

COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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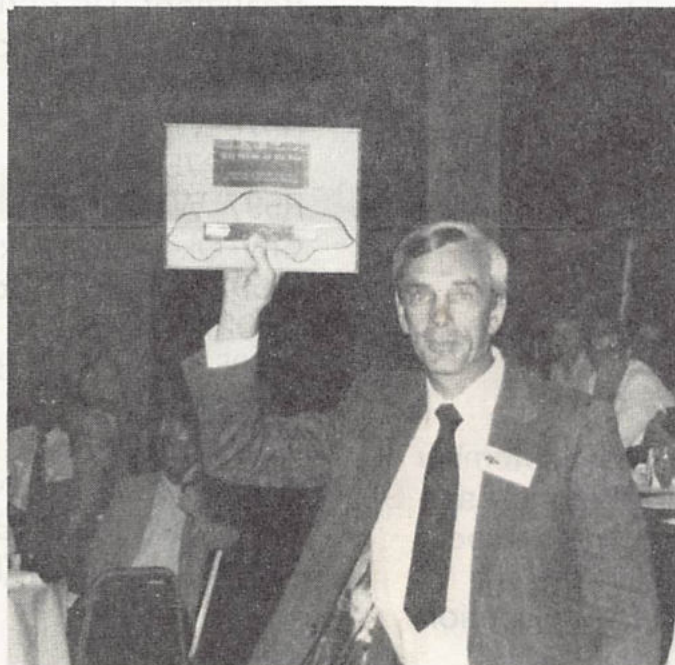
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N9DEH NAMED COUNTY HUNTER OF THE YEAR AND SSB MOBILER OF THE YEAR



At the Banquet, Saturday night at Indianapolis, WOOWY, Bill announced several awards but THE Award was the County Hunter of the Year and for 1988 it was Time McLaughlin, N9DEH. Tim, as most of you are aware, is very active mobiling around the country, and always has a good signal and good net procedures. Tim was also voted by the membership as SSB Mobiler for the year. Besides the two plaques issued for these awards, Tim was also the recipient of the K9EAB Memorial Trophy. This trophy cup is the original award issued to K9EAB for obtaining USACA #1. It was given to MARAC several years ago with the express intention that it be used to further county hunting and perpetuate the fraternalism and operating procedures shown by K9EAB, Clif Corne, Jr.

Congratulations, Tim. Good Luck and good hunting.

Minutes of the Marac August Meeting

The August MARAC meeting was held on the 13th at the Holiday Inn International Airport, Bloomington, Mn. President Don, WAOLKL, called the meeting to order at 8:55AM. Also in attendance were WONNH, WAORJJ, WBOKIN, NODRX, NOAKC, KAONVT, AND WBOSUN.

The Secretary discussed briefly the minutes of the Board of Directors and Annual meeting held at the Indianapolis convention. Approval of the minutes will be deferred to the September meeting, after being printed in the Roadrunner. John, W9LHG, was absent and no Treasurers report was available. President Don led an extensive discussion of planning work in progress to determine the location, within the Twin City area, for the 1991 convention. With no further business, Shel, NODRX, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry, WONNH, passed. Following the meeting, the members had conducted tours of the Holiday Inn Int'l. airport and the Registry Hotel a few blocks away.

The next meeting will be on September 10, 1988 at 9:00AM, at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, Mn. The October meeting will be conducted in conjunction with the NorthCentral Mini 9/30-10/1 at Superior Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted, Vern Olson,
WAORJJ, Secretary.

MARAC CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED AS OF 8-17-1988

SEPT 30-OCT 1, 1988 SUPERIOR WI N9BDM NORTH CENTRAL MINI
715-392-2759

NOV 4/5, 1988 MANCHESTER TN KM4W SOUTHEAST MINI
615-728-7379

MAY 18/19/ 1989 BRUNSWICK ME K7AYC NORTHEAST MINI
603-547-2511

JULY 5-9, 1989 ABILENE TX W5ILR MARAC NATIONAL 915-698-8849

AUG 4/5 1989 SEATTLE AREA N7TT PACIFIC MINI 206-481-7206

FEB 24/25, 1990 HOUSTON TX KA5PUB SOUTH CENTRAL MINI
713-579-7932

Address Changes, New Calls, Etc.

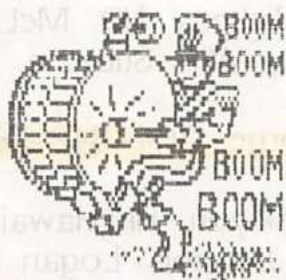
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R1165 N8BNI HC63 Box 2473 Snowflake Az
85937 (Navajo)
R1496 N6ERM 1727 Maryland Av Covington
Ky 41014 (Kenton)
R1817 W5KNZ P O Box 23041 Corpus Christi
Tx 78403 (Nueces)
R1832 KA4OVZ 2826 Bedford St Burlington
NC 27215 (Alamance)
R1688 WAS KD5YR NOW WE5I
R1706 WAS AA5AH NOW NG2T
R697 WB5BBS 2425 Wescalden Rd
Beaumont Tx 77707 (Jefferson)
R775 N9TN RR1 Box 73A Collins Ga
30421-9725
R976 WD9ITQ RR 10 Box 47 Columbia City
In 46275-9810
R597 WV5S 11623 Smoking Oaks Oklahoma
City Ok 73510 (Oklahoma)
R1691 ND1H PSC Box 3797 APO NY NY
09027-0477
R1795 KK2J Rd 1 Box 67B Rapidan Va 22733
(Culpepper)
R1911 N5IEC 1901 Stardust Lane Corpus
Christi Tx 78418 (Nueces)
R2013 WB8ULZ 48 Wallinwood NE Grand
Rapids Mi 49505 (Kent)

New Members

R2107 AK2H Warren Ash RD 6 Box 46A
Kingston NY 12401 (Ulster)
R2108 N8HWK Larry Galt 434-D W. Lake
St Addison Il 60101 (DuPage)
R2109 VE3KZE Tom Rusebush 733 Annland
St Pickerling Ont Canada L1W 1B5
R2110 WD8ATC Paul Wolfenbarger 7737
Salem Cemetery Rd DeGraff Oh 43318
(Champaign)
R2111 KA1LSD Dave Lombard 29
Bartholomew Av Ansonia Ct 06401 (New

Haven)
 R2112 KA0NVT Clyde Kane 3380 87th Av NE
 Blaine Mn 55434 (Hennepin)
 R2113 WN7J Steve Parish 6927 West
 Wagoner Rd Peoria Az 85345 (Maricopa)
 R2114 WU4S Stu Johnson 204 Ridge Dr
 Mount Airy NC 27030 (Surry)

Awards Information



Your Editor has received the following information from N4IXV, George.

I will issue the "Smokey Bear Award" certificate to anyone who works me mobile in any 100 counties, any states. Log information only, retroactive back to your first contact. SWL's eligible on a heard basis. Certificates will be numbered. QSL card please if you have not previously sent one. No fees, But Business size SASE appreciated. Unfolded certificate please send 50cents in stamps, NO SASE. Virginia State Police Caps to FIRST FIVE CORRECT APPLICATIONS. If a VSP T-Shirt is preferred, state size, S-M-L.

Addition to the List of Awards Presented at Indianapolis

An MARAC Merit Award was issued to Rosie Williams for helping with the Convention needs.

Also, included in this issue of the Roadrunner you will find a full page listing some of the "personal awards" given by various members. There are several pages

of these awards and they will be printed in future issues of the Roadrunner.



Planned Mobile Trips

KA1HB, Lou, N2FZD, Bob and KW1H, Peter will run Nantucket Co, Ma starting Sept 30 about 1730Z to 2200Z and Oct 1 from 1400Z to 1900Z.. CW AND SSB. Will report in and run off the net frequency. Have 10-15-20-40. Portable operation, but will run mobile if needed and time permits. Lets hope for good weather as ferry does not run in high seas and neither do we!

KB7QO, Ken and KCOMB, George (father and son) will put out all 5 Hawaiian counties per the following schedule: Kauai, Sept 27 and 28; Kalawao and Maui Sept 29, 30 and Oct 1. **Hawaii Oct 2 and 3; Honolulu Oct 4 and 5 and 6 if time permits.** Depending on propagation, we will transmit from 0000 to 0200 on 20 meters. 0200 to 0300 on 40 meters and 0400 and after on 75 meters. We will try and use these times each day. Will work CW between SSB runs. We hope to work you in every county. There will be a special QSL card with a picture of the team for those who work us there and request one. It would be appreciated if all last County awards go to KB7QO. If you have special requests let me know. Ken.

WB6SRK, Jim, is planning a trip to the east coast beginning about the second week of October and continuing until about the end of November. The route is mostly unplanned except for a few spots. I will begin by crossing Az through the middle on

Rt 60 as far as Socorro NM. At that point I will be influenced by impulse and requests. I will work my way to TN, KY, OH, WV, PA, and eventually to DC. All of this is subject to my whim and your need.

From DC the route will pick up DE and eastern shore of MD and VA to northeast NC before turning north to Richmond. From there to the Manchester Mini is open for decision. At the conclusion of the Mini the destination is Orlando/Lakeland FL. Again with no fixed route. When leaving FL I will hit parts of AL and MS to New Orleans, southern TX to Brownsville, San Antonio and to west through border counties of AZ and CA. If you have any needs you want to throw into the pot, get me a list to arrive the first week of October. Enroute requests will be considered, and with time permitting, last counties will get first priority. Jim.

WiWLW, Joe is going to put out Dukes and Nantucket counties, MA. He plans to be on each island for two full days. Friday afternoon, all day Saturday and Sunday morning on each of two successive weekends in September. He will have all bands 75 thru 10 on SSB and at least two, possibly three bands on CW (80, 20 and possibly 40).

The trip for both islands will cost \$700 to \$800 so needless to say, he wants a lot of contacts. Please contact Joe either on net or send a list of everything you need in Ma. Before and after the Island trips he will make sure everyone will get finished in that state.. Dukes County Sept 23,24,25. Nantucket County Sept 30, Oct 1 and 2.

It was a terrible job to get steamship and housing reservations to coincide. Please make an effort to work him not only for your regular needs but there is some sort of a Worked All Joe in New England Award coming up in the near future! Joe.

Counties Needed To Finish USACA

WA6CQW George 619-443-4392

AL Lamar GA Chattahoochie Muscogee
KY Bracken Harlan Kenton MD Carroll
MI Alpena Branch Cass MN Dodge
Fillmore MT Musselshell I Petroleum NC
Avery Mitchell Montgomery Moore
Yancey Person OH Carroll Columbiana
SC Marion VA Dickerson

W2EZ Tom 716-377-0663 COLLECT

AL Lamar Pickens ND McLean Towner
WV Brooke WY Sublette

W3IJT George 304-842-5669

CA Lake Siskiyou HI Hawaii KS
Comanche Jackson Logan MN Clay
Lac Qui Parle Wadena MO Shannon
MT Richmond NC Catawba OR
Clatsop Deschutes Lake VA Highland

WBØDPD MARAC CLUB STATION

NONE!! ONLY 1 QSL OUTSTANDING!!
THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!!

Counties Needed to Complete A State

NIAP1 203-235-1430

AL Coosa Randolph AR Cleveland Dallas
Grant Phillips Sevier IL Morgan IN
Brown Decatur Hancock Harrison
Orange Perry Pulaski Washington IA
Jackson Lee Masaska Muscatine KS
Cherokee Crawford LA Iberia MD
Caroline Somerset

WA6MUK Ted 818-797-1077 COLLECT
No One Ringers!

AR Poinsett FL Wakulla ME Piscataque
MD Caroline Talbot MI Isabella
Macomb OK Johnston Kiowa WA San
Juan Skamania WI Grant Price TX
Borden Lion Zavala

Counties Needed to Complete States (cont)
KA5RNH Joe 504-675-5674

AR Bradley GA Bacon Candler Coffee
Echols Evans Jones Meriwether Newton
Tattnall Treutlen White IA Appanoose
Fremont ID Fremont Pochahantes
Ringgold KY Mercer Garrard Todd
Muklenburg MN Wabasha

WB9NUL Joyce 815-467-6912 COLLECT

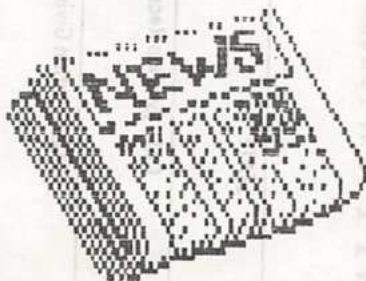
IA Benton CLinton Fayette Jackson
Mahaska Monroe Plymouth Shelby
Tama Washington KS Atchison Barber
Bourbon Cherokee Clark Hodgeman
Jackson Kingman Lane McPherson
Morris

Latest USACA Award Winners!

#576 W6TKV All SSB 7-20-88

#577 W6PXE Mixed 7-21-88

Congratulations!



CW News, by NFOX, Harry

(Some Days It Jest Don't....)

Sunday 0530..Last day of convention. Early start home. 1630 Home. Hurry to train beam on promised LC in KY 1601 Find rotor is burned out. Beam stuck WW Miss LC in KY.

Monday 0530 Climb tower. Replace rotor. Cars stop to watch crazy man on tower. Drivers make bets on how oOng

before he falls. Neighbor dalls sheriff. Trys talking me down from tower. Fasll last 15 feet. Spring ankle. Neighbor walks away in disgust. Sheriff yawns and leaves. Sightseers disgusted I didn't fall from 80 feet. XYL accuses me of deliberate self-inflicted injury so I can sit in front of rig.

0800 Band sounds good. Hearing all/M. Check NC log. See no entry since Jan 1985. Graciously take NCS. Make announcement. Ignored. 0815 Tr=hree mobiles being run. None by me. Hear CW snickers by hecklers. Band goes bonkers. 0825 With California Kilowatt restored some semblance of order. With help, start NE/M. His next is my lalst in NE. Ask him not to forget me. 0840 Start /M in TX. NE/M QSY in my ;last. He forgot me. Chase QSY. Lost /M. Scream for QSP. Ignored. Return to net. TX/M asking if I went to sleep. Ask assistant to get NE/M back for my QSO. TX/M gets mad. Goes QRT. Miss NE/M. Hobble to frige for beer.

1000 SD/M goes up 1 to run. High power stations follw and QRM net for 10 minutes. Another trip to frige. 1010 Seven /M QRV. All QSY to 070. No /M to run on net. Limp off to frige. 1030 Unknown station asks where Gene is. Wish I knew. Looked in frige. He's not there. 1035 Western station BK for GA/M. Spends next 10 minutes describing in great detail his recent gall bladder operation admid bedlam of Where's Gene? Leave shack. Get beer with bourbon chaser. Move frige to shack. 1045 Someone running weak /M under me. Start stronger /M. Get bourbon with beer chaser. Stagger back to chair. 1115 New /M say he gonna be in my last in TX at noon. Unknown station wants to know when I gonna run an important /M. He tired of all these/M In IL/IN/IA/MN/MI /OH /PA and WHERE'S GENE? Ad Nauseum. Leave chair crawl into liquor cabinet for bourbon and beer chaser.

1115 Spill beer into amplifier. XYL wants to

know what all the screaming and profanity about. Tell her went wrong way on bad ankle. 1200 NCS pryed from my pickled fingers by "Fast Eddie". 1205 My last in TX shows by new /M, "Fast Eddie" queries him at 55 WPM. New /M say QRS "Fast Eddie" say IMI? New /M never heard from again. Just as well. Couldn't see key anyway.

Lotsa good /M out there past few weeks. Of course, Gene on another big swing... 6,304 miles; 143 new counties; 35 reruns; 2000 QSO's and now 2,301 counties run on CW. TEE/QRV again SD/ND/NE/KS/MO last part Aug and early Sept. Need AK 2nd on CW? Drop KL7BL/P and set up a sked. He works in 2nd and works graveyard but happy to oblige but would like several at once and not new one every day. Harry.

From WA6VJP, Ed.

If you were on the CW CHN frequency August 8th in the AM, you would have been treated to a rare occurrence when Paul, WB2ABD, was running counties in SC. He ran Abbeville for Gene(W2FXA) last ball of wax, and in less than two hours Don, W7EQ got his last USACA county when Paul ran Saluda.

In all my years I have been county hunting this was the first time I have known this to happen. Congratulations go to Gene and Don and a special salute to Paul, who not only accomplished this feat for the two deserving recipients in the same day but also gave out several last counties for other net members.

This is no doubt a sense of great accomplishment for the trio but also a feeling of satisfaction for those of us who heard it happen. Ed.

LAST COUNTY AWARD

COUNTY _____ STATE _____
Date _____ Band _____
FROM CALL NAME _____
TO CALL NAME _____
Award # _____ Date _____
SEAL _____
Custodian _____

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.

1988 California QSO Party
Sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club

BEGINS: 1600 UTC October 1, 1988 ENDS: 2200 UTC October 2, 1988

Single operator entries may operate only 24 hours; off times must be clearly marked in the log and must be at least 15 minutes long.

Multi operator entries may operate the full 30 hours.

Stations may be worked once on CW and Phone on each band.

All contacts must be simplex; no MCW.

All CW contacts must be made in the CW sub-band, except for 160 meters.

California stations that change counties are considered to be new stations and may be contacted again for point and multiplier credit. CA stations operating from a county line may be counted only as one QSO.

OBJECT: Stations outside of California work as many California stations in as many CA counties as possible; stations in California work anyone.

EXCHANGE: California stations send QSO number and county; stations outside of California send QSO number and state/province/country.

QSO POINTS: Each complete phone contact is worth 2 QSO points. Each complete CW contact is worth 3 QSO points.

MULTIPLIERS: California stations use states and VO/VE1-7 and VY1/VE8 for a possible total of 58. Out-of-state stations use the number of different California counties for a possible total of 58. CA stations on a county line may be claimed as a multiplier for any or all of the counties they give in their exchange.

TOTAL SCORE: The total score is the number of QSO points multiplied by the total number of multipliers.

FREQUENCIES: 160 through 2 Meters excluding 30 and 12 Meters. CW on 1805 and 50 KHz up from the band edge. Phone on 1815, 3850, 7230, 14250, 21300, and 28500. Novices 10 KHz up from the band edge and 28495.
Try CW on the half hour.
Try 10 meters on the hour 1700-2000Z.
Try 147.54 MHz at 2000, 0000, and 0400Z.
Try 160 meters at 0500Z; 80 meters at 0300 and 0700Z.

DEADLINE FOR SCORE SUBMISSION: All logs and summary sheets must be sent to NCCC c/o Gary Caldwell, WA6VEF, 1830 Polk Street, Concord, CA 94521 by November 15, 1988. Please include a business size SASE for results. Entries of more than 200 QSOs must include duplicate sheets.

AWARDS: Certificates to the highest scoring single operator entry in each CA county, each state/province, and each country, and each station that scores 100 or more QSOs.

Trophies to the top three out-of-state single ops; the top three California single ops; the top multi-single and multi-multi in California; and the high scoring single-op and multi-op California county DXpeditions.

Special CQP Wine Award--The top 20 single operators in California, along with the top 20 single ops out of state, will receive a personalized bottle of Northern California Contest Club Private Reserve California wine. Wine winners who are under legal drinking age will receive a 1988 California QSO Party T-Shirt.

Special Trophies--Chairman's Award to the California single op who makes the most CW QSOs. Other trophies to the mobile single-op or team with the most total QSOs; the high scoring low power entry (200 watts or less) in California and out of state; the top Novice/Technician entry in CA and out of state; and the top club in California (Northern and Southern Cal Contest Clubs are ineligible).

A special thanks to Carl Cook, AI6V, of Wally's Rental Center, Concord, CA; Bruce Butler, W6OSP, of Paine Webber, Napa, CA; and Howard Brainen, WZ6Z, of Custom Process, Berkeley, CA, for their generous support of the Cal QSO Party.

GENTLEMEN, START THE CONVENTION

By Ed Palagyi, KN4Y

The sun was coming up, the next mile marker was coming up and we were trying to keep convenience store coffee down. It was the dawning of July 19, 1988 and the XYL and I were heading west from Tallahassee to go north to Indianapolis for the 20th MARAC National Convention. We live in one of those locations where one can't get to there and have to go some place where one can.

In Alabama I decided to give it a go on the radio and to my surprise W3HQU returned my call. I got so excited I shorted the power cord and blew a fuse. But... I had lost my MARAC virginity in Chilton County. The radio was dead until the next fuse stop.

July 20th, 1988 we enter the State of Indiana who was so glad to see its prodigal son (I use to live in Loogootee) that tears of joy rained down from the heavens and continued all day until it stopped. We arrived at the Ramada Inn South, Convention headquarters, and checked into room 252. I carefully put one of my QSL cards on the door. I don't know why, but being married I have learned to follow instructions without questions. Later I found it was so one could tell what CHER was in what room. I never did find out why one had to know.

I went down to the lobby to register. At the registration desk were three adorable young ladies and one who in a demure Yankee dialogue said, "Stand at attention, give your call sign then shut your mouth." Trying to make me feel at home I thought. She handed me a large unmarked brown envelope and said, "everything you need to know is in there." I also grabbed a envelope marked Abilene and ran to my room. The last time I got a unmarked brown envelope it was marked "for adults only."

The envelope contained local propaganda, some tickets and a convention schedule. How organized I muttered. There was a red ticket for a banquet ham prize. I threw that one away, another ham in the family means less air time. There was a blue ticket for a YL prize. I threw that one away too. My wife would not let me keep the YL if I won. There was a pink ticket for a Conner Prairie Trip. I kept this one, had not been on a good trip since the sixties. I kept the grey ticket marked 500 track/Indy Zoo which sounded interesting. The green ticket was for the banquet which I put under lock and key. I had pawned the cat's litter box to get these. Boy... a color blind CH'er wouldn't know where to go. I found out later this would not be a problem.

The best surprise was to find the hospitality room just three doors down the hall, sure would save wear and tear on the knees. I went there and had some warm beer, a strange ritual these yankees have. I listened to mobile war stories for awhile then went to bed to dream of 599 signal reports.

July 21, 1988 I arose to a bright sun lit morning and found I was in Indianapolis, Indiana. The area was on EST because it would cost the government too much to train everyone how to set clocks ahead to be on EDT, and then later to set the clocks back again to EST. At 0930 (1030) I went to a computer user's meeting. I had never used a computer but they didn't know that. I did not understand the discussion, but it sure sounded impressive. I heard words like "floppy disc," "hard drive," "software," and "user friendly." I may have to investigate further.

Then at 1300 (1400) us CHers, boarded a bus to be taken to the Conner Prairie Settlement. This was an historic settlement established in 1836. We saw an audio-visual presentation titled "A New Eden" which was different from the version shown on playboy after dark.

We all then went outside to look at early 19th century village shops, homes, an Inn and outhouse. Down in Florida we call such a place a low income housing development. Later, however, was the Coup de Grunt, a pig roast. There was a roasted piglet with an apple in its mouth just like in the medieval shows on television. The food was delicious once one got over being looked at by the main entree. It was later reported that several CH'ers became annoyed, they could not find a county line. We all got on the bus and went back to the hospitality room to warm beer.

Later the CW county hunters held a meeting in Eagle Creek Parke room. There were some there that were not A-1 operators, but then everyone is invited since the meeting was in the A3 mode. It was exciting.

July 22, 1988 had a screwed up schedule. The CW county hunters meeting, held last night, was scheduled at 0800, the antenna forum at 1000, but the tour buses left at 0900. So if you went to the CW meeting you had missed it and if you went on the tour you missed the antenna forum. I went on the tour. I just knew the time change would be a problem.

The bus took us to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Did you ever wonder why a car engine uses motor oil? We went into the hall of Fame Museum and looked at old time cars. This is one of those visits one takes and then wonders why. We took a ride around the famous oval. This was not overly exciting because I work for the State Government and have been going in circles for years. The popcorn was fresh.

We again boarded the bus and went to the Indianapolis Zoo. The animals in the zoo are actually alien beings sent to earth to study us humans. This system allows them to study many people

without traveling around the world. The next time you go to a zoo watch the eyes of each animal as they probe your mind. There is an energy drain and that is why one gets so tired. I asked why there was no reptile farm and was told the State Legislature was in session. I saw a camel and wondered how anyone could smoke one, let alone walk a mile to get one. We then got on the bus and went back to the Motel and the hospitality room and warm beer.

July 23, 1988 activities started with a shopping trip to Union Station. Our credit card had not recovered from the Denver convention shopping trip so the XYL just thought about going. I wonder why these shopping trips never go to a amateur radio store. There was an executive meeting in the morning where the executives execute excellent enthusiasm empowering everyone to enjoy emitting electrical emissions. This was their ten E's program.

Then later in the early afternoon, there was the general MARAC meeting. The meeting was entertaining and informative. I was so impressed I forgot to take notes. Later during the hottest part of the day we all went outside to pose for the convention photo. Did you ever wonder where the beads of sweat that trickle down your pant leg comes from? One thing about county hunters is their ability to remain composed during trying times.

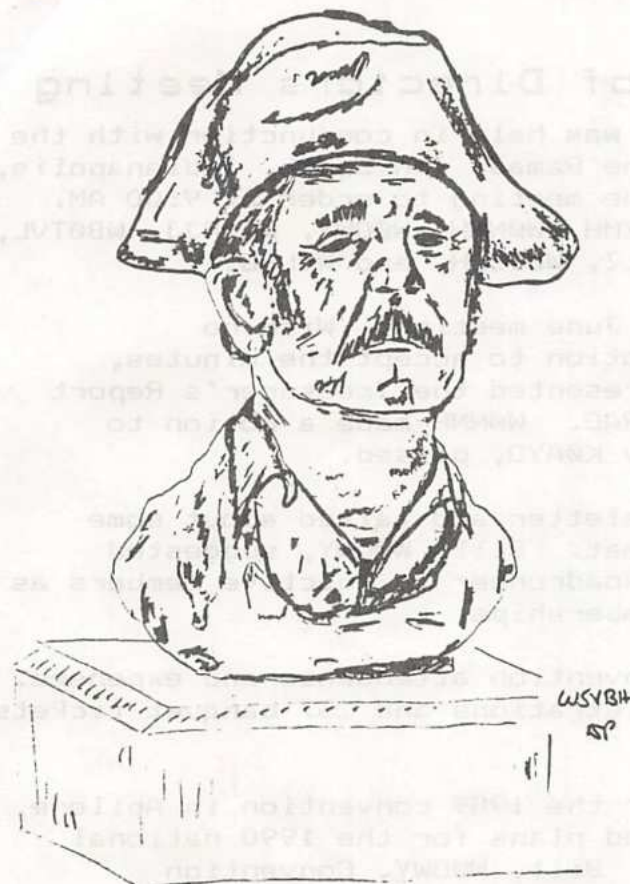
Later came the social hour. Someone else was in charge because the beer was cold. I listened to wonderful tales of county hunting lore. Then the banquet chow time arrived. I needed to replace the energy I lost getting my picture taken. The meal was excellent, with silverware even, how things have changed since I lived in Indiana.

After the meal there were some speakers who spoke, called after dinner speakers. Then tickets were pulled from a box and prizes given to the lucky ticket holder who matched the pulled one. Everyone at our table won something except me. I think the drawings were rigged and if Bush gets elected I will request an investigation. When all the prizes were gone, all departed to other activities.

We departed for Florida early the next morning. Another enjoyable MARAC convention in the books. Words cannot adequately describe the memories we have, especially the experts who helped me get a working mobile radio system. I promised to put it to work, but that's another story.

See you in Abilene De KN4Y and XYL

P.S. Ed, that idea for a Braille name tag has merit. Have a prototype ready for the convention in Abilene.



ALL OKLAHOMA AWARD

This rugged, sculpted cowboy bust is available from W5VBH for working him in all 77 Oklahoma counties, any band.

This handsome bust is approximately 5 1/2" tall and cast with the feel and sound of real bronze.

Send list of contacts including date, time, and county. No charge for award but donation appreciated.

Send to:

**DON PERRYMAN W5VBH
4804 N.W.62 TERRACE
OKLA. CITY, OK 73122**



ALL NEVADA PLAQUE

KB7QO gives a plaque for working him in all Nevada counties plus Carson City.

50 STATE PLAQUE

KB7QO gives a plaque for working him in all 50 states.

1000 COUNTY PLAQUE

KB7QO gives a plaque for working him in 1000 different counties.

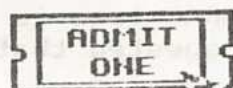
All of the above awards are free and must have copy of log contacts submitted to KB7QO.

TROPHY FOR A FIRST

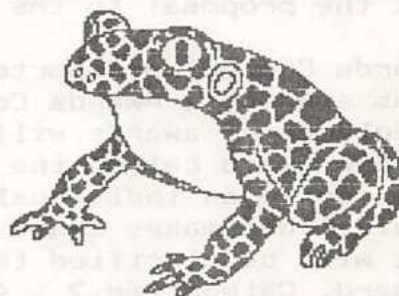
A one time only plaque will be given to the first station to submit log data, no QSL's, no MRC's, and no fees needed for working K5OUK Mobile in all 95 counties of VIRGINIA. Starting date is 2/17/87 which is first day of arrival in Virginia. As of 5/1/88, 91 of the 95 have been run by K5OUK, and the last 4 will be run between 5/1/88 and 1/1/89. There will be no expiration date so if you missed some counties hang in there, the 4 last ones are widely separated and other counties will be run again. This will be the first state that K5OUK Mobile has run every county in.

SEND APPLICATION TO:

**MIKE GRAY K5OUK
P.O. BOX 11755
RICHMOND VA 23230**



THE CRAPPED OUT DOGGIE



QSL CARD

The Crapped Out Doggie QSL Card is issued by KB7QO for contacts with him in BULLFROG County Nevada while it was in existence.

Ken asks that log information and an SASE be sent for this award

Send to:

**KEN WOSIKA KB7QO
3413 MARY ANN AVE
LAS VEGAS, NV 89101**

Minutes of the July Board of Directors Meeting -

The July MARAC Board of Directors meeting was held in conjunction with the National Convention on July 23, 1988 at the Ramada Inn South, Indianapolis, Indiana. President Don, WAØLKL, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Also in attendance were KØAYD, NØDRX. WØKMH, WØNNH, WØOWY, WAØRJJ, WBØTVL, WB1ENJ, WA3TUC, WA4CHI, W5ILR, KB7QO, N9CLZ, WD9GBH, and W9LHG.

The Secretary reviewed the minutes of the June meeting. With no corrections or discussion, W9LHG made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by WØNNH, passed. John, W9LHG presented the Treasurer's Report and the general financial condition of MARAC. WØNNH made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by KØAYD, passed.

Bob, KØAYD, covered the status of the newsletter and talked about some future plans regarding the Roadrunner format. Bill, WØOWY, suggested sending a complimentary copy of a future Roadrunner to inactive members as a means of promoting additional active memberships.

Herb, WD9GBH, gave a to-date report on convention attendance and expenses. He said that currently there were 151 registrations and 237 banquet tickets sold.

Ed, W5ILR, presented a progress report for the 1989 convention in Abilene, Texas. In addition, Paul, WA3TUC, outlined plans for the 1990 national convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Bill, WØOWY, Convention Coordinator indicated that proposals have been received for the 1991 convention from both the San Antonio, Texas and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota areas. The membership will determine the location of the 1991 convention at the afternoon's meeting. Bill indicated that he is encouraging each district to host a mini-convention each year. He also said that he is proposing that some kind of golf outing be included as part of the scheduled national convention activities.

Bob, WA4CHI, discussed a proposal to have an additional MARAC Director to represent the interests of CW county hunters. Bob was encouraged to present the proposal to the afternoon's general meeting.

The Awards Custodian reported on the significant items discussed at the previous evening's Awards Committee meeting:

- Replacement awards will be issued at the regular award rate.
- A new award called the Award Custodian's Award has been established to recognize an individual whose total adherence to award application guidelines makes award processing easier.
- It will be clarified that mobiles giving out counties for the Mobile Award, Categories 2 & 4, do not require confirmed contacts.
- The County Hunter of the Year selection process will be the same for next year, but will be looked at in the future.

It was proposed that a volunteer coordinator be named for selling MARAC related items like jackets, hats, etc. as a service to the membership and also to provide revenue. Bill, WØOWY, said that the MARAC logo is copyrighted via the County Hunters Handbook. It was suggested that N4FSZ may coordinate this activity.

Bob, WØKMH, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry, WØNNH, passed.

Respectfully submitted, Vern Olson, WAØRJJ, Secretary.

Minutes of the MARAC Annual Meeting -

The MARAC Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with the National Convention on July 23, 1988 at the Ramada Inn South, Indianapolis, Indiana. President Don, WA0LKL, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. In attendance were (more or less): W0ACK, N0AKC, K0ARS, K0AYO, W0BL, N0CKN, N0COL, N0CYR, N0DRX, W0DSY, N0DXH, W0EMS, N0EYK, W0FF, KA0FJA, N0GYN, AD0H, KA0HJR, WB0HLW, KC0JG, W0KG, W0KMH, WA0LKL, W0NNH, W0OWY, WA0RJJ, K0RRO, NZ0S, NG0T, WB0TVL, K0TXT, NF0X, VE1AIT, KA1CLV, W1DIT, WB1ENJ, W1TEE, K1ZSI, KA2CNG, W2CUK, W2EZ, W2FXA, WB2NFB, NC20, W2PDM, KA2QID, WA3AAJ, VE3BFJ, N3DRO, WB3HTK, W3IIF, W3IJT, VE3KZE, WA3QNT, WA3TUC, W3XE, N4ANV, K4BZV, K4CCW, WA4CHI, WA4HXG, N4IWY, W4IZR, WDX4KEF, W04L, W4LHP, W4OWY, WA4QER, K4QFK, W4RKV, KM4W, KN4Y, KD4ZJ, WD5AAH, KF5AT, N5AWE, W5FS, W5HDK, W5ILR, K6SJ, K5OUK, KA5PVB, W5RIT, W5UGD, NB6A, WB6ABW, WA6GQY, K6HZI, W6NNV, WA6OCI, W6PXE, WA6UFY, WA6VJP, K7AYC, K7EXK, K7GJZ, KC7JC, W7NXZ, KB7QO, AK8A, N8AIL, WD8ATC N8BGF, N8BNI, N8CIJ, K8CW, N8EMV, N8FEB, N8FED, KU8G, N8HAM, N8IPG, K8MDU, WD8MUT, WB8NWK, K8OOK, WA8OWR, WB8SNO, AD8W, KS8W, WB8WXE, WDX8WXE, W9ABM, K9AGB, N9AUV, N9AZD, N9BAE, N9BDM, W9BM, KE9CA, N9CLZ, W9CRN, K9CSL, K9DCJ, WDX9DCJ, WB9DCZ, N9DEH, N9DR, KA9EDD, K9EHA, W9ET, KA9FFZ, WD9GBH, W9GBI, WD9GSU, K9GTQ, KA9HAD, WD9HDR, K9IHU, WD9ITQ, K9JDF, WB9JSW, NG9L, W9LHG, K9MGE, KD9MJ, W9MY, KA9NLH, WB9NUL, WA9PQY, KB9QP, NV9S, W9UCW, W9VPE, KA9WPV, NS9Y, KA9YWC, KB9YY, and W9ZD. President Don opened the meeting by expressing, on behalf of the membership, a thankyou to Herb, WD9GBH, and his committee for a great job in convening the convention.

The Secretary presented the minutes of the June meeting. With no corrections or discussion, W4LHP made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the Roadrunner, seconded by WA8OWR, passed. The Secretary thanked Bill, W0OWY, for his work in printing, assembling, and mailing the Annual Report. The Secretary also reported the results of the voting for District Directors, along with a thankyou to W0KMH for heading up the Nominating Committee. Shel, N0DRX, was elected unanimously to fill the post of Headquarters Director, vacated by Wally, KB0XB. Bill, KM4W, was unanimously reelected for another term as Director of the SE District. The competition for Director of the South Central District was won by Buster, N0CKC, with 57 percent of the vote. In addition, it was reported that MARAC currently has a healthy active membership of approximately 810 persons.

John, W9LHG, presented the Treasurer's report. He also reported on the results of the questionnaire sent to a representative group of inactive members. His remarks indicated that things like other interests, cost, and not continuing with 2nd or 3rd time around, were the primary reasons given for not renewing membership. There were several items of positive feedback received, like a good awards program, MARAC's volunteers, and a good newsletter.

President Don reported that there had been considerable discussion in the Board of Directors meeting about the addition of a MARAC Director to represent the CW county Hunters. Don called upon Bob, WA4CHI, to present the proposal and lead discussion. W2PDM, W3XE, NC20, W6PXE, WD9ITQ, WB9NUL, K4QFK, and W9LHG made statements to their opposition. Bob asked for a show of hands of those present for and against the proposal. The proposal for the additional Director was defeated.

The Awards Chairman, W00WY, addressed several subjects:

- A thankyou to Jim, WB0TVL, for his significant contribution as past Awards Chairman.
- The large volume of awards processed since he assumed the position of Awards Chairman.
- The new Five Band Counties Award. He covered the cost of development of the award and the current number of recipients. He also stressed the importance of getting the basic certificate and then adding additional endorsements later.
- Bill discussed general certificate redesign costs and the related expense of graphic artists.
- Bill also outlined the current method of processing the Last County Award and plans in place to make the process more efficient by using computer techniques.
- It was discussed that a portable display of MARAC awards would be beneficial, but the cost may be prohibitive.
- Bill announced that the current Mobile Award and Achievement Award, each with several categories, would be merged into a single award.
- The membership was encouraged to use the Excellent Operator Award as a means of recognizing outstanding service as net control.
- Bill presented a multitude of awards to members. The specifics have been reported in the August Roadrunner.

President Don thanked Bob, K0AY0, for his continuing good work in providing the membership with the newsletter. Bob spoke to the group and reported on newsletter volumes, printing costs, and planned future enhancements.

John, W9LHG, presented a baseball bat award, termed a "Room Reservation Enforcer", to Mary, N0DXH, for her outstanding results in cutting thru red tape in securing a convention room for himself and XYL, Virginia. John elaborated extensively as to the practicality and varied features incorporated in the award.

Ed, W5ILR, addressed the meeting with the schedule and planned itinerary for the 1989 convention in Abilene, Texas. Ed drew on several examples of weather history to show that the weather will be ideal at convention time. The dates given were July 5 thru 8. Similarly, Paul, WA3TUC, addressed the group outlining plans for the 1990 convention in Valley Forge, Pa.

President Don announced that offers from two areas had been received as sites for the 1991 convention: San Antonio, Texas, convenor WB4FBS and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, convenor WA0LKL. Jerry, WD5JGS, spoke to the group outlining the attractions of San Antonio. In like manner, Don, WA0LKL, presented the features of the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. A ballot was distributed for the members present to select the 1991 convention site. It was announced that the voting results would be announced that evening at the banquet.

With no additional items of business forthcoming, Joyce, WB9NUL made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom, K9GTQ, passed.

Respectfully submitted, Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, Secretary.

Indianapolis Convention Observations de Vern, WAØRJJ -

We arrived at the Indianapolis Ramada Inn South late in the afternoon of Wednesday, July 20th. It seemed strange in that our arrival was heralded by a heavy rain storm when the entire Midwest is suffering from a severe drought. The smiling faces behind the convention reservation desk were a welcome sight and established the great attitude for the rest of the convention.

Thursday morning was the Computer Users Group meeting. An IBM System Engineer demonstrated the IBM Laptop and Portable computers and did a nice job of explaining the PC product line. Lots of questions were raised and answered concerning PC technology, capability, and usage. Later in the program both W6PXE and VE1AIT described their computer applications that support county hunter contact logging and record keeping. Thursday afternoon was the Conner Prairie Settlement/Pig Roast event, and was a real hi-lite of our Indianapolis visit. Two busloads of us made the half-hour trip to NE Indianapolis. The Conner Prairie Settlement is made up of three sections. First, a modern "Adventure Center", where we were welcomed and shown a brief film on the history of the area. Then we were free to visit the 1836 Village and William Conner Estate. The 1836 Village was literally that - a village whose occupants role-played life in the year 1836. The big news at the Inn was Arkansas becoming a State. The William Conner Estate visit was slightly different, in that the hostesses told about the history and did not role play to a specific time. William Conner was an early fur trader-settler in the area. The ladies did a fascinating job of describing the history and insights of pioneer life at the restored estate. Following a very interesting afternoon, we enjoyed a nice dinner at the settlement, served in the open air. The pork, chicken, and fixins tasted good and noone left hungry.

The CW County Hunters had meetings on both Thursday evening and Friday morning. Evidently there was too much business and/or strategy planning to be contained in one meeting.

Friday morning Joyce's OM, Barry, W9UCW, (I'll hear about that) presented a program on Antennas. The presentation was well attended, and as usual, Barry did a great job of blending the theoretical and practical in discussing antennas for the County Hunter. Barry's antenna discussions are rapidly becoming a traditional hi-lite of County Hunter gatherings. Friday afternoon a large group attended the scheduled Indianapolis Motor Speedway and Indianapolis Zoo tours. I was told that the Speedway Museum was very worthwhile. Four of us used the afternoon to visit Nashville, Indiana, in Brown County, about a 40 mile drive south of Indianapolis. It is an arts and crafts vacation area and was fun. I think of it as the Ozark's Eureka Springs of Indiana. Friday night the Awards Committee got together for a meeting.

Saturday morning was the MARAC Board of Director's meeting, followed by the MARAC Annual Meeting in the afternoon. Both meetings are documented in the Roadrunner. Late in the afternoon N4ANV shouted and coerced people into position for the group photographs. Then, after a time for attitude adjustment, everyone gathered for the banquet. I understand there was approximately 245 in attendance at the banquet.

The banquet Saturday evening culminated the long list of official convention functions. KF5AT delivered the invocation followed by a prime rib dinner. Throughout, K5OUK as Master of Ceremonies, kept the gathering entertained and informed. It was announced that the Minneapolis/St. Paul area won the voting at the afternoon's general

meeting as the site of the 1991 National Convention. Many MARAC awards were presented by the Awards Custodian and others. Details are in the August Roadrunner. Throughout the evening drawings were held for the many donated prizes. The "Biggie" winners were: \$50-Jackie, XYL of WA3QNT; Afghan-XYL of W0KG; \$100-Barbara, XYL of W4OWY; \$200-Mary, XYL of WB9DCZ; \$350-XYL of W9ZD; Magnetic Antenna Mount-WD9HDR; Painting from Evelyn Garrett-NC20; ICOM Handitalkie-N3DR0; and Kenwood TS-140-W6NNV. At some point in the last three days it was announced that KG5J won the convention pre-registration prize.

Sunday it was back on the road to Minnesota. It was a great party Herb. Thanks from all of us.

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If your mailing label indicates 8809 or 8810, it is time to renew. Dues with 1st class mailing of the Newsletter are \$13.00 per year. Dues with 3rd class mailing of the Newsletter are \$10.00 per year. 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 \$25.00. Please make your check or money order payable to MARAC and mail to the Secretary, Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, 4024 NW 3rd Street, Rochester, MN 55901.

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MARAC, Box 64, Newport, Minnesota 55055.

SUMMARY OF CW MEETING AT INDIANAPOLIS

Meeting was held in 2 sessions (Thursday evening & Friday morning) in order to accomodate those wishing to go on the Speedway tour Friday. Both sessions were well attended with a composite of about 35 amateurs represented at one or both sessions.

A suggestion was made to use 21.066 Mhz more often. This would help those working on the new FBCA, our DX members, and transcontinental QSOs during morning hours on the Pacific coast. Most were in favor of this suggestion. All the mobiles need do is QSY to 21 Mhz after completing runs on 14 Mhz.

A spirited debate took place concerning whether the CW net should use assistant net controls as is done on SSB. Strong opinions were voiced on both sides of this issue, but no consensus emerged. (For the benefit of those not familiar with the CW net, current practice is as follows: NCS asks at end of run if anyone has any additional relays, but does not automatically ask a second station to announce the mobile or to call for further relays.)

Another debate concerned whether the CW net should use a formal list of mobiles - or - just informally call for whoever happens to be ready at the moment (in effect, reshuffling the order of the mobiles continuously). Opinion seemed to lean in the direction of using a formal list more often than at present. The point was made that not using a list in effect requires the mobiles to check back in each time they wish to run a new county.

Various suggestions were made concerning what the best frequency would be for mobiles to use when operating off the net frequency. Some points to consider: A QSY up to the old net frequency of 14.070 often encounters RTTY/AMTOR and W1AW uses 14.068 for bulletins and code practice. Jim WBØTVL mentioned that the Royal Signals ARS meets on 14.065 Mhz, so any QSY down should be at least to 14.064 to avoid interference with their net.

Ed WA6VJP gave a presentation on the procedures used in preparing the recently published CW operating guidelines. Bill WØOWY then offered to help print any further modifications or updates of the CW guidelines in future editions of his handbooks. No committee was assembled to pursue further changes at this time, although a number of changes were proposed or discussed at this point during the meeting.

Reported by Dan NGØT, meeting moderator

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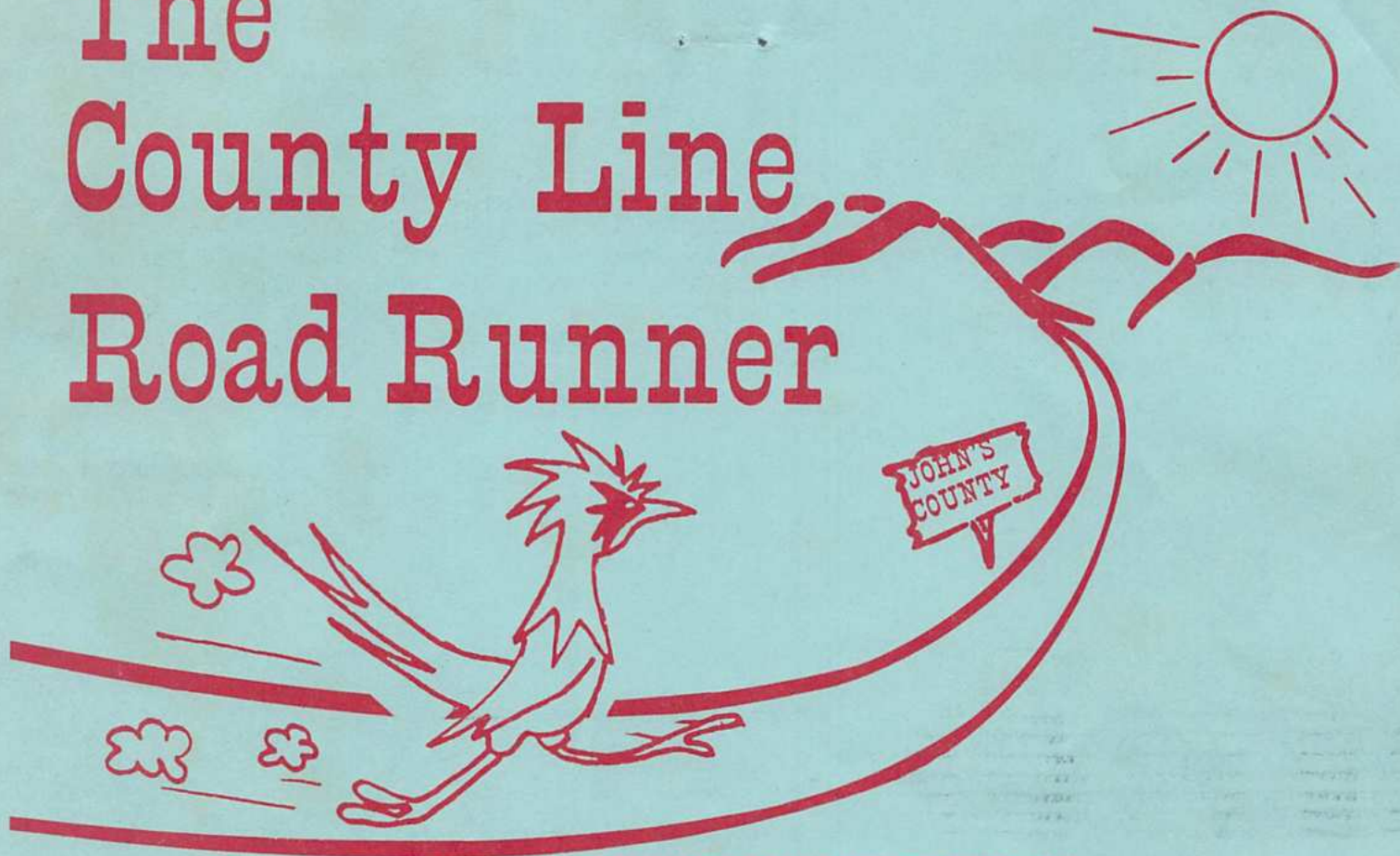
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