

# COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Net Operating Tips By Mitch, W4RKV

All of us are aware that under FCC rules no one amateur, of group of amateurs, may claim the exclusive use of any frequency; however, once established on an unused frequency we have the right to its use reasonably free of adjacent channel QRM. But in today's crowded bands, the term "reasonable" should not be construed to mean "clean channel" where no other station should get within 5 kHz of us.

The current state-of-the-art seems to dictate a bandwidth of about 2.1 kHz for SSB communications, and that is the general rule of thumb I use when acting as NCS. If another station starts up on 14.334 or 14.338 and is strongly interfering with me, I may go and REQUEST that if possible he move a little farther away. But as long as he is 2 kHz or more away, I don't feel I have the right to DEMAND that he move. If he is buck shotting or otherwise over modulating, I may request that he turn his mike gain down a little, or perhaps turn his amp off, but I will always put it in the form of a request and abstain from making any demands.

## DATELINE CW

By Ed, KN4Y

Ring out, wild CW, to the wild sky!  
Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy CW, across the snow!

Last year I had been bawled out, pulled out, ripped off, held down, QRM'ed, bulldozed, blackjacked, walked on, jacked around, cheated, squeezed and mooched; stuck for booze tax, excess profits tax, mobile tax, and syntax: Saving Bonds, court bond and the bonds of matrimony; Red Cross, right cross, and the double cross; asked to help the society of John the Baptist, MARAC, Womens's relief Corps, Men's Relief and stomach relief. I have worked like heck and have been worked like heck, have been redeye drunk and got others drunk; lost all I had and now because I won't spend all the little I earn and go beg, borrow and steal, I have been cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to and talked about, lied to and lied about, legislated thievery, hung up on, robbed and dang near ruined, and the only reason I am sticking around now is to see what in the heck will happen in 1994.

One of the more fun things is coming up next month and that is the County Hunters ten meter contest. I plan to run Saturday in Georgia through Brooks, Lowndes, Lanier, Clinch, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Appling, Jeff Davis, Wheeler, Telfair, Dodge, Wilcox, Ben Hill, Irwin, Tift, Colquitt, and Thomas. How many I run will depend on what band conditions Joyce has scheduled. Sunday I will be in the Florida panhandle plus Covington, Coffee, Dale and Houston in Alabama. I worked the ARRL ten meter contest in December and ten stayed active most of the time, keep the date in mind and I will be listening for you.

December 7, 1993

MARAC Awards Chairman  
Van Peterson, K4QFK  
2291 Hackney Loop  
Fayetteville, NC 28340-5722

Dear Van,

Over the past several months, the Executive Committee has received numerous letters of complaint concerning MARAC awards. At the Murfreesboro Mini Convention this topic was discussed. A report was given by Gene Tyree, N4ANV, stating that he had been trying to assist you with this but that the issuing of awards continued to be behind. He also stated that the issuance of awards had been held up due to the delay in setting up the account in Texas and the transfer of funds from Minnesota. The Treasurer takes exception to this excuse because the transfer had been made within one week of the National Convention and deposit slips had been forwarded to you at that time.

It has come to our attention through these complaint letters that their checks for the awards have been deposited, however, they still have not received their awards. We have received complaints from W5VRA, N8BGF, N8ELQ, KD8HA, KD8HB, KC5YV, WB7ZIZ, K0AYL, K8CW, and WA7NNH. WA7NNH has announced on the air that he will no longer process any MRC cards until he receives his awards.

The Executive Committee backed you completely when you were seeking this position with MARAC. While we are sympathetic in view of your accident and understand that you have changed jobs, we feel that the membership of MARAC has suffered. We have not seen a report of activity from you since August.

We would be happy to assist you in any manner that we can if you need our help. We will attempt to get you any assistance in that area of the country which you might deem necessary. It would be appreciated if you could give us a report prior to our next meeting on January 2, 1994. It is imperative that some disposition be made of these complaints and problems at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Joe Parsons, W5UJO  
President, MARAC

The weekend after the CW contest I will be going to Niceville, Florida for a bowling tournament and plan to run the counties enroute on the CW net. Have not received squad times yet, but will be during daylight hours EST.

I agree with Father Terry that RF discharges from the tip of the antenna as he explained in the October 93 newsletter. I was at a novelty store and saw a globe filled with a rare gas and inside was a small radio transmitter and antenna. When the radio was turned on the transmitted signal would ionize the gas and the path of the generated RF was visible. There for all to see was the fact that the RF discharge was emitting from the tip of the antenna and not the base. In fact I could put my hand on the globe and move the beam around the globe.

At the museum of science I saw a Van de Graaff generator in operation. This apparatus clearly demonstrated that the RF discharged from the tip of the transmitting antenna to the tip of the receiving antenna. The solution is apparent; all what we need for an antenna is a high tip. It is known that the higher the antenna the better reception and the reason is obvious, the tip gets higher. Case solved by the seminary function theology.

It was not grits but Poke that was named the official native vegetable of Tazewell County, Virginia. The next time in Tazewell county stop for a Poke Salad. Anyone remember the song, "Poke Salad Annie?" The counties in Arkansas require a 24-hour wait for men seeking vasectomies, so plan your run accordingly.

A letter routed from WA6VJP to NF0X to KN4Y announced that November 7, 1993 was "USA" day for Mitch, W4RKV when he worked Jack, WA9QNI in Polk county Tennessee to complete all 3076 counties on CW. Thus ended a five year quest that began with a contact with Woody, N0CYB, in Sedgwick Kansas on August 7, 1988. The month prior Mitch finished up fifth time around mixed mode & bands. A second benefit to Mitch was the CW practice got his old fist loose as a goose and he passed the extra class exam elements at the Memphis hamfest, where I surmise Elvis was a VEC. Congratulations to Mitch on all three achievements. (Wonder what he does in his spare time?)

Correction: in my November article in the paragraph about being a NCS two strange words popped up from nowhere. KITTENS was suppose to be Q S P and CATTINESS was suppose to be D X. I write my article using Microsoft Word and when finished I copy the file to a diskette using the Word Perfect 5.1 type format, which is what the Editor requests. Somehow the word, kittens and cattiness, resulted. Are county hunters who do relays really pussy cats?

Where does the tread go after it leaves your car tires? The 60 mobiles checking into the CW net during October or November while out looking for a solution to this question were; NW10, W1TEE, K2HVN, N02W, K2NJ, N2CWG, WU3H,

WN3C, KF3P, N3FVP, W3DYA, KA3MMM, WA3QNT, W3XE, N3AHA, WD3P, KM4W, KA4IFF, WB4FFV, KN4Y, WB4AFP, KB4XK, WD4SIG, W4HMY, W4RKV, KX4V, WU4S, KC5P, KG5J, W5OBT, KB5IF, AI5P, K5HT, AA5NU, K6QWH, K6XO, W7GHT, KV7Y, WD7X, K7GJZ, KK7X, N7MPS, AK8A, KD8HB, KM8U, W8RJP, WA9QNI, WB9IHH, N9JF, KF9FU, NU9M, W0AV, W0UBT, W0QWS, W0OWY, WA0SWD, NF0X, W0WYJ, N0DPF, N0CYB.

When planning a mobile trip to run counties check out the CW contests that may be scheduled, that is the big ones like the SS and DX. You sometimes hear that CW is dead and being ignored by the new amateurs, but during the CW SS the number of newly licensed amateurs heard was a tribute and testimony to the challenging qualities of CW. During a biggie contest the CW net frequency of 14.056.5 MHz becomes a part of the contest and the interference makes net operation difficult. Plan your trip around the contests whenever possible, especially since band conditions have not been the best. While on the subject always check your frequency when on the net, the NCS may not hear you calling if you are outside his filter range. According to the first book of Ed, zero beating a frequency is not band abuse.

Late bulletin: Bud, W0UBT, after driving many many miles through snow, ice, rain, slush, sun, and an occasional dry road, on Sunday December 12 ran Wadena, MN completing his goal to put all 87 Minnesota counties on the CW Net. The winners of the Wild Rice Award were: First place WA6VJP (81% worked), Second was WD3P (79% worked) and Third W8QZB (45% worked). Thanks Bud.

By the time you read this newsletter, Pat, K7VAY will have relocated to Hawaii. This is the first CW county hunter on the Island full time and I am sure Pat will be busy filling requests for the rare four. Good luck Pat,

Gotta QRX, I hear Gator's truck barking through the woods, see you in March.

## Corrected Copy For "N4MYZ Get Together"

The following is a corrected version of the N4MYZ Get Together printed in last months **Road Runner**.

On Sunday the 26th of September I was happy to host a small get together of County Hunters in honor of the Southern California visit of long time MARAC County Hunters K4BZV, Dot and K4CCW, Cliff who honored us by making time during their vacation to visit us. This small affair was attended by N6OKX, Dick & YF Elaine, K6QWH, Howard & YF Grace, KK6QW Rolf & YF Dolores, WB7CLG, Dee & OM KB6ZX, Don, WA6MUK, Ted & YF Mary, KM6QF, Pat, AA6MR, Linda (the broken radiator Lady), NV6L, Jan, (NV6I, Jack

being noticeably absent due to a slightly different type of HUNTING commitment).

While this informal Bar-B-Que and get together provided the opportunity for many active County Hunters to engage in "eyeball" QSO's it was particularly exciting for Don & Dee who have been exchanging reports and missing numerous attempts to meet in person over 25 years.

My OM, N4MXG, Ham performed the honors of Chef at the outdoor grille and I was happy to set the table with all the goodies brought by other participants. This was truly a happy and joyous occasion and we would certainly be happy to repeat the effort for any CH'er that happens into our merry environs of Los Angeles.

Don and I have been discussing a quarterly get-together for Southern California CH'ers for several months. I took the opportunity of this merry meeting to expose the idea to several of those attending and was met with very positive response. I would like to invite ANY Southern Ca. CH'er to drop me a card or a line or let me know on the air of their interest in attending such an affair from time to time. Don and I will put together a response Information card to send out to gather their ideas and specific requirements and proceed with setting up such a meeting in the near future. I may be reached at:

Alice Ginsburg, N4MYZ  
20601 Bryant Ave.  
Canoga Park, CA 91306  
Ph: (818)-773-1763

## 1994 MARAC County Hunters CW Contest

The MARAC 28th Annual County Hunters CW Contest will be held from 0000Z May 7 to 2400Z May 8, 1994. Mobile and fixed operation from every county in the US is welcome and operation from less active counties is encouraged.

**RULES:** Fixed stations may be worked once on each band. Mobiles may work other mobiles and fixed stations on each band from each county. Mobile contacts from county line count as one QSO, but the receiving station may count both counties as multipliers. A station must not operate more than one transmitter at a time.

**EXCHANGE:** RST and QTH (County/State (US), Province (CANADA), and Country (All others).

**SCORING:** QSOs with US fixed stations are worth 1 point, with US mobiles 3 points, and with DX 3 points. Contact with stations under Net Control are invalid. FINAL

**SCORE** Total QSO points multiplied by total different US counties.

Mobiles who operate from more than one State calculate their scores (1) For individual State Certificates and (2) for Total Score for overall plaques. Total Overall Score must not count a county more than once regardless of the State from which it was worked.

**FREQUENCIES:** 3.575, 7.040, 14.050, 21.050, 28.050. Fixed stations should operate above these frequencies and mobiles operate below them.

**AWARDS:** MARAC Certificates - First Place FIXED in each State, Province (Canada), and Country. First Place MOBILE in each State, with a minimum of 10 QSOs from each of at least 3 counties activated.

MARAC Plaques - First and Second Place Mobile and Fixed stations in US. First Place DX station. For purposes of this contest, DX is any country other than the US, Canada and Mexico.

Sample Log and Summary sheets are available for a #10 SASE from the address below. A check list of counties is required for entries with 100 or more counties worked.

Send Logs, Summary sheets and Checklists to be received by June 8, 1993 to:

Norm Beavers, W3DYA  
3320 McMillan Drive  
Tyler, TX 75701.

## Detailed Overlay Maps By Sonny, W5VDW

For several years, I have been using a detailed road atlas to aid in the location of county lines in Texas. "The Roads of Texas" is of such detail that one can locate gas and oil pipelines, telephone lines, air navigation beacons, cemeteries and a host of other landmarks. For the most part, the maps are on a scale of 1 3/4 inches equals 6 miles. I understand that the makers of these maps are in the process of printing atlases for other states.

There is another publisher of State Atlases which are a bit less detailed. These atlases are printed from topographic maps prepared by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) and are on a scale of either one inch equalling four miles or one inch equalling 2.5 miles. These are certainly of sufficient detail to locate county lines when marking is as sporadic as is found in Texas. The company printing these maps is the De Lorme Mapping Company, P. O. Box 298, Freeport, ME (1-800-225-

5669). Currently, atlases have been prepared for twenty-five states, however, others are constantly being released to the book stores. The last addition to the list was the State of Alaska. It will be interesting to see if this one shows the "Judicial Districts" or the "Southeastern, South Central, Northwestern and Central" Divisions.

These atlases are not inexpensive; the price ranges from about \$15.00 to \$25.00!!

## From The Secretary

If your mailing label indicates 199402 or 199403, it is time to renew. Dues with 1st class mailing of the Newsletter are \$19/yr. Dues with 3rd class mailing of the Newsletter are \$16/yr. 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 are \$30/yr. Multiple year renewals and SASE's with renewals are very much appreciated. Please make your check or money order payable to MARAC and mail to the Secretary, Don Magers, KE5WL, 405 Cherry Park DR., Sherman, TX 75090-6709.

## MARAC INFORMATION PACKET

Get the word out to potential new members and interested County Hunters, that a County Hunting Information packet is available. The Information Packet includes information about MARAC, QSLing, Net Operation, County Hunting Supplies, etc. Send the request with a business-size envelope with 29 cents postage to: MARAC Secretary, Don Magers, KE5WL, 405 Cherry Park DR., Sherman, TX 75090-6709.

Europeans can get the Information Packet from Eddie, G4KHG.

## A NEW AWARDS PROGRAM FOR THE SERIOUS COUNTY HUNTER

By Bob, K1BM

The underlying concept of this proposed award program will probably offend many county hunters but the fact is that county hunting as currently practiced is not much of a challenge. I say this even though it took me 18 years to nail down USACA 715. The truth, however, is that my county hunting was an on-again, off-again proposition. Those who have monitored 14.336 MHz for the past 10 years will agree that except for my

mobile expeditions, my call was seldom heard on the net. And according to several active county hunters, USACA has been achieved several times in less than a year (I understand the record is six months and 10 days, start to finish). Lets face it, folks, all it takes is persistence. Basically, the key to USACA is turning on the rig, tuning it to 14.336 MHz and waiting for the counties to drop by. When it gets down to a dozen or so, maybe a few telephone calls are needed to arrange contacts, but even then those contacts are likely to be on 14.336. That's why I'm proposing a new county hunting award program that requires at least a little effort on the part of county hunters.

Following are the key provisions of the new awards. Since I still have to work for a living, and since I will not make any money on the awards, I don't want to waste my time designing certificates and setting up processing procedures unless the county hunting community is genuinely interested in the program. So, please read the following and let me know if you are interested in participating. If, and only if, there is enough interest, I'll go forward with the program. Send your comments (a postal card will do) to me at P.O. Box 2499, Capistrano Beach, CA 92624.

### WORKED ALL COUNTIES THE HARD WAY

1. Engage in two-way contacts with licensed amateur radio stations in each of the counties and judicial districts of the United States. Each station may be worked one time only. Thus, if a station is worked mobile or portable in one county, that station may not be worked again in any other county, including the home county. You can use county hunter or any other net contacts, but remember one county per station. This means that you must carefully chose which county to claim for each mobile station you work because once you claim a contact, you cannot every again claim other contacts with that station.
2. You must include contacts on each of any five authorized amateur bands each time you apply. A minimum of 10 contacts are required for each band. For example, 460 contacts on 20 meters and 10 each on 160, 75, 10 and 6 meters are acceptable as would be 100 on each of the five bands. At least two modes of transmission must be included each time you apply. A minimum of 25 percent of the claimed contacts must be made on the other mode or modes. All authorized modes are acceptable and the 25 percent "other mode minimum" can be satisfied with any combination of modes. For example, 375 single sideband contacts and 125 CW or 75 CW, 25 RTTY, 15 facsimile, 1 ATV and 9 slow scan contacts would be acceptable. The only requirement is that all be direct contacts made without the use of repeaters or digipeaters. However, satellite and earth-moon-earth contacts will be accepted.
3. At least 1000 counties must be claimed for the initial application, but the initial application can be for any greater number. Your certificate will indicate the number of counties worked. Each subsequent application (except the last to finish

up) must include at least 500 additional counties, but these too may contain any greater number of counties. Each application will yield a new certificate showing the new total of counties worked (I don't have the time or money to get involved in seals and ribbons).

4. A unique serial number will be issued for each certificate, but since the actual number of counties claimed on each application will vary, separate lists of numbers for each level of achievement will **not** be kept. However, a separate list of numbers will be kept for the final worked all counties certificate.

5. Confirmations are **not** required, but the certificate wording will indicate whether or not confirmations exist. Certificates for those applying **without** confirmations will contain the phrase "...has claimed contacts with amateur radio stations in XXX counties..." Certificates for those applying **with** confirmations will contain the phrase "...has confirmed contacts with amateur radio stations in XXX counties..."

6. Since it will probably take a while for all 3076 counties to be worked under these rules, a box score that lists the number of counties claimed or confirmed by the top county hunters will appear in the **Road Runner** at least once every three months.

### BINGO THE HARD WAY

1. Engage in two-way contacts with licensed amateur radio stations in each of the counties and judicial districts of the United States. The **first letter** of each station's suffix must be the **first letter** of the county claimed. If the county name consists of two words, the **first two letters** of the suffix must be the **first letter of each of the two words in the same sequence**. For example, N6SDB is acceptable for San Diego county, but N6BSD is not acceptable. The same sequential rule applies to counties with three-word names. For example, W6SLO is acceptable for San Luis Obispo county, but W6LOS is not. For Alaska, the suffix must follow the district but the call sign's number may be used. For example, both KL7FJD and NUJDQ are acceptable for the First Judicial District. For the few counties with four-word names, the suffix must match the **first three words** of the county name. For example, KA0LOT is acceptable for Lake Of The Woods county, but KA0OTW is not.

2. The letter "X" may be used as a wildcard **PROVIDED** the sequence rules stated in Rule 1 are followed. For example, KB5EXR is acceptable for East Baton Rouge, but W5ERX is not. There are no other wildcards allowed. Contacts with a station having a USA-CA number **cannot** be substituted for the required suffix sequence.

3. Most of the rules for the Worked All Counties the Hard Way Award apply for this award as well. However, the multi-band and multi-mode requirements of that award **do not** apply for this award.

The fee for these awards has not yet been determined, but it will be the minimum required to cover my costs. Since each certificate will be printed "to order" on my laser printer, the majority of the cost will be postage and envelopes. Most likely it will be in the \$1 to \$1.25 range.

Well folks, there you have the basics of my proposed awards program. Yes, it will be much harder to finish up the new awards than it is for the current awards, but that's why they're called "...The Hard Way." Even if you're not interested in participating yourself, I think you'll agree that working them all this way is a real achievement in which one can take great pride.

## Prize Donations For Annual Convention

Prize donations for the Convention at Springfield are appreciated. If possible, please advise KB0KS, Tom Storm, direct if you are bringing a donation, or with your registration.

This notification is **IMPORTANT**, as we need to know the what prizes that will be available so we can schedule their **GIVE AWAY!!** ( **ONLY MAJOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET**)

## Members Speak!

W5VDW, Sonny -- As I near the last counties for "third time around", I again find myself with a lot of "listening time". For the most part, I have been using that time to catch up on matters that have been put aside, such as, some genealogical work for both my family and my wife's ancestors. As I listen, I am still amazed at some of the practices that are condoned and some of the "policies" that just I fail to comprehend.

I think that the most incomprehensible of all are the interpretations concerning Yellowstone National Park and the Four Corners USA. On the one hand, one can make contact in Yellowstone National Park and take credit, on a one-time basis, for any one of four counties although there could conceivably be a distance of sixty to seventy miles from the more distant county. On the other hand, one can not "work" the four counties in the Four Corners, USA as a single contact because an automobile can not be parked over the USGS marker--a distance of approximately nine feet. In my book that just doesn't make sense!

Additionally, the USA-CA RULES AND PROGRAM as published in the Counties Record Book perpetuates the "Parks and Reservations" policy. If the USA-CA Custodian has the capability to check contacts for the validity of contacts made

from "parks and reservations", he has a much better map library than the Departments of Agriculture and Interior. In a Department of Interior publication, "National Parks and Landmarks", a directory of National Parks and other related properties, there is listed 278 properties comprising 30 million acres. This publication does not include any of the National Forests (225 million acres) or the lands under administration of the Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management Reservations, Bureau of Indian Affairs Reservations or Bureau of Reclamation Lands) which comprise another 300 million acres. Few road atlases are sufficiently detailed to determine the boundaries of these "reservations".

Since the Mobile Emergency and County Hunters Net has no governing body, it is unlikely that any great changes will be made, however, I can hope that some notice will be taken. We are in the "cycle" when radio communications propagation is less than ideal and most of us aware of that condition, yet, I find a growing propensity for "control" stations to reiterate over and over their inability to hear stations. If the control station and assistant can not copy a weak station and are reluctant to ask any other station for relay, then, forget the relay. It makes no sense to go through a multiplicity of explanations that the station is too weak to copy.

At times, it is necessary to cut the mobile station's run to eight minutes. When that is done, control stations need to do as much as they can to conserve time, also. Why is it necessary after every run to recognize "queries", "information calls" (which are in the nature of personal messages), "next three mobiles to run" and a variety of other time-consuming exchanges. Solicitation of "calls, comments or queries" really has only one purpose—to hold the frequency when a mobile station is not available or ready to run. I know we are not "time-management" engineers, but a little self inspection seems to be warranted.

With the request that someone assume "net control", there always seems to be a dearth of silence, but the recent effort to chastise individual stations because they seem to be on frequency and make contacts most of the time seems to me to be a lack of judgment and downright insulting. If there is no one willing to be net control, so be it! Obviously, stations who will not pick up net control are aware that their failure to do so will not cause the demise of the world.

#### THE ROSE GARDEN AWARD

Those who have received my latest personal QSL card will see listed among the awards "THE ROSE GARDEN AWARD". I hadn't had much occasion to think of that award since some of the more prominent "hecklers" haven't been around for some time. I believe Stan Head, W8KOI (K8OI) is the "father" of the award and it received its name from a song made popular by Lyn Anderson, a country singer on the Lawrence Welk Show, in which there was a line, "I never

promised you a rose garden". If memory serves me correctly the award was given to all of those who attended the 1973 Convention in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

A variety of hecklers have made their views of the County Hunters' Net known. Three have been much more persistent than others. Out of respect to those who have passed on to the Great Beyond, I'll not give any call signs. One, a resident of northeast Texas, was a highly intelligent person whose rhetoric could lose one in the "fog of gobble degook" before one had an opportunity to take more than a short breath. His mode of operation was very simple, he would call on the frequency and pretend that he heard no one and carry on his monologue. Invariably, at some time during his transmission, he would use the phrase, "no one promised you a rose garden".

The second heckler, most of you have known and have heard until rather recently when the FCC suspended his license for a year. I'll not describe his antics because most current county hunters have experienced his operation.

The third, few of you have heard. He has been absent from the frequency for some time, but did show up on recently for a short time. His method of operation is to "camp out" 2 khz from a net frequency and call CQ. This heckler operates from Wichita, Kansas. He is a very intelligent person and professes to have all sorts of "analyzers" with which he monitors his own signal and that of all others with whom he comes into contact. He has an ego which knows no bounds. Needless to say, his point of view is infallible and he will listen to no appeal for relief from his interference.

Fortunately, these three hecklers have one trait in common..... like small children with a short attention span..... they soon tire of their own antics so long as no one reinforces their enjoyment by trying to heckle them. The best approach is to ignore them. A single request by a Net Control or Assistant Net Control Station is appropriate, provided that the request is one of those "kill them with kindness" requests. Other stations should refrain from any attempt to question their operating practices or in any other way insult them. In this era of "pass-band tuning", "IF Shift" and narrow band filtering, the antics of these hecklers can serve to try our expertise in the use of our equipment rather than an ability to trade barbs.

## Upcoming Events

**Feb 5 (1200Z) - Feb 6 (2400Z) CW 10 Meter QSO Party  
WB9NUL**

**Feb 19 (1200Z) - Feb 20 (2400Z) SSB 10 Meter QSO Party  
WB9NUL**

**Apr 14 - 16 Great Lakes District Mini N8EMV**

**May 7 (0000Z) - May 8 (2400Z), 1994 MARAC CW Contest  
W3DYA**

**June 21 - 25, 1994 MARAC National Convention**

November 3 - 5, 1994 South East Mini 3M Host KM4W

(This will be a monthly listing. Items added as the Editor receives them.)

## Third Time Around

The Mobile QSL Bureau is pleased to announce the latest Third Time Around County Hunters:

WB9YZE Fred Zurbriggen #65 10-18-93  
N8ESR Dave Batema #66 11-17-93

### **FIFTH TIME AROUND ANNOUNCEMENT**

The B&B Shop  
is pleased to announce  
the following winner of the

### **FIFTH TIME AROUND AWARD**

The Fifth Time Award # 12  
is awarded to

**VE2MS  
BERNARD LE BLANC**

**November 29, 1993**

**Endorsed: ALL SSB  
MIXED BANDS**

## Counties Needed For USACA

WA2AKB, Aaron 914-928-6238

CO Rio Blanco Moffat IL Alexander KS Decatur Rawlins  
MS Grenada Winston OH Knox Richland Summit  
MO Bates Livingston Scotland Sullivan TX Presidio

## Counties For Particular Needs

PS8YL For Particular States

GA Johnson Wilcox IL Cass Shelby IA Floyd Mitchell  
Wright KY Adair Carlisle Fleming Hancock Lee Leslie  
Logan Taylor MI Clare Ingham Marquette MN Le Seuer  
Scott Sibley Pipestone

W5ILR, Ed For BINGO

AR Poinsett Sevier GA Candler Fayette Mercer IA  
Grundy Louisa KS Kearney Rice Stevens KY Montgomery  
MD Caroline Somerset MN Brown MS Smith NE Colfax  
Polk NY Cleveland Graham OH Perry OK Harmon SD  
Marshall TX Andrews Bell Hansford

W5VDW, Sonny For BINGO

AK Third CO Yuma ID Lincoln MD Somerset ME  
Piscataquis MT Judith Basin OH Jefferson WA Wakiakum  
WI Buffalo Marinette

For Third Time (Mixed)

FL Citrus HI Hawaii Maui MN Lincoln MO Clay Douglas  
OH Perry PA Cameron Northumberland WI Buffalo WV  
Calhoun Morgan

## Minnesota Wild Rice

In September, his my own personal satisfaction, Bud, W0UBT, resolved to put out all 87 Minnesota counties on CW for the county hunters. Also, to make it interesting and to provide some incentive for CH types to want to work him in as many counties as possible, the top three finishers would each receive a pound of Minnesota home grown wild rice. The contest has ended. During the afternoon of December 13, after giving out Wadena county MN. The top three are WA6VJP-...71, WD3P...69 counties, and W8QZB...39 counties.

## What Next?

**By K9DCJ, Arnie**

USACA, 2nd Time, 3rd Time, 4th Time, 5th Time, Master County Hunter, YL and Mobile to Mobile, What Next?



Next is to work and confirm all county and county state lines. As per the USACA rule, county or county state lines that are separated by water, (river, stream, creek or lake) will not count. Using one of the available County Record Map Books, a Rand McNally Road Atlas and a red marking pen, all the "wet" county lines were marked on each state map.

There are those who question "wet" lines, but only because they do not know how to interpret the rule. Then, state by state through the coloring book, use some sort of identifying mark (X) to indicate the possible county and county state lines. Here again, is reason for disagreement. Many points where counties join, there will be no way of reaching it except on foot. Checking and re-checking many times, I came up with 6,584 county lines and 760 county state lines. I have 4,135 and 275 lines respectively confirmed. This is probably impossible, but it is a challenge and a means of "keeping a finger in the county hunting pie". See you on a county line.

**FIFTH TIME AROUND  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The B&B Shop  
is pleased to announce  
the following winner of the

**FIFTH TIME AROUND  
AWARD**

The Fifth Time Award # 13  
is awarded to

**K8IXU**  
**LOUIS HUBERT**  
**December 6, 1993**  
Endorsed: ALL SSB  
MIXED BANDS

**Information Wanted**

Your Editor (K0AYO) has a good friend (non ham) who is planning on a two or three month job in Brunei and has a Zenith Royal 3000-1 (1967 Vintage) and needs the BFO

Zenith supplied as a kit. It was Zenith part # 53472. If you don't have the kit or know where one might be available, he would be interested in knowing where in the circuit to wire one in that he would build.

He is also thinking about a new portable SW unit and would like to hear anything, good or bad, that any of you might know about the following. These would also go with him to Indonesia.

A - GRUNDIG YB 500 (Thinks this is fairly new on the market).

B - SONY ICF 2010 (also listed as ICF 2010D). (Possibly a couple of years old).

C - Radio Shack DX 390. (Fairly new on market).

You can either send replies to K0AYO or direct to:

Carl Phillippe, 2086 W. Davies Ave., Littleton, CO  
80120. 303-798-9245

**ARRL MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWALS**

I wish to thank our MARAC members, who have demonstrated their support of MARAC, by submitting their ARRL renewals through the MARAC Secretary.

November: KN4XP, KJ8F, KD8MK, WD9EJK,  
N6OKX, WI6M, WB7VIZ, W0UM

These are normally processed on a monthly basis, but have made exceptions, when I have gotten ones with a short time to expiration. My normal cut-off day for each processing cycle for these is the last day of the month. If your ARRL renewal notice requests you to mail it to them by Apr.15, it should be sent to be received by me no later than Mar.31st. We do not want anyone to miss a copy of QST, because of their support of MARAC.

For each ARRL renewal membership, MARAC gets a \$2 fee from the ARRL and for each new membership a \$5 fee. This includes all Regular as well as Senior Memberships. To take advantage of this, I ask that you take your ARRL renewal notice and check made out to MARAC for the amount of your ARRL dues and mail them as soon as possible to the incoming Secretary: MARAC Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75090

# **MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB, INC. A KANSAS NONSTOCK CORPORATION**

## **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING December 5, 1993**

The regular monthly meeting of the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc., a Kansas Nonstock Corporation (MARAC) was held, beginning at 2:30 p.m., on Sunday December 5, 1993, at the home of President Joe Parsons, W5UJO, 1639 Evergreen Drive, Mesquite, TX.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO, President, presided as chairman of the meeting. Don Magers, KE5WL, Secretary of MARAC, acts as Secretary of the meeting.

The following Directors were present: Joe Parsons, W5UJO; Don Magers, KE5WL; Diane Landreth, KI5TV; Allen Landreth, NA5F; Mike Carver, KG5UZ. Also Attending were Mary Parsons, KC5UO and Cheryl Mohon, KJ5PQ.

A motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors was made by Allen Landreth, NA5F, seconded by Mike Carver, KG5UZ, there being no objections, the motion carried.

Diane Landreth, KI5TV, Treasurer of MARAC, presented a Treasurers report, for the financial activity for the month of November. A motion to accept this report was made by Mike Carver, KG5UZ, seconded by Allen Landreth, NA5F, there being no objections, the motion carried. The Treasurer also noted that she had not received any additional information from the immediate past Treasurer and there was no final verification on the checking account in Minnesota.

Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL reported a letter requesting reimbursement for the rental of a post office box for the MARAC Information Bureau, from Jon Dorruogh, KI7CE, had been returned. The Board has denied this request as an unauthorized expense.

The cost of the Annual Liability Insurance Policy for MARAC was discussed and a motion to renew the current Liability Policy with Albert Wohlers & Co. was made by Diane Landreth, KI5TV, seconded by Mike Carver, KG5UZ, there being no objections the motion carried.

President Joe Parsons, W5UJO reported that General Counsel Joe Murphy, KA9HCA has been working on getting the information together on moving the State of Incorporation to Illinois. Secretary Don Magers was directed to write a letter

requesting an answer to the major question, "How much will it cost". Further action will not be taken until this question is answered.

President Joe Parsons, W5UJO, had received a request from Steve Cope, K5KDG, that the \$2500 seed money for the 1994 National Convention be forwarded to the account in Mountain Home, AR. A motion to send this money was made by President Joe Parsons, W5UJO, seconded by Allen Landreth, NA5F, there being no objections the motion carried.

Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL presented a letter from Arnie Bachmann, K9DCJ, reporting on the financial activities of the MARAC North Central Mini Convention at Mt. Horeb, WI. This was only for information purposes and involved no MARAC funds.

A report from President Joe Parsons, W5UJO concerning Family Membership members receive two ballots in the County Line Roadrunner is awaiting information from Bob Dyson, K0AYO, Newsletter Editor.

President Joe Parsons, W5UJO instructed Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL to write the Awards Committee Chairman, Pete Peterson, K4QFK a letter requesting a report of activities of the Awards Committee before the January 2, 1994 meeting. (Editors Note: See a copy of letter on Page 3 of this newsletter) Numerous letters were presented expressing concerns about the lack of activity of the Awards Committee. The last published report was August, 1993.

President Joe Parsons, W5UJO introduced a letter from Vern Olsen, WA0RJJ, expressing his concerns on eliminating the Awards Chairperson and Newsletter Editor from the Board Of Directors. Vern also requested we change the title of the minutes form Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors to Regular Monthly Meeting according to Article I of the By Laws. The change will be made.

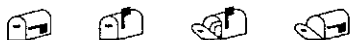
President Joe Parsons, W5UJO, reported that he had requested additional information from the proposed 1995 Convention coordinators, Niagara Falls, NY., concerning the \$85 room rate. If that can not be resolved, an alternate site of Orlando, FL has been suggested by Jim Crisp, KD4PY and 1996 site proposed as Phoenix, AZ., by Bill Nash, W0OWY.

There was no further business to come before the meeting, on the motion of Diane Landreth, KI5TV seconded by Mike Carver, KG5UZ, and a unanimous vote thereon, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m., December 5, 1993.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, will be held at 2:00 p.m. January 2, 1994 at the home of MARAC Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX. For any additional information, please contact Don Magers, KE5WL, MARAC Secretary.



## BURO NOTES



As we head into the New Year of 1994, Jerry and I would like to take a moment to thank those of you who help so much in making the Bureau operate as well as it does!

We all recognize that it takes many components to allow the County Hunters to function. We appreciate all your efforts, and just hope we always remember the main point is that this is our hobby and we want to have fun!

We want to first of all thank all the mobile operators who spend so many, many hours pouring over their logs to verify and confirm all the counties they have run. We thank them also for all the time and effort they expend traveling to and running the counties on the various nets for the benefit of all.

Next, we want to thank all the fixed stations for being on the air to listen to the nets and to work the counties they need - and just for being there in case they can be of help in times of emergency. Thankfully there is not an emergency often. However, when the need arises, someone will jump right in and do whatever is necessary. Thanks!

And, we want to thank the many of you who are able to take the time to act as net controls. It is often not an easy job, and we all appreciate your efforts.

Jerry and I especially appreciate those of you who so faithfully ask new mobile operators if they are "good in the callbook," and if not obtain the proper information and forward it to us so that when the MRCs and QSLs start coming in here for processing, we can quickly send them on the way. These same stations generally take a few minutes to explain how the nets work and what is expected from the mobile operators. This makes it easier on everyone, and everyone knows what to expect. Thank you.

If you know of a new county hunter, please let us know so we can get our Bureau Information to them. It contains a good deal of information on operations, MRCs, awards, etc. that is very helpful to a newcomer.

Along these lines, we have just updated our QSL information packet into a comb bound book format which shows our standard styles, paper stock and inks. We have changed the pricing schedule a little (some prices are down!). If you could use a copy, please let us know.

Good Hunting, Jerry - NØCKN and Gwen - NØCOL

*Jerry and I hope that Santa brought you everything you wanted and we would like to wish each of you a very Happy New Year! We hope that 1994 will be very good to You and Yours.*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very pleased to announce the Mobile QSL Bureau has awarded the *Third Time Around County Hunter* to:

**N8ESR Dave Batema 66 11/17/93**

Our newest *Master County Hunter* is:

**WN5MBS Ray Wormley 11/23/93**

We want to extend our **congratulations** to you, thank you for your participation and wish you good luck on your next undertakings!

Complete details on the Third Time and Bingo awards are available in the Bureau Information Packet.

## 1994 Mobile QSL Bureau Directory

As we prepare to print the new 1994 Mobile QSL Bureau Directory, we hope you will continue to enjoy using this easy to read and very detailed book.

In our directory, we list the call, name, address, county, telephone number, old calls, relative's names and calls (if any), and award information. Award information, of course, includes USA-CA, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc. as well as Master County Hunters (Bingo). We have made a designation for CW operators. We have also added listings for E-Mail users.

The directory also includes separate listing sections for award information by number and call. An especially useful listing by call for USA-CA award holders is included for easy reference for other awards. Also included is a listing by State and County county indicating the stations listing in the directory who find that county their "home county".

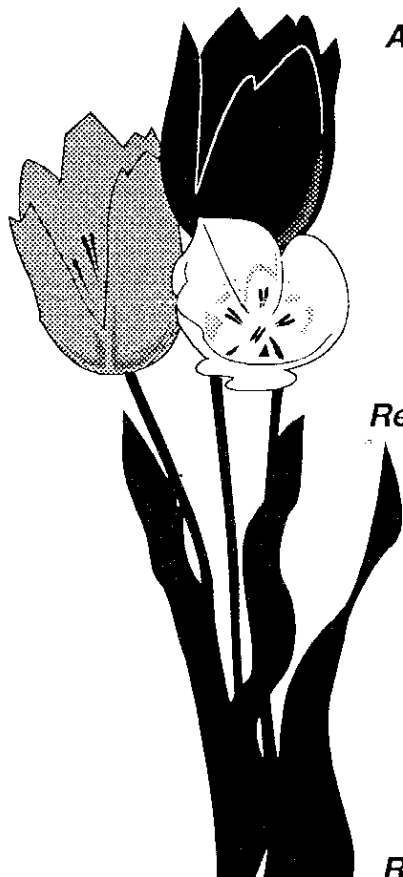
The cost of the 1994 directory will remain at \$10 including shipping and will include updates. The directory will be on the presses as you read this for shipment in January. Order your new, updated directory today!

**Mobile QSL Bureau  
Route 3, Box 400  
Timmonsville, South Carolina 29161**



# MICHIGAN MINI

## April 14-16, 1994



**Announcing:** Great Lakes District MARAC Mini

**Dates:** April 14, 15, and 16, 1994.

**Location:** Country Hospitality Inn, 12260 James Street, Holland, Michigan. The Inn is located on U.S. Highway 31 on the North side of Holland. It is adjacent to a Manufacturer's Outlet Mall and there is a nice golf course nearby.

**Room Rate:** Rooms, including a continental breakfast are \$44.00 for a single and \$49.00 for a double, plus tax. (Whirlpool rooms are \$69.00 on Thursday and \$83.00 on Friday and Saturday.)

**Reservations:** Send the motel reservations to Country Hospitality Inn, P.O. Box 2153, Holland, Michigan 49422-2153 or telephone 616-396-6677 before March 21, 1994. Mention County Hunters or Ham Radio to obtain rates.

**Prizes:** Any prize donations will be appreciated.

**Raffle:** Again this year there will be a drawing on Saturday evening for a home brew mobile amplifier. A limited number of tickets will be available for a \$5 donation. **You need not be present to win.**

**Dinner:** A Saturday night dinner is \$15.00 per person including tax and tip.

**Registration:** \$12 for OM & YL or \$9 for single. Registration includes name tag and group photo. Mail registration, dinner and raffle donations to N8EMV, Paula Batema, 1567 66th Street, Fennville, Michigan 49408 as soon as possible. Please include the calls, names and USA-CA #'s of all who will be attending.

Hope to see you there!

### 1994 MICHIGAN MINI CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ USA-CA \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ USA-CA \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Registration Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ (#) at \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Raffle Donations \_\_\_\_\_ (#) \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**MARAC**

**THE MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB, INC.  
ANNOUNCES THE FIFTH ANNUAL  
TEN METER CW AND SSB QSO PARTIES**

**OBJECT:** For amateur stations worldwide to exchange QSO information on ten meters with as many mobile and fixed stations in as many U.S. counties, Canadian provinces and DX (non W/VE) countries as possible. Any station can contact any station.

**CONTEST PERIOD:** CW - 1200Z, Feb. 5 to  
2400Z, Feb. 6, 1994  
SSB - 1200Z, Feb. 19  
2400Z, Feb. 20, 1994

**FREQUENCIES:** CW - 28.150 - 28.300  
Mobile Window - 28.155 - 28.165  
SSB - 28.330 - 28.500  
Mobile Window - 28.340 - 28.400

Mobile stations will be calling within these windows and fixed stations are asked to refrain from calling "CQ" within these windows. After making Mobile contacts within the Mobile window, fixed stations should QSY outside the window to work other fixed stations. CW-OPS: QSO Part is in the 10 Meter Novice Sub-Band; please QRS when necessary.

**CATEGORIES:** Only single operator mobile or fixed stations are eligible. One person must perform all operating, logging, and spotting functions.

**EXCHANGE:** Signal report, station designator (F for Fixed, M for Mobile) and location (US County, Canadian province or DX country).

**SCORING:** Final Score - Multiplier X Contact Points.  
Multiplier - Total number of US counties,  
Canadian provinces and DX countries.  
(US and Canada excluded)  
Contact - 10 for each contact with a mobile  
Points - 1 for each contact with a fixed station

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES:**

1. A mobile may be worked in each county, province or DX country it travels through.
2. Mobiles on county, province or country borders count as one contact (10 contact points) and 2 multipliers.
3. Fixed stations may work other fixed stations only once for scoring credit.
4. No net, prearranged or repeater contacts will count for scoring.
5. No relayed information or assistance will be allowed from valid contacts.
6. Portable stations follow fixed station rules for scoring.
7. A station signing mobile must be capable at all times in the contest period of transmitting and receiving in motion with no connections to stationary power lines, generators, antennas or other objects.
8. Remote control is not allowed.

**LOGGING DATA REQUIRED:** Date - Time (z) - Station worked w/designator (M or F) - Report exchanged (Min. acceptable report = 2X2) - County & State (Province for Canadian stations & Country for DX stations) - Claimed points - Multipliers (each new county, province or country must be consecutively numbered in the log).

**SUBMISSIONS:** Every station must submit a complete log. Duplicate contacts may remain in log as long as they are marked as DUPE and not used in scoring. All logs must be on 8½" X 11" paper. Legible computer printouts are acceptable. A check log would be appreciated. Novice / Tech. stations must identify themselves as such to claim any award. Blank logs (3), summary sheet and info are available for a #10 SASE with two 29 cent postage stamps to:

**JOYCE BOOTHE, WB9NUL**

Rt. 6, Box 748 A, McLelland Rd.

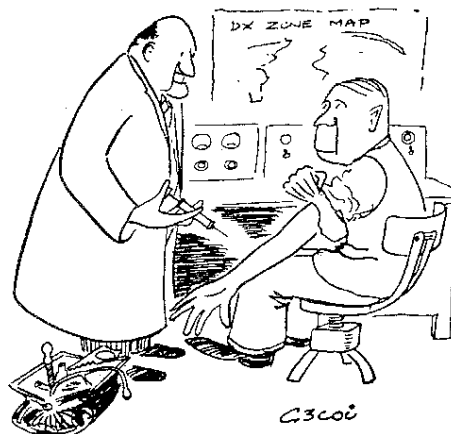
Harlingen, TX 78552

Phone (210) 423-8660

**AWARDS:** MARAC Plaques to highest scoring US Mobile; highest scoring Fixed US Station; Highest scoring Fixed Canadian Station; Highest scoring Fixed DX Station. Certificates awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Mobiles, Top Fixed Station in each State, Province, DX Country. Highest Scoring US Novice/Tech. stations both Fixed and Mobile. Special awards may be issued as warranted. All logs and the participant comments submitted become the property of MARAC and may be reprinted without contestants permission. Minimum contact points for awards - 10,000 points for plaques and 1,000 points for certificates.

**DEADLINE:** All entries must be received by WB9NUL no later than April 30, 1994.

Suggest DX Stations use Air Mail. Winners will be published in MARAC's County Line Road Runner Newsletter or a personal copy of the results may be obtained for a #10 SASE with 29 cents postage to WB9NUL.



"Say Frank, just how long do these Contests last?"

# COUNTY HUNTER'S QSO PARTY LOG

STATION \_\_\_\_\_ BAND \_\_\_\_\_ MODE \_\_\_\_\_ PAGE \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

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# SUMMARY SHEET

## FIFTH ANNUAL TEN METER

### MARAC QSO PARTY

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CALL \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, PROVINCE, COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Class of Entry:            MOBILE      DX            FIXED            NOVICE/TECH

Circle Mode of Operation:                      CW            SSB

#### SCORING

NUMBER FIXED STATIONS WORKED ..... X 1 POINT = \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER MOBILE STATIONS WORKED ..... X 10 POINTS = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL POINTS ..... = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF COUNTIES, PROVINCES, & DX COUNTRIES (Multipliers) . = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MULTIPLERS \_\_\_\_\_ X TOTAL POINTS \_\_\_\_\_ = FINAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Send Summary, Logs, County List to:      Joyce Boothe, WB9NUL  
Rt. 6, Box 748A  
Harlingen, TX 78552  
Phone (210) 423-8660

Your Comments:

For more info about MARAC Awards, send #10 SASE with 29¢ postage to:  
Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc.  
406 Cherry Park Dr.  
Sherman, Texas 75090

## **WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD, MO**

Amidst the gentle mountains, lush forests, deep blue lakes, and swift streams of the Ozarks sits Missouri's third largest city. Springfield defines the "best of both worlds". Here, city style meets country charm. Downtown vitality meets down home hospitality. And a booming business community shakes hands with a vacation boomtown. Springfield, the city that feels right at home in the country. A city of remarkable diversity, we're a gateway to the Great Outdoors and great way to enjoy cosmopolitan shopping without big city hassles.

We're the city that nearly 40 years ago gave birth to the Ozark's Country music craze. And the city that for more than 50 years has supported its own theater company and symphony. We're home to Missouri's most popular visitor attraction as well as little known flea markets and antique stores that will lure you with their dusty secrets.

Only in Springfield can you take a car safari across the world's largest drive-through wild animal park. Or explore the only ride-through commercial cave in America.

Our zoo is nationally respected for its far sighted breeding programs of endangered species. It's right next door to one of the nation's top rated old time country fairs.

Come hike the trails of the Nature Center or step into history at the site of the first major Civil War battle west of the Mississippi. Pause to reflect in the National Cemetery, the final resting place of heroes from all of America's wars, and somber testament to the high price of freedom.

Canoe quietly down a free flowing stream or feel the growl of a powerboat as it skates across one of the neighboring lakes.

Golf, tennis dancing, you can do it all in Springfield, or get away from it all. Here in Springfield, Ozark Mountain Country's biggest city. The city that's still a little bit country, welcomes YOU!!!!

## **GATEWAY TO THE OZARKS**



# **SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST COUNTY HUNTERS CONVENTION**

## **JUNE 21-25, 1994**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **TUESDAY -**

9:00 A.M. MARAC Open golf tournament with NV6L, Jan and NV6I, Jack as your hosts. Be sure to bring your clubs...the prizes are surprises and fellowship is great. Pay your own green fees. We have made arrangements for special rates for our group.

1:00 P.M. Registration will begin in the **DOGWOOD ROOM** for those who arrive early and are planning to go on the bus tours and shopping trips on Wednesday morning. Registration will continue through 5:00 P.M. on Thursday.

6:00 P.M. Groups will go to local restaurants for an evening of fine food... Red Lobster, The Olive Garden, Raphaels, Etc....Several restaurants have given gift certificates.

8:00 P.M. **JUNK BOX BINGO EAST ROOM** Junk Box Bingo needs no introduction. Just bring your BOX and enjoy the fun. Guaranteed to NOT win your own JUNK BOX back!!!  
**PRIZE DRAWINGS!!**

#### **WEDNESDAY -**

8:00 A.M. Registration Continues - **DOGWOOD ROOM**

9:00 A.M. Tour bus leaves motel for trip to Branson for Outlet Mall for shopping. Lunch at noon. Live Country Show at 2:00 P.M. with country music star MEL TILLIS.

5:00 P.M. Groups will go to local restaurants for an evening of fine food... Red Lobster, The Olive Garden, Raphaels, Etc....

7:00 P.M. Slide Show Presentation by WOHEP of his trip to Russia and visits to amateur operators including UK2BAS and UP1BWW. This will be of interest to all, hams or not!  
**EAST ROOM. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!**

THURSDAY -

8:00 A. M. Registration continues in the Dogwood Room until 5:00 P. M.

9:00 A.M. Tour bus leaves motel for trip to Branson for Outlet Mall for shopping, Lunch at noon. Live Country Show with country music stars, OSMOND BROTHERS.

6:00 P.M. Groups will go to local restaurants for an evening of fine food... Red Lobster, The Olive Garden, Raphaels, Etc....

7:30 P.M. Line dancing hosted by NF0X and XYL.

FRIDAY -

8:00 A.M. Registration continues until 5:00 P.M. Hospitality Room

9:00 A.M. Antenna Forum with Barry, W9UCW. EAST ROOM. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!

1:00 P.M. Computer Meeting - EAST ROOM with W3XE. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!

2:30 P.M. CW Meeting - EAST ROOM with KN4Y as host. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!

5:30 P.M. Picnic/BBQ in Motel Park area. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!

8:00 P.M. Music for listening and dancing pleasure with Mark, W7ZZW, and his band. EXHIBIT HALL. Cash Bar Open. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!

SATURDAY -

9:00 A.M. MARAC Board of Directors Meeting. ROOM "D".

9:00 A.M. Basket weaving and wood carving exhibit. EAST Room XXXXX

1:00 P.M. MARAC Annual Meeting. CONVENTION CENTER ROOM "B" & "C" .  
Award Presentations - K4QFK. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!

1:00 P.M. Ladies Meeting with BLACK BART - EAST Room. PRIZE DRAWINGS!!

4:30 P.M. Convention Photos (Hospitality Room Closed until after banquet).

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| 1. All Attendees | 2. All Ladies        |
| 3. USACA         | 4. CW County Hunters |

5:30 P.M. Convention Center, Cash Bar Opens before dinner.

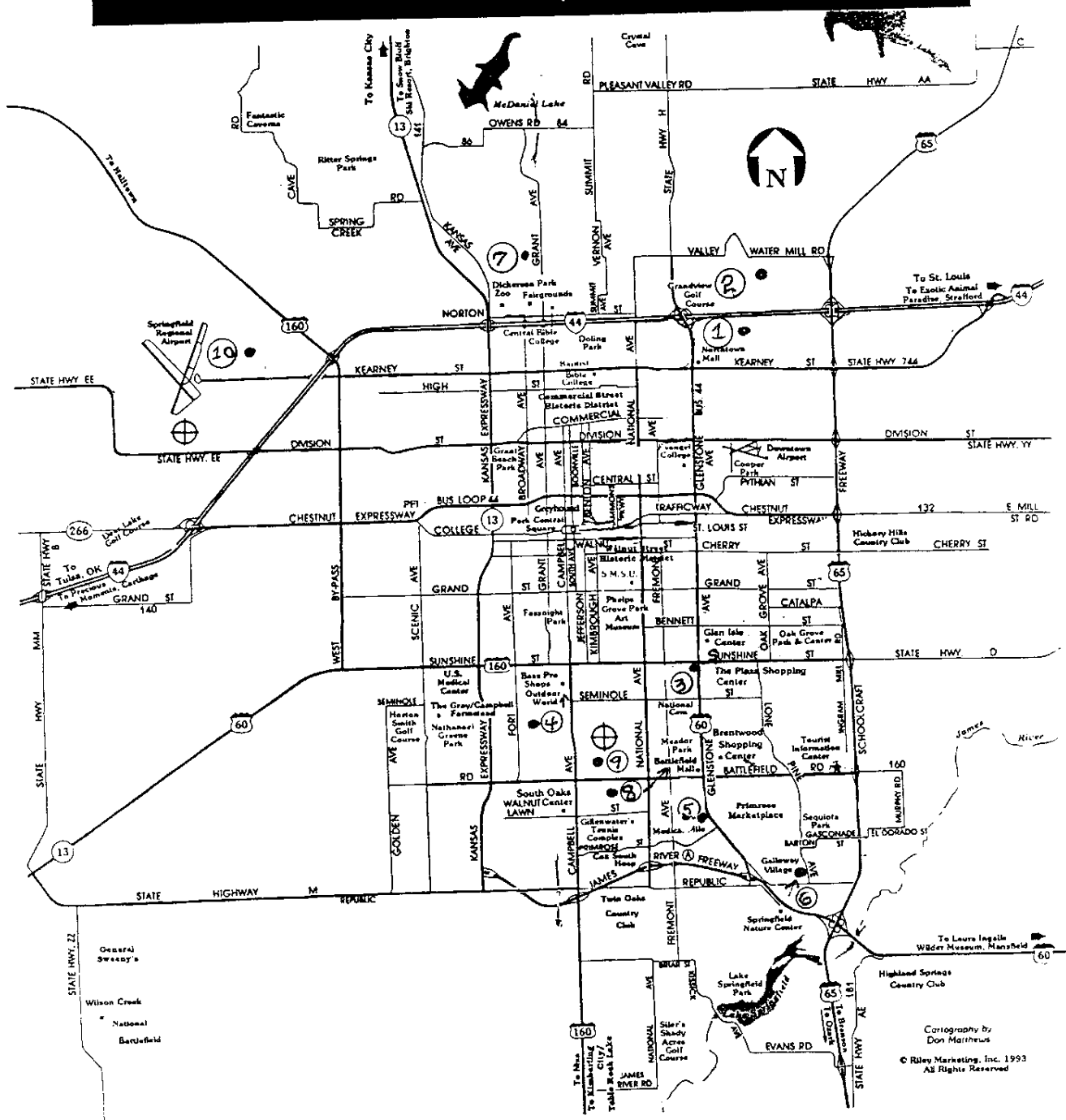
6:30 P.M. Convention Center, Banquet, Awards Presentations, Major Prize Drawings. All major prizes will be given away at the banquet. We will have the COUNTY HUNTER of the YEAR and other notable honors. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Mike Gray, K5OUK.

9:00 P.M.- ? Hospitality Room Open. Remaining prizes (if any) given away!!

SUNDAY -

8:00 A.M. - ? Breakfast Bar and/or Hospitality Room till ?

# A MAP TO GET AROUND SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI



1. Bass Country Inn (Convention Hqs) Ext 80- traveling West) (Ext 80- traveling East)
2. Grandview Golf Course
3. Red Lobster Resturant (Glenstone)
4. Bass Pro Shops (Campbell Ave)
5. Olive Garden Resturant (Glenstone and Erie)
6. Galloway Village (Lone Pine Ave) (Several nice antique shops)
7. Dickerson Park Zoo
8. Battlefield Mall (Glenstone Ave) Over 300 stores)
9. Trotters Resturant (BBQ) (Battlefield and National Ave)
10. Springfield Regional Airport (Shuttle available to motel) (Kearney St)

*Rodney Smith  
800 228-2000*

**BASS COUNTRY INN  
2610 N. GLENSTONE  
(One Block South of I44, Exit 80)  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803  
417-866-6671**

**Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club Convention (HAM)**

June 21-25, 1994

Arrangements have been made with your organization for rooms to be held until two (2) weeks prior to the opening of MARAC's convention.

Check-in time: 4 PM

Check out time 12 noon

Approximate arrival time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Guarantee:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

AMEX MC VISA DINERS CARTE BLANCHE EXPIRES \_\_\_\_\_

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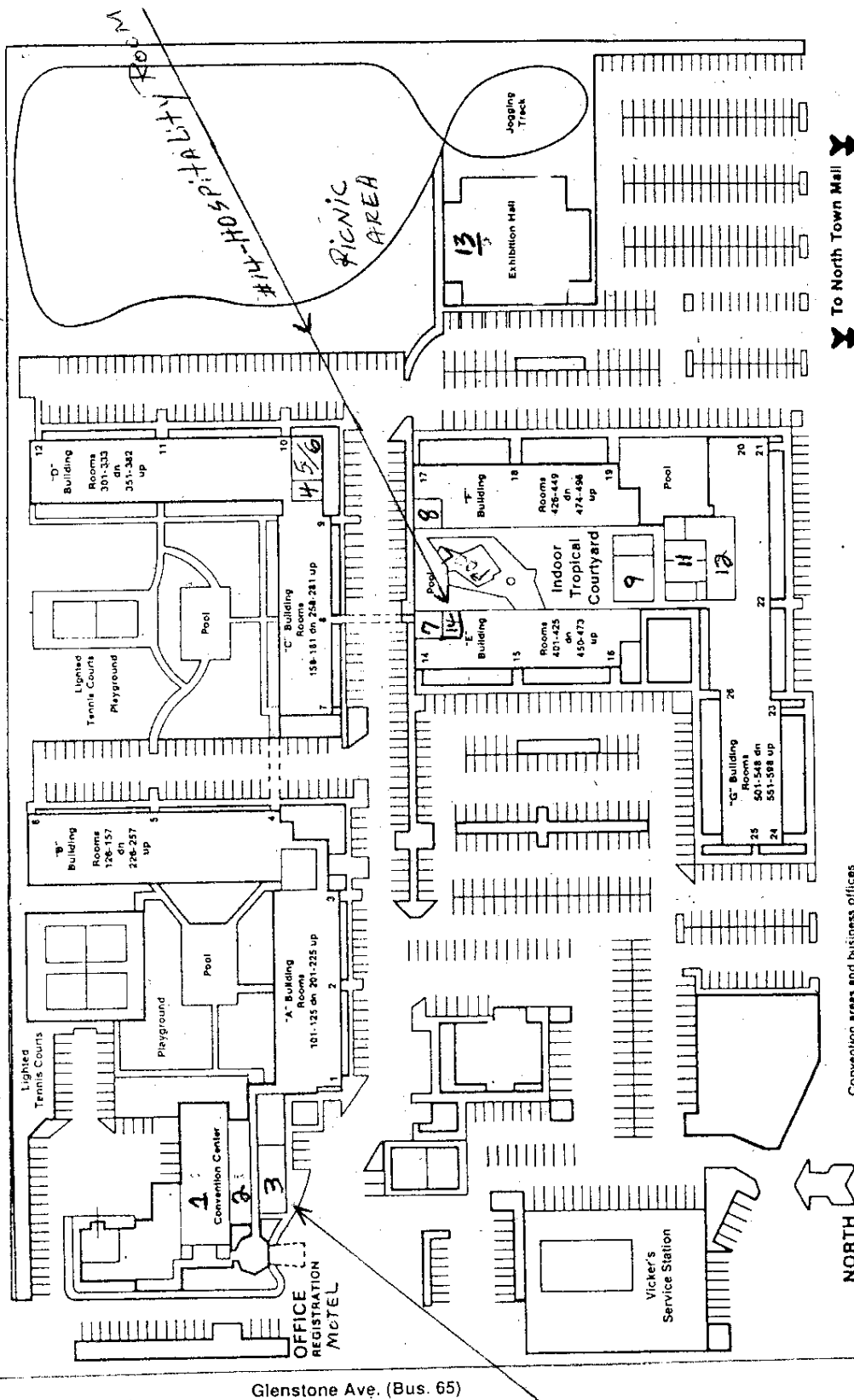
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check Type Accomodatiions Desired: Smoking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-smoking \_\_\_\_\_\*

\* LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

King Size Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Two Double Beds \_\_\_\_\_

Rate: \$49.00 Plus Tax (Flat rate 1-4 persons per room. This rate available three days prior to conventnion dates and three days after).



- 11- Racquetball courts
- 12- Health Club (sauna, whirlpool, exercise room)
- 13- Exhibition Hall
- 14- Hospitality Room #401

- 7- Boardroom E
- 8- Boardroom F
- 9- Private Office

- 1- Convention Center
- 2- Executive Offices
- 3- Dogwood Room
- 4- Board Room "D"
- 5- Conference Room A
- 6- Conference Room B (upstairs)



2610 NORTH GLENSTONE SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI 65803  
PHONE (417) 866-6671 1-800-587-BASS FAX (417) 866-6088

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CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION  
Dogwood  
Room

Glenstone Ave. (Bus. 65)

**NOTE: Prize donations appreciated and if possible, please advise with your registration if you are bringing a donation, this notification is IMPORTANT, as we need to know the number of prizes that will be available so we can schedule their GIVE AWAY!! ( ONLY MAJOR PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THE SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET)**

**REGISTRATION NO \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ USACA \_\_\_\_\_  
(Registration includes group photo & name tag for above)

1. Registration **ACTIVE MARAC MEMBER** \$ 22.00  
**NON ACTIVE or NON MARAC MEMBER** \$ 27.00

2. Additional Badges, \$4 each -- Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ USACA \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ USACA \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ USACA \_\_\_\_\_

Total for extra badges \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Events

3. Wednesday Trip June 22 Branson Outlet Mall, Lunch, Mel Tillis Show, 2PM # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Thursday Trip June 23 Branson Outlet Mall, Lunch, Osmond Bros. Show, 3PM # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$40 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. Friday Evening June 24, Outdoor BBQ/Picnic at Motel # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$17 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. Saturday Night June 25, Banquet and Buffet # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18 ea \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Donation for prizes, \$1 ea  
a) Ham Prize # \_\_\_\_\_ b) YL Prize # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8. Extra Photos  
a) Group Photo # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
b) YL Photo # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
c) CW Photo # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
d) USACA Photo # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 7.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

9. Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form and CHECK PAYABLE TO 1994 MARAC Convention (NO CASH ACCEPTED):  
Mark Hunsaker, W7ZZW, Rt 3 Box 334 - B, Mountain Grove, MO 65711. **Pre-registration CUT-OFF date :**  
**March 15, 1994.** Mail early so you will not miss out on chance to win the early registration prizes.

**NOTE: To insure seats at the Branson Mo shows, we have to guarantee BY MAR 15, 1994. If you want to attend, PLEASE get your registrations in EARLY. Requests received after that date may not be accommodated!!! A major transceiver will be the pre-registration prize, in addition, we have some resort vacation prizes.**

**PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING BOX IF YOU WANT YOUR NAME PLACED IN THE DRAWING FOR THE VACATION PACKAGES TO BE GIVEN FOR EARLY REGISTRATION. THESE PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 17TH THRU JUNE 25TH, 1994. IF YOU WILL NOT USE THE PRIZE, DO NOT PLACE YOUR NAME IN THE DRAWING.**



## MARAC AWARDS

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### JANUARY 1994

Let me begin this month's article with an apology to all those who have been inconvenienced by my delays in processing awards during the past six months. By now this problem has been solved and while I offer no excuses there were certain circumstances that were unforeseen by me which were the underlying causes of these delays.

### **I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING NEW SECOND TIME AROUND HOLDERS:**

#163 Stan Smith	K8WXJ	10/16/93
#164 Jim Crisp	KD4PY	10/19/93
#165 Doyle Cope	K5KDG	10/20/93
#166 Hugh Clark	K8GPC	10/30/93

### **AWARDS COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The work on the Capital Cities Award should be wrapped up soon and the Committee's recommendation forwarded to the Executive Committee for action by the Board. This is the procedure that will be used in dealing with all issues involving additions/changes to the Awards Program.

Currently the Awards Committee is considering the following issues;

1. A suggestion was received that the Plaque for the Karl Atkins Net Control Award for 1000 hours as NCS be issued free of charge and that this be retro-active to include all those that have already qualified for this level. **I am expanding this suggestion and ask that the Basic Award as well be issued free of charge because there is only two dollars difference between the Basic Award and the plaque since upgrades are already issued at no charge.** The reason for this suggestion is to encourage participation as net control. An application form would be created to transfer "Log data" which is already required for this award. Based on applications for this award as of this date the financial impact of this suggestion will not constitute a burden for the Awards Program.

2. Prior to, during and after the National Convention in Seattle I have received many comments concerning the rule that a NCS or Mobile of the Year Award cannot be a repeat winner and the majority of those thought that the person that they voted for should receive the award regardless of how many times he/she had received it before. **Based on these comments and suggestions, I am asking that the rule be reversed and allow the actual winner of the most votes to receive these awards.**

3. I am suggesting that we discontinue the practice of issuing

plaques to those who are "nominated" for County Hunter of the Year and issue plaques only to the winners. **It is felt that this is an unnecessary expense and that these plaques are not "valued" by most recipients because it only reminds them that they were nominated but did not win.**

4. From time to time the number of stations required for the Cliff Corne and Jack Scroggins awards need to be updated and I have received suggestions that both these be changed. Due to the number of 2nd Time Around Award holders, the number worked to achieve the different levels of the Jack Scroggins Award need to be increased and as soon as a decision has been reached we will announce this in the news letter. Since the current top level of the Cliff Corne Award for working USA-CA holders is 1000 and un-attainable, a change in this award is not needed.

**PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE ACTIONS TO YOUR DISTRICT'S AWARD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE OR DISTRICT DIRECTOR NLT JANUARY 25, 1994.**

**COMING NEXT MONTH! NOMINATION FORMS FOR COUNTY HUNTER OF THE YEAR, START PLANNING NOW!**

**UPS :** Please be informed that if you send me anything via UPS that they cannot deliver to a **Post Office Box** and there will be delays involved in them finding my home address in order to deliver. It is best to use the Post Office but if you insist on using UPS, use my home address. Otherwise always use the PO Box address. It is safer and never unattended as is my mail box at times.

**I WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY , PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR AND HOPE THAT ALL YOUR COUNTIES ARE 599.**

At this moment I have plans to attend the Mini at Texoma and the National Convention in Missouri, that is if my work is caught up at the time. If you have something that you would like me to bring to either of those conventions or something that you want sent for any other mini, Let me know at least 30 days in advance so that I will have time to order the plaque, etc.

During the past year I have returned only five or six awards applications because I just could not figure out what to do with them, but corrected the mistakes myself and moved on. Recently I have began sending out "Packets" with instructions on how to fill out LC-1 and LC-2 forms along with the **CORRECT** forms to anyone who is still using the old forms or filling them out incorrectly. I hope this will help to correct these situations. Remember! **THE LAST COUNTY AWARD IS FROM YOU AND TO THE MOBILE OR FIXED STATION WHO GAVE YOU THE COUNTY.**