

MARAC NEWSLETTER

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MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB INC

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MINUTES OF MARCH MARAC MEETING

The monthly meeting of MARAC was held March 20, 1971 at the QTH of WØAYL. Members present were WAOB, WØAYL, WØZCQ, WØYLN and WØSHE. Discussion on MARAC special call KCØKC involved antennas, frequencies, QSL's and publicity. WØYLN will handle antenna installation. KØAYO is the Club station custodian. A special item will appear in this newsletter about KCØKC.

53 1970 members have sent their dues for 1971 at this date. Membership renewals are due by April for 1971 membership. Membership now lists 182.

Net control operator and mobile operator awards will be based on popular vote by MARAC members. Ballots will be mailed in April Newsletter. Suggested rules for voting will appear in this months Newsletter. We ask that ballots be returned to WØSHE as soon as possible and no later than June 1 to be counted. Results will be checked at June meeting. We are considering revising the format of the Newsletter to better serve the membership. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM. Next meeting will be April 3, 1971 at the QTH of WØSHE at 7 PM.

SPECIAL

Due to restrictions beyond our control or the control of the Motel on certain proposed activities, we have decided to move the ICHN Convention from the Glenwood Manor to the PROM Sheraton Motor Inn in downtown Kansas City, Missouri. In this move we lose certain desirable facilities but gain other advantages. All those who have made reservations should cancel and watch for the ICHN mailing which will include a motel registration form.

KCØKC

Through MARAC, the special call of KCØKC has been obtained for use during the 1971 ICHN convention. Permission by the FCC has been received to use this call from 1 through 5 July, 1971. (All times GMT). We anticipate much activity and request those interested in operating this station from the PROM-SHERATON in Kansas City, Missouri to write to the MARAC secretary, WØSHE letting us know what bands, times and method of operation (CW or SSB) they prefer. Since this is made possible through MARAC and ICHN, we feel that every one should have a chance if they desire- so let us know what your preferences are in order that we may schedule you.

Plans are to have antennas and equipment for operation 80 through 10 meters (CW and phone). The frequencies listed below will be used if possible:

	CW	Phone #1	Phone #2
80	3.550	3.880	3.910
40	7.050	7.205*	7.260
20	14.050	14.205*	14.285
15	21.050	21.280	21.360
10	28.050	28.600	

*When conditions are good will transmit these frequencies and listen in DX portion of band.

A special QSL card will be mailed to all who submit their own personal card with an SASE or two IRC's. We are obtaining a Post Office box for this purpose and the address will be announced as soon as possible. Since this call will be of interest to many amateurs, we ask that all possible publicity be given to it.

Note- We have room for 160 meters but no equipment available. If you are interested and can furnish the equipment, we can put up the antenna. Let WØYLN know if you can help.

AWARDS

At this writing, our awards chairman-custodian, WØSJE is in the hospital undergoing some test for eye problems and has been there for some time. We hope to have him back with us soon however. For this reason, awards were not discussed at the last meeting. The MARAC trophy is on hand and is being issued. There is no trophy like this one and ones that have seen it has been well pleased, so if you are close to obtaining one, get those last few contacts and get your application in. From W2GT- Roy, ZL1KG made all counties, #52 3/3/71 First non K/W/WA to do it!!! We also know that John, W6JHV got nr. 51 but do not have the date. Congrats to both! In accordance with provisions in MARAC Constitution, "to recognize and award outstanding accomplishments in Amateur Radio with emphasis on mobile operations", MARAC members are being given this opportunity to select their choices for MARAC Net Control of the year and MARAC Mobile operator of the year (70-71). A plaque will be presented at the MARAC meeting KC-71. Deadline for returning your ballot will be 1 June, 1971. Ballots will be included in the April newsletter. We ask that the selecting be held in confidence and not discussed on the air. The winners need not be present or a member of MARAC. Our rules state that the Net Control award may be won by the same station but the Mobile Award only once by the same station. Since K7WQJ won the Mobbile Award last year, he will not be eligible for any more. In making your selections we suggest you consider the following:

NET CONTROL

1. Does he hold control of the net?
2. Does he keep "his cool" on the air?
3. Does he recognize and arrange for all check-ins promptly?
4. Does he use a minimum amount of conversation?
5. Does he use courteous speech?
6. Does he remain impartial?
7. Does he comply with FCC rules?

MOBILEER

1. Does he keep "his cool"?
2. Does he use good operating procedure?
3. Does he have good signal?
4. Does he adjust to net conditions?
5. Does he QSL?
6. Does he comply with FCC rules?

Remember this is not a popularity contest. Consider the merits of the Net Control and Mobile operators.

THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WPE6ETT-I have one more seal to earn to complete the M-50-M Award. I have the basic Associate Award and am now building my points up for the next seals. Just made application for Class AA on the Clif Corne K9EAB memorial Award.

W4JVN- Wanted- a ride to any of the following places after conclusion of ICHN 71 at Kansas City. San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas and/or drive through National Parks heading west. Will share expenses. Also have latest callbook and will QSY off net if anyone needs addresses.

K9DCJ- Arnie says his last trip in Oct, 1970 netted him 640 contacts and hopes he does as well or better on this one: April 9 - Calumet & Manitowoc, Door & Kewaunee, Brown & Outagamie, Menominee & Shawano, Marinette & Oconto, Florence & Forest. April 10 - Lincoln & Langlade, Vilas & Oneida, Price & Taylor, Rusk & Sawyer, Ashland & Iron, Douglas & Bayfield. April 11 - Burnett & Washburn, Polk & Barron, Pierce & St. Croix, Eau Claire, Dunn & Chippewa, Pepin & Buffalo. Frequency will be 14.336 and starting time each day is 1500 GMT. Trip is subject to cancellation.

KR6IX/W5ROP- I am up to 42 ZL counties right now. I am enclosing info on the New Zealand counties Award. The boys down there are more interested in going out portable than mobile.

N Z C -- "NEW ZEALAND COUNTIES AWARD" Initial award requires confirmations from 20 different New Zealand Counties. Sticker for 40, 60, 80, 100 with a special award for the full 112 counties. Charges -- initial certificate with any endorsements -- 25 cents or 4 IRC; later endorsements 10 cents or 2 IRC. Applications and information may be obtained from ZL2GX 152 Lytton Rd. Gisborne, New Zealand.

WA0JRZ- One comment I would like to make about the "Nets". You will note I said "Nets". That is that it seems to me that a lot of us, I will include myself, are forgetting that one facet of amateur radio is to make and promote friendship. I have heard comments on the air that I am sure would never be said face to face. I know it is very easy to say things without thinking at times and regret it very much later. So, I for one, am going to try to remember that collecting counties and awards is for fun and I would rather miss a county, etc than lose a friend. Nuff said. The counties that I need are getting less and less, slowly. Down to 28 and they are: Arkansas- Franklin, Grant, Phillips, Hawaii- Kalawao, (of course). Idaho- Lewis, Shoshone. Minnesota- Blue Earth. Mississippi- Kemper, Tate, Wayne. Missouri- Carter, Monroe, Webster. North Dakota- McHenry, Mountrail, Renville. Oklahoma- Coal, Craig, Dewey, Garfield, Grant, Hughes, Major, Mayes, Nowata. Washington- Ferry, Lewis. Wyoming- Converse. If anyone is planning trips into any of these, I would appreciate a collect call 402-291-0122 or if time permits a letter to Box 382, Bellevue, Nebr. 68005. (Do not QSL to this address). I hope to make it to KC for one of the MARAC meetings soon. 73 Don.

W0DRL- Joe needs the following counties to wind it up: Texas- Lipscomb, Hemphill. Utah- Millard, Beaver. Oklahoma- Delaware, Adair, Pushmataha, Choctaw. Nebraska- Dixon, Dakota, Thurston, Wayne, Stanton, Boyd, Wheeler, Valley, Chase, Kansas- Gray, Meade, Scott, Grant, Wallace, Greeley, Morton. Iowa- Floyd, Wright, Hardin, Marion, Jones, Louisa, Van Buren. Colorado- Jackson.

WA0LRQ- Corwin writes that he is going to attend KC-71 if he possibly can and submits the following on his needed counties. Arkansas- Ashley, Desha. Colorado- Lake. Hawaii- Hawaii, Kauai. Kansas- Commanche, Greeley, Meade, Reno, Rush, Sherman, Stafford. Kentucky- Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Marshall. Minnesota- Rice. Mississippi- Greene, Perry, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Quitman, Stone, Tunica, Wayne. Missouri- Atchison, Nodaway, Worth. Montana- Meagher, Richland. North Dakota- Adams, Bowman, Grant, Sioux, Slope. Ohio- Gallia, Geauga, Holmes, Meigs. Virginia- Buchanan, Campbell, Charlotte, Dickenson. Washington- Douglas, Kitsap, Lincoln, Okanogan. Call collect 308-772-4460. Box 505, Oshkosh, Nebraska 69154.

K7SQD- Ted would like to see the 3079'ers get on 20 meters so he can work them for their number. He started county hunting in 1959/60 and has nr 53 on the first 500 dated 1/29/62. In April 62, he moved to Utah and after 3 month period he started passing out Utah on the nets. He worked 40 and 15 meters on novice frequencies a lot. Rather than work as /7 he applied and received another call W7DSJ and while working at a copper mine and mill (he had to stay away from home all week) he used a Knight T-60 and four element dipole and started giving out San Juan county and got bit by the county hunting bug again. It took until Jan of 1965 to reach the 1000 mark. After plugging away at the CW portion of the bands he finally reached 1500 in Oct 1969. Then he found the gang on the mobile net and the score leaped ahead. April, 70 he reached 2000 and 5 months later 2500. He stands at 2778 and says if my friends keep mobiling and my fist don't fail, I shall finally run down that elusive 3079th one. Thanks to the fellows and gals who have made it possible by giving out those counties by automobile, which I hope some day to do for those who are just starting. Good hunting!

W0YLN- Heard this one the other day and thought it worth passing on. After a hard struggle to get some reports through, this remark was made: "That was one DB above mental telepathy".....

...the State of New Jersey, has been a topic of discussion... your source of information... state is inaccurate. We still have only 21 counties left, as of this date, know of no action to form another. We do have an Atlantic County but that was formed in 1837."

W9LZC- Stan wishes to announce that the Wisconsin Air National Guard Station, WAOZDL located at General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, Wisconsin will operate Armed Forces Day 1971 and send a special certificate to all we work and qsl to them. Frequencies: 14.780, 14.275. 7.280, 146.94 MHZ FM. Stan hopes to meet all County Hunters this July at KC-71.

W9LZC would like to finish up his counties by KC-71 and is on the air after 2300Z daily except weekends and then he tries to be there all day. He needs the following to wind up: Alabama- Marion. Arkansas- Desha, Independence, Pike, Sevier, Montgomery, California- Inyo. Colorado- Logan Sedgwick. Hawaii- Kalawao. Idaho- Benewah, Boundary, Jefferson, Lewis, Payette, Washington. Indiana- hamilton, Madison, Ohio, Perry, Porter, Rush, Shelby, Warrick. Iowa- Grundy, Keokuk, Mahaska, Story. Kansas- Grant, Lane, Republic, Rooks, Stanton, Wichita. Kentucky- Letcher, Owley. Michigan- Antrim, Baraga, Barry, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Mason, Menominee, Van Buren. Minnesota- Crow Wing, Murray, Wabasha. Mississippi- Attala, Clarke, Humphreys, Itawamba, Leake, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Stone, Winston. Missouri- Holt, Iron, Montgomery, Reynolds. Montana- Fallon, Phillips, Valley. Nebraska- Keya Paha, Rock. Nevada- Eureka. North Carolina- Pamlico. North Dakota- Adams, Benson, Bowman, Divide, Griggs, Mc Henry, Mc Kenzie, Mountrail, Pierce, Sheridan, Slope. Oklahoma- Bryan, Choctaw, Grant. Pennsylvania- Berks, Juniata. South Dakota- Mc Cook, Perkins, Ziebach. Texas- Bailey, Bandera, Brooks, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Gaines, Jim Hogg, Kimble, Parmer, Presidio, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, Zavala. Utah- Piute. Virginia- Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond, Shenandoah. Washington- Chelan. West Virginia- Grant, Hancock, Hardy, Harrison, Marion, Mineral, Mingo, Pleasants, Tucker, Upshur. Wyoming- Goshen.

SM5BCZ- John writes that during the winter months, he has had little time to operate but the band conditions haven't been good for him. He hopes that they will improve. Many US stations have asked him for his list of needed counties but he feels it would be easier to list the counties he has, rather than the ones he needs. He needs Bristol in Rhode Island, Androscoggin, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Somerset, Waldo and Washington in Maine. Belknap, Coos, Strafford in New Hampshire. Vermont- Bennington, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans. New Jersey- Cumberland, Salem, Sussex, Warren. New York- The 9 most northern counties and 17 of the ones in the middle. John feels it better if he waits until he gets down to a few in a state before listing them. He wishes to convey his thanks to all the fine people on the net and hopes 1971 will be a lucky and prosperous year for all.

For those interested, there is a Mid-States Mobile Monitor net operating on 3.920. Several of the hard to get Kansas counties are to be found there.....

ZL1KG- Roy and his XYL are making last minute preparations for their visit to the U. S. They will leave New Zealand April 18, and arrive in California shortly thereafter. They will drive through the US (giving out counties) and be in Kansas City for the monthly MARAC meeting at the QTH of WAO/WOB on May 1, 1971. From KC they plan to go to Georgia, Florida and then to the North East U. S. Roy has been operating on 14.336 around 0300 quite regularly lately for those needing a contact with him.

New MARAC MEMBERS

- CALLN Paulo J S Coelhoviera Apartado 93, Faro Portugal, Europe R-152
- WAO/M Ronald Sundsboe 6767 Wirt St Omaha, Nebraska 68104 R-153

WA4AOM	Charlie K Akins	604 Henson Dr. Albany, Ga. 31705	R-154
WA8KPN	Ralph A McDonough	Box 240 Rd 2 Adena, Ohio 43901	R-155
KH6FQB/W5NXF	Norman L Maguire	2877 Kalakaua Ave Apt 704 Honolulu Hawaii 96815	R-156
K6UZB	Roy T tucker	14109 Whiterock Dr LaMirada Calif 90638	R-157
K4OMZ	Charles A Leach III	237 E Washington St Hartford Ky. 42347	R-158
WAØZCQ	Olin W Munger	6004 N W 68 Terr Kansas City, Mo. 64151	R-159
W6UNP	Daniel E Earhart	Box E South Lake Tahoe Calif 95705	R-160
K7RXO	William O Warnke, Jr	559 Hillside Helena Montana 59601	R-161
WA6MWP	Frank T Conley PO	Box 325 Capitola Calif 95010	R-162
KØVRG	Robert L Darley	3013 Roxbury Ct. Augusta, Georgia 30906	R-163
W8UOQ	James Carmody Jr	116 S Shiawassee St Owosso Michigan 48867	R-164
K1VKY	Victor Ballerini	64 Gilmore St N. Weymouth Mass 02191	R-165
K4WVX	James R Perry	11744 S W 108th Ave Miami Florida 33156	R-166
K1QFD	Phyllis S Hoffman	274 Ten Rod Rd N. Kingstown R. I. 02852	R-167
W5NOY	Charles W. Wilson	2509 Meadow Lane Ponca City Oklahoma 74601	R-168
WLEXZ	Robert A Curtis	17 Cobbleview Rd Chittenden Vt. 05446	R-169
WBØEGX	James R Curran	631 N Kensington LaGrange Ill 60525	R-170
W5MYA	Michael Badolato	1505 Cedar Ridge Terr Euless Texas 76039	R-171
K2CPR	Jack DuBois	5667 Birch Ave Pennsauken N. Jersey 08109	R-172
K5BTM	Dorothy Dickenson	Tr 2 Stamford Texas 79553	R-173
K7OQZ	Alvin Thinner	432 West Lincoln Nampa Idaho 83651	R-174
WA2AMM	John J Brenner	162 Meisel Ave Springfield N. Jersey 07081	R-175
K1OAZ	Arthur R Dority Sr	3 Seagrave St Danielson Conn 06239	R-176
WB2DAE	George W Smith Jr	West Main St & Smith Rd Millville N. J. 08332	R-177

A new county award the "TEN O'CLOCK LINE" is now available and the info is given below on it.

The name comes from an Indian treaty and is explained on the award. The Ten O'Clock Line runs through, or into, eight Indiana counties, as follows: Vermillion, Parke, Clay, Putnam, Owen, Monroe, Brown and Jackson. The award is available in two ways: By working the required number of counties in classes as listed Below--or by working 10 holders of the award.

A--8 counties plus 3 Johnson County, Indiana stations

B--6 counties plus 2 Johnson County, Indiana stations

C--5 counties plus 1 Johnson County, Indiana Stations

D--10 holders of the award.

GCR, Log data and \$1.00 or 10 IRC to K9EMV, Win Hardisty, 116 Mercator Dr., Greenwood, Indiana 46142.

This from Father Terry, K6HZI/WB6CPE- California has TENS OF MILLIONS of acres set aside as National or State Forests, Parks, Monuments, Beaches or wilderness and primitive areas. According to Ed Hopper, The Custodian of the USA-CA program, any Federal, State, county or municipal park, forest or preserve may be used as credit for "any one bordering county, but only one and this only once." I often operate in National Forests and Parks. While there, I MUST also be in SOME particular county. So, I may honestly sign and DO sign as being in both a county and in the preserve. Thus TWO counties could be counted for the contact, if both are needed. For example, while in Humboldt County, California, I was also within Six Rivers National Forest. Humboldt county counts for Humboldt county only. But, Six Rivers National Forest borders on Humboldt, Siskiyou and Del Norte counties in California and Curry and Josephine counties in Oregon. It may be used for any one of these five counties and then Six Rivers National Forest may never be used for county credit again. Many don't seem to be aware that these are the rules. So often I feel obliged to change QSL cards sent to me, since I know that I may not sign for counties as the sender requests.

That's it for this month....Hope you have a good month...73's Clyde WØYLN.....