

## MARAC NEWSLETTER

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MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB INC

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## MINUTES OF OCTOBER MARAC MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of MARAC convened at the QTH of WØYLN at 9:00 PM at Leavenworth, Kans on Oct. 10th 1970.

Members present were WØAYL, WØSJE, WØYLN, WAØSHE, WAØWOB

The minutes of the September 1970 regular meeting as presented in the last newsletter were approved.

Treasurer WØAYL presented a financial report for the first six months of operation.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
83 Charter memberships and overpay	\$836.50		
26 Regular memberships	78.00		
3 Newsletter subscriptions	3.00		
Member services - badges-postage etc.		\$132.80	
Bank Charges		9.66	
Supplies		49.64	
Legal re incorporation		38.83	
General award expense		6.65	
Charter member award		88.37	
Newsletter expens		87.00	
Trophy Award expense		48.34	
Associate Award Expense		50.00	
M-50-M Award expense		105.37	
YL Mobile Award expense		65.00	
	<u>917.50</u>	<u>681.66</u>	<u>\$235.84</u>

Balance agrees with bank statement. Appropriate tax forms are being completed Federal Income tax 990C or 990T and Kansas form 120. A discussion followed regarding anticipated income in the next few months and next year for the purpose of judging the extent of future activities regarding new awards and the newsletter.

WØSJE reported on awards issued to date. The point was made that all expenses on these awards have been incurred and paid and we await with anticipation issuing a number to replenish the treasury. It was agreed that members be urged to submit applications as soon as they have reached the basic requirements so we may move on to developing the additional awards we are discussing for the mobilers.

VE3CBY has offered to be a clearing house for anyone wishing help in securing a permit to operate in Canada.

WAØWOB gave a report on his visits around the Western States and commented on the fine hospitality extended. Discussions with MARAC members indicates there is a strong interest in a 'Last County Award' as well as some type of recognition for the last county in a state. A discussion followed and it was decided that WØSJE with the help of WA4BMC proceed with ideas on the 3079 Last County award. The common problem of last confirmation vs last worked makes it difficult to establish the winner. The simple rule would be to leave to the recipient the final determination since he above all others knows who gave him the last county. Comments will be appreciated from the members.

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Lengthy discussion of participation by DX stations resulted in a decision to initiate a program of sponsoring interested DX stations. Each of the members present agreed to sponsor a station and the participation of all members is encouraged.

WAØSHE is to pursue leads to less costly name plates. Any members with ideas or 'connections' please contact Cleo.

WØYLN reported the flow of material for the newsletter is falling off. Very little had been received.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 . Next meeting at the QTH of WAØSHE ON Nov. 7th 1970

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many DX stations like to work for awards and hunt counties. Our nets benefit from their participation. We have felt MARAC can perhaps help these DX stations thru the newsletter. Changes in addresses and difficulties in QSLing are the biggest headaches for the DX station. The newsletter can be helpful but it costs money sent airmail and ordinary mail is much too slow to be useful on trip info. If they were members the cost of mailing would be at least partly recovered. As a result of our discussions we initiated a program of having state-side members sponsor DX station. All 5 members at the meeting undertook to sponsor one of their choice. Several DX stations had already joined and these plus those sponsored include; G4JZ, GW3NW, KR6IX(W5ROP), SM3BCZ, SM3EAC, TG9UZ, TG9UZ, VE3CBY, VE3DIO, VE3DXZ, YS2CEN, ZL1KG, ZL3RK. If you hear or know a DX station not on the above list and you would like sponsor him for MARAC membership, please contact our sec'y WAØSHE who will coordinate the project to avoid duplication.

We discuss the upcoming ICHN KC71 convention prior to each MARAC meeting. We are keeping ICHN KN71 completely separate from the MARAC club especially with regard to finances. However we are all members of both groups so we take advantage of every get-together to discuss and plan. We thought you might be interested in our plans to date and we are interested in keeping you up-to-date because we need help. Firm dates are July 2, 3, & 4 with additional activities on 1st and 5th for those in town. HQ QTH will be Glenwood Manor motel - a fb convention facility with alternate sleeping facilities at 2 or 3 motel a couple of miles away. We are planning a program for Saturday morning covering noise suppression in mobiles followed by a question and answer session on any subject with experts from many fields - we hope including a knowledgeable FCC type. We are keeping several periods open for special group meetings and if advised in advance we will line up meeting rooms for them. We will have a MARAC Board meeting on Friday afternoon and another on Sunday morning with the annual meeting Saturday afternoon. We are scheduling a business meeting for ICHN late Friday afternoon following the MARAC meeting for general discussions to reduce the time needed for that purpose after the banquet.

We are planning to take good care of the YLs and harmonics, with professional sitters, tours etc. We will give away appx. \$1000.00 worth of prizes if all works out as planned now. First prize is a TEMPO I transceiver and power supply. In addition to ham gear we will give away other gifts aimed at the YLs. Anyone that can help us with tickets please contact WØSJE or WAØSHE. There are 12 tickets per book - \$1.00 donation each with 2 free chances per book -- eg book of 12 tickets = \$10.00.

Plan on making ICHN KC71 your annual vacation. A sampling of county hunters indicates most of the regulars are trying to make the scene. Plan on making it a part of your vacation We would like to see ALL MARAC members here. We need that kind of meeting to plan our future. 73s & 88s ..... Skip

## AWARDS

W2GT informs that the latest winners of 3079 are:  
WA4FGX #40 10/5/70, WA4YQC #41 10/6/70, WAØSHE #42 10/12/70, W4KA #43 10/13/70,  
K8YGU/WA7PAB #44 10/15/70.

## FROM THE EDITOR

An ICHN mini-convention was held on 17 and 18 Oct. at West Memphis, Arkansas at the Holiday Inn. Those attending were W4GGU, W4YWX, W4HA, WA4LSU, W5HDK, W5ULN, K5RPC, K5 DRF, K5LSI, K5USO, K8DCR, W9SOM, W9CNG, WA9FZR, WØSJE, WAØWOB, WAØSKQ and WØYLN. The hospitality room was the gathering center and county hunting stories and eyeball QSO's carried on till the wee hours of the morning. Several of the XYL'S attended and took part in the gathering and some got in a shopping tour at the nearby shopping center. A banquet was held Saturday night and after the dinner. WAØWOB presented an unusual award to K5RPC that was donated by W4GGU. You will have to ask Ray what it was for as he had his choice. Then Skip gave a brief talk on the KC71 convention progress and opened the floor for anything. Max, W9SOM made a strong pitch for the 72 ICHN convention in Peoria, Illinois. Discussion was held on net operation. Since the 1972 ICHN convention location will be decided on at the KC71 convention, the planning committee here in KC would like to know if anyone else is going to ask for the convention in their city so provisions may be made for an election by all concerned. Let us know as soon as you can if you want your location to be considered.

VE3CBY has offered his assistance to anyone wishing to obtain a Canadian amateur operating permit. He has forms available and can answer any questions so if you desire information, drop him a line and sase.

With this newsletter or before, you should have the latest membership list. Please keep this list and additions will be published in the newsletter to keep you current.

Our thanks to one of the MARAC DX Members who sent several IRC's. It does help with the mailing cost.

Most of the DX stations have indicated that one of their main problems is QSL information, so we are going to try to include a few new addresses with each newsletter, but we will need help to obtain them. If you know of any changes or QSL managers, please let me know. WAØSHE handles QSL's for K8DCR, WAØSKQ. K5RPC is the mailing address for WA5RTB.

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WA4RMX Clay Crowder, 1645A Hill Drive, Ft. Gordon, Georgia 30906

## THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WA4YQC - Would like to express my great appreciation to everyone who gave me so much help in working all 3079 counties. A special thanks to "Skip", WAØWOB who went out of his way to give me my last county. All mobile operators are to be commended, for this would be an impossible task without the mobile operation. Thanks again to all.

ZLIKG - Roy wishes to thank all that have helped him. especially those that went on the trip to West Memphis, Arkansas and made a special effort to get his needed counties.

WA8TDY - Offers to be QSL manager for anyone for county hunting purposes.

W6JHV - John needs counties in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mass. (Dukes only), Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. A lot of these have only 2 or 3 left so if you can help him, contact him.

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GW3NWV - Bob thanks all for their interest in the DX stations. "I'm sure we all greatly appreciate the efforts of every one on the ICH net". Bob now has 368 left on his list with 142 outstanding. He would like to know if anyone has info on the following stations: W4CHK, WB4 GTG and K5WGV. All have acknowledged receipt of his cards over the air but have not returned his cards. He has worked some counties as many as 5 times with no QSL's yet. He would like net control stations to repeat the county, state and call before the mobile starts and also for the mobile to announce the same as many times he can copy the mobile and not N/C. The announcement he dislikes most from Net Control stations is "go ahead and run your county". He offers these comments not as beefs, but as some of the things he contends with.

#### TRIP INFO

K8RNH - Will be mobile to Florida Nov 19 through Dec 16 and will go to New Orleans in Mid December.

W1UOP - If the snow doesn't interfere Roger will cover the following counties in the order listed: Thursday Nov 12, New Hampshire: Hillsboro, Merrimack, Sullivan, Grafton. Vermont: Windsor, Orange, Addison, Washington, Friday Nov 13, Vermont: Washington, La Moille, Franklin, Chittenden, Grand Isle. New York: Clinton, Essex. Sat. Nov 14, Vermont: Washington, LaMoille, Caledonia, Orleans, Essex. WAØYJL-Nov 5, 70 starting approx 1300 GMT Kansas: Leavenworth, Jefferson, Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Pottawatomie. Geary, Riley, Dickinson, Saline, Ellsworth, Russell, Ellis, Trego, Gove, Logan, Thomas, Sherman. Colorado: Kit Carson, Lincoln, Elbert, El Paso, Pueblo (stop overnight). Start approx 1500 GMT Friday Nov 6, Pueblo, Fremont, Chafee, Saguache, Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, San Juan, La Plata (stop overnight). Start approx 1300 GMT Sat Nov 7: La Plata, Montezuma, 4 corners: Montezuma, Colo-San Juan, N. Mex-Apache, Ariz-San Juan, Utah. Arizona: Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Mohave. (stop overnight). Start Approx 1300 Sun Nov 8, Mohave. Nevada: Clark. Tom may take a different route back to Leavenworth when he starts back approx Nov 13 and will advise the net at that time.

K9GTZ - Will leave his home county about 0130 GMT on Nov 6 on 75 mtrs and be in the following counties in Wisconsin: Onieda, Price, Rusk, Barron, Washburn, Burnett and Polk.

WAØZZT - Will be moving to Abilene, Texas starting Nov 28. He requests anyone needing counties between Denver and Abilene send their lists so he can make his itinerary.

#### NEW MARAC MEMBERS

ZL1KG	Roy D. Needham	Redhill, Papakura, New Zealand	C-83
G4JZ	L. F. Coursey	The Old Forge, Birdlit, Gloucester G. Britain	C-84
WA3APO	Robert A. Blakemore	Sr. 20304 Brownsville Rd. Langhorn, PA 19047	C-85
K5DRF	Ben Harris	Box 295, Manvell, Texas 77578	C-86
GW3NWV	Bob Holt	Ling Crag, Llaneillen, Arlwch, Anglesey G Britain	C-87
W4YWX	Paul Newberry Jr.	PO Box 2344, Macon, Georgia	C-100
WB6EXT	George Allison	6018 Fairway, Sacramento, California	R-127
SM5EAC	Ake Broman	PO Box 6, S-595 00 Mjolby, Sweden	R-128
ZL3RK	T. J. McKenzie	73 Cygnet St. Christchurch 7, N. Zealand	R-129
YS2CEN	Carmen Elena Nieto	PO Box 133, Santa Ana, El Salvador	R-130
SM3BCZ	John Waag	PO Box 6036 Bollnes, Sweden	R-131
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