



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

Christmas has come and gone and left more pleasant memories. This year daughter Jennifer came and spent several days with us. Family is so important to us at this time of year. Each of the kids called to wish Christmas wishes along with several friends. Our annual Open House was a success but with less people attending than in past years. We shared food and good cheer with about 40 friends.

I'm writing this a bit before New Year's Eve as our esteemed editor deserves a vacation. So....my deadline is pushed ahead. My present to him for the year!

Things have been quiet here in Texas. The last week has been very cool in Texas so we stayed close to home. I have listened to the various nets and they seem to be somewhat busy. Hope you worked some new counties.

From Barry and I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and very Prosperous New Year!  
73, Joyce, WB9NUL



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### Dave's Call

Wow! Another year has passed. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Roadrunner making it a successful newsletter.

It's been an eventful year here at the Hyatt House what with the passing of Ellen's father, my son's mother-in-law and the RR's muse. After eighteen years, Emily had to cross over the Rainbow Bridge much to Ellen's sorrow.

May 2012 be a better year for all of us. Have a Happy and Safe New Year!

Dave, KU4YM

**Dateline CW**

Ed, KN4Y

CW County hunting and the New Year you've got to give your whole mind to.

I have to determine a way to increase my coefficient of Butt, so all that football bowl watching will not cause me hip problems. This will also increase my endurance during State QSO parties and contests both as a fixed or mobile station. My thought process is interrupted when I hear Gator's truck slide to a stop at the recycled railroad tie. Gator comes in the radio shack, "Happy New Year Dude. I hope this year goes slower than the last one." I nod my head in agreement, "Did you bring some lattes?"

Gator sets a box on the desk and takes out a latte and hands it to me, "Happy New Year Dude I have a new county hunter's concoction delight for the MARAC convention hospitality room. It is rum and chocolate." "You make the rum?" "Yes, used the R&D small distillation column. It checks out as a 160 proof Golden Rum. You mix it with Hersey chocolate. I named the drink Puerto Rico County Line. How did you do in the ARRL 160-meter contest?" "You know I participated in the Florida International Senior Games in Lakeland and missed the contest." Gator could tell by my voice no further information is forthcoming. If you can't brag, keep quiet.

I take a sip of my latte, "I did participate in the ARRL ten meter contest on Friday night and some while mobile to the bowling lane in Alabama, I made 23 QSO's." Gator fakes a shocked look, "I would not say you participated in a contest, one who contests makes that many QSO's in fifteen minutes." I shake my head in agreement. "By the way Dude where you be the second Friday of last week?" "I was at the Endoscopy Center enjoying a colonoscopy." "Ah yes that happening where the end is the beginning." It is difficult to sip a latte when giggling.

I settle down and point to the computer, "Gator please analyze my Stew Perry challenge log." Gator brings up the log and checks the information using the QRZ call look-up and my MARAC Logger program. "Dude you got 19 new counties on 160-meters and one Natural BINGO." "Thanks. Now I have only to confirm the county, I would have had more but I succumbed to butt fatigue." Gator brings up the county hunters forum and reads me the saga of Ron, KB6UF, and his adventure at Mono Lake California. "You think he got lost?" "No, county hunters do not get lost he experienced an extended senior moment." "A brain fart" "No."

Gator's cell phone burps forth a signal, "Sorry Dude, got to get back to the field. Have a problem in the DeDietrich Glastor Storage Vessel high level control. He is out, in, and down the road like a greased lightning bolt.

The printer stops and I get the print-out. It is a list of the mobiles that operated during December on a county hunter's CW call frequency, I read: AC8W, AF5Q, AK8A, K0ARS, K0FG, K2HVN, K3TW, K4YT, K7RE, K7TM, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KE3VV, KG4VBK, KM1C, KN4Y, N2MH, N4CD, N4JT, N9JF, NX4C, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W4SIG, W7FEN, W9MSE, WA4UNS, WB2ABD, AND WD4OIN.

What can a CW operator do this month if the weather is cold and county hunting is slow? I check the calendar and there is some activity to challenge a CW county hunter after all the football bowl games. .

There is the CWops one hour mini contest, The North American QSO party, the CQ 160-meter contest and the Réseau des Émetteurs Français contest. There are several QRP contests for the one time CB'ers. Nap time.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



**New Members**

<b><u>MARAC Number</u></b>	<b><u>Callsign</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
R4488	KU5DX	Melvin Ratzlaff Jr.
R4489	KL8DX	Phil Sauvey
R4490	KC0CL	Calvin Lewandowski
R4491	KD0EZF	Anne Lewandowski
R4492	W1ATV	Walter Yatzook
R4493	K3RYA	William Jacobs



## MARAC 2012 Elections Announcement

Nominations are currently open for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (all 2 year terms). Nominations are also open for the positions of Great Lakes Director, North Central Director (2 year terms) and Southeast Director (3 year term). Nominations will be open for 60 days. They are open from January 5<sup>th</sup> through March 10<sup>th</sup>. Any current member of MARAC is eligible to run for office. For the District Director positions you must live within the district which is listed on the MARAC website.

If you are willing to serve MARAC in an elected position, please send your nomination to [KR@GCL.NET](mailto:KR@GCL.NET) or via regular mail, which I must receive by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### *MARAC VOTING INFORMATION*

Remember, if you are a new member or are **REJOINING** following a lapse in membership, you are **NOT** 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.

### *MARAC 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER AWARD VOTING* *October – December*

Voting will be open from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> for the best net control, mobile and team awards. The easiest way to place your vote is at the MARAC On-Line Ballot 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 then enter your callsign and then click on the button below to request your key. The key will be emailed to your email address on record right away. 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.

A vote for 1<sup>st</sup> choice is awarded 2 points and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Net Control CW:** 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Mobile SSB:** 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Mobile CW:** 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Mobile Team:** 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**Your call sign:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MARAC # or Election Key** \_\_\_\_\_

**Kent Reinke**  
**MARAC Election Coordinator**  
**PO Box 215**  
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**44th MARAC Convention**

Phil, AB7RW

**D**uring your stay in Vancouver for the MARAC Convention, there are plenty of sights to see within walking distance. If you are not a walker the drive time is minimal. Vancouver, WA and Portland, OR, are a sight-seer's paradise. There are many places to satisfy a tourist's appetite. (Food opportunities in the Vancouver area will appear in another edition of the roadrunner). If you enjoy antiques, collectables, or pawn shop treasurers there are plenty of these shops in downtown Vancouver. Both Vancouver and Portland have parks, small boutiques, and malls. Some of the scenery is close-by, and there is much more within a couple of hours' drive.

The Red Lion has 400 parking spots, all outside and uncovered, so accommodating antennas should not be a problem. Contact Phil if you plan to bring your RV; He can help with your accommodations.

Just a few blocks from the Red Lion is Esther Short Park with a bell tower and glockenspiel that play every other hour from Noon to 8 p.m. The Farmer's Market is in the park on weekends during the summer. East of the hotel is the Old Apple Tree Park. The apple tree was planted in 1826 with seeds brought from London, possibly by Emilius Simpson. Beside the park is the south end of the Land Bridge and Interpretive Trail, part of the Confluence Project that celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. At the north end of the Land Bridge is the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. A reconstruction of the original fort build in 1825 by the Hudson's Bay Company and used as a fur trading post. The visitor's Center for the Fort is a great source of local information and souvenirs of the area.

Just east of the Fort is the Pearson Air Museum and Pearson Airfield. The airfield is one of the oldest airfields in the United States and still in operation. This is an interesting historical museum site with coverage of local military flyers from past wars. Some well known flyers that landed here were Charles Lindbergh, Eddie Rickenbacker, and Jimmy Doolittle.

The first transpolar airplane flight from Russia to the United States landed in Vancouver on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1937. The trip was planned to terminate in San Francisco, but because of weather conditions and low fuel, they surprised everyone by landing here. The primary pilot of the flight, Valery Chkalov became a household name in Russia and around the world, he was known as "The Russian Lindberg". Chkalov was accompanied by co-pilot Georgy Baidukov, and navigator Alexander Belyakov.

This gives you an idea of some of our history here in Vancouver. You may walk to these places or drive. We will have local area maps in the hospitality room for your use.

## History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

The state of Arizona will officially celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 14, 2012. President Lincoln signed the proclamation that made Arizona the 48<sup>th</sup> state of the union 100 years earlier. Arizona's Centennial Celebration has already begun with events statewide in its 15 counties.

Arizona has some unique county names that are not found in most other states ... names that are derived from Native American Tribes such as Navajo, Apache, Yavapai, and Cochise. Yavapai was one of the four original Arizona Counties. In 1891, the present boundaries of Yavapai County were established after breaking off four new counties ... the aforementioned Apache and Navajo along with Coconino and Maricopa ... leading Yavapai to often be called "The Mother of Arizona Counties."

The neatest thing to me about Yavapai is what happens when I typo the county name. On a standard QWERTY keyboard, the "Y" key is directly above the "H" key. A simple mistake in typing results in the county name being entered as "Havapai" ... which, when spoken aloud, sounds like "Have-a-Pie."

Yes indeed, I am a big-time connoisseur of pies. In particular, I love cream pies such as Chocolate, Banana (with real banana slices), Key Lime, and Lemon Meringue. Cherry, Apple, and Peach pies are also great as long as the fruit is well-cooked, soft, and warm.

So, you're thinking I've gone all wobbly again ... well, not necessarily. You see, Yavapai County is home of the historic Rock Springs Café and it's world-famous homemade pies! In fact, their pie recipes date back to the early 1900's. On the day before Thanksgiving 2010, they sold over 3,000 pies ... and then had to open up again on Thanksgiving Day itself in order to handle the overwhelming demand. Now you can order online and have their pies shipped right to your front door. Hmm, thinking ...

The picture below is from Yavapai County residents Neil, K7SEN and Mary, AB7NK (who assisted in this month's column). Rainbows, scenery, world-famous pies ... oh yeah, I could be happy in Yav!



## Awards

Awards Issued For December			
Call	Date	Award	Number
WB4KZW	12/4/2011	5 Star	# 59
WB4KZW	12/8/2011	Master's Gold	# 51
WB4KZW	11/29/2011	USA-CW	# 124
N9QS	11/29/2011	USA-CW II	# 28
WA6OCV	12/2/2011	BINGO	# 336
NU4C	12/7/2011	BINGO	# 337
AA9JJ	10/25/2011	USA-PA N Prefix	# 13
WB4KZW	11/29/2011	BINGO II	# 85
W7FEN	12/5/2011	Mobile to Mobile	# 16
WB4KZW	11/29/2011	USA - Single Band	# 14 - 20 Meters - 3077 Counties
W7FEN	11/25/2011	USA - Single Band	# 13 - 20 Meters - 3077 Counties
AA8R	12/10/2011	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 154
WQ7A	12/4/2011	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 105
K7REL	12/3/2011	Worked all Counties - 7th Time	# 17

Roadrunner Issued For December				
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number
W0GXQ	12/27/2011	Last County Count 600	Last County Count 600	# 24
N5MLP	12/22/2011	Last County Count 25	Last County Count 25	# 497
N9QS	12/22/2011	Last County Count 750	Last County Count 750	# 14
AF3X	12/20/2011	Last County Count 150	Last County Count 150	# 154
KE3VV	12/20/2011	Last County Count 300	Last County Count 300	# 63
N4JT	12/20/2011	Last County Count 800	Last County Count 800	# 12
KO1U	12/20/2011	Last County Count 250	Last County Count 250	# 78
N0XYL	12/20/2011	Last County Count 125	Last County Count 125	# 169
N9QPQ	12/20/2011	Last County Count 1075	Last County Count 1075	# 4
W0NAC	12/29/2011	Last County Count 275	Last County Count 275	# 68





## Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KX1A	Jan - 01
WJ8Y	Jan - 01
W5RJ	Jan - 01
KN6ZB	Jan - 02
NX9H	Jan - 03
N4IWY	Jan - 03
WB5NFS	Jan - 03
K2PF	Jan - 03
W2UJ	Jan - 03
KQ8D	Jan - 03
N8LG	Jan - 03
WS7R	Jan - 04
KB1TH	Jan - 04
KE4TTS	Jan - 04
WA7HYD	Jan - 04
N4PJX	Jan - 05
KG7UU	Jan - 05
W6IUA	Jan - 05
W4QNW	Jan - 05
WB6ALC	Jan - 05
KC0YQ	Jan - 05
AJ1M	Jan - 05
W2UDT	Jan - 05
AA5AH	Jan - 06
NG3F	Jan - 06
KY0E	Jan - 06
N2OCW	Jan - 06
KE1HZ	Jan - 06
KL7IAA	Jan - 07
N0DIA	Jan - 07
K9FZ	Jan - 07
NOOSW	Jan - 08
KB8HW	Jan - 08
KE0AY	Jan - 08
K8NQP	Jan - 09
KG5U	Jan - 09
KK6MR	Jan - 09

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KK0L	Jan - 09
N5EW	Jan - 09
W3DQT	Jan - 09
AB5ZS	Jan - 10
KB4UMO	Jan - 10
KK5OX	Jan - 11
W6FG	Jan - 11
W0BM	Jan - 11
WA2MCY	Jan - 11
K4QFK	Jan - 11
WA4EEZ	Jan - 11
N8OR	Jan - 12
AA7CP	Jan - 12
KC0CL	Jan - 12
WM0N	Jan - 12
N9ATA	Jan - 12
KE5TT	Jan - 12
W00U	Jan - 12
W1EQ	Jan - 12
KD9OT	Jan - 13
WA9PZV	Jan - 13
K6RLR	Jan - 13
W0QE	Jan - 13
WD3P	Jan - 13
WB0VBW	Jan - 13
AA8NS	Jan - 14
NS4C	Jan - 14
KE5AY	Jan - 14
W0QDL	Jan - 14
KB9YVT	Jan - 14
K7MM	Jan - 14
KO7X	Jan - 15
N8DMW	Jan - 15
W7MMQ	Jan - 15
K8PP	Jan - 15
K4YC	Jan - 15
W4CCT	Jan - 15

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N9NI	Jan - 15
K4YL	Jan - 16
WB0KSW	Jan - 16
KK7GN	Jan - 16
W5WEE	Jan - 17
N7JV	Jan - 17
K4RK	Jan - 17
W2BED	Jan - 17
KG5J	Jan - 18
WA3EOL	Jan - 18
WN8M	Jan - 18
W9QR	Jan - 18
W5NMX	Jan - 19
K9QM	Jan - 19
K3JI	Jan - 19
WA4STO	Jan - 19
NO0U	Jan - 19
KA0CYB	Jan - 19
W07HI	Jan - 20
KF2O	Jan - 20
KN4Y	Jan - 20
K1BV	Jan - 20
KC9ACL	Jan - 21
AB4KL	Jan - 21
NB9P	Jan - 21
W1KI	Jan - 21
AA6MR	Jan - 21
KF5DE	Jan - 22
N6OL	Jan - 22
KB6ABC	Jan - 22
N4JRY	Jan - 22
N8ZP	Jan - 22
W5THA	Jan - 22
KG5VA	Jan - 22
AL7HS	Jan - 22
K4EXT	Jan - 23
K5DRF	Jan - 23

**Roadrunner - Birthdays**

Call	Birthday Date
KC5UO	Jan - 23
KB0MHH	Jan - 23
WA0EVO	Jan - 23
W7ABC	Jan - 24
WD3K	Jan - 24
KD4ON	Jan - 24
W9XYL	Jan - 24
K2LFG	Jan - 24
KG3P	Jan - 25
W8DH	Jan - 25
N7PIB	Jan - 25
N3CRH	Jan - 25
W0RRY	Jan - 25
K1ER	Jan - 26
NORX	Jan - 26
K0GEN	Jan - 26
WB8ROC	Jan - 26
K5IS	Jan - 26
N9WNN	Jan - 26
WG9K	Jan - 26
N4GOA	Jan - 26
KC9A	Jan - 27
KF7SG	Jan - 28
WA7NB	Jan - 28
NG9V	Jan - 28
W5VPV	Jan - 28
KU7F	Jan - 29
KF9YL	Jan - 29
N4JRG	Jan - 30
W0RAA	Jan - 30
K6PDQ	Jan - 30
AA7GS	Jan - 30
K6EW	Jan - 30
N0WA	Jan - 31
W3TOM	Jan - 31
KF7ZN	Jan - 31
KM4QM	Jan - 31

**Roadrunner - Birthdays**

Call	Birthday Date
W8CFF	Jan - 31
KX2W	Jan - 31



**Calendar**

~ January 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT	2	3	4	5	6	7 PSK FEST
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 HUNTING LIONS  NA CW QP
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 NA SSB QP
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 WINTER FIELD DAY
29	30	31	<b>Notes:</b> ONLY START DATE SHOW. CLICK ON THE EVENT TO GO TO THE WEBSITE.			



**Treasurer's Report  
November 30, 2011**

Funds Balance October 31, 2011 **\$22,949.50**

Income:

Money Market Interest	\$2.30
Awards Manager Income	\$684.00
Membership Income	\$397.29
Logger distribution	\$45.00
	<u>\$1,128.59</u>



Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$323.59
Liability Insurance	\$819.00
National Convention 2013 seed WY7LL	\$1,000.00
	<u>\$2,142.59</u>

Account Balances **\$21,935.50**

Checking Account \$3,287.22

Money Market Account \$18,648.28

**\$21,935.50**

Note

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,500.00

**Awards Manager's Report  
December 31, 2011**

Funds Balance October 31, 2011 **\$1,500.00**

Income	\$ 924.00
	<u>\$ 924.00</u>

Expenses:

Office supplies	\$ 00.00
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 275.00
Postage	\$ 390.12
	<u>\$ 665.12</u>



Sent to Treasurer \$924.00

Reimbursement received from Treasurer \$665.12

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

**Awards Committee**

**These MARAC members are serving on the Awards Committee:**

**Awards Manager - Bob Devine (KC6AWX)**

**Phil Yasson ( AB7RW )**

**Bob Gedemer ( KA9JAC )**

**Dave Splitt ( KE3VV )**

**Kent Reinke ( KL1V )**

**Ed Palagyi ( KN4Y )**

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**David Pyle ( KW1DX))**

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*“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”*

**Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25<sup>th</sup>!**

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