Jim (W9JL) and Bob (W4OWY). The motion was passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee for the below Star XX Award. The motion was approved by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

Jim (KZ2P) noted that this award requires extensive LOGGER programming and that the individuals "working for" this award should log the contacts into the LOGGER program but may have to find an alternate method of tracking the award until LOGGER can track it.

The Awards Committee recommends that the MARAC Board of Directors approve the Star XX Award. The start date for this award would be the date of BOD approval.

Star XX Award

OBJECTIVE: To make contacts in all **USA Counties** with USA-CA holders and MARAC multiple-time

Worked All USA Counties Award holders totaling twenty (20 or XX)) **Stars** in each county.

SPECIAL RULES: You must have completed the MARAC 5 Star Award before you start counting contacts for this Award.

Each contact with a **Star** counts toward the twenty **Stars** total needed for each county. If you have **Valid Contacts** with 20 different USA-CA holders in the same county, you have collected 20 **Stars** and have completed all the needed **Stars** for that county.

Contacts with amateur operators who have earned more than one **Star** count for the number of stars earned. If you have a **Valid Contact** with someone who holds the MARAC Worked All USA Counties Fifth Time Award, that contact is worth five **Stars**. If you have a **Valid Contact** with someone who holds the MARAC Worked All Counties Tenth Time Award, that contact is worth 10 stars.

You can only count a contact with each **Star** one time per county. In other words, if you work a two-**Star** holder twice in the same county, you have only accumulated two **Stars** for that county. However, if you have another **Valid Contact** with an operator who has earned one or more additional **Stars** after the date of your original contact, you can add the additional **Star(s)** to your Star XX log.

In no case, however, can you claim more **Star** credits for a call sign in your log than the total number of **Stars** actually held by the operator at the time of your last claimed contact in that county. Also, you cannot claim credit for **Stars** earned by an operator after the date of your last contact unless you make an additional **Valid Contact** with that call sign in the county for which the additional **Stars** are claimed.

AWARD LEVELS: Certificate and plaque for contacts with Twenty **Stars** in all **USA Counties**.

APPLICATION AND FEES: Standard application, logs, and fees.

NOTE: The Start Date for this award is the date of approval by the MARAC Board.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to accept the recommendations of the Awards Committee for the below USA - Call Sign Combo Award. The motion was passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

The Awards Committee recommends that the MARAC Board of Directors approve the amended USA Call Combo Award. The award will be modified to provide an optional plaque for working all 5 call sign combos.

USA - Call Sign Combo Award

OBJECTIVE: To make contacts with amateur radio operators in **All USA Counties** by call sign prefix and suffix combination.

SPECIAL RULES: Only U.S. amateur call signs may be used for this award.

Each combination of call sign prefix and suffix letters (1x2, 2x1, 1x3, 2x2, and 2x3) is a separate category.

AWARD LEVELS: A separate award is issued for each call sign combination category and for completing all five call sign combination categories.

Basic Certificate for 1000 counties in each category

Red Seal for 2000 counties in each category

Blue Seal for 3000 counties in each category

Gold Seal for **All USA Counties** in each category

Optional Plaque for **All USA Counties** in each category and for All USA Counties in all five call sign combination categories.

Each level is sequentially numbered with a unique series of numbers. When an upgrade level is achieved, the **Awards Manager** will issue a new certificate with appropriate seals and a history of the previous levels.

APPLICATION AND FEES: Standard application, logs, and fees.

A motion was made by Randy (AA8R) and seconded by Carol-Ann (AB2LS) to approve a \$300.00 donation to each of the 3 existing mini conventions -Michigan Mini, South Central Mini, and Southeast Mini- being held between now and the next annual meeting. The convention convener must request the monies. The motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

A motion was made by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Terry (WQ7A) to adjourn the meeting at 1417Z. The motion passed by a vote of 9 in favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted,
James Grandinetti KZ2P



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

Many thanks to our Vice-President Lightning Leo, WY7LL for taking lots and lots of pictures at the MARAC 2011 National Convention in Duluth. Photos of individual county hunters have already been added to the CH History www.charchive.com website.

The CH History website continues to grow, albeit somewhat slowly at times. Info/pics of over 160 county hunters are currently on the site along with dozens more convention and group photos. And I still have quite a few photos that have yet to be added <sigh>. If you haven't had a chance to visit the CH History website, please stop by for a look-see!

A few decades back, George Wosika, KC0MB offered to CH'ers his CHUG Award ... the acronym meaning County Hunting Using George. There was a basic award (requiring 100 points) as well as an oak plaque award (requiring 250 points).

The October 1988 Roadrunner outlined the CHUG Award requirements as follows:

- 1 point for each county
- 5 points for each state
- 2 point bonus if the county name begins with a K, C, M or B
- 2 point bonus if the name of the county is two or more words

Scottie, N4AAT states that he received CHUG car #2, and that KB7QO received CHUG car #1. Al, KG5J received CHUG car #20 and provided the picture below.



MARAC 2011 Member Awards

County Hunter of the Year CW: KE3VV, Dave Splitt

County Hunter of the Year SSB: KC6AWX, Robert Devine

Best Net Control SSB: KZ2P, Jim Grandinetti

Best Net Control CW: W0GXQ, Jerry Mertz

Best Mobile SSB: KL1V, Kent Reinke

Best Mobile CW: W0GXQ, Jerry Mertz

Best Mobile Team: N0KV & N0DXE, Barry & Patricia Mitchell

Please take time to congratulate these members for a job well done and furthering the advancement of County Hunting.

Ballot Recognition

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition from their peers with at least 10 points or more in vote totals for the entire year. These calls are in order of finish for the year 2011.

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

BEST NET CONTROL CW: W0GXQ, N4CD, N3HOO, NM2L *tie

BEST MOBILE SSB: KL1V, N4AAT, K5GE *tie, N5UZW, KB6UF *tie, AA0TT, N0KV, KM9X

BEST MOBILE CW: W0GXQ, N9JF, N4CD, K8ZZ, KL1V

**BEST TEAM: N0KV/N0DXE, KB0BA/N0XYL, AA9JJ/N9QPQ, KM9X/KB9MGI, WY7LL/
WY7ML**

It has been a year since I have been your election coordinator and I want to thank everyone who voted this past year. Sorry I was unable to attend the National Convention this year but I was replacing the roof on the farm house I just purchased in Idaho. The farm is actually an orchard with approx 2000 trees (Apples, Peaches, Pears, and Cherries) on 30 acres located near Buhl Idaho (Twin Falls, County) I hope to be moving there in 4 ½ years after I retire from the Oil Patch up here.

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



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N5HLG	Aug - 01
WA5BDU	Aug - 01
K3TEM	Aug - 01
K8ZZ	Aug - 01
AA4GT	Aug - 01
N5WD	Aug - 01
WA6HBV	Aug - 01
W1BPT	Aug - 01
W7CB	Aug - 01
NO3X	Aug - 02
HB9RG	Aug - 02
AJ5ZX	Aug - 02
K3MI	Aug - 02
W1EKZ	Aug - 02
N9ID	Aug - 03
WC5B	Aug - 03
N3PYQ	Aug - 03
K0FG	Aug - 04
N5WRX	Aug - 04
AE5EA	Aug - 04
KX4XX	Aug - 04
N2JNE	Aug - 04
KR0G	Aug - 04
AB7RW	Aug - 05
AC4XL	Aug - 05
N8EMV	Aug - 05
N5OHQ	Aug - 06
NG0T	Aug - 06
KD7RM	Aug - 07
K8ZKJ	Aug - 07
N9RNG	Aug - 07
WA1UDI	Aug - 07
KB0KX	Aug - 08
WN8F	Aug - 08
KF0LZ	Aug - 08
AF8CS	Aug - 08
KI6YX	Aug - 08
W7IN	Aug - 08
K9XE	Aug - 09

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KE9OI	Aug - 09
AA5LM	Aug - 09
AK4P	Aug - 10
W7ZC	Aug - 10
KN4EH	Aug - 10
KK0J	Aug - 10
KD0U	Aug - 10
AC2J	Aug - 11
AA9JY	Aug - 11
WW8O	Aug - 11
N0BZ	Aug - 12
AF0O	Aug - 12
KI7SS	Aug - 12
KQ6MN	Aug - 13
NP2C	Aug - 13
KA1LSD	Aug - 13
AA1VA	Aug - 14
WA0UPL	Aug - 14
K4YT	Aug - 14
KC4OV	Aug - 15
W4QCP	Aug - 15
KV4GO	Aug - 16
WQ7A	Aug - 16
K0JV	Aug - 16
K7NN	Aug - 17
K2UPD	Aug - 17
AJ4A	Aug - 17
N5QLZ	Aug - 17
KA4TYG	Aug - 17
KB3FN	Aug - 17
KG4NNK	Aug - 17
W0FP	Aug - 18
W8PN	Aug - 18
K9IR	Aug - 18
KW7JS	Aug - 18
WK9O	Aug - 19
WA7JHQ	Aug - 19
WB4ZXP	Aug - 20
AB7CB	Aug - 20

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W9HB	Aug - 20
AD4RE	Aug - 21
WA4VCB	Aug - 21
K6BM	Aug - 21
KF8XK	Aug - 21
KJ4JC	Aug - 21
N7MT	Aug - 22
K0NO	Aug - 22
WD4HVZ	Aug - 22
W7RIP	Aug - 22
NW6S	Aug - 22
K7DOL	Aug - 23
K9HUH	Aug - 23
AA8R	Aug - 23
KW1DX	Aug - 23
KB5JN	Aug - 23
KK0JX	Aug - 23
K6SSD	Aug - 23
N0UR	Aug - 24
AA0LV	Aug - 24
WW1H	Aug - 24
WT3W	Aug - 24
KW4V	Aug - 24
KD4HXM	Aug - 24
W4SIG	Aug - 24
N5PB	Aug - 24
K8ZEE	Aug - 25
N5LP	Aug - 25
W4SKW	Aug - 25
W1PX	Aug - 25
W2CC	Aug - 25
KB4JAA	Aug - 25
K0CO	Aug - 25
K9DZG	Aug - 25
KE4UP	Aug - 25
W0UBT	Aug - 26
K5JF	Aug - 26
N0KGX	Aug - 26
NS3U	Aug - 26

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
WA4PGM	Aug - 26
N0GAK	Aug - 26
WB4VFN	Aug - 26
W0CML	Aug - 27
W8CE	Aug - 27
N7HT	Aug - 27
K7WY	Aug - 28
AG4IF	Aug - 28
W4IO	Aug - 28
KC7JC	Aug - 28
N4USM	Aug - 29
K6NA	Aug - 29
W0ETT	Aug - 29
WA4QPD	Aug - 29
WQ1H	Aug - 29
NR2S	Aug - 29
NX5Z	Aug - 29
WD5GNX	Aug - 29
N9AZI	Aug - 29
NU7G	Aug - 30
WC8R	Aug - 30
KJ8W	Aug - 30
K0UMD	Aug - 30
W3HZB	Aug - 31
W8DUV	Aug - 31
K9FRW	Aug - 31
K0IG	Aug - 31
KI0RD	Aug - 31
W8BMZ	Aug - 31



Awards

Awards Issued in July			
Call	Date	Award	Number
KA1JPR	7/22/2011	USA-PA - K	# 21
NN9K	7/21/2011	USA-CW III	# 13
W0GXQ	7/17/2011	Master Platinum	# 16
W3DYA	7/27/2011	BINGO	# 333
N0LXJ	7/20/2011	BINGO	# 332
N5PR	7/18/2011	BINGO	# 331
N4AAT	7/1/2011	USA - Single Band	# 2 - 40 Meters - 3077 Counties
WB2ABD	7/11/2011	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 101
W7KQZ	7/26/2011	Worked all Counties - 6thTime	# 40

Roadrunner Issued Per Month			
Call	Date	Award	
N9OPQ	7/25/2011	Last County Count 1025	# 4
KB6UF	7/25/2011	Last County Count 900	# 7
N7ID	7/25/2011	Last County Count 550	# 27
KC7YE	7/25/2011	Last County Count 50	# 330
N4CD	7/25/2011	Last County Count	#
KB0BA	7/25/2011	Last County Count 75	# 257
K2HVN	7/25/2011	Last County Count 600	# 23



Treasurer's Report June 30, 2011

Funds Balance May 31, 2011 **\$19,731.80**

Income:

Money Market Interest	\$2.24	
Awards Manager Income	\$749.00	
Membership Income	\$573.18	
Logger distribution	\$80.00	
		<u>\$1,404.42</u>

Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$189.79	
		<u>\$189.79</u>

Account Balances **\$20,946.43**

Checking Account \$7,308.58

Money Market Account \$13,637.85

\$20,946.43

Note

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,500.00	
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Awards Manager's Report July 31, 2011

Funds Balance June 30, 2011 **\$1,500.00**

Income	\$ 804.00	
		<u>\$ 804.00</u>

Expenses:

Office supplies	\$ 408.23	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 401.50	
Postage	\$ 179.03	
		<u>\$ 988.76</u>

Sent to Treasurer \$804.00

Reimbursement received from Treasurer \$988.76

Funds Balance July 31, 2011 **\$1500.00**



~ August 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONLY START DATE SHOWN	1	2	3	4	5	6 10-10 SSB QP NA CW QP
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 MDC QP
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 CW OPEN NA SSB QP
21 ROOKIE DIGI	22	23	24	25	26	27 HI QP KS QP OH QP
28	29	30	31	Notes: CLICK THE EVENT TO GO TO WEB SITE		



National Pix 1



43rd MARAC
National Convention
Duluth, Minnesota
2011



National Pix 2



**43rd MARAC
National Convention
Duluth, Minnesota
2011
USA-CA**



National Pix 3



43rd MARAC
National Convention
Duluth, Minnesota
2011
CW Operators



National Pix 4



**43rd MARAC
National Convention
Duluth, Minnesota
2011
YL Group**



National Pix 5



43rd MARAC
National Convention
Duluth, Minnesota
2011
BOZO Members



Star XX Award

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AWARD LEVELS: Certificate and plaque for contacts with Twenty **Stars** in all **USA Counties**.

APPLICATION AND FEES: Standard application, logs, and fees.

NOTE: The Start Date for this award is the date of approval by the MARAC Board.

Star XX Loggers

Attention 5 Star Award holders.

As you know by now, the BOD has approved the County XX Star award. Since it may be some time before this award is programmed into our Logger program, it was suggested that a spreadsheet be made available to keep track of star contacts.

I have placed a MS Excel sheet on the MARAC server for your use if you have the ability to run MS Excel. Caution that this sheet has no protection for contacts that do not meet the requirements of the XX award. Use at your own risk.

Point your web browser to: [http://marac.org/chdownloads/County XX Award Blank.xls](http://marac.org/chdownloads/County%20XX%20Award%20Blank.xls) to download the spreadsheet.

You should also use caution if you try to print this sheet. It is approximately 325 pages of print!

Consider that all 3077 counties having 20 stars with a call sign and date makes for lots of entries.

3077x20x2=123080 pieces of information.

Good Luck getting them all.

Terry, WQ7A

SE Mini

2011 SE Mini

- Location: Quality Inn & Suites; Mount Pleasant, SC
- Dates: October 10-12, 2011 (Monday through Wednesday)
- Directions: Follow I-26 East until it ends and take exit 220. Follow signs to Mt. Pleasant/Hwy 17 North. Cross Cooper River Bridge and take Coleman Blvd./Hwy 703 exit. On Coleman Blvd/Hwy 703 turn right at first traffic light. Hotel is on the right.
More details will be posted at <http://semini.superhosts.net/>
- Room Rate: \$99.99 per night plus tax. Call the hotel directly for reservations and mention "amateur radio". The phone number is 800-704-4480.
The rate is valid only through September 10th - Make your reservations early!
- Hotel Notes: There is a 2 night minimum stay, and a one night deposit is required. Cancellations must be done 2 weeks in advance, and all but \$25 of your deposit will be refunded. Cancellations within 2 weeks will be charged for 2 nights.
- Parking: Ample FREE parking, with no overhangs to eat antennas!
- Activities: The only group activity is dinner at The Fat Hen. Area attractions include Historic Charleston tours, shopping, dining, golfing, plantations, Patriot's Point, The Hunley & Fort Sumter.
- Dinner: Buffet Style Dinner- \$25/person.
- Registration: \$15 for first person, \$5 each additional person.
- Website: More information, including online registration is available at: <http://semini.superhosts.net/>

Send registration and fees to:

John M. Hoyt – W5UGD
118 Halifax Rd
Easley, SC 29642

Email: amicon@amicon.net for additional information

2011 SE Mini Registration

Callsign: _____

Name (to be put on badge):

Address:

USA-CA#: _____

Additional Names/Calls/USA-CA Numbers:

Basic Registration:		\$15.00
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Additional Registrations	_____ x \$5.00	_____
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Banquet Tickets	_____ x \$25.00	_____
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Total of above 3 items

On Tuesday, there will be a group going to The Fat Hen for dinner. This is an “Order from the menu, pay your own bill” event. How many seats should we reserve for you? _____

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