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From My Point of View

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This will be my final note to you. Next month Dave, KE3VV will be taking the reins as your new President. Also, Matt, W0NAC will be taking over as Treasurer. I wish them well and will be happy to help them in any way I can. The rest of the Board stays the same except for Kerry, W4SIG who will be the new South Eastern director. Terry, WQ7A thanks for the great job you did as Treasurer.

I'm writing this early as several people who are involved with the newsletter will be winging their way to Vancouver, Washington to attend the Nat'l Convention. Phil and Barbara are putting on the finishing touches for the festivities. Friday and Saturday will be busy with tours and programs.

Again, thank you for the trust you have given me over the many years that I have been active in MARAC. As Past President I will still be involved and hope that you all will stay in touch with me.

Wednesday Carol Ann, AB2LS is having surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts. She has promised me that Aaron will call me to keep me up to date on her progress. Cards can be sent to her home in New York.

Best County Hunting to you all,
73 & 88's Joyce, WB9NUL



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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

A county hunter is truly wise who gains wisdom from a MARAC convention.

This is a radio active month working the mobiles going to the MARAC convention and then again on their trip home, known as county double dipping. During the convention the bands are resting, a good period to transfer into Writelog my hand log from my mobile operation in the Alabama QSO party. I finish and notice my total is 789 contacts. I would have made more contacts if I could pass a rest area, I need to go to Wal-Mart and check out the Depends.

I hear Gator's truck slide to a stop at the recycled railroad tie. He enters the shack. "Glad you are here Gator. I got a stack of QSL's to check and answer." He hands me a latte and sits at the computer, "I see you did the ARRL VHF QSO party, lousy total but you did get 6 new counties on six meters, a natural bingo and the last 'N' call in Florida." "That is great Gator but six meters was a bear." We sip our lattes as Gator is checking the QSL and MRC's. Gator flashes a QSL card, "Steve, OK2EC, got his last Florida County in the QSO party." I give Gator the high sign. He hands me the checked MRC's which I sign and get ready for the mailwoman.

Gator makes a quick check of the county hunter's forum. "That Tennessee Kerry Dude, W4SIG got himself elected as the MARAC Southeast Director. I bet Scottie, N4AAT, got beamed back up to run the Enterprise. Tennessee is a long way from Florida." I am amazed how Gator can change subjects so smoothly, "Not really Gator, just one State away." Gator pretends he did not hear me, "Maybe during his mobile travels he will visit and I can give him some of my Opossum jerky." "Who were the other directors elected?" "Do you plan to move?" "No." "Then you don't need to know."

Gator picks out a certificate from in the IN basket, "Wow Dude, you got first place in the world in the 10-10 spring CW QSO party." "Yes, I spent many quiet hours at the radio for that award." A mobile is heard calling QNF? Gator gives him a GA. I do not need the County. "Hey Dude the MARAC has a new President." "Who is the brave soul?" It is that Dude that runs mobile in Florida a lot and does not fear having a County Lion on his shoulder." "You mean Dave, KE3VV?" "Yes, that be him. Will Joyce be allowed to stay in the country?" Gator is laughing hilariously. I ignore Gator; Joyce will be remembered in MARAC history as a great President and will most likely retire to Texas where another great President resides

Gator is looking at the MARAC web site, "We need to get ready for the MARAC CW QSO party the last weekend in July." "Yes, Norm, W3DYA, the recliner champion of the county hunters, is the new contest manager. Any revisions?" "Yes." Gator explains the changes. There are now two operating periods both starting at 1400z and ending 23:59:59z. The event is now called the, MARAC U.S. Counties QSO Party. The entire rule is on the MARAC web site. "Have you figured what route we will be running?" "Yes, we will do the South East portion of Georgia." "I will be ready." "No ethanol sampling." "Nope, I think you checking out the Depends is a great idea. Have you figured out why we did not hear Rick, AI5P in Alaska." "Lousy band conditions." Gator shakes his head in agreement; we listen to the radio as we sip our lattes.

Gator's cell phone activates. "Sorry Dude hate to run but need to meet a guy to discuss fracking. He is

gone like smoking at the Daytona Speedway. The printer starts, it is a list of the stations heard operating during June on the county hunters mobile call frequencies. I read: AB7RW, AE3Z, AI5P, K0ARS, K0FG, K2HVN, K2RP, K4EXT, K4ZGB, K8ZZ, K9JWV, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KE3VV, KN4Y, KO1U, KW1DX, N0KV, N2OO, N4CD, N4JT, N4PJ, N6HH, ND9M, NM2L, NT7R, NX4C, NX4W, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W0MU, W3DYA, W4SIG, W7FEN, W7IN, W8JJ, W8QWY, and W9MSE.

I look at the Contest Calendar and right off I see the Canada Day Contest, a fun CW event. There is the IARU FH World Championship, a great CW operating event. If you like six meter CW check out the CQ WW VHF Contest. I pray the band is better than during the ARRL VHF QSO party. A special treat at the end the month is the New Jersey QSO Party (Cancelled last year) . The New Jersey QSO party will use the State/County abbreviations that will be used in the MARAC QSO Party, What a deal, work everyone and enter both QSO parties, you can get credit for some counties twice. Too much excitement, nap time.



New Members

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4509	KB4FS	Frantisek Slintak
R4510	NU0Q	Bill Claypool
R4511	G3UAS	Trevor Morgan



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

Bill, W0OWY was kind enough to donate his entire collection of Roadrunner newsletters (dating back to issue #1 in June 1970) to MARAC a few weeks ago. As such, I've been reading up on MARAC beginnings as well as scanning old issues and posting them on the www.CHarchive.com History Website as time permits. Be sure and check out these golden oldies!

Don, AE3Z sent me his Ham Radio and County Hunting bio to share, so here goes:

“OK ... this is how I became a ham and how I got into County Hunting ...



“In 1955 when I joined the Navy in Buffalo, NY the recruiters asked me what I wanted to do in the Navy. I said ‘I wanna be a cook!’ I was 18 years old at the time.

“Well, when we all got to Bainbridge, Maryland for boot camp, they tested us all over again and I tested very high in Electronics and code recognition. Every boot was tested for Morse code recognition. So, I was labeled a Radioman which at the time was a very critical rating (short of manpower). As most of us know, the military does what it ‘thinks’ is best for us all.

“I went thru boot camp and on to Class A Radio school and in order to graduate, you had to be able to copy 36 words per minute (with a mill) with just about perfect readability.

“Fast forward to the fall of 1966. I was stationed with Compibron Ten Staff aboard the USS Boxer, a helicopter carrier in the Caribbean Sea. We had pulled into Roosevelt Roads for a few days visit and I had planned on going over on the Naval Base at Rossy Roads to call home. The price at the time would have been somewhere around \$300.00 for a five minute phone call via satellite at that time. One day preceding this, I had been talking to one of the Electronic Techs on the ships crew and he had mentioned something about ‘ham radio’ and that they could ‘run phone patches’. That morning, my Master Chief and I were sitting on the Flag bridge of the Boxer drinking coffee when the phone rang. The Chief answered the phone and handed it to me. The voice on the other end said ‘I have your wife on the phone if you’d like to talk to her!’

“Of course, this blew me completely out of my socks and I could hardly talk. He had explained that it was just like a telephone except that after each transmission you had to say ‘Over’ so that the operators knew when to switch back and forth. And, IT WAS FREE!

“Well, after that little incident, I went down and found where the guy was operating from and I said ‘I don’t care what I have to do, but I want to be able to do that.’

“After we returned to the States in December 1966, I went to a local ham store in Norfolk, Va., bought a general class book and after studying for two weeks, went and took the General class test. I got my license issued in March 1967 and when the Staff went aboard the USS Guadalcanal (another helo carrier), a friend and I set up a ham station and ran phone patches for the entire crew and 1500 Marines on the next cruise we made to the Caribbean. I ran thousands of phone patches over the next 12 years before I retired in July 1978 with 23 years active service.

Awards

Awards Issued For June			
Call	Date	Award	Number
W0NAC	6/5/2012	Master's Gold	# 52
NF0N	6/17/2012	USA-CW	# 129
K4YT	6/8/2012	USA-CW	# 128
N4CD	6/10/2012	USA-CW IV	# 8
NU0Q	6/16/2012	BINGO	# 342
AA1VA	6/14/2012	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 416
NT2A	6/8/2012	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 415
K7VAY	6/6/2012	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 414
N4CD	6/10/2012	Worked all Counties - 8th Time	# 11

Roadrunner Issued For June			
Call	Date	Award	Number
ND9M	6/20/2012	Last County Count 225	# 88
A15P	6/20/2012	Last County Count 950	# 8
KB6UF	6/11/2012	Last County Count 1050	# 4
K3IMC	6/11/2012	Last County Count 400	# 41
K5GE	6/11/2012	Last County Count 350	# 49



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W7AXY	Jul - 01
KB8TIN	Jul - 01
K4CQW	Jul - 01
AL7GY	Jul - 02
NC4J	Jul - 03
KA6BTU	Jul - 03
KF0E	Jul - 03
KC7YE	Jul - 03
KA9QKN	Jul - 04
W0ULU	Jul - 05
W1WLW	Jul - 05
W0WYJ	Jul - 05
K5UH	Jul - 05
NN5B	Jul - 06
WB5LFO	Jul - 06
KE5WL	Jul - 06
VA3RJ	Jul - 07
K8EMS	Jul - 07
W5FHL	Jul - 07
AA9ZZ	Jul - 07
K10HF	Jul - 07
KG7GV	Jul - 08
KK0V	Jul - 08
N4ANV	Jul - 08
KU4QG	Jul - 08
KE5RH	Jul - 10
N4GQQ	Jul - 10
AA6JR	Jul - 11
N8GEQ	Jul - 11
WA7AIM	Jul - 11
WD8AYN	Jul - 12
W8YL	Jul - 12
AA4GL	Jul - 12
K9FA	Jul - 13
KB4ET	Jul - 13
WA4WIN	Jul - 13
N5SGC	Jul - 13

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N8OYY	Jul - 13
WF0B	Jul - 13
W0GYR	Jul - 14
N3FC	Jul - 14
AE5Q	Jul - 14
KE6LF	Jul - 14
WB0PYF	Jul - 14
WA1JYO	Jul - 14
WA1KPJ	Jul - 14
W5OBT	Jul - 14
KC3AD	Jul - 14
VK4AAR	Jul - 14
WA4WQG	Jul - 14
N4XE	Jul - 15
K8ZXY	Jul - 15
KD1TH	Jul - 15
K5TT	Jul - 15
K0UB	Jul - 16
KA1NX	Jul - 16
W4DRR	Jul - 16
W2ARP	Jul - 16
KP4CZ	Jul - 17
K6PJ	Jul - 17
AA9CW	Jul - 17
KT1M	Jul - 17
KI4W	Jul - 18
KE6US	Jul - 18
K5XY	Jul - 18
KC0ZU	Jul - 18
K0SDA	Jul - 18
K8MM	Jul - 19
WE7G	Jul - 19
KW3H	Jul - 20
K5VYT	Jul - 20
W8YRB	Jul - 20
K2RPM	Jul - 21
N8IPG	Jul - 21

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W4ZMB	Jul - 21
W4GNS	Jul - 21
KU4YM	Jul - 21
WB2ABD	Jul - 22
KB9MGI	Jul - 22
KM8U	Jul - 22
WU3H	Jul - 23
W4BOB	Jul - 23
K9OC	Jul - 24
KV3D	Jul - 24
W5JBP	Jul - 24
KA3QLF	Jul - 24
KE4MW	Jul - 24
W4VIC	Jul - 25
WS9V	Jul - 25
K1NIT	Jul - 26
N4IXV	Jul - 26
KE2EA	Jul - 26
KD8HB	Jul - 26
VE4AE	Jul - 26
K4BF	Jul - 26
W5LOR	Jul - 26
W7SAR	Jul - 26
W9AAW	Jul - 26
WB1EEN	Jul - 27
NC1N	Jul - 27
K9IA	Jul - 27
N8HAM	Jul - 27
W5DR	Jul - 27
W6PXE	Jul - 27
KF4WC	Jul - 27
KF0Q	Jul - 27
KF8UN	Jul - 28
N5OAO	Jul - 28
WA4LZI	Jul - 28
N4AKP	Jul - 28
N4AAT	Jul - 29

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Call	Birthday Date
W4YDY	Jul - 29
K0NII	Jul - 29
N0EHS	Jul - 29
KD4DJ	Jul - 30
KU9G	Jul - 30
KW5USA	Jul - 30
KY9Y	Jul - 30
WD4OIN	Jul - 30
W6XLR	Jul - 30
WN8QII	Jul - 30
K9GTQ	Jul - 30
W0FLZ	Jul - 31
KA9JAC	Jul - 31
W6XJN	Jul - 31



Election Results
MARAC Board of Directors

I want to thank the following county hunters who have volunteered to fill the following positions:

These are 2 year terms expiring July 2014

President KE3VV
Vice President WY7LL
Secretary KZ2P
Treasurer W0NAC

The following have volunteered to fill the following Director Positions:

These are 3 year terms expiring July 2015

North Central Director WA9DLB
Great Lakes Director KM9X

The following director has been elected to a 3 year term expiring July 2015:

South East Director W4SIG

Congratulations and thank you for offering your time and services to MARAC.

2012 Awards

County Hunter of the Year SSB, Net Control SSB, Net Control CW, Best Mobile SSB, Best Mobile CW and the Best Team awards will be announced at the banquet on Saturday July 7th at the MARAC convention.

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**Treasurer's Report
May 31, 2012**

Funds Balance April 30, 2012 **\$25,046.84**

Income:

Money Market Interest	\$0.88	
Awards Manager Income	\$520.00	
Membership Income	\$602.00	
Logger distribution	\$60.00	
		<u>\$1,182.88</u>



Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$391.11	
		<u>\$391.11</u>

Transfer funds to incoming Treasurer \$1,000.00

Account Balances **\$24,838.61**

Checking Account \$4,181.91

Money Market Account \$20,656.70

\$24,838.61

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
June 30, 2012**

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

Income	\$ 628.00	
		<u>\$ 628.00</u>



Expenses:

Office supplies	\$ 00.00	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 121.40	
Postage	\$ 46.10	
		<u>\$157.50</u>

Sent to Treasurer \$ 628.00

Reimbursement received from Treasurer \$ 157.50

Funds Balance June 30, 2012 **\$1500.00**

Calendar

~ July 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 10-10 QP	3	4 MI QRP QP	5	6 FISTS SPRINT	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 RUN 4 BACON	17	18	19	20	21 NA RTTY QP
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 MARAC QP NJ QP
29	30	31	Notes: ONLY START DATE SHOWN. CLICK EVENT TO GO TO WEB SITE.			



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“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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