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Net Operating Tips

By Mitch, W4RKV

Many of the tips that will appear in this column are referred to, either directly or obliquely, in the County Hunters Handbook (available from the B & B Shop) in the section devoted to Net Operating Procedures. When this is the case, a parenthetical notation will identify the relevant section of the Handbook. The following tip contains an example.

Always remember that TIME on the net is a finite asset, and is particularly valuable during periods of high mobile activity, such as weekends and during convention times. Bear in mind that queries, unless solicited by the NCS, usually interrupt the smooth flow of the net. It only takes a few seconds to answer my query, you say? If each of the several hundred fixed and mobile stations listening to the SSB Net on a busy Saturday afternoon initiated only one query each, how much time would that take? Trivial queries (5.5.10) should be saved for slack periods, or when the NCS asks for them to keep the net frequency active. Weekend afternoons are not the time to interrupt the net to ask who ran Podunk county five weeks ago. (More on trivial queries next month).

Dateline CW

By Ed, KN4Y

County hunters don't ask for facts in making up their minds. They would rather have one good soul satisfying convention than a dozen facts.

Did you read where CQ magazine editorial staff Alan, K2EEK, (Zero Bias) is about to get his basic USA CA award which is quite an accomplishment for an editorial writer. Good luck Alan on a journey that never ends. I wonder if he works CW or a rumored other mode.

I am getting into contesting since I got a logging program and I hope to meet a real live CW super contestee at the convention and get some pointers, and maybe one will visit our CW meeting. I have seen only one real super contesteer and that person was so ugly the Post Office gave him a postage meter so he would not lick the stamps.

Ever get a pleasant unexpected surprise. I got a certificate for first place in Florida in the Washington Salmon Run. The band conditions must have been bad for everyone or I was the only Florida entry. But who cares, the certificate

looks impressive on the shack wall. Did you ever wonder why a person in the tenth call district sez 'zero'? I guess if you borrowed ten bucks from someone in North Dakota and repaid a zero amount, everyone would be happy. There is no zero call district so lets start using ten, you copy good buddy? Now on CW the 5 dashes means ten, so looks like only the CW operators in the tenth district got their act together.

I got an envelope in the mail from ACES and thought the State had started another lottery promotion. I started to throw the envelope into the junk mail box when I noticed the Phoenix postmark. My curiosity aroused, about the only thing left that does, I opened the envelope. Lo and behold I found some MRCs and a note that explained a new service to move MRCs for confirmation. ACES stands for the Amateur Confirmation Exchange Service run by Howard, WA2GLU. I signed the cards and returned them to ACES. County hunters sure are a motivated group.

Checking into the CW net during February and March while out verifying the theory that the greener grass on the other side of the fence also has a larger water bill were the following 49 mobiles; W0QWS, W0UBT, NF0X, W0OWY, WA0CML, N0CYB, W0WYJ, NW1O, WN1R, K1RH, W2FXA, N2CWG, VE2EM, KA3MMM, W3DYA, VE3KZE, KD3AO, N3FVP, W3XE, W3YK, KN4Y, W4RKV, WD4SIG, AA4HL, KS4Q, KB4XK, KG5J, N5QLZ, KG5U, AI5P, W5AWT, KB5IPQ, N7MPS, W6HOR, WD6CKT, WA6VJP, K6QWH, KK7X, W7IBO, K7IOO, NA7R, K7GJZ, K7DZE, WA7JHQ, W8VSK, WD8OWY, WA9QNI, WB9IHH, AND KF9FU.

It was exciting to hear the honeymoon is not over. Kerry, WD4SIG, was tooling through the countryside doing county hunter activities. Suddenly as Kerry gave the county Brown, NE to John, W0IZV, the net heard John say, "that was my last county for the whole ball of wax." The post CW signals oscillated with congratulations.

Later, as the time flies, Ed, WA6VJP, was in King county California doing a mobile run (Sally drives so Ed can concentrate on the rig) when the net heard Alan K8CW announce 599 and this was his last county for second time around. Keyers around the country vibrated with excitement and congratulations.

Better get closer to the refrigerator cuz I hear Gator's truck, see you all in July.

Editorial

Bob, K0AYO

At the Annual Meeting in St Louis, July 1978, I accepted the position of Editor for the MARAC Newsletter as it was then known. My first issue was #98.

As of December 31, 1994, (my 295 Newsletter) I have chosen to pass the Editor job to someone else. Personal business, grand children and jobs around the house and volunteer activities have caused me to slip behind a little more each month. I have pondered this announcement for several months before reaching this point. I have formally told Joe, W5UJO, by letter of my decision. I will assist the new Editor as much as possible in the transition. Our current Third Class mailing permit expires on January 1, 1995 so that dictated my departure date.

I want to thank each of you for your many notes and words of kindness about the Newsletter, it made the job easier. I want to especially thank, WV2B, KN4Y, NF0X, W4RKV for their volunteering to write on going columns. Please extend your thanks to these folks also.

If any of you would be interested in this position, please contact W5UJO, Joe Parsons, President, MARAC as soon as possible.

Again, THANK YOU ALL. I hope to be a little more active on the air in the near future.

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FOURTH TIME AROUND ANNOUNCEMENT

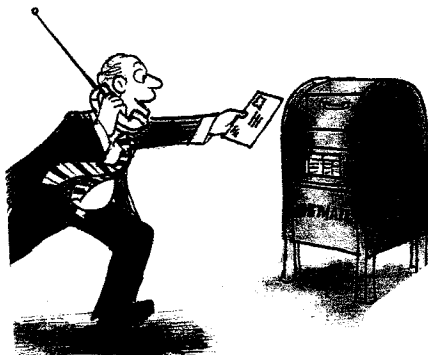
The B&B Shop is pleased to announce
the following winner of the

IV AWARD

The Fourth Time Award # 28
is awarded to

KR4MN
IRA 'CLAY' CROWDER
MARCH 14, 1994

Endorsed: ALL SSB
MIXED BANDS



Ballots

Included with this Newsletter are THREE ballots; 1) Election of new Directors (only nominees were the three incumbents); 2) County Hunters of the Year; 3) Quarterly voting for Best Net Control and Best Mobile (CW/SSB). The last ballot will be for the 4th quarter and will be totaled to determine who will be "Best for 1993-1994".

PLEASE NOTE -- all three go to DIFFERENT address. (Sorry about that folks, but that is life!)

Upcoming Events

May 7 (0000Z) - May 8 (2400Z), 1994 MARAC CW
Contest - W3DYA
Jun 21 - 25 MARAC National Convention Hosts - K5-
KDG/K0AYO
Sep 8 - 10 North Central District Mini Host - N9DEH
Sep 29 - 30 Pacific District Mini Host - W0OWY
Nov 3 - 5 South East District Mini 3M Host - KM4W

(This will be a monthly listing. Items will be added as the Editor receives them. Contact the Host for additional information. Also, watch newsletter for information.)

High and Low Points from the Seattle trip.

By C. K. Walter, AD0H

Last summer's two-week road trip from Ames to Seattle and back was well timed, with floods making Iowa a good place to be from—far from. In addition to the MARAC convention, my brother Don (W7NG) lives in Ballard (north Seattle—not far from the Red Hook brewery which gives a good tour). Here are the high and low points of the trip:

Was I embarrassed? In the hospitality room, I asked Joyce (WB9NUL) who she was travelling with when she offered contacts with WB0-Delta-Papa-Delta—who I had not met at the convention. I just thought they were two YLs with very similar voices, and I forgot all about the MARAC club station (which Joyce was running at the time). Come on, was I the only one so easily confused? Probably.

On the other side of the NUL equation is Barry, W9UCW. After attending his presentation on mobile antennas (my second in three years), I can safely say that the antenna theory which Barry spells out so clearly really is practical. I added one of his two-foot mast extensions, for a total of seven feet before the resonator (actually a 40% increase). Re-tuning in the parking lot of a Spokane motel didn't take long at all. But now the resonator sways back and forth way up there, since the base is already at the 4-foot level on the rear corner of my mini-van. More people come back to my first calls now so there is a definite improvement in signal radiation. Maybe I will add the 40 meter coil for the next Ohio trip so I won't have to stop and change, even though the antenna will be very top heavy.

Maybe the longer mast would have helped me be heard while driving west through Canada. Others at the convention said they had similar experience, with signals just not getting over the mountains (in Alberta and British Columbia) and county hunters not turning their antennas north (which would pick up Saskatchewan for a relay). But my log does contain a few contacts as /VE5, /VE6 and /VE7. Incidentally, I entered Canada with my original license and several copies, just in case, but the border guard was not the least bit interested. She was very concerned about the health certificate from the vet; maybe it was the barking dogs. . .

The graying of MARAC was noticeable at the banquet, with some emotional speeches referring to departed

members and some who are seriously ill. We do need to publicize the net in more publications, maybe with presentations at local radio club meetings. A volunteer speaker would be welcomed by most program chairs. Another boost may come from the new, smaller HF rigs. Now if we can get people over their hesitancy to drill antenna mounting holes in their cars. Come on, people, you won't get much for a used car anyway.

My short distance award goes to N6OQZ, whom I spoke with in the parking lot of the Doubletree and again when he passed me on Interstate 90 in King County. I turned down my power and called him on 14.336 (sorry to interrupt the net, if it heard me with low power, but that is where I assumed he was listening) and we QSY'd to have a bumper-to-bumper QSO on 14.325. Bud wanted to put out Kittitas County, the next one east, so he parked the vehicle and I went back up to the net to give the information. The trouble is, when Bud called QRZ, his signal was so strong it blocked out my receiver's front end and I could not tell if the net heard me or not. So I went back to his frequency to tell him to QRX a second and then back up to 336 to try again, successfully this time.

In central Washington we got off busy I-90 in Grant county and took parallel state route 28. When my turn on the net came up, I promptly worked WB9NUL (and DPD), K7IOO, and KC7JC, all also in Grant, Washington.

The good ears award goes to KZ2P, a frequent net control. He told me that my signal was distorting and to check my antenna connection. Impossible, I thought. But at the next stop, somewhere in Nebraska, I found a loose joint between the lower mast and the new extension. There now is a lock-washer between the two and I tighten anything threaded frequently (but not enough to strip the threads, yet).

I get to keep the bad ears award for another year. I had not brought a Wyoming map along since I did not see that US 212 passed through a small corner of that state. When I asked someone on the net to tell me the name of the county in the northeast corner of Wyoming, I thought they answered "Cook," and I replied, "Just like in Illinois?" They laughed in agreement, or so I thought. Later, I found out that the Wyoming county was named "Crook." Sorry, Chicago.

Question: how could I give Avon (WB7WBZ) a 4-4 but only a 3-3 to her OM (W7LQT), when they were operating mobile, on the same rig and antenna, for QSOs only seconds apart? Easy; she has a nicer voice.

Apologizes to WB2UJH who needed Big Horn for his last in Montana. I tried several times to convey an honest 5-7 report back to him without success. He must live in a high-noise area, or I'm not getting out as well as I thought. Another station needed Carbon, Montana as his last county. Had I seen in advance that Interstate 90 was just across the river, I could have gotten off for a few minutes. But, as the philosophical ones say, it will still be there.

My logger, Janet, was getting into the spirit of accumulating contacts. She also observed that operating or even just listening to the net increased the general level of alertness of driver and passenger alike, and contributes immeasurably to having a safe trip. However, even Janet got a little frustrated when I tried to cram in as many as possible from Dixon, Nebraska, with the sign for Dakota County already in view. I know, I could have stopped before the line, but we had just run Dixon off frequency and not too many moved down (as usual). It will still be there, too.

The sum from this trip was 608 contacts by AD0H operating in 70 counties, eight states, and three provinces. While I have no aspirations to put out all 3076, my total is up to 399 counties from 20 states, but who's counting?

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.

March KM6QF, KF5AT, W5VD, WB9OOG
April N8BGF, KF7RU, W2IN

I process applications on a monthly basis. My cutoff day for each processing cycle for these is the last day of the month. If your ARRL renewal notice requests you to return it to them by May 15, it should be sent to be received by me no later than April 30. We do not want anyone to miss a copy of QST, because of their support of MARAC.

For each ARRL renewal membership, Regular or Senior Memberships, MARAC gets a \$2 fee for a renewal or \$5 for a new membership. To take advantage of this, I ask that you mail the ARRL membership application and your check made out to MARAC for the amount of your ARRL dues to: MARAC, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75090-6709.

From the Secretary

If your mailing label indicates 199406 or 199407, 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 business size SASE's with renewals are also very much appreciated. Please make your check of money order payable to MARAC and mail to the Secretary, Don Magers, KE5WL, 406 Cherry Park Drive, 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 packet includes information about MARAC QSL'ing, Net Operation, County Hunting supplies, etc. Send the request with a business size envelope with 29 cents postage to:

MARAC, 406 Cherry Park Dr, Sherman, TX 75090-6709

Europeans can get the packet from Eddie, G4HKG.

MARAC financial report for Mar, 1994

Checking Acc't as of Mar 1, 1994	\$ 3,457.80
Income	727.00
Expenses	1,714.67
Checking Acc't as of March 31, 1994	\$ 2,470.13

Savings Acc't AS of March 31, 1994 (No Change during March)	\$15,964.00
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Prepaid Membership Dues as of March 31, 1994 \$12,520.43

MARAC announces that W0IZV, John Dittmer has been awarded 2nd Time Around, No. 170 as of 3-19-1994.



"Another 'Political Discussion' with Harry?"

Classes: Outside MA, MA single, MA multi-single, MA multi-multi, MA Portable

Exchange: RS(T) and QTH (State/Province/ DXCC Country/MA County)

Scoring: Count 1 point for phone and 2 for cw/digital/video. 50 points for MA Club Bonus stations. Multipliers are MA counties per band (Max 14/band). (states/Provinces + DXCC Countries per band for MA stations)

Final score is total QSO points times total multipliers.

Freq: cw 1810, 3550, 7050, 14050, 21050, and 28050.
ssb 1850, 3890, 7290, 14270, 21390, 28390.
NOVICES - 3705, 7130, 21130, 28130.

Awards: Certificates awarded for highest scores in each contest class, State, Canadian province and DXCC Country.

Mailing deadline is June 21st. Send logs to Framingham Amateur Radio Assoc. P O Box 3005, Framingham, MA 01701 (for full copy of QSO party rules send an SASE to above address, packet KA1USL@KIUGM or e-mail sim@world.std.com).

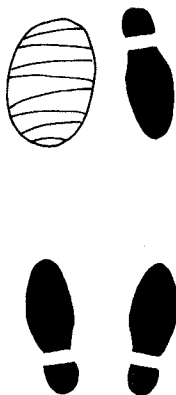
MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB, INC. A KANSAS NONSTOCK CORPORATION

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING April 10, 1994

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board for the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc., a Kansas Nonstock Corporation (MARAC) was held, beginning at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday April 10, 1994, at the home of Allen, NA5F and Diane Landreth, K1STV, Route 2, Box 43B, Leonard, 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; Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS; Don Magers, KE5WL;



"Then what happened . . . after you tried to repair your 100 foot antenna during a wind storm?"

Rockford DX and Contest Club will activate Boone County, IL

W9KCM, James Jarvis of the Rockford, IL club has sent notification of their 24 hour special event to put Boone County, IL on the air will be held from 1700Z May 28 until 1700Z, May 29th. Operation will be on 80 - 10 meters. Unfortunately, he didn't give a call, perhaps they will use his. He did state that he was aware of our operation at 14.336, so they may check in and make announcements there.

Massachusetts QSO Party

The Framingham (MA) Amateur Radio Assoc. is organizing the 1994 Mass QSO Party, from 1800Z May 21 to 0400Z Sun May 22 and 1100Z to 2100Z May 22.

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Diane Landreth, K15TV; Alan Landreth, NA5F; Mike Carver, KG5UZ. Also attending was Cheryl, KJ5PQ.

A directed motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting of the Board of Directors as printed, was made by Joe Parsons, W5UJO, there being no objections, the motion carried.

Diane Landreth, K15TV, presented the Treasurers report, for the financial activity for the month of March. A directed motion to accept this report was made by Joe Parsons, W5UJO, there being no objections, the motion carried. Diane Landreth, K15TV also noted that there had been no financial activity report received from Pete Peterson, K4QFK, MARAC Awards Chairman for the month of March.

Don Magers, KE5WL reported that the acknowledgment form for those who are holding MARAC funds had been returned by Bob Dyson, K0AYO, Newsletter Editor, Don Magers, MARAC Secretary, and still awaiting reply from Pete Peterson, K4QFK, MARAC Awards Chairman.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO presented the Proxy Vote forms returned from the MARAC Board of Directors, Joyce Boothe, WB9NUL, John Sebastian, N8BGF, Pete Peterson, K4QFK, John Butler, WB2NFB, Bob Dyson, K0AYO. Those awaiting return are Gene Eggebraten, W7GVF, Gene Tyrec, N4-ANV, and Shel Mann, N0DRX. The Board will keep the forms on file and will be used to insure a quorum at our monthly meetings. Copies of these forms will be made and sent to Joe Murphy, KA9HCA, MARAC General Counsel.

Don Magers, KE5WL reported that no reply had been received from Skip Skaptason, WA0WOB, Kansas State Agent concerning the Kansas Nonstock Corporation renewal application of March 20, 1994. A follow-up letter will be sent and a request to the Kansas Secretary of State will be sent also requesting information.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO reported that the Election Committee had placed a request for nominations for the Board of Directors in the April Newsletter and ballots will be in the following issue. The Ballots will be returned to the MARAC Secretary and the results presented at the Annual Convention, Springfield, MO.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO reported that no information had been received from Joyce Boothe, WB9NUL concerning the Awards Committee Guidelines.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO reported that after careful review and on the recommendation of Norm Van Raay, WA3RTY, CQ Awards Custodian, the contacts of Dan 'DJ' Reul, N5ZFV, will not be allowed as valid contacts. From information received, N5ZFV is operating with a Technician Class License and has failed to respond to request for proof of a valid license.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, will be held at 2:00 p.m. May 1, 1994 at the home of Mike Carver, KG5UZ 2013 Eagle Nest Pass, Lewisville, TX. For any additional information, please contact Don Magers, KE5WL, MARAC Secretary.

There was no further business to come before the meeting, on the motion of Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS seconded by Don Magers, KE5WL, and a unanimous vote thereon, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m., April 10, 1994.

(Editors Note: Word has been received that the meeting will have to be moved. Contact W5UJO for correct time and location.)

Counties needed for USACA

The following is a listing of counties needed in order to finish working ALL COUNTIES for the CQ Magazine award. In order to get your list in this column, you must need 25 or less counties to complete.

PS8YL Tessa

MI Marquette SD Charles Mix Tripp WI Door LA West Carroll VA Charles City

N5QOS Doyle

IL Rock Island White IN Sullivan IA Ringgold KY Breckenridge Elliott Todd NE Valley TN Campbell Carroll VA Buckingham Middlesex WI Langlade Wau-paca

Counties for special needs

KA1CLV, Barry For all CW

IL Calhoun IN Adams MI Massaukee MN Kittson Red Lake NE Arthur Gosper Grant Nuckolls Otoe Saunders

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NC Mitchell ND Bottineau Burke Divide Grand Forks
Kidder Ramsey Roulette Towner Williams TX Garza

K00JG, Bill For 3rd Time around

NH Sullivan ME Pistataquis MD Caroline NM Mora
Catron UT Cache Juab San Pete WA Douglas Jefferson
Klickitat OR Benton Gilliam Grant Sherman

W0FBB, CW Mobile

AR Izard CA Alameda HA Hawaii MO St Louis City
NJ Cumberland OH Montgomery WA Pend Orielle WI
Fond du Lac

Address changes, corrections new members

R2572 KJ8F 4728 Amayllis Elida OH 45807
R1517 K8BXT 3629 Northwood Dr SE Warren OH 44484
R728 KN4R1 8479 Carols Dr Brighton MI 48116
R2102 K4CCW & R1330 K4BZV 891 Tobaccoport Rd Bum-
pus Mills TN 37028
R1291 K2MF 71 Hazen Ct Apt 13 Wayne NJ 07470-3253
R2473 AL7HS 8407 Mentra St Anchorage AK 99518-2905
R1156 603 Broken Bow Dr Round Rock TX 78681-7401
R960 WAS VE3BMR NOW VA3RJ 562 Jane St Toronto
Ont Canada M6S 4A5
R1378 W0NNH 3412 135th Ave NW Andover MN 55304-
3605
R1038 WAS KA0IWQ/WB2LSK NOW N0FUI 3308 W 8th
#D Lawrence KS 66044 (Douglas)
R657 WAS WB0JNP NOW KC0GS 8711 E 79th Terr
Raytown MO 64138 (Jackson)
R2588 W6SJR 20 Cedar Hill Rd Bellingham MA 02019-1110
(Norfolk)
R194 W2CUE NEW ZIP CODE 10589-1920
R333 WA0TSP 1001 N Sycamore St Creston IA 50801 (Un-
ion)
R373 WA1LGO 31B Arsenal Rd Framingham MA 01701
(Middlesex)
R377 W0FBB NEW ZIP CODE 68124-3150
R390 W1KVA address unknown
R413 K0TVY 1514 Highway 201 N Mt Home AR 72653
(Baxter)
R415 W1ORV 160 Magnolia St Dorchester MA 02125 (Suf-
folk)
R518 KC0ZU Rt 1 Box 90 Freeman SD 57029-9620 (Hutch-
ison)

R534 WA1PAY 4 Left Stagecoach Dr Old Orchard Beach
ME 04064 (York)
R553 WA0VYB 4540 Greenhaven Dr Vannais Heights MN
55127 (Ramsey)
R759 W1EKZ 30 Stuyvesant Ave New Haven CT 06512
(New Haven)
R762 WAS K1VXB NOW KM1Y
R775 N9TN New Zip Code 30421-9728
R780 WA1LZS Address Unknown
R873 WAS W1BYB NOW KB1EG 18 Ledgewood Dr
Danvers MA 01923 (Essex)
R888 W0WQ 2093 Watson Ave St Paul MN 55116 (Ramsey)

R1091 WB0SXM 2201 East E St North Platte NE 69101
(York)
R1113 WAS KA1SR NOW KE2BA P O Box 4874 Rome
NY 03440 (Oneida)
R1137 WAS WB0WZV NOW KF0E Address Unknown
R1195 WB0SXN 2201 East E St North Platte NE 69101
(Lincoln)
R1291 K2MF NEW ZIP CODE 07470-3353 (Passaic)
R1336 KC0JG 5008 Parker Ave #A St Louis MO 63139-1315
(St Louis City)
R1354 W1JR 3 Hubbard Rd Amherst NH 03031 (Hills-
borough)
R1642 KC0YZ P O Box 31194 Des Prees MO 63131 (St
Louis)
R1718 KS0Z HC10 Box 44 Detroit Lakes MN 56501
R1814 KA3DRO 150 Courtwood Homosassa FL 24446 (Cit-
rus)
R1906 N5AWE New Zip Code 78537-9428
R2001 KA0ZFX P O Box 3045 Fargo ND 58108 (Cass)
R2250 K1CLN 86 Woodland St South Natick MA 01760
(Middlesex)
R2605 K5GE New Zip Code 78239-2422 (Bexar)
R1369 WB1EEM 21 Sunset St Rockland MA 02370
R1697 WSOBT P O X 5373 Santa Fe NM 87503

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61971 DURHAM NC 27705-1971 (Durham)
R2609 KR1B R L Bob Snowman P O Box 334 Norridgewock
ME 04957 (Somerset)

Convention news items

John Ditmer, WOIZV, was the winner of the Gaston's White River Resort pre-registration prize. Louis Roussel, K5FZM won the Chastain's Resort, Lake Bull Shoals prize.

Anyone planning on flying into Springfield Regional Airport, please contact either Steve, K5KDG or Bob, KOAYO in advance. Transportation will be provided.

NJOC, Dick, is a VE examiner and will give tests if anyone is interested in upgrading or getting a new ticket. Please let Bob, KOAYO know before JUNE 5, so Dick can bring the necessary supplies. Don't forget to bring your old ticket!

BE SURE AND GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS SENT IN. As of April 4, we have 107, but we know of 12 motel registrations without convention registrations! Over the air remarks also lead us to believe that many more of you are planning.

Correction to "WANTED" item last month's issue

In April's newsletter, N9IHZ, Tom wanted some information. While I got the right street address, I printed the wrong Zip Code. the correct address is: P O Box 2214 Schiller Park IL 60176. If you sent any info, please resend.

Members Speak!

N3DRO, Barb - I heard on the net that someone wrote an article about mobiles getting special privileges, I haven't had a chance to read the article but here's what I think. I've been on both ends so I do know what its like.

Do you really think they should? There are a few reasons I don't think they should! No. 1 - Is it right or fair for a person that never or very seldom runs counties to get the county or get relayed in to get the county just because they say they are mobile? What about the people that are sitting at a fixed station, who can only run 100 watts or less and an inside antenna or whatever they can rig up because they can't have outside antennas? I think that most mobile

installations are better than those! No. 2 - Most of the mobiles these days are running amplifiers and putting out a lot of power, is it really a LOW power mobile net anymore? If you have confidence in your installation, why get special privileges and if you don't and don't get the county, it will still be there, just like for the fixed stations. No. 3 - Why should I or anyone miss out on a county just because I'm not sitting outside in my driveway or doing errands just to be mobile! If you have listened to my operation you will hear that unless I'm on the list or it is a next to last or last, I don't say mobile unless I get thru, then I say I'm mobile and what county I'm in. Why can't and shouldn't it be run that way? If you are on the list and running counties, then I can see getting relayed, IF THE STATION IS WEAK, otherwise, do it yourself. Also, most mobiles can hear better in their mobiles than at home. I know I have asked! Now I know if the net was run this way, there would be people who would get on the list whether running counties or not, just to get the county. Think about this and make up your own mind, but think long and hard, from both points of view. I'll probably make some people angry over this (I hope not), but if that is the way its to be, then so be it! I've thought this way for a long time and I thought it was about time I expressed it. I'll continue to operate this way because I think it is the fair and best way! I would like to hear your opinion about this, AGREE OR NOT!

WA9QNI, Jack - I have recently corresponded with ACES (Amateur Confirmation Exchange Service) and informed them that I have decided that I will not continue to support this new service. One of my reasons for this decision is simply that, while you have every right to offer this additional service, I do not agree it is necessary or even helpful. It might even be harmful as it could result in County Hunters being without any confirmation service if the "Bureau" decides it can no longer afford to continue what has been an unprofitable and steadily decreasing volume and then you should decide later that you are unable or unwilling to put in the time necessary to continue any resulting increase in volume. Another reason, I do not really enjoy checking and verifying MRC's, especially any large group of cards. I can handle one large bunch from a single source on a once a month basis but I just don't care to receive other bunches from your service nor from others that might decide to follow your move. I consider the service of the existing bureau at least adequate. Compared to such services available to other groups, it is far superior. Hope you understand my position and should your service become the only such service available to county hunters, then I would be happy to support it just as I now choose to support the established Bureau.

SSB COUNTY HUNTER OF THE YEAR

The information listed below is given to help you make your decision and cast your ballot for the SSB County Hunter of the Year. The words as shown are those used by the District Directors in writing their nominations and/or provided by the nominees. Review and then vote on the ballot card and mail it today. Thank you!!

NOMINATION FOR K7IOO, MR. BILL MOORE USA CA 693

THE PRIDE OF GRANT COUNTY, WA, BILL AND WIFE, JOYCE SHARE HIS HAMMING WITH TEACHING AND OTHER JOB INTERESTS. A NOTED MOBILEER BILL HAS SMILED OUT NEARLY 350 LAST COUNTIES, RUNNING THE GAMUT OF THE COUNTRY AND CONSISTANTLY THE NW STATES--SECOND-TO-NONE FOR THEIR ROUGH TERRAINS. BILL RUNS COUNTIES BOTH ON SSB AND CW AS WELL AS OTHER BANDS IN CLASSY AND EFFICIENT MANNER. HIS NUMEROUS FIRST-PLACE FINISHES IN THE ANNUAL SSB AND TEN METER CONTESTS ARE NOTED. DESPITE A BUSY SKED BILL CONTRIBUTED HUNDREDS OF HOURS AS NET CONTROL, MERITING THE KARL ADKINS AWARD. HIS PLEASANT MANNER IS APPRECIATED BY ALL. YET HE MANAGED TIME TO SHARE COMMITTEE DUTIES AT THE 1993 NATIONAL CONVENTION AND ASSISTS THE AWARDS CHAIRMAN WITH PLAQUE MATERIALS. EVERYONE MEETING BILL WILL FIND NO FINER PERSON OR PLEASANT NATURE. BILL IS ONE WHO GIVES AND GIVES AND PATIENTLY SACRIFICES AND FINDS JOY IN SUCH--EPITOMIZING WHAT ETHICAL COUNTY HUNTING IS ABOUT TO MANY.

NOMINATION FOR KB4XK, MR. JIM THOMAS USA CA 468

THE CAST OF CASWELL COUNTY, NC, JIM SHARES HIS RADIO ALONG WITH HIS PASSION AS A RAILFAN, WHILE WORKING AS AN INSTRUMENT AND CONTROL TECHNICIAN AND SCHOOLING TOWARDS ENGINEERING. NEARING THIRD TIME ALL-COUNTIES JIM HAS MOBILED IN 48 STATES AND PUT OUT NEARLY 2200 COUNTIES, AIMING FOR ALL. JIM IS WELL-KNOWN FOR "MAXIMIZING" EVERY RUN COUNTY--EVERYONE GETS A FAIR SHOT ON SSB, CW AND OTHER BANDS IN EFFICIENT AND COURTEOUS MANNER. WITH OVER 500 HOURS AS NET CONTROL JIM SPECIALIZES IN MOVING MOBILES OFF THE BUSIER NETS, OFTEN FOR COUNTIES HE PERSONNALLY DOESN'T NEED. DX STATIONS APPRECIATE JIM'S ABILITY TO HEAR THEM WHEN OTHERS FAIL. HE DULY SERVES ON THE MARAC AWARDS COMMITTEE AND ASSISTED WITH THE 1992 NATIONAL CONVENTION WITH ASSOCIATED MERIT AWARDS. VOTED "MOST OUTSTANDING SE DISTRICT MEMBER" IN 1993, JIM IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS ABILITY TO KEEP COOL DURING DEMANDING MOBILE RUNS, AND HIS JOY FOR OUR SPORT REMINDS US ALL THAT "IT'S JUST A HOBBY, FOLKS"--LET'S HAVE FUN DOING IT.

NOMINATION FOR N7BKW, MR. DAVE VIG USA CA 375

THE BREAD OF BONNER COUNTY, ID, DAVE RESIDES WITH WIFE, PAT, AND FAMILY. RETIRED FROM THE US FOREST SERVICE AND FIRE COMMUNICATIONS, HE WAS FIRST LICENSED IN 1979. ROARING INTO COUNTY HUNTING, DAVE WON NET CONTROL OF-THE-YEAR IN 1982 AND 1991, PRESENTLY AT 6000 HOURS OF FINE NET SERVICE. NOMINATED TWICE FOR COUNTY HUNTER OF-THE-YEAR, DAVE NEARS COMPLETION OF FIFTH TIME ALL-COUNTIES. MOBILEWISE HE HAS EFFICIENTLY RUN NEARLY 500 COUNTIES IN ROUGH NW TERRAINS, OFTEN ACTING AS NET CONTROL WHILE MOBILE. HE HAS ASSISTED IN PRIZE AND HOSPITALITY WORK AT TWO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. DAVE HAS RESOLVED MANY NET EMERGENCIES IN SPEEDY AND FIRM FASHION. HE BRINGS EFFICIENCY AND RESPECT TO THE NET, AS WELL AS A FINE GIFT OF GAB THAT OFTEN QUIETS NET STATIC DURING LULLS IN WHAT IS A LOVING PASSION FOR A HOBBY.

CW COUNTY HUNTER OF THE YEAR

The information listed below is given to help you make your decision and cast your ballot for the CW County Hunter of the Year

The words as shown are those used by the District Directors in writing their nominations and/or provided by the nominees. Review and then vote on the ballot card and mail it today. Thank you!!

NOMINATION FOR NØCYB, MR. W.R. "WOODY" CRANE USA CA 637

ORIGINALLY THE TOAST OF CHICAGO WOODY NOW RESIDES IN KANSAS CITY, MO IN RETIRMENT FASHION. FIRST LICENSED IN 1934 AS W9CUF, HIS WORKS INCLUDE SOME 30 YEARS AS CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WGN RADIO AND TV WITH PREVIOUS ENGINEERING AND WW II SIGNAL CORPS STINTS. IN 1983 WOODY DISCOVERED COUNTY HUNTING WHILE MOBILING TO FLA AND WHAT A MARK HE HAS LEFT SINCE! A FIVE TIME CW MOBILEER OF-THE-YEAR HIS FEATS REQUIRE VOLUMES. WOODY IS WELL-KNOWN FOR CONSISTANT AND DEMANDING ONE AND TWO-DAY MOBILE TREKS WITH NEEDY COUNTY HUNTERS IN MIND. HIS TECHNICAL PROWESS CANNOT BE UNDERSTATED, AND HIS ROUTEMAKING ABILITY IS SECOND-TO-NONE, SHARING THESE TALENTS WITH ALL WHO ASK. HE HAS FIVE LAST FOR THE WHOLE BALL COUNTIES AND NUMEROUS LAST COUNTIES (107). IN 1985 HE WAS VOTED THE CW NET CONTROL OF-THE-YEAR AND SINCE HAS PROVIDED MANY HOURS OF FINE NET SERVICE. THERE ISN'T ANOTHER LIKE WOODY--AS THEY SAY--AND THIS ONE IS A TRUE FRIEND OF ALL COUNTY HUNTERS.

NOMINATION FOR W3XE, MR. C.E. "ANDY" ANDERSON

THE SHINE OF SILVER SPRING, MD, ANDY AND DORIS ENJOY 54 YEARS OF MARRIAGE IN RARE MONTGOMERY COUNTY. RETIRED, ANDY'S WORKS INCLUDE PLANNING FOR MAINTENANCE AND TECHNICAL DATA FOR ELECTRONIC WARFARE IN THE NAVY. AN SWL IN 1936, ANDY WAS LICENSED IN 1953 AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE INFAMOUS CW COUNTY HUNTER'S 7035 NET AND A PRIME ORGANIZER OF OUR PRESENT NET. MOBILEWISE ANDY HAS RUN EVERY STATE EXCEPT HAWAII WITH OVER 2000 COUNTIES RUN AND NEARLY 150 LAST COUNTIES, INCLUDING THREE FOR THE WHOLE BALL. ALL RUN WITH A PATIENT AND EFFICIENT MANNER. HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE BPL AND TRAFFIC NETS ALLOW HIM TO ASSIST AND RUN THE NET IN SUPERB FASHION WHEN NEEDED. A PAST MEMBER OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE, ANDY'S PARTICIPATIONS AND INPUT AT CW MEETINGS ARE APPRECIATED. AN EX-ARRL SCM AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE NOTED PVRC RADIO CLUB, ANDY WAS ALSO VOTED THE "OUTSTANDING SE DISTRICT MEMBER" FOR 1992. WHEN NOT GOLFING, ANDY BRINGS A SPECIAL PRESENCE TO THE NET AND UNMATCHED EXPERIENCE.

(ONLY TWO NOMINATIONS FOR CW CH OF THE YEAR WERE RECEIVED)

35th ANNUAL NEW JERSEY QSO PARTY - AUGUST 20 - 21

The Englewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc. invites all amateurs the world over to take part in the 35th Annual New Jersey QSO Party.

RULES: [1] The time of the contest is from 2000 UTC Saturday August 20 to 0700 UTC Sunday August 21 and from 1300 UTC Sunday August 21 to 0200 UTC Monday August 22. [2] Phone and CW are considered the same contest. A station may be contacted once on each band - phone and CW are considered separate bands - CW contacts may not be made in phone band segments. New Jersey stations may work other New Jersey stations. [3] General call is "CQ New Jersey" or "CQ NJ". New Jersey stations are requested to identify themselves by signing "DE NJ" on CW and "New Jersey calling" on phone. Suggested frequencies are 1810, 3535, 3950, 7035, 7135, 7235, 14035, 14285, 21100, 21355, 28100, 28400, 50-50.5, and 144-146. Suggest phone activity on the even hours; 15/10 meters on the odd hours [1500 to 2100 UTC]; 160 meters at 0500 UTC. [4] Exchange consists of QSO Number, RST, and QTH [State/province or country]. New Jersey stations will send county for their QTH. [5] Scoring: Out-of-state stations multiply number of complete contacts with New Jersey stations times 3 points per QSO times the number of New Jersey counties worked [maximum of 21]. New Jersey stations multiply number of complete contacts times 3 points per QSO times the multiplier. The multiplier is the sum of the number of states [other than NJ], provinces, and NJ counties worked - maximum is $49 + 12 + 21 = 82$. [6] Certificates will be awarded to the first place station in each New Jersey county, state/province, and country. In addition, a second place certificate will be awarded when four or more logs are received. Novice, Technician, and mobile operator certificates will also be given. A total of four plaques have been donated by the ARRL Section Managers for NNJ and SNJ to the highest scoring single operator station residing in each of their sections [separate for Novice/Technician and all other classes]. [7] Logs must also show the UTC date and time, band, and emission, and be received not later than September 17, 1994. The first contact for each claimed multiplier must be indicated and numbered and a check list of contacts and multipliers should be included. Multi-operator stations should be noted and calls of participating operators listed. Logs and comments should be sent to: Englewood Amateur Radio Association, Inc., Post Office Box 528, Englewood, New Jersey 07631-0528. A #10 size SASE should be included for results. [8] Stations planning active participation in New Jersey are requested to advise EARA by August 1st of your intentions so that we may plan for full coverage from all counties. Portable and mobile operation is encouraged.

MICHIGAN QSO PARTY

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TWO PERIODS GMT

1800Z Sat. May 21 to 0300Z Sunday May 22

1100Z Sun. May 22 to 0200Z Monday May 23

The 1994 Michigan QSO Party will be sponsored by the Oak Park Amateur Radio Club. Phone and CW are combined into one contest. Michigan stations can work Michigan counties for multipliers. A station may be contacted once on each band/mode. Portable/mobiles may be counted as new contacts each time the county changes.

EXCHANGE: RS(T), QSO#, QTH, County for Michigan; State or Country for others.

SCORING: Multipliers are counted only once. Michigan Stations: 1 point per QSO X (States + Countries + Michigan counties) on phone. Each CW contact is 2 points per QSO. Alaska & Hawaii count as states. VE counts as a country. Maximum multiplier is 85. Five (5) points for each W8MB contact. Non-Michigan Stations: QSO points X Michigan Counties. 1 point for each Michigan phone QSO and 2 points for each CW contact. Five points for each club station contact with W8MB/W8MB/mobile. Maximum multiplier is 83. VHF only entries: Same as above except multipliers per VHF band are added together for total multipliers. No repeater contacts are allowed.

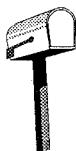
SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: CW - 1810, 3540, 3725, 7035, 7125, 14035, 21035, 21125, 28035, 28125.

PHONE - 1855, 3905, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28580.
VHF - 50.125, 145.025, 146.52

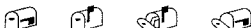
AWARDS: MICHIGAN: Plaques - High Multi-operator/single transmitter score, High Michigan score, High Michigan (Upper Peninsula) score, High aggregate club score and High QRP only entry (Minimum of 100 QSO's), and High Michigan Mobile score. Certificate: High score for each county (Min. 50 QSO's). OUT-STATE: High Out-State plaque and certificates for High Score each state and country.

A log and summary sheet is requested showing the scoring and other pertinent information, name and address in BLOCK LETTERS, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed. Michigan stations include club name for combined club score. Party contacts do not count toward the Michigan Achievement Award unless one fact about Michigan is communicated. Members of the Michigan QSO Party Committee are not eligible for individual awards. Decisions of the Contest Committee are final. Results will be final on July 30, 1994 and will be mailed to all entries that have sent in an SASE. Mailing deadline is July 1, 1994. Send logs to:

MARK SHAW-K8ED
27600 Franklin Road
Apartment 816
Southfield, MI 48034



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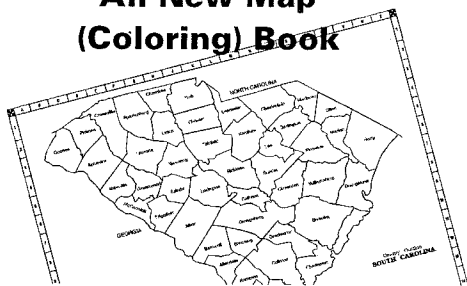
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Mailing Schedule

We plan on beginning our monthly mailings as follows:

May 16, 1994
June 13, 1994
July 11, 1994

All New Map (Coloring) Book



United States of America Counties Record Book

The Mobile QSL Bureau has completely redone the Map Book! Maps are better and it is easier to read.

- ✓ All new maps for all 50 States.
- ✓ Now Wire Bound to open 360° and book will lay flat. Also available three hole punched on request.
- ✓ Alphabetical county listings with map coordinates, space for logging for USA-CA or other awards and a new column for USA-CA or 10/10 numbers.
- ✓ Adjacent states shown.
- ✓ Logging space for last counties.
- ✓ Independent cities listing.
- ✓ Book may be used for Second Time, Third Time, Master County Hunter (Bingo) and other awards.
- ✓ 8½ X 11 heavy paper.
- ✓ Available only from the Mobile QSL Bureau.

The price remains at \$10.00 within the U.S. This price includes shipping. (\$12.50 U.S. outside the states). Order your copy of the new book today from the Mobile QSL Bureau.

Third Time Around

Please make note that the Third Time Around Award has been issued to:

K8CW Alan Fischer 70 4/11/94

Congratulations to Alan! and thanks for your participation.

ABOUT OUR BUREAU

As I write this, I am listening to the 14.336 and have been for quite a while. I hear absolutely nothing! I have tuned up and down the band and activity is minimal at best. As we plod through these conditions, it perhaps should be remembered that it can be helpful to listen to the nets in case an emergency does arise and a mobiler needs assistance. Perhaps you will be the only station hearing that "Break" and can aid in some way.

We have received many notes and letters this month concerning the operation of our bureau. We want to thank you all for your continued support. We definitely do our best to give you the best service possible and allow you to obtain your needed confirmations. We have worked with the mobilers over the years holding cards when requested, sending them to alternate addresses on a time schedule, etc. all in an attempt to aid in speedy confirmations.

I noted in the paper that the US Postal Service is thinking about changing their mail classifications. Although the article did not go into detail, I would like to assure you that we always send cards via First Class Mail and even by Priority Mail if warranted. We will be interested to see what the change in classification would mean, if anything. As you know they will once again be raising their rates, but apparently we have some time before that takes effect.

W5VRA, Bob, related an experience with some friends regarding the use of Zip +4. His trial showed a definite improvement in service with the use of the additional numbers. If we do not have your Zip +4 code on your mailing label or the one we have is incorrect, we would appreciate your sending the correct one to us so that we can update our database.

As always, we appreciate your keeping us up-to-date on your current address, county, phone number, call changes, etc.

73's and Good Hunting, Gwen NØCOL



Happy
Mother's
Day

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After five months of operation: Many Thanks To All.....

...To the hundreds of County Hunters who have sent in MRCs for processing.....
...To the innumerable Mobiles who have promptly checked and returned MRCs.....
...To those who have sent notes of encouragement.....
...To those who have offered welcomed suggestions.....
...and To those who have yet to try ACES.....**THANK YOU!**

How ACES Works.....

ACES does **not** batch MRCs once-a-month for shipment to mobiles and returns to fixed stations. All MRCs and first contact QSLs are sorted daily, and when at least an envelope full (one - two ounces) is in hand, the cards are mailed.

The computer is used extensively at ACES. Incoming and outgoing mail is logged so that we know what has happened, and when. When an MRC is received for the first time for a station, the call and date are logged. If 28 days pass without a mailing to that station, the computer alerts us, and a mailing is prepared.

Just as mail is received daily with new cards to process and returns from mobile stations, signed cards are mailed back to their originators, daily.

Please Write Legibly.....

As MRCs and QSLs are processed as received, and with hundreds of cards being handled, PLEASE take the time to write the call signs (both the FROM ARS and TO ARS) legibly. If we cannot easily read your writing, the cards are put aside until later. Sometimes it

takes a "committee meeting" to determine to whom a card is going. The computer generated cards are wonderful, as are those neatly hand printed. Please help us help you.

How Long Should Logs Be Saved.....

I've noticed MRCs with contacts that date back many years. Most often, the mobile station will find the old log, clear off the dust, and confirm the contact.

Occasionally, the MRC is returned with a comment that "logs are only kept for X years, SORRY." While the decision on how long to keep a logbook is solely that of the mobile operator, if it is important to get the contact confirmed, it is important to do it quickly.

The longer the time between contact and submission of MRC, the smaller the chance of receiving confirmation.

Information On ACES.....

For information on ACES, just drop a note in the mail. Hope to see many of you in Springfield.

73, and good county hunting.
Howard WA2GLU