

COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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Happy New Year

Happy New Year to each and everyone of you. May 1990 be your best year ever and may you get that county or award you have been looking for. Bob, KOAYO

MRC's for WBODPD

In connection with efforts by various members of the Executive and Director staffs to keep the Club Station actively on-the-air, it takes awhile for the paper work to catch up with the Trustee (KOAYO) and to get the MRC's made out. I will shortly mail out to the Bureau a small box of cards for the first batch. Since I have no records of past QSL's sent by WBODPD, and rather than send another to each station worked, I will stamp the MRC with a query regarding the need for a personal QSL. If you need a QSL from WBODPD, be sure to check the box on the MRC when you sign it and I'll get one to you in the next batch to the bureau.

Also, in connection with mobile activity by WBODPD, I have received several MRC's but am unable to confirm them since I have not yet received the log sheets covering the date(s). It takes about two weeks after the station operator sends the logsheet(s) to WOOWY for record keeping regarding activity and then he forwards to me for MRC's, etc. before I can get

your cards signed. So, it depends on when the logsheet is sent on its way. As of 11-22, the latest logsheet I have received is dated, ~~1989~~ 10-1.

So, if you have sent me an MRC for contacts after that date, I am holding them for confirmation. Bob, KOAYO.

Address Changes

If you have a change of address please send me a note. Or get a card from your post office. In either case, please include your MARAC number OR call. You would be surprised how many John Smith's we have, but we only have ONE who is K9XYZ/R9999!

I know that Bill, WOOWY gets and needs address changes in a timely fashion also, however, PLEASE include me also to help my efforts. I enter the changes as I receive them and if you only notify 'OWY', he will get them to me but at the end of the "fiscal" month, and sometimes his list maybe 6 pages long of which not all are MARAC members so I have to check each one to be sure I have the latest address.

Also, don't forget the Secretary, WA0RJJ.

New Members for November

- R2210 W6HOR R H "Buck" Buckley P O Box 207 Douglas City CA 96024 (Trinity)
- R2211 NX5Z Sam Moore 3109 Calais Sherman TX 75090 (Grayson)
- R2212 AA5KP Nathan Moore 3109 Calais Sherman TX 75090 (Grayson)
- R2213 KA1NJW Ron Bouthillier 65 Robert St Apt 6 West Warwick RI 02893 (Kent)
- R2214 VE1DJ Bob Mitchell P O Box 246 Ignace Ont Canada P0T 1T0
- R2215 WB5YDE Mike Singer P O Box 118 Shreveport LA 71161 (Caddo)

From The Secretary

If your mailing label indicates 9002 or 9003, 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 be aware that renewals must be received by the Secretary by the 15th of the month in order to become effective the following month. Multiple year renewals and SASE's with renewals are also very much appreciated. Please make your check or money order payable to MARAC and mail to the Secretary, Vern Olson, WA0RJU, 4024 NW 3rd St., Rochester, MN 55901.

MARAC Info Packet

Get the word out to potential new members and interested County Hunters that a MARAC Information Packet is available. The Information Packet includes an overview of MARAC, a description of the Awards Program, and the Operating Guidelines. Send the request with a business-size envelope with 25 cents postage to:

MARAC, Box 64, Newport, MN 55055

MARAC CONVENTION ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Feb 24-25, 1990 Houston TX South Central Mini
KASVVB 713-579-7932
July 17-22, 1990 Valley Forge PA MARAC
National WA3TUC 215-887-0560
Aug 17-19, 1990 Pacific Mini Marysville WA
WA7ETH 206-653-6739
Sept 28-29, 1990 Mt Horeb, WI North Central
Mini K9DCJ 608-795-2672
Nov 2-3, 1990 Southeast Mini Murfreesboro, TN
KM4W 615-728-7379
July 10-14, 1991 Minneapolis MN MARAC
National WAOLKL 612-888-3822

Valley Forge Convention

Start saving your pennies for the 1990 MARAC National Convention the week of July 16, 1990. Bus trip on July 19 to Historical Philadelphia will include visits to Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Ben Franklin Museum, Elfreth Alley and a trip around Valley Forge Park to possibly include a

visit to the Freedoms Foundation. On Friday a bus trip to one of the Atlantic City Casinos which will include dinner and a show. The Convention Headquarters will be the Holiday Inn at King of Prussia (otherwise known as Valley Forge) and the room rate of \$49 plus tax is guaranteed for those who want to come early and/or stay late for all of the other things to attract you to the Philadelphia area: Valley Forge Music Circus, Longwood Gardens (one of the best in the world), the Art Museum, Phillies National League Baseball Club (hopefully at home that week) and nearby Baltimore with its now world famous Inner Harbor and Aquarium, and last but not least, the Big Apple (NYC).

Paul, WA3TUC, is looking for helpers for the Valley Forge Convention July 17-22, 1990. He needs part time volunteers for the Hospitality Room, Tours, etc. If you can help him in anyway, please give him a shout and he will be more than happy to coordinate dates and times or answer any questions you may have.

MARAC Financial Report

Checking Acc't as of 10-1-89	\$1,515.98
Income	1,762.50
Expenses (includes \$1,500 Transfer to Savins Acc't	2,390.68
Checking Acc't as of 10-31-89	\$ 887.80
Savings Acc't as of 9-1-89	\$4,236.22
Transfer from Checking Acc't	1,500.00
Savings Acc't as of 9-31-89	\$5,736.22

County Roads Award

I (KD8GL) have had to make changes in my operating time but want to keep this award active. Recapping this award, if you work KD8GL or ANY HOLDER of this award in all WV counties you are eligible for the award (see your handbook). The purpose is to encourage more hams to operate in WV and help get those rare ones out on the nets.

With the National convention being held in PA in July, many hams will be running WV counties. Those holding this award will hopefully be in demand in each WV county they run.

In spite of limited operating time, I want to make a concentrated effort before the convention to increase the number of award holders. If you are interested in this award and have no more than 10 counties left to work me in, let me know ASAP. I will do my best to work with you but please keep in mind that I live in Northern Panhandle and trips to extreme parts of the state will be very structured and infrequent.

(County Roads Award con't)

As a further incentive, all awards presented to me for confirmation by July 30, 1990 will also include the handsome wood plaque that was originally to be given to only the first five holders. Hope to work you in WV counties soon.



Minutes of MARAC November Meeting

The regular MARAC meeting was held on November 11, 1989 at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN. President Don, WAOLKL, called the breakfast meeting to order at 9:00AM. Also in attendance were W0NNH, WA0RJJ, N0AKC, W9LHG, and W0KMH.

Following review, W9LHG made a motion to accept the minutes of the October MARAC meeting, seconded by W0NNH, passed. John, W9LHG, distributed and discussed the Treasurer's Report. WA0RJJ made a motion to accept the report, seconded by W0KMH, passed.

President Don summarized some of the discussion that took place at the Southeast Mini in Murfreesboro, TN on November 3 and 4. Although no MARAC meeting was held, there was a discussion group that assembled to talk about items of mutual interest.

- Based on a group consensus, it was voted to authorize the Philadelphia Convention Committee to purchase and display an American flag.

- A suggestion by a MARAC member to require observance of the pledge of allegiance to the flag at MARAC meeting was unanimously defeated.

- A suggestion to have all country flags displayed, representing the countries of those in attendance at MARAC meetings, was defeated.

President Don led a discussion to determine if the level of detail of the financial reporting each month is adequate. Current procedure is that the Treasurer provides the detail report to those in attendance at the monthly meeting. Then the detailed report is submitted to the

Newsletter Editor where it is summarized and inserted in the Roadrunner. After discussion, it was agreed that the current level of reporting in the Roadrunner is satisfactory, and that anyone that wants a copy of the detailed financial report distributed at the monthly meeting, can obtain it by supplying an SASE to the Treasurer. In addition, it was pointed out that a detailed annual financial report is provided in the MARAC Annual Report.

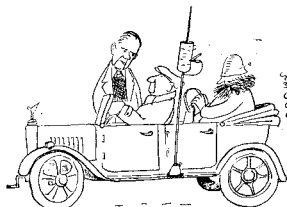
With no additional business, N0AKC made a motion to adjourn, seconded by W0NNH, passed. The next regular meetings will be held on December 9, 1989 and January 13, 1990, at 9:00AM, also at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN. Respectfully submitted, Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, Secretary.

Members Speak!

KD8GL - Jay I apologize to those who waited for confirmation of MRC's from me and am pleased to announce that all have been processed. By now all direct mails should have been received and all sent via the bureau should arrive soon. I've had to make some changes in priorities in life and ham radio and county hunting have had to be dropped down some. I mention this because this can happen to any of us at anytime without warning regardless of our good intentions.

Many of the MRC's I processed were for contacts a year or two ago and I want to pass along this tip. Whether we are trying to save on postage or are too busy to process MRC's, many hams (myself included) will wait awhile to send out an MRC for confirmation and then get upset because it is not confirmed in a timely fashion. MRC's should be submitted ASAP if they are VITAL to your goal as you never know when something may happen to the mobile operator who needs to confirm the contact.

And one final tip, ALWAYS show the mobile the COURTESY of a first time QSL card. In addition to the time and expense of operating mobile, it takes time to check and confirm contacts and this is the least the fixed station can do to show their appreciation to the mobiles.



"Is she fully surprised?"

Marac Financial Report

Checking Acct As Of Nov 1, 1989 \$ 887.80
Income 1,351.25
Expenses 1,549.63

Checking Acct As Of Nov 31, 1989\$ 689.42

Savings Acct As Of Nov 31, 1989
No Activity During Nov. \$5,736.22

Address Changes and Corrections

R2114 WU4S 204 Oak Ridge Dr Mount Airy NC
27030 (Surry)
R2084 N3DR0 Barbara Zyara 92 Palmer Ave
Stamford CT 06902-5310 (Fairfield)
R2182 N2JNE P O Box 655 Saugerties NY 12477
(Ulster)

New Members For December

R2216 KJ6PJ Larry Springer 20305 Northglen
Square Cupertino CA 95014 (Santa Clara)
R2217 WD9HEB Ken Barkley Rt 1 Box 36 Council
Hill OK 74428 (Muskogee)
R2218 AB4EL Steve Modena 19 Dixie Trail
Raleigh NC 27607 (Wake)
R2219 N9GOS Katie Ballinger RR3 Box 223
Liberty IN 47353 (Union)
R2220 AB4QD Paul Mosher 3302 SW 159 Ave
Ocala FL 32674 (Marion)
R2221 WA4RNN Charles "Brady" Estes 161 New
Street Rehoboth MA 02769 (Bristol)
R2222 WB9HPR Check Lenhart 167 Kuntz Rd
Hanover IN 47243 (Jefferson)
R2223 NT9V Ed Dranchak 2131 Jackson St
Portage IN 46368 (Porter)
R2224 N9IUQ D. "Wayne" Winger N1928 Skyline
Dr Stanley WI 54768 (Taylor)
R2225 WA3RTY Norm Van-Raay Star Rt 40
Pleasant Mount PA 18453 (Wayne)
R2226 W9GPC Les Springmire Rt 1 9554 Fowler
Rd Rochelle IL 61068 (Ogle)
R1906 N5AWE RR4 Box 4786 Donna TX 78537
(Hildago)
R2013 WO8L 5131 Woodstead Rd Waterford WI
53185-3223 (Racine)
R728 WB8NV 3935 Hunters Ridge Apt #1
Lansing MI 48911

CQ Magazine Announces Latest USA-CA Holders

Following are the latest to qualify for the CQ
Magazine USA-CA Award Special Honor Roll.
Congratulation to each of them!

KB1GN #641 11-16-89 KD9KK #642 11-24-89
AK2H #643 All CW 12-04-89 VE3OEE #644
12-06-89 W5RJH #645 12-09-89 K1QPV #646
12-11-89 KD9ZF #647 All 20M SSB 12-14-89

Counties Needed To Finish Particular States

WB6ALC Franz

IN Fayette ID Minidoka MI Oceana OK
Nowata SD Shannon

K9ETB Dick (708) 358-2623 COLLECT

AR Ouachita CA Imperial ID Elmore Teton
MN Jackson Lyon Traverse MT
Beaverhead Sanders ND Pembina Pierce
Ward OK Cleveland Johnston Kingfisher OR
Morrow SD Buffalo Deuel TN McNairy Rhea
Trousdale UT Daggett VA Floyd Orange
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K1BM Bob 714-661-6248

AR Randolph HI Hawaii IA Plymouth Sioux
MT Daniels OR Lake VA Westmoreland

W5VDW Sonny 409-825-2491

AR Garland Grant Ouachita GA Hancock
Newton ID Lemhi Twin Falls KY Green
Greenup Hancock Taylor MO Andrew Dade
Dent Mercer Osage MT Dawson Flathead
McCone Sanders NE Knox Logan Pawnee
ND McIntosh Oliver Towner Walsh SD Clay
Sanborn

WU4S Stu

AK 3rd AR Bradley Jackson CO Hinsdale
Phillips San Miguel FL Citrus Charlotte
Brevard Okeechobee ID Cassia Clark Idaho
IA Allamakee Cherokee LA W. Feliciana MN
Houston Roseau Wadena Wilkin MO Pettis
Lewis MT Garfield NJ Cape May Hunterdon
Morris OK Jefferson Pawnee Roger Mills VT
Chittenden Addison Grand Isle

Counties Needed To Complete USA-CA

(Editors Note: This column is provided for those who have 25 or less counties to complete All Counties.)

W4LQF Paul

AK 1st and 4th HI Maui Kauai Kalawao IN
Adams Greene NE Pawnee Sioux NY
Wyoming NC Ashe Beaufort Yancey OH
Carroll Wayne PA Bradford VA Charlotte
Goochland WA Jefferson

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Following review, W0NNH made a motion to accept the Minutes of the November MARAC meeting, seconded by N0AKC, passed.

A \$100 contribution to the capital equipment fund from the B & B Shop was acknowledged with appreciation. President Don indicated that the Capital Equipment Fund Raffle project has been tabled in deference to the Philadelphia national convention prize promotion. John, W9LHG, reported the Bob, K0AYO, the Roadrunner Editor, has encountered difficulties with his software program currently used to maintain and print labels for the newsletter due to the size of the database. John reported further that \$73 worth of new software has been purchased to resolve the problem.

N9GL provided the Treasurer with a detailed financial report from the 1989 Midwest Mini. Dick indicated that there were 77 paid attendees and that the convention enjoyed a surplus over expenses of \$58, which he requested be added to the Capital Equipment Fund. Thanks Dick, to you and Ben, KA0HJR, and your XYL's for conducting a very successful Mini.

Vern, WA0RJJ, said that a printer recommended by N9GL has provided the low bid for printing MARAC decals. 1500 decals will be ordered and made available to the membership

It was suggested that a committee be created to look at rebalancing the population of the MARAC Districts. Vern, WA0RJJ, volunteered to head a committee made up of himself and the MARAC Directors, with final discussion to take place at the Board of Directors meeting at the Philadelphia convention. Such suggested redistricting would then be presented for membership vote in the form of an amendment to the Constitution and ByLaws.

With no additional business, KA0HJR made a motion to adjourn, seconded by W0NNH, passed.

The next regular meetings will be held on January 13 and February 10, 1990, at 9:00 AM, also at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN.

Respectfully submitted, Vern Olson, WA0RJJ, Secretary.

For CW OPS

By W0HKF

My esteemed colleague (KN4Y) said in the November Roadrunner that those who attended the Texas Convention in July "found out what Bro means"; leaving the rest of us as much in the dark as ever. It's simply the Ed (W6VJP) and Woody (N0CYB) found out that their grandmothers had the same family name of Sanders and concluded they must be brothers and have been calling each other Bro on the circuit ever since. Then in the December issue KN4Y mentioned that Ed had received an award for NCS'ing the CW circuit for over 4000 hours--a mighty task indeed!

And what makes it all the more remarkable is the fact that Ed has been totally without sight ever since he countered a Chinese hand grenade while serving in the Korean War. Originally from the midwest, Ed now lives with XYL Sal on a little side street just north of Los Angeles in the town of Oxnard (spelled "Oxnerd" by the local wags). It's hard to escape QRM in California and another 20 meter CW man lives close by and just around the corner another one blankets everything when throws on his kilowatt 2 meter rig.

Most guys (including me) consider NCS'ing the county hunter's net as quite a feat, involving a lot of ongoing bookkeeping, keeping track of everything. But how would you like to do it without being able to see what you're doing? Ed manages with the aid of three separate Braille writers, each one printing its output in Braille. The excellent keying you hear from W6VJP comes from any one of a half dozen different paddles and several assorted keyers. The rig is a conventional 100 wattter with

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14066.5 punched into one of the memories and the antenna a 3 element trapped beam permanently headed east. A KW amp is available but Ed says he rarely turns it on.

It was late evening and past dinner when Ed led me upstairs to visit the shack and I was taken slightly by surprise when XYL Sal reminded Ed to turn on the light when we got to the shack until I realized that when you aren't able to see what's the difference if the light is on or not? Incidentally Sal is half German and Half Irish (maided name O'Kelley) which she says is fine because it entitles her to attend the annual Oktoberfest while still feeling right at home in the St. Patrick's Day parade!

Members Speak!

W5VBH Don--K8IXU is the first winner for my award of working "W5VBH in All Oklahoma Counties". 73, Don

K1BM Bob-- HELP, Being an active MARAC member, I'm not only working towards finally achieving USA-CA (its only been 19 years since I started and I still need 33), but also for some of MARAC's own awards. Among these is the Mobile Achievement Award for working other stations from different counties. Unfortunately, parts of my log were lost during various moves around the country. I would very much appreciate your help in documenting contacts from counties I ran during the last week of December 1981 and the first few days of 1982 when I moved from NY to CA. If you were collecting or running counties back then and still have your logs, please help by checking to see if you worked me while I was in any of the following counties and sending me the log data for any you find. Nothing fancy is required; a post card will do just fine.

AL Greene Tuscaloosa AZ Cochise Pima
Pinal Santa Cruz Yuma LA Quachita
Richland MS Lauderdale NM Hidalgo NJ
Hudson Union NY Richmond/Staten Island
PA Lancaster Pike TN Sullivan TX Culbertson
Eastland El Paso Jeff Davis Midland
Mitchell Noland Reeves VA Smyth.

Again, any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. Although I'll be making a cross-country round trip to the Washington DC area and back next fall, and hopefully a few more times later on, my routes will be well north of the southern states and miss the NJ/NY/PA area so its unlikely I'll be passing through the missing counties again. 73, Bob

W4RKV Mitch-- There seems to be a difference of opinion among the various stations who regularly act as NCS about the need or usefulness of a "last call" by the mobile at the end of his run. I feel the mobile should be free to run his county in any reasonable manner he chooses; he may elect to take relays, and make a last call, or not to do either, at his option.

When I am NCS, I encourage a last call for the following reasons: if 25 stations need that county, it doesn't matter to me whether 20 work him on his initial QRZ and 5 on his last call, or vice versa; it still works out that the 25 people who needed the county got it, and in approximately the same time either approach would have taken. Further, not all of us enjoy the luxury of being able to sit glued to the radio all day long; even tho fully retired, I still have chores to do during the day. Finally, I dislike having to relay a bunch of 5/9 stations who are simply late but could easily work the mobile direct if given the opportunity. They will surely ask to be relayed in if they know a last call will not be made.

It can be argued that some stations who have been on frequency the entire run will abuse the last call privilege by waiting until then to call in, hoping for a clear channel and less competition from other, perhaps stronger, stations. However, I feel the advantages of a last call far outweigh these possible limited abuses..73, Mitch.

K5VYT Dick-- After a fairly long period of no antennas, I am finally back on the air and I think I will try for Third Time and Bingo. Time is a little scarce, since I have taken a new job here in CO and vacation time is limited. I hope to do a little moonbiling as time permits and next summer I want to run the last five states I need to have run all 48 contiguous states. Right now I'm happy to be back on the air with 100 watts and a Butternut vertical. If anyone has any central CO requests, I would like to know, but with the snow and cold in the mountains I doubt I will be running anything much before spring. I went out for one county line the other day, which was the first run I had made in several months. It feels good to be back on the net, and with the best bunch of people in ham radio. By the way, my old address forwarding had expired, so be sure to use 12883 West 75th Place, Arvada CO 80005. 73, Dick.

KA2CNG John-- I would like to comment on Bill's WOKG letter in the Dec. newsletter. I think Bill's suggestion for some sort of universal MARAC badge is not only a good one but makes a lot of sense. It would give members something to be proud of and to display at ham function n-ns other than those sponsored by MARAC. I also

(Members Speak! KA2CNG con't)

think it would save MARAC money in the long run. Individual badges would not have to be made for each convention. I am sure such badges would cost considerable, but the expense could be passed on to those who would like to purchase one.

For sometime I have felt that MARAC should have some sort of a cloth patch that members could display on jackets. These would not be cheap either, but again I bet the entire cost would be gladly absorbed by members wishing to have them. I guess the biggest obstacle to both the badge and the patch is to find someone willing to come up with an appropriate design and some sort of cost figures.

VE3FNM Will-- Postage to Canada from US is 30 cents, not 25 or less. I have had my 30 cent stamp replaced with a lower value stamp. Result is that I pay twice the difference. That 30 cent stamp costs me 40 cents, 30 cents for the stamp and 6 cents exchange and 3 cents for money order. That is for 50 stamps, but I only receive 49 stamps. An SASE costs me 84 no 50 cents, but some cost me anywhere from 94 to 134. One person tried to return by SASE with no stamp!! This type of action makes one think if it is worth while contacting certain mobiles, think of second time round, or ever going mobile. Do these mobilers want last county certificates? Canadian prefixes are good toward the Maple Leaf Award. I will continue to use them, if you desire them, then send through QSL Bureau, or 45 cents in USA postage stamps, but not in one stamp. Postage from Canada to the USA will be 45 cents next year. You can send for more than one.

AA4LY Scott--Hi folks, I am writing this short article for my own sanity and if it hits home with some of you, I'm sorry. I'm only gonna do this "Worked All Counties" one time and I want to do it All on 20 meters, All Mobiles and All SSB. This is a heavy challenge to me. I think many people share the following thoughts about no relays:

1. If you don't want relays for your own county records, fine, but do not restrict other stations because you cannot hear them direct...at least let them have the chance to work you with a relay. If that station is mobile and gives you his county, you do not have to count it towards your county records. Try to think of the other guy and don't be so darned self-centered (or possible selfish!).
2. If you have too many mobiles on the net and don't want to do the relays on net frequency, at least let someone move you so you can complete you run and accept relays then for the benefit of others, not yourself. Another thing on moving mobiles off net, you 5/9 stations please try to help NCS by moving

mobiles to complete their run, it only takes a couple or three minutes and usually you can be back to net before the next mobile quits his run.

3. Please consider this you "NO RELAY" mobiles...Think what it would be like if people would not acknowledge you being on the air. We shouldn't impose restrictions on other people as we impose restrictions on ourselves. This is very detrimental and discouraging to many newcomers into county hunting. It would be terrible if NCS would not hear a station just because he doesn't accept relays...Another terrible occurrence would be if a NO RELAY person needed a county real bad, but just could not get through to the mobile because the mobile does not choose to hear the NO RELAY person. This is the other side of the coin.

4. During my Net Control sessions, I will ask for relays during runs if time permits. I would prefer that those NO RELAY mobiles please "put out" relays during my nets. This is only fair for everyone.

5. AA4LY works mobile with most bands (75,40,20,15). This mobile will gladly QSY to another band if asked. This station also accepts relays both ways for the benefit of all. This seems funny, I keep a compass in my truck so I can stop, point my vehicle to the station that needs the county and even turn off my engine so I can hear them. I also take my time away from my family to run nets and help mobiles as well as people at home. I'll even go 100 miles out of my way to help someone with a much needed county. I try to give a lot and I would hope some other folks would try to help also. The bottom line is try to think of the poor guy on the other side of the fence. He may only want them on one band and conditions might be just too bad to get through all the high power devices some county hunters use. Many county hunters work counties with paracitic arrays and linear amplifiers.

This article was not written for those of you who do "put out" relays at the end of your run. Again no callsigns will be indicated and you know who you are. I appreciate you all very much and will honor your NO RELAY status during my NCS sissions. Most of the time I won't give callsigns I just ask for stations wishing relays. This gives you the option to throw your call in or not...This is the only way to handle these special situations and I appreciate them. What I'm trying to say is, try not to be so self-centered. Think of your friends; don't impose restrictions on them. Let's have fun at this very challenging awards program that "CQ" has created. 73, Scott.

CURRENT EVENTS

I just finished talking with N4FSZ and Skip advises that the First Annual MARAC 10 Meter QSO Party is under way. Dates will be in March with one week end devoted to SSB and another weekend devoted to CW ops. Be sure and watch the Roadrunner for full details. Skip will be sending info to all the current ham magazines but log sheets and info will be available from him next year for a #10 SASE.

I had a question from an active County Hunters recently questioning what should he do in regards to someone that he went out and gave a Last County to for the whole ball of wax and in return he received the Last County award for the last in a state. I think about the only thing you can do is talk to the LC recipient and see if the person involved understands the difference between the last in a state and the last for all states. If that receiver doesn't want to offer the MARAC Mobile Plaque for the last of all states, there is nothing that MARAC can do about it. You might (if nothing else works) send the application form to that person for a signature and submit the application yourself along with the appropriate fees.)

AWARD FEES

As presented and voted upon in Abilene and with time for discussion at Milwaukee and Murfreesboro and putting the notice in the Newsletter, it is time to announce the revised award fee schedule.

Effective January 1, 1990 the following fees are in effect:

	Presently	Revision
Basic Fee - Any Award except the FBCA (Current Members)	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00
Replacement Fee for Any Certificate	1.50	2.00
Basic Fee - for Non Members*	2.00	3.00
MARAC Mobile Plaque Fee	15.00	20.00
MARAC Mobile Plaque Fee for Non Members*	NONE	30.00
MARAC Special Plaque Fee	30.00	40.00
MARAC Special Plaque Fee for Non Members*	NONE	50.00
Basic Fee for Five Band Counties Award (Current Members)	10.00	10.00
Basic Fee for F.B.C.A. for Non Members*	20.00	20.00
FBCA Upgrade or Endorsement Fee (Current Members)	2.00	2.00
FBCA Upgrade or Endorsement Fee for Non Members*	3.00	3.00
FBCA Special Plaque Fee (Current Members)	30.00	40.00
FBCA Special Plaque Fee for Non Members*	50.00	50.00

* NOTE: Non Members include those that have let their membership lapse.

These award fees will bring the awards program more back in line with the current costs of administering the awards program. I am aware that some persons have chosen to look at the awards program with a microscope and evaluate it with a grain shovel as happened at Murfreesboro but I believe that the majority of county hunters using good sense and knowledge of the program realize and understand that there are many expenses of the awards program that cannot be directly attributed to any specific award.

Some of these kinds of expenses can best be categorized as indirect expenses. They might include things like the many awards made for which there is no direct income. They might include things like necessary telephone calls or routine correspondence. They might include things like the award information packets and so on. This increase will handle some modest increase in postage but does not necessarily include the amounts necessary for the projected increase being talked about for late 1990.

NEW AWARDS

ASSOCIATE AWARD. 11/22 AA4HD upgraded his #169 award to the Blue Seal level by submitting the records for contacts totaling 523 points. 12/14 WB4UHN won the Associate award #A-86 upgrade with Blue and Gold Seals for making 1000 points by contacting other MARAC Members.

CLIFF CORNE AWARD. 11/22 WD5IDU gathered in the #409 award with Red Seal for making 161 contacts with holders of the US-CA All Counties award. 11/22 N4UMR picked up the #410 award for 100 contacts all on 20M ssb. 12/12 KB9YY picked up a basic Cliff Corne Award with 100 contacts. 12/15 N9DR picked up CC #412 with Red Seal for working 198 holders of the USA-CA All Counties award. 12/15 K0AYD got Cliff Corne #413 with Red Seal for making 177 contacts. K4CCW picked up the #414 award with all Seals and the Silver Star for making 300 contacts all on 20M SSB. Please see the separate article in the N/L for changes in the Cliff Corne Award. New certificate and application are now being used.

FIVE BAND COUNTIES AWARD. 12/15 N0GYN has received FBCA #32 endorsed as #26 for 20 Meter SSB Basic award. See the separate discussion article in

the N/L regarding the confirmation of contacts for the Five Band Award.

JACK SCROGGINS AWARD. 11/22 WD5IOU picked up the #64 JS Memorial Award for making 33 contacts with holders of the Second Time award. His award comes with the Red Seal. 12/14 WB4UHN received a basic JS Memorial Award #65. 12/15 K4CCW received the JS #66 award with Red, Blue and Gold Seals for making 75 Contacts all on 20M SSB. A specific application form for the Jack Scroggins Memorial Award must now be used. See the article in the N/L for details.

LAST COUNTY CAT 2 AWARD. 11/22 W69A gets a LC-2 Award and Plaque from W9ABM for the last for Bingo. 11/22 WA3TUC got the Last County Category 2 Award and Plaque from K2POA for giving Art the last for Arts' Second Time around. 12/12 KA5VWD received an LC-2 award and Plaque from W5RJH. WA9PQY got the LC-2 award and plaque from VE2MS. N4IYW got his award and plaque from W9JR for Ralphs' second time around effort. 12/13 NØDRX received the LC-2 Award and Plaque from KD9ZF who just finished them all. KB2EEU got the award and plaque from AK2H. K1QPV gave one to XYL K1QWK for finishing him up for the USA-CA award. WA9PQY got the award and plaque from KD8HA for finishing him up. Larry, KE9CA got an award and plaque from N7AKT for giving Scotty his last for the fourth time around. WAØLMK got his from WØUM for giving Cecil his last of all for the Second Time around. ADØH got the award and plaque from KF4BU for his last of all.

LAST COUNTY CAT 3 AWARD. 12/14 WA3QNT has received LC-3 Award #31 for transmitting 75 Last Counties. N4EED got the #32 award for transmitting 75 Last Counties.

M-50-M AWARD. 11/22 WD5IOU got the #225 award with all Seals for working all 50 states Mobile to Mobile. 12/15 KE9CA has gotten the #226 award with Red and Blue Seals for working Mobiles in all 50 states.

MOBILE ACHIEVEMENT. 11/22 KB5WY picked the Cat. 2 award #188 with all Seals for transmitting multiple contacts from all LA parishes. 12/14 WB4GCS transmitted from all NC counties and got the Cat. 2 Achievement award with all Seals for #168. 12/15 NØGYN has received Mobile Achievement #190 with all Seals for transmitting all NE counties. Dave also got #191 award (Cat. 3) for working KB7QO in all NV counties so his award goes with all Seals. K6EW won the big prize this month for gathering in three Cat 2 awards with all Seals. One for transmitting all AZ Counties, one for all CA Counties and one for all NV counties. All were done on 20 Meter SSB. W1WLW got the #195 Cat 2 award with all Seals this month for transmitting all CT counties to K4CCW. K4CCW then got the Cat 3 award with all Seals for working W1WLW in all CT counties.

MOBILE AWARD. 12/12 AA4HD upgraded his #882 award to the Red Seal level for transmitting from 250 counties. 12/14 K8IXU garnered in four Mobile awards this month with #906 for working WB9NUL in 15 states, #908 with Red Seal for working N9DEH in 25 states, #910 with Red Seal for working WB9NUL in 250 counties, and #912 with Red and Blue Seals for working N9DEH in 500 counties. WB9NUL won the #907 award for transmitting 15 states to K8IXU. Joyce also got the #911 award with Red Seal for sending 250 counties to K8IXU. N9DEH transmitted 25 states and 500 counties to K8IXU and in doing so got the #909 with Red Seal and the #913 award with Red and Blue Seals for all his work. 12/15 K7GJZ got his #796 award upgraded to the Red Seal level for transmitting 250 counties all CW. K7GJZ also got the #914 Cat. 4 award for working W3XE in 100 counties - all CW. For this he got the basic award. K7GJZ also got the #915 award with Red Seal for working NØCYB in 250 counties, all cw. 12/15 NØGYN has received the #916 award for transmitting 22 states. He also has gotten the #917 award for working KB7QO in 49 states for which he receives the certificate with all Seals and the plaque.

SECOND TIME AWARD. 11/20 N4IYW has received #83 endorsed Mixed Bands, all SSB Mobile to Mobile. 11/22 K2POA did a second time and has received award and Plaque #84 for his efforts endorsed all 20 Meter SSB Mobiles.

UNION COUNTY AWARD. 11/21 K7IOD got the #72 award for working 13 Union Counties so his award comes with the Red & Blue Seals. 11/22 N4UMR picked up Union Award #69 upgrade to the Gold Seal level by working all 18 Union Counties. 12/12 KB9YV got the Basic Award with Red Seal. 12/14 WA4NBC received the Union County award with all Seals for working all 18 Union Counties. 12/15 NØGYN has received Union #75 with all Seals for working all Union Counties. WB9HPR has picked up the #76 Union Award with Red Seal for making 10 contacts on mixed bands and modes.

USA COUNTRIES AWARD. 12/15 WB9YZE has received the #33 Award with all Seals and the Plaque for working all USA Counties.

YL MOBILE AWARD. 12/15 W7KEU upgraded his YL #126 award this month to the Gold Seal level for working YLs in 500 Counties.

CURRENT COUNTY NEEDS (Limited to one or two per state).

FLASH BULLETIN

FIVE BAND COUNTIES AWARD

DAVE WEITZEL, NØGYN

#32

December 15, 1989

Endorsed: 20 Meter SSB Basic #26

MARAC LAST		LAST COUNTY AWARD HONOR ROLL		(150 LCs or More)		12/16/89	
Call	Counties	Call	Counties	Call	Counties	Call	Counties
KB7GD	1049	N7AKT	271	WA3ZMY	223	WB6ALC	166
K9DCJ	498	KB5FU	261	WA2TJL	222	KAØHJR	164
NØBHQ	408	W1WLW	261	K1NWE	220	N2BL	157
WB9RCY	365	VE1RQ	250	K4QFK	214	WB8SNO	154
W1TEE	340	WB5YDH	245	WØOWY	211	LQT-WBZ	152
WB9TKR	337	W7GHT	241	W5AWT	169	K6HZI	150

THE SOAPBOX

APPLICATION FORM. The processing system and the filing system both that I am using currently could both be helped if all applications are on the standard 8 1/2 X 11" size of paper. Please - one application per sheet. It would also be helpful if you would list the name of the award that you are applying for, who it is to go too (in the case of those awards that can be for the fixed stations or for the mobiler), the category, if applicable, and your name and call.

Many times I get applications that have all of the above missing. If the call is on the outside of the envelope, sometimes I feel fortunate in having that to determine who sent in the award. Since I have to go through different processes for each award, including checking the records, validating the information, and annotating the awards information on the application, it is greatly helpful to have each award application on a separate piece of paper. Unless otherwise required, a list of the log data for the award is all that is needed. In many cases, the listed data can all be on one sheet along with the previously mentioned

Once again it is time to mention that when you are applying for the Last County Award, Category Two (The Last County in the US - commonly referred to as the last for the whole ball of wax), it does include the certificate for the Last County of a state. Do not send a separate application for the LC-1 award. The LC-2 and it's fee takes care of that. The LC-2 certificate counts as one (1) towards the 25 that are required towards the Last County - Category Three award. For any Last County award application use the correct form obtained from the awards custodian. Send an SASE for the forms that you need.

I hope that you had a good month and got all the counties you needed. Hope to see you on the air.

73 es Hamma Gooday, de Bill, WØOWY

JACK SCROGGINS MEMORIAL AWARD

For some years MARAC has had an award for working holders of MARAC's' Second Time Around Award. This award certificate is showing ever increasing levels of popularity and the Awards Custodian receives frequent requests for the Application form for this award.

After consulting with the Awards Committee and bringing it up for discussion at some of the conventions, it is time to announce that the Application Form for the JACK SCROGGINS MEMORIAL AWARD is now available.

As of this time, all applications need to be on this application form in order to facilitate the processing and retention of the application form.

The application form contains a listing of the Second Time Holders in Numeric Sequence and also contains a listing of the holders in Alphabetic Sequence to help you in cross checking the Second Time Holders. The form has space for logging the contacts with Date Worked, Band and Mode info.

No change of the award certificate or the rules are made at this time other than requiring the use of the application form. There is space on the form to write in new holders of the Second Time Award as they are announced.

The application can be had for a #10 SASE sent to the award custodian.

To obtain, send a #10 SASE to:

Bill Nash, W0DWY; MARAC Awards Custodian
6604 Hounds Run So.; Mobile, AL 36608

MARAC Awards Custodian

I hereby submit my application for the Award by listing on these sheets the re

I understand that Log Data only is required will make my original station logs available if required. I further understand that this not be returned to me. Future updates to the submission of additional data on copies of the additional data entered on a secondary app.

This application is for: (Check those that apply)

Mixed Band --- Single Band ---
Mixed Mode --- Single Mode ---

Basic Award --- 10 Holders of USA Second Time
Red Seal --- 25 Holders of USA Second Time
Blue Seal --- 50 Holders of USA Second Time
Gold Seal --- 75 Holders of USA Second Time
Gold Seal --- 100 Holders of USA Second Time

I certify that the contacts as listed below have been made b with the stations as listed. All contacts shown are entered original station log.

Date _____
Name _____
Signature _____
(Print as you want it to be shown on the Award)

SECOND TIME AROUND HOLDERS
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DATE	WORKED	BAND	MODE			DATE	WORKED	BAND	MODE
18	12/29/81			K6XZ	28	10/19/83			
4	09/14/77			N7AKT	27	09/18/83			
30	10/17/89			K7CLO	16	04/10/81			
71	10/28/88			W7G7K	49	12/13/86			
48	11/13/86			W7K01	2	01/06/75			
1	05/01/75			W7LBT	39	02/26/85			
23	11/23/82			K8780	34	05/03/84			
54	08/12/87			W87W2	40	10/18/85			
8	07/01/79			AK8A	69	01/17/88			
51	01/13/88			W8DCH	62	01/26/88			
12	04/10/80			W8BSND	36	09/01/84			
41	11/27/85			W8WT	3	06/22/78			
81	10/25/89			W8VA	57	09/27/87			
22	01/31/81			W9ARM	55	08/14/87			
14	01/31/81			N9BDM	60	01/04/89			
19	02/12/82			N9CHU	82	11/14/89			
78	08/11/89			W9CRN	24	05/27/83			
7	08/17/78			K9DCJ	5	01/25/78			
24	02/13/89			N9DEH	66	06/08/88			
75	03/24/89			W9PTK	20	05/04/82			
84	11/22/89			W9KEF	47	11/01/86			
32	03/03/84			W9DNCJ	53	08/05/87			
9	07/12/79			W93NV	25	04/10/81			
43	03/31/86			VE1RQ	15	08/20/82			
52	06/10/88			VE3RFJ	25	05/09/83			
67	03/31/80			VE3RN	35	07/26/84			
11	05/14/89			W7ATI					
76	09/13/83								
28	09/26/87								
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77	07/07/86								
44	04/19/80								
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W0CFL	19	02/12/82	W8BSND	36	09/01/84
W0JG	20	05/04/82	W8DCH	37	09/08/84
W0TKR	21	08/20/82	W8WT	38	
W0V3FJ	22	11/01/82	W8VA	39	
W0V3FJ	23		W9ARM	40	
W0V3FJ	24		N9BDM	41	
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W0V3FJ	28		N9DEH	45	
W0V3FJ	29		W9PTK	46	
W0V3FJ	30		W9KEF	47	
W0V3FJ	31		W9DNCJ	48	
W0V3FJ	32		W93NV	49	
W0V3FJ	33		VE1RQ	50	
W0V3FJ	34		VE3RFJ	51	
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FIVE BAND COUNTIES AWARD

Earlier this year one of our members recommended a change in the rules of the Five Band Counties Award to eliminate the requirement for confirmation of the contacts to qualify for this award.

The suggestion as made, was given as a basis to eliminate the expense of confirmation of contacts. It also pointed out that we do depend on a persons integrity for many of the County Hunting awards.

It was also suggested by the author of the recommendation that contacts with "Known" County Hunters would not have to be confirmed although all others would have to be confirmed. The author of the recommendations also suggests that eliminating such confirmations would greatly increase the activity on other bands and create more general interest in County Hunting worldwide.

Following the arrival of that recommendation, I have written to the awards committee and the results that I got back from them were very mixed. The responses ran all the way from "No Change Should be Made" to "Complete Agreement" that no confirmations were required.

I have received letters that seem to indicate that no confirmations for any awards should be required but that would be a very different program than what MARAC has had in the past.

Following the receipt of letters from Awards Committee members, without any clearcut direction to follow, I decided to take it to open discussion at the next two mini conventions. Accordingly, I have opened this subject up for discussion at the Mini in Milwaukee and the one in Murfreesboro. Although there were many things brought up during the correspondence and during the discussions, I think that the membership favored four significant ideas about this award.

- * First - there were some folks that are totally in favor of making the change to **NO CONFIRMATIONS REQUIRED**.
- * Second - Some folks are in favor of just the opposite with no change at all and **ALL CONTACTS REQUIRING CONFIRMATIONS**.
- * Third - Some folks espoused favor of accepting contacts without any confirmation **AFTER** the applicant has been awarded the **SECOND TIME AROUND** award. The Second Time Around award does require confirmation of all contacts and the idea here seems to be that once a person has achieved the Second Time level, there no longer should be any question about his validation of contacts.
- * Fourth - Another alternative that seemed to have some favor would be to allow folks to apply for the award using **EITHER** of "No Confirmations" or "All Contacts Confirmed". These **TWO CATEGORIES** and the awarding and the Certificates and Plaques would be worded to distinguish between these two categories.

(Note: There was some discussion of a mixture of the 3rd and 4th ideas as above with contacts thru the Second Time Award required to be confirmed and then no confirmations if the applicant so desires. Again the awards and the publicity would be worded with the appropriate categories shown on the certificates and/or plaques.

Because the results of polling the Awards Committee and the discussions at the conventions was so mixed, it is time to take this discussion to the members at large.

We need your help and input for this matter. Only by ALL participating will we be able to ascertain what the membership wants on this matter. Please give your attention to the card contained with this Newsletter and answer the questions on it and mail it back to the Awards Custodian as soon as possible.

I would like to be able to give you all a status report on the subject by March of 1990 so only with all of you giving me your input can I come up with a valid direction for this award. Please take the card, complete the survey on it, and drop it in the mail as soon as possible. If there are two or more family members receiving one card, both may sign indicating their own preferences. All responses will be tallied and the awards committee will prepare a report on the outcome as soon as possible.

Some considerations you may give to the process.

Expenses - If all contacts are confirmed each separately, the cost would be very high. Use your own judgement as to what the cost might be and respond how you think this would impact you. Some folks have stated that with confirmations for Second Time required, the extra expense for the other bands might not be that high. Also if you are working beyond the Second Time Around, you might not be in such a hurry to get Reply Cards mailed and could wait until they are filled up. This might reduce the expense some.

Integrity Although we all try to operate with the highest degree of integrity there are still some things that creep into the operation that may impact our decision on the FBCA. I have been told that there are some operators among the County Hunters that do not Log contacts but only the County Name, Date and Time. Can individual contacts from those operations be truthfully confirmed?

Other - I recently sent a card back to a well known County Hunter with several contacts lined out (by me) because he had an incorrect report listed on the card. I soon got a letter back from this person wherein he stated that he had been a County Hunter for XX years and with Hundreds of Cards, he had never had one rejected prior to this. I had pointed out with a note on the card that I returned to him, it looked like he had listed the signal report that he gave me instead of the report that I gave him. In his reply, he stated that he had been doing it that way since he started seeking the counties many years ago and no one had ever called him on it. He advised that he had edited his cards and discarded all contacts with an invalid report even tho the contacts were confirmed and would be reworking all those contacts.

The gist of this is if we can operate for several years and not be aware that we are making errors of this magnitude, should we be allowing unconfirmed contacts when even the confirmed ones can be in error.

Please let me hear from you each and every one so that we have a full and complete input from the complete membership.

CLIFF CORN JR. MEMORIAL AWARD

For some years MARAC has sponsored an award for working holders of the USA-CA All Counties Award. Different achievement levels of this award were established when it was created and an appropriate certificate was printed.

During the ensuing several years, the ability to work multiple holders of the USA-CA All Counties Award became easier as more persons achieved the All Counties level. At one point in time the basic requirement was raised from 10 contacts to 100 and different achievement levels were established and subsequently changed again using seals and stars.

Eventually even the top achievement level at 450 holders was surpassed and new levels were asked for by the membership.

After working with the members of the awards committee and consultation with some of the holders of the top achievement levels plus discussion at some of the conventions, I am pleased to be able to announce the availability of a new printing of the "CLIFF CORNE JR. MEMORIAL AWARD."

Several changes have been incorporated in the reprinting.

- * Deleted the mentioning of a specific number of counties for the USA-CA All Counties award. This should ensure that the certificate will still be valid even if the number of counties changes.

- * Deleted the specific minimum requirement from being printed on the certificate. This will ensure that the certificate is still valid even if the minimum requirement should change in the future.

- * Deleted the "class" level as printed on the former certificate and refer to achievement levels by a color only. Again this will permit future achievement levels changes without reprinting the certificate.

- * Delete the line drawn for the custoidians signature. (The signature is still required - just no line on the certificate).

- * Adjust some of the spacing to allow more freedom for alignment when printing the certificate on the computer printer.

- * The achievement levels are adjusted for new levels:

** Basic Level - 100 Contacts	** Blue Seal - 500 Contacts
** Red Seal - 250 Contacts	** Gold Seal - 750 Contacts
** Gold Seal - 1000 Contacts	Plus MARAC Special Plaque.

- * The Second Gold seal level is available with the MARAC Special Plaque.

- * The last change is to implement the use of a specific application form. The custodian has application forms available for this award and their use is required to facilitate the processing and retention. The application form contains a listing of USA-CA Holders in numeric sequence with space for you to write in the most recent winners of the award. Also provided is space for you to log in the date, band and mode for each contact.

A copy of the Revised certificate is shown in this newsletter. All previous holders of the Cliff Corne Jr. Memorial Award may obtain a re-issue with the new certificate by sending your old certificate to the custodian along with 45 cents in stamps. In order to complete this exchange process in an orderly fashion, please submit your requests by March 1, 1990 so that we will have this all accomplished by that time. A new certificate (with appropriate seals) will be sent back to you by return mail - unfolded in a large envelope.

The revised award guideline is:

CLIFF CORNE, JR. (K9EAB) MEMORIAL AWARD. This award certificate issued by MARAC in memory of Cliff Corne, Jr., K9EAB who was the first amateur radio operator to work other amateur radio operators in all USA Counties for the USA-CA ALL COUNTIES AWARD. It is awarded for working 100 holders of the USA - CA ALL COUNTIES AWARD or the MARAC USA COUNTIES - ALL COUNTIES AWARD. Red, Blue, or Gold Seals and Ribbons for working 250, 500 or 750 holders respectively. Gold seal and MARAC Special Plaque for working 1000 holders of the the USA-CA ALL COUNTIES or the MARAC USA COUNTIES - ALL COUNTIES AWARD. Only contacts made after the date of issuance of the USA-CA or the USA COUNTIES awards will be valid. Log data only will be acceptable for this award.

Cliff Corne, Jr. Award.

Application Procedure.

1. Record your contact data on the application form provided by MARAC listing the contact date, the band and the mode.
2. All contacts must be after the date of issuance of the USA-CA All Counties Award or MARAC USA Counties All Counties Award.
3. Endorsements must be requested on the original award application.

The fees are:	Basic Award	\$2.00	for current members
		3.00	for non current members*
	Upgrades	SASE	for Anyone
	MARAC Special Plaque	40.00	for current members
		50.00	for non current members*

* (Note: Non Current members includes those that have let their membership lapse)

To obtain your reprinted certificate send your old certificate before March 1, 1990 along with 45 cents in stamps to:

MARAC Awards Custodian
Bill Nash, WØDWY
6604 Hounds Run So.
Mobile, AL 36608

To: MARAC Awards Custodian

I hereby submit my application for the Cliff Corne, Jr. Memorial Award by listing on these sheets the required info.

I understand that Log Data only is required for this award and will make my original station logs available to MARAC upon request if required. I further understand that this application form not be returned to me. Future updates to this award will require submission of additional data on copies of this application and additional data entered on a secondary application form.

This application [] those that apply)

Mixed Band
Mixed Mode

Basic Award
Red Seal
Blue Seal

KAINX

KC3X 5

K9CW 52

K2UFD 540

WB7V12 541

WMSDQ 542

W5TLR 543

KC5CV 544

W9VNN 545

W2PDM 546

W9ROU 547

W9DR 548

K1ZIT 549

K8OHC 550

KACNG 551

WFF 552

WSUJD 553

WITEE 554

N4FSZ 555

K4G5V 556

W4LHP 557

4X4JU 558

K0BGL 559

W9NNH 560

KC7JC 561

WB6FJU 562

KYME 563

N4EUB 564

WASINV 565

3AHA 566

WUYC 567

HLW 568

PRCJ 569

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MOBILE QSL BUREAU

P.O. Box 6436

Florence, South Carolina 29502

First, let me apologize for the long delay since the last submission to the *Roadrunner*. We plan to become a regular contributor and hopefully will not bore you with too much rambling!

1989 is almost over - perhaps thankfully! With it being a busy year, one living in South Carolina cannot help but call the advent of "Hugo" as the most memorable event of the year.

Jerry and I want to make a special mention of the efforts of KA4LRM, Emmie, a fellow county hunter, who directed the efforts of the emergency net. We were not able to partake as our tower was wrapped around out "shack" and the antenna ended up in the pond. But, as that was our major damage, we could be counted among the lucky. W4ZYX managed to have a tree go through his roof causing a great deal of damage!

Please remember that MARAC awards such as last county, etc. do not go to the Mobile QSL Bureau, but rather to the Awards Chairman, W0OWY.

The Bureau does sponsor the Third Time Around Award and we congratulate the following for attaining this award since the last listing in the *Roadrunner*:

#23	KG5J	Al Garrett	27 May 89
#24	W9ABM	Carl A. Prochaska	4 June 89
#25	K6XZ	Bob Craig	19 Sept. 89
#26	WA3ZMY	Bill Irwin	29 Oct. 89

The following have received their plaque for completing the Master County Hunter Award (Bingo). Congratulations!

W0GOQ	Margaret Donaldson	28 Sept. 89
KG5J	Al Garrett	10 Oct. 89
W9ABM	Carl Prochaska	13 Nov. 89

Information on the Mobile QSL Bureau is available for the asking. It includes information on the cost of using the Bureau, the supplies we have, and rules for the awards we sponsor. Please let us know if you need a copy.

We recently were pleased to be able to attend the "MMM mini" in Tennessee. Thanks to KM4W and his helpers for a wonderful time. We enjoyed meeting quite a few County Hunters and their families and seeing lots of people we had not seen in a while!

Jerry and I thank those of you who were able to attend our get together in Florence in December. We had cancellations because of the storms in the SE that weekend. Perhaps the weather will cooperate next year?

We look forward to working to aid you in confirming the counties you work on the county hunter nets in 1990. We implemented a new schedule for mailing a few months back. We mail one call area every three days, so in theory you should receive a mailing about every 33 days if you have cards here. This appears to be working rather well. If we miss a timely mailing to a certain area because we were not here such as when we attended the TN mini, we were able to catch up in a short time. Thus some of you got a mailing in December sooner than the 33 days because the November mailing was late for some. We are back on schedule not and hope to stay current!

The best to all of you for the 90's.

From the Bureau Drawer



Not only do we print and publish the Counties Record Book (map book) and process your MRCs and QSLs, we now offer other County Hunter supplies including MRCs, QSL cards, log books, and card stock.

FROM A.R.S. _____ **TO A.R.S. WB9HEB**

Confirming our two-way SSB/CW mobile contact as follows:

DATE	UTC	FREQ. RST	STATE	COUNTY
MOBILE REPLY CARD				
White G0E Inlet - Black Ink				
500/\$6.00 plus \$2.50 shipping — 1000/\$10.00 plus \$3.50 shipping				
With CALL imprint in to A.R.S. and return address on back				
500/\$7.50 plus \$2.50 shipping — 1000/\$14.00 plus \$3.50 shipping				
(Meets postal regulations for direct mail)				

USA-CA # _____ **MARAC #** _____

Signature _____

MOBILE BUREAU PRESS P.O. BOX 842X ERIKSSON I.C. 29402

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Conferencing two-way SSB/VCW contact as follows									
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MOBILE REPLY CARD Write, 90# Index - Black Ink.									
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White 90# fan-fold index cards are now available for use on your computer for MARCs and QSLs. The cost is \$10.00 for 500 plus \$2.50 for UPS shipping.

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Florence, SC 29502

90# index — white • cherry • canary • green • blue • gray. Ink does not bleed like some MRC stock.

For QSL, card samples and prices, send name, call, and address to the Mobile QSL Bureau.

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COUNTY HUNTER REPLY CARDS

County Hunter Reply Cards (CHRCs) are available in three sizes and three styles.

THE STANDARD

This card is printed on Exact Bristol Card stock and is 3-3/8" X 5-5/8" in size. Several will fit in a standard envelope without the flap sticking to the last card. They are now available in White, Cream, Ivory, Tan, Green, Blue, Lavender, Pink, Yellow, Gold, Pewter, Gray, Steel Blue, Teal Green, Peach, & Mauve.

You can use the colors by band or mode or both if you desire. A mix of these colors will be shipped if color is not specified on your order. Or order whatever mix of colors you prefer See below for sample design and printing.

THE MAILER

For those County Hunters that wish to send cards direct and have them returned as a postal card, it meets US Postal requirements for minimum size & weight. Size is 3 1/2" X 5 1/2". The same formats and colors are available as in the standard.

THE INDEX

For those that wish to use the conventional index card, a special size of 3" X 5", order the index size. The same formats and colors are available.

PRINT STYLES

Three different print styles are available. The REGULAR, the TYPEWRITER, and the LARGE. All three are similar with the single exception being vertical spacing of the lines. The REGULAR is laid out with nine lines per card which is a good size for written cards. The TYPEWRITER is laid out with ten lines and is spaced vertically to conform to normal typewriter spacing. The LARGE is laid out with five lines. All 3 have a column for indicating the Last County and are provided with space at the bottom for notes. Examples are shown here.

Confirms QSO		TO ARS	
FROM ARS	USACA #	Mob <input type="checkbox"/> Port <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed <input type="checkbox"/>	
MARAC #		MODE FM <input type="checkbox"/> CW <input type="checkbox"/> SSB <input type="checkbox"/>	
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REGULAR

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TYPEWRITER

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MODE FM <input type="checkbox"/> CW <input type="checkbox"/> SSB <input type="checkbox"/>
COUNTY
LC
SIGNATURE

LARGE

PRICES

All cards are priced at \$5.00/500 or more. Any quantity - any color - any size - one penny each.

SHIPPING. We can ship either UPS or US Postal Service within the U.S. Specify your street address or RFD & Box number for UPS shipping. UPS will deliver to small cities without a street address but will not deliver to a City P.O. Box number. Add \$2.50/500 or \$3.50/1000 for shipping & handling within the US. DX stations shipping & handling is \$5.00/500.

PRE-PRINTING. All of the above cards are available with your call printed in the "To A.R.S. space and your CALL/NAME/ADDRESS printed on the reverse side for a slight additional charge. This will help the bureau to sort the cards coming back to you and might facilitate their return in case they come out of the envelope in the mail. Add \$3.50 per each order.

INK COLOR. We use black ink on all cards unless otherwise specified. Other colors available are Red, Blue, Green & Brown. Add \$2.00 per order extra for a special ink color.

YOUR DESIGN. If you would prefer to have your own card design printed, we can provide this service also if you send us the "Camera Ready" copy. Add an extra \$3.50 per order for this special service.

THE B&B SHOP INC.; P.O. BOX 850652; MOBILE, AL 36685

SOUTH CENTRAL MINI

FEBRUARY 23-24, 1990

ANNOUNCING THE 1990 SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MARAC MINI CONVENTION.

LOCATION: THE HOLIDAY INN I-10 WEST/SILBER EXIT HOUSTON, TX 77024
7611 KATY FREEWAY PHONE (713) 688 - 2221

NOTE: The Motel Address and Phone # is changed as of Dec. 15, 1989

ACCESS: WEST OF HOUSTON ON I-10 (ABOUT 15 MILE OUTSIDE THE I-610 LOOP). EXIT AT SILBER AND ANTOINE RD. EXIT AND GO EAST ON THE SERVICE DRIVE TO THE HOLIDAY INN.)

ROOM RATE: THE ROOM COST IS \$32. / NIGHT + TAX (14%) OR \$36.48 PER NIGHT REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF NIGHTS.

REGISTRATION: COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND TO KASPV8 ALONG WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE OF \$12. FOR YL-OM OR \$9. FOR A SINGLE PERSON THE REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES THE BADGE AND THE DRAWING FOR ANY PRIZES (BOTH YL AND OM).

BANQUET: THE SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET IS \$10. AND INCLUDES BAKED CHICKEN, POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, TOSSED SALAD, PEACH COBBLER, TEA AND COFFEE.

DRESS: CASUAL AND JEANS, BOOTS AND WESTERN ATTIRE WILL BE WELCOMED AT THE BANQUET.

OTHER: DURING THE MINI, THE HOUSTON STOCK SHOW AND RODEO WILL BE GOING ON AT THE HOUSTON ASTRODOME AND TICKETS (AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR) WILL COST FROM \$5. TO \$12. DEPENDING ON THE COUNTRY-WESTERN PERFORMER BOOKED FOR THAT FRIDAY NIGHT.

RESERVATIONS: CALL THE HOLIDAY INN DIRECT USING THE NUMBER ABOVE AND BE SURE TO TELL THEM THAT YOU ARE WITH MARAC WHEN YOU MAKE A RESERVATION.
(DON'T USE THE 800 NUMBER FOR THE RESERVATIONS)

REGISTRATION FORM: COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL TO:
CHUCK DOBBINS - KASPV8
1902 MISSION CREEK CIRCLE HOUSTON, TEXAS 77084
PHONE 713/579-7861 (HOME) OR 713/579-7932 (WORK)

1990 MARAC SOUTH CENTRAL MINI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CALL _____

SPOUSE _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

REGISTRATION FEE _____

BANQUET.. _____ (#) AT \$10..... _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... _____

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