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From My Point of View

Joyce, WB9NUL

I can't believe we are starting the third month of the New Year. Time seems to just fly. Even with an extra day in February I'm still behind on things that need to be done.

The National Convention is fast approaching. I'm looking forward to seeing a new part of our great country and seeing old friends and making new ones. Also, the Michigan mini is coming up. Wish we could be there but Ed will make sure everyone has a great time. Also, the South Eastern mini is in October.

I would like to thank Scott, KA3QLF for the job he has done as contest coordinator. Scott has resigned this post. Also, I want to thank Kent, KL1V for all the work he has put in for the elections. It's our volunteers that keep this organization running.

Barry and I have had lots of guests to our QTH this last month. This next month will be busy with my other hobby, needlework so may not have much time for the radio.

Cu soon. 73, Joyce



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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Night and the curtains drawn, the radio shack is still, a mobile, with approximate CW strength about to QRV.

I am listening to the radio hoping to hear Ed in Hawaii when I hear Gator slide to a stop at the recycled railroad tie. He enters the radio shack carrying some envelopes, “Boy it is cold outside, and here I got your mail.” He puts the mail on the desk and picks up a large brown envelope, “What is this Dude?” Gator hands me a hot latte as I open the envelope. “Wow Gator, I got a package of gourmet smoked salmon.” “Why?” I look at the enclosed certificate, “It is from the Western Washington DX club for first place in the fourth call area during the 2011 salmon run.” I show Gator the great certificate and he says, “I cannot believe you were the only station operating from the fourth call area. I point to the certificate, “See it says so.” Gator picks up another envelope and hands it to me, “You really going to eat the smoked salmon?”

I ignore Gator and open the envelope, “Wow, this certificate is for the 2011 Tennessee QSO party, another first place in Florida.” Gator looks at the certificate, “I cannot believe you are the only station in Florida that works State QSO parties.” I ignore Gator and sip my latte; he does not understand the function of aged operating skills. Gator is reading the enclosed party recap, “You are actually eighth in the fixed station, low power CW category.” “Hand me another latte and check out my CQ 160-meter log.” “What is that envelope laying on the floor?” I pick the envelope up and open it, “It is a certificate for the Pennsylvania QSO party. I got it for scoring some points from the North Florida Section.” Gator looks at the certificate and says, “Florida needs more CW stations working the State QSO parties.” I ignore his sarcasm.

Gator runs my log CQ 160-meter log. “Not bad Dude, you got ten new counties on 160-meters, pending confirmation.” I give him the high sign; I need a lot of counties on that band. Gator is staring at the computer screen, “I cannot believe you made 37 CW contacts in the Louisiana QSO party and all except four were with that Texas Dude Norm, W3DYA, running mobile.” “Yes CW is not a favorite LA mode but I got three new counties on 80-meters. Here check out my ARRL VHF sweepstakes log.” Suddenly Gator’s phone rings, “Got to go Dude, got sludge build up in the South cooling tower.” He hands me the printout and is gone faster than a beer burp.

The printer starts, so I sip my latte until the printer stops. I take the print-out and see it is a list of mobiles heard on the CW net frequencies during February: AK8A, K0ARS, K0FG, K0RC, K2HVN, K4YFH, K4ZGB, K8ZZ, K9JWV, KA4RRU, KC7YE, KE3VV, KW1DX, K0KV, N2MH, N4ATT, N4JT, N5NA, N7IV, N9AC, N9JF, NM2L, NN9K, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W3DYA, W3SIG, W7FEN, W8MP, W9MSE, WA4STO and WU3H.

This month there are five State QSO parties; Idaho, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Virginia, and North Dakota. That is 341 counties up for grabs. I forgot to tell Gator he would be driving while I run counties in the 10-10 International Net mobile QSO party on March 17. I will be operating around 28.025 Mhz. The county hunters that operate phone can do the ARRL DX contest and the CQ WPX contest. I make a note to tell Gator not to forget we operate mobile in the Georgia and Florida QSO parties in April. I make another note to have Gator run my Mississippi QSO party log, but first a nap.



Elections
Nominations for CW and SSB
County Hunter of the Year

Nominations are now in order for the 2012 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 from those that are received for both CW and SSB and forward that selection with the reasons for the selection to the Election Coordinator no later than April 15th. Prior winners are not eligible for this award. 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 2012 ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Last Request

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 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 which is listed on the MARAC website.

If you are willing to serve MARAC in an elected position, please send your nomination to KR@GCI.NET or via regular mail, which I must receive by March 10th.

<http://marac.org/directors.htm>

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 web site at <http://marac.org> click on Member Database and enter your call in Call Lookup to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

BALLOT RECOGNITION
2nd qtr 2011-2012

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition from their peer's and votes in the 2nd quarter award voting. They are in no particular order and have received at least 3 points. They are given 2 points for a first place and 1 point for a second place vote. There were 17 electronic ballots received this quarter.

NET CONTROL SSB: N5UZW, KZ2P, N4AAT, AB7NK, AD4IA

NET CONTROL CW: N4CD, W0GXQ

BEST MOBILE SSB: KB6UF, AA0TT, AD8P, N4AAT, KM9X, AB4YZ

BEST MOBILE CW: W0GXQ, N4CD

BEST TEAM: KB0BA/N0XYL, AA9JJ/N9QPQ, KA9JAC/KB9YVT, N0KV/N0DXE

I just purchased my tickets to the national convention and I am looking forward to seeing everyone. I will only be able to make it for 2 days because of the on going work on my recently purchased fruit orchard in Idaho. If the weather hold out I should be able to bring some fresh cherries for folks to try out.

Kent Reinke – KL1V
MARAC Election Coordinator
PO BOX 215
Valdez, Ak 99686-0215



New Members

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4498	N4MIC	Ron Rucker
R4499	NT7R	Michael Sexton
R4500	KD7DCR	Melvin Frost



National

44th MARAC 2012 Convention

Phil, AB7RW

If you are flying to Vancouver, you may want to go Yahoo.com or another on-line ticket marketer and ask for prices to PDX. They will usually list five or six airlines with times and prices, and if it meets your needs, you can purchase your tickets and reserve seats on-line. Then at the airport, the electronic pass that you printed out saves you check-in time.

Hopefully, you have signed up for the Evergreen Museum tour. The museum is about an hour's drive from Vancouver. It is stocked with many types of airplanes. I wonder how some of them ever got off the ground. The classic is Howard Hughe's Spruce Goose. You can walk up the entry way and go inside the airplane, look outside the pilot's window and imagine yourself talking off. And if you have not seen the movie of the Spruce Goose, it is time to see it in person.

If you have never been to one of the MARAC Conventions in the past, or you are a new member, this is where you want to be. You can meet the people who drive around all day giving out counties to you using SSB or CW and now in data modes. Once you meet them, County Hunting is all that much more fun. Next time you hear N4CD on the air, you will picture a face with his transmissions.

One of the things I like about downtown Vancouver is that you are not stuck eating hotel food. There are many choices and the name of the restaurant does not necessarily associate with the food inside. Like "The Little Pine Tree" does not serve pine cones! (hi hi) The Red Lion will have a breakfast buffet each morning for \$7.95 while the remainder of the restaurant service is from the menu.

I have found out that there will be a 4th of July parade in Vancouver. I'll pass on details as I learn of them. I do know that the fireworks begin at 10 p.m. There is also a program that begins at noon with a different musical groups each hour or so. I'll fill you in on that as information becomes available.

The Mayor's office in Vancouver has promised to give each convention attendee a City of Vancouver lapel pin. This alone is worth the trip! Get your registrations in the mail so you have a chance for the early bird drawing. Cut-off is 1 May 2012.

44TH ANNUAL MARAC NATIONAL CONVENTION

4 JULY – 7 JULY 2012 - VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

(Deadline for Early Registration Prize Drawing is May 1, 2012)

Name: (First, Last, and Callsign)

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

E-MAIL address or phone number:

ADDITIONAL NAME BADGES: \$5.00 EACH

Name:	Callsign:	USA-CA#	X \$5.00	Total \$
(Attach additional sheet listing names)				
			X \$5.00	Total \$

REGISTRATION: Includes 1 badge, 1 prize ticket, 1 cash ticket, e-mailed photos **\$35.00**

Wednesday July 4th **Check-In**

Tours listed separately under Events				
Thursday July 5th	BBQ at Red Lion Hotel	# of meals	X \$32.00	Total \$

Friday July 6th **Tours listed separately under Events**

Tours listed separately under Events				
Saturday July 7th	Banquet	Chicken Monterey	# of meals	X \$43.00 Total \$
		Flat Iron Steak	# of meals	X \$43.00 Total \$
		Char Grilled Salmon	# of meals	X \$43.00 Total \$

PRIZE TICKETS:

Prize – Single Tickets	# of tickets	X Price - \$1.00	Total - \$
Prize – Book of 12 Tickets	# of books	X Price - \$10.00	Total - \$
Cash – Single Tickets	# of tickets	X Price - \$1.00	Total - \$
Cash – Book of 12 Tickets	# of books	X Price - \$10.00	Total - \$

PHOTOGRAPHS:

GROUP	# of photos	X Price - \$5.00 if via USPS	Total - \$
YL	# of photos	X Price - \$5.00 if via USPS	Total - \$
USA-CA	# of photos	X Price - \$5.00 if via USPS	Total - \$
CW	# of photos	X Price - \$5.00 if via USPS	Total - \$

GRAND TOTAL	\$
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Mail Registration / Check to:
Phil Yasson AB7RW – MARAC #44
13208 NE 5TH Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98685-2679
Visit hotel website for info about accommodations: Google: Red Lion at the Quay Vancouver

Hotel Reservations: Call (360) 694-8341
Mention MARAC Convention
Name, Address, etc.
ROOM RATE Guaranteed until 6/20/2012

MARAC COUNTY HUNTERS
2012 SCENIC TOUR PROGRAM PORTLAND
REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012

All Tours Depart: from: Red Lion at the Quay Main Lobby

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to scheduled departure time listed below.

All tours include: Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Tour Guide, Tour Narration, Attraction Admissions/Fees and meals (gratuity included) as noted in tour description. Note: Driver and Tour Guide Gratuities are not included, but welcomed

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:
MARAC County Hunters Tour Registration
c/o Carole Breck Destination Management
47 Eagle Crest Drive, Suite 46
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Registration Information:

- Registrations must be received by JUNE 5, 2012 to ensure participation in the tours of your choice. Registrations are honored on a first-come, first-serve, space available basis.
We encourage you to sign up in advance. TOURS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON-SITE.
Full Payment must accompany registration.
Check or Money Order Payments are accepted in US\$ Funds drawn on US Banks only.
A \$32.00 (US\$ Funds) fee will be charged for returned checks.
All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
An E-mail confirmation will be sent to you once it is determined the minimum participation for your selected tour(s) has been met and at that time your check will be processed. Your tour guide will also have a list of participants on the day of the tour. (Be sure to provide your e-mail address in the space provided.)
Cancellation: No refunds after June 5, 2012. Refunds minus a \$5.00 handling fee will be made only if written notice is received prior to June 5, 2012.
Individual Tours may be canceled if the minimum per tour guarantee of 30, noted in the description for each tour, is not met. In this event your money will be refunded in full AFTER the Reunion.
Carole Breck Destination Management reserves the right to alter or amend the itinerary or change the attraction order, should circumstances beyond our control arise to necessitate these changes.
For special accessibility needs, dietary considerations and additional information, call Carole Breck Destination Management: 503-699-9841, or e-mail cbreckdm@aol.com

KEEP A COPY OF THIS REGISTRATION FOR YOUR RECORDS



THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012

Table with columns: Time, Tour, Qty, \$/pp. Includes entries for CITY, HIGHLIGHTS, GORGE, and HIGHLIGHTS.

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2012

Table with columns: Time, Tour, Qty, \$/pp. Includes entries for EVERGREEN and AVIATION MUSEUM.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED US\$

Please Complete the following (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Name
Spouse/Guest Name(s)
Address
City
State/Country
Zip Code/Country Code
E-Mail Address
Daytime Phone

- Payment must accompany registration
Make Checks or Money Orders Payable US\$ Funds on US Banks to: "Carole Breck Destination Management"

Each Tour Participant is required to read and sign the following waiver prior to participation in all tours.

LIABILITY WAIVER

In consideration of Carole Breck Destination Management's planning and coordination of these tours/activities, I/we do hereby release and discharge forever, and by these presents, do for ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns release and discharge forever, Carole Breck Destination Management, their subsidiaries and affiliates, and their officers, directors, agents and employees, from any liability, direct and indirect, and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of actions, or suits at law or in equity because of matters, incidents or things done, omitted or suffered to be done by anyone, which may hereafter arise, directly or indirectly, from or out of participation in program tours/activities. I/we also agree not to allow any other individual to participate in my/our place(s) without prior notification to Carole Breck Destination Management.

Signature Date

Signature Date

(Note: Parent or Legal Guardian must sign for children and note child's name)

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

July 5 & 6, 2012

CAROLE BRECK DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

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THURSDAY JULY 5, 2012

CITY OF ROSES HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

\$32.00/pp (30 minimum guarantee)

Portland, is an intimate city with short blocks, elegant parks, bridges, artwork, numerous fountains, intriguing architecture and fantastic views! Your tour guide will share Portland's rich history as this scenic windshield tour travels along Tom McCall Waterfront Park, on the Willamette River; through the Skidmore/Old Town Historic District; Chinatown; and City Center. Sites include: the FORECOURT FOUNTAIN where 13,000 gallons of water per minute cascade through a series of terraces and platforms suggesting the Northwest's abundant waterfalls; PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE, a public square often referred to as the city's "living room;" and glimpse of PORTLAND'S CULTURAL DISTRICT which houses the Oregon Historical Society, Portland Art Museum, and Portland Center for the Performing Arts. From downtown we'll travel above the city into Washington Park to the acclaimed 4.5 acre INTERNATIONAL ROSE TEST GARDEN, recognized as the oldest established rose test garden in the United States. Stop and smell the roses and feast your eyes on a sea of color and over 10,000 roses and 600 varieties.

Tour Includes: Restroom Equipped Motorcoach Transportation using biodiesel, Professional Tour Guide; Narrated Tour; and Carole Breck Destination Management Services-Custom tour design, and all vendor arrangements, scheduling, contracting and accounting. Customary Driver Gratuity Not Included, But Welcomed.

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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2012

GORGE HIGHLIGHTS Multnomah Falls & Bonneville Dam

12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

\$33.00/pp (30 minimum guarantee)

Experience the grandeur of the Columbia River Gorge, and discover the ecology and history of one of the world's most magnificent landscapes as we travel along the Columbia River and section of the scenic Old Columbia River Gorge Highway past WAHKEENA FALLS, a Yakima Indian word meaning "most beautiful." Then Stopping at MULTNOMAH FALLS, the most spectacular of the waterfalls, and fourth highest in the United States plummeting 620'. View an example of Cascadian Architecture, the historic Multnomah Falls Lodge. Explore the falls, visiting the gift shop, interpretive center, and taking a short walk up the paved trail to the Simon Benson Bridge or just stand at the base of the falls and revel in their splendor. Then continuing on past 176' HORSETAIL FALLS as we motor on to BONNEVILLE DAM, the first of eight federal locks and dams on the Columbia and Snake Rivers that produces "over one million kilowatts, enough to supply power needs of nearly 500,000 homes a year." See fish migrating through underwater fishways, find out how the Dam works, and make other discoveries about ships that navigate the river. Travel back to Portland along the mighty Columbia River all on today's GORGE HIGHLIGHTS ADVENTURE! Bonneville Dam donations welcomed at attendees discretion.

Tour Includes: Restroom equipped Motorcoach Transportation using biodiesel; Professional Tour Guide; Narrated Tour; bottled water; and Carole Breck Destination Management Services-Custom tour design, and all vendor arrangements, scheduling, contracting and accounting. Customary Driver Gratuity not included, but welcomed.

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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

FRIDAY JULY 6, 2012

EVERGREEN AVIATION MUSEUM ADVENTURE

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

\$64.00pp (30 minimum guarantee)

Join your professional tour guide for a jaunt by luxury motorcoach through the fertile Willamette Valley countryside to the EVERGREEN AVIATION MUSEUM, home of the Spruce Goose. Explore the Howard Hughes “Flying Boat,” and a diverse collection of over forty vintage aircraft from 1903 to the jet age, “exhibits that celebrate the lives of innovators, pilots, and veterans who courageously pioneered flight in these remarkable machines.” Enjoy a box lunch at the museum. All on today’s EVERGREEN AVIATION MUSEUM ADVENTURE!

Tour Includes: Restroom-equipped Motorcoach Transportation using biodiesel, Professional Tour Guide, Narrated Tour, Evergreen Aviation Museum Admission; Box Lunch and beverage; bottled water; and Carole Breck Destination Management Services-Custom tour design, and all vendor arrangements, scheduling, contracting and accounting. Gratuities for the Guide and Driver are not included, but are welcomed

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Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KC7FPB	Mar - 01
KA9JOL	Mar - 01
N9JFW	Mar - 01
N5MIV	Mar - 01
N5PR	Mar - 01
K9EZ	Mar - 01
W6RLL	Mar - 02
WA5YNE	Mar - 02
W3ZUH	Mar - 02
KB3WN	Mar - 02
WN3W	Mar - 02
N0KM	Mar - 02
N5NK	Mar - 03
N4RS	Mar - 03
KL7D	Mar - 03
KD8HA	Mar - 03
W2WHC	Mar - 03
KS7T	Mar - 03
K5TVC	Mar - 03
WB00	Mar - 04
WN4AFP	Mar - 04
K1IK	Mar - 04
KR9Z	Mar - 05
N5KUC	Mar - 05
N7MZW	Mar - 05
K6JRY	Mar - 05
KK5P	Mar - 06
N0FP	Mar - 06
K9ZV	Mar - 06
W4DF	Mar - 06
W05W	Mar - 06
N5AWE	Mar - 07
W5VUB	Mar - 07
N0AKC	Mar - 07
WY0A	Mar - 07
N4HY	Mar - 07
K5LEO	Mar - 08

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K9HID	Mar - 08
W9WX	Mar - 08
W6FJU	Mar - 08
K4DOM	Mar - 08
AC5AR	Mar - 08
NT4D	Mar - 08
W6LX	Mar - 09
N0DXE	Mar - 09
WB0OAO	Mar - 09
W4DEE	Mar - 09
KL7VB	Mar - 09
NY3B	Mar - 09
KS8W	Mar - 10
N8FEB	Mar - 10
WB2WZE	Mar - 10
OK2PAY	Mar - 10
K9FDL	Mar - 10
WA9NBU	Mar - 11
N5UR	Mar - 11
WD9ITF	Mar - 11
K1HV	Mar - 11
W4OV	Mar - 12
VE4AGT	Mar - 12
NN8L	Mar - 12
KC4YBO	Mar - 12
N1WR	Mar - 12
NV3E	Mar - 13
KB6HW	Mar - 13
W5TM	Mar - 13
WK7E	Mar - 13
K3ZV	Mar - 13
WG4P	Mar - 13
AA4VN	Mar - 14
KU0A	Mar - 15
W0EWH	Mar - 15
W7MEL	Mar - 16
N3KN	Mar - 16

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KG4VBK	Mar - 16
KD1OG	Mar - 16
WA8LKD	Mar - 17
KM6QF	Mar - 17
K5WAF	Mar - 17
N7ID	Mar - 17
W1VJ	Mar - 17
KG7MU	Mar - 17
K7VAY	Mar - 17
W0MTW	Mar - 17
KB9SF	Mar - 18
K1NEF	Mar - 18
KL7H	Mar - 18
W4WBA	Mar - 18
W5JAC	Mar - 19
KN4XP	Mar - 19
K8OOK	Mar - 19
WA2GLU	Mar - 20
NC4JL	Mar - 20
K5RIC	Mar - 20
K6OO	Mar - 20
KM4W	Mar - 22
N3TA	Mar - 22
WA7NV	Mar - 22
WA5VGI	Mar - 22
KW3F	Mar - 22
W0HII	Mar - 22
KA3T	Mar - 23
N9AUV	Mar - 23
AF4ZZ	Mar - 23
NK0N	Mar - 23
K1RV	Mar - 23
K0WTZ	Mar - 23
KF9YR	Mar - 23
WA2DWP	Mar - 24
KC2MO	Mar - 24
K0QD	Mar - 24

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Call	Birthday Date
KCOM	Mar - 24
KZ5KG	Mar - 24
AA9DV	Mar - 25
W4KFA	Mar - 25
KD5FZN	Mar - 25
W3ZD	Mar - 25
N4US	Mar - 26
K5EBS	Mar - 26
WA0QFY	Mar - 26
K6CA	Mar - 26
KY4T	Mar - 27
N8BNI	Mar - 27
WA4RNN	Mar - 27
K9EDE	Mar - 27
NU9C	Mar - 27
K4BAI	Mar - 27
K8OI	Mar - 27
WA7TC	Mar - 28
K5EK	Mar - 28
KA9H	Mar - 28
AA8DM	Mar - 28
N7JXS	Mar - 28
NH7Y	Mar - 28
AA6MZ	Mar - 28
W9VB	Mar - 28
NG3O	Mar - 29
WB4FEV	Mar - 29
W4RJK	Mar - 29
NR2H	Mar - 30
KS7S	Mar - 31
KD2N	Mar - 31
KD0HX	Mar - 31
WA3GLJ	Mar - 31



Awards

Awards Issued For February			
Call	Date	Award	Number
N4PJ	2/3/2012	USA-CW	# 126
W0EAR	1/30/2012	USA-CW	# 125
N8OR	1/29/2012	BINGO	# 339
KB6UF	2/1/2012	BINGO III	# 22
WQ7A	2/1/2012	BINGO III	# 21
WD9EJK	2/1/2012	BINGO III	# 23
W9MSE	2/14/2012	Mobile to Mobile	# 18
N0KV	1/13/2012	USA - Single Band	# 16 - 20 Meters - 3077 Counties
OH3JF	2/23/2012	USA-CA 1 st Time	# 1221
W4RKV	2/1/2012	Worked all Counties - 7th Time	# 18
K2JG	1/30/2012	Worked all Counties - 9th Time	# 7
KZ2P	1/30/2012	Worked all Counties - 14th Time	# 1

Roadrunner Issued For March			
Call	Date	Award	Number
W8MP	2/26/2012	Last County Count 25	# 499
KW1DX	2/21/2012	Last County Count 100	# 232
NM2L	2/19/2012	Last County Count 100	# 231
K8ZZ	2/10/2012	Last County Count 375	# 41
WY7LL	2/10/2012	Last County Count 125	# 172
W4SIG	1/31/2012	Last County Count 125	# 170
N4CD	1/31/2012	Last County Count 2000	# 1
N9QPQ	1/31/2012	Last County Count 1100	# 4
W0EAR	1/31/2012	Last County Count 125	# 171
AA9JJ	1/31/2012	Last County Count 875	# 9



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

This month's picture is of Larry, W7FEN and his novice station from way back in 1976. The radio is a Yaesu FT-101E ... the keyer is a Heathkit. At that time, Larry's antennas included a ground mounted vertical and a dipole for 80 and 40, which he also used on 15 meters.

In the winter of 1976, Larry and a farmer friend from Garfield County, WA went up to the city of Pullman and took Novice classes at W7YH ... the radio club station for Washington State University. The classes apparently worked out well ... Larry received his Novice license and WN7FEN call sign in August 1976.

WN7FEN's first ham contact was on August 14, 1976. Eventually he made over 1800 contacts as a Novice. In the 1976 ARRL Novice Roundup, Larry came in first place for the state of Idaho. Only the state of Delaware prevented him from the Worked All States award as a Novice.

Book study and code practice paid off for Larry on April 1, 1977 when he passed his Advanced Class written examination and 13 word-per-minute code test at the FCC office in Seattle, Washington. He had become WB7FEN by the skin-of-his-teeth he said!

Bill, W7GHT introduced Larry to County Hunting in June 1977. Early CH contacts included W7GHT in Nez Perce County, Idaho ... W6CCM in San Diego County, California ... and a few more on the 14.336 net with Karl, WA6MAR as NCS.

Larry's first mobile trip was in August 1977 as he traveled from Lewiston, ID to Houston, TX. As he was putting out Southern Idaho counties, the 14.336 NCS Jack, W0SJE relayed a message that Bill, W7GHT was going to levy a \$50 fine on Larry for every Idaho county he ran ... an actual possibility since Bill was Magistrate for Lewis County, Idaho at the time!

County Hunters: Please send me a pic of your early station along with a few details of how you got started in Ham Radio and County Hunting!



Treasurer's Report January 31, 2012

Funds Balance December 31, 2011 **\$22,739.55**

Income:

Money Market Interest	\$1.58	
Awards Manager Income	\$924.00	
Membership Income	\$600.45	
Logger distribution	\$100.00	
		<u>\$1,626.03</u>



Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$665.12	
		<u>\$665.12</u>

Account Balances

Checking Account	\$5,048.61	
Money Market Account	<u>\$18,651.85</u>	

\$23,700.46

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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 February 29, 2012

Funds Balance January 31, 2012 **\$1,500.00**

Income	\$ 531.00	
		<u>\$ 531.00</u>

Expenses:

Office supplies	\$ 293.05	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 283.80	
Postage	\$ 300.10	
		<u>\$ 876.95</u>



Sent to Treasurer		\$ 531.00
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Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$876.95
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Funds Balance February 29, 2012 **\$1500.00**

Calendar

~ March 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONLY START DATE SHOWN.	CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO WEB SITE			1	2	3 ARRL DX
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 ID QP
11 WI QP	12	13	14	15	16	17 10-10 MOBILE QP OK QP VA QP ND QP
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 CQ SSB
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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Phil Yasson (AB7RW)

Bob Gedemer (KA9JAC)

Dave Splitt (KE3VV)

Kent Reinke (KL1V)

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Leo Bingham (WY7LL)

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