

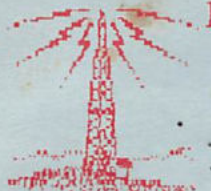
COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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Net Operating Tips

By Mitch, W4RKV

The golden Rule of "do unto others...." is particularly applicable on our net. Remember that we are all trying to accomplish the same thing and that what we are doing is a COOPERATIVE effort and not a COMPETITION. Why else would mobiles constantly go out of their way to give us a county we need? I know of one net member who made a round trip of over 600 miles to get the last county in the USA for someone. Everything we do or say on the net impacts all others listening, so lets try to be as considerate and fair in our operating procedures as possible. Cut-throat DX tactics, and long drawn-out phonetics to cover up others calling are never proper. Fortunately, we have relatively little of that among the REGULARS on our nets. I think most of you share my opinion that county hunters are the best group of people in amateur radio.

The word "overP" only takes a moment to say, and leaves no doubt that you have finished your transmission and are ready for the other station to respond. Some of us, because of voice inflection or long pauses between thoughts, may give the impression we are ready to receive when

actually we still have the mike button down; we obviously cannot hear anything while still in the transmit mode. However, the other party may THINK we are ready and start sending. If you frequently get doubled with, you might want to consider routinely saying "over" at the end of each transmission.

Dateline CW

By Ed, KN4Y

How is your duplex? Do you ever use your duplex? It is 0300z, do you know where your duplex is? The duplex switch on your radio changes the relationship of the two VFO's. "Is this important," you ask with simplicity. Maybe not, but suppose one VFO is set to 20 meter CHN and the other VFO is set to 40 meter CHN. Guess what happens when unknown to you the duplex switch is activated. You QNI on the wrong frequency should be your response if you have been paying attention. This would never happen you say. There is an old saying, "if it can, sooner or later it will". Keep this in mind the next time the NCS does not respond to your call.

Five Band counties award all CW, fact or fiction? Fact - there is such an award. Fiction - cannot happen all on CW. Several mobiles were heard on the CW net QSY'ing to other bands. It has been suggested that a mobiler let the NCS know be-

fore starting a run what bands will be used. The NCS can then advise the net. Those working for the FBCA can shorten their run to the refrigerator or the honeydo. What would be a good net procedure? Send me your suggestions.

RST signal report on CW, or Readability, Signal Strength, Tone. Is the T still necessary? How many times have you heard ##2 or something other then ##9. Would a 598 cause your nose hairs to twinge. How many times have you heard, you are 599 with some distortion or click. If you would send 598c would the other party know what you mean. Perhaps it is time to send the Tone signal report to the archives to join the spark transmitter. There is more Tone differences on SSB then ever heard on CW. A valid county contact is 22 or more, so why add another character. Traditions die hard. Perhaps my esteemed colleague WOHKF will enlighten us. Just think how much less retraining it would be for a SSB'er to work the CW net.

You may have heard NGOT and NOCKC requesting the number of counties worked from the CW net members, did you give your report?? January and February were good months with 45 mobiles running. And on February 26th our awards chairman, Bill Nash, WOOWY suddenly appeared on the net. Thinks to Come?? See you in June.

Minutes of the MARAC Meetings

The February meeting was held on February 10, 1990 at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, Mn. President Don, WA0LKL, called the breakfast meeting to order at 9:00AM. Also in attendance were W0NNH, WA0RJJ, N0DRX, N0DXH, W9LHG, WB0TVL, W0FCO, and WA0SGJ.

Following review, W9LHG made a motion to accept the Secretary minutes of the January meeting, seconded by WA0SGJ, passed. John, W9LHG, distributed and discussed the Treasurer's Report. W0NNH made a motion to accept the report, seconded by WA0SGJ, passed. John also reported that a check had been sent to WD7X on 2/9/90 for payment of the HP LaserJet printer to be used for printing Award Certificates.

W0OWY, the Convention Coordinator, via W9LHG, asked the group to discuss whether the convention financial account should be controlled by the Treasurer, rather than the Convention Coordinator. From ensuing discussion, it was agreed that there should continue to be a separate convention account, but it was not resolved where the convention account should be located. It was also agreed that this discussion be continued at the Board of Directors meeting in July.

President Don volunteered to head the Nominating Committee to solicit candidates for the three members of the Board of Directors whose terms expire in July of this year. Those three members are: Headquarters -WA0SGJ; Great Lakes Dist. - WA3TUC; North Central Dist. -N9CLZ.

W9LHG suggested that a survey of inactive members be considered to determine why those persons are no longer active. After discussion, the subject was tabled until a future meeting.

With no additional business, N0DRX made a motion to adjourn, seconded by W0FCO, passed. The next regular meeting will be on March 10, 1990.

The March meeting was held on March 10, 1990 at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, Mn. President Don, WA0LKL, called the breakfast meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Also in attendance were W0NNH, WA0RJJ, N0DRX, N0DXH, W9LHG, N0AKC and W0FCO.

Following review, W0NNH made a motion to

accept the Secretary minutes of the February meeting, seconded by N0DRX, passed. John, W9LHG, distributed and discussed the Treasurer's Report. WA0RJJ made a motion to accept the report, seconded by W0NNH, passed.

John, W9LHG, indicated that the convention financial account maintained by the Convention Coordinator has been closed and funds returned to the Treasurer. After discussion of the proposed record keeping to be used for these funds, WA0RJJ made a motion that the Treasurer create a discrete account within MARAC's general fund to administer the convention funds. W9LHG seconded the motion, passed. John also said that he will work with WA3TUC to understand and provide his committee with a convention fund advance.

The Secretary presented the following items;

- To promote the Houston Mini, the B&B Shop did a mailing to county hunters in the Houston area. This mailing went to non-active MARAC and non-MARAC members. Bill included a MARAC membership application form with the mailing which has resulted in several new MARAC memberships and renewals. On behalf of MARAC, thanks alot Bill!

- Through the able assistance of Dick, NG9L, MARAC once again has a healthy supply of decals. Dick personally assisted with getting the artwork updated. Although the costs for the artwork and printing were not insignificant, W9LHG made a motion that the decals be provided at no charge to new members and members renewing their MARAC membership. W0NNH seconded the motion, passed. Thanks again Dick for your help!

- The HP LaserJet IIP printer to be used by the Awards Custodian is currently at the QTH of WA0RJJ where the appropriate Awards System software is being retrofitted to run on this new hardware. MARAC owes Don, WD7X, a huge thank you for all his efforts, as an HP employee, in obtaining the printer and associated fonts at a very attractive price. Thanks much Don!

- For the month of March, 1990 we have set an all time high for MARAC active membership. MARAC currently has an active membership of 841 members. Thanks to each and everyone of you for your part in making that happen. In the coming months, will I be able to report even higher high-water marks?

With no additional business, N0DXH made a motion to adjourn, seconded by W0FCO, passed. The next regular meetings will be held on April 7 and May 12, 1990, at 9:00 AM, also at the Holiday Inn East, St. Paul, MN.

Respectfully submitted:

Vern Olson, WA0RJJ

Secretary.



MARAC Financial Report

Checking Acc't as of 1-1-90 \$ 927.92

Income 1,379.75
Expenses 1,453.90

Checking Acc't as of 2-1-90 \$ 853.77

Income 7,624.54
Expenses 3,511.70

Checking Acc't as of 2-28-90 \$4,966.60

Savings Acc't as of 1-1-90 \$6,331.81

No Activity in January, 90

February, Transfer to
Checking Acc't 1,000.00

Savings Acc't as of 2-28-90 \$5,331.81



Address Changes and New Members

R520 NB6A 69520 Fairway Desert Hot Springs CA 92240

R1044 WD5BEO c/o Marilyn Van Meter 445 Rollingridge Garland TX 75042

R1548 W1CRL 720 Olde Point Rd Hampstead NC 28443

R1656 N2CWG 1130 Hwy 101 N Space #2 Crescent City CA 95531 (Del Norte)

R1906 N5AWE 1732 NW 35th Oklahoma City OK 73118 (Oklahoma)

R1969 Rt 1 161 16th St Blaine WA 98230 (Whatcom)

R2228 N9HPF 5808 NE 116th St Vancouver WA 98686-4553

A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

R2245 KC6IRO Wm Moore Patrol Squadron 4
FPO San Francisco CA 96601-5901 (Honolulu)
R2246 W3HTG C W Bowers 14323 Louisa St
Woodbridge VA 22191 (Pr. William)
R2247 WSHGL Bob Metcalf 4324 Donnelly Ave
Ft. Worth TX 76107 (Tarrant)
R2248 KD9OT C David Conder 213 S Cherry
Centralia IL 62801 (Marion)
R2249 KE2EA J P Phil Bretz RD-3 Box 67
Hornell NY 14843 (Steuben)
R2250 K1CLN Bill Welch 86 Woodland St South
Natick MA 01760 (Middlesex)
R2251 WD5CPK Paul Butler P O Box 1124 St
Marys GA 31558
R2252 VE3COP Gerry Letford 2366 Centre St
#1 Ridgeville Ont Canada L0S 1M0
R2253 N9IVW Jeffery Nelson 2703 Hawthorne
Rd Marengo IL 60152 (McHenry)
R2254 KF5XQ D C Weiss 1215 Shadeland
Houston TX 77043 (Harris)
R2255 NOKMA Bill Morrison 1743 Eastwood Ct
Ft Collins CO 80525 (Larimer)

Was That Call WD4S or WT4S??

The Club has recently received a letter regarding the "possible mis-use of the call sign WD4S on the County Hunters Net..".

Mr John Burke, WD4S has received several QSL cards over the past two years requesting confirmation from him in various locations. Needless to say since he is "totally inactive on HF and confine my mobile activities to 2 meters..." it appears that someone is using his call and he wants it stopped immediately!!

Since Bill, W0OWY, was the receiver of the note, he has responded to Mr Burke and explained that even though he has received QSL cards from all over, the trouble lays not in the TRANSMIT end but rather the RECEIVE end of the QSO's. It seems numerous folks have logged WD4S when it was WT4S.

Please folks, lets listen up to the Mobilers, the Net Controls and the Assistant Net Controls. I'm sure that in this case even Bill would approve of PHONETICS.

Counties Needed To Complete USACA

N8AJC Doug 304-766-6655 after 2300Z weekdays and all weekends.

AR Sebastian GA Hall ID Lincoln IA Jones
KS Mitchell Ottawa KS Pike MO Morgan
NC Hyde Washington ND Bowman Sioux
McIntosh Plus one more.

Counties Needed To Finish Particular States

W2HGT Sal 201-691-0025 (Collect)

AR Cleveland Grant IL Brown Menard
Wayne MD Kent MN Kanabek NY Fulton TN
Blount Jackson VA Charles City Louisa
Orange WV Randolph

WU4S Stu

AL Colbert Madison IL Ford Henderson
Mercer IN Brown Parke Spencer Warrick
MS Lafayette Oktibbea MO Lewis Pettis
MT Garfield NE Wayne NJ Morris SC
Abbeville SD Campbell Hyde WV Calhoun
Mason

CQ Announces Latest USACA Holders

We congratulate the following County Hunters on their earning a place on the USA-CA SPECIAL HONOR ROLL:

WB9STT #652 All SSB Mobile 1-18-90
WA0ZBK #653 All SSB Mobile 1-19-90
WA8RSQ #654 All SSB 1-25-90
WA4KER #655 2-3-90
WD7X #656 All 20M SSB Mobile 2-3-90

VE2MS has been named as the 2nd winner for Worked All Oklahoma Counties Award presented by Don, W5VBH.

Planned Mobile Trips

The following folks have announced mobile trips as follows:

WB2NFB - Trip to Dayton OH leaving Apr 25, running all day in Ohio April 26. Send requests to WB2NFB Box 941 Johnstown NY 12095

W5OBT - After completing 6 months of travel in our trailer, Betty and I have decided to do 1 more year. FYI, my son sends my mail about once a month so my response to QSL is slow. Also note my address is Box 5373 Santa Fe NM 87502.

On or about June 1, we will head in the following direction: NM OK KS NE SD ND MN WI MI OH PA NY VT NH ME MA CT RI NJ DE MN VA MC SC GA AND FL to start with many changes on the way. If you special needs (CW) please mail early and I'll try to help.

W0LRH - Planning a trip starting May 17 and will attempt to run the Southern 2 tiers of ND and the Northern 2 tiers of SD. Any changes will be announced in the May Roadrunner.

Members Speak!

W7NXZ - Dave Just a note to let those who knew my wife, Gladys. She passed away on Feb. 28.

K5OUK - Mike Please except this as my Thank You for the many cards sent to my son, Christopher Scott, during the Christmas holidays. I do not know how many there were, but I know a lot of you have asked about his current condition when you hear me on the air.

Chris was born with a congenital heart defect and has had open heart surgery twice before he was 3 years old. He is on medication and will be for the rest of his life. The problem that caused his hospitalization over the holidays was caused by a sinus infection that the local doctors had difficulty getting cleared up and it was decided to send him to Texas Childrens Hospital where his heart doctor is. His medication dose is dependent on his age and weight and it was time for a change. The change was too drastic for his heart and it went into shock and stopped. There was some concern during and after his revival about heart and brain damage, but thank heaven and excellent doctors there was no damage. Chris returned to school in January and is doing very well. Again, Thanks for all your prayers and cards and concerns.

Members Speak!

W3FG Walt - At 2155 GMT, Feb 15, 1990 while operating mobile on the CW CHN from Haralson county GA, Jim, W4HSA/M came upon a truck fire approximately 1 mile east of the Alabama/Georgia line on I20. Walt, W3FG, acting CHN NCS at the time copied the emergency information from W4HSA/M and called the Georgia State Patrol. The message was passed and emergency vehicles were dispatched by 2201 GMT.

K6HZI Terry - Congratulations to KN4Y on his excellent technical paper in issue number 237, and to the Roadrunner for having the courage to print it! The acute precision of logic and the clarity of presentation make it the first technical paper that I've ever been able to understand. I give it a 5-9 Plus.

VE3FNM Will - County Hunting has been a frustrating experience for me. From the record of the hams that have joined MARAC and dropped out, it appears that I am not alone. The best NC or Assistant NC is Margaret, W0GOQ, not because I first met her on the Century Club, nor because of her situation in Colorado, nor her voice but because she consistently gives at least the first three letters of every county. Some others do it spasmodically. There is no consideration to the ham who runs 100 watts or less and does not own a beam. I am in that category. In Canada we are permitted 1000 watts with a beam and in the U.S., 1500 watts with a beam. I compete against them. Some fun!! Some controllers consider that VE's are not DX, but we sure are. The difference between us is money, stamps, flag, rules and regulations for ham radio laws, etc, etc. I have since learned that I am not the only Canadian who has had stamps replaced with a lower value. This action says we are not wanted. Far worse is the way some NC pronounce county names i.e., Aransas becomes Uransas, Brazoria becomes Visoria, thus Canada would be Wanada and Darke, Xarke. Seward is Sooward, etc. I believe in lists but some take list after list, never identifying themselves nor the county. One mobiler took 7 lists with no identification. I got on the seventh list, recording reports, freq and time on scratch paper. When I finally got the call and county, it stayed on the scratch pad. Conservatively, this has happened 600 times. I am one county hunter, how many more have this experience? The question is, are the mobilers trying to fill his log or help others acquire confirmation of that county? I have missed the county name, but had the rest of the information so the county name is blank. The MRC has been returned signed and county area still blank. What am I to do? Try and figure out his path and insert a County name?

I have noticed that a mobile will ask NC about when another mobile will be in a certain county, only to be ignored. That must be frustrating. I am not a mobiler. During my working life (now retired) I was trained to hear EXACTLY what was said and the inflections. I have less than 100 counties for USACA which I will finish along with Bingo and certain other awards, then like others I will be gone, especially if conditions remain the same.

WANTED TO BUY

USED but good 10 meter and 15 meter resonators. Fr. Terry Koch, P O Box 128 Los Altos, CA 94022.

EDITORS NOTES

WELL, HERE I AM IN NEW ENGLAND AND I SUDDENLY FIND MYSELF OUT OF INFORMATION TO FILL UP THIS SPACE. USUALLY, I HAVE SEVERAL TIDBITS OF SMALL INFO TO USE IN A SPOT SUCH AS THIS OR MAYBE A CARTOON. AND I STILL HAVE THAT STUFF, IT'S SIMPLY 1500 MILES AWAY.

SO I WILL DO WHAT EVERY OTHER EDITOR DOES AND PASS THE BUCK BY SAYING THE FOLLOWING WHITE SPACE IS COURTESY OF YOU FOR NOT SENDING ME MORE INFORMATION.

73, BOB KOAYO

1990 MARAC COUNTY HUNTERS CW CONTEST

0000Z Saturday 5 May, 1990 to 2400Z Sunday 6 May, 1990

The Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club is pleased to sponsor the 22nd Annual County Hunters CW Contest. Mobile, portable and fixed operation from every county in the US is welcome and operation from less active counties is encouraged. Fixed stations may be worked only once on each band. Mobiles and portables may be worked each time they change counties. Mobiles operating on a county line give and receive one QSO number, but each county is a separate multiplier. Mobiles and portables must identify by signing /M or /P after their call. To be eligible for an award, a station must not operate more than one transmitter at any one time.

EXCHANGE: QSO Nr, Catagory (Mobile or Portable only), Sig Rpt, County and State for US; Province (Canada) or Country for others.

Sample Mobile report: 123M 599 MODOC CA

SCORING: QSOs with fixed US/Canadian stations are worth 1 point; mobiles and portables are worth 3 points. US / Canadian contacts with DX stations are worth 3 points. Contacts with stations operating under "Net Control" are invalid. FINAL SCORE = total QSO points times the total number of US counties worked.

FREQUENCIES: 3.575, 7.055, 14.060, 21.060, 28.060. Fixed stations should CQ or QRZ above the suggested frequencies and mobiles or portables operate below them.

AWARDS: Certificates to winning stations as follows:

- F - First Place Fixed in each state, province and country with 1000 points or more.
- P - First Place Portable in each state operating from a county other than their normal location with a score of 1000 points or more.
- M - First Place Mobile in each state operating from 3 or more counties with a minimum of 10 QSOs from each county.

MARAC Plaques to the highest scoring: mobile and portable station in the U.S., North American fixed station and DX station scoring at least 50,000 total points.

Mobiles and portables who change states should calculate their scores (1) for individual state certificates and (2) for total score for the overall plaque. Total overall score must not count a county as a multiplier more than once regardless of the state from which it was worked.

Sample log and summary sheets are available for an SASE to the address below. A check list of counties is required for entries with 100 or more counties worked.

Completed logs, summary sheets and county lists must be received by 4 June 1990: Send to:

Jerry Burkhead N6QA
7525 Baltic St.
San Diego, CA. 92111

(Include business size SASE for personal copy of contest results.)

NEW YORK STATE MINI

MAY 18-19, 1990

ANNOUNCING THE 1990 NEW YORK STATE MINI CONVENTION

- LOCATION:** THE WINDSOR MOTEL, AMSTERDAM, NEW YORK
- DIRECTIONS:** EXIT 27 OFF THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY (RTE 90) THEN 4 MILES NORTH ON RTE 30.
- ROOM RATE:** THE ROOM COST IS \$38. / NIGHT + TAX(7%) OR \$40.66 PER NIGHT REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF NIGHTS. SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY.
- REGISTRATION:** COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND TO WB2NFB ALONG WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE OF \$12. FOR YL-OM. FOR A SINGLE PERSON - \$9. 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 TURKEY AND ROAST BEEF, ITALIAN MEATBALLS, ZITI, MACARONI SALAD, TOSSED SALAD, FRESH FRUIT, ROLLS WITH BUTTER, AND STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE FOR DESSERT. COFFEE, TEA, AND MILK INCLUDED.
- OPTIONAL:** FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER; ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP AND SEAFOOD / BEEF SMORGASBORD FOR \$15.
- PRIZES:** ALL PRIZE DONATIONS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
- RESERVATIONS:** CALL WB2NFB OR KA2QID @ 518/762-1337 (AFTER 6 PM) OR CALL KA2QID, KAREN @ 518/725-2000 (WORK 8AM-5PM)
- REGISTRATION FORM:** COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL TO:
JOHN BUTLER, SR. - WB2NFB
P.O. BOX 941, JOHNSTOWN, NEW YORK 12095

1990 NEW YORK STATE MINI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CALL _____

SPOUSE _____ CALL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

REGISTRATION FEE _____

BANQUET.. _____ (#) AT \$15..... _____

FRIDAY NIGHT GET-TOGETHER _____ # ATTENDING, PLEASE

ROOMS NEEDED (#) _____ WHAT DATES? _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED..... _____

Convention Coordinator
Bill - W0OWY

Convention Convenor
Paul - WA3TUC

Secretary
Ron - KA3DRO

Treasurer
Walt - WB3HTK

Prize Chairman
Andy - W3XE



NATIONAL CONVENTION - 1990

King of Prussia, PA

July 17-21

WELCOME!

The Convention Committee is pleased to offer you an invitation to come to the Cradle of Liberty of the U.S.A. Ideally situated in the midst of the highly populated Mid-Atlantic area, Valley Forge (King of Prussia) is rich in colonial atmosphere and steeped in early American history.

A trip to this convention will afford each of you the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the founders of our country and to visit the many outstanding tourist attractions so easily accessed from this central location. The following pages outline the agenda for planned trips for Thursday, July 19, and Friday, July 20 as well as list many optional trips to other attractions. So...after review.... you may want to plan to COME EARLY AND STAY LATE!

The committee has made special arrangements with the Holiday Inn, our host hotel, located just 25 minutes from downtown Philadelphia, to offer the same low daily rate for rooms.....(\$49.00 + tax) for any length of stay provided the days are contiguous.

Coming in an RV ??? We also have special information for you....with a choice of several locations within easy reach of the hotel.

SEND IN YOUR RESERVATION NOW TO INSURE YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE PRE-REGISTRATION PRIZE...A BEAUTIFUL HF TRANSCEIVER!

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Paul Bugen
Paul Bugen, WA3TUC, Convenor

MILEAGE TO PHILADELPHIA FROM SOME MAJOR CITIES

Albuquerque.....1947	Dallas.....1443	Memphis.....1007
Atlanta..... 748	Denver.....1739	Orlando..... 986
Boston..... 315	Des Moines....1094	St. Louis..... 904
Buffalo..... 360	Indianapolis.. 659	Seattle.....2816
Chicago..... 785	Las Vegas.....2481	Tucson.....2376

MARAC NATIONAL CONVENTION....KING OF PRUSSIA, (Valley Forge) PENNSYLVANIA

Come early hackers, the MARAC Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 1990. There are several fine courses in the area and negotiations are still underway to get the best deal we can. Let your conscience be your guide on the scores you submit for handicap purposes and we hope that the best, (or WORST?, OR BIGGEST?) liar does not win! Appropriate trophies will be awarded to the best scores (2) and low gross.

Only the early registrations (prior to June 15) will be eligible for the Pre-Registration prize, a fine HF Transceiver which you can break in on the return trip home. The drawing for this FB prize will be made prior to the convention so be sure to get your registration in early. Another HF Transceiver will go to some LUCKY HAM prize ticket holder at the Banquet. This year the YL first prize will be \$500.00 as a check, 2nd and 3rd YL prizes will be checks for \$300 and \$200 respectively. Other YL prizes will include afghans worth many hundreds of dollars. Through the very generous offers of C.Q. Magazine, B & B Shop, Mobile QSL Bureau, and others too numerous to mention here, there will be a large number of other "HAM" and YL prizes drawn throughout the convention. The winning prize ticket numbers will be posted conspicuously in the principal Hospitality Room. Only the top prizes will be drawn at the banquet. Individual awards other than the awards for COUNTY HUNTER OF THE YEAR, NET CONTROLS, AND MOBILES OF THE YEAR will be presented at the MARAC Meeting Saturday Afternoon in order to prevent the banquet from running too long.

A truly sumptuous feast has been arranged for the Saturday Night Banquet! We start with fresh fruit segments with fresh strawberries, followed by the chef's tossed salad. You then have a choice of Roast Top Sirloin of Beef, or Chicken Cordon Bleu as your entree. (don't forget to note your choices on the registration form!) Veggies will be Baked Stuffed potatoe and fresh green peas with mushrooms. Dessert for those with a little room left will be Creme de Minth Parfait. Naturally, lots of rolls and butter plus coffee, tea,(regular & decaf, Hot or cold) will accompany dinner.

Because of last years successful contest for the greatest number of contacts on the way to the convention, we will repeat the contest this year with appropriate SSB and CW awards. Because some enterprising C/H might "start out" the day he receives this notice, only those contacts made on or after July 11, 1990 will be counted. Contacts on SSB cannot be combined with CW contacts, and all contacts will count for 1 point except that DX and MOBILE-to-MOBILE contacts will count for 3 points.

GOOD LUCK AND DRIVE SAFELY !!!!!

NOTE: For those interested, an official Pennsylvania State Highway Map will be made available for a 25¢ SASE sent to WA3TUC, Paul Bugen at 2005 Wharton Rd., Glenside, Pa., 19038.

ATTENTION ALL RV'ERS

In no time flat it's going to be July...and that can only mean one thing....
VALLEY FORGE...and the MARAC Convention.

We have the following information for those who will be coming in RV's, trailering a camper, or trucks with campers on them. We have reviewed three campsites in the area.

1. VALLEY FORGE TERRACE

No more than 10 minutes away from the Holiday Inn. We can guarantee places provided the unit does not exceed 32 feet total length. It is a permanent community with 27 additional sites on a first-come, first-served basis so it is imperative that we have your reservation for this park as early as possible. The rate here is \$13.00 per day for 2 persons with a \$1.00 per day surcharge for each additional person. This camp has water, electric, and sanitary hookup, but no public showers and toilet facility...ie: your unit must be self-contained.

2. YMCA CAMPGROUND

Located in Phoenixville, about 20 minutes away with 61 sites, 20 of which have electricity. There are tiled showers, flush toilets, hot & cold water, and dump stations are available off-site. They have two swimming pools with lifeguards. Cost here is \$15.00 per day with electric, \$13.00 without electric, for a family up to 4, with a \$1.00 surcharge for each additional person/day.

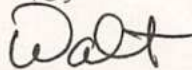
3. WARWICK WOODS

Located about 40 minutes away in St. Peters in Chester County. Facilities include electric, water, sewer, swimming pool in a wooded setting. Cost here is \$16.00 per day for two adults, surcharge is \$4.00 per day per adult and \$1.00 per day per children.

IF YOU EXPECT TO ARRIVE BY RV, LET ME KNOW WHICH ONE YOU WANT BY MAY 30, AND I WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR YOU AND WILL TRY TO KEEP GROUPS TOGETHER, IF YOU SO REQUEST.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in July.

73,



WALT; WB3HTK

FRIDAY NIGHT LILY LANGTRY DINNER THEATRE

As of this writing, scheduled is a Vegas Type ICE SHOW and the tickets are expected to be about \$25.00 per person for a group of 20. They require a \$10.00 deposit 14 days after reservations are accepted with payment in full 30 days prior to the show. (no cancelations or refunds!) If you are interested check off the box on the reservations form and we will get back to those interested provided we can get the group together.

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THURSDAY July 19, 1990
ATLANTIC CITY CASINO TRIP !!

- 1:45 PM Buses report to motel parking lot with on-site dispatcher
- 2:00 PM Depart for Atlantic City for a 6 hour stay. Program will include transportation and the prevailing motor coach package being offered at the time. Every effort is being made to secure a casino show as a part of the package. YOU WILL BE ON YOUR OWN FOR DINNER. It should be understood that these package tours change from week-to-week but generally include the return of part of the bus trip cost in quarters or tokens for the slots, a primer for your gambelers pump, and a food credit. If a show is not able to be included, a credit of part of the cost as shown today will be returned to each participant.
- 9:30 PM Depart the casino world for a return to the Holiday Inn arriving before the stroke of midnight.

FRIDAY JULY 20, 1990
HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA TOUR AND VISIT TO VALLEY FORGE !!!

- 8:15 AM Buses report to motel with on-site dispatcher
- 8:30 AM Buses depart for downtown Philadelphia
- 9:15 AM Meet guides for a Historic City Tour of OLDE PHILADELPHIA. Visit the restored buildings and sites of America's birth. Stops made at Independence Hall, Libert Bell, Betsy Ross House, Christ Church, and the burial ground of 7 signators of the Declaration of Independance. Also you will learn of Antique Row, Elfreth's Alley, Port of Philadelphia, and Society Hill with all it's colonial history. Also is a visit to Ben Franklin's Print Shop and Museum.
- 12:15 PM Free time for lunch on your own. Printed lists of area eateries will be distributed.
- 2:30 PM Buses depart for Valley Forge Tour. Visit of Washington's Headquarters and his Memorial Chapel where many Presidents have worshipped. See many statues, monuments, and replicas of the huts which sheltered the Continental Army during the harsh winter of 1777-78.
- 4:30 PM Busses leave to return to Holiday Inn.

SEE THE NOTE ELSEWHERE ABOUT THE LILY LANGTRY DINNER THEATRE FRIDAY NITE

OTHER REASONS TO STAY AND PLAY IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA

LONGWOOD GARDENS: Located just about 30 minutes from the motel, this is a world class 350 acre Botanical Garden that includes conservatories, woods, fields, fountains, extensive rose and tropical gardens, outdoor theatre, and more. July will feature Fountain Festivals . Fees: \$8.00/Adults \$2.00/ ages 6-14, younger are free. Be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes and a camera or VCR is a must. THIS IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY !

WINTERTHUR MUSEUM: A duPont estate museum of world class quality. Located just about 35 miles from Philadelphia in the Chateau Country north of Wilmington, Delaware, just below the Pennsylvania Line.

BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR: About a 2½ hour drive south, excellent example of inner city revitalization with a world class aquarium, high rise buildings, harbor filled with pleasure and cargo boats, lots of quality shopping.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: Our nations Capitol, you have read all about it....and for those who live far away, this should be a must see.....Lots of FREE tourist attractions as well as pay as you go exhibits. THIS WILL TAKE A FULL DAY AT THE MINIMUM.....WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES! BRING A CAMERA/VCR.

LANCASTER AREA: Home of the Amish, just about 30 minutes from the hotel, see the "plain folks" and observe their dress, customs, working farms, and sample their wares and food. NOTE: they DO NOT LIKE to have their pictures taken....always ask first.

READING, PA: Home of the original outlet stores with a large number of famous label factory outlets. These include Vanity Fair for the gals and Black & Decker for the guys. Located about a pleasant 40 minute drive away.

POCONOS: Pennsylvania answer to Niagara Falls for the honeymooner! A particularly nice rural area with lots of green, lakes, hills, quiet woods, good fishing, a great day-trip accessed via the North-East extension of the Pennsylvania turnpike.

NEW YORK CITY: THE BIG APPLE, approx 2 hours away or take the train from Philadelphia. The Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller center, World Trade towers, Brooklyn, Radio City Music Hall, Empire State Bldg, Central Park, and so much more....Possibly professional baseball at the Meadowlands or at Yankee Stadium. OR HOW ABOUT BROADWAY?

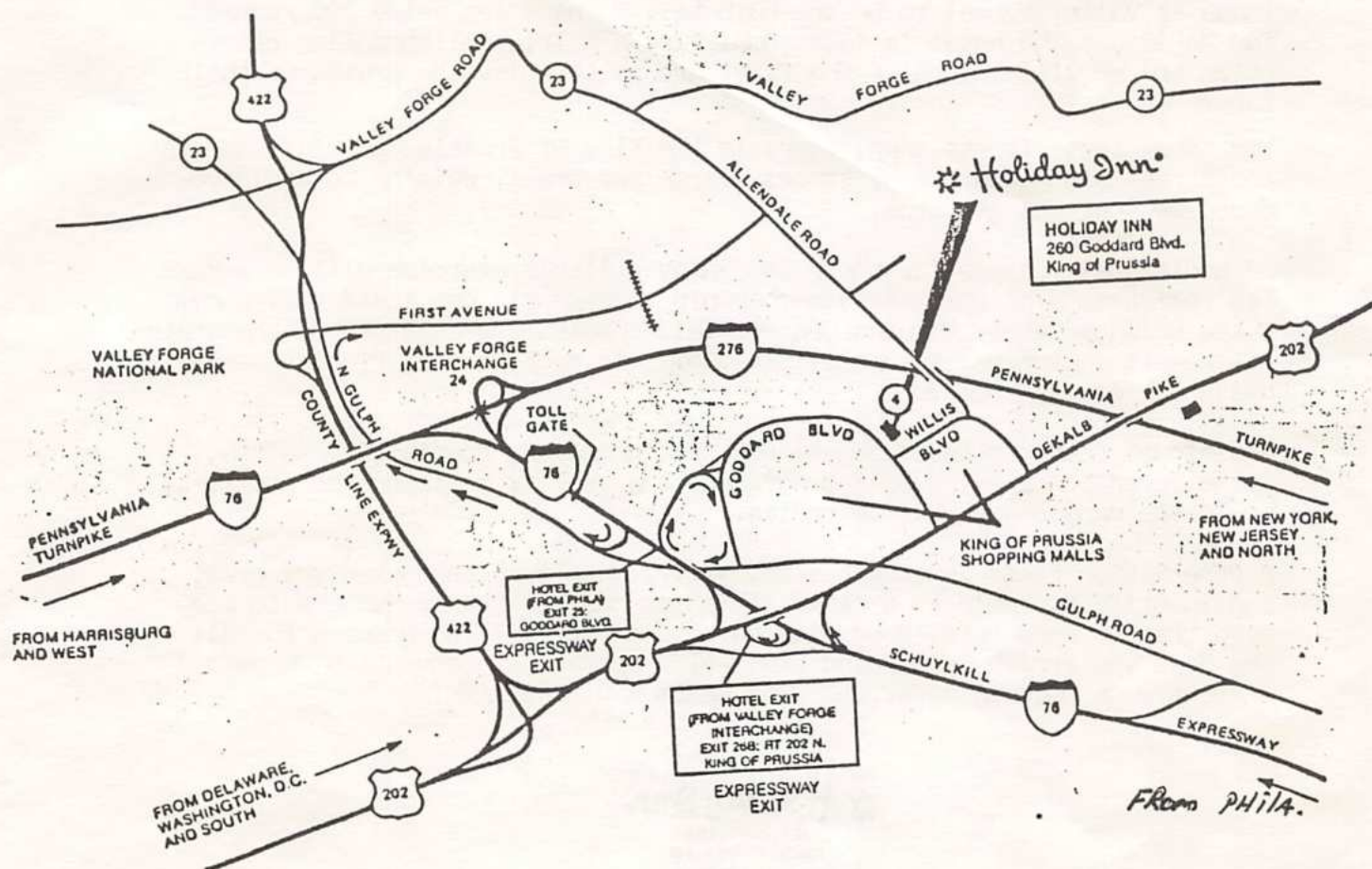
ANNAPOLIS, MD: Located about 3 hours away, home of the US NAVAL Academy, and the Chesapeake Bay mecca for sailboats. Many fine seafood restaurants, lots of boatyards, pretty eastern shore scenery. Close to St. Michaels, a very quaint "in" town on the water on the eastern shore.

MORE PHILADELPHIA: Staying in our own backyard, we find a world famous zoo, walk along the Schuylkill River with "boat house row", See the art museum, The Franklin Institute, The Museum of Natural History, The US MINT, U of Pennsylvania....and a chance to taste our world famous HOGIES, Steak Sandwiches, soft pretzels, and other local dishes.

After looking at the above list, you can see why we want you to COME EARLY AND STAY LATE! and why we helped you with the same low room rates for an extended trip.

MARAC NATIONAL CONVENTION....KING OF PRUSSIA (VALLEY FORGE), PENNSYLVANIA

MAP OF THE AREA



Our plans include setting up a station at the hotel for low band and a 2 meter setup as well. The local repeater will be 146. + 600 (out/in) Feel free to use the 146.85/.25 repeater of the Chesapeake Bay Radio Assoc. while coming up from the south near Cecil County, Md.

MARAC NATIONAL CONVENTION...KING OF PRUSSIA, (VALLEY FORGE) PENNSYLVANIA

The Convention Facility

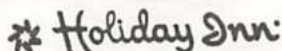
The committee has contracted with the Holiday Inn of King of Prussia (same as Valley Forge) to be the HQ hotel. We have set aside 200 rooms for MARAC use. The hotel is just completing a multi-million dollar renovation and we will be one of the first groups to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

For those that like to shop, there is the King Of Prussia Mall just across the street with hundreds of stores, large and small, waiting to be introduced to your charge cards.

An additional feature for those who enjoy a little exercise will be a FREE (to registrants of the hotel) membership in a nearly new 3 story high gym, the Holiday Matrix Fitness Centre! This enables you full use of the state-of-the-art equipment, spa facilities, olympic pool, track, Finnish Sauna, and private exercise rooms.

Additional features include generous meeting rooms, hospitality suites, large reception area, adequate parking, and quality meals on the premises, or in the many nearby Mall eateries.

A reservation blank is attached below.....make sure that when you call, you identify yourself as a MARAC MEMBER or one the County Hunters to receive the low room rate. Note also this room rate will be honored for all the days you arrive BEFORE and stay AFTER the actual convention, provided there are no omitted days...SO COME EARLY AND STAY LATE!



King of Prussia
(Valley Forge Area)

Executive Offices
215-265-7600

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB

DATE: TUESDAY, JULY 17, 1990 THROUGH SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1990
RATE: \$49 FLAT, PER ROOM, PER NIGHT, PLUS 7% OCCUPANCY TAX.
CUTOFF: JULY 7, 1990

RESERVATIONS MAY BE GUARANTEED FOR LATE ARRIVAL BY SENDING ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT, OR SUPPLYING A CREDIT CARD NUMBER:

TYPE: _____ NUMBER: _____ EXP. DATE: _____

FOR TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS, CALL (215) 265-7500.

PLEASE INDICATE: NON SMOKING ROOM _____ SMOKING ROOM _____
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN ROOM _____

ARRIVAL _____
DEPARTURE _____
NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
PHONE () _____

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M A R A C NATIONAL CONVENTION.....VALLEY FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

Registration Form

NAME: NO DRX SHEL MANN USA-CA# CALL:
ADDRESS: 1618 W. PINE
CITY: STILLWATER, MN 55082 State: Zip:

NOTE: Registration for person named above includes 1 group photo and 1 name badge
ALL OTHER BADGES ARE \$3.75 each; order below.

Registration for person named above: Before June 15 @ \$17.00 = \$ 17.00
After June 15 @ \$20.00 = \$

Other family members needing badges (@ \$3.75 per badge)

SPOUSE: Mary USA-CA # CALL: NO DRX

Others: USA-CA # CALL:

 USA-CA # CALL:

Total other family badges @ \$3.75 ea = \$ 3.75

TICKETS FOR MEALS/EVENTS:

Historical Philadelphia Trip @ \$17.00 ea # 4 X \$17.00 = \$ 68.00

Atlantic City Casino Trip @ \$20.00 ea # X \$20.00 = \$

Convention Banquet @ \$22.00 ea # 2 X \$22.00 = \$ 44.00

NOTE: check here roast sirloin of beef# 1 chicken cordon bleu# 1

Optional Photos:

USA-CA Holders @ \$3.50 ea. # X \$3.50 = \$

YL'S only @ \$3.50 ea # X \$3.50 = \$

CW ops @ \$3.50 ea # X \$3.50 = \$

DONATIONS:

Ham Prize Tickets (\$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00) # 24 X = \$ 20.00

YL Prize tickets (\$1.00 each or 12 for \$10.00) # X = \$

Please make all checks payable to:

1990 MARAC CONVENTION

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ 135.75

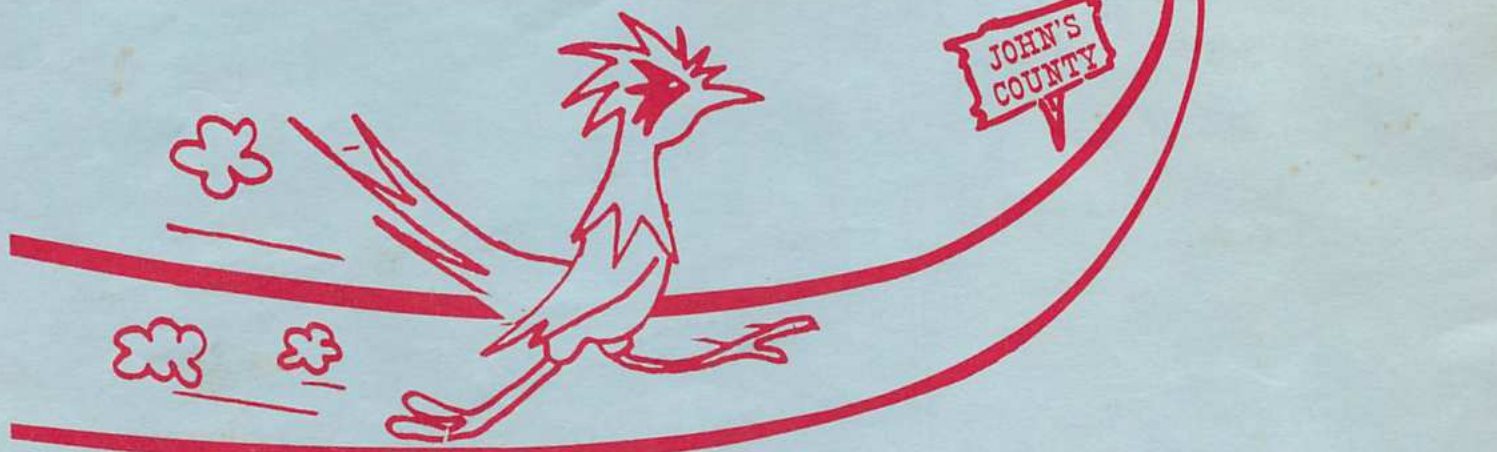
Mail all registration forms and checks to: Walter Newman; WB3HTK
400 Meadow Lane
Oreland, Pa. 19075

+ 17.00
152.75

MOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS SHOULD BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE HOLIDAY INN BEFORE
JULY 10, 1990. OR CALL YOUR RESERVATION: 1-215-265-7500 AND BE SURE TO TELL
THEM IT IS A RESERVATION FOR THE MARAC CONVENTION OR THE COUNTY HUNTERS

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER THEATRE AT LILY LANGTRY...INTERESTED? CHECK HERE

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