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CW NEWS

By Harry, NFOX

December saw a big decrease in CW/M activity, a real let-down especially after the hectic activity of November. Most of the CW regulars were on SSB. Mobiles, if you want CW activity, you have to QNC your trips. An alternative is to announce after your SSB runs that you are going to CW. One mobile told me the lack of a READABLE NCS keeps him on SSB. You fixed stations on the east and west coast pitch in and help. We have a lot of good CW/M out there but they are not going to spend RF to the four winds.

KC7YE, Jack is out to run the Washington counties in celebration of his state's centennial and will run all 38 counties in the next 12 months on CW> Jack will offer a special QSL for working him in all WA counties CW. Jack is a Maintenance Mech. for a large electronic firm and not normally able to QNC his trips as he is on a 24 hour call type of sked. QSX for Jack at any time.

Kerry, WD4SIG/M worked hard in KY and TN running a great CW signal, giving out those counties that no one ever goes to unless they have to.

Had a long informative letter from Gene, W1TEE. Space won't allow the entire letter so will just hit the highlights. Gene, along

with most others who have ever run in Texas discovered that Texans like to brag about Texas, but hide their County Line signs. Now what kind of a mentally unbalanced highway official would do things like that? Rain, snow and sleet plagued Gene on his Take the Alamo single-handed Texas run in November. His weapons were a ICOM-735 to a Hustler mounted on the back bumper of his faithful 1976 Plymouth Duster that just turned over a mere 300,000 miles as he was leaving Red River County, TX..(anyone who has seen Gene's vehicle would agree it belongs in the CW Hall of Fame.) Red River was number 254 in Texas for Gene and Texas was state number 41 completed. His totals for this trip was 9,271 miles; 184 new counties run; 20 counties re-run and 3,994 CW contacts made. He has now transmitted 2,800 counties, all CW and all on the CW net. The remaining 276 are in the west and in snow country so there will be no effort on them until spring. However, QSX for him in the New England area for the next few months (he just ran all of CT CW a few days ago) Gene is blessed by having relatives (mostly daughtersw) in, it seems, almost every state! I mentioned my tentative trip to Alaska/M in 89 and right away here comes "...I have this brother in Anchorage..." Who knows what he has in Hawaii. Gene says there will be no Alaska or Hawaii effort until he has cleaned up the lower 48.

(CW NEWS con't)

Look for an effort by NFOX/M in Alaska immediately after the Abilene convention. I had planned a big off-beat effort in OR and WA but time constraints may cut that down. I will make a five band effort /M in Alaska.

Look for Andy, W3XE/M enroute MD to CA commencing January 5. All Interstate, pulling a Travel Trailer and no side trips.

Get your CW totals ready for Buster, NOCKC. He will be calling for them.

73, Harry.

From The Secretary

If your mailing lable indicates 8901 or 8902, it is time to renew. Dues with 1st Class mailing of the Newsletter are \$13/year. Dues with 3rd Class mailing of the Newsletter are \$10/year. Note that 3rd class mailing is available within the US only. Dues with the Newsletter mailed Air Mail to all continents other than North America is \$25/year. Please make your check or money order payable to MARAC and mail to the Secretary, Vern Olson, WAORJJ, 4024 NW 3rd St., Rochester, MN 55901.

Minutes Of The MARAC Monthly Meeting

The December meeting of MARAC was held on the 10th at the the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, Mn. President Don, WAOLKL, called the meeting to order at 8:52 AM. El Presidente requested that the minutes show that the meeting convened considerably before the appointed hour of 9:00 AM. Also in attendance were WONNH, WAORJJ,

NOAKC, W9LHG, WOKMH, and WBOUPU.

John, W9LHG, presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of December. With a healthy checking account balance plus \$500 being transferred to the saving's account, WONNH made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by NOAKC, passed.

Vern, WAORJJ, reviewed the November's Secretary report as printed in the ROADRUNNER. With no corrections forthcoming, W9LHG made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by NOAKC, passed. The Secretary also reported that as of 11/30/88, MARAC enjoys an active membership of approximately 820.

There was some general discussion of the cost and contents of the County Hunter information packet provided by MARAC. Jerry, WONNH, reported that expenses for the information packet run approximately \$40/month. The bulk of that expense is incurred for duplication costs. The Secretary reaffirmed the value of the information packet, with more than half of all applications for MARAC membership coming from the application form supplied with the packet. A committee composed of the Secretary and Treasurer will look at the feasibility of improving the information packet content.

President Don indicated that he is working with Bill, WOOWY, to obtain closure of the 1988 National Convention account, and expects that to happen soon.

Everyone present expressed their heartfelt sorrow, concern, and understanding to Jerry, WONNH, after the recent passing of his wife Carol.

With no additional business, WBOUPU made a motion to adjourn, seconded by NOAKC, passed. The next regular meeting will be held on January 14 and February 11 at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN.

NEW LOOK FOR MARAC CONTESTS

Over the past year many county hunters have expressed a desire to align the rules of the SSB and CW county hunters contests. While the basic idea behind the two contests is very similar, the mechanics of each contest differed. For example, each contest followed separate rules for categories of entries, report exchanges, and awards. In addition, the SSB contest has traditionally held the first part of May and the CW contest has been held in late July each year. Well...much of that is changing in 1989.

Attendees at the this year's Northwest Mini, input from individual county hunters, testers, and those in attendance at Manchester suggested that standardizing the rules between the contests would resolve some of the confusion that arises out of the differing rules. Additionally, the MARAC Awards Custodian pointed out that timing of the contests were out of sync with the annual MARAC national convention. Putting all of this together, the 1989 MARAC SSB Contest will be announced soon with the following changes in rules and format:

- Dates: 8/9 April 1989
- Rest periods are eliminated
- Competition for awards will be limited to stations which operate only one transmitter at any one time
- Contacts operating under a net control will be invalid for contest scoring purposes
- The portable entry category will be reinstated
- Contest exchanges will now require a consecutive serial number and category of entry
- Scores of at least 50,000 points will be required for awarding of plaques
- Mobiles will be eligible for awards based on state of operation as well as overall
- A check sheet will be required of entries with 100 or more counties worked

These changes arise out of the reconciliation of the SSB and CW contest rules and will be followed in the future for both contests.

The SSB contest was moved to April to allow the CW contest to be held in May----both moves in an effort to allow the awards to be personally presented to the winners at the MARAC national conventions.

Complete rules for each contest will be published in CQ, QST, and in the County Line Road Runner.

The contests create a lot of interest in county hunting among the general ham population and activates many needed counties. Please plan to participate in the 1989 MARAC county hunters contests. When the zero hour of the contest starts, every county in the United States become rare. If you have not entered one of the contests before, give it a try. They are your contests...and it's your fun that you will be missing.



KA5PVB 713-579-7932
 7-90 EASTERN PA NATIONAL CONVENTION
 WA3TUC 215-887-0560
 7-91 MINNEAPOLIS, MN NATIONAL CONVENTION
 WA0LKL 612-888-3882

MARAC FINANCIAL REPORT

Checking Account as of 11-1-83	\$1,113.45
Income	1,593.00
Expenses	1,378.67
Checking Account as of 12-1-88	\$1,327.78
Savings Account as of 11-1-88	\$3,486.82
Transfer from Checking Acc't	500.00
Savings Account as of 12-1-88	\$3,986.82

Silent Keys

With deep sadness, we must report the passing of several of our friends. Our sympathy to their families.

John McCaa, W4HA, C39, USACA 25, Net Control and County Hunter of the Year, 1971.

Glen Coleman, K4IUO, R613, USACA 201.

Tom Boyd, W5QVZ, R1392.

Address Changes, New Calls, Corrections



MARAC UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1-14-89 HOLIDAY INN EAST ST PAUL, MN MEETING
- 2-11-89 HOLIDAY INN EAST ST PAUL, MN MEETING
- 4-8/9-89 WORLD WIDE MARAC SSB CONTEST
WA5TDK
- 5-6/7-89 WORLD WIDE MARAC CW CONTEST
N6QA
- 5-18/19-89 BRUNSWICK, ME NORTHEAST MINI
K7AYC 603-547-2511
- 7-5/9-89 ABILENE, TX NATIONAL CONVENTION
W5ILR 915-698-8849
- 8-4/5-89 SEATTLE, WA PACIFIC MINI
N7TT 206-481-7206
- 9-8/9-89 MILWAUKEE, WI NORTH CENTRAL MINI
NG9L 414-255-5074
- 11-3/4-89 MANCHESTER, TN SOUTHEAST MINI
KM4W 615-728-7379
- 2-24/25-90 HOUSTON, TX SOUTH CENTRAL MINI

- R854 WBOJUS 900-B NE Windrose Dr
Kansas City Mo 64155
- R351 W6HDV P O Box 1961 Gardnerville NV
89410
- R2108 N8HWK 434 West Lake St Apt D
Addison IL 60101
- R743 K3JVT 3 Stratford Way Huntington
WV 25705 (Cabell)
- R1516 WB4AFP 502 S Hamilton St
Williamson SC 29697
- R1330 K4BZV P O Box 1255 Freer TX 78357
(Duvall)
- R340 WA4WQG Rt 2 Box 108 Barboursville
VA 22923
- R1687 KD4ZJ Kings Creek 328 P O Box 574
Steinhatchee FL 32359 (Dixie)
- R353 K5VYT 12883 W 75th Place Arvada
CO 80005 (Jefferson)
- R1207 WB8WEZ Box 2164 Middlesboro KY
40965 (Bell)
- R1353 KA9ACS 24350 W Rt 173 Antioch IL
60002

(Addresses con't)



R1372 K9BQL 2654 S Pagosa Ct Aurora CO
80013 (Adams)

R287 K4RQX 1515 N Huntington Lane #625
Rockledge FL 32955

R1449 N5FSW 19213 Oaktrail Dr Flint TX
75762

R2112 KAONVT 8941 Syndicate Av #101
Circle Pines MN 55014 (Anoka)

R1529 NC2O 9900 SE C314 Box 193 Silver
Springs FL 32688 (Marion)

R2087 KB4QI 710A Country Club Parkway
Mt Laurel, NJ 08054 (Burlington)

R187 K5IID P O Box 5153 Farmington NM
87499 (San Juan)

R1068 WBOLOU Rt 3 Weaver Dr Bloomfield
IA 52537 (Davis)

R1102 WA7YID 1199 1/2 49th Av Sweet
Home, OR 97386 (Linn)

R1286 KCOMB P O Box 7 Bena MN 56626
(Cass)

R1368 WD4SIG 2245 Chippingham Pl
Cordova TN 38018 (Shelby)

Welcome To New Members

R2133 WB4KMH Phil Deporter Rt 5 Box 252B
Kingston TN 37763 (Roane)

R2134 N6GLI Lola Humphries 128 Miramar Av
San Rafael CA 94901 (Marin)

R2135 WB8ROC Gerald Eckerd 3100 E
Hotchkiss Bay City MI 48706 (Bay)

R2136 KOVPP Roger Strom 8812 47th Av
Kenosha WI 53412 (Kenosha)

R2137 NV4Z Mary Carter 1018 N Holmes
Memphis TN 38122 (Shelby)

R2138 KB1WI Chuck Fisk RD #1 Box 3150
Rutland VT 05701 (Rutland)

Seven New USACA Members Announced

Counties Needed to Complete USA-CA

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

#593 K5UTH 11-22-88, All Mobiles

#594 K9MGF 11-22-88 All SSB

#595 WOMHK 12-5-88 Mixed

#596 DJ3OE 12-10-88 Mixed

#597 K2CTJ 12-12-88 Mixed

#598 WA6OCI 12-12-88 All 20M SSB Mobile

#599 KJ4EJ 12-15-88 Mixed

(Editors Note; assuming I can make Abilene,
I'll have the Plaque for WBODPD on display
for all of you. Bob)

W7HZL AI

AL Perry Dallas KS Wallace MO
Audrain NC Hoke OH Huron Mercer
TN Lewis Hardin VA King William IN
Sullivan Pike KY Calloway Boyle
Mercer Anderson Owen Pendleton
Bracket MI Ionia

WA9EZT Dan 75M SSB Mobile

AK 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

(Ed. Note; I left off the Mobile from last
month's list. Sorry Dan.)

(USA-CA Counties, con't)

HB9AFI Kurt

AR Cross GA Lincoln Oglethorpe Wilkes IA
Union Ringgold KY Knott MI Dickinson
Roscommon NE Brown Garden SD Beadle

W7HRD Ed 602-994-9955 COLLECT Mobile

GA Emanuel MS Smith NE Wayne NC
ALexander Wayne

K4ELK Walt 902-245-7254 COLLECT

FL Charlotte GA Atkinson Barrow Webster
NE Box Butte McPherson

W5VDW Sonny 409-825-2491 Mobile, 20M, SSB,
for USACA Endorsement

KS Doniphan Osborne LA Winn NE Cuming
OK Comanche MI Wayne Missaukee

Counties Needed To Finish A State

W5VDW Sonny 409-825-2491

AL Choctaw Walker IL Crawford
Gallatin Jasper Monroe ME
Androscoggin Hancock MN Brown
Carver Itasca Waseca MS Adams
Lawrence Simpson Smith Webster PA
Fayette Pike Wayne TN Blount
Crockett Jackson VA Charles City WA
Okanagon

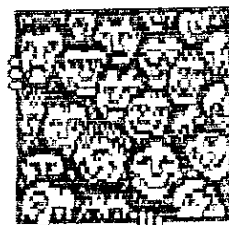
W7KEU Keith 316-232-6211

GA Burk Glynn Stephens Union Wayne
ID Lincoln IA Jasper Monroe Taylor
KS Grant Hodgeman Jewell Lane
Mitchell Ness Pawnee Republic Stafford
MO Douglas St Francis Ste Genevieve
Taney Washington

KC2MV Oris 315-823-1163

AL Clay Franklin Russell CO Crowley

Hinsdale Phillips FL Gulf Sarasoto IN
Brown Elkhart KS Cherokee Stanton
LA Washington MN Cottonwood
Murray Renville Swift MS Clarke Clay
Tishomingo Union



Members Correspondence

Editorial—Bob—KOAYO I have received several comments on the content of the Roadrunner and I appreciate the time and effort you folks take to write.

Regarding the "Counties Needed" columns— I limit them to 25 +/- for each entry, that way we can give approximately equal space to each participant. If you send in more than 25 at a time, I'll hold the excess for the next issue. Likewise, on the USACA counties, if you send in more than 25, I'll put them under the States counties. ONLY 25 or less for the USACA Counties column.

I will hold the Newsletter until the 21st of the month before I send to the printer. Some months I run a little late, but don't count on getting it in the next issue unless I have it by the 21st. I strongly urge you NOT to use priority mail as I am on a rural delivery route and the carrier won't leave it in the box. Since my wife and I both work and the P.O. closes before we get home, we usually can't get in to pick it up before Saturday.

(Members Speak!, con't)

Regarding the cover illustration, when it was in the design stage, I chose to keep the "roadrunner" universal. Therefore, he is in any state you wish and the "John's County" is a universal county. No favorites.

I could use some technical articles on installations, antenna, tuners, matchers or what-have-you. These will get priority for publication. I try to hold to a total of eleven pages plus the cover to keep the postage costs in line. Using the new format started recently, I run in multiples of four pages, so if I go over 11 (plus cover) I add four more, etc. Keep up the correspondence and let me know what you would like to see in YOUR newsletter. 73, Bob

W6HDV, Ray--Hospitalized for many months in Tahoe and then the Veterans Hospital in Reno from last January to September. Two operations at 78 and acute emphysema. 24 hour oxygen and medication. Trying to get back on the air but need new tubes for the TR4. Hope to see you all soon. 73, Ray

K6QWH, Howard--Just want to say thanks to all the County Hunters that followed me on my recent 14,864 mile trip thru CA, OR, WA, B.C. and Alaska, where I ran the 2nd,3rd and 4th Districts. That little drive up the Pipeline Haul Road is a story all by it's self, I'm glad that I was able to give out so many Alaska Districts, if it hadn't been for QRM,QRN,QSB,Woodpecker(loud up there) and of course some jamming, willful interference, cross talk, open sessions, etc., I could have given out alot more. All in all it was a good trip and I am glad I was able to give out as many Last Counties as I did. Also, had the pleasure of driving thru Montrose, CO and delivering a QSL card to Margaret, WOGOQ. So thanks to all the NCS's, Asst's and those who took me off freq, not to say the least for tyhe ham's

who put up with my CW from a keyer that slipped off of a pillow on the seat of myh pickup truck once in awhile. One of the many high-lites of the trip wa on Aug 14 at 2021 while the net was in open sessions, I jicked up the mike and said: QRS,QRZ this is K6QWH in Lander, Co., NV. does anyone need it: after about 15 seconds a voice came back and asked for the mobile in Lander , Co., NV., he needed it for the Last County, The Whole Ball Of Wax, Second Time Around. I am glad that KOGNW got his wish. So See Fellows, it can be done even on open session. I have all QSL's and MRC's up to date as of 9-23-88. 73, Howard.

W5VDW, Sonny--OUR VIRUS--Probable everyone who frequents 14.336 has read of the recent computer virus. The newspapers have treated this occurrence as a totally new and startling thind. Its newness is only "new" to the computer industry. We on the ICH/ME Net have experienced it for 20 years, or more! Unfortunately, there has been little success in attempting to eliminate it, as the computer industry has, or will, find out! Among my many "awards" i sone called "The Rose Garden Award". So named because an infamous ICHN heckler's favorite excuse for camping on 14336, regardless of the activity then in progress, was that no one promised us a rose garden, so we should just forego any attempt to get him off of the net frequency. It is unlikely that pretty songstress Lyn Anderson had that interpretation of the song that brought her such success in the entertainment field. I treasure that award and will keep it among by souvenirs. My vote for the all-time, record-holding heckler is, naturally, the voice of Beautiful Southern California, whose favortie words of wisdom are "that's the way it is". This heckler is mellowing abit in his advancing years, hd's becoming predictable. Recently, he has been known to come on the frequency, carry on his diatribe and calling for fifteen minutes and then give it up. Dare we hope that this will continue.

(W5VDW, con't)

After 20 years, or more, of this demeanor I've Almost convinced myself that it is best to let him have his fun and hope that he will give it up in short order. I do have some difficulty convincing myself tha this will work to the advantage of the Net because if we quietly acquiesce and direct no comment to him he will simply assume that he has defeated us. I hope that the computer industry has greater success in solving its "virus" problem than we have had. You can be sure that federal regulation will not serve. Witness how ineffective the courts have been in bringing our heckler to justice.

73, Sonny.

(Editorial Comment—I also have the "Rose Garden Award" that Sonny refers to and it is a constant reminder that we need to keep our heads high and "brave the storm". Recently, while on one of my frequent short mobile trips, I heard remarks and cat calls and carriers that have absolutely no business on the amateur bands and they were from US and not any of the hecklers. Folks, we don't need this. As Sonny said, things are quieting down, lets just keep minding our business and do the best we can whenever the problem occurs and we evidentially always come out on top. True, we have had to go "open sessions" occassionally, but the trouble goes away and we come back. Just thing how frustrating it must be from the "other side", no matter what, we stick in there and "keep on trucking". 73, Bob KØAYO)

Is Spontaneity Dead?

By Ed, KN4Y

"Honey, I just checked the county hunters CW Net and there are no mobiles running, lets take a ride up to Alabama."

"You going to dit dah counties?"

"Yes"

"That means that I have to drive?"

"Yes."

"Will you wear ear muffs?"

"Yes, I'll wear head phones."

"Are you going to get mad if I play the Chipmonk Christmas tapes?"

"No"

"Are you going to yell at me if I take the wrong road?"

"Just keep your mind on driving"

"You did not answer my question"

"Alright—Yes"

"Yes, what?"

"Yes, I won't yell at you if you take the wrong road."

"You promise not to scream if I have to stop or turn suddenly?"

"Yes"

"Did you put on clean underwear?"

"The county hunters will never know"

"We might get in an accident and I don't want you going to the hospital with dirty underwear."

"Do you want to take a ride or not?"

"OK, but first have to comb my hair, put on some lipstick, and feed the cats."

"We don't have that much time"

"Do you want me to go or not?"

"Hurry up!"

"Go check your swears"

"That's SWR's and the rig is ready to go which if more than I can say"

"Remind me t to pick up a quart of milk"

"OK, OK, OK, darn it, lets get going"

"There, that did not take long—my God, you can't wear those pants!"

"Why not, I am just going to work CW"

"No talking?"

"Nopel!"

"Suppose we stop to eat?"

Will KN4Y ever get on the road? Tune to 14.066.5 MHz and find out!

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB, INC. Awards Custodian Bill Nash, W4OWY
6604 Hounds Run S. Mobile, Alabama 36608 205/460-0811 December 16, 1988

Hello again County Hunters,

Hope that you are having good Holidays. Time to start planning those trips for the new year. Who will be the next one to put out all counties. Will the Awards Custodian ever get caught up on the awards. Details to follow.

As of December 14th, all awards are processed and in the mail. This has been pretty much the status for the past 6 weeks. The only exceptions are plaques which take a while because of having to order them. When you are requesting a plaque, you may get a 4 - 6 week delay due to ganging of orders and the turn around time through the mail.

No ASSOCIATE AWARD activity this time. Have you worked enough to qualify?

The CLIFF CORNE AWARD had some activity this month. 11/21/88 N6OKX received #389 basic award. 12/ 2/88 W2BUD provided the necessary documentation to receive basic award #390.

The DX MOBILE AWARD had some winners this month. 11/23/88 WA3TUC received the basic award for 25 DX Countries. 12/ 8/88 W7KEU upgraded his Cliff Corne award to the blue seal level with 200 contacts. 12/12/88 KA4IFF received #53 basic award for 25 DX countries, all 20 meters, all cw.

The FIVE BAND COUNTIES AWARD had some activity this month with Vern, WA9RJJ upgrading his #22 Certificate with the #20 20 Meter Basic SSB Endorsement. Congratulations Vern.

No JACK SCROGGINS awards were issued this month,

As of 11/19, N60RZ has received the KARL ADKINS NET CONTROL AWARD #12 for his fine efforts. Congrats Bud.

A whole bunch of LAST COUNTY, CATEGORY 2 AWARDS AND PLAGUES went out this time around for giving someone the Last County of all. Those recipients are: 11/21/88 N4IMY got the Award and Plaque from KC9MB for the last for George's Bingo. 12/01/88 VE3BFJ got his from K5UTH for Scottys last for all of 3076 USA Counties. 12/07/88 KC3YT got one from brother Willis for Bill's last of all for US-CA. 12/11/88 K3GWA got this award and plaque from W4RHK for the last of all. 12/11/88 K5OUK received his from KA6BTU after calling Cliff from a phone right on a County Line to get on the air for Cliff's last. Buster, N4CKC, got his award and plaque from John, W4IZV, for John's last of all. 12/14/88, W4VNN got his award and plaque from W4PXE for all USA Counties. Same date, N4BYN received his award and plaque from KFSHY for all counties for USA-CA. 12/15/88 KJ4EJ got his Cat 2 Plaque and Award from KC3YT for a contact from the same county at the same time on the same day. This is a first with brothers giving each the the Last County of All at the same time from the same county during the same exchange of contacts. WOW!!!

The LAST COUNTY AWARD, CATEGORY 3 for transmitting multiple Last Counties also had a lot of activity this time around. 11/21/88 N8ENV is getting the Cat 3 for 25 Last Counties. 11/23/88 WA3TUC claimed Cat 3 #27 for 100 Last Counties. 11/25/88 W3XE got the Cat 3 award and plaque #22 for 75 Last Counties. 11/25/88 KA3DRD, Ron also got a Cat 3 award and plaque, #51 for 50 Last Counties on this date. 12/ 4/88 W1WLM leads activity in the One call area with two LC-3 awards this month. #14 for 125 LCs and #12 for 150. 12/11/88 WB2ABD got his first Cat 3 for transmitting 25 LCs from eight states since 9/5/87. 12/12/88 KA4IFF got her 1st Cat 3 award and plaque for transmitting Last Counties from 7 states since 11/27/82. 12/12/88 KB3GN is the proud recipient of a new Cat 3 award and plaque for transmitting 25 LCs from 13 states since 1/19/83. Also on 12/12/88 WA4LKL got #52 for 50 Last Counties and W9JR picked up his first Cat. 3 award and plaque for transmitting 25 Last Counties.

M-50-M AWARD continues to be a popular award too. 11/21/88 K4CCW received #210 with red/blue seals endorsed all YLs. 12/12/88 KA4IFF is now the owner of #211 with red and blue seals endorsed all 20 meters, all CW.

MOBILE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD has activity usually every month and this month was no exception. 11/21/88 N6OKX got #71, Cat. 2 for transmitting from all A2 counties. 12/ 7/88 K4EVH got #72, Cat. 2 for transmitting from all DE counties. All mobile, all 20 meters, all to VE2MS. 12/12/88 KB3GN picked up #73 and 74 with all seals for transmitting all VT and ME counties as a mobile. 12/12/88 KA4IFF transmitted all FL counties 20 Meters and as a result got #75, Cat 2 award for the efforts.

The MOBILE AWARD, CAT 2 was earned by 12/ 5/88 K4BZV got #817 with red seal for transmitting 25 states to K4CCW. 12/ 5/88 K4CCW got #818 with the red seal for transmitting to K4BZV from 25 states. 12/12/88 KA4IFF documented 25 states transmitted from and got #822 with a red seal for her efforts. 12/12/88 KB3GN is the newest holder of the Cat 1 award with Red/Blue seals for transmitting 35 states.

The MOBILE AWARD, CAT 2 had its share of activity this month with 11/23/88 KC3YT received award #812 for working WA3TUC from 15 states. 11/23/88 KA3DRD got the #813 award for working WA3TUC from 15 states. 11/23/88 N9DEH upgraded his #437 award to the Red Seal level for working WA3TUC from multiple states. 11/23/88 WA3TUC also upped #439 to the Red Seal level for working N9DEH in multiple states. 11/25/88 W3EYF issued #814 with all seals for working W1TEE in 45 states, all on cw. 12/ 6/88 K4BZV won #815 with red seal for working K4CCW in 25 states. 12/ 6/88 K4CCW got #816 for working K4BZV in 25 states so it comes with the red seal too. WA3TUC received two Cat 2 awards (#823 & 826 - 12/13/88) from K7AYC and N4EYK for working them from 15 states. N4EYK got #824, 12/13/88 for working WA3TUC in 15 states and K7AYC got #825 12/13/88 for working WA3TUC in 15 states.

The MOBILE AWARD CATEGORY 3 for Transmitting from numbers of different counties had activity this month too. 12/ 6/88 K4BZV pulled in #819 with the red and blue seals for putting out 500 counties as a mobile.

MOBILE AWARD, CAT 4 11/23/88 KB700 got #808 award with all seals and the plaque for giving WA3TUC contacts from 2000 counties. 11/23/88 WA3TUC got #809 award with all seals and the plaque for working KB700 when Ken was in 2000 different counties. 11/23/88 KJ4EJ got award #811 for giving WA3TUC contacts from 100 counties. 11/23/88 N9DEH upgraded his #438 award with the Red/Blue seals for contacts with WA3TUC. 11/23/88 WA3TUC upgraded his #440 award with the Red/Blue seals for contacts with N9DEH. 11/23/88 W4FFV moved his award #585 to the Red Seal level for contacts with WA3TUC. 12/ 6/88 K4CCW was busy working K4BZV when she put out the 500 counties so

he got red and blue seals on his #819 Mobile Award.

UNION COUNTY AWARD 11/21/88 K4CCW got #48 with all seals endorsed all 20 Meters, all SSB, All Mobiles for his efforts. 11/21/88 K81XU received #49 with all seals endorsed all Mobiles. 12/12/88 KA41FF is the newest recipient of #50 Union County Award with all seals for working all 18 Union Counties. W2BUD got his Union County award on 12/14/88 with red and blue seals for confirming 15 Union Counties.

YL MOBILE AWARD 11/25/88 W7KEU gathered in #126 with the Red and Blue seals for 200 counties worked.

THE SOAPBOX

FOR IMMEDIATE USE When completing the Last County Award Application blank, please mark the band as 75, 40, 20 etc. The entry on the computerized system uses band (not Frequency). Entering just the band will help me help you. Also the awards will be processed as SSB awards unless the application is clearly marked for CW or FM. The custodian will enter an award as CW if he knows the operators involved to be CW only operators but otherwise will make the award out for SSB operation. It would help if you would mark your applications with the mode.

Also, for the umpteenth time, the Last County award, Category 2 (The Last County for all USA Counties) has a fee of \$15. for the plaque. A separate certificate showing Category 2 for the Last county in the state will be issued as a part of this fee but the fee is basically for the plaque. A separate \$1.50 fee and a separate Last County Award application blank are not required. just confuses the custodian and he gets plenty confused all the time enihow. So the last of all (which includes the last in a state) has a fee of \$15. and only requires one application blank. Mark your application as Category 2.

I am still working on a revision to the Last County Application form which will include the two items above but am not sure when the new form will be available. Until then, continue to use the old one. I am currently running in excess of 4000 award applications per year so ask you help by ensuring that you use only the authorized form and trim it to the exact size required which is 8 1/2 X 3 1/2 inches. All applications are filed after processing and the filing cabinet that I am using is designed hold that size form and other sizes make it very difficult to file the application properly. Thanks a bunch for your help.

On a side note, if you haven't seen it, the 18th Edition of the County Hunters Handbook is printed and in distribution. It has 148 pages of the very latest updated information that should be a valuable operating asset to all County Hunters. If you would like one, contact me direct for the ordering information. When they are gone, they are gone.

As a result of polling the awards committee, there will be NO recommendation to the membership to divert from the USA-CA rules as was suggested we could do at the Manchester Mini. I will be putting a note in the Roadrunner but the Awards Committee strongly suggests that we remain with the rules as they currently exist.

Also, you might be interested to know that as a result of membership discussion at the Manchester Mini, the CW contest dates for 1989 have been changed to May 6th and 7th for next year. Happy contesting. And no interference with the Dayton Hamfest.

No trips planned for me in the near future although we are talking some about going down into Florida for a week just before Mardi Gras time.

Current needs for some counties are:

KF5AT 11-29-88 601-798-6090 FL-Holmes; IN-Warrick; KS-Doniphan; LA-Washington; MI-Delta; MN-Meeker; NY-Dutchess; WI-Green
N40A 12-12-88 LA-Wilcox

If you have specific needs, drop me a note, I will try to get in your needs in this sheet. (Limit to 1 or 2 per state to finish the state.)

Just finished a nice long visit with son, Bob and his bride of two weeks. They stopped by Mobile on their way to California to find new opportunities. Bob, for those of you that don't know, is the other half of B&B. He is the one that actually started up the printing in 1976. We are still going at it after 12 years.

Well, that's it for this time. Hope that you are having a good day and a good month and are getting lotsa counties. Remember please to make checks out to:

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Have a good month, 73 de

Bill, W4OWY

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