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CW



NEWS

BY Harry, NFOX

(Editors Note: The following information was cut from last months column due to lack of space. I forgot that it was promised the previous month. Bob, KOAYO)

The CW Net is informal so no formal QNI (check-in) is required and none of the following is engraved in stone. Common sense prevails. If a mobile knows who the NCS is, simply call that station, identify and state your situation. "QRV (ready) in Blank co. MO" or "Will be QRV at such-and-such time." The NCS will exchange reports with you and will ask if there are any other mobiles QRV. If so, the NCS states "XYZ you are nr. 1 (or 2, etc) QRZ (standby) or QSY?"

That mobile will then state his preference, QRZ or QSY up or down to run his county. The NCS will direct nr. 1 mobile to run his county. The mobile acknowledges and commences "CHN de NOXXX/M in Hickory co, MO QRZ?" The mobile may identify one station at a time or take a list. Identify and state your county periodically. When the mobile no longer hears any stations, ask "QSP?" The NCS will then feed in any relays. When completed, the NCS will query the mobile as to his next county. The mobile states his next county, if any and the approximate time in minutes to be QRV in that county. Again, if you are going mobile it is a good idea to announce your trip as far

as possible in advance.

Some Q(operating signals) QNC (information for the net.) QRZ? (will you stand-by or I will stand-by). QSY (generally meant to indicate that station is listening QNZ (zero beat my signal. Used only by the NCS) QSY: (change frequency up/down) Generally when a mobile QSY's on 20 meters he will go to 14.070 if that frequency is clear. If to 40M to 7.035. There is no formal 80M

frequency. QRS; (send more slowly) DON'T be timid about using QRS. However, you should send at the speed you can receive. The NCS normally sends at about 20 wpm, slower if necessary. Sometimes a station will not slow down for you. Ignore them and pick out the ones you can copy. If the fast station wants the county he will slow down. QNF: (the net is free, in open session)

Many times there will be no NCS and the net may seem dead. If mobile, throw in a CHN CHN de NOXXX/M QRV, Blank co, MO. If no one returns go: CHN CHN de NOXXX/M in Blank co, MO. QRZ and go.

(Following is the "CW NEWS" from Harry for the month.)

For those whom I promised a "quick-fix" CW Net procedure last month, sorry but the "space-bug" i.e., lack of space in the News-letter, got us. Anyway, the new CW procedures will be printed in their entirety, thanks to Howie WA4KER for all his work.

Some have asked what is "Bingo?" "Bingo" is actually the Master County Hunters Award that somehow became known as "Bingo". It is issued by the Mobile QSL Bureau and is not a MARAC Award. Basically, you must work a mobile in every county where a letter in the mobile's suffix is the same as the first letter of the county being worked. There are some wild cards. If the mobile is a USA-CA holder, he counts for any county.

If the mobile has an "X" in his suffix, it is wild. There are other combinations and to find out, send a business sized SASE with two units of postage to the Mobile QSL Bureau and ask for the County Hunters Information. Having earned the Plaque for the Master CH Award I can assure you it is very attractive and well worth working for. Open to all.

From Tom, W2EZ, comes the info that he is planning his Indy convention trip and would like to hear from folks who need counties from NY to Indy. Not planning much interstate he says. After requests are in he will plan and publish his route to be the most productive to those folks who are in need. Folks, do us a favor. Just send your needs to those you know are making trips and let them pick the most economically productive route. What drives us up the wall faster than anything is to hear a request for a county 200 miles away! Don't know what my route will be yet. Depends on how many grandkids are demanding my time and how much time is available.

CW activity is picking up now. Happy to see new mobiles coming down and running CW. Some comments; "...didn't know it was this easy..." "...really having a ball..." "...don't you ever have a waiting list?" "...it's a pleasure to be able to run all the counties I go thru..." You too can join in the fun and rid yourself of frustrations. Come on down and CW me some time (14.066.5 MHz).

73 and good hunting. Harry, NFOX

COUNTY HUNTERS MS-DOS COMPUTER AID

VE1AIT, Lin, has written a program which can be used both as an operating aid as well as for record keeping with any MS-DOS computer. The program requires two floppy disk drives or a hard disk.

The program uses a compiled version of dBASE III Plus which, together with "LIGHTENING", gives the program a fast response time. Program features include the following: Operating Aid; a) Counties remaining to be confirmed in each state. b) Last or next-to-last counties. Record

Keeping; a) County totals b) Summary of completed states c) First contact QSL information d) List of counties worked but not confirmed prior to a selected date f) Counties obtained from a specific mobile h) Hard copy of all necessary data in an acceptable format for sending for the CQ Awards. i) etc.

Lin is happy to give the program to anyone interested in obtaining a copy at no charge. A copy can be obtained by sending two blank disks to the following address; G.L. Titus Comp 9, Site 20, RR3 Fredericton, N.B. Canada E3B 4X4.

N9DEH ANNOUNCES NEW PERSONAL AWARD

N9DEH, Tim, has established the rules for the "BIG RIG AWARD". In order to qualify for the award you must 1. Work N9DEH mobile in 25 states minimum; 2. Work N9DEH mobile in 500 counties minimum; 3. All contacts are retroactive to 1-1-85; 4. Log information only required for award and must be in chronological order.

There are no fee's for this award, as Tim will bear all expenses. However, if you use this for 5BWA county's you must have signed MRC's so please number your MRC's as there will be several.

The award is a walnut plaque approx. 4X11 inches in the shape of an 18-wheeler with a brass plate appropriately engraved. All awards will be numbered.

USA-CA SPECIAL HONOR ROLL ADDS THREE NEW MEMBERS

CQ magazine has announced the following additions to the USA-CA Special Honor Roll. Congratulations to each of them.

"Ace", N3AHA #566, Mixed, 4-3-88

"Bill", W4UYC #567, All SSB, 4-4-88

"Joe", WIWLW #568, Mixed, 4-8-88

MARAC Constitution and Bylaws Amendments -

Enclosed in this copy of the Roadrunner you will find a ballot for voting on three amendments to MARAC's Constitution and Bylaws, dated 10/4/86. Please vote. Your vote is important.

Amendment #1 - submitted by WAØRJJ, MARAC Secretary.

Bylaw Article VII - Dues, Fees, Assessments, Section 2, Paragraph 2, currently states "All applications or renewals must be received by the Secretary by the 10th of the month in order to be effective the following month."

Discussion: The Secretary has been able to improve on using the 10th of the month, and currently uses the 15th of the month.

Suggested revision to state: "All applications or renewals must be received by the Secretary by the 15th of the month in order to be effective the following month."

Amendment #2 - submitted by WAØRJJ, MARAC Secretary.

Bylaw Article VII - Dues, Fees, Assessments, Section 1. Dues, Part A currently states "Annual Dues shall be \$8.00, in U.S. funds, for North American individual and family membership, with newsletter mailing via Third Class Mail."

Discussion: Part A incorrectly states both the intent and current practice used for assessing dues. Third Class mailing cannot be done to either Mexico or Canada, and therefore, the term "North American" in Part A is incorrect. Moreover, Third Class mailing is allowed to all the U.S., including Possessions.

Suggested Revision to state "Annual dues shall be \$8.00 for individual and family memberships within the United States, with newsletter mailing via Third Class mail."

Amendment #3 - submitted by WAØLKL, MARAC President.

Bylaw Article VII - Dues, Fees, Assessments, Section 1. DUES, currently states:

Section 1. DUES.

- A. Annual dues shall be \$8.00, in U.S. funds for North American individual and family membership, with newsletter mailing via Third Class mail.
- B. Annual dues with First Class mailing of the newsletter for North American members will be \$11.00 in U.S. funds.
- C. Annual dues with newsletter mailing via Airmail, to all other continents/countries other than North America, will be \$20.00 in U.S. funds.
- D. Members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to pay annual dues of \$8.00 and receive newsletter mailing via First Class mail.

Discussion: An increase in membership dues is felt to be necessary in order to meet the increasing costs of MARAC services. In short, a dues increase of \$2 - Third Class n/l, \$2 - 1st Class n/l to N.A., and \$5 - DX, is recommended. Some of the factors input to this recommended dues increase are:

- Significant postal rate increase, both for Domestic and International mail service.

- DX, excluding Canada, dues have not met costs.
- Support of the MARAC Information Packet program.
- General administrative expense.
- Larger newsletters.
- Special mailings to the membership, like the Annual Report.

Suggested Revision:

Section 1. DUES.

- Annual dues shall be \$10.00, in U.S. funds for North American individual and family membership, with newsletter mailing via Third Class mail.
- Annual dues with First Class mailing of the newsletter for North American members will be \$13.00 in U.S. funds.
- Annual dues with newsletter mailing via Airmail, to all other continents/countries other than North America, will be \$25.00 in U.S. funds.
- Members of the Board of Directors shall be entitled to pay annual dues of \$10.00 and receive newsletter mailing via First Class mail.

Important Voting Instructions

- Complete the ballot by checking yes or no for each of the three Amendments. Each person of a family membership can use the single ballot by each indicating their preference.
- Put the completed ballot in an envelope that contains 1st Class postage, and address the envelope to Vern Olson, 4024 NW 3rd Street, Rochester, MN 55901.
- Place your call in the return address section of the envelope.

The Constitution and Bylaws require that the mail ballot for Constitution and Bylaws amendments include a means by which the Secretary can validate the ballot. Hence, the Secretary will validate the call from the envelope for being an active member, retain the ballot for tabulating, and discard the envelope.

Please Vote!!! Your vote counts!!!

Best Regards, Vern Olson, WAØRJJ, MARAC Secretary.



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Shopping—Variety is the spice of Indianapolis retail. Traditionalists are never disappointed in a visit to the city's leading department stores. Downtown's bustling City Market teems with farm-fresh produce, ethnic delicacies and a sense of history. Suburban malls offer distinctive shopping while the many antique shops reflect Indiana's rural roots. Thrift shops yield delightful finds, and small shops throughout the city specialize in the rare—antique comic books, coins, lapidary supplies, kitchenware and original art.



MARAC CONVENTIONS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED

May 27-28 Portland, ME K7AYC N.E. Mini
July 20-24 Indianapolis IN WD9GBH MARAC
NATIONAL

Aug 5-6 Marysville WA N7TT Pacific Mini
Sept 30-Oct 1 Superior WI N9BDM N.C. Mini
Nov 4-5 Manchester TN KM4W S.E. Mini
July 5-8, 1989 Abilene TX W5ILR MARAC
NATIONAL

Aug 4-5 Seattle WA area N7TT Pacific Mini
Feb 24-25, 1990 Houston TX KA5PVB S.C. Mini
July 1990 Eastern PA WA3TUC MARAC
NATIONAL

July 1991 San Antonio TX WB4FBS proposed
MARAC NATIONAL

July 1991 Twin Cities area WA0LKL
proposed MARAC NATIONAL

BASIC AWARD FEES INCREASE

Following recommendation by the Awards Committee, the Board has increased the basic award fee for MARAC awards to \$1.50 effective May 1, 1988. This change does not alter the basic fee for the Five Band Counties Award. This action was taken as a result of normal expense increases in the processing of the awards.

K5VYT PLANS MAJOR TRIP STARTING ABOUT JUNE 25.

Dick, K5VYT has announced a major trip to begin around June 25. He does not have the itinerary planned yet, but the trip will cover about 20 states, roughly from Albuquerque to Louisville, Washington DC, Portland, Cleveland, Chicago, Rapid City and Denver. He will vacation in upstate NY, but how he gets there and back is almost totally up to you. So...please send your needlists to him as soon as possible if you need anything in the above vicinities. He will not be traveling freeways and will use 20 during the day and 75 at night. He will change over ONLY for last counties. Anybody who sends me a stamp with their needlist will

receive the complete itinerary about a week before the trip. If it falls through, which seems to happen alot, you will at least get your stamp back.

COUNTY HUNTING TRIP ANNOUNCED BY KB5FU

A county hunting trip has been planned by Galen, KB5FU beginning May 26 and ending June 6.

Galen and his xyl will be passing out counties in Tx, Ok, Ks, Ne, Co, Wy, SD, ND, and Mont. He will have capabilities for all bands 80 thru 10 and will go to CW on request. If you have special needs send your lists to him before May 15 for his consideration while planning his trip.

MARAC FINANCIAL FOR FEB. REPORT 1988

Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, Treasurer reports the following as of the end of February.

Income \$1,491.75

Expenses \$1,012.80

Checking Acc't as of February 1 \$ 799.82

Checking Acc't as of February 29 \$1,278.77

There was no activity in the Savings Acc't and the balance remains at \$2,338.89

MOBILE QSL BUREAU CLAIRIFIES RATES

To clear up some mis-understandings we offer the following. As always, the initiator of the MRC or QSL pays the fee. The person to whom we send the cards for verification is asked to confirm the MRC's and submit a return QSL, if requested. We provide a SASE for the return of the cards to the Bureau after verification. If the mobile sends MRS's, he pays for those HE initiates. If you have questions, LET US KNOW!

CORRECTION CORRECTION

THE BALLOT ATTACHED TO THE NEWSLETTER LAST MONTH HAD A TYPO IN IT THAT FOLLOWED MURPHY'S LAW, THAT IS IF AN ERROR HAPPENS IT WILL FALL WHERE IT SCREWS THINGS UP THE MOST.

UNDER THE SOUTHCENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR BOB KEMP'S CALL WAS WRONG. IT IS WA4CHI NOT WAYCHI.

I HOPE THAT DIDN'T CONFUSE YOU TOO MUCH.



NEWSLETTER GETS MENTION IN ARNS BULLETIN

Each year the ARNS (Amateur Radio News Service) has a contest open to all editors of amateur radio papers. This contest is judged by other amateurs who are also writers or editors in everyday activities. Your editor has submitted an entry for the last two years, not in any effort to "win" but to receive the written feedback that is given to every entry.

As one of the results of the feedback, you folks supplied us with a name "The County Line Roadrunner" and with the help of WB9RCY we got the artwork for our cover. It was this cover artwork that was noted in the "Contest Highlights" I received this month and from which I quote: "A catchy title alone is not enough. It must be presented in an attractive manner. One of my favorites is the cover sheet of the "County Line Roadrunner"..." and then WI4K goes on to describe it.

Because of the nature of our specialized amateur activity, I don't feel that it is necessary to use valuable space with everyday amateur activity, such as DX heard on the bands, etc. There are enough good publi-

cations carrying that type of information who do a better job than your editor can.

In reading some of the other newsletters I exchange with, I realize how lucky I am in that I don't have to beg, plead, conjure, and otherwise twist arms to get input. Generally, I am swamped, witness the 32 page edition in March. Incidentally, that was the largest in our history.

So, keep those items coming and I'll keep the word processor humming. (After all I have to show the wife that I spent my money for something useful.)

Bob, KOAYO, editor

Cliff Sackerson, K7MMO Is A Silent Key

Your editor has received word from Mrs. Sackerson that Cliff died on December 15. He was formerly KOAFO and was MARAC #R1595.

COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH USA-CA

N9DEH- Tim (2nd time)
IA Mahaska Marion MO Howard
Putnam

W6TKV- Fred 714-687-8145

AR Montgomery GA Echols Hancock
Jones Wayne Wilkinson IL Edgar Mercer
KY Harlan Marion Taylor MS Jasper
SC Greenwood

WBODPD MARAC CLUB STATION
(all officers authorized to work the station)

GA Washington KY Campbell MO Dent
NC Graham and one more. We've been looking for about 14 years, that should almost be a record.

WHAT'S A REAL HAM?

1. A real ham is incapable of throwing away a working meter movement, whether he will ever use it or not.

THANK YOU FROM BETTY DUNN XYL OF SILENT KEY W2DWO

May I take some valuable space in the Road Runner to thank Warren's many friends for their thoughtfulness and support during his long hospital stay and eventual passing?

He was aware of the many cards and expressions of support during his difficult journey and was buoyed by them. So many of his friends wrote to the whole family to express their sympathy. It was a kindness our two children and I appreciated. As Faye, KB5DPM, told me, "County Hunters are like family". She was so right!

EXPIRATION NOTICE



If your mailing label indicates 8805 or 8806, it is time to renew. Dues with 1st class mailing of the Newsletter are \$11/yr. Dues with 3rd class mailing of the Newsletter are \$8/yr. NOTE that 3rd class mailing is available within the U.S. only. Dues with the Newsletter mailed Air Mail to all continents other than North America is \$20/yr. 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. PLEASE!!! .. put your call or MARAC number on your envelope, check, or correspondence. Without either the call of MARAC#, I often end up with a lengthy records search.

MINUTES OF THE MARAC APRIL MEETING

The April MARAC meeting was held on Apr. 9, 1988 at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN. President Don, WA0LKL, called the meeting to order at 8:57A. Also in attendance were W0NNH, WB0KIN, KA0TTB, W9LHG and xyl Virginia< W0KMH, WA0RJJ, WB0UPU, N0DRX, and

N0DXH.

The minutes of the March meeting were presented for approval. W0NNH made a motion to accept the minutes as reported in the Road Runner, seconded by WB0KIN, passed. John, W9LHG, presented the Treasurer's report. After some discussion and explanation of the detail items listed, WA0RJJ made a motion to accept the report, seconded by W0NNH, passed.

President Don, WA0LKL, reviewed some correspondence received. N9DEH announced his "Big Rig Award". Dorothy, WB9RCY, clarified that there is no change regarding Hawaii (Kalawao) or Alaska counties.

There was extensive discussion of a potential dues increase to meet the increasing costs of MARAC services. With unanimous approval, President Don volunteered to author an amendment to the Constitution and ByLaws, to be voted on by the membership. The proposed membership dues would be increased to - \$10/yr 3rd class mail to the US; \$13/yr 1st class mail to North America; \$25/yr Airmail to non-NA DX.

Vern, WA0RJJ, led a discussion of the input required and distribution of the MARAC Annual Report. After discussion, it was resolved that the Annual Report would be mailed to all active MARAC members in the June 1st timeframe. May 15th will be used as the cutoff date for input. Bill, W0OWY, has volunteered to assist with the printing and distribution.

The 1991 National Convention was discussed. With a vote of confidence by those present, President Don will propose at Indianapolis that the MARAC Headquarters area be considered as the site of the 1991 National Convention. Don, WA0LKL, John, W9LHG, and Bob, W0KMH volunteered to be the potential tri-convenors.

Jerry, W0NNH, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Walt, WB0KIN, passed.

The next regular MARAC meetings in the Headquarters area will be on May 7th and June 11th, 1988 at 9 AM at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN.

Respectfully, Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, Secretary

'88' CW CONTEST RULES

Sorry, Jerry, I got your note stating "here are the dates and rules for the contest..."

but there was nothing else in the envelope!! Apparently, I was talking outloud to myself since my wife came into the room and asked me who I was talking too. I explained my confusion and she also checked the envelope (I had done so three times) and she couldn't find anything either. Hope the contest is (was) not in May. Bob, KOAYO, Editor.

CQ QST CQ QST

If anyone would like a handy copy of the updated CW Guidelines and Procedures, please send a SASE to W3IIF or WA4KER.

I would like to suggest that the new Guidelines and Procedures be presented in Indianapolis to the CW members and will be discussed for further corrections and/or amendments. A committee will be appointed to make any further amendments.

Howie, WA4KER

NOTES FROM PHIL WB5C

Thought I should take time to report my new address. (see address changes, editor)

At the same time advise all that my old logbooks came out of storage. If any one needs me to check them for a contact I will do so. The logs will go to the dumpster in a couple of months. I really enjoy the Road Runner. I see so many new calls and names I would like to meet on the air. No antenna up yet so only operate mobile and not often then. How can I encourage county hunters to grab Net Control and run with it? (when you find out Phil let us know and we'll shout if from the rooftops, editor) Some of my most enjoyable hours have been spent serving as Net Control or assisting. If our members will only try they will not only be helpful but have fun at the same time.

By the way, with postage on the rise, wouldn't it be great if everyone sent \$5 to the secretary! 73, Phil

COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH A STATE

KY9Y, Owen

IA Calhoun Des Moines Fayette Mahaska
Mitchell Monroe Winneshiek Wright MS
Tallahatchie MO Henry Putnam NE
Dixon Hooker Nance Sherman Wayne
Wheeler TN Carter Grainger Hancock

WA8RSQ Eddie 304-752-3647

AR Garland Independence Saline ID
Butte Camas Lincoln Madison KY
Anderson Breathitt Crittenden Green
Knott MN Meeker Pope NE Dundy
Franklin KeyaPaha NC Bladen Alexander
Warren ND Griggs Mclean Rolette
Steele Tower

ADDRESS CHANGES ETC.

R428 W5AWT new zip 79756-1895
R 591 WB5C 3316 Bedford St Midland Tx
R1946 KA9FUG POBox 5110 Spencer Ia 51301
R1689 K9EDE 130 Estero Ln Litchfield Park
Az 85340
R887 WAS WB8MDG NOW WD8S
R345 K1ZAT POBox 189 Bryantown Md
20617
R1401 WB7PMZ 60 Rideau Close Airdrie
Abt. Canada T4B 1A5
R1906 N5AWE 1732 NW 35th Okla City Ok
73118
R1942 KB4RAC 3709A Santa Fe Homestead
Fl 33030
R453 WAS KL9XF NOW NS9Y

NEW MEMBERS



R2080 W4BWR C. Ruth Nissen 7A Venetian
Way Indian Harbor Beach FL 32937
(Brevard)
R2081 N1DYV Ken McAlister POBox 749
Hollis NH 03049-0749 (Hillsboro)
R2082 KJ4LG H. Hank Petersen 8120
Stockholm St Brooksville FL 34613
(Hernando)
R2084 N3DRO Barabara Baum 92 Palmer Av
Stamford CN 06902-5310 (Fairfield)

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MAY 27 & 28, 1988

ATRIUM INN
BRUNSWICK, MAINE

ANY PRIZE
DONATIONS WILL
BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED

ACROSS FROM a shopping center,
fast food, & a family restaurant

NEAR L.L.BEAN, beaches, golf,
craft shops, museums,
factory outlet stores

IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY

SHORT DISTANCE to
SAGadahoc, LINCOLN,
and ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTIES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT: Lobster get-together

Please check box on reg. form if interested.

SATURDAY: 10:30AM MARAC meeting

6:00PM Cocktail hour

7:00PM Banquet and prizes

HOSPITALITY ROOM

WELCOME TO MAINE! SEE YOU THERE!

ROOM RESERVATIONS: CALL COLLECT (207)729-5555. MENTION MARAC
AND reservation #08429NNA for Thursday arrival or #08430NNA for Friday
arrival. \$45/night, single or double - tax NOT included.

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ CALL: _____

NAME: _____ CALL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

includes name tag(s) &
drawing for any prizes

OM & YL \$10.00

ONE PERSON \$6.50

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: \$13.50 each

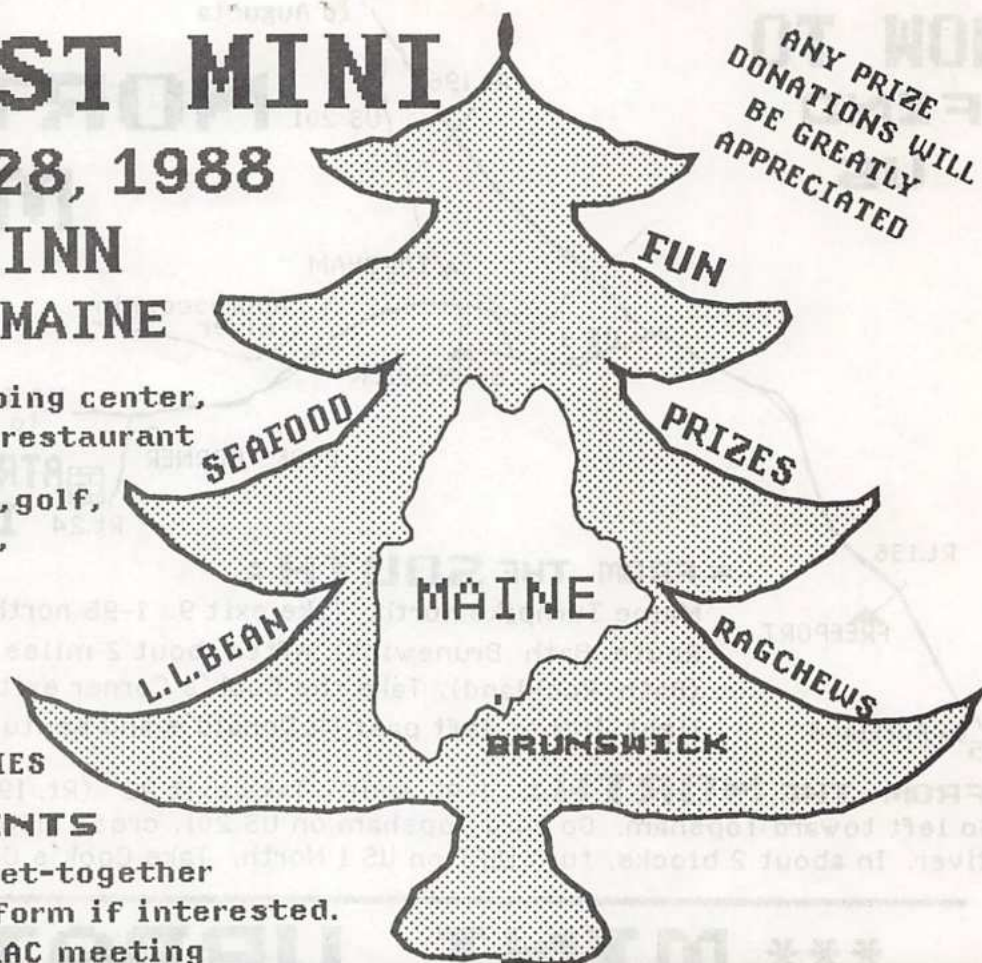
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☐ YES: FRIDAY NIGHT LOBSTER GET-TOGETHER

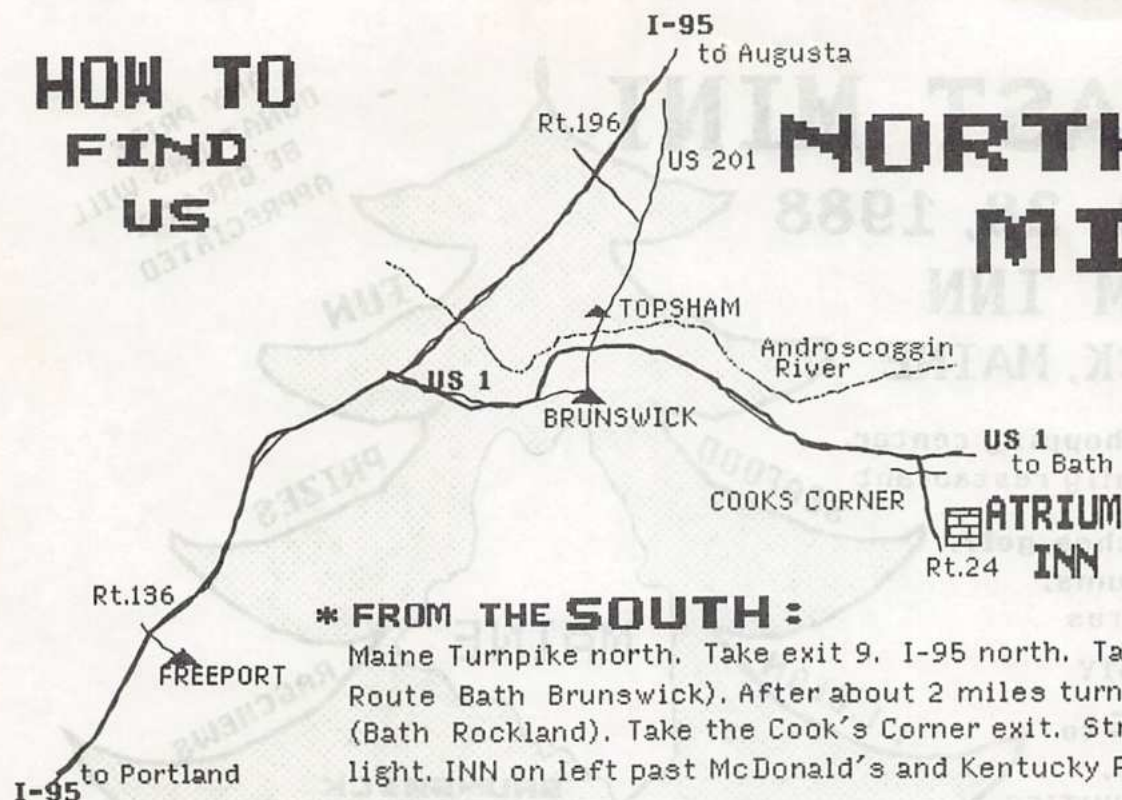
TOTAL _____

Send to Roger Nace, K7AYC,
RR1 Candlewood Hill Rd
Francestown NH 03043

Phone:
(603)547-2511



HOW TO FIND US



NORTHEAST MINI

* FROM THE SOUTH:

Maine Turnpike north. Take exit 9. I-95 north. Take exit 22. (US 1 Coastal Route Bath Brunswick). After about 2 miles turn LEFT following US 1 North (Bath Rockland). Take the Cook's Corner exit. Straight on Rt. 24 at the light. INN on left past McDonald's and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

* FROM THE NORTH: I-95 south. Take exit 23 (Rt. 196 - exit for Bowdoin College) Go left toward Topsham. Go thru Topsham on US 201, cross bridge over the Androscoggin River. In about 2 blocks, turn LEFT on US 1 North. Take Cook's Corner exit. Follow as above.

*** MINI UPDATE ***

RESERVATIONS: We know from experience that some folks have had problems with motel reservations. Hopefully the reservation numbers on the registration form will take care of the problems. Let us know if there are further difficulties, please. Also note - our block of rooms is set aside Thursday thru Saturday nights.

GOLF: There are several golf courses in the area. More info will be available in the hospitality room.

LOBSTER DINNER: We are planning to go to a favorite restaurant, the Taste of Maine, for dinner. They often have good specials and do offer items other than seafood. We will have a room off the main area. Current price for a 1 lobster dinner is \$8.95 but is subject to current market price. We hope you will join us!

FLYING IN? The airport at Portland is about 30 miles from Brunswick. If you need transportation from the airport, let us know and we will arrange for our "MINI LIMO SERVICE" to pick you up.

PRIZES: We still would appreciate any donations of prizes. Please let us know so we can plan.

73s and happy hunting,

June, WBIENJ, Joyce, WA1YZU, Roger, K7AYC, Kathleen, NOEYK

SEE YOU IN MAINE!

CW OPERATING GUIDELINES CONTINUED

3.3 FREQUENTLY USED Q SIGNALS

QNI Used by the NCS to invite any station to check in or to break the Net for information or a query.

QNO Station is leaving the Net.

QNC Please copy the following information for the Net.

QSP I relay or please relay.

QRV Are you ready to copy, run, etc., or I am ready.

QNZ Please zero beat this frequency.

QRX I will call you or I will stand-by.

QSX I will be listening.

QNF The Net is in open session. No Net Control.

3.4 NET CONTROLS

The CW Net seldom has a lengthy list of mobiles. Therefore, the emphasis on the need for and the duties of formally-organized NCS is somewhat reduced; i.e., the CW Net is somewhat more informal. Often the Net runs along, reasonably effectively, without a recognized NCS. However, it must be noted that with a NCS the CW Net runs with more order and relays are more efficient. Also, it is the duty of all Net members to try to assist the NCS or takeover when necessary. At times there will be more than two mobiles checking in; under these conditions the NCS SHOULD INVOKE THE TEN-MINUTE RULE; THAT IS, GIVE EACH MOBILE TEN MINUTES TO RUN HIS COUNTY. He may ask the running mobile to move off frequency to finish his run. (Obviously, this takes an experienced NCS to be able to make the correct decision.)

3.5 KEEPING A LIST OF MOBILES.

One difficult but very important duty of the NCS is to keep an orderly list of mobiles in order in which they should be run. Suggestions for maintaining the list are as follows:

1 Start with a list of mobiles arranged in the order in which they will be called to run their counties.

2 When a mobile runs a county, move the call of that mobile from the beginning of the list to the end of the list.

3 Add new mobile check-ins to the end of the list.

4 If a mobile runs off frequency, LEAVE THAT CALL IN PLACE ON THE LIST. THAT IS, AN OFF FREQUENCY RUN DOES NOT COUNT AS A TURN ON THE NET.

5 If a mobile does not respond when called, call the mobile again in 20 or 30 minutes. After two or three no-shows, remove that call from the list. If that mobile shows up later, replace his call near the beginning of the list.

6 Don't give list priority to mobiles on special trips or on county lines. Do be especially attentive to their needs for making contacts, moving off frequency, etc.

3.6 MOBILE CHECK-INS.

The CW Net is quite informal and a lot of initiative rests with the mobile. The NCS will usually ask for a mobile check-in after every mobile run. A second choice is to work a mobile that is running and tell him/her that you are QRV. A third choice, if a rag chew is in progress, indicate that you are mobile. Information breaks to announce a mobile running off frequency or a mobile break-in should be given priority. THAT MOBILE IS DANGLING IN THE BREEZE UNTIL AN ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE ON THE NET THAT A MOBILE IS QRV. Often, when you tune to the Net frequency, you won't hear the Net. Don't be discouraged. That can be because there is no NCS and or no mobile running at the time. Just call "CHN de K5XYZ/M" if the net is active, someone will answer. Follow the instructions given by that station. If none are given, go ahead and run your county. The "CHN?" followed by the station's call is also used by fixed stations that want to inquire on the status of the Net. (continued next month)

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OPERATING



GUIDELINES

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3.20 KEEPING THINGS MOVING - Some of the things that can be done to facilitate runs and improve the efficiency of the net are:

- 1 Don't stretch short runs. A short run allows extra time for other things. It will be needed.
- 2 Don't milk the relays. Take one list and stop.
- 3 Limit the number of tries that a station gets.
- 4 Take relays from one direction only.
- 5 Don't take relays.
- 6 Be firm about queries.
- 7 Don't ask the mobile to make a last call.

3.21 BREAKING STATIONS - The proper time to break the net depends upon the urgency of the information being sought or passed. The following priorities should be followed when breaking the net:

- 1 An EMERGENCY is usually indicated by a double "Break - Break" and may be used at any time to break the net.
- 2 A break to announce a mobile running off frequency is usually indicated by "Information Break". It is high priority and can be made during a mobile run but discretion should be used to hit natural breaks in the run.
- 3 Routine inquiries are usually indicated by "Break" or "Query", and may be handled between mobile runs, if at all. Such inquiries should be greatly limited during busy mobile periods - a more appropriate time would be during "Calls, Comments and Queries". Also, see Section 3.20.

3.22 CALLS, COMMENTS AND QUERIES. During periods when there are no mobiles ready to run and Net activity is at a slow pace, the NCS can keep the frequency occupied by announcing - "Any calls, comments or queries? WOABC, Net Control." This is a general invitation for any station to make a directed call to another station, make a general comment, ask a question, inquire about log information, announce planned trips, etc. When several stations respond, a call list is developed by the NCS in the same way as the mobile list. Stations are acknowledged in the order that they are heard and asked to make their calls. The NCS should limit the number of stations on the list so that a frequent check for mobiles can be made. A mobile wanting to run a county always takes priority.

20TH
MARAC NATIONAL CONVENTION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ USACA #: _____ CALL _____
ADDRESS _____

****NOTE--Registration for person named above includes 1 photo and 1 name badge.
All other badges are \$3.50 each.**

REGISTRATION FOR PERSON NAMED ABOVE:

Before June 10 @16.00 \$ _____
After June 10 @20.00 \$ _____

Other family members needing badges: (at \$3.50 per badge)

SPOUSE _____ USACA #: _____ CALL _____

OTHERS _____ USACA #: _____ CALL _____

_____ USACA #: _____ CALL _____

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1988 MARAC CONVENTION

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MARION, IN 46953

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To All MARAC Club Members:

If you haven't taken the time to do so, now is the time to get your ballot in the mail to nominate the **COUNTY HUNTER OF THE YEAR**. This person will be honored at the convention in Indianapolis with recognition by all attendees. This process needs your attention to ensure that all deserving individuals will receive recognition. Please complete the ballot form shown below and mail to your District Director today. You can refer to the March Newsletter for full details on completing the form and the selection process. Your ballot is needed. Please don't delay. Take the time to do it today. Your input is needed to make this program work.

73 de Bill

COUNTY HUNTER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION BALLOT

To: District Director - _____ District

I hereby nominate _____ (Name and Call) as County Hunter of the Year for 1988 and would like to see this person announced as the winner at the convention in Indianapolis.

I believe that this nominee is an appropriate candidate for County Hunter of the Year because:

Current Year	Past Years
Mobile Ops _____	_____
_____	_____
Net Control _____	_____
_____	_____
Club Support _____	_____
_____	_____
Other Work _____	_____
_____	_____
Tech Prof. _____	_____
_____	_____
Overall _____	_____
_____	_____

This ballot must be received by your District Director by the 30th of April, 1988.

Signature _____

Call _____

MARAC# _____

MARAC NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 20-24

RAMADA INN SOUTH

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DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FOR THE 20TH COUNTY HUNTERS CONVENTION! THE EARLY DATE FOR THE DRAWING OF THE KENWOOD TS-140S IS JUNE 10th.

ALSO REMEMBER TO ORDER AS MANY MAIN PRIZE TICKETS AS POSSIBLE. SO YOU WILL HAVE A GREATER CHANCE AT WINNING THE OTHER TS-140S AT THE BANQUET. JUST CHECK THE BOX NEAR THE BOTTON OF THE REGISTRATION FORM AND INDICATE HOW MANY (@ 12 FOR \$10.00) YOU WOULD LIKE.

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Type and quantity of rooms desired

Single (1 person) at \$ 4.5 + 10% tax

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