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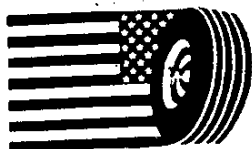
JANUARY 9, 1973

MINUTES REGULAR JANUARY MEETING

The regular January meeting of MARAC was held at the QTH of K0AYO, 1/6/73 Members present were K0YGP, WA0ZCQ, WA0YJL, WA0KQQ, W0SJE, WA0WOB, K0BXF, K0PFV, W0AYL, WA0SHE & K0AYO. Meeting called to order by WA0WOB. Minutes of last meeting adopted as were published in last news-letter. Treasurer reported balance on hand of \$343.75 as of 1/5/73. Secretary reported expenses of \$7.42 for the month. W0SJE reported news-letter info was coming in OK. Several DX stations reported they appreciate receiving the news-letter via Air Mail. WB4FBS (via letter) proposed a new award. It was decided to refer same to the awards committee for consideration and a later report. W6CCM (via letter) proposed a new award basically dealing with recognition of Net Controls. Discussion followed. The existing Merit Award may be a partial solution to proposed award. It was decided to refer this to the awards committee for consideration and a later report. Club station WB0DPD reported expenses of \$7.58 with 1802 Counties confirmed plus 158 worked for a total of 1960 as of 1/6/73. It was decided that the first contact QSL from WB0DPD to non-members would go direct along with MARAC information sheets. W0SJE reported a window sticker decal will soon be available. This decal is 3 x 5 1/4 inches and will cost members 60 cents each or 2 for \$1.00. The decal is in color. K0AYO will handle all applications. The decal should be available within two weeks. Discussion as to an electric typewriter was held. The best deal to date was \$350.00 for a reconditioned and guaranteed machine. It was decided to postpone a decision until after the treasury is more solvent following renewal of dues in April. The following assignment for meetings were made, K0PFV for February, WA0YJL, for March, Central Illinois (probably Effingham) for April, W0AYL for May, WA0SHE for June & Ft. Wayne Indiana Convention site for July. The Secretary reported he has cut-out slips, advertising MARAC available for sending with mailings to non-members. They are available free of charge, send requests to K0AYO. MARAC will undertake the updating of the County Hunters History, with the assistance of WB4FBS and present same during the ICHN Annual Meeting in Ft. Wayne Indiana. Meeting adjourned at 2120. Next meeting will be 2/3/73 at the QTH of K0PFV, John Lord, 8720 Larsen Street, Overland Park Kansas Phone 8884194.

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 1/6/73

This meeting was held at the QTH of K0AYO just prior to the Regular meeting. Members present were WA0YJL, WA0KQQ, W0SJE, WA0WOB, K0AYO and W0AYL. Proposed by-laws changes as listed below recommended for adoption with changes. W0SJE moved & W0AYL second that board approve prior acts of Executive Committee, was adopted. Suspend Article 7 Section 4 of by-laws from period 10/1/72 - 4/1/73. Discussion of mail ballots for Annual election for Officers. Directors agree to idea. W0SJE, WA0WOB & K0AYO will work out details. Meeting adjourned at 1740.



FROM THE SECRETARY

The following items covering various changes in FCC rules were recently forwarded to ARRL Official Observers. As you read these, remember that in some cases they are opinions, since they require interpretations. At any rate, they are interesting reading. Docket 18803, This is the so-called "Repeater Docket", but there is a great deal of "rider" material in it having nothing specific to do with repeaters. Here is a list - (1) Which call to sign. We go back to the old system of always signing the call licensed to a particular location, if any. Requirements of the owner's permission to operate his equipment is understood, but if you do so you sign his call, sign your name in his log. Same thing if you are operating from his car. You use your call only when operating your own station or your own equipment mobile or at another location. (2) Unlicensed participation, Any person may participate in amateur communication by any mode (presumably CW) only provided a control operator (not necessarily the licensee) is present to monitor and supervise the operation. This is a significant liberalization. (3) The requirement for notification of FCC in mobile and portable operation is being relaxed. (4) There are some changes in logging procedures and requirements, mostly aimed at simplification. (5) Business Communications are now specifically prohibited by a change in definition of Amateur Radiocommunication. The above is a brief resume to call these changes to your attention. Full details are in October, 1972 QST, starting page 100. DOCKET 19245. This is the one that is going to cause the most headaches because it will require some interpretation. The new Rule 97.114 presumably added for the sake of clarification imposes on all traffic handlers the need for making instant interpretations as to whether the third party traffic we are handling or about to handle is legal or illegal. And, thanks to the new rule, there are many gray areas which, if we had adhered to previous FCC interpretations, would not and did not exist. New 97.114 prohibits "transmission or delivery" of any third party traffic involving material compensation to anyone. It also prohibits any "business communications except for emergency communications (as defined in 97.3) and defines business communications as "any transmission or communication the purpose of which is to facilitate the regular business or commercial affairs of any party. It is also significant that "third party traffic" is not just written messages. It is any communication by or in behalf of anybody but the two control operators. We don't know just how FCC intends to enforce this rule (if at all) but at the moment it looks as though every traffic handler from now on (i.e. after Dec 1) is going to have to read the text of each message he handles and make a determination of whether or not it's business. Since this is hard to do without first receiving it, he either takes the senders word for it or allows the sending station to transmit it conditionally to his (the receiving operator's) interpretation of whether or not it constitutes "Business". If this is what is involved, it sure throws a large monkey wrench into our amateur traffic handling. IS THE FREQUENCY CLEAR? Sometimes a real dogfight can erupt on the band when two stations inadvertently QRM each other and each feels the other did it deliberately? Who has the right to the frequency? Who was there first? Usually this is hard to determine, and in any event there is no future to QRM fights on the Amateur bands. You never know when you are going to cause QRM and often can't prevent it, FCC interpretations in the past to the contrary notwithstanding. QRM is not illegal. Only willful (deliberate or intentional) or malicious (done with malice aforethought) QRM is illegal. There can even be some question that knowing you are causing QRM makes it illegal. No-where do the regulations require you to ask if the frequency is clear before you transmit. If you fail to do so and inadvertently cause QRM, is this illegal. No, it is neither willful nor malicious. If someone thus inadvertently causes QRM, and you keep on transmitting, then you know you are causing him QRM, too, Are you then illegal? No, too big a gray area. Only if the QRM is admittedly or very obviously (not just apparent) being done for the purpose of causing QRM, is it citable. (Cont')

FROM THE SECRETARY CONT'

(This next item, while it was meant mainly for OO'S, sure may be the reason you did not get that rare County confirmed). MAKE SURE OF IDENTIFICATION. A great many of the Amateurs, especially on voice, slur their identification. Mostly this is unintentional, because people just don't know how to talk and amateurs are no exception, but unintelligible identification is tantamount to no identification at all and is just as illegal. Don't forget, on voice S sounds like an F (and vice versa), M and N are indistinguishable, A & J sound very much alike, as do Q & U, and there are 9 letters having an E sound(B, C, D, E, G, P, T, & Z). So don't settle for voice identification without phonetics unless you are absolutely sure. I hope this information is a help. de BOB

KCØKC QSL CARDS

The following MARAC Members have QSL cards for QSO with the 1971 Convention Station still not claimed. If you want yours, get me an SASE in the next month. Am cleaning house and when I throw these out, there will be no more. W1CXC, W1DIT, K2CPR, K2PBU, WB2RWR, G4JZ, SM5EAC, WB2WZE, W3FNT, W3FVU, W4KA, WA4ROV, K4REL, WA4ULL, WA4WQG, WA5ALB, K5DRF, WA5FRN, W5HDK, K5IID, W5MYA, W5OIB, EB6AUA, K6BEP, WB6CPE, W6JHV, WA6LUV, WA7DUG, WA7IRD, W7KOI, K7LTV, WB8ADT, WB8DRR, K8IQB, WA8NDL, W8UOQ, W9CNG, W9DRL, K9EMV, K9GTQ, W9SOM, WA9ZRP, WBØAXN, WAØDCQ, WØGV, KØIFL, WAØJRZ, KØQIX, VE4EL. de BOB. KØAYO

KCØKCI QSL CARDS

All cards received as of 12/8/72 have been answered. We have a few left and would like to finish up. So, lets get those SASE in and I'll get your card right out. BOB.

MARAC PR PACKAGE

Your Secretary has undertaken the task of putting together a 35 mm slide and tape presentation covering County Hunting, awards, mobile operation and MARAC. If any of you have a slide or two covering any of the above & you would like to donate, I would appreciate it. If you have one and don't want to let go of it and you think it might be appropriate, mark it and send to me and if I can use, I'll get a copy made. de BOB KØAYO.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 20 1972

The meeting of the Executive Board sitting as the Executive Committee was called to order by WAØWOB, President, at the QTH of WAØWOB at 7PM. Other members present were WØSJE, WØAYL & KØAYO. The Board authorized routine expenditures for operation of the club station, news-letter and awards program. The Board accepted all previous applications for membership. The following Articles & Sections of the By-laws were discussed with the Secretary to take the action noted. (Article 1 Section 1), Secretary to prepare as necessary to read "meeting"... "normally" held on the first Saturday. Article 1 Section 4, Secretary to prepare as necessary to read "meet in July". (Article 6 Section 3) general discussion as to need. No changes deemed necessary at this time. (Article 7 Section 2) General discussion as to need. No changes deemed necessary at this time. (Article 6 Section 4). Secretary to prepare as necessary to read the same as presently shown on Awards Sheet #8 attached. WAØWOB requested the Secretary notify all Board of Directors that there will be a meeting of the Board just prior to the regular January meeting. WØSJE was requested to show in the January News-letter that SWL's & Associate members could receive the News-letter for a subscription price of \$3.00 per year, As covered in Article 3 Section 1 & 2 of the By-laws, the following members were chosen to act as the Nominating Committee for 1973, WB2SJQ, WA4BMC, W6CCM, WAØYJL, KØPMZ & KØAYO. The Secretary was instructed to so notify the Committee. The President asked that the Nominating Committee should consider replacement of at least one of the existing officers. WØSJE was authorized to purchase Decals for use on members mobiles. The meeting adjourned 10PM,

NEW MEMBERS

R-354 WA3MZD Wm. A. Galloway, 545 N. Spring, Blairsville Pa. 15717.
R-355 WB2JTY Jerry J. Foard, 1st & Crewes, Alamo Apt N18, Alamogordo, N.M. 88310
R-356 WA6ZUD Lyle Taylor, Box 153, Weaverville, Calif. 96093.
R-357 W7GHT Wm. M. Smith, 705 - 6th Street, Lewiston, Idaho. 83501
R-358 WA2PFF Carryl R. Weyant, 1326 Darby Road West, Wantagh, N.Y. 11793.
R-359 WA0JKT Dave K. Hutchison, 2504 Pennsylvania Avenue South, St Louis Park
Minnesota 55426.
R-360 K8QWY Edward F. Wojtowicz, P.O. Box 3, 133 Howard Street, Bellevue Ohio
44811
R-361 WB2IMK Terry Rizzo, 144-50 25th Drive, Flushing, N.Y. 11354.
R-362 W2EFI Harold R. Phillips, 25 Link Lane, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801
R-363 W4LXI E. J. Alston, RFD 2 Box 13-C, Belhaven, N.C. 27810.
R-364 VE4EL Ed Schellenberg, 10 Cottonwood Cr. Brandon Manitoba Can. R7A2H8.
R-365 W9CRN Henry A. Sobb, 1020 Wicke Avenue, Desplaines, Ill. 60018
R-366 W3CDG H. Ennis Royer, Route 5 Box 48, Westminster, Md. 21157.
R-367 WA0CEL Riley M. Dunn, Box 900, International Falls, Minn. 56649.
R-368 WB0ELJ Dale C. Bagley, 320 N. Wentz, Macon, Mo. 63552.
R-369 W4NOK Jack Adams, Box 7326, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702.
R-370 W5RDV Herbert E. Skidmore, 3431 Hamilton Ave, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76107.
R-371 W3RFL Charles Pitzer, RFD 2 Box 366, Hagerstown, Md. 21740.
R-372 K5HKG Alfred L. Pedneau, 706 Collingswood Dr. Corpus Christi, Tex. 78412
R-373 W1LGO Edward Freeman, 17 Grove Point Road, Westport, Conn. 06880.

ADDRESS CHANGES

W9UZZ (EX TG9UZ) J. H. Carnett, Southwest Acres RR2, Harrisburg, Ill. 62946.
WA4UNS (EX KL7HDF) Doug Hall, 301 Airport Road, Blacksburg, Va. 24060.
WB4YRL (WB0CYD) Lester Craft, PSC Box 1034, SPT SQ Scott AFB, Ill. 62225.

COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH USA-CA

WA4LSU - Needs, (HAWAII, Hawaii)-(MISSOURI, Maries, Ripley, Wayne)-(WASHINGTON,
Island, Lewis)-(W. Va., Hardy) Thanks 73' de BILL.

W6UNP, Down to 22 all in 4th District(ALABAMA, Bullock)-(GEORGIA, Ben Hill, Burke,
Coffee, Columbia, Irwin, Jefferson, Lanier, Putnam)-(KENTUCKY, Clark, Cumberland,
Elliot, Martin)-(N. CAROLINA, Columbus, Davie, Hoke, Mitchell, Yancy)-(S. CAROLINA,
Beaufort, Georgetown, Hampton)-(TENNESSEE, Pickett)-(Anyone getting into these
would appreciate a note or message via net, or a phone call collect 916-544-3536
de DAN.

WA9OFF - Need 7 to finish (NEBRASKA, Brown, Rock, Hayes, Johnson)-(INDIANA, Martin)
(MISSOURI, Carter)-(MINNESOTA, Todd)-(Will accept collect phone calls for any of these
these provided you have 20,40 & 75 Capabilities. Call 414-245-5325. 73' de LEE.

K5HKG - Need 19 to finish (ARK, Howard, Little River)-(INDIANA, Adams, Union)
(KANSAS, Lane, Logan, Norton, Wallace)-(KENTUCKY, Johnson, Knott, Magoffin)
(MONTANA, Chouteau, Richland)-(NEBRASKA, Hooker)-(N. Dak, Mercer)-(S. DAKOTA,
Grant)-(W. VIRGINIA, Doddridge, Pleasants, Tyler)Any help appreciated 73' de AL.

GW3NWV - Needs (CALIF, Del Norte, San Benito)-(COLORADO, Jackson, Summit)-(IDAHO,
Benewah, Butte, Franklin, Power, Shoshone)-(KANSAS, Barber, Comanche, Greely)
(MONTANA, Blaine, Richland)-(NEBRASKA, Burt, Sioux, Washington, Wayne)-(OHIO, Gallia)
(OKLAHOMA, Cimmaron, Grant, Hughes)-(S. DAKOTA, Faulk)-(TEXAS, Bailey, Briscoe,
Cochran, Cottle, Floyd, Reagan, Sherman, Stonewall, Throckmorton)-(UTAH, Beaver,
Box Elder, Washington). 73' de BBB

MEMBERS SPEAK

K3ORP - I enjoy reading the MARAC News-letter very much and wish to congratulate the Editor for a job well done. I realize that a N/L is only as good as the input it gets from it's membership and it would appear that MARAC has it's share of correspondents. Keep it up. I have been an active member mobiler on the County Hunters Net since before they organized as ICHN. I recall many wonderful contacts and many experiences. I also miss the calls of many of the old-timers who are no longer checking into the net, for one reason or another. My sole purpose in writing was to express my thanks to Bill, WALNPM for his kindness in arranging for a MARAC "Last County Award" in the State Award program, to be sent to me. My figures are not too easy to come by, but I can identify 37 other such instances and this is the FIRST time I have received such recognition by a fellow County Hunter... This may seem insignificant on some standards but to me it was a fine Christmas present and I appreciate Bill's gesture. I have always taken pleasure in making every effort to get a County needed by one of the County Hunters, if it was at all possible to do so. I consider this part of the game. My hope for all ICH'ERS is that they have a successful County Hunting Year in 1973. 73 to one and all de SPARKY.

W6CCM - Over the past few months, the Bureau has received quite a few envelopes which looked like they had been run through a paper shredder. One came in completely destroyed and contained only one SASE. Another had one QSL card and two dollars in cash. This morning I got a shipment of cards stapled together with a note attached "Found loose in Portland Mails" or words to that effect. This batch of cards was evidently returned to the mobiler since he had the good sense to stamp his return address on the card. So, I got the idea that if all you fixed stations/mobilers who are chasing counties and using the Bureau's services, would stamp your name and address on the front side of the card, just like you used to do, if the cards did get separated from the Bureau's envelope, maybe the Postoffice would then forward them to you. Sure, it might cost an extra 6 cents but I know I for one would not mind paying rather than lose a county. Our Bureau, an independent effort, continues to grow with each incoming mailing. We shall continue to work for you in tracking down mobilers even when you get the wrong calls on the cards. We had 500 slips printed which we attach when we feel there might have been a boo-boo. Sometimes you have call letters transposed or mistake an S for an F or a N for an M etc. Since we do get on the 20 meter net, we can correct and forward to the right station. We ask again that you bear with us and don't panic when you don't get cards back the day after you send them. Some mobiles don't get home as much as they would like and they cannot send cards back as soon as possible. We find the turnabout time in most cases to be 7 to 10 days, which is pretty darn good. We again ask the members who go mobile to allow us to use their SASE to move cards along. We do issue credit slips and we invite you to use our SASE also. Don't forget to send in any changes of address you pick up along the way. We have been pretty lucky so far but there are a few we cannot locate at this time. As soon as we get the new Call Book, we will try to clean out the "Duds". 73' de DAVE

W8WT - In May of 1931 I contacted a station on 7 Mhz in Wayne County Michigan for the first one. In November 1972, KØARS, my good friend Jim, gave me Chariton County, Missouri for the last one. It sure was a long time getting them all. Hi. Except for a few I've been fortunate to get QSL's from the first one worked in a given county. It is discouraging when you find you have worked someone twice on the same county many times to get a confirmation. Have you noticed how many times you will again work a county- shortly after you work one the first time. I've found QSL'ing promptly is the best policy. This is particularly true for getting a return card from DX stations. My sincere thanks to all the mobiles and fixed stations who made it possible for me to get all the Counties. A Happy New Year to all and to those who are hoping to get all the Counties in 1973. The best of luck 73' de LES.

COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH USA-CA CONT'

K8DCR - Needs (INDIANA, Clay, Park, Warrick)-(IOWA, Hancock, Mitchell, Webster)-(N. CAROLINA, Cherokee, Graham)-(NEBRASKA, Blaine, Burt, Custer, Loup)-(S. DAKOTA, Todd) Thanks guys & Gals 73' de DANNY

K8IQB - Getting closer to that magic number. (GEORGIA, Screven)-(KENTUCKY, Clinton, Edmondson, Metcalf, Monroe)-(MISSISSIPPI, Claiborne)-(NEBRASKA, Wayne)-(TENNESSEE, Union, Unicoi)-(TEXAS, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Haskell, Sabine, Shelby)-(VIRGINIA, Highland)-(W. VIRGINIA, Calhoun, Gilmer, Lewis) Help appreciated de MYRON.

W5HDK - Need following (COLORADO, Teller)-(KANSAS, Graham)-(KENTUCKY, Elliot, Monroe) MISS, Atalla, Montgomery)-(NEBRASKA, Webster)-(N. Dakota, Adams)-(OREGON, Curry) SOUTH DAKOTA, Campbell). 73' de UNCLE BEN.

USA-CA WORKED ALL COUNTIES

(#89 K7JWZ 12/1/72)-(#90 WA4MGC 12/22/72)-(#91 WB6EXT 12/30/72)-(#92 W8WT 1/3/73.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS

Refer N/L #29 & N/L #31 under comments by WB2SJQ (Ye Ole Editor made a bad Boo-Boo) Please correct call listed as SM5BCZ to read SM3BCZ.

Refer to N/L #30 under members speak, comments by WA0UPL. MARAC now has arranged a news-letter exchange service with the Fox-Tango Club operated by WA2AOQ.

DISTRICT TWO ALASKA CONTACTS - Listen for K6UNT/KL7 on 21315 Khz between 2100 and 2200 GMT. He is located at Wainwright, District two (The seldom heard one) Send cards to Larry Payne K6UNT/KL7 Box 487 Fairbanks Alaska 99701. Mail received in Fairbanks by Friday each week goes out the following Monday to the base at Wainwright Good Luck.

MOBILE REPLY CARDS - Ken K6BWD advises he has made arrangements with local printer to furnish County Hunters with 8 line Mobile Reply Cards for \$4.00 per 1000 postage paid 3rd class. Must print at least 25,000 each printing at this price. Has on hand orders for 15,000 cards so far. Any Ham desiring these cards, send your check for \$4.00 to K6BWD, Kenneth I. Albrecht, 1130 Broadway, King City, Calif. 93930. He will hold your check no longer than 60 days and if not enough orders are received to make up the 25,000, your check will be returned.

AUTO WINDOW DECALS - MARAC has available a very attractive window decal for your automobile. It measures 3 x 5 1/8 inches with a white background and printed in red and blue. It contains the MARAC Emblem in full color in each lower corner, U. S. Outline map (in Blue), the words Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club Inc. across top (in red), a small mobile auto between each emblem and the U.S. Outline (in Blue) The word Member in larger letters in blue between the two emblems. These Decals will be furnished members at a cost of 60 cents each or two for \$1.00 postpaid. Send orders to the Secretary, K0AYO Robert Dyson, 5142 Nall, Shawnee Mission Kansas 66202.

COUNTY HUNTERS SSB CONTEST - MARAC is sponsoring the 2nd Annual County Hunters SSB Contest 2200 GMT Friday April 13th to 0500 GMT Monday April 16th 1973. For full information, send SASE to WA0ZCQ, Olin Munger, 6004 N.W. 68th Terrace Kansas City Missouri 64151

MEMBERS SPEAK CONT'

WA4UNS/KL7HDF - By the time you all get the January N/L, this station will not be "The Golden Voice of the Dismal Swamp" but will be the "Golden Voice of Blacksburg U. S. A." Address to be used right now is, 301 Airport Road, Blacksburg, Va. 24060. This address is good from January 3 on until I can rent a P.O. Box. I don't know when I'll be back on the air after getting to Blacksburg. Just bought a HQ-1 Minibeam by Miniproducts and depending on the weather-man will depend how quick I get it up. (The ground gets awfully hard during the winter in the mountains.) Hopefully if all goes well. I'll be back on the air (fixed) a week after I start my classes. I'll try to check in as much as I can from the mobile but will not be able to run too much. This brings me to another point. Has anyone ever had any trouble with the Heath mobile power supply blowing the Thermal 30 Amp. breaker. I checked it for burnt crud around the terminals but they are just as clean as when I first built it. I'm thinking it might be getting too much voltage at the input. Any help that someone can give me will be appreciated. Haven't been into the net as much as I would like to be because of this transistion to school from the service. But hope to be a little more active after January. All depends on classes and my part time job. Looking for a few counties to wrap up a few states. DELEWARE, Sussex, (would like this one mobile), (Cliff FBS, Hint Hint) RHODE ISLAND, Newport. MICHIGAN, All of the Northern Penisular save four. (Marquette, Delta, Alger, and Chippewa) and then some. MARYLAND, Worchester, Garrett Carroll, Baltimore City and one more that escapes me right now. So that be about it for now. Hope to hear you all on frequency with a few good counties that I need and I hope I'll be able to hear them with this new beam. For the information of all members I've been running 180 watts PEP to a dipole up 15 feet on 20 meters and really enjoy it when I get a 5/9 from the midwest and further. Hope Santa was good to you. (Maybe he will get me those 1700 counties I need). Also QSL cards will come soon, looks like the order got lost in the mail. 73 de DOUG. (Editors note) See Article by WB5AKI on the back of the 5th page in N/L Number 29.

WB4FBS - The old axiom "Its a small world" proved itself again the other day, I only knew of one Ham anywhere near my office that might be able to sign my application for the All Counties Award. I asked him if he would verify it for me and after he said yes. I asked him if he knew of any other radio amateurs that worked near us. He told me that there was one but he didn't know if he still had his license. I went to check and he told me that he was still active. His name was John Greiner and I found out that his call was K5PKA and he calls Covington, La. his home. YEP - it turns out that the guy that gave me my last county and the one of two guys that verified my application for USA-CA 3077 know each other. John just happened to be here because he is in the Air Force. It's sure weird the way things happen. Well that is about it for this time. 73 de CLIFF (Editors Note) Thought the above would be of interest to others. It was included in Cliff's application for the Marac Last County Award with all seals & the Marac Plaque to be sent to K5JBC (Clint) for giving (Cliff) St. Helena La. to finish all 3077 USA-CA.

WA4BMC - Now have a Model 28 Teletype machine hooked up to The National Hurricane Center in Miami and get weather from all over the U. S. A. including travelers warnings. Have the same service from the Telephone Company that Radio & TV Stations have. It is turned on when I first get up and runs until 1 or 2 AM, my bedtime. The ICHN group have agreed I should read the Travelers Warnings on net, for the benefit of the mobiles, so will be doing just that, as they come in on the printer. I also have the private number of the FBI Weather Bureau and have been instructed to pick up any unusual weather spotted by our mobiles on 2 meters FM and report to FBI. If any severe weather is to occur the Model 28 bell will ring and I read it out on several repeater frequencies on 2 meter FM. This machine uses Page Print paper like it was going out of style. I ordered 2 cases (24 rolls) of paper from Van in N.J. & it cost \$27.00 but the shipping charges were \$17.90 making a total of \$44.90 (a horrible price). So if someone can get me some paper I'll pay the shipping charges. 73 de BERTHA.

MEMBERS SPEAK CONT'

SM3BCZ - Received my news-letter #31 December 11 and as usual I enjoyed it very much I guess you fellows over there in the States can't imagine the value we overseas Co. Hunters put on the news-letter, particularly this time of the year when I seem to be too far away to keep contact by the air, the news-letter makes me feel being closer to you all. The openings in the afternoons, can due to my work, only be taken care of on Sundays, and as net mostly don't open up with any mobiles before 1430Z (1530 our time) and band will be out again here two hours later, that gives me two hours of time monitoring the net. Of course I used to listen during the week-days too, but at the time I get home 1930-2000Z I can't expect to hear more than some whispers even from the strongest control stations. Strange enough, in such conditions I sometimes have best reception of mobile stations in W7 & W0 land if I just could get a fixed station in W7 and W0 land to swing the beam to Sweden, maybe I could get through. I also wish to express my thanks to "Marv", WB2SJQ who has taken care of my QSL'ing for County Hunting contacts and thanks to Marv I am now up on 1914 confirmed as of Dec 3. I don't know how it could be but Marv has informed, in the news-letter, in CQ once and he seems to still not have been reading my signal 100%, as my call in these info has been printed as SM5BCZ instead of SM3BCZ. I hope you want to take in that correction in the news-letter. When I did read "Duanes", K2PFC comments on stamps, I think he did hit the nail on the head. The only difference is that my IRC's became most 21 cents Air Mail regular stamps instead of 8 cent regular as he mentioned. It sometimes happened I got Commemorative stamps on the envelope and of course that made me twice as happy of a QSL. Thanks to WA8NDL and WB9CGH, I have got most of the commemoratives anyway, Hi. If anyone has Marac News-letter 1, 3 and 4 and could make a copy of these I would be very happy as I have been with you almost from the beginning. I would very much like to have the News-letter complete. Many thanks for the news-letter and for the help I get on the net and special thanks to Marv who I guess must have all full time paid Secretary to take care of the managers job. The Merry Xmas might come too late but a Happy New Year to all County Hunters. 73' de JOHN.

GW3NWV - Thanks for the news-letter received December 11. News of the forthcoming mobile trips is now of particular interest. I am down to 35 to go and have'nt heard a new one for more than five weeks. I am hoping time and conditions will be right to work K8ZFI on the 27th in Jackson county Ohio and also Gallia if he can divert to finish off the W8 area. WA7GOO could do me a lot of good in Idaho, but I think that is too much to hope for with conditions as they are likely to be. I'm not desperately anxious to finish them all as I hope to be around the net for many years to come, & if I do eventually manage to finish up, I want it to be my own efforts so far as is possible. I don't see any achievement in having everything laid on the line by someone else to the extent that all one has to do is to say 3/3 and sit back until the Manager sends you the confirmations. All the very best to you and yours for a very Happy Xmas, and I do hope everyone has a healthy New Year. Many thanks to the group for all the good work in keeping Marac in such good shape. The only adverse comment I have to make is, certain stations spend too much time of the "net's" time promoting themselves instead of running the Mobiles, or giving them a chance to run. P.S. By a strange coincidence I worked WB8FIH/M in Jackson County Ohio but the band went out before he reached Gallia. Sincerely de BOB.

WDX6ETT - Would like to thank Marac for letting me send the Last County Award and the Mobile Plaque to W9SDK for going out of his way to give me my 3077TH County and verification. I will still be monitoring the County Hunters Net almost every day. I will still like to monitor my mobile friends & fixed stations. Still have a few of the Marac Awards to complete. Might take one hour in the early morning hours to do more monitoring for DX stations down at the lower end of the band. I have around 200 Countries confirmed at present. Sure hope to be in Fort Wayne Indiana for ICHN-73 Convention in July. Am making plans for it now. Don't know if I will have a chance to catch a ride, have to fly or come by CRUTCH MOBILE but will get there somehow. Hi. 73' de HARRY.

MEMBERS SPEAK CONT'

G4JZ - I'm not sending Xmas cards this year so thought I'd write this instead. Thanks to everyone for their help in 1972 and thanks for the work on the Marac news-letter, which as I've said before is the only publication out of W land that isn't just history by the time it arrives over here. Magazines take four to six weeks. I always enjoy getting the N/L & hearing of folks who are just voices otherwise, especially since I stopped working February 25th. I have spent many hours mainly just listening and some days never transmitting. I have been lucky with the counties this year and never expected to get so many. Nebraska (18) is my real bogie with Texas (10), Colorado (7) and Arkansas (6) as the next worst. The remaining 26 are well scattered, but with luck in having someone in the right place with possible conditions and at the right time they will come in due course though. I expect few more until the snows thaw. I have 53 I am hoping to get confirmed. I am sure the other European stations too, much appreciate the help we get from kindly mobiles. And too by assists through relays. I am not asking folks to go places especially for me as I cannot forecast when I can copy especially in W5, W7 and WØ areas. Of course I had given up, been 8 years & QSL expense was just too much. It is only through Marv's great kindness & generosity that I am going again. IHC is basically friendly (Marac included) and it is great company. All good wishes for the Holidays and good health in 1973. Vy 73' de FRANK.

W9UZC - (EX TG9UZ) Hope to get antenna up in the spring from new address in Harrisburg, Illinois. May be mobile from New Mexico to Illinois about the middle of January. Best wishes for the Holidays. de JIM.

WA4AOM - Here is my dues for 1973. Don't want to miss the News-letter. Gave out 113 Counties from four states during 1972. Gave last County to six stations. One in So. Carolina, one in Alabama and four in Georgia. Have the Last County Award from Marac but have not applied for any endorsements yet. I am now on 20 meters and will be glad to make trips within 100 miles for anyone needing Counties in South Georgia. Just drop me a line. 73' de GUCK.

K2PFC - I have been thinking about the selection of the Net Controo & Mobile of the Year Award by MARAC. Sometime before the last card was sent out for quarterly selection I came up with an idea. Every time I work a mobile I make a note on the same line as to who was Net Control at the time. When the time comes to make a selection I do not have to depend on my old memory but only have to check back to the log pages. Using this method it does not take long to see who has been aiding the most. Happy New Year 73' de DUANE.

W7PXA - Here is a bit of news I just heard on the radio. It may be of interest to the County Hunters. There is a move under way to merge Benton and Franklin Counties in Washington State into one County. New name for this merger would be Ben Franklin County. Pasco is the present County Seat for Franklin County. It would remain so under the merger. Present County Seat for Benton County is Prosser, Washington. Another thing I would like to mention here. There is a lot of unnecessary QRM caused by County Hunters in W6 and W7 lands. Some of these guys seem to be so fascinated by the sound of their own voices that they can't shut up long enough for others out here to make County contacts. Most of the remaining Counties I need are back East and if any of these clowns foul up my chances of getting a County I need, WATCH OUT. These guys carry on QSO's on net frequency (3943) while stations in midwest & east are running Counties. Working day shift now so can only get on 20 meters on weekends. Happy New Year to all & 73' de RALEIGH

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W6CLM - Worked KLJKV Nantucket Mass. for my last one in Mass. on CW 14050 Mhz Dec. 9. He said he would be happy to schedule anyone needing his County. He is usually home for lunch between 1700Z and 1800Z. The address for KLJKV is Francis W. Pease, 21 Hussey Street Nantucket Mass 02554. The Marac Last County Award is being sent to Francis. 73' de BILL.

K7JWZ - Finally after about 8 1/2 years, I worked my last County for all 3079. This is considerably slower than a lot of the gang, but we certainly have no regrets. All through the years we have met many of the County Hunters personally at various places. This has meant as much to us as finishing all the Counties. The last county was worked with George WAØLPA on 12 November 1972 at 1744 GMT in Marshall County Iowa. As usual, there are too many different people to thank for some of the last Counties, but to mention a few, WAØLPA, WAØSBR, K8QWY, K2PFC, K9UTI, K4MNF and many others that have gone out of their way for a much needed county. A special thanks goes to Bertha, WA4BMC for the fine tape recording of me getting my last County. Also many thanks to the Net Controls, especially W9SOM and WB2SJQ that kept track of the Counties I needed and gave me a call. Undoubtedly, County Hunters are a strange breed of people. Especially the Mobiles who will go out on his own time, Miles out of the way and at any time of the day in all kinds of weather. Thank goodness there are a few people left like that in this "Old World". Let me know your needs out this way and we will try to help out. Again many thanks to everyone. 73' de DEAN.

W6CCM - Since I really got interested in County Hunting about a year ago, I have spent much time on the 20 meter ICHN. From some of the operations of fixed stations I wonder if they are really serious about what they are doing or just "shooting" blindly. It appears that many Hunters have no idea of what the geography of the U.S. looks like from some of the queries we have heard directed at the mobiles. Like, Is that the County line of Cook and Baker? When in fact it was Cook and Lake Illinois, or like, Is that Boone County New York when in fact there is no Boone County New York but there is a Broome County New York. It appears these Hunters do not possess the necessary equipment to really be serious about what we are doing. We should like to make a few suggestions here which will help all concerned. First of all you will need a Receiver. No joke, it's really funny how many guys and gals we have that never copy anything. Now to the other necessities, not necessarily in order of importance. (1) County Hunter Record Books. You will need at least two, one for your application and one for your own personal record. Available from CQ Magazine for \$1.00 each, address 14 Vanderventer Avenue Port Washington Long Island New York 11050. (2) A Post Office Directory (P. O. D.) # 26 with County Identification. Not necessary if you have a good Atlas. (3) Call Book (not necessary if you use either Mobile QSL Bureau or Mobile Clearing House). (4) U. S. Atlas, I prefer the one by Grossett which isn't too big but does have all the Counties outlined. Another good one is The Rand McNally which is a little larger and not quite as easy for me to use. I recently saw a nice Atlas put out by the Texaco Oil Company. Any Oil Company also might have and be able to help you out with State Maps. Some have the Counties outlined and some don't, so you will have to do some checking. (5) A large map of the U.S.A. with County outlines. I got one from WA3JFK, Bill Runsnor, P.O. Box 123, Glenshaw Pa. 15116. I see by the last N/L that the U. S. Government Printing Office has one for 25 cents. Mine was \$1.00 and to me was well worth it. Hi. (6) Mobile reply cards, a available from various sources. News-letter ran a complete listing a few months ago, or you can roll your own. (7) Rubber Stamp with your call, name, address, city state, county and zip code. These are available from many sources. Personal QSL Cards for your first contacts. (9) GMT Clock or at least a clock set up on GMT Time. (10) Lots of time and lots of guts and lots of ability to be able to copy through the CRUD that seems to build up on the 20 meter net. 73' de DAVE.

1973 HOOSIER NATIONAL CONVENTION
NEWS NOTES

Preliminary Announcement

WHAT: Fifth Annual National Convention of the Independent County Hunters supplemented with the annual membership meeting of The Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

WHERE: Marriott Motor Inn, Interchange of I-69/U.S. 27, IN Fort Wayne, Indiana

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, July 6-7 1973. (With Earlybirders' get-together, Thursday night, July 5)

Committee: Lou Wenisch, W9ZHD; Bill Nash, W9MNE; Irene Kennedy, WA9EZP; Larry Botkin, WA9NKN; Stan Head, W8KOI.
(And, anybody else that has ideas!)

Preliminary Details:

Accommodations; Rooms - ALL have two double beds (queen size)
Rental policies: Single rate: \$16.00
Double rate: \$18.00
(Each additional adult over 16 - \$3.00)
(Each child 16 and under, free if he or she does not require a roll-away)

Example: Four hams over sixteen occupying one room would pay \$6.00 apiece or \$24.00.

Example Amateur, XYL, Son and Daughter (no roll-away) under sixteen, \$18.00. Roll-away, \$3.00 extra.

Note: These are special rates for the convention. This is a highly prestige location with a brand new high-rise addition. We will be the first convention to use the new high-rise facilities. Normal rates are \$24.00 per night, double occupancy. The 80 new rooms in the high-rise are being reserved for our convention. 149 additional rooms available in the existing structure.

Parking at the Marriott is more than ample for cars, truck-bed campers and small trailers. Larger trailers can be accommodated at City Utilities trailer park about 1 1/2 miles from the Inn.

Special Dining: Everything from McDonalds to Win Schuler's outstanding restaurant. Schuler's is part of the Marriott Motor Inn and is recognized as one of the Midwest's outstanding gourmet restaurateurs.

Imbibing: Regular bar, special cash bar, nightclubs--you name it, we got it! Even water lillies at the golf course!

Recreation: Indoor/outdoor pool at Marriott, golf course, Inn putting green, hopefully, tennis (if the club is open in time nearby).

Nearby family attractions: Children's Petting Zoo, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Amishville, an Amish settlement of interest to all (one hour south on U.S. 27); Pokagon State Park (35 minutes north on I-69; Au Glaze Village at Defiance, Ohio (40 miles east on U.S. 24); Lincoln Museum, downtown Fort Wayne; Glenbrook Shopping Center, one mile from the Inn, one of Indiana's largest enclosed shopping malls--Sears and Ayres Department Stores, along with 40 specialty shops, including Fort Wayne electronics.

Location of Fort Wayne (if you don't already know). 159 miles east of Chicago; 157 miles west of Cleveland; 50 miles south of the Interstate 69 interchange with the Indiana Tollway (I80). Mileage quoted above is airline mileage).

Air Transportation: Direct service via United from Chicago, New York, Miami and Washington, D.C. Through service via United and Delta to Atlanta: Delta to Indianapolis and Louisville. Baer Field about 25 minutes from the Inn, south of Fort Wayne; (the Inn is north of Fort Wayne, 6 miles from downtown). Smith Field, five minutes from Marriott, available for private aircraft; 3,500 foot paved runway.

Communications: Special call being applied for to the FCC through the courtesy of the Fort Wayne Amateur Radio Club.

Prizes, door prizes, etc. are being planned for at this time and announced in subsequent releases. Equal to or surpassing Peoria, we hope.

More details to come! Any member of the committee would be glad to hear from you on the air or otherwise if you have any comments or suggestions for the good of the cause. Banquets, parties, ladie's and children's special events are being planned. This will be a vacation convention. Plan it that way for you and your family!

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