

COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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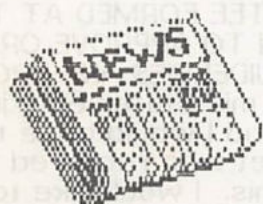
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NEWS

BY HARRY, NFOX

Very good activity by CW/M in April and May and continues thru press time. (Editors Note, I received this May 25th, too late for June Roadrunner, Bob) The big one in April was Gene, W1TEE/M who added to his already impressive score, an additional 227 new counties run; 41 counties re-run; 2,652 contacts and an additional 11,248 miles on the odometer! Forced to cancel his Colo. route by snow in the high country, he made up for it by running unscheduled hard-to-get counties in SW KS. Now sez he will be rested and QRV in IA and MN early June running counties not previously run.

Atta Boy too to Dan, NG0T, who made a great effort on his magnificent 11 day run on the back roads of WY, SD, ND, MN, NE, KS, AND CO. Count myself as one filling in many blanks on his run; and to W7GHT/M who had MT all to himself in those big hard to get ones. Great signal Bill! W3DYA was in some nice ones in VA, NC and W.VA. Hear Al, KG5J limbering up the old key in car once in awhile. Others of equal importance were out filling in the blanks for the happy hunters.

Barely a month left until the airways will be filled with the good sound of QRV. Will there be NCS to handle the herd and to run the folks on 40M? Hope so. Come on folks, be prepared to pay your dues by helping out the mobiles. Remember, speak kindly and with great reverence!

ATTA BOY to Howie, WA4KER and George, W3IFF for the new CW Net guidelines. Howie

worked them up. George did the mailings. As we used to say in Navy, BRAVO ZULA (Well Done).

Need more info on you mobiles going to Indy. W2EZ only one to send any info.

Food for thought: How cum a ham will spend kilo bucks on a station and then say he can't afford an up-to-date callbook? Overheard on the CW bands:"...you good in the 73 callbook?"

You know you must be making some progress when six mobiles are running in as many different states and you don't need a thing they have...

Happy Hunting...73...Harry



FOUR NEW USA-CA MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

WB9RCY, USA-CA Custodian has announced that the following have been added to the USA-CA Special Honor Roll:

Robert Moses, Jr H.S. A.R.C., WB2RCJ #569 ALL SSB, 05-02-88

John Simplair Jr, KC3AD #570 ALL SSB, MOBILES, 05-02-88

Paula Bateman, N8EMV #571 ALL SSB 05-04-88

Larry Moore, K6SLP #572 MIXED 05-09-88.

W5OBT AND WA5DTK ANNOUNCE MOBILE TRIPS TO ALASKA AND FLORIDA DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

W5OBT, Bob plans the following Alaska trip
commencing August 2, ending August 28.

4th District, Aug 2-8, and 19th.
3rd District, Aug 9-18
1st District, Aug 21,22,27,28

He plans on checking-in two times a day when
he is stopped. Sorry, but he will not make the
2nd District. No QSL's will be answered until
October.

WA5 DTK, Barry, will be operating mobile
during the FLorida QSO Party, July 30,31, ALL
BANDS, SSB/CW, Most if not all counties in
Florida. Please advise him of any special
needs.

COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH USA-CA

NOCKC, Buster CW Only 303-986-4795 Collect

GA Columbia Forsyth Towns White MN
Fillmore MT Treasurer NE Buffalo Dawson
Lincoln NC Lee Moore

NK8P Dee 304-372-9268

AR Cleveland GA Madison Wayne IN Fulton
MD Caroline Talbot NY Allegany
Cattaraugus ND Grant NC Carteret
Cleveland Northampton TN Morgan VA
Accomack

W6MYV Paul 714-545-8567 (Home)
714-896-1663 (Work)

AR Randolph GA Hancock IL Carroll IN
Washington IA Taylor KS Anderson KY
Jessamine Knox MI Houghton NY Orleans
TN Polk

W6TKV Fred 714-687-8145

GA Hancock Jones Wilkinson KY Harlan

TO ALL CW COUNTY HUNTERS FROM WA4KER

On May 4, 1988 I received a letter reprimand
from a prominent cw net member concerning
the circulation of the new updated CW County
Hunters Guidelines and Procedures. This letter
was also sent to other members of the CW Net.
I would like to take this opportunity to air my
reply.

At the 1987 MARAC Convention in Denver, Co.,

during the meeting of the CW MARAC members, I
got up before that body and volunteered to
update the CW County Hunters Guidelines and
Procedures. I explained how I would
accomplish this task, I got the majority show
of hands to proceed. There was a question
about the cost of printing and sending the
Guidelines out and I said I would take care of
this. At this point there were a few volunteers
asking to help I told them I would send out the
updated Guidelines for their comments,
additions or corrections. The Guidelines and
Procedures were sent out and after eight (8)
months they were returned to me with a few
comments and additions, all the manes on the
cover sheet of instructions were crossed off
by the volunteers indicating to me they either
agreed with it or had no comments. The
reasonable comments were incorporated in the
new CW Guidelines and Procedures. THERE WAS
NO COMMITTEE FORMED AT THE DENVER
CONVENTION TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE
UPDATED GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES. There
were a few mis-statements in the letter of
reprimand and I would hope the other members
of the CW net who received their letters will
recognize this. I would like to point out the CW
Guidelines and Procedures are open for
amendments as so stated on the last page of
the Guidelines. The person who wrote the
letter of reprimand can form a committee if he
likes and do whatever the committee decided
concerning the Guidelines and Procedures.

In conclusion, I have to say that after a year of
hard work and quite a bit of expense by
myself and another net member, we don't need
this kind of treatment. After four (4) years of
county hunting and having under 200 to go for
the whole ball of wax on cw/m, I think it is
about time for a move to greener pastures.
Who said Ham Radio is FUN? And so it goes.

73, Howie, Wa4KER

NOREAST MINI FINAL REPORT

The Northeast Mini in Maine is history! There
were 48 folks in attendance and all reported
having a great time. We kicked things off on
Friday with a lobster dinner party that we will
all long remember. Saturday's functions
included a brief meeting and banquet. We had
so many generous prize donations that
everybody was able to go home with
something. The weather was great and so
was the ragchewing, shooing, golf and
sightweeing.

Next year we will try to hold the Mini a little
earlier in May, the tentative dates are
currently May 12 and 13. We hope that you all
can come.

Roger, K7AYC Kathleen, NOEYK June, WB1ENJ
and Joyce, WA1YZV.

ADDRESS CHANGES, CORRECTIONS, AND CALL CHANGES



R492 K1BM P O Box 2499 Capistrano Beach Ca 92624
R879 KC0SX 6803 North 68th Plaza Omaha Ne 68152
R1706 WAS AA5AH NOW NG2T
R345 K1ZAT and R1909 AL7CV P O Box 189
Bryantown Md 20617
R775 N9TN RR 2 Collins Ga 30421 (Tattnall)
R154 WAS KC4WL NOW AB4HR
R1524 NJ7D Richard Henry 7622 SE Taggart Ct
Portland Or 97206
R802 WA3QNT 2 Hollmarc Blvd Franklin Pa 16323
R1691 ND1H P O Box 3797 APO 09132-5372
R728 WB8NVD 1725 Eifert Rd Holt Mi 48842
R1443 N4JGM 1774 N Troy St #724 Arlington Va 22201
R1479 ZL2ACP Rural Delivery Free Waipawa NZ
R1926 KA3MJQ P O Box 519 Tuckahoe NJ 08250
R1709 WA9ROU P O Box 557 Linton In 43441-0557

WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NINE NEW MEMBERS

R2090 NX9H Duane Riel 501 Mackinac Av. South
Milwaukee Wi 53172 (Milwaukee)
R2091 K9ETB Dick Evans 234 Stratford Ln
Barrington Il 60010 (Cook)
R2092 KB8DWQ Bill Lee 32363 Blue Star Hwy
Covert Mi 49043 (Van Buren)
R2093 N6OOD Bob Pleak P O Box 4172 Salinas
Ca 93912 (Monterey)
R2094 CU3AA John Lima P O Box 108 9700
Angra Azores
R2095 N5JRH h Gene Kennedy 620 Maple Dr
Springdale Ar 72764 (Washington)
R2096 N8IPG Nancy Eilers 1925 Benjamin Av NE,
Grand Rapids Mi 49505-5437 (Kent)
R2097 KC5P F D Danny Rozas 100 Janet Dr
Rayne La 70578 (Acadia)
R2098 WA5AUR Howard Johnson 5248 Gordon
Ft Worth Tx 76115 (Tarrant)

COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH A PARTICULAR STATE

NFOX, Harry CW ONLY

ID Owyhee MI Emmet NV Eureka ND Mercer
Traill SD McCook TN Benton Cheatham VT
Orleans WV Pleasants k Preston WY
Campbell Sublette

W2FXA Gene 716-655-4162

IL Cass KS Mitchell MO Holt ND Golden
Valley SD Shannon NE Box Butte Dawes Polk
Saunders Sioux

KF5HY Ed 505-869-3697 after 2330Z
weekdays

HI Kalawao Maui IA Davis Jefferson Van
Buren KS Crawford Washington k Wilson MS
Choctaw Covington De Soto Hancock
Kemper Webster MO Cedar Worth MT
Carbon Prairie NE Boone Boyd Hamilton
McPherson

CW NET NEWS FROM HARRY, NFOX

Won't rehash the June news except to mention the highly successful runs of Gene, W1TEE/M and Dan NGOT /M. They sure made a lot of CH'ers happy and by the time you read this, Gene will have completed running IA and MN. Others of equal importance were out. The CW activity really picking up now. New mobiles have joined in and doing a fine job. Glad to see most are announcing their trips in advance now. Sure helps us folks that have cows to milk, hogs to slop and chickens to feed. We can run in and out between chores and maybe get a new one...

I have had more than one mobiler tell me the reason they don't come down and run CW is that their whips are tuned to SSB. Hog Wash. More like they have a death grip on their mikes. I and several others roam the bands with one setting and a small antenna tuner. By tuning your whip to the basic frequency most often used then make a 3 x 5 card chart showing tuner settings for every 15 khz you can work the world. Sure, you won't be a purest and you may not get full power from your rig, but close enough for government work. Last summer while mobiling across the back roads of NM on those washboard roads, my 20 meter resonator worked loose and was swallowed by a rattlesnake somewhere. After recovering from the initial shock of not having a spare and faced with the prospect of being tarred and feathered by those waiting for their last counties in never-never land, I retuned by 40 meter resonator as best as I could to 20 meters then used the tuner to get the SWR down to about 2.0/1. Just enough so that I completed the trip through NM AZ UT and CO before finding a new 20 meter resonator. Never missed a contact and with hardly any notice of received signal loss. Of course I and Mr Hustler would not recommend this as a standard practice, but it worked. Some tune their whips to a 'mid-point' but their signals are way down. I'm no technician and I suppose the experts would say it won't work. All I know is it works for me and it works for others. So next time you get experiment happy, try it.

MINUTES OF THE MARAC MONTHLY MEETING

The June meeting was held on June 11, 1988 at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, Mn. President Don, WA0LKL, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Also in attendance were W0NNH, W9LHG, WA0RJJ, W0UPU, W0FCO AND WA0SGJ.

The minutes of the May meeting were corrected to say that there will be no MARAC meeting in the Headquarters area in July. The July meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the MARAC Convention at Indianapolis. With no other corrections, W9LHG made a motion to accept the corrected minutes, seconded by W0UPU, passed. John, W9LHG, presented the Treasurer's Report. W0NNH made a motion to accept the report, seconded by WA0RJJ, passed.

President Don presented the following clarifications for MARAC meetings at Indianapolis:

1. All members with items of business for the General Meeting must contact the President and have those business items added to the meeting agenda.
2. All members wishing to present awards at any of the scheduled events must schedule the presentations with the Awards Chairman, WOOWY.
3. The scheduled Executive Meeting shall include all members of the Board of Directors.

The Net Control recognition subject was discussed. Two suggestions were presented:

1. Request a MARAC Merit Award be issued to recognize the net control.
2. When taking over net control from someone else, recognize the good job done on the air.

The Secretary reviewed the tentative results of the voting for the Constitution and Bylaw Amendments. Amendment voting procedure dictates that two-thirds of the ballots cast must be in favor in order for the proposed amendment to be adopted.

As of June 15th, the final results are as follows:

Amendment 1. Improve the Secretary's cutoff date to the 15th of the month. Final vote 157 YES, 2 NO. Adopted.

Amendment 2. Clarify the geography for 3rd Class newsletter mailing. Final vote 158 YES, 1 NO. Adopted.

Amendment 3. Increase dues to: \$10 - 3rd Class newsletter mailing; \$13 - 1st Class newsletter mailing; \$25 - non North America DX newsletter mailing. Final vote 151 - YES, 8 - NO. Amendment adopted.

The exact wording of the amendments is in the May 1988 issue of the Countyline Roadrunner. The Secretary indicated that the amendments will be effective July 1, 1988. A

special "Thanks" to all those members who submitted their amendment ballots.

Jerry, W0NNH made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ralph, W0FCO, passed.

The next meeting will be at the Indianapolis convention. The next meeting in the Headquarters area will be on August 13, 1988 at 9:00 AM, at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, Mn.

Respectfully submitted, Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, Secretary.



NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

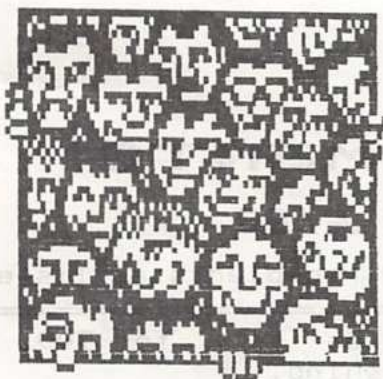
If your mailing label indicates 8807 or 8808, it is time to renew. Dues with 1st class mailing of the Newsletter are \$13 per year. Dues with 3rd class mailing of the Newsletter are \$10 per year. Note, 3rd class mailing is available within the U.S. only. Dues with the Newsletter mailed Air Mail to all continents other than North America are \$25 per year. 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. Multiple-year renewals and SASE's with renewals are also very much appreciated.

Please get the word out to potential new members and interested County Hunters that a MARAC Information Packet is available. The Packet includes an overview of MARAC, a description of the Awards Program, and the Operating Guidelines. Send the request with a business-size envelope with 45 cents postage to: MARAC, Box 64, Newport, Mn 55055.



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MAY

Checking Account, May 1, 1988	\$1,074.99
Income	1,098.00
Expenses	1,560.99
Checking Account, May 31, 1988	\$ 612.00
Savings Account, May 31, 1988 (no activity this month)	\$3,376.54



MEMBERS SPEAK!

ZL2BCX NEEDS...Send a large SASE for John's very latest list of counties needed. 20 meters is staying open and YOU may be in one of the many counties that John still needs. Send SASE to: Bud Webb N6OQZ 1040 Kingston Dr Santa Maria CA 93454.

WA6VJP.. Final word on the splitting of San Bernardino Co. to form Mohave Co., CA. Was defeated on June 7th by a vote of 61 against to 39 for--no further action. San Bernadino will remain status quo. Ed.

KF4BU... I am not generally a letter writer, but this evening I have listened to something that absolutely left me disgusted. We all are aware of the intentional interference that is generated on the 14336 net. Today, the word was spread that an individuals amplifier had blown, which may or may not be true. However, about 2330 UTC I witnessed a most disgusting period of intentional interference by county hunters. I could identify several, not only their voices, but some actually gave their calls as they chased the individual back and forth from about 14334 to 14337 several times and did everything they could to prevent him from having a QSO.

I cannot understand why, when county hunters complain so bitterly about the problems (carriers, and other intentional interference) they would stoop to the level of activity that I witnessed. I realize that it is a pain and some people are tired of the interference, but these county hunters are no better than those they complain about. Everyone understands the psychology of the malicious jammer knows that the only certain cure for malicious interference on the air is to IGNORE, IGNORE, IGNORE. Don't even acknowledge that the interference is present. Hud.

K6HZL... Others seem to be able to run a county while driving quite easily. I've never felt comfortable with it. I've tried the tape recorder route, but I feel much better when I'm parked safely off the highway. I'm not saying

that everyone should park, only that I personally prefer it.

If the net control announces who the next three mobiles will be, I have a twenty and then a ten minute advance warning to pull off. For those in a hurry to get there, I suppose that a warning is of little use, since they just keep on moving regardless. But, being a wanderer, I usually have no particular schedule or destination for the day, so I do appreciate being told who the next three mobiles are.

If I'm not warned, I have to to answer "down one for an off ramp". If I am warned, I can not only pull off to wait my turn, but I can often arrange to do so on a county line. I feel safer off the road. I can then also use the earphones, quiet the engine and wheel noises, turn the car around if need be, take a break, smell the wildflowers, and maybe even grab some chilled caviar or pheasant-under-glass from the trunk. Tnx, Terry.

KOAYO.. It's pet peeve time from Bob, KOAYO/m and not Bob, editor. PLEASE PLEASE zero beat very close the net control. On my last two trips I have found the N/C and alternate as much as two hundred hertz different. They said they were zero with each other but since they were weak with me it was easily noticeable. What's wrong you ask?? Well, when it came to relays, some of the very weak stations appeared to be on N/C frequency and others on the assistant and the mobile some where else. When you copy 5-9, you can be within 500+ hertz and everything is OK; try 2-2 from a mobile when your using the filter to cut down noise, etc then move off a couple hundred hertz and see if you can hear the other 2-2 AND I MEAN ACTUALLY HEAR THE 2-2!!!! It's a shame that we allow the guesses, you have all heard them, 2-2, OK 3-3, I got it, 4-4!!! If you can't hear them one of two things will happen, you will work someone else or the county will cease to exist and you won't have to work it. In the meantime, PLEASE zero beat and help the mobiles especially so they won't have to slide the dial to find you.



MARAC CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED AS OF 6-2-88

7-20/24-88 Indianapolis WD9GBH National 317-674-2470
8-5/6-88 Marysville Wa N7TT Pacific Mini 206-481-7206
9-30/10-1-88 Superior WI N9BDM NorthCentral Mini 715-392-3759
11-4/5-88 Manchester TN KM4W Southeast Mini 615-728-7379
5-11/13-89 Portland Me K7AYC Northeast Mini 603-547-2511
7-5/8-89 Abilene Tx W5ILR National 915-698-8849
8-4/5-89 Seattle Wa area N7TT Pacific Mini 206-481-7206
2-24/25/90 Houston Tx KA5PUB SouthCentral Mini 713-579-7932
7-90 Eastern Pa WA3TUC National 215-887-0560
7-91 San Antonio Tx WB4FBS Proposed National 512-656-0324
7-91 Twin Cities Mn WA0LKL Proposed National 612-888-3822

AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW AWARDS THROUGH 5/88

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

KB7QD has now received his Last County, Cat 3 awards (#1) for 700, 725 and 750 Last Counties. Ken says 775 is close behind.

KA5VWD got Cliff Corne # 382 this month.

K6XZ upgraded his Cliff Corne to gold seal status with 250 contactgs.

KF4FP got the M50M award #198 for working all states mobile to mobile.

N2GDI plucked up Cliff Corne #383 this month.

WA1YZV upgraded her #573 Mobile Award to the red seal level.

N9DEH likewise upgraded his #574 Mobile Award to the red seal level.

WB4FFV received Mobile Award #731 for contacting WA1YZV from 15 states.

WA1YZV got Mobile Award #732 for getting those contacts from WB4FFV.

WA6VJP picked up Union County award #35 at the Red Seal Level this month.

N1CBJ got his first Mobile Plaque for the Last County, Cat 3 award.

K7GJZ got a big envelope with M50M award #199 and Mobile Awards 733,734,735 736, 737 & 738 for working WA4KER, W1TEE, W3XE, N9AG, KA1HB, & NØCYB.

KA4SAX got Mobile Achievement award, Cat 1 and Cat 3 for W Virginia contacts.

N2GDI was back in action getting USA Counties awards for 6 call areas.

WØHKF got Mobile Award #739 for giving WA6VJP contacts from 100 counties.

WA6VJP got Mobile Award #740 for getting those same contacts.

N9DEH got Mobile Awards Cat 3 and 4 from WA1YZV for contacts.

WA1YZV got Mobile Awards Cat 3 and 4 for contacting N9DEH.

W5EMZ opened his mail box and found Union County Award #36 w/Red-Blue Seals.

WA1YZV was back with Mobile Award, Cat 3,4 for ND1H contacts in 100 counties.

ND1H also got Mobile Awards, Cat 3, 4 for giving WA1YZV the 100 counties.

ONE MORE TIME

The basic award fee (Except for FBCA fees) is now \$1.50 and has been since the 1st of May. This has been published and some current MARAC members are sending in their award applications with \$1.25. I will stop processing such applications recieved as of August 1.

ALSO

The correct address for the awards custodian is:

Bill Nash, WØDWY; 6604 Hounds Run So.; Mobile, AL 36608. This is for the benefit of those applications that are still being sent to WBØTVL. I think Jim is probably tired of having to forward them so why not put the right address on them to start with.

OTHER NEWS

The annual County Hunter of the Year ballot was sent with the annual report. If by any chance you did not receive a copy of it, please advise me as soon as you receive this N/L. This very significant award will be presented at Indianapolis during the convention. I hope that you will be there to see the winner receive this fine award.

Congratulations to all the Award Winners as Listed. I hope that you all will try your skills in working for the new Five Band Counties Award.

73 de Bill, WØDWY
MARAC Awards Custodian

JUST A FEW MORE DAYS AND THE 20TH COUNTY HUNTER'S CONVENTION WILL BE UNDER WAY AND THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL CALLS CAN BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF ATTENDEES:

W04L K8SYK KASIBR W9UPE N8FEB N6SL NGOT N0CKC N0DPX W68IWK W66ABW
N9DR K9CSL N9CLZ KAOHJR WDXOHJR VE1AIT N8SY K9WPU KASPUB WSHDK KASIXF
N5AWE N9AZD W9ET N9SA WOKIH W4HXG W3IJT N8BNI WBOHLW W9HNR K9NLH
N9DEH W4LHP ADBW W9GBI N02D WBOIUL KDXOX W9DCZ K1CLV K87QD K7AYC
N0EYK N0GYN KAZCNG NFOX N4ANU W1TEE K9DCJ WDX9DCJ W41ZR WOACK W3IIF
W3IKB WDOEMS KAOFJA W9CRN W4OWY W9BII W6PXE W4RKU WOKG W9NUL W9UCW
N86A WABOWR W8BKDY W6NNV W2CUK N0CYR K4QFK WODSY N8AIL WDBIUT KFSAT
W5FS

WE'RE LOOKING FOR MANY MORE TO BE AT THE CONVENTION AND I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT ALL RAMADA INN-SOUTH RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE JULY 7. MAKE SURE THAT YOU CALL THEM DIRECTLY OR SEND THE RESERVATION CARD TO THEM.

AGAIN, ANY INDIVIDUAL PRIZE DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CONVENTION AND GIVEN TO W9ET (JERRY) OR TO ME (W9GBH). DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE THOSE PRIZE TICKETS FOR THE BANQUET TS140S.

ALL YOU CW COUNTY HUNTERS WILL NOTE THE CHANGE IN TIME FOR YOUR FRIDAY MEETING. MEETING TIME IS NOW 8:30 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M.

SOME OF YOU HAVE ASKED IF YOU CAN MAKE "LATE" RESERVATIONS TO THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. IT ALL DEPENDS IF ANY SEATS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BUSES AND IF THE HOTEL WILL HONOR "LATE" BANQUET REQUESTS. SOOOO, MAKE YOUR DECISIONS EARLY AND LET ME KNOW.

DON'T MISS THE GREAT OUTING WE WILL HAVE ON THURSDAY AT THE CONNER PRAIRIE FARM TOUR. NOT ONLY WILL WE HAVE PORK FOR SUPPER. BUT ALSO CHICKEN AND ALL THE USUAL TRIMMINGS. MAKE IT A POINT TO PUT THIS ONE ON YOUR AGENDA!!!

Conner Prairie Plus!

A delightful attraction in central Indiana is Conner Prairie, six miles northeast of I-465 on Allisonville Road, which vividly portrays the lives, times, attitudes and values of the first generation of Hoosier settlers.

It's a great place to visit, and it's ready and waiting now — 39 buildings in its historic areas, a nature center in a modern log cabin, a crafts and maintenance center, a quarter-mile, handicapped-accessible nature trail, a bakery serving homemade breads, a shop selling hand-crafted items, a Weaver Gallery, a specialty restaurant and much more.

Visitors this year will find something new, away from the historic areas, the Conner Prairie Museum Center, a handsome, spacious stone building with a copper roof and glassed-in areas, a huge, curving entry ramp, a pool with a copper fountain, a light-filled atrium, a 102-seat theater featuring the documentary, *The New Eden*, the 220-seat Governor Noble Eating Place serving Hoosier-style cooking, displays, education rooms, meeting rooms, offices and a historical research facility.

The good old days are alive and well at Conner Prairie — and delightful.

ONE LAST REQUEST FROM THE MEMBERS-----BRING AT LEAST TWO (2) PERSONAL QSL CARDS. WE WOULD LIKE TO TACK ONE TO A LARGE BULLETIN BOARD NEAR THE REGISTRATION DESK AND THE OTHER ONE YOU CAN PUT ON YOUR ROOM DOOR. THIS WAY ALL WILL KNOW WHO IS HIDING BEHIND THE DOOR!!
HI!! HI!!

WHAT A GREAT TIME WE WILL HAVE AT INDIANAPOLIS THIS YEAR AND I'LL BE LOOKING FOR YOU ON JULY 20-24.

1988 MARAC County Hunters CW Contest

MARAC invites all amateurs to participate in the 1988 County Hunters CW Contest. All mobile and portable operation from less activities is welcomed and encouraged.

RULES

- 1) Contest Period: 0000Z July 30 to 0200Z 1 August, 1988
- 2) General Call: CQ CH
- 3) Exchange: QSO number, Catagory (Mobiles or Portables only: M or P), RST. County and State (U.S. Stations) others send Province or Country. EXAMPLE: 022M 599 ORANGE CA. Stations may be worked once on each band and again if the station has changed county. Mobile or portable stations changing counties during the contest may repeat contacts for QSO points. Stations on county lines give and receive only one number QSO, but each county is valid as a multiplier for the receiving station.
- 4) Scoring: QSOs with fixed stations are 1 point. QSOs with mobile or portable stations are 3 points. The total score is obtained by multiplying the sum of all QSO points by the number of U.S. Counties worked. Independent Cities may be counted as any one of their adjoining counties in accordance with USACA rules. Mobiles and portables who change states during the contest calculate their score for each state separately and again for Total score.
- 5) Suggested Frequencies: 3575, 7055, 14060, 21060, 28060. On 20 and 40M, Mobile and Portable stations should call CQ or QRZ bellow the suggested frequencies. Fixed stations must CQ or QRZ above the suggested frequencies.

6) Awards:

Certificates will be awarded in three catagories:

- M - Highest scoring station in each state operating mobile from 3 or more counties with a minimum of 10 QSOs in at least each of 3 counties.
- P - Highest scoring station in each state operating portable from a county which is not his normal point of operation when Total score exceeds 1000 points.
- F - Highest scoring fixed or fixed portable station in each state, province (Canada) and Country when Total score exceeds 1000 points.

Plaques will be awarded to the highest scoring mobile, portable and fixed stations in the U.S. who meet the above requirements for certificates.

Additional awards will be issued where deemed appropriate by the awards committee.

- 7) Submit contest logs showing Catagory, date/time (GMT), Station worked, band, exchanges, location, QSO points and Total score. All entries with 100 or more QSOs MUST INCLUDE AN ALPHABETIZED LIST OF ALL COUNTIES BEING USED AS MULTIPLIERS OR BE DISQUALIFIED FROM RECEIVING AWARDS. Enclose a business size S.A.S.E. if contest results are desired. Logs must be postmarked by 5 September 1988 and sent to:

Jerry Burkhead N6QA
7525 Baltic St.
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