



MARAC



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MINUTES REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING

Due to the February meeting being held in California with President WA0WOB attending, the minutes of the February meeting will be carried in the March news-letter.

MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met at the QTH of K0AYO on Jan. 26, 1974. The meeting was called to order by President WA0WOB at 2015. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$463.56 in the general fund, \$194.98 in the Convention fund and \$22.00 in the Special Fund as of 1/25/74. The President discussed Convention details and the need for additional help. The President has talked to WB0GYR regarding his participation. His responsibilities would include such things as registration tables being manned, meeting rooms being ready, dining room set up and handling any difficulties with room arrangements and reservations. He will arrange for a map of the local area also. A mailing list has been completed and address-o-graph plates are being made. This totals about 800 names. Due to total cost of mailings, only two will be made. The Vice President will undertake editing a questionnaire to include in the mailing. The Treasurer (K0PFV) will handle all registrations and prepare the registration form to include in the mailings. \$150.00 has been set aside for entertainment. The Awards Chairman (W0SJE) will arrange. Responsibilities have been assigned to various members to arrange for door prizes (Transceivers, antenna, etc). The Executive Committee agreed to present a proposed change to the By-laws to the Board of Directors. This change has to do with staggering the date that dues of new members become due. A draft will be sent to the Board of Directors for consideration. Meeting adjourned at 2230. Members present were WA0WOB, WA0YJL, K0AYO, K0PFV and W0SJE.

NEW MEMBERS

WB9IMH	R-517	Anne Carnett (XYL of W9UZC) Rural Route 2 Southwest Acres, Harrisburg Ill. 62946.
WB0EFV	R-518	Gregory Kleinsasser, Rt. 2 Box 29, Freeman S.D. 57029
K6BWD	R-519	Ken Albrecht, 1130 Broadway, King City, Calif. 93930
W7ABX	R-520	Joe Tasker, 502 Penny Way, Sparks, Nev. 89431.
WB4HJN	R-521	Bob McGwier, Box 565, Grove Hill Ala. 36451.
WA0BMO	R-522	Art Nelsen, 110 Kimball Ave., Council Bluff Ia. 51501
W2IIG	R-523	Ernest H. Northup, 400 Walker St., North Babylon N.Y. 11703
WB8DDC	R-524	Bernice Jones, 335 Brevoort Rd., Columbus Ohio 43214.



The average man has five senses "Touch, Taste, Sight, Smell & Hearing. The Successful man has two more: HORSE and COMMON.



ADDRESS CHANGES

WB4YQE R-471 Miles E. Hess Jr., 1051 Lee Rd. Apt 22-C Orlando Fla
32810.
WB4YRL R-180 (WB0CYD-WB9MCQ) Lester A. Craft jr., Det. 100 TUSLOG,
APO N.Y. N.Y. 09254.
W4SWW C-51 M. A. Urquiza, P.O. Box 494, Lehigh Acres Fla. 33936.

FROM THE SECRETARY

I still have a few photos of the Ft. Wayne Convention left (including Cliff Corne and YL/XYL's. Cost is \$2.00 each postpaid. Also Window Decals are available 60¢ each or 2 for \$1.00 de K0AYO.

USA-CA ALL COUNTIES

W2GT - (#114, K9UTI 1/10/74)-(#115 W8WUT, 1/10/74)-(#116 WA6OTV, 1/14/74).

CHANGE IN NASEMOND COUNTY/CITY VA.

W2GT - Nasemond county/city is no more as of Jan 1 1974 per letter & newspaper clipping from Carter Glass III, W4JUK. Nansemond has been merged with City of Suffolk which makes Suffolk the 4th largest city (in area) in the U.S. The independent city of Suffolk should count for Isle of Wight or South Hampton County. 73 de ED HOPPER.

DATA & PHOTOS FOR WQ "STORIES"

W2GT - I'd like to get some data and a photograph for "Stories" in CQ from W1AGE, W2BLM, W2EQK, W2OST, WB2SJQ, W3FNT, WA3GLJ, W3LDD, W4BPC, K4ELK, W4GCU, W4LK, WA4LMR, WA4LSU, WA4MGC, WA4RDV, WA4ULL, K5DRF, WB5DVT, W5HDK, K5RPC, W5ULN, K5VYT, WB6EXT, W6JHV, WA6OTV, WB6RMZ, K7JWZ, K7ZJP, W8DCH, K8DCR, W8MJG, WA8NDL, K8ODY, W8WT, W9DRL, W8WUT, WA9FZR, K9HRC, WA9OFF, K9UTI, W0AYL, K0AYO, & W0SJE. Tx & 73 de ED.

SPECIAL PREFIX OPERATION

Special call KE2TAE will be operating on 14050 CW and 14300 SSB on Feb 9-10-11 from Edison Menlo Park N.J. Labs. QSL with SASE to WB2FVO Bill Inkrote, 52 Elliott Place, N.J. 08817. 73 de BILL.

MEMBERS SPEAK

WB4WBP - Thanks to all for the good wishes. I really enjoyed reading all the cards. By the time the N/L comes out I should be back to work & missing all those daytime counties on 20 Hi. I still have 1000 reply cards to sell. Printing cost was \$10.00 and I'll sell them for that. I pay the postage. 73 de JOHN.

WA9SXQ - Just finished building my vehicle to get me to KC in July. It runs on stale beer. Actually this is our second vehicle. We put prune juice in the first one and she ended up in Warner Robins, Ga. Anyone interested, we have 3 of them for sale. Also planning to get into real estate, selling county lines. I have six ready for sale. Easily accessible by car, complete with a State Police escort. Skips (WA0WOB) column on proper identification was great. With the letup on mobiles, Now is our chance to "fill in" with proper identification. Something I lost in contests (as well as losing the contests--HAHA). 73 de CARL.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

AWARDS

We receive many good ideas for awards each year, and we discuss each in our meetings. At the end of each discussion we have the same general conclusion...we hesitate...we are reluctant to proceed. The reason is always the same. We have good awards that are not attracting the attention we expected. Here are the numbers: (The numbers after the award in parenthesis are the number issued since the award was first issued.) Associate (50), M-50-M (43), Last County (648), YL (32), DX Mobile (11), Cliff Corne (Since MARAC took over-38), When it costs from \$75.00 to over \$100.00 to buy the artwork and the printing, we are reluctant to start on any new ones when only one of the existing awards is paying its way.

We would be interested to hear from the members if they have any good ideas about selling more awards. Guess "selling" awards is like selling anything else....you need to have a demand before your sales effort meets with success. Our question is HOW TO CREATE THE DEMAND.... If we are successful in developing more interest in the existing awards I'm sure the executive committee will be anxious to study all ideas for new awards. In the meantime we would appreciate any suggestions for selling the awards we have.

ANNUAL CONVENTION TIME IS COMING!!!

At our executive meeting (see minutes) we spent a great deal of time planning the convention here in KC the July Fourth weekend. Plans are progressing nicely. WE WILL HAVE THE FIRST MAILING OUT BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY...Save a few gas coupons to run some counties on the way to KC. If the gas shortage is too troublesome we will make plans to meet all rail, bus and plane schedules if we are advised in advance of your arrival.

WEST COAST MINI-CONVENTION FEBRUARY 9TH 1974

All County Hunters would be welcome to meet at the ORANGE - DISNEYLAND Area HOLIDAY INN located at 3737 W Chapman at the SANTA ANA FREEWAY. YL's/XYL's most welcome. We hope to meet in the afternoon about 2PM for just plain visiting. About 6PM we'll have a cocktail party followed by a dinner. We'll try to have the dinner finished by 8PM and hold our regular February MARAC meeting. Among the subjects on the agenda for the meeting will be the KC-74 Convention and future conventions. WA6PEA is in charge of local arrangements. A mailing is going out to area residents with details requesting you notify WA6PEA if you are planning on attending so that your name can be put on the list for dinner. If you plan on staying overnight reduced rate is in effect for members. C U THERE. de WAØWOB

MEMBERS SPEAK

XYL W6CCM - I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation for the kindness you good people bestowed upon me with the MARAC Merit award. In all honesty I must confess that the work I do in the Bureau is all fun. It has become a "hobby" for me. Since I have no dreams of ever becoming a "ham", I feel the Bureau is the next best thing. I know most of the members & feel a closeness to them since sending them their QSL cards. I think I feel even closer to them than Dave does because I'm the one that gets the little personal notes from Bureau Members & some of them have become my dearest possessions. I'd like to add a special thanks to all of you who have responded to our year end report with the extra envelopes & stamps. And while on the subject of Thank You's, a big thanks to all who send in the changes of address you get from the mobiles. Our biggest problem is still finding these people who are not good in the latest call book or supplements. Last but by no means least, Chris, Bill & Matt want me to thank Jack, WØSJE for printing their request for Campbell soup labels a few months ago. The response from our many friends was terrific. I tried to remember to enclose a little note to each of you who sent labels but just know I missed someone. So thanks to all of you! 73 de BARBARA.

W6CCM - I wish to add my thanks to all for being so nice to Barbara my XYL. The Merit Award was indeed a surprise and now I have to clear off a wall for her awards. Hi. Elsewhere in this issue you'll find the 3X3 Award Rules with listing of all Bureau Members as of 12/31/73. As with any list there are bound to be misprints & mistakes. In fact after I got the printed papers back, I discovered that I liked K1ZAT so much that I listed him twice. Well sir, the second ZAT should have been K1ZSI, okay? Now since the list was printed we have added WB5GRI, WAØBPE & VK4AK. (Incidentally VK4AK is looking for a stateside QSL manager. Any volunteers?) Have been getting questions as to the MARAC Universal QSL card which I am supposed to be printing. I do not print any cards of any kind. W9ZHD has drafted a card subject to MARAC Board approval and then I guess the bids will have to come in as to price from various printers. New call book not much help in tracking down "DUDS", So, we reluctantly will start returning those oldies but goodies we have tried in vain to deliver. Sorry, but after two or three tries it gets a little hairy. Nuff said for now. BCNU on net and at the KC-74 Convention July 4-7 1974. 73 de DAVE.

K6JVE/3 - The Jan. N/L reminders for lawful operations were timely and appropriate. We can earn the respect of other amateurs by using good procedures & combining courtesy with common sense. In two years of mobiling, I have put out something over 100 counties, including some I have never heard run, from Rhode Island to S. Carolina. Occassionally I have been frustrated in attempts to get a relay into N/C, although I could tell that a call for mobiles had just been sent, & other stations were 5/9 in the mobile. Last Nov. 24 I tried in vain for an hour as we drove from Charleston up thru Berkeley and Williamsburg counties. Finally, after getting no relay help from several strong stations working mobiles, I decided to find out whether the rig was putting anything out. One short CQ on the net frequency brought an immediate response - a request that I QSY from "a very busy frequency"! I cannot help but wonder why the requester couldn't copy me when I had asked for relay in. Perhaps he had already worked all 4-land counties. Well, fortunately, that situation doesn't occur too often. I would like to thank some other FB Operators who do assist, even when we need a relay in from the fixed (portable 3) station. Many, Many thanks to the guys & gals who serve so dedicately as N/C. We hope to get out mobile again soon, the mobile rig is presently out of commission. Also hope to make it to the KC-74 Convention July 4-7 1974 73 de LES.

MEMBERS SPEAK

WA7NEV - A few comments from this hamshack. As I recently wrote W2GT, ED, there are so many demands on my time that only my interest in Co. hunting has kept me alive. An inefficient antenna (long wire 10 feet high) doesn't help any. I have a new linear, tower & tri-band beam, ready to go when I get the time. Jack, W0SJE has been so loud in here lately that I at least can get a relay. A comment on some of the complaints I've heard on the air & in the N/L. Man is by nature a Disorganized animal & even in well run companies there is much disorganization. I think that the mobile nets are very well run considering it is all volunteer labor & there are very few rules. I only have 2 complaints (1) Noone wants to volunteer as a relay for net controls and then each one relays without being asked. (2) The mobile that says "Spread them out & I'll take a list" & then comes back to the 1st strong signal he hears. I hear some stations who seem to carry the major burden of N/C complain that they can't get anyone to take the job. I envy them! There has never been a time when I could sit down to the rig & ham. Right now I'm building a house so I leave the rig on loud & whenever I hear one I need I have to run 35' & then up a flight of stairs to get to the mike. It's well worth it. Thanks, 73 de ROD.

W4SWW - My Dear Friends. In Sept. 1973, I dismantled my shack in preparation to the sale of our house. My XYL & I moved into an apartment & we have been living like sardines in a can during the past few months. Jo, my XYL, retired the last of Nov. & now I am getting to retire after nearly 40 years service at the Tennessee Eastman Co. Many of you have seen the picture of this plant since I used that photo as my QSL most of the time. If the Lord permits, we will leave Kingsport, Sullivan Co., Tenn., on Feb. 6 & will make our home at Lehigh Acres, Lee Co., Fla. 33936. I have no words to express my thanks to all of you who have made hamming such a pleasure during the past years, & I assure you that these months when it has been impossible to hear you & exchange some words with you have had a certain emptiness that only those who are well acquainted with you can comprehend. I look forward with great anticipation to the day when I can set up my gear & check-in. I hope that I will have time, a retired person should have, to help in the Biz of our group. Maybe I can help a little like I have been helped. Have a Happy New Year and a lot of good pleasant hamming. 73/88 de UKIE.

K9DAF - Happy New Year to all, also would like to thank all the mobilers for making 1973 a good year for us. We only made it to 800 but I don't want it to end too soon. I can join the mobiles now that my wife, Karen, has been to it that a Yatsu FT101B sets under the dash with a hustler rendering fear to the tail-gaters HIHI. Please fellows don't forget about 1st time QSL cards, we need them for awards also. Karen & I will be at the KC-74 Convention Kansas City July 4-7 1974. WBP promised to see that I am drank under the table HIHI. I fear that revenge will be reaped upon us in the form of amber laxative. 73 BOB.

WDX4KEF - Thought I would take this opportunity to say thanks to all the wonderful mobilers & MARAC members who have been so kind to this SWL. Many have written me asking if they could help with any counties near their QTH. This shows the unselfishness of the wonderful guys & gals on ICHN. Many hams may wonder how a SWL QSL returns is. Mine is about 98% & most of those I don't get back are those who only run on the net one time, so maybe they don't understand SWL's QSL. I had a reply card back from one mobile recently who said he puts on his log WDX4KEF listening. Wonder if anyone has info on W6HVU CC#22, his call is not listed in the callbook so wonder if he has new call. Well again let me express a special thanks to all the ICHN gang & the best of CH in 74. 73 de CHARLES LOFTIS MARAC A33.

MEMBERS SPEAK

G4JZ - Out of Xmas cards except for one aged Aunt so am writing a few letters instead. Seasons Greetings to all and I thank each of you for your assistance both on the air and off. I am now down to 10 with only one QSL to come so count 3068 now. Much further along than had really hoped to get this year. Conditions still very bad for Europe Transportation problems are rough over here also. My garage has a 2 1/2 gallon (\$2.50) limit. They normally sell 5500 gallons a month but have only had 2200 delivered & they don't know when they will get more. Diesel fuel is also in short supply. Motor fuel ration books are issued but not yet in effect. I'm sure they will be before long if cuts continue. So, its get what you can where you can. I'm very lucky that I had to turn down the idea of heating by oil on grounds of cost and still have my solid fuel stove and enough in stock for this winter. Decided to put the cash in my tower and beam plus other equipment. Even if we get blackouts I have the FT101 to go on a 12V accumulator which would keep me on the air QRP for an hour or two. Candles are at the ready! With heating to not exceed 63 degrees, lighting to be cut 10%, food prices up & other economy problems we are in as bad shape if not worse than others. Without WA6MAR & W9ZHD, I think the net could fade out. Conditions are poor so mobiles don't get many calls. I'm luck here as I have been told the band goes out in SM land around 1400 GMT. Again thanks for all the help. 73 de FRANK. (Editors note-Frank wrote 15 pages of info but only the highlights have been printed)

WA6OTV - I now have all 3077 counties confirmed with the last one from Ron, K7LTV, Fallon county Montana. I want to express my appreciation to all those mobiles and net controls who made it possible to work all the counties. You meet a lot of nice people county hunting. I think it is working with same operators over & over again which makes county hunting interesting. Again thanks to all. 73 de WILBUR.

WA6MAR - The fuel shortage, with resultant increased gasoline prices, is sure hurting the ICHN. This factor, along with severe winter condx., has reduced mobile checkins by more than half. I am sure mobile checkins will decrease further as the fuel shortage severity increases. We must increase activity on the net in order to maintain interest in the USA-CA Award Program and to hold our net frequency. In order to accomplish an increase in activity on the net, may I suggest all USA-CA Award holders check into the net whenever possible. Starting 1/10/74 this station, when acting as net control, will QRZ mobiles, USA-CA Award Holders and then calls & etc., in that order. My second suggestion is: All fixed stations check into the net with their name and county. If N/C has time on his hands he can then have specific stations run their counties without wasting time looking for counties or asking the fixed stations what their counties are. 73 de KARL.

VE4EL - Don't write to the news-letter very often. Was thinking back to the days when I started county hunting and was wondering why a good practice has been dropped both by net controls and by the mobiles. This was giving 1st call to DX stations & other mobiles. Only when these were cleared up, were general calls taken. (Canadians not considered as DX). I feel sure that with relays accepted only at the end both DX and mobiles miss out on needed counties, conditions being tough for these stations on occasions. An excellent idea is the special column in the N/L for last and 2nd last counties in a state. I expect to run some South Dakota counties in the near future to help out a few on the new members. Hope all had a nice XMAS & Happy New Year. 73 de ED.

MEMBERS SPEAK

K9UTI - Just a word to thank everyone for the help-making it possible for me to get 3079. Seems like a long time - but not so long when you take out the time I was off the air. My special thanks to Bill W7GHT for the last one and WB4TNY for Desoto La., the next to last one, also to anyone who drove miles & miles just to give out a needed county. I really appreciate all the help and I know those I've given out were as much appreciated. A ham, new or old, will have to spend a long time trying to find a group of people so dedicated to helping one another. It's been a privilege for me to be associated with you all. I only hope I've been of some help along the way. To those of you, when you get down to the last few counties don't worry-some guy will help you. It seems they always do and that is what its all about. Again, thank you all for the help in getting Cliff Corne #114. 73 de EARL.

K2UPD/W1AYK - Am sending along an SASE for which would appreciate you sending me information package on the MARAC. Thanks. Would also appreciate any information on calls of any mobiles who might possible be interested in putting out some of the rarer Vermont counties such as Essex, Orleans, Caledonia, Franklin, Grand Isle & Bennington during our forthcoming Vermont QSO Party. If MARAC has a N/L would sure appreciate a plug for our Party. Interest in the Party has traditionally been high but it's been a struggle getting these inactive counties on the air--especially on 20-10, both CW & SSB. Thanks for any help and hope to see you all on the air soon. 73 de PETE. (ED NOTE - Party info listed elsewhere in this N/L and lets get any info on mobiles who would like to help Pete out this year. Contact Peter Kragh 170 Summit, Ramsey N.J. 07446.)

W9ZHD - The Zany High Diver has returned to the salt mine and am getting back into the swing of regular living again. First, I am trying to keep the MARAC list up to date monthly, using the news-letter as the update and will be glad to send it for an SASE. Next, be sure to get somebody to call me when W0SJE & WA0WOB get to Hawaii County Hawaii. My telephone number 317-452-5665 collect. I have made reservation for a suite at the Ramada Inn North, in Dayton Ohio for the Dayton Ham-vention April 27th. This will be the common meeting place for all the ICHN and MARAC members that will be attending the Hamvention. It will be a lot better than meeting in the aisles, as the impromptu get-together ended up last year!! It will be financed on a "what you think is right" basis and Bill W9MNE & Larry WA9NKN are going to help sponsor it too. (Thats the crew from Ft. Wayne Convention you know) Hope Skip & Jack with the XYL's have a FB trip to W6 land on the way to KH6 land & be sure to look for all us snowbound mid-westerners. HI HI. 73's for now & CUL. de LOU, Zany High Diver with Zipper Half Down.

W1DIT - Congratulations on another nice news-letter, always we enjoy the contents. I just wish I were coming along on that trip with Jack & Skip to Hawaii away from Conn. ice storms and "no gasoline". On Jan. 24, 74 occurs my 44th year in ham radio. The day I got the license in the mailbox up in northern Wisconsin, the temperature was minus thirty two. I had a pair of frozen ears that looked like the proverbial grem-lin, but I forgot that when I saw W9DIT call letters. Hope everyone had a very nice New Year & continued success during the year of 74. CLETE.

HARC NEWS JAN 74 carried the following -

A diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to Hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

MEMBERS SPEAK

K4EPF/Ø - After listening to a prime example of what should or should not be considered a valid contact this morning on the 20 meter net I thought I would get up on my soap box. The fixed station made nine attempts at receiving his signal report and after going thru seven different combinations ranging from 5/8 to 2/2 finally received the report. It would seem reasonable to define a valid contact as one in which some intelligence was passed between both stations. For county hunting purposes this is done by giving signal reports. In instances such as the example I have given it seems rather than passing information which established contact, about the only relation established between the two stations was little more than both happened to have their rigs turned on and their VFO's tuned to the same frequency at the same time. The reception of his signal report became a process of elimination for the fixed station. A rule presently exists which prohibits the relay of any part of the signal reports exchanged. I would like to suggest the next ICHN Convention consider a more restrictive definition of what constitutes a valid exchange of signal reports to confirm a QSO. My own opinion is that only two different attempts, such as beginning and end of a mobile run or between splatter, and three signal report combinations maximum should be permitted. Signals do go up & down & get covered with QRM & a second attempt at the end of the run would take this into consideration. These condx exist when working DX, for the 5BWAS or just ragchew type QSO's & stations still make contact another day when propagation is better or interference is reduced. Our mobile net operation greatly increases the ease with which counties can be worked. Establishing a better defined procedure for exchanging signal reports would eliminate the "guessing game contacts" & maintain the quality of the USA-CA. 73 de PAUL.

W7PXA - Now down to 19 & hope to get them during 74. The Wx here 2 1/2 weeks after Xmas was miserable. It was as low as 12 below a couple of times & temps remained near or below 0 the rest of the time. Then we had a complete change. Temps came up & we had lots of rain. As a result there are floods in many parts of the NW. The Spokane River is very high & expected to get higher. No flood dangers at this QTH but it sure is muddy. Hope my trailer doesn't slide downhill to the road. If it does I hope I'm not in it at the time. Some low lying areas in East Spokane have water in streets & river has not crested yet. The site of Expo 74 is threatened by rising waters. A low area in west part of city called Peaceful Valley has been partially evacuated. The Spokane Falls near Monroe St. Bridge are quite a thing to see during this high water. Lots of people have been to see the falls & take pictures. At night the falls are light colored by spotlights. It is quite an impressive view. About it for now. 73 de RALEIGH.

W4JUI - It occurred to me that a series of rough sketches entitled, "The Dedication of a County Hunter" I,II,III, etc., maybe could be used in the MARAC N/L. The first of the series is carried in this N/L. Will be glad to do one from time to time as my contribution to a swell group of hams! Since I don't run high power & don't go mobile, it could be my contribution to those who have done so much for all of us County Hunters as mobiles or net controls. So, What say? 73' de CHARLIE.

WAØUPL/8 - A choice of two mobile reply cards are available from AVIGRAPHICS, Rt. 2, Manhattan, Ill. 60442. Samples for an SASE. Also, I am trying to come up with a mobile log form, suitable for use by both right handers & left handers (like myself). WA7GOO has a good idea for it, but wasn't suitable for a southpaw. Plan to get it printed & bound with a stiff backing. Any suggestions are welcome. 73 de GORDY.

MEMBERS SPEAK

K5KDG - Not much to report on the ICHN for the convention yet. I have written to WB2SJQ, W9SOM, W9ZHD & WB4FBS asking them to be on the Committee to gather information and subjects to bring up at the meetings. Haven't heard from them yet, but assume they will help out. Any one having any ideas or suggestions to improve the net can drop a line to any of the above people, plus myself and we will put it into the meetings. 73 de STEVE.

HAMS

Way back eons of years ago
When God created the world we know,
He planted a something in the air,
A something no one knew was there,
Until in Natures wilderness,
Man found and harnessed wireless.

And that's what Wireless Hams are for,
To cut and try and to explore
The hidden paths of Nature's store-
Cutting, trying, searching o'er,
Theories old, or theories new,
Ever building - never through.

Hams may be doctors or engineers,
Lawyers or merchants, yet pioneers,
Working in so-called Wireless shacks,
With breadboard sets, or costly racks,
With no glory given - no flags raised,
And seldom are they ever praised.

And as with microphones or key,
Their signals fly o'er land and sea,
They thrill to mastery of power,
That lets them fly from tower to tower,
Exploring this or that country,
With voice and personality.

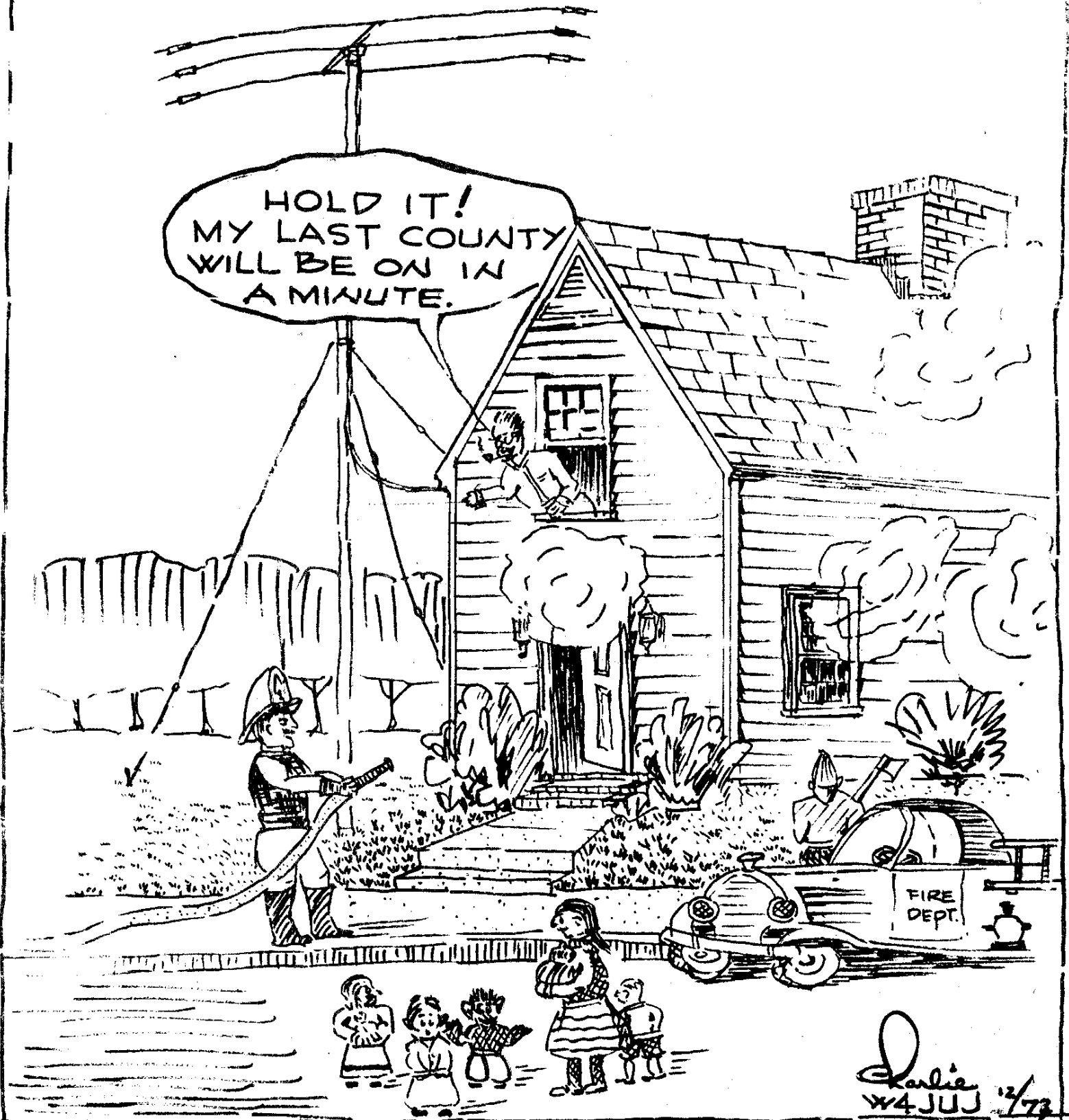
Hams have something worth a lot,
An inner something that can't be bought,
It's memory of effort and work well done
Of much accomplishment, and fun,
And things that matter, things that last,
Are happy milestones of the past.

So let us thank the Lord that we,
Have been a part, and lived to see,
Wireless--radio--TV--grow,
Until it spans the world, and so,
Let's shape it's use, to God's great plan,
Of "Peace on earth, good will to man."

By Charlie B. Cooper, QST, November, 1953
DE - Gordy, WAØUPL/8

THE DEDICATION OF A COUNTY HUNTER, I.

HOLD IT!
MY LAST COUNTY
WILL BE ON IN
A MINUTE.



Charlie
W4JUJ 12/73

CENTRAL VERMONT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

All amateurs are cordially invited to participate in the 1974 Vermont QSO Party sponsored by the Central Vermont Amateur Radio Club.

DATES/TIMES: The 28-hour period from Saturday, February 23, 2100 GMT (4 PM EST) to Monday, February 25, 0100 GMT (8 PM Sunday February 24 EST)

SCORING: Out-of-State: 3 points per Vermont station worked: multiply this total by the number of Vermont counties worked on each band.

VERMONT STATIONS:

1 point per contact and multiply by the number of ARRL Sections and countries worked.

NOTE: QSO credit with the same station on different bands will be given. Also, the same station may be worked on different modes for QSO credit. VERMONT MOBILE STATIONS MAY BE WORKED CONSIDERING EACH NEW COUNTY THEY ENTER AS A NEW STATION.

AWARDS: 1.) A certificate will be awarded to the highest scoring station in each ARRL Section & foreign country submitting log.
2.) To the highest scoring station outside of Vermont, a trophy will be awarded.
3.) To the highest scoring single operator station in Vermont, a trophy will be awarded.
4.) To the 2nd, 3rd and 4th highest scoring stations in Vermont, a special certificate will be awarded.
5.) The W-VT (Worked Vermont) Award will be issued to stations working 13 out of Vermont's 14 counties, provided the station has not previously been issued this award.
6.) A special certificate will be awarded Vermont multi-operator stations.

FREQUENCIES: Suggested frequencies near which to congregate:

3685	7060	14060	21060	28100	50260
3932	7265	14290	21375	28600	50360
3909	7290	14325	also,	144-144.5,	145.8

EXCHANGE: Vermont stations send number of QSO, RS(T) and County, Others send QSO number, RS(T) and ARRL Section.

LOGS: Send logs or facsimiles together with a self-addressed-stamped-envelope, no later than MARCH 31, to

PETER KRAGH, W1AYK (K2UPD)
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Everyone is urged and invited to join in the fun. The 1974 Trophy Winner could be you! Even if not, an hour or two of trying to dig out that elusive, rare "DE VT" might just be fun. Hope you can make it!