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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

There were definitely not enough days in September. I was in San Antonio, Kerrville, and Austin Texas and then Naples, Florida. I came home from Florida to teach a beginning cross stitch class to six ladies. Also, stitched a model for a linen class and I still was able to help with net control a couple days. Now, Barry and I are waiting for daughter Jane and her husband to arrive today. While they are here I will be leaving for South Carolina and the mini. I look forward to seeing all of you.

Several of you have written me and asked about the South Central mini. I am sad to report that no one has stepped forward to host it this year. As I said last year, Barry and I had hosted 4 conventions in 13 months and we needed this rest to enjoy each other and the kids. Perhaps, in a year or two we'll take it on again.

On a side note, I worked Fiji Island on 80 this AM. It was a nice surprise with the morning coffee. A nice surprise yesterday was rain...no, not a lot, a tenth of an inch...but rain! Of course, we had just washed the windows. Now I know what to do to get it to rain.

Enjoy the fall months and hope that conditions get better. At least let's hope for less solar flares. 73, Joyce, WB9NUL

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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

All hope abandon, ye who enters the Southeast Mini hospitality room.

Gator is looking at the elaborate photocopy certificate I received for participation in the 2011 South Dakota QSO party, "What an elaborate certificate you got for first place Rover North America, you were not a rover." "No. but I was in North America." "Who are the four stone heads craved in the mountain." "I would guess they are the founding county hunters of MARAC. Gander a peek at this plaque I received from the 2011 Alabama QSO party and be sure your hands are clean." I hand Gator the plaque. He looks at it, "Nice going Dude, you be the top Alabama mobile single operator score, with driver." Gator grins like a county hunter at a convention picture taking session. I point to a bare spot on the shack wall, "That is where the plaque will go." We sip our lattes as all this contemplation makes one thirsty.

Gator is checking my Kansas QSO party log, 'You, I believe, are eligible for the Kansas Sesquicentennial award. You also worked the last county for fifth time around, plus a new county on 80-meters. But your Orange county buddy N6MU worked all the Kansas counties." I give Gator a thumbs-up. "But look at all the naps John missed." I gave the rotor on the Yagi some wear as I rotated between the Kansas and Ohio QSO parties. The four county hunters K0HNC, W0ZQ, K0PY, and W0BH tried to hide using a 1X1 call, but I found them. "How did I do in the Ohio QSP Party?"

Gator brings up the Ohio QSO party, "Not a good showing for your birth State but you did make 75 QSO's. You made QSO's on 20, 40, and 80-meters. You worked four no-star but why no counties. You should have racked up many new ones with county hunters W9MSE, W1NN, and K8MR all mobile." "The band conditions were lousy." "That is always a good excuse for laziness." Gator brings up my Tennessee log, "Looks like the tropical storm Lee was a plus, you made 100 QSO's but only one no-star and one new county on 80-meters, you got a reason?" "Nope, I worked 49 counties and it was the other 46 counties I needed. We have a good laugh as we finish off our lattes. "But your Elvis buddy W4SIG was mobile along with N4ZZ and I worked them in many counties." I hear Gator murmur, "Evidently not in the needed counties."

Out of the blue Gator asks, "How was that short mobile run in Franklin County?" "It was great; Jerry is out mobile so the county hunters were by their radios. I made contacts on all the bands except ten meters." "Did that Dude from Arkansas get the county?" "Yes, I worked Rick, W5QP and busted his call. I ran 30-meters last and the gnats started getting bad." "I should have warned you about the Franklin County 30-meter Gnats." Gator goes to the cooler gets a couple 807's, grabs the bowl of Halloween candy, all this conversation requires sweet cooling.

Gator is bringing up the Arkansas QSO party log, "How did you do in the Arkansas party." "Well it would have been a CW disaster had not the three Texan mobile conquistadors N4CD, NO5W and W3DYA rode into the state running counties combining with the lone local mobile WA5BDU made it a CW active party. Without the mobiles I would have had less than ten CW QSO's." "I see you worked your last county for fifth time, five no-stars, and a new county on 15 and 80-meters." Gator brings up my Washington Salmon Run log, "You made a bunch of QSO's but only worked 6 no-stars and 1 new county on 40-meters. I thought you needed ten counties on 40-meters." "Yes, I found out later only

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phone operators live in those counties." Gator's cell phone sounds off, "Got to go Dude a shipment of containers has arrived." He is gone like a contractor paid in advance. I sit back and enjoy my 807 and listen to see who the county hunter is running in California.

I hear the printer start and it is a list of stations heard on the CW mobile frequencies, I see: AK8A, K0ARS, K0LG, K2HVN,K2RP, K4YFH, K4YT, K7TM, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KC7YE, KE3VV, KN4Y, KW1DX, K0KV, N4AAT, N4AKP, N4CD, N4JT, N5XG, N6HH, N9JF, N9QS, ND9M, NM2L, NN9K, NO5W, NX4C, W0BH, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W0MC, W0NAC, W0QE, W3DYA, W7FEN, W7GQK, W7IN, W7QN, W8GEJ, W8OP, W9MSE, WA3QNT, WA5BDU, WB0PYF, WD4OIN and WY7LL.

I look at the contest calendar and notice the county hunter CW operators can work the time honored California QSO party, second only to Florida followed by the Arizona, Pennsylvania, Iowa, New York, and Illinois, QSO parties. Take off your shoes and count; that is 404 counties up for grabs. There is the fun filled Stew Perry warm-up contest, the Islands QSO party, including many DX contests. Check out ten meters for the 10-10 Sprint and the 10-10 CW QSO party both the week of the Southeast Mini. (PPP).It is nap time, I will do my Texas QSO party log later.

Scott, N9AG, worked with me in the early 1980's to get me out county hunting CW mobile. He stopped for a visit when I lived in Tallahassee, Florida, so I could see a CW mobile first hand. Just recently I worked Scott in a contest, and now his radio is off and his key is silent. Rest in peace my mobile county hunting Elmer. (1944-2011)

New Members

MARAC Number	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4479	WB0PYF	Raymond Myers
R4480	K1GIG	Arline Lovell
R4481	KB1GUL	Bernie Lovell
R4482	K0PVW	Rob Brock
R4483	NH6T	Reginald Olson



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

eorgia. 159 counties. You gotta be kidding.

As I slowly get closer to obtaining my first star, I am still truly amazed at the large number of counties I had to work in the Peach state. Texas was easy compared to Georgia! And unfortunately, I'm not yet finished as Terrell County remains on my USA-CA needs list.

One day, I made a comment to Sideband Bob, N8KIE about Georgia having way too many counties. He explained to me that counties were intentionally kept small so that olden-day ranchers and farmers could readily travel to their county seat and return home the same day. That made sense, but I decided to do a little more digging for history anyway.

Georgia, named after King George 1732 as the last of the Original came in 1741 with the creation of By 1800, Georgia had created a 89 counties.

The State Legislature of Georgia throughout history in order to maximum number of counties

increased to 144 in 1904 ... which was then increased to 145 in 1906.

II of Great Britain, was established in 13 Colonies. Its first attempt at counties Savannah and Frederica colonies/counties. total of 24 counties ... by 1832, Georgia had

made several constitutional changes accommodate additional counties. The was set at 137 in 1875 ... which was then

Rather than continue making constitutional changes, additional counties after 1906 were approved by means of constitutional amendment. As such, 161 Georgia counties existed by 1924.

Fulton County, named after Robert Fulton who engineered the Clermont steamboat that revolutionized river travel, was formed from DeKalb County in 1853. In 1932, as a cost-saving measure during the Great Depression, Milton and Campbell counties were consolidated with Fulton County, resulting in its rather unusual shape. This brought the total number of Georgia counties to 159.



Voting

MARAC 1st QUARTER AWARD VOTING July, August & September 2011

Voting will be open from October 1st through October 31st for the best net control, mobile and team awards. The easiest way to place your vote is at the MARAC web site http://marac.org/elections/. All you will need to enter on the sign in page is your call sign and your MARAC key. If you have lost or do not know your key, enter your callsign and then click on the button below to request your key. The key will be immediately emailed to your email address on record. If you do not receive it, please go to http://marac.org/database to get your email address corrected. You may also send me your vote via regular mail. However I must receive the ballot by the closing date of the voting window to be counted. Please include your callsign, MARAC membership and key numbers along with your choices for each class to my address listed below.

A vote for 1st choice is awarded 2 points and 2nd choice is awarded 1 point. Please do not vote for the same call for both choices. Of course any choices can be left blank.

Best Net Control SSB:	1st Choice	2 nd Choice
Best Net Control CW:	1st Choice	2 nd Choice
Best Mobile SSB:	1st Choice	2 nd Choice
Best Mobile CW:	1st Choice	2 nd Choice
Best Mobile Team:	1 st Choice 2 nd Choice	<u>/</u>
Your call sign:	MARAC# o	r Election Key

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

MARAC VOTING INFORMATION

Remember, if you are a new member or are <u>REJOINING</u> 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 County Hunters Database web site http://marac.org/database and enter your call in Call Lookup to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

Kent Reinke
MARAC Election Coordinator

Awards

Awards Issued For September			
Call	Date	Award	Number
N8KIE	9/3/2011	5 Star	# 51
N4JT	8/31/2011	USA-PA - K	# 24
K5GE	9/22/2011	ÚŠA-PA - N	# 12
N5MLP	9/25/2011	Master's Gold	# 49
KD8HB	9/19/2011	USA-CW V	# 3
N0DXE	9/5/2011	BINGO	# 335
N5MLP	9/24/2011	BINGO II	# 81
W0NAC	9/5/2011	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 153
KD8HB	9/19/2011	Worked all Counties - 8th Time	# 10



Roadrunner Issued For September				
Call	Date	Award •	Number	
K4YT	9/26/2011	Last County Count 50	# 331	
KJ5PQ	9/26/2011	Last County Count 675	# 19	
K8ZZ	9/26/2011	Last County Count 325	# 52	
KB6UF	9/26/2011	Last County Count 925		
W9MSE	9/26/2011	Last County Count 300	# 62	
N4CD	8/13/2011	Last County Count 1925 Last County Count 1900	# 1	
N4CD	7/25/2011	Last County Count 1900	# 1	

2011 U.S. Counties Qso Party

Sponsored by MARAC

The 2011 U.S. Counties Qso Party came and went like a flash of lightning. I would like to thank all the participants, especially those who submitted logs. This is the first year in which the contest switched back to the last full weekend of July. It also is the first year in which we had a shorter duration of the contest.

Although the logs submitted won't show it, mobile participation was increased in 2011. We had 8 full time mobile participants submit logs, in addition to 3 mixed category mobiles, who also submitted logs. There were at least 3 multiple county mobiles who unfortunately did not submit their logs. Hopefully next year they will! Of the mobiles listed, one was full time SSB, and 2 were Mixed category Mixed mode. so yes SSB folks, there were three SSB mobiles active this year. We can also add in a SSB mobile who unfortunately only made one contact. Why is this important, it is his first ever Mobile QSO. Perhaps a future mobile running counties? At one point on Saturday of the contest, there were at least 13 multi county mobiles active for the USQP. County totals by mobiles only total up to 256 US Counties activated by mobiles!

The CW fixed category also saw an increase in participation. In 2010, we had 21 logs submitted to this category, which included 4 mixed category logs. In 2011, we have 26 submitted logs, which do not include any mixed category entrants, since this year the category is scored alone. The SSB fixed category saw only 2 logs submitted, down from 7 last year. Fret not...some of the 2010 participants did submit logs in 2011, just into the mixed mode category.

The Mixed category also saw a downturn in logs submitted compared to 2010. Down from 4 CW and one SSB, we saw 3 total in 2011. 2 were Mixed Category, Mixed Mode while one was Mixed Category CW only.

The website <u>WWW.MARAC.ORG/Contest.htm</u> Will be updated with all the scores, and soapbox feedback very soon. The results of the contest are listed below:

Mobile Category CW Only

1. W9MSE	1091948pts	Jeff ran 49 counties in MI
2. W0GXQ	1082655pts	Jerry ran 44 counties in SD
3. W3DYA	643800pts	Norm ran 64 counties during a cross country trip
4. ND9M	188956pts	Jim ran 8 counties between AZ, CO, and NM
5. KN4Y	174186pts	Ed ran 31 counties betwene GA and FL on a one day adventure
6. NO5W	121368pts	Chuck ran 18 counties between TX and LA on a Sunday trip
7. NU0Q	75064pts	Bill hit 15 counties between IA, MO, and KS
8. K4ZGB	47236pts	Tom hit 10 counties in AL

Thank you Mobiles!!!

Fixed Category CW Only

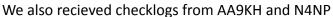
1. NT2A 1859576pts

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2. N6MU	1100400pts	
3. NW6S	993955pts	
4. W7GVE	405043pts	
5. N4PJ	340158pts	
6. W4IHI	197274pts	
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7. N9AUG	163890pts	
8. WC5D	162688pts	
9. K1TKL	140289pts	
10. K4AMC	134112pts	
11. K8JQ	128466pts	
12. K4EXT	116522pts	
13. AE1T	102697pts	
14. N4VA	95883pts	
15. K1IB	79886pts	
16. N7EIE	54225pts	
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17. WB2ABD	46800pts	
18. K2RP	46576pts	
19. W7YMS	28035pts	
20. K7ZYV	23530pts	
21. N2MH	21306pts	
22. K4XI	4880pts	
23. K6CSL	1748pts	
24. WA1N	216pts	
25. K7BX	66pts	
26. KJOP	9pts	
Mixed Catgory	•	
1. K7TM	376618pts	Bob ran 6 counties between WA and ID as a mobile
		bob fail o coulities betweell WA and 1D as a mobile
_	y Mixed mode	
1. WA7JHG	710990pts	
2. K4BAI	66234pts	
3. W9KB	23881pts	
4. W6TK	5775pts	
5. AA8IA	1089pts	
Mixed categor	y Mixed Mode	
1. KA3QLF	447127pts	Scott Ran 5 counties in PA as a mobile
2. WBOTEV	205706pts	Vic ran 5 counties in TX as a mobile
Fixed Category	•	
1. WA5SWN	720pts	
2. KJ8O	144pts	
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1. AI4SV	1 point	John made his very first mobile qso while on a family trip
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1. LY5A 11346	•	
2. DL5AWI	440295pts	
3. DL6KVA	47047pts	
4. DK2OY	36120pts	
5. PA3QRM	27783pts	
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6. YO4ATW 15123pts 7. VA3XOV 7315pts 8. SI5Y 574pts 9. RV1CC 520pts





Please continue to check out the website for updates, and contest information. Soon to come are previous years results, and records. Thank you again to all for your participation. Hopefully 2012 brings us increased propagation and activity. Best 73--Scott, KA3QLF MARAC Contest Coordinator

Calendar

		~	October 201	1~		.
Sun ONLY	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
START DATE SHOWN						1 PSK RUMBLE CA QP
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 AZ QP PA QP FISTS SPR
9 NA RTTY	10 10-10 SPR SE MINI	11	12	13	14	15 10-1- CW QP IA QP NY QP
16 IL QP	17 BACON RUN	18	19	20	21	22



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays		
Call	Birthday Date	
WD0F	Oct - 01	
K9JWV	Oct - 01	
N3HOO	Oct - 01	
К5ОН	Oct - 01	
K4EBR	Oct - 01	
WD8LQB	Oct - 01	
AC7EJ	Oct - 02	
K7DM	Oct - 02	
WB4HN	Oct - 02	
AA7OA	Oct - 03	
AK4N	Oct - 03	
K0RCJ	Oct - 03	
KF1B	Oct - 03	
KE0OX	Oct - 03	
K0RP	Oct - 03	
K0DDS	Oct - 03	
N6MJ	Oct - 03	
WO3Y	Oct - 04	
W7GVE	Oct - 04	
WA3RA	Oct - 04	
W6NK	Oct - 04	
W8GZF	Oct - 04	
W5EG	Oct - 04	
W7MH	Oct - 04	
N6PE	Oct - 05	
W2ET	Oct - 05	
W5DU	Oct - 06	
WA2RF	Oct - 06	
N3TG	Oct - 06	
W1ENE	Oct - 06	
W9JR	Oct - 06	
KQ9X	Oct - 06	
NF9A	Oct - 06	
WA4JA	Oct - 06	
KF5HY	Oct - 06	
AA4JN	Oct - 06	
W4FFZ	Oct - 07	
N6QQ	Oct - 07	
N7SU	Oct - 07	
N1IA	Oct - 08	
W9JL	Oct - 08	

Roadrunner - Birthdays		
Call	Birthday Date	
WB4FFV	Oct - 08	
AA4HV	Oct - 08	
AG9S	Oct - 08	
N3JW	Oct - 08	
N3XH	Oct - 09	
W0NAC	Oct - 09	
AB7DX	Oct - 09	
K7TNT	Oct - 09	
WA2NEW	Oct - 09	
N1BY	Oct - 09	
N5OAQ	Oct - 10	
WD4LYV	Oct - 10	
K0EH	Oct - 10	
AE8EE	Oct - 10	
N8WTQ	Oct - 10	
WV2B	Oct - 11	
K0ERE	Oct - 11	
W6VY	Oct - 12	
K6OHM	Oct - 12	
K1BYE	Oct - 13	
WA1UVX	Oct - 13	
K0EQY	Oct - 13	
KH6MQ	Oct - 13	
N0YO	Oct - 14	
WN9C	Oct - 14	
KF3BN	Oct - 14	
WY4D	Oct - 14	
N0LXJ	Oct - 14	
NV7A	Oct - 14	
KD4NZ	Oct - 14	
KD0S	Oct - 14	
N4UMR	Oct - 14	
KR1B	Oct - 15	
W6LZ	Oct - 15	
K8FO	Oct - 16	
K8AN	Oct - 16	
W6YLJ	Oct - 16	
K3PT	Oct - 16	
K9NW	Oct - 16	
AE7RN	Oct - 16	
KCA6RC	Oct - 16	

Roadrunner - Birthdays		
Call	Birthday Date	
N9JLT	Oct - 16	
N4UJK	Oct - 17	
K6CF	Oct - 17	
N8II	Oct - 17	
W7GHT	Oct - 17	
WK5X	Oct - 17	
KK8G	Oct - 17	
WF1S	Oct - 17	
W5DBF	Oct - 17	
W4WYD	Oct - 18	
KA5RNH	Oct - 18	
KS4S	Oct - 18	
WB0CQO	Oct - 19	
NH7C	Oct - 19	
N9QS	Oct - 19	
WU9C	Oct - 19	
KD0IE	Oct - 19	
K0QH	Oct - 20	
W7GQK	Oct - 20	
N0DT	Oct - 20	
KB7VVP	Oct - 20	
N9UP	Oct - 20	
N1OMS	Oct - 20	
KA2LHO	Oct - 20	
K4DD	Oct - 21	
K5VG	Oct - 21	
WD8ELH	Oct - 21	
AI5P	Oct - 21	
W1JR	Oct - 21	
AJ5C	Oct - 21	
K1NWE	Oct - 22	
K2MHE	Oct - 22	
AF3X	Oct - 22	
KD6HGU	Oct - 23	
WD8S	Oct - 23	
KW4CZ	Oct - 23	
WB0VNN	Oct - 23	
KD0CY	Oct - 23	
KQ3D	Oct - 23	
K6TEX	Oct - 24	
К3ЈНТ	Oct - 24	

Roadrunner - Birthdays		
Call	Birthday Date	
KG0PP	Oct - 24	
W0KZZ	Oct - 24	
N7JT	Oct - 24	
W9OBF	Oct - 25	
KI8AP	Oct - 25	
K8XTQ	Oct - 25	
WA4HXG	Oct - 25	
W8OP	Oct - 25	
WA0KAO	Oct - 25	
WOPEC	Oct - 25	
DL5MC	Oct - 26	
AH2W	Oct - 26	
W4OWY	Oct - 26	
K4JNN	Oct - 26	
W1IX	Oct - 26	
WD9HEB	Oct - 27	
K3MM	Oct - 27	
WZ8C	Oct - 27	
K0MB	Oct - 27	
KE0N	Oct - 28	
K6PEA	Oct - 28	
W6YLZ	Oct - 28	
KG4UPA	Oct - 28	
N4UF	Oct - 28	
WA2AKJ	Oct - 28	
K5FBS	Oct - 29	
KC0VA	Oct - 29	
W3DYA	Oct - 29	
NZ0Z	Oct - 29	
W2PDM	Oct - 29	
N4EWK	Oct - 30	
KF8K	Oct - 30	
K9WB	Oct - 30	
WA6MUK	Oct - 30	
W3HB	Oct - 31	
WA0SBR	Oct - 31	
N9AOT	Oct - 31	
WA0YFQ	Oct - 31	
W8SES	Oct - 31	

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Treasurer's Report August 31, 2011

Funds Balance July 31, 2011 \$22,466.67

Income:

Money Market Interest\$1.96Awards Manager Income\$804.00Membership Income\$581.00Logger distribution\$40.00

\$1,426.96

Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses \$988.76 Michigan Mini Contribution \$300.00

\$1,288.76

Account Balances \$22,604.87

Checking Account \$8,962.74
Money Market Account \$13,642.13

\$22,604.87

Note

The following monies are not included in the above:
Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,500.00

Awards Manager's Report September 30, 2011

Funds Balance August 31, 2011 \$1,500.00

Income \$ 990.00

\$ 990.00

Expenses:

Office supplies \$423.15 Plaque Suppliers \$207.00 Postage \$236.83

\$ 866.98

Sent to Treasurer \$990.00 Reimbursement received from Treasurer \$866.98

Funds Balance September 30, 2011 \$1500.00

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"A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird"

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