

MARAC NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER MARAC MEETING

The regular meeting of MARAC was held Nov. 7 at the QTH of WAØSHE at 8:15 PM. Members present were WØYLN, WAØWOB, WØSHE, WAØPJX and WAØSHE. Old business was discussed on matters that had previously been presented. No new business was presented as it was the opinion that MARAC should continue the year with the business on hand. Much discussion was held on awards and the newsletter. The next meeting will be held December 5th at the QTH of WAØSHE at 7:30 PM. All local members are asked to attend and we welcome any MARAC members who may be in the vicinity to attend our MARAC meetings.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The ICHN KC71 mailing is going out in a few days and you will notice the times set aside as open for "other groups". We will be scheduling MARAC meetings as necessary at those times. If you have any subjects you wish to get on the agenda for the MARAC meetings we would like to know in advance so we can schedule enough time to discuss anything that comes up. Also I would prefer to set up two meetings rather than one long one. In connection with the ICHN KC71 meeting, if anyone has a piece of ham gear in new or near new condition not needed, perhaps you might donate it as a door prize. We would appreciate anything.

Would you believe there are only 8 charter memberships left? If you know of someone who is thinking about joining, now is the time. 73s and 88s Skip.

Ed note: Our Club president is on another long mobile trip, this time to the east coast with stops in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington D. C., New York and New Jersey. He probably be having eyeball QSO's with all hams he gets a chance to visit. Look for him on the various net's.

FROM THE EDITOR

There is an attempt being made to re-activate the 75 mtr ICHN on or near 3.930 mhz now that band conditions are better and most vacations are over. Since there is no organization, the net operation is entirely dependent on volunteers for net control stations. From discussion on the air, there appears to be enough stations to take net control but the times they are available do not work out to make it a continuing operation. The times suggested were from 0300 GMT until there is no activity or net control station. If any one is interested write to WA4YQC and let him know the times you might be available and Cecil will attempt to set up a schedule with net control stations and an alternate. For those that have their doubts about being able to do the job but might be willing to try, he will have a list of items that may be of help to you. Send him an sase if you would like one.

WA4BMC, our MARAC information center, advises that she gets lot's of requests for information and also she requests everyone to send her address changes, new addresses etc. She has a big job so let's help her. She especially wants MARAC members address changes and of course we need it also. Pass the word around- anyone wanting information on nets, frequencies, awards, addresses etc. may obtain it by sending an sase to WA4BMC or catch her on the air and get it directly.

As you can see we have some DX stations that have joined us recently as MARAC members and I would like to extend my thanks to them and I hope we can be of service in some way. Our policy is to mail all out-of-the-country newsletters by the fastest means possible so that our members in other countries may receive it while it is news. Only written lists will be published for mobile trips from now on, so if you anticipate a mobile trip, try to get the list to me in time for publication.

New addresses or changes:

WA3LGA 221 McArthur Dr., Dover Delaware 19901

W4NIC/DAIDU 1SG B. R. Chambers Sig Ops Co. (HANAU) USA STRATCOM-EUR, APO N. Y. 09165

K4FPF Paul H. Valentino 7912 Pinelake Road, Springwood Lake, Columbia, S. C. 29204

WA3AFO SSGT R. A. Blakemore 604 MASS Box 179, APO San Francisco, Calif. 96274

WB4FBS/WA5ZUV MSG C. A. Taylor 40--46-3747 H & HS Co., 509th RR GP (S3) APO San Francisco, California 96307. (QSL to Cliff at callbook address).

WA6KHH/WB0CQE MSgt D. L. Walters 1299721 USMC Comm Spt. Co. III MAF, FPO San

Francisco, Calif. 96602. (QSL to Walt at 1107 9th Ave SW Independence Iowa 50466).

WA3IXL PO BOX 394 Rogers, Tex. 76569

#### THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WA0SHE I would like to express my thanks to all the mobiles, the net control's and everyone who helped relay in order that I could complete all the counties. I would especially like to give a big thanks to WA0SKQ for running into my house and letting WA5RTB know the last two in Texas and then a thanks to Lucky for going on over (out of his way) for those last two counties. A special "bottle" of thanks was given to W0SJE for going to Schuyler county Mo. to complete the very last county. It is the consideration and cooperation of all that amkes these situations complete.

WB0CQE Walt writes that he is located about 5 miles north of Da Nang in Da Nang harbor and is maintenance chief or a communications company and is kept busy. But not too busy to have a receiver with a long wire and has been listening for the nets. He says so far he has heard W0SJE and W7ULC and will keep a list of those heard and send them along from time to time. He says he misses the nets and gang so if you would like to drop him a line his address is listed above. During his leave he visited with the following stations: W9DCJ, VE3CEY, WA9EZP, W9SOM, W9BJH and K0TVY. He enjoyed giving the last county to ZL1KG in Iowa.

WB4FBS/WA5ZUV Cliff writes that he is located in Saigon and misses the gang also and would be glad to correspond with anyone who writes to him. His address is listed above. His XYL is handling the mobile cards for him so send them to his home address.

ZL1KG Roy is on the home stretch on his counties now and it looks as if he is going to be finished up by the time he leaves for the U. S. next Apr. or so. He needs the following counties: Colorado-Custer, Kentucky-Anderson, Greenup, Mclean, Monroe, Robertson., Louisiana-Tensas, Michigan-Alcona, Alpena, Ogemaw, Oscoda., Nebraska-Banner, Stanton., North Dakota-Mckenzie., Pennsylvania-Bedford, Fulton, Mckean, Monroe., Texas-LaSalle, Uvalde, Webb, Zapata., Virginia-Charolotte, Orange., West Virginia-Braxton, Calhoun, Marshall, Tucker.

K4FPF Paul writes that he has terminated his operation in California and is being assigned to Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota. He is scheduled to arrive in Grand Forks about now and hopes to be running some North Dakota and Minnesota counties from his new location. He will advise his new address as soon as possible, in the meantime QSL to the address listed above. He also advises he is close enough to attend the KC71 convention.

W4JVN Dave writes that he enjoys the newsletter and finds it informative and well done and wants to use this means to advise the net members of something that should not be discussed on the air. We all know about the activities of K7/// and WB8///. It has been my policy to call the FCC in Washington, D. C. when these individuals start to do their thing. (I live just outside D. C. so it takes only a few seconds to call the watch officer.) In a recent telephone conversation with the watch officer he advised me to do the following: When these individuals start to QRM the frequency call a local FCC monitoring station to make sure the FCC is listening. Then move the net a few KC's to see if the station follows. If he follows move the net frequency again. Do this about three times. If we can get him to follow the net while the FCC is monitoring we have them cold. This is the only way to solve the QRM interference problem. I asked the watch offiver what about moving the net on top of other QSO's and he said not to worry about that. We have to move the net and hope that the person doing the QRM will follow. The watch officer also said it is

VERY IMPORTANT that no one say the FCC is monitoring the frequency as this will scare the person away. What I am saying should not be mentioned over the air. In case some of our net members get disturbed enough to want to call the FCC, the phone number of the Watch Office and Monitoring Station in Washington, D. C. is 202 632-6975. I believe this office is manned 24 hrs a day. I have found someone there on weekends and holidays. I hope that this information is helpful to the net members. If we work together we can get rid of these individuals with the help of the FCC.

Around Thanksgiving and Christmas I hope to be making some mobile trips to Virginia counties that I have requests for. Those that need help in Virginia might send me a list of what they need. One trip will be in the S. E. Virginia area near Lancaster county and another will be in the N. W. counties like Page, Green, Shenandoah, Orange etc. Day of trips will be announced on the net. I hope to get counties that WA50CG, W6JHV and WAØLRQ need. So if people let me know what they need, I'll try to do what I can.

I just think it is a wonderful group of people we have on the ICHN. I am real happy to be associated with them. The only way I can pay back those mobiles that drive hundreds of miles out of the way to get a county or get stuck off the road is to go out mobile myself and help them. Take care and I'll see you on the net. Oh, yes, I'll see you in KC71. 73s Dave.

WA4BMC Bertha writes that she is keeping up with MARAC Information Center business to the best of her ability and keeps her address file close by in case she gets a call on the net for it. She has the latest Callbook at all times also.

She also informs us that on Dec 4, 5, 6 Friday night, Saturday and Sunday the IBM Radio Club of Boca Raton, call WB4QNX will be on a special expedition for all county hunters. They will be portable in Glades county, Fla. They will be on all county hunting frequencies. Please alert Net Controls to let them run even if they are signing portable. They are doing this for the county hunters. Also K4NA, Irv, will be portable in Glades county most weekends. He has a cottage there. He can be on Sat., Sun. and Mon. mornings. He also will appear on all county hunters frequencies.

WAØGZA Dick and Gerry are both portable 2 now at 27 Main St. Freeville, N. Y. 13068 and says they are thinking of making the trip home to Moorhead, Minn. via the KC71 convention. He needs counties in the following states and will be operating from the Cornell ARC club shack on campus. Ala, Ark, Fla, Geo, Idaho, Ill, Ind, Ia, Kan, Ky, La, Minn, Miss, Mo, Mont, Neb, N. Car, N. Dak, Ohio, Okla, Ore, S. Dak, S. Car, Tenn, Tex, Va, Wash, W. Va and Wisc. He only needs 230 counties so lots of these states only have one or two that he needs.

W9CTA Bob writes that his new address is Robert L. Southwell, SSGT, 932nd AC & W Sq., APO New York, N. Y. 09571. His home address remains the same. He hopes to see the gang at KC71 and if not will be trying to work them from TF land.

#### AWARDS

For your convenience, a new and revised Awards info sheet is being included in this newsletter as a separate sheet. This supersedes all other Awards info sheets. As of 11/3/70, W2GT advises the following new 3079ers for the USA-CA Award:

Nr. 45 K5KDG 10/26/70

Nr. 46 K4ISE 10/28/70

Nr. 47 WA8NDL 11/3/70

Ed says there were 7 who qualified in October WOW!!! Our congrats them all..

A reminder that WA4BMC has copies of the MARAC Awards info sheets available as well as other awards information and all you need to do is send her an sase to obtain them.

We have a new charter member of MARAC this month and I feel it only fair that I should mention the fact that it has been through the use of his equipment that the MARAC

Newsletter and other publications have been reproduced. Bob Quenstedt, WØLHT is the owner of ANTENNA'S INC. located in Leavenworth, Kansas has supported MARAC from the very beginning. He is very busy and on the road a lot so if we could get him to go mobile, we would have lots of counties in this area being put out. A word about Antenna's Inc. It carries a complete line of Antenna's, hardware, accessories, test equipment and towers for industrial, home, commercial, amateur and citizens band. Whether you build your own or want commercial equipment Antenna's Inc has it all. If you have something you need along this line, drop Bob a line.

New on the market this month-Medistor has a small multimeter featuring 41 direct reading ranges. DC from .012V full scale AC and DC currents from uA to 6A. Two direct reading temperature ranges 30 uA taut band meter - moulded test leads. In the \$40.00 class.

I received information via WA4WQG on the air that K4EO is now a silent Key. He will most certainly be missed by all.

MARAC MEMBERSHIP LIST address changes and corrections:

W6JHV	John Nelson	PO Box 372 Ashland, Montana 59003	C-37
WA3IXL	Bill Malicoat	PO Box 394 Rogers, Texas 76569	C-40
WA9EZP	Irene Kennedy	4131 Fairfield Ave. Ft Wayne, Ind 46807	C-63
W9CTA	Robert Southwell	932nd AC & W Sq. APO N. Y. N. Y. 09571	C-54
WBØCQE	D. L. Walters	Comm Spt. Co. III MAF FPO S. F. Cal. 96602	C-36
WA3APO	Robert Blakemore Sr.	604 MASS, Box 179 APO S. F. Cal. 96274	C-85
WB4FBS	C. A. Taylor	H & S Co. 509th RR GP (S3) APO S. F. 96307	C-62
WAØGZA	Richard Werth	27 Main St Freeville, N. Y. 13068	C-70
WAØLRC	Gerald Werth	27 Main St Freeville, N. Y. 13068	C-71

NEW MARAC MEMBERS

W2EQQ	Ron J. Carnett	4 Sanford Johnson City New York 13790	C-89
WØLHT	Robert Quenstedt	512 McDonald Rd., Leavenworth, Kans 66048	C-90
W9CMC	Rodney Starkweather	600 Rio Mar Dr. Bayou 9, Vero Beach Fla 32960	C-91
WA9OFF	Leroy M. Friestad	RFD 3, Box 643 Delavan, Wisconsin 53115	R-134
G3DO	D. A. G. Edwards	Nr. 33 Ladywood Rd. Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, England	R-135
WA6LUV	Rachel Poole	1627 Oregon St. Berkeley, Calif. 94703	R-136
WB6LUS	John Poole	1627 Oregon St. Berkeley, Calif. 94703	R-137

Here are some of the counties heard checking in on the 75 meter independent net recently. K7NKH, White Pine Cty, Nev. KØMHF Lincoln Cty, S. Dak. WB6WDH Del Norte Cty Calif. WB6FYL Siskiyou Cty Calif. WA5ZYM Beauregard Parish, La.

If you have information of other tough counties that you might like to pass along send the info to me and we will get it in the newsletter. 73's and see you next month.