



# MARAC

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB

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## MINUTES OF THE MARAC DECEMBER MEETING

The meeting was held on December 5th, 1987 at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, Mn. President Don, WAOLKL, called it to order at 9:10 AM. He was early this month. Also in attendance were WONNH, WBOKIN, W9LHG, WOKMH, WBOTVL, WAORJJ, WBOUPU, NOAKC, AND Luke, KDXOX, grandson of WBOTVL.

There was unanimous appreciation expressed to Bob, KOAYO, for the very attractive format of the December Roadrunner.

The Minutes of the MARAC meeting conducted at the SE (Manchester) Mini on Nov. 7, 1987, were presented for approval. Jim, WBOTVL, requested that an addition be made to indicate that the Minutes were provided by Pauline, N9CLZ. With the addition noted, W9LHG made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by WBOKIN, passed.

The Minutes of the November MARAC meeting conducted in St. Paul were presented for approval. Jim, WBOTVL, reported the following correction received from Bill, WOOWY. The November Minutes incorrectly reported that the Awards Chairman would be asking MARAC Directors to become a permanent part of the Awards Committee. The Minutes will be corrected to indicate that there was discussion about making MARAC Directors a permanent part of the Awards Committee, but it would not be done. With the stated correction made, WONNH made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by W9LHG, passed.

John, W9LHG, presented the Treasurer's report. With no special items to report, other than the Secretary still owes him a muffin, WBOKIN made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by WONNH, passed.

The Awards Chairman reported via the Secretary some of his work in updating the Awards Program. He further asked for discussion and a vote of confidence for spending \$1000 or less in specific award design and certificate printing costs. After discussion, WONNH made a motion to give the Awards Chairman the requested vote of confidence for the Award Program expense, seconded by WAORJJ, passed.

The Secretary indicted that at the end of November MARAC active membership was up 11 from the previous month.

The next MARAC meetings in the Headquarters area will be on Jan 9 and Feb 13, 1988 at 9 AM, also at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN.

Jerry, WONNH made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Charlie, NOAKC, passed.

Respectfully, Vern Olson, WAORJJ, Secty.

## MARAC INFO PACKET

Get the word out to potential new members and interested County Hunters that a MARAC information packet is available. The Information Packet included an overview of MARAC, a description of the Awards Program and the Operating Guidelines. Send the request with a business-size envelope with 39 cents postage to: MARAC, BOX 64, NEWPORT MN 55055

## ADDRESS CHANGES



## NEW CALLS AND CORRECTIONS!

R1258 W5VGF 710 Begonia St Escondido, Ca.  
92027 (San Diego)  
R1632 WAS HH2WL NOW KF6CN 258 Rock-  
land St Hingham Ma. 02043 (Plymouth)  
R1681 NIETC 14 Morehouse Pl New  
Providence NJ 07974-2426 (Union)  
R1688 KD5YR 6124 River Oaks Rd Edmond  
Ok 73013 (Oklahoma)  
R1715 W3FG 1059 Omar Dr Crownsville Md  
21032 (Anne Arundel)  
R287 K4RQX Rt 3 Box 284Q Big Pine Key Fl  
33043 (Monroe)  
R796 WA1UVX 133 High St Stratham NH  
03885-2251 (Rockingham)  
R1125 NC4F 121 Newberry St SW Aiken SC  
29801 (Aiken)  
R1129 N7JB P O Box 177 Kalama WA  
98625-0177 (Cowlitz)  
R1007 WAS WA4GWD NOW KF5EH  
R1887 W6PXE 7000 Greenleaf Dr Flower  
Mound Tx 75028  
R1930 W4GES 2108 N Orange Av Orlando Fl  
32804  
R1099 K6XZ new zipcode 95409-4303



## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

R2051 KA5DJH Burton Schuler 2401 W 15th  
St Panama City Fl 32401-1567 (Bay)  
R2052 KDOSA Tom Peischl 133 Ichabod Lane  
Mankato Mn 56001 (Blue Earth)  
R2053 K8IXU Louis Hubert 110 N Lauderdale  
Dr Kalamazoo Mi 49007 (Kalamazoo)

R2054 KA9HAD A H "Al" Hamell 1125 N  
Springfield Rd Taylorville Il 62568  
(Christian)  
R2055 KR8W D M "Don" Pyne P O Box 454  
Kalamazoo Mi 49005 (Kalamazoo)  
R2056 KF5U H George Bates 11246 Dewey  
Lawrence Circle Biloxi Ms 39532-9318 (Har-  
rison)  
R2057 N9CAR Jim Vandiver P O Box 444  
404 S Main St Summitville In 46070 (Mad-  
son)  
R2058 NQ9E Dennis Maxey 2932 Cassell Dr  
Anderson In 46012 (Madison)  
R2059 AG2K Bob Imhof 7314 Isle Dr Port  
Richey Fl 34668 (Pasco)  
R2060 KF5JG Scott Migaldi 10 Fallstone Dr  
Streamwood Il 60107 (Cook)



## FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking account as of Oct 1, 1987	\$ 711.14
Income	1,773.50
Expenses	1,210.07
Checking account as of Nov 1, 1987	\$1,274.57
Savings account as of Oct 1, 1987	\$2,799.22
Initial capital, National Convention Fund (transfer out)	- 1,000.00
Transfer from checking acct	500.00
Savings account as of Nov 1, 1987	\$2,299.22

## LATEST USACA AWARD HOLDERS ANNOUNCED

Following is the latest listing of the USACA  
new members. Congratulations to each of  
them !!

#554 W1TEE 11-27-87; #555 N4FSZ 12-1-87;  
#556 KOGSV 12-5-87; #557 W4LHP 12-7-87.

# CW



BY NFOX, HARRY.

Not much activity on the CW Net by press time. A few lonely souls making inquiry but rarely any answers. Should pickup as the holiday travelers hit the road. A very special "ATTABOY" to Gene, WITEE/m for running all 82 in MISSISSIPPI! "ATTABOYS" too to WA3QNT/m for finishing up Gene, WITEE for USA-CA and his prompt return of MRC cards. To Bill, W7GHT/m for his big swing through Idaho and eastern Washington. Hints of things to come: Gene, WITEE/m will be off and running in GA, FL, LA, in Jan/Feb and maybe VT, CT, NH, and RI soon and perhaps Dukes and Nantucket in MA. Gene has now completed 23 states and 1524 counties. Lou, KAIHB made the long journey to snow-bird country in south Texas for the winter and if his pattern follows last year, watch for excursions into south Texas counties off and on before his trip to CA in April. Watch for W7GHT/m roaming south Idaho "in the spring".

## TEN COMMANDMENTS OF A GOOD CW N/C

1. Listen diligently lest thy miss a mobile's call and be banned forever from that mobile's list of recognized calls.
2. Cover not thy neighbors signal with thy needless chitchat and excessive RF.
3. If thy neighbors camel trots, rein in thy race horse so that thee might be invited to sup with him.
4. Seek the help of a good signal in a land distant from thy own lest the fury of the flock descent on thy head and shoulders.
5. Maintain thy frequency with a steady hand so as not to cause thy flock to stray.
6. Speak kindly to strangers. Offer them thy wisdom and help for they are lost and confused, not knowing where to spend their RF.
7. Keep thy equipment maintained and well grounded so as to not cause sparks from thy ears and the possibility of no longer being of service to thy woman.
8. Treat thy rolling stock with great reverence lest they forget to return thy MRC cards promptly.
9. Keep thy flock informed by frequent QNC lest they be interrupting you at most

inopportune times.

10. Do unto others as thy would hope from them.

Hope all had safe and happy holidays.



## ARE YOUR DUES ABOUT TO EXPIRE??

The Secretary wants to remind each of you to check the mailing label on this issue of the Roadrunner to insure yourself that your dues are not about to expire. If the first line of the label has 8801 or 8802 in it, this is your last or next to last issue. Dues are \$11/year, 1st class mail; \$8/year, 3rd class mail in the US only and \$20/year Air Mail to all continents other than North America.

Please make your check or money order payable to MARAC and mail to the Secretary, Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, 4024 NW 3rd St., rochester, MN 55901. Turn his grin into a big, broad smile by renewing for more than one year. As usual, an SASE or 1st class stamp is appreciated.



## COLLECTORS CORNER

K4ZT, Norman Heckman, has two Pennsylvania callsign license plates, both W3YQ, his previous call, he would be happy to donate to any two interested parties on a first-come basis. One plate is in fine condition, undated with the PA state outline, issued 1970. The other is slightly damaged, the Bi-centennial plate issued 1972. If you are interested, better contact Norm in a hurry. His address is 3880 Valley Lane, Titusville, FL 32780.



# TEXAS MINI



MARCH 11-12, 1988

WHERE? RAMADA INN, I-35 AND TEASLEY ROAD EXIT, DENTON TX

TELEPHONE 817-387-0591

ONE OF THE PRIZES WILL BE AN AFGAN BLANKET!!

DO YOU WANT ME TO MAKE RESERVATIONS? YES----- NO-----

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS THROUGH THE RAMADA INN IN DENTON OR THE RESERVATION CENTER 1-800-2-RAMADA

ROOMS ARE \$33.80 (TAX INCLUDED) PER ROOM, SINGLE OR DOUBLE

REGISTRATION FEE - OM AND YL \$12 ONE PERSON \$10

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES PRIZES PLUS COFFEE AND DONUTS IN THE MORNING.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER (BUFFET) WILL BE \$15 AND WILL INCLUDE A CHOICE OF 3 MEATS, 3 VEGETABLES, SALAD AND POTATOE.

NAME- OM \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_  
YL \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

SEND RESERVATIONS TO CHUCK DOBBINS (KA5PVB)  
1902 MISSION CREEK CIRCLE HOUSTON TX 77084  
PHONE 713-579-7932

## NEWS FROM THE AWARDS CUSTODIAN

The awards processing is coming along quite well. As this is being written I am about 21 days behind in processing all awards and hopefully by the time you read it, I will be totally current (as current as the custodian can ever get).

Some of the major awards recently processed are listed below so you can share your congratulations with the recipients.

The following awards have been issued:

- 10/8/87 Plaque to KB5FU for 1st Place Mobile in CW Contest.
- 10/8/87 Plaque to NU40 for 1st Place Portable in CW Contest.
- 10/8/87 Plaque to AI9X for 1st Place Fixed in CW Contest.
- 10/8/87 Plaque to N6QA for Organizing 1987 CW Contest.
- 10/9/87 Union County Award w/R,B,G Seals to N4FSZ.
- 10/9/87 Mobile Award Cat. 2, #625 w/R Seal to N4FSZ for working NØCKN in 25 States.
- 10/9/87 Mobile Award Cat. 4, #626 to N4FSZ for working NØCKN in 100 Counties.
- 10/13/87 Mobile Award Cat. 2, #627 w/R Seal to W3EYF for working WA4KER in 25 States.
- 10/13/87 Mobile Award Cat. 2, #628 w/R Seal to WA4KER for giving W3EYF contacts in 25 States.
- 10/13/87 Mobile Award Cat. 2, #629 w/R Seal to W3EYF for working W3XE in 25 States.
- 10/13/87 Mobile Award Cat. 2, #630 w/R Seal to W3XE for giving W3EYF contacts in 25 States.
- 7/26/87 Last County Cat. 2 Award and Plaque for All Counties to W1TEE from N9DR.
- 10/21/87 Last County Cat. 3 SPECIAL PLAQUE with plates for Transmitting 450 - 675 Last Counties to KB7QO.
- 10/17/87 The USA Counties Award #4 and Plaque to KB5FU.
- 10/30/87 Mobile Award Cat. 2, #631 and Plaque to VE3RN for working KB7QO in 48 States.
- 10/30/87 Mobile Award Cat. 2, #632 and Plaque to KB7QO for giving VE3RN Contacts from 48 States.

Thats all for this time. Have a good month de Bill, WØOWY

# AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW AWARDS THROUGH 12/12/87

The Awards Custodian is happy to announce the award recipients as listed below.

- 11/7 Last County, Cat. 2 Award/Plaque for all Counties to VE3BFJ from W2PDM.
- 11/7 Last County, Cat. 2 Award/Plaque for all Counties to KB7QO from K6HZI.
- 11/7 Last County, Cat. 2 Award/Plaque for all Counties to KC4IF from N4FSZ.
- 11/16 Last County, Cat. 3 Award/Plaque to VE3BFJ - Transmitted 75 Last Countys
- 11/18 Last County, Cat. 2 Award/Plaque for all Counties to KØIFL from KØGSV.
- 11/18 Cliff Corne #353 Silver Star/Ribbons to WA3QNT for over 300 USACA holder
- 11/18 Mobile Award, Cat. 3 Red Star/Ribbons to WA3QNT for 250 Counties.
- 11/20 Second Time # 58 to W5VPV.
- 11/28 Second Time # 59 to K6HZI.
- 11/28 Cliff Corne #332 Endorsed with 500 holders for WDX4KEF.
- 12/3 Jack Scroggins #35 Award to N9DEH.
- 12/3 Last County, Cat. 2 Award/Plaque for all Counties to KC5CV from WØFF.
- 12/3 Last County, Cat. 3 Award/Plaque to N9DEH - Transmitted 50 Last Countys.
- 12/3 Last County, Cat. 3 Award/Plaque to WA6CQW - Transmitted 25 Last Countys
- 12/5 Last County, Cat. 3 Award/Plaque to WØFF - Transmitted 25 Last Countys.
- 12/5 USA Counties Award # 5 to WØFF.
- 12/9 USA Counties Award # 6 to N4FSZ.
- 12/10 Last County, Cat. 3 Award/Plaque to KB5FU - Transmitted 125 Last Countys
- 12/10 Last County, Cat. 3 Award/Plaque to N4EED - Transmitted 25 Last Countys.
- 12/10 USA Counties Award # 7 to N4EED.
- 12/12 Associate Award # 154 to WDX3IAA.
- 12/12 MARAC DX Mobile Certificate # 45 and Plaque # 14 to K2HVN for 100 DX Countries - Mobile CW.

Again, my personal congratulations to all the award winners. Best of luck in your continuing endeavors.

73 de Bill, WØOWY  
MARAC Awards Custodian

WAITING FOR COUNTIES  
GETTING BORING?

GETTING  
you  
NOWHERE?



TRY "NET CONTROL"!!  
IT AIN'T SO HARD!!

# WAS THIS YOU???

## OR IS THIS YOU!

Since taking responsibility for the Custodianship of MARAC Awards, I have seen a number of things that need to be clarified regarding the awards. For the most part, all the items listed below happened with regular club members.

My thanks to Dave, W6CCM for coining the phrase "Was this You?" as it is very appropriate for these comments. You should ask yourself, "Did I do that?". Please remember that with everyone helping and doing their part accurately, the awards program will flow much more smoothly.

When you ordered the Last County Award, Cat. 2, you didn't use an application and didn't provide the information needed. I couldn't send the certificate.

Was this you?

When you used a non standard application form for Last County, did you think about the fact that it would have to be recopied so it will fit in the file?

Was this you?

When you sent cash instead of a check, did you think that I would have to write a personal check for that because the MARAC account is in Minnesota & I don't want to send \$\$ thru the mail.

Was this you?

When you held all your applications for a year at a time, did you think that the recipient needed that Last County Award in order to obtain the Category Three award. Or think that the recipient moved and left no forwarding so I have no way of getting his award to him. Or think that he may have become a Silent Key and no one can get an award to him.

Was this you?

When you asked for an endorsement that is not offered, what did you expect to happen. Did you bother to check the award guidelines?

Was this you?

And when you checked the guidelines, did you bother to check the current guidelines or just pick up one of the old ones cause it was handy. Thereby asking for something that is no longer available or has changed.

Was this you?

When you requested the new Cliff Corne certificate, did you check to see if it had been reprinted yet? (It hasn't!)

Was this you?

When you moved, did you notify MARAC of your change of address. If I don't have the current address, it's hard to send awards to you.

Was this you?

Did you put the full address of the recipient on the Last County Award Application? If he is a current member, I have his address. If not, where do I send his award? Should I send it to you if you didn't provide the address?

Was this you?

When you requested a specific date, did you realize that you may hold up other award applications until I can process yours? Is this fair?

Was this you?

When you didn't bother to fill out the Right Hand end (the Stub) part of the application form, did you stop to think that the recipient will not know what contact the award is for?

Was this you?

When you sent \$1.00 for the certificate, I would like to know where have you been. The basic award fee is \$1.25 and has been that for years.

Was this you?

When you sent in multiple Last County Award applications copied on 8 1/2 X 11" paper without cutting the forms apart, did you stop to think that I would have to take the time to do that?

Was this you?

When you listed the Last County on the Application form as a County Line, what did you really want. The award is for 'A' Last County, not a line.

Was this you?

When you sent cash through the mail, did you stop to think that you may have just contributed to the retirement fund?

Was this you?

I think the key message in all of this is that if we all do our part and try to follow the guidelines and policies, all awards will be processed in a much more timely and proficient manner. Use a standard form. Fill it out complete. Do NOT send money. Do NOT hold your applications. Check the fee list in the guidelines. Pick one or the other of the County Line Counties as the Last Coun Keep reading the Road Runner for the latest info on Awards. As of January 1 all applications received that are incomplete or do not meet the guidelines will be processed last. Applications received with cash will be returned. Thanks to the majority who do it correctly and thusly help us all out.

*Bill, w dowy*

**Museums and Landmarks**—Fill the city with a sense of pride and purpose. Ask our citizens to name their favorite sites and their answers will be as varied as the population. The young and not-so-young may say the Children's Museum, the largest in the country, where tomorrow's technology shares space with yesterday's carousel, and a full-sized replica of an Indiana limestone cavern begs to be explored. Art lovers

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will exclaim over the Indianapolis Museum of Art, with the landscaped setting nearly as beautiful as the masterworks collected inside. History buffs will say Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement, where every year is 1836, is their favorite site. From ice cream sodas in an historic pharmacy to the homes of Presidents and poets, we'll point you toward the monument or museum that's right for your special interests.



## MORE ADDRESS CHANGES

R 756 W2PDM Rt 1 Box 742-G Taylorsville NC 28681

R750 KF5JC Rt 3 Box 212B Franklinton La 70438

R1374 W5PWG 9330 Ruth Rd Rosharon Tx 77583

R1878 KA5PVB 1902 Mission Creek Circle Houston Tx 77084

R2025 WAS W9JBR NOW NV9S

R595 KL7MF 7336 Pearson St La Mesa Ca 92041

R1906 N5AWE Rt 4 Box 4786 Donna Tx 78537-9802

R1679 K4QFK P O Box 41204 Fayetteville NC 28309-1204 (Hoke)

R1782 W7ZZW 475-A W. Lacey Av Hayden Lake Id 83835

R2023 WB8WXE 114 Superior South Haven Mi 49090

R1647 N9AUV 915 W 26th St Marion In 46953

## YOUR ADDRESS LABEL

Your address label contains all those "funny" numbers and letters that all of these computers use and of which no two are alike. For the "Roadrunner" I use the following code:

"C 10 KOAYO 8804 T" which breaks down as C 10, MARAC #; KOAYO, call; 8804, expiration date, YR(88)MO(04); T mailing code (A=air mail, F=first class, T=3rd class,

V=Canada, O=officer). The expiration date is the last day of the month shown. Please bear this in mind and also remember that it takes almost 1 month from the time you send your renewal to the Secretary until I get the information to update the mailing list. When I receive the update listing from Vern, WAORJJ, I try to catch anyone who renewed but was late and missed last months "Roadrunner". As long as I have copies available I forward one, but I often run out, so don't depend on this; **GET YOUR RENEWAL IN EARLY!!**

## SILENT KEYS

It is with sadness that we report the death of the following members.

KA5FDR, R1669 Bob Payne  
AIIQ, R1370 Dick Torrey USACA # 457  
GW3CDH, R1115 Ellis Evans (See Members Speak)

## COUNTIES NEEDED TO COMPLETE USACA

WOMHK, Bill 203-666-8109 COLLECT

GA Columbia Decatur ID Lemhi KS  
Barton Osage Pawnee Wichita KY  
Fleming Jackson NB Saunders NC Gates  
TN Hardeman Scott VA Alleghany Bath  
Charles City Russell

## COUNTIES NEEDED TO COMPLETE STATES

N9DR Dick 217-428-1898  
AK 1st 2nd AZ Cochise Graham Greenlee



# LAST COUNTY AWARD APPLICATION

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_ BAND \_\_\_\_\_

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_  
CALL (Station Receiving County) Name

TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
CALL (Station Giving Out County) Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD # \_\_\_\_\_ SEAL \_\_\_\_\_

FILL IN COMPLETELY, EXCEPT FOR AWARD #, SEAL AND CUSTODIAN SIGNATURE.

## LAST COUNTY AWARD

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Band \_\_\_\_\_

FROM CALL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TO CALL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Award # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Custodian

Santa Cruz FL Gilchrist Gulf Putnam  
Taylor Wakulla Washington HI Maui  
ME Oxford Sagadahoc NV Lincoln White  
Pine NH Cheshire Sullivan NJ Cape May  
Cumberland

KC7JC Doug

GA Barrow Tooms KY Bell Caldwell  
Crittenden Livingston NC Hyde Martin  
ND Nelson SD Sully TN Blount

WA6CQW George 619-443-4392

CO Huerfano ID Gem Teton KS Bourbon  
Cherokee Comanche Stanton ME  
Androscoggin Waldo NB Burt Know  
Saunders Thurston NY Chemung OK  
Ellis Harper OR Wallowa PA Huntingdon  
Mifflin SD Dewey Stanley TN Lake  
Rhea

W2FXA Gene 716-655-4162

CA Glenn Lassen ID Caribou LA  
Avoyelles MA Nantucket NV Lander  
Mineral NM Catron NY Essex OR  
Wallowa UT Kane Morgan VT Addison

KF5HY Ed

HI Hawaii Kalawao Maui IL Edgar  
Jasper Monroe ID Clearwater Gem  
Lewis Shoshone MA Nantucket MI  
Gogebic MT Broadwater Carbon Prairie  
Wibaux NJ Middlesex NY Chemung  
Chenango OH Geauga TN Trousdale VA  
Brunswick Lunenburg Rappahannock

WI Florence Vilas

## MEMBERS SPEAK

(The following letter was sent to Vern, WAORJJ and is being included for everyone to read. Editor)

Dear Mr. Olsen,

I have very sad news to report, my dear Ellis, GW3CDH, died on October 16. His amateur radio activities meant so much to him. He had been a radio ham for over forty years. He was so enthusiastic over County Hunting and was especially fond of anything to do with America and thought his American friends were great. We came over to two conventions in 1980 and 1984 and loved every moment, we were met with great kindness and were planning to visit you lovely country again. He had suffered several minor strokes over the last two years, then a month before he died he suffered a massive stroke which robbed him of his speech and badly damaged his eyesight and he could only use his left arm. I am fortunate though as I - attended by family and friends - about 500 people attended his funeral and I've been amazed at the number of letters, etc., I have received showing how much he was loved and respected. He used to go around the country giving talks at radio clubs about his County Hunting activities and was very popular and much in demand One day I would like to visit America again in his memory

Sincerely Yours, Jean Evans

Nantcelyn, Grove Road  
Nr. Newport  
Gwent, United Kingdom

## MEMBERS SPEAK!!

**NOCKC**--I had a brief telephone visit with Jean, XYL of N5QQ the other evening and she said that Bob was doing amazingly well. He is now well into rehab, is walking with help, remembers many things although still fuzzy on some things, and is basically doing real good. Also, I have received the following letter regarding the finale to the trial of the murderers of KVOE, Mike Mutnick, Sept. 1, 1984 while he was on a county hunting trip in New Mexico: (editors note, I have cut out some of the letter to save space) "...the defendants have both pled guilty to the charges and as a result, defendant Cade received a sentence of 22 years and defendant Pothier received a sentence of 20 years. This is concurrent to a sentence of 18 years for contempt of court....efforts are under way to transfer them back to their home (Canada).

**K1CGI**--Is there a listing of county hunters who are also computer users available?? Sure would be interested in hearing from some of you folks. 55 Bow St Lexington, MA 02173.

**WOHKF**--Just finished reading K1BM's thoughts regarding the decline in MARAC's membership. I also just finished checking the nets. Early in the afternoon (Nov 5th--a typical day) there were nineteen (19) mobiles on the list on the phone net (Thursday). Imagine a prospective county hunter in his new mobile rig tuning in the net to find there are 19 mobiles ahead of him waiting to run! Each mobile gets 10 minutes (often more) for his run so the prospective new member would have a three hour wait, by which time he would be clear across the state and half way into the next. At the same time mentioned above, there were just two mobiles running on CW with no net control--net in open session. It seems to me we ought to chase some of these guys down to the CW net once in a while and allow a little room for prospective newcomers to at least get a word in edgewise! My hat is off to anybody who works all US counties on CW. With such a terrific imbalance in activity between the phone and CW nets they at least deserve an oakleaf cluster on their certificates for their efforts.

**KA2CNG**--

A big THANK YOU from the holder of USACA #551. For me the search began on June 30, 1979 with my first contact on 14.336 and ended on July 7, 1987 with Chateau Montana given to me by KC7OD. In between it has been lots of fun and has also given me the opportunity to meet many of the mobiles and fixed stations that hang around the County Hunters net. I have attended the national conventions in West Virginia and in North Carolina. I also attended the first two mini conventions held in my home state of New York. Since 1983, I have run

mobile myself. I was first licensed in 1978 and after I upgraded to General, my Uncle, WB4AIL, introduced me to the County Hunters. Over the years the rules have changed some, there have been numerous heated debates over procedures, but for the most part the more important aspects of the County Hunters has remained intact. One of the nice things about this hobby is the fact that there is something new to challenge everyone, or something old to fall back on. What you get out of the hobby is in direct relationship to what you put into it. One thing that doesn't change is the friendships developed. So for all those mobiles and fixed stations that ever gave me a contact, I say THANK YOU. I also thank all those net controls and VIP's who keep the organizations going year after year. I now have 3074 to go for the Second Time around. On October 18, 1987 the day following my award, I made a special trip to give two stations last counties in my home state.

**W4RKV**--One of the frustrating experiences most of us have faced on the net at one time or another is being unable to hear either the primary or assistant net control. Whether due to propagation conditions, geographic location, or other factors beyond our control, it is aggravating when we cannot hear either of the control stations. Fortunately, this woeful situation can be easily overcome, and best of all it is cheap! Very few things in life are 100% effective and cheap, but this one meets the test. It does not require the expenditure of big bucks for a KWM-380, Alpha 77DX, 140' tower, and stacked seven element monobanders; in fact, the actual monetary outlay is practically nil. Too good to be true? Read on. If properly implemented, this setup will effect certain immediate advantages. For example, you will ALWAYS: a) Be able to hear the NCS b) Know what county is being run and by whom (no more Whats The County and Whats Your Call inquiries) c) Have an excellent chance to work every mobile that is run, if they are at all readable. (Another result is that a lot of people on the net will get to know your name. This can be good or bad, depending on your point of view.) To end all the frustrations listed above requires that you perform only one simple act --- tune to 14.336 and transmit the following words; "I will pick up the net." Once you have picked up the list, you have my absolute 100% money-back guarantee that you will be able to hear the NCS.

**KOAYO**--As you have noticed,(I hope), I have changed to a new format for the Newsletter. I am NOT writing this for "pats on the back" but rather to get honest feedback from you the readers. Please drop me a line and let me know if the type style is too large, too small, etc., and if you prefer the one column pages, two columns, or whatever. Also, I will try to put a little more "artwork" in as appropriate.

# County Hunters



## Operating Guidelines

### 3.0 SSB NET OPERATING PROCEDURES

3.1 GENERAL- The following describes typical procedure used on the County Hunting Nets. Actual procedures and techniques will vary from these according to the experience of the participants and the judgement of the NCS.

3.2 PURPOSE AND PRIORITIES- The first priority of the nets is emergency traffice, particularly from mobiles. The second priority is running mobiles in counties. These priorities take precedence over any other activity on the nets.

3.3 OPERATING FREQUENCIES- 14.336 mHz is the home of the Mobile Emergency and County Hunter's Net. It is in operation all day, every day.

7.249 mHz is primarily a calling frequency used by stations that cannot make contact on 20 meters.

3.865 mHz is used for net operation in the evenings of the winter months.

3.4 MODE OF OPERATION- These procedures apply to two-way SSB operation. CW contacts, on the SSB net are disruptive to the net and are discouraged. Moreover, cross mode contacts are not valid for USA-CA and MARAC awards.

3.5 PRIVILEGES OF THE NET CONTROL STATION- The NCS and the relay stations are in the position of being able to make contacts that are not available to other stations on the net. They should be very careful no to abuse their position. This applies to queries as well as to county contacts.

3.6 WARMUP SESSION- County hunters will begin to gather on or near the net frequency prior to the formal start-up of the net. A preliminary period is usually necessary to establish control of the frequency. The county hunters should never attempt to gain control of the frequency if it is already in use. a nearby frequency should be selected temporarily.

3.7 DETERMINING THE NET CONTROL STATION- The NCS is always determined on a volunteer basis. Location of the NCS is not critical. It is the relative locations of the NCS and the relay staions that is important. Control may be assumed for any length of time but a minimum of one or two hours helps to maintain continuity and reduces the loss of time associated with changing net controls. The NCS should give some advance notice of when control will be relinquished. This alerts others who may wish to assume NCS.

3.8 STARTING UP NET OPERATIONS- The new NCS should announce - "This is WOABC assuming net control of the Mobile Emergency and County Hunting Net. My Name is Joe and I'm located in Logan county ND." The NCS should also make a short statement on the purpose of the net and tell how the listener can obtain more information about the net. The NCS will then ask for one or two stations to assist as Relay stations (Assistant Net Controls)

3.9 CALL FOR MOBILES- The NCS should periodically put out a call for new mobile check-ins. Mobiles are recognized and added to the list in the order in which they are heard. The NCS then should ask the relay station to put out a call for new mobile check-ins. The NCS should make a special effort to give every mobile an opportunity to check-in.

3.10 WHEN MOBILES MAY CHECK-IN- Mobiles should check into the net when NCS calls for check-ins. Alternately, the mobile should break the NCS or relay station, between mobile runs, and ask to be checked into the net.

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