

## MARAC NEWSLETTER

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MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB INC

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## MINUTES OF JANUARY MARAC MEETING

The regular meeting of MARAC was held at the qth of WØYLN, Jan 2, 1971 at 10 PM. Members present were WAØWOB, WØSJE, WØYLN, WAØSHE, WAØYJL and WØAYL. The minutes for December 1970 meeting were approved as presented in the Newsletter. Treasurer report indicated a solvent condition. Discussion was held on need for budgeting. Year end financial statement will include proposed expenditures for 1971-1972 fiscal year. The final form of the DX award was completed. WØSJE presented draft of guidelines for Net Control stations. Discussion resulted in additions and deletions. Meeting adjourned at 11 PM. Next meeting will be Feb 6 at the qth of WAØSHE. All members in the vicinity are invited to attend.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

After 4 months and travelling 15,000 miles we have had great pleasure in meeting many hams--mostly MARAC members. The gang in the New York City area held a mini-convention while Margaret and I were in the area. 14 hams were present. It was a delightful evening. Our warmest thanks to all!

The ICHN Convention announced for next July 4th weekend is always a lively topic of conversation. These conversations suggest that we might want to take a long, hard look at the arrangements we are making, and the impact on future conventions. When one considers the changes from the first gathering at Jackson Miss. in March 1969, followed by the first big one at Mountain Home, Arkansas where about 35 hams attended, one begins to wonder where it will end. It is a matter of what we want. If we just wish to designate a meeting location and arrange a simple dinner on Saturday night, it is a simple one man job to put on the convention. The ICHN gang in KC thinks that's ok for a mini-convention but is going much farther for the "big one". It means much more work for us but much more fun for those attending the gathering. The KC gang has already put in many hours and many more will follow. This increase in size means greater financial obligations based on minimum guarantees for the provision of facilities and services.

Why is this in the MARAC newsletter? Simply because we are all members of both groups. This newsletter is a convenient way to obtain an expression of opinion otherwise not available. Perhaps there is merit in having a club involved in the convention BUT NOT IN THE OPERATION OF THE NET. With all the responsibility and work involved in a convention of the size now contemplated, it may require some form of a group to convene the meeting. This should be a big topic of discussion during the ICHN business meeting. In the meantime we would welcome an expression of opinion from MARAC members with emphasis on the role of, and effect on MARAC from the way we are handling the arrangements locally. Certainly we will be careful to keep finances separate and thoroughly audited. If we wish to have a unique special call sign for a short period during the convention, this is much better handled by a club. In making arrangements with motels, caterers, printers and other suppliers, all ask the name of the sponsoring group. I personally feel that a club can act as a sponsor just as an individual might without in any way endangering the informal lack of organization of the Independent County Hunters Nets.

It's your club and your convention. Let us hear from you now. Think about this matter and discuss with others and then we will all be ready for discussion and decision at the Glenwood Manor on July 4th weekend 1971. 73's WAØWOB

## FROM THE EDITOR

In last months newsletter we asked for votes on subscriptions to the newsletter. Option number three received the most votes so from this date, the newsletter will be available to members only with the exception of the non-member subscribers we now have. They will still receive the newsletter until their subscription runs out. While discussing awards, trophies and plaques the thought occurred to us that perhaps we have a member that has the facilities for lettering or inscribing trophies and plaques and would like to help the club. If you are interested, drop us a line. The club has grown rapidly and is still growing and because of the location of the membership we must depend largely on the mail system. In some cases, delays and confusion has resulted because of correspondence going to the wrong place. Please send mail for the club to the proper place as indicated below:

Newsletter information WØYLN

Official club business WAØSHE

Award applications WØSJE

Award, net and address information WA4BMC

Mail for ICHN KC71 is getting rather heavy and a word here may save some confusion. All KC71 correspondence should go to WAØSHE with the exception of lodging requests and they should be sent to KØAYC.

It was decided that if a member was down to 25 counties or less and they requested it, their list would be published in the newsletter, but if space permits, any list will be published.

Last month we mentioned RAMS (Radio Amateur Mobile Society) and we have exchanged correspondence and will exchange newsletters on a regular basis. I noticed in this months issue of their newsletter they offer some mobile awards to California stations. Those interested might write to W6TEE for more information.

I received an SWL card from Mr. Harold Lodge, 62 Guernsey Gardens, Wickford, Essex, England. Harold says he is 75 years old, lives alone and collects stamps and QSL cards. He logged WA4YQC, WA4RDV, WØYLN, WB5CIC/M and WAØMFR on 3.930 MHZ about 0600GMT Dec 3, 1970.

Those planning to mobile to KC71 might like to know that there is a 2 meter FM repeater in Kansas City on 146.34/146.94 MHZ and the convention will also have a station on 146.94 during the convention week.

New address or changes:

K4FPF/Ø Paul Valentino 216C Cedar Ave. Grand Forks AFB N. Dakota 58201

W1EQ Geo. Caron 1504 Mitzi Dr. Holiday Gardens, Holiday, Florida 33589

K5YWX/HS3?? B. F. Davis Jr. CMR Box 2559 APO San Francisco, Cal. 96304

WA5ALB Box 1151 Graham, Texas 76046

## THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WBØCQE Walt says he enjoys hearing from the gang and still listens in when he can. He has heard ZL1KG and says he hopes Roy finishes his counties before the convention. He is hoping he may be back in the States for the convention also.

W6JEV John is down to 23 counties but didn't send a list, however he needs appanoose, Iowa badly.

TG9UZ Jim writes that he only has mobile resonators for an antenna on 75 meters (WØYLN had written for sked on 75) and at the present he cannot be out with his car because of a curfew in Guatemala. There is a possibility the curfew will be lifted on 13 Jan and he will give it a try. Jim is trying to finish up his counties by KC71 also as he plans to attend. If space permits a list of his needed counties will be added to this newsletter. He is on 20 meters from 2315Z until the band closes and Sat and Sun all day.

K3ORP I have been able to give out each of the Maryland counties a number of times. It surprises me that all of my friends don't have them all. Accordingly, I would solicit friends to let me know just what Maryland counties they need and I will do my best to work out an itinerary. It will soon be Spring, (I hope) and I will feel more like crossing over the Chesapeake Bay to visit some of those other counties. I had the pleasure recently of meeting Skip, WA/WOB and his charming XYL--we were returning to Maryland at the time Skip was returning home so we had a little rendezvous at the Holiday Inn, Washington, Penna. I also had a cup of coffee earlier that day in Ohio with K9WSL--so I had a most eventful day.

K7WQJ Floyd needs to work these counties from his mobile to finish up 3079 from the mobile: ARK Claiborne, IOWA Boone, Emmitt, KANS Haskell, Pratt, KY Bracken, Breathitt, Magoffin, LA St. Mary, S DAK Dewey NEB Webster, Sioux, N DAK Adams, TEX Hamilton, Commanche.

ZL1KG Roy is still plugging away but band conditions have been very poor and caused him to miss a couple of those needed counties. My last listing with Roy shows he still needs the following counties: COLO Custer, KY Mclean, Monroe, NEB Banner, Stanton, TEX Uvalde, Lasalle, Zapata, VA Charolotte, Orange, W VA Braxton, Calhoun, Tucker.

W4KA Leo will make a trip using the following route and times: Jan 15 Leave Cape Coral, Fla Jan 15 on US 41 to Tampa US 27 Alt to Tallahassee, US 90 and I10 to San Antonio, Tex. US 290 to El Paso, US 10 to Tucson, Ariz. He will return Mar 10, Enter USA at Brownsville, Tex US 77 to Victoria, US 59 to Houston, I10 to Tallahassee, Fla, US 27 and 41 to Cape Coral. Will drive from 8 AM to 5 PM and try to call in from county lines.

#### AWARDS

Via W2GT... Latest 3079 CA Nr 49 to W5ULN 12/15/70. Nr 50 to K1WQU 12/25/70. Ed says that Dick Ross, Editor, CQ says all plaques through nr 47 have been mailed.

A lot of time was spent on the draft for the Net Control operator aid this month and this will appear as an extra copy attached to this newsletter for your study, reccomendations and revisions at KC71 as was mentioned in last month's newsletter.

This newsletter will also contain the latest copy of MARAC AWARD listing and will supersede all others. Note that all contacts must be after January 1969 for MARAC awards.

As mentioned in the minutes, the final form has been completed for the MARAC DX Mobile award and it is now being printed.

MARAC membership address changes and corrections:

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WB9AHJ	Theodore A Winkel	607 East St, Madison Ind. 47250	R-145
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K7SQD/W7CEJ	Theodore W Midlam Sr	PO Box 1204 Moab Utah 84532	R-147
WB6VRR	Geo Readman	448 Skyline Blvd Oroville Calif 95965	R-148
K9WSL	Robert J Potter	205 Mulberry St., Cambridge City Ind 47327	R-149
W9LZC	Stanley W Head	1305 16th Ave., Grafton Wisc. 53024	R-150
VE4SK	Hallstein F. Skaptascn	(Add unknown at this printing)	R-151