

MARAC NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF MARAC, INC SEPT. 12, 1970

The regular meeting of MARAC was held September 12, 1970 at the qth of WØSJE in Lee's Summit, Mo. at 8:30 PM.

Members present were WAØWOB, WAØSHE, WØYLN, WØSJE, WØAYL, K8DCR, WNØBJI and WA3FED. Discussion on Club non-profit status resulted, WØAYL will obtain forms for non-profit tax exemption.

WØYLN reported the interest and progress that is continually growing in the Newsletter.

WØSJE read the final requirements for all awards. Applications have been received for awards and all awards are now in readiness by the custodian. The custodian is now processing all applications. Discussion for proper identification for Associate members on QSL cards followed. The results will be listed in the Awards column. Meeting adjourned 10 PM on motion by WAØSHE. Next meeting will be October 10 at the qth of WØYLN in Leavenworth, Kansas.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The original and continuing purpose of MARAC was to support and award the efforts of mobile operators. Up to this time we have developed awards which can be earned by anyone interested in amateur radio. I would like to see thoughts and suggestions concerning awards to be won by the mobile operator for his own performance. These might include "Last county # 3079"; "Last county in a State"; "Number of counties given out"; and "Number of States given out". These Awards might not be profitable--in fact they might not even break even. However, we, as a Club dedicated to mobile operation, might consider this as a responsibility. Because I travel so much I may be biased in my opinion--what's yours????

ICHN-KC71..Before we begin our regular MARAC meetings, we have been spending time planning the County Hunter meeting for KC 71.All are being very careful to keep this meeting separate from MARAC-WAØWOB won't let us discuss it during MARAC meetings.

The dates are firm-July 2, 3, 4 1971 at the Glenwood Manor Motel in suburban Overland Park. The convention is shaping up nicely and we'll be mailing a formal announcement with program in early October. Plan on spending your vacation in the area.

FROM THE EDITOR

The big news this month for me is that I finally worked and confirmed 3079 counties for USA CA #39 on Sept 12, 1970. I am going to take this opportunity to thank each and every one that helped me. To list every call would be impossible as I feel that everyone I know had a hand in it some way. It is a great feeling, but in a way a let down - however, there are some more nice awards available that I am going after so you haven't seen or heard the last of me by any means.

In reply to my request for ideas for the N/L, I am happy to say the response was good and it appears that most likes the N/L as is so we will do our best to continue the way we are. My thanks to those who took the time to write. One last thing, WA4BMC now has complete MARAC Award information as well as stacks of other goodie info such as hard to get addresses, net info and QSL managers. Just send her your request with an sase.

AWARDS

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP AWARD-Issued free to Charter Members by the MOBILE AMATEUR AWARDS CLUB INC, with a billfold size membership card. Charter members may use the letters MARAC C followed by their issued number on their QSL cards. This will count three points for anyone working for the Associate membership award. If you are both Charter member and obtain the Associate award, use Charter number only on QSL cards.

REGULAR MEMBERS-Are issued billfold size membership cards. They may use the letters MARAC R followed by their issued number on their QSL cards. This will count for two points for any amateur working for the Associate membership Award. If you are a regular member and have the Associate Award, use the Regular membership number only on QSL cards.

ASSOCIATE AWARD-Issued to any radio amateur for working (SWL on heard basis) Charter, Regular or Associate members for a total of 100 points. Red seal and ribbons for 250 points. Blue seal and ribbons for 500 points. Gold seal and ribbons for 1000 points. You must use the letters MARAC A followed by issued number on your QSL cards if you use MARAC on your cards. This will count one point to any amateur or SwL working for the Associate Award. Fee \$1.00, seals and ribbons for sase.

M-50-M AWARD-Issued to any amateur (SWL on heard basis) for working mobiles in all 50 States, from fixed, mobile, portable or combination of such. Basic award for 48 Stateside States, red seal and ribbons for 49th State. Blue seal and ribbons for 50th State. Gold seal and ribbons for working all States mobile to mobile. Fee \$1.00, seals and ribbons for sase.

YL MOBILE AWARD-Issued to any amateur (SWL on heard basis) for working 5 different YL'S or XYL'S or combination of such while they are operating mobile in a total of 50 different counties. They may be worked from mobile, fixed, portable or combination of such. Red seal with ribbons for 100 counties, blue seal with ribbons for 200 counties, gold seal with ribbons and trophy for 1000 counties. Basic fee \$1.00. Seals and ribbons sase. Trophy compliments MARAC.

MARAC DX MOBILE AWARD-Issued for working 25 DX stations while you are operating mobile. Red seal and ribbons for 50 DX contacts. Blue seal and ribbons for 75 contacts. Gold seal, ribbons and MARAC trophy for 100 DX contacts. Basic fee \$1.00. Seals and ribbons sase. Trophy compliments MARAC.

GCR rules applies for all awards. No fee for handicapped. ASSOCIATE, M-50-M and YL MOBILE AWARD now being issued. MARAC DX MOBILE AWARD being designed by artist and will be ready for issue soon. The annual MARAC MOBILE operator Award (one time basis) and the MARAC Net Control Award (repeat basis) will be given each year. Each will be selected by MARAC membership ballot. Applications for all awards should be made to MARAC AWARDS CHAIRMAN, W0SJE E. J. SCROGGIN 602 Jefferson, Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063. Application for membership in MARAC should be sent to MARAC SECRETARY, WA0SHE Cleo J. Mahoney 6001 Blue Ridge Cut Off, Raytown, Missouri 64133. Award information may be obtained from WA4BMC Bertha Eggert 1510 17th Ave. N. Lakeworth, Florida 33460.

All awards will be issued with a number and will be on a first come, first served basis.

THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WA8NDL-John needs eight counties to sew it up and here they are. Missouri-Madison, Shannon, Warren. Illinois-Edgar. Iowa-Washington. W. Virginia-Marshall, Tyler. Indiana-Hendricks.

WA3FED/WB0CQO-Joe's new address is 3401 SW 5th, Des Moines, Iowa 50315. Joe says his door is always to any county hunters or other hams that are in the Des Moines area. He agree's with WA0SKQs comment in N/L #2 about county ID by the mobile and by net control stations. He also would like to see the NC station announce the time the mobile starts and the time he finishes. Here is a list of counties that he really needs and is looking for them: Kansas-Harper. Michigan-Cass, Otsego. Missouri-Butler, Monroe, Sullivan, Wayne. New Mexico-Guadalupe, Otero, Quay. Oregon-Lake. Pennsylvania-Columbia, Monroe.

WA9EZP-Irene needs Dukes county Mass. Anyone have any leads?

WA0LRQ-Corwin needs counties in the following States. Anyone that can help? Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin. Drop him a line or catch him on the air if you think you might help.

WA0JRZ-Don needs counties in the following States. If you can help, let him know. Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, west Virginia, Wisconsin.

K3ORP-Sparky has a new Oldsmobile should have the rig in it by now and says he likes the N/L the way it is.

K0AYO-Bob needs sked for following States for 5BWAS: 80 meters-Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii. 40 meters-Idaho. 15 meters-Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Nebraska. 10 meters-Colorado, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Wyoming. Says conditions were bad on his trip to Seattle, several times he couldn't break into the net. He covered 4800 miles and had 240 contacts.

WA4RDV-Willie worked his last county for 3079 on August 21, 1970 and has number 37 USA CA 3079 but I don't have the effective date. Congratulations Willie!

K9KKX-Ray says he enjoys the N/L and says he likes it the way it is. Says there is lots of activity on 7.290 now with several regulars participating. Would like more to join in.

W0YLN- On Oct 17 and 18 there will be a county hunter's mini-convention at the Holiday Inn in West Memphis, Arkansas. I plan to be there and have word that W0SJE, WA0WOB, WA0SHE, W4GGU, W4YWX, W9SOM, K5RPC and others will be attending. How about joining us there? I would also like to mention that MARAC has two SWL members that are avid award hunters and I am proud to have them join us.

WA9GCH-Chuck says he feels an outstanding job of organizing has been done from the start and he is really proud to add MARAC C47 to his card. He likes the N/L the way it is with perhaps more technical information, especially on mobiling.

W6RP-Carle writes that his retirement plan during the last 4 years has been southern Mexico during the winter, spring and fall at home in California and summers in New England. This last trip was his 11th trip across country (all with radio) and he has taken a different route each time so has probably driven through most of the Stateside counties, but didn't know about county hunting or the net! He feels that an award should be designed for the mobileer such as giving out so many counties, so many States etc. and thinks that counting the county you are in if you are mobile would not be a good idea.

TRIP INFORMATION

K4MNF-All Kentucky counties around the middle of October during his vacation.

K9DCJ-October 9, 10 and 11 will cover 30 Wisconsin counties in this order: CL Pepin & Buffalo, Tri CL Eau Claire, Dunn & Chippewa, CL Pierce & St. Croix, CL Sawyer & Rusk, CL Price & Taylor, CL Vilas & Oneida, CL Lincoln & Langlade, CL Florence & Forest, CL Marinette & Oconto, CL Menominee & Shawano, CL Brown & Outagamie, CL Door & Kewaunee, CL Calumet & Manitowoc. Arnie will follow this order but has no times but will run the first CL approx 1400 GMT. He has only a 20 meter resonator and wait to run his counties if other mobiles are running since he prefers to operate on the net frequency.

W1DHL-Anyone needing counties in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island or Mass. let me know and I'll make the counties for them. Get them before the snow flies! Ray will be in Vermont on 10 October.

WØYLN-Had to put off my trip to western Kansas, so will try again in late October for southwest Kansas and Colorado counties.

W6LWM-will be operating mobile on 20 and 75 meters enroute to Pittsburgh, Penna. from his home QTH of San Diego, California leaving the last week of October. QSL and reply cards may be sent to 3009 Conner Way, San Diego, California 92117; the XYL will forward. Ia a Penna. QTH becomes available, it will be supplied. Itinerary will include the following counties: Calif. San Diego, Imperial. Arizona Yuma, Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, Santa Cruz(1), Cochise. Texas El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Crane, Ector, Midland, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Calahan, Eastland, Erath, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Rockwall, Hunt, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Morris, Cass, Bowie. Arkansas Miller, Hempstead, Nevada, Clark, Hot Springs, Saline, Pulaski, Lonoke, Prairie, Monroe, Saint Francis, Lee(2), Cross, Crittenden. Tennessee Shelby, Fayette, Haywood, Madison, Henderson, Carroll(2), Decatur, Benton, Humphreys, Hickman, Dickson, Williamson, Davidson, Sumner. Kentucky Allen, Barren, Hart, Larue, Nelson, Washington, Anderson, Mercer, Woodford, Fayette, Clark, Montgomer, Bath, Rowan. West Virginia Wayne, Cabell, Putnam, Kanawha, Roane, Calhoun, Gilmer, Lewis, Harrison, Marion, Monongalia. Pennsylvania Greene, Washington, Alleg-heny. (1) Will attempt to be in Santa Cruz county to make contacts on 20 meters and then QSY to 75 meters. (2) If enough interest is evident, will make short detours to go into these counties.

COUNTIES NEEDED BY ZLKG as of 9/22/70. Roy is trying to finish working all the counties before his departure approx Apr, 1971 to attend the KC 71 ICHN convention in Kansas City, Kansas. If you think you might help Roy, meet him on 14.336 0200 to 0500 and make a sked. He says conditions are excellent around 2100 GMT now.

ARKANSAS

Chicot
Clay
Desha

Shelby
Simpson
Wolfe

COLORADO

Baca

LOUISIANA

Jackson
Madison
St. Helena
Tensas
Washington

INDIANA

Crawford
Daviess
Delaware
Dubois
Fulton
Greene
Jay
Lawrence
Martin
Orange
Owen
Parke
Pike
Spencer
Wells

MICHIGAN

Alcona
Alger
Alpena
Emmet
Ionia
Keeweenaw
Luce
Marquette
Ogemaw
Oscoda

KANSAS

Finney
Ford
Gray
Hodgeman
Rush
Stanton

MINNESOTA

Roseau

MISSISSIPPI
Amite
Chicksaw
Choctaw
Itawamba
Jefferson Davis

KENTUCKY

Anderson
Bell
Boyle
Breathitt
Elliott
Estill
Greenup
Jackson
Lawrence
Lee
McLean
Magoffin
Menifee
Monroe
Morgan
Owsley
Robertson

NEBRASKA

Kemper
Lowndes
Marion
Monroe
Smith
Walthall
Webster
Banner
Chase
Dundy
Furnas
Garfield
Greeley
Hitchcock
Keya Paha
Knox

Loup
Pierce
Red Willow
Stanton
Valley

NEW YORK

Putnam

NORTH CAROLINA

Clay
Edgecombe
McDowell
Montgomery
Tyrell

NORTH DAKOTA

Burke
Hettinger
McKenzie
Mountrail
Oliver

OHIO

Guernsey
Jackson
Monroe
Morgan
Perry
Pike
Vinton

PENNSYLVANIA

Bedford
Fulton
McKean
Monroe
Sullivan
Tioga
Wyoming

SOUTH DAKOTA

Campbell
Haakon
Hyde
McPherson
Potter
Stanly
Turner
Ziebach

TENNESSEE

Pickett

TEXAS

Brooks
Crane
Hemphill
Jim Hogg
La Salle
Roberts
Uvalde
Zapata

Virginia
Bland
Buchanan
Charlotte
Craig
Dickenson
Giles
Orange
Patrick

WEST VIRGINIA

Braxton
Calhoun
Greenbrier
Logan
Mingo
Marshall
Tucker

WISCONSIN

Sheboygan

The following stations keep an up to date of Roy's counties, If you need to check your list, you may contact one of them: WØYLN, W4GGU, W4YWX and W4ØWOB.