



# MARAC



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The regular October Marac meeting was held October 2, 1971 at the Qth of W0AYL. Members present were W0SJE, K0AYO, W0SHE, W0ZCQ, W9SOM, W0AYL and W0WOB. The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, W0SJE. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented in the Newsletter. The Treasurer reported \$288.98 balance on hand. Letters from W0JRZ were presented for reading to all members concerning the Cliff Corn award. Discussion followed reference MARAC sponsoring the award. W0WOB asked for comments. Discussion and comments resulted that copies will be forwarded to K6BEP for legal opinion before action. W0SJE reported receiving only one comment from members concerning the mobile County Award as published. One more article will be presented in the newsletter before a vote to accept or reject the award is made. K0AYO made a motion to join the QSL bureau of W6CCM for MARAC Club station. Motion carried. MARAC Club Station monthly report is 639 counties confirmed and 138 additional counties worked. W0WOB commented on the County Hunters contest as presented by K1OME. A letter from K1OME was passed to all members for consideration. The meeting was closed at 9 PM. The November meeting will be held November 6 at the Qth of K0AYO instead of the QTH of W0SHE as previously published.

### THE MEMBERS SPEAK

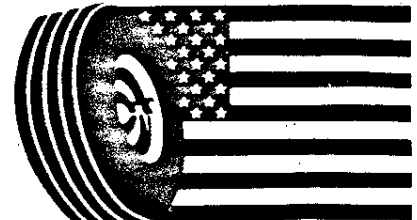
W0LRQ Corwin reports having a new beam about up and plans to work for the MARAC awards. He has a litter of AKC Labrador pups due in November and will send a pedigree upon request to anyone interested. He needs 11 counties and will accept collect calls for these: Colorado - Lake; Hawaii - Hawaii, Kauai; Kansas - Greeley, Meade; Missouri - Atchison, Nodaway, Worth; Ohio - Gallia, Holmes, Meigs. His phone number is (402) 225-5511.

W7OK Most mobiles avoid State Capitols because of noise levels but many county hunters are also looking for State Capitols - Please put note in Newsletter asking mobiles to put out State Capitols whenever they can.

W9DRL Joe needs the following counties and will accept collect calls for any of them. Indiana - Whitley, Blackford, Brown, Jennings, Ohio, Switzerland; Iowa - Van Buren; Kansas - Wallace, Greeley, Scott, Gray, Morton; Nebraska - Chase; Ohio - Defiance, Henry, Paulding. Phone no. (312) 724-0231.

WB6AUA/9 My trip from California to the east coast and back to Chicago covered some 9,000 miles during which I gave out over 200 different counties in 20 States. I was fortunate enough to meet many fine county hunters both in person and on the air. I was unfortunate enough to run out of gas once and blow a main fuse (almost impossible to locate) in my car once, both in the wilds of West Virginia. Returned to Chicago to find a stack of cards as tall as me. Finally answered them all. Some of the guys who neglected to send me one of their cards might have experienced some long delay but they are all out now. If anyone did not receive cards back by now, the Post Office is to blame! For a while the forwarding of my mail was not the best. Anyone not receiving cards back by now should send them to my new address and I will answer promptly. Looks like I won't be too active until next year. Really working

hard at new job, but look for me next summer with my girl friend Suzi. WB6BGM when we give out All the counties in 9 land.



## ICHN - KC71 COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FROM K6BEP CHAIRMAN NET PROCEDURES COMMITTEE

At the ICHN convention, held in Kansas City July 2 - 4 1971, a six member committee drafted a number of proposals for improvements in operation of the Independent County Hunters Net. Each proposal was separately discussed and voted upon by the convention as a whole and each proposal was approved by a nearly unanimous margin.

None of these 'rules' is intended to be applicable at all times. One of the key factors in the success of the net to date has been its flexibility, and if this success is to continue, flexibility must continue to be a by-word. Many of these proposals concern the function of the Net Control Stations, and under appropriate circumstances should be disregarded by the station acting as Net Control. It should also be noted that this list of procedures is not designed as a comprehensive guide for the operation of the Net, rather, it is an expression of the convention as a whole, with respect to certain items which were deemed worthy of the attention and discussion.

Several of the items constitute a change from present or past operating procedures on the net. In this respect, the convention has expressed disapproval of the earlier procedure and a desire to operate henceforth in the suggested manner.

1. Top priority will be accorded to mobiles making pre-announced "special trips".  
COMMENT: It is hoped that this procedure will encourage more mobiles to make special county expeditions to rare counties or rare regions. It was felt that the number of such expeditions has declined and that such decline was due, at least partially, to the congestion on the net.
2. When several mobiles wish to run counties have checked into the net, Net Control may impose a suitable time limit of not less than five minutes for the mobile to run. At the conclusion of the stated time period additional time may be allowed at the discretion of Net Control.  
COMMENT: It is hoped that this procedure will eliminate the situation where one mobile operates for 20 or 30 minutes, during which time as many as three or four mobiles have left county lines or rare counties.
3. It will no longer be "standard procedure" to have the mobile stand by for other mobiles or DX first. When first commencing his run, a mobile should simply stand by for any callers. Net Control or some other designated station will furnish ALL RELAYS AT THE END.  
COMMENT: It is believed that this procedure will permit each mobile to run his county more rapidly. Many mobilers indicated that the old practice required them to stop twice for relays, once for DX and mobiles and again at the end for fixed stations. Under this procedure only one stop will be necessary.
4. Weak stations being relayed will be allowed two attempts to make their contact with the mobile. Additional attempts are to be made at the discretion of Net Control.  
COMMENT: Obviously this procedure is designed to expedite operation of the net. The reference to discretion of Net Control was intended to apply to situations where momentary interference blocked the frequency or where a 'last county' is involved, or other appropriate circumstances.
5. "Splitting reports" is to be discouraged.  
COMMENT: This refers to the practice of the relay station advising one of the stations "you have the first number correct", etc. It was felt this constituted a partial relay of the signal report and should be discouraged.
6. All stations participating in the net, should operate in a manner which will permit mobiles to run their counties as rapidly as possible. The following typical inquiries are to be discouraged: a) "What county are you in?" b) "What's your next county?" c) "Are you going to \_\_\_\_\_?" etc, etc.

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SITE SELECTION 1972 ICHN CONVENTION

The selection of Peoria Ill. for the 1972 convention was announced by the committee working under K2PFC. Max W9SOM will run the show with help from many sources. Max is planning a BIG affair around the theme of Cliff Corne Memorial.

MARAC membership address changes and corrections;

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WB0CQE	D. L. Walters	4450 Balmoral Dr. Pichton Park, Ill. 60741	C-36

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WB5DVT	Roger Garrett	400 S. Delaware, Clarksville, Tex. 75426	R-229
VP9GE	Ed Kelly	PO Box 1555, Hamilton Kellyfoto, Bermuda Isle	R-230
WB4SLS	Emil Bitterlich Jr.	9814 Sudley Dr. Manassas, Va. 22110	R-231
W9JR	Ralph Alley	RR 1 Box 64, Fontana, Wis. 53125	R-232

Drop me a line and let me know how things are with you or maybe you know something everyone else should know and we will put it in the newsletter. 73's Clyde W0YLN

W6LWM My Hawaiian trip in November will cover the counties there as follows: Honolulu 11/2 - 11/6. Hawaii 11/7 - 11/18. Maui 11/19 - 11/26. Kalawao 11/25. Will operate on 14.336 and 3.943 when appropriate, and will, hopefully, spend Thanksgiving on the Kalawao/Maui county line if I can get the generator I have been trying to arrange for on Molokai. You enjoy your turkey and football; I'll enjoy giving out the counties. 73's Bill.

K2PFC I plan to go south to Texas and Arizona in the second week of November and will be giving out counties. If anyone needs only one county to finish a State (any State) let me know, because we plan to help that way as much as possible. Listen for me all over the U. S. A. 73's Duane.

WB5DVT I have plans to mobile, probably weekends of Oct. 30 and Nov. 6 - Oklahoma, all counties South and East of Osage, with adjustments in counties needed possible. Texas: Counties from Red River West to Clay, Clay/Wichita west to Floyd, including Hardemann, Hall and Childress. Clay/Archer west to Crosby, Garza, east to Delta including Stephens, Palo Pinto and Parker. Both Trips 20/75 mtrs beginning on Saturday about 1400Z.

#### FROM THE EDITOR

WA6CCK was inadvertently left off the membership roster for MARAC and should be listed as a full, active member. The KC-71 ICHN pictures have all been mailed and one addition to the identification should be made as follows: 2nd row. 24th one is K3VLP. MARAC exchanges Newsletters with another Mobile Club - RAMS (Radio Amateur Mobile Society Inc) Sacramento, California. I keep a file of all newsletters received and will be glad to give anyone info if interested/ or write to W6TEE Les Cobb. Some new addresses courtesy of W7OK: WA4ONA 813 Martin St., Longmont, Colorado 80501. K4QMQ 102 Sharon Ct., Laurel, Maryland 20810.

Some more corrections for the MARAC roster: Old members now active are: WA4YCQ, C-18, WA0LRQ, WB6ACL C-94, W1UOP R-124. In this issue you will find the results of the ICHN - KC71 committee reports. This is the result of many months planning and we present it now as submitted by the chairmen of the various committees:

WA9SKB - "Our money has really lost its value in Europe. Yesterday a tourist threw three American coins in the fountain and was arrested for littering."