

## MARAC NEWSLETTER

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## MINUTES OF APRIL MARAC MEETING

The regular meeting of MARAC, Inc. was held April 3, 1971, at the QTH of WA0SHE at 8 PM. Members present were: WA0WOB, W0AYL, W0YLN, WB0CYD, K8DCR, WA0SLG and WA0SHE. The minutes of the March meeting were adopted as presented in the last newsletter. W0AYL, Treasurer, reported a balance on hand of \$245.47. WA0WOB asked for action on the proposed notice of amendment to the By-Laws as presented to members in the March newsletter. Motion to accept the amendment was made by WA0WOB, seconded by W0AYL. Motion passed unanimously. WA0WOB asked W0YLN to comment on progress with newsletter format change. Clyde Will pursue his efforts to obtain the help he need in the Leavenworth area if possible. K8DCR asked if Air Mobile or Maritime Mobile contacts would count for MARAC DX AWARD. Rules governing this award were set from DXCC rules, however, further discussion on this when W0SJE is again available. The format for the ballots for Net Control and Mobile Operator for 1971 was discussed. WA0SHE will send format to be included in April newsletter. Deadline for return of ballots is June 1, 1971. Counting of ballots will be the same as last year. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM. The May meeting will be held May 1, at the QTH of WA0WOB. MARAC will be honored at this meeting with guests ZL1KG and his XYL.

## FROM THE EDITOR

Some time ago I decide I would stop writing this colume and put more news from members in this space but now I find I must write some so I'll try to keep it short. We need more information for the newsletter and I ask again, please send anything you wish, if you think it may be of interest to others. It is your newsletter and if at all possible it will be used.

We are coming up on the last issue of the year for the newsletter and those that have not renewed will have to be dropped from the mailing list. Note: Those that have joined since December, 1970 are paid through the coming fiscal year.

I am still getting letters with dues for membership. This only delays the process for your renewal. Please send correspondence to the proper locations as indicated below:

Newsletter Information: W0YLN

Official Club Business: WA0SHE (Records are kept by Cleo and she distributes info as necessary).

Award applications: W0SJE (Anything to do with awards such as suggestions etc.).

Award, net and address information: WA4BMC

If any are interested--Call sign identification information for the Knoxville ICHN photograph may be obtained for a business size SASE to WA0SHE.

On March 31, the Kansas wind took my tower, beam and rotor down and I am out of operation on ten, fifteen and twenty meters until I can get it replaced. I thought a word to the wise might be appropriate. I had checked with my Insurance company a few days before to make sure it was covered and it was...maybe some of you would like to check your policy.

I visited the location of the KC-71 ICH convention (The FROM-SHERATON Motel, Kansas City, Missouri) last week and can assure all the facilities are the finest. The Motel management is very cooperative and agreeable to the installation of antennas for the operation of KC0KC. If all goes well we should have a good beam, dipoles and an all band vertical at 80 or 90 feet. The motel is furnishing anchors etc. for the installation. We would like all MARAC members that so desire to operate KC0KC during their visit in Kansas City since it was made available through WB0DPD, the MARAC Club station. If you know of anyone that might like info on KC-71, have them send an SASE to WA0SHE with twelve cents in stamps.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

1. Cancel Section 2. Article 1 - Meetings and substitute therefor the following:
2. The regular meeting of the Club in July shall be known as the Annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers and new directors and any other business that shall arise.

WBØDPD

1. Expenditures:	Mobile reply cards	\$3.75
	Log book	.50
	USA CA Record books	2.50
	Rubber Stamp	2.41
	TOTAL	\$9.16
2. Counties worked:	393	
Counties confirmed:	39	
States worked (mobile)	40	Need Vermont, Rhode Island, New Hampshire Nevada, Missouri, Ninnnesota, Hawaii, Deleware, Connecticut, Alaska.

New USA CA 3079 Awards...# 51 W6JHV 2-24-71, #52 ZL1KG 3-3-71, #53 WAØKGD 3-17-71, #54 K7NEQ 4-1-71. Have heard since that WAØSBR has finished. Congrats to all!!! This from W2GT and Ed also advises that he informed CQ/QST/73 magazines, W4BPD DXERS mag LIDXA News Sheet about the operation of KCØKC.

THE MEMBERS SPEAK

W6JHV It appears that John had been planning to go to Kalawao, Hawaii. He writes- Since K4LSP is going to Kalawao, I won't need to go. My new address for the Newsletter and QSL cards is PO Box 54, Dover, Idaho 83825.

WAØLYO Jerry writes that he has had a change of location but his old address is OK for mailing. He doesn't have much time but does have all band capabilities.

TG9UZ Jim needs 15 counties at last count but asked that I not publish them. We hope he gets them all before he comes to KC-71. (He was one of the first to register at the PROM SHERATON).

WB6AUA Enclosed is my \$3.00 for membership in MARAC. I am once again active having finished my Masters at U C Berkely, June 1970 and after my trip to Europe. WB6LUS and I just got back from a mobile trip into Oregon where we visited with K7WQJ and W7GUH. Cost me one car! Blew a rod. Am moving to Chicago in May. Will be on the road between here and there May 1 through 21 or thereabouts. You might publish that in the newsletter. I will give my itinerary to anyone sending SASE and will make every effort to pick up requested counties. Since I won't be far away (Chicago) I will make the convention in Kansas City.

GW3NWV I am enjoying receiving the MARAC Newsletter but feel you are spending too much on the postage. Could you not send it at printed paper rate? I am not in a desperate hurry to receive it as I keep up with the news fairly well on the "net" frequency. (ED. Note..Our policy is that all stations receiving the newsletter out of the U. S. would receive their N/L by air mail due to the time involved in surface mail). I have sent off to Ed W2GT an application for USA-CA 500 for my brother GC3GMH - he now has 512 confirmed. I have now 345 to get. Twenty of them are in western Kansas where I have yet to hear the mobiles. Has anyone information that would help me to get confirmations from: KØQJG 5/10/70 Buchanan & Delaware, Iowa. WØGYM 9/10/70 Madison, Nebr. KØPKU 9/11/70 LaPlata, Colo. WØKGJ 2/22/70. WA9NKN 7/10 & 11/70 Mingo W. Va. Vinton, Ohio.

G3DO I enjoy receiving the MARAC Newsletter each month, and I get on the net as often as possible subject to conditions on the air of course. A jamming station comes up on 14.336 sometimes and this makes it almost impossible to copy the mobiles, however generally I receive the mobile stations very well and in fact I joined the county hunters net when it first opened but was not very active during 1969 and 1970 because I spent my time trying to obtain 5 band DXCC. My counties confirmed are now 2050, so still have a long way to obtain all the counties available. I find the mobiles and net control stations very courteous and helpful to the DX stations, but it is rather difficult at times to pick up call signs (unless they are spelled out) and also names of counties, as in many cases we are not conversant with the names. I think the DX stations have a much harder time in collecting counties and we appreciate the help given by other members on the net- particularly those net controls who spell out call signs and counties.

W4ARH/1LDFA Thought I'd better drop you a few lines of information and have you pass it along to MARAC and ICHN via the newsletter. I know some of the fellows are wondering what has happened to the cards they have been sending me and I'd like to reassure them that they shall be returned as soon as possible. I departed Barksdale AFB, La. on 5 Feb, and operated mobile through Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. I ran a few counties in Georgia between 5 Feb and 14 Feb, then proceeded, minus mobile rig to New York and subsequently to my new duty station at Naples, Italy. All logs for operations before 5 Feb are in my household goods, somewhere between Louisiana and Naples! As soon as they arrive, I'll ship out all outstanding cards as quickly as possible. All cards for operation after 5 Feb 71 are being returned as they come in, since I have brought those logs with me in my baggage. I've been monitoring the ICH net on spare receivers here at the station, and most of the signals are surprisingly good. W4BPC/M is a lot stronger here in Italy than he was in Louisiana!! I'm lucky enough to be stationed near (20 miles) one of the five stations in Italy that can be operated by U. S. Military personnel. I'll be checking into the net as time permits, trying to pick up the 600 or so counties I still need. The station call is 1LDFA, but any cards for county-hunting operations should be sent to my duty address as given below. This will be my address for the next three or four years, so you might change the newsletter mailing list accordingly. 73's Norm.

#### NEW MARAC MEMBERS

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Above is correction of previously published address.			
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WA5UPI	Red Slover	3006 Castlewood, Houston, Tex. 77025	R-179
WB0CYD	Lester Craft Jr	Box F-4 Springdale Lake Estates Belton, Mo. 64012	R-180
K1WRO	Ernest M Doane	26 Myrtle St. Lynn, Mass. 01905	R-181
WA0ZBA	Willard L Sommers	Rt 1 Box 137 Bridgeport Ohio 43912	R-182
K9UTI	Earl Harrison	Box 567 Metropolis Ill 62960	R-183
W1FUB/4	Albert Kemmesies	6601 S Westshore Blvd Lot 13B Tampa Fla. 33616	R-184
W3FNT	Dr. Gerald J Collins	Penn Farm Estates Rd 3 Duncansville Pa. 16635	R-185
W2EOE	Kenneth Van Houten	PO Box 657 Highland Lakes N. J. 07422	R-186
K5IID	Tom Horton	4117 Lisbon St. Ft. Worth, Tex. 761--	R-187
K5DPG	Lionel "Al" Oubre	PO Box 345 New Iberia La. 70560	R-188
WA0JCE	Loren R McGinnis	RR#1 Agency Iowa 52530	R-189
WB6AUA	David Brown	6656 Colton Blvd Oakland Calif. 94611	R-190
W8MKM	Thomas Keyes	849 Aplin Beach Bay City Mich 48706	R-191
W7BQG	Ellis Hammer	5447 48th Ave S. W. Seattle Wash 98116	R-192
SM6DHU	Matts O. Alfredson	Box 111, 51101 Kinna L Sweden Europe	R-193

Due to the illness of W0SJE, the Awards column will be omitted this month. Temporary QSL cards for WB0DPD should be in the mail now for those that have worked the station.

MARAC NET CONTROL AND MOBILE OPERATOR OF THE YEAR

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 June 1, 1971. 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 more than once. The Mobile Operator Award may be won only once. Since K7WQJ won the Mobile Operator Award last year he will not be eligible for this award again. K5RPC was the winner for the Net Control Award last year. In making your selections here are a few suggestions as a guideline. THIS IS NOT A POPULARITY CONTEST - PLEASE GIVE IT SOME SERIOUS THOUGHT AND VOTE FOR THE MOST DESERVING PERSON.

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 conversations?
- 5. Does he use courteous speech?
- 6. Does he remain impartial?
- 7. Does he comply with FCC rules?

MOBILE OPERATOR

- 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 return mobile reply cards?
- 6. Does he comply with FCC rules?

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BALLOT

A-1 NET CONTROL

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

A-1 MOBILE OPERATOR

1st Choice \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

3rd Choice \_\_\_\_\_

MARAC Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name of MARAC member voting \_\_\_\_\_

Return on or before June 1, 1971 to:

MARAC SECRETARY  
WAØSHE  
6001 Blue Ridge Cut Off  
Raytown, Missouri 64133

The following has been put together from many sources and is offered as a possible aid to fixed station operation.

#### FIXED STATION OPERATION

Checking into net.

It is not necessary for fixed stations to officially check in with net control. A few minutes of listening will give one an idea how net operates. The Independent County Hunters net usually starts early with a warm-up session between fixed stations on 14336 between 1200 and 1500 GMT. As soon as mobiles start checking in, the warm-up session automatically ceases and someone assumes net control. Due to work schedules and time difference across country there are no regular assigned net controls. When net control has to leave, he or she will ask for someone to take over net. If there are no takers net will be left in open session until someone does take over. Do not hesitate to offer assistance when net control has to relinquish control. Net cannot operate efficiently without control. Night time nets operate at 3930 - day time net 72 - -.

Contacting mobiles.

When mobile QRZ's his county he will ask for mobiles and DX stations first, making list of ones heard and exchanging reports as they were heard. When mobile does not copy any more, he will ask for assistance of net control. Do not jump in and attempt any relays of mobile and DX stations until net control asks for any one with additional relays. As soon as all mobiles and DX have been worked, mobile will then call for any fixed stations desiring county or counties. Call the mobile by merely stating your call letters once phonetically. Mobile will make list of those heard and work them in rotation as heard. Mobile will then make another QRZ and new list. And soon, until he is unable to copy with ease, mobile will then ask for assistance from net control on weak stations. When net control has relayed all calls he may hear, the net will be queried if anyone has any relays. - Remember once control has been established abide by controls decision. If you don't like controls decision, then by all means, assume net control sometime when you have an opportunity to do so. Above all - don't attempt relays at any time until asked to do so by net control.

Any station working another for confirmation of a contact regardless of circumstances must fill out a reply card, self-addressed and with sufficient postage for return. These cards are available from WA2AMM and others. Some stations use postal cards and a rubber stamp. If this is not done, don't expect confirmation from the station you worked.

Do not under any circumstances make nasty remarks to any one creating interference to net. You will only lower yourself to the level of the disturbing station. Be courteous Ladies and Gentlemen and enjoy your hobby.