

THE BUREAU DRAWER

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Serving County Hunters — We Solicit Your Input

Congratulations!

The Mobile QSL Bureau is pleased to announce the following: A *Third Time Award* No. 43, dated March 11, 1992, has been issued to W1WLW, Joe Watson. We want to extend our congratulations to Joe and thanks for your participation!

Complete information on the Master County Hunter and Third Time Around awards is available in the Bureau information packet.

And, last, but not least, when corresponding to us, please include your call! We have so many Bob's, Bill's, and Al's that when we get a note, needed listing, or whatever with just a name and we do not catch it when we open the mail, we have a major problem in answering your query, publishing your list (we can't), etc.

Thanks to all of you for your support and for using the Bureau!

NEW RATE

WB9RCY, Dorothy, advises CQ is now charging \$2.00 for the Counties Record Book.

Where are the County Hunters?

K8OSF, Jim, dropped us a note asking about the 75 meter net. Anyone have information?

Where were you?

K6QWH, Howard, reminds you that he would appreciate knowing where you were when you work him while he is mobile. When sending to him for confirmation, please be sure the county is on your card.

Dayton

If you will be attending the Dayton Hamvention this year, please plan to attend the County Hunter Forum which will be held Friday, April 24, from 3:00 - 4:45. Consult your program for the room assignment. Plans are being made for a dinner that evening, and the place will be announced at the forum. If you need additional details or if you have suggestions for the presentations, please contact W4HMY, Bill Smith, 1150 Hyannis Drive, Beavercreek OH 45434, 513-427-1332. Thanks in advance to Bill and K8MDU, Roger, for their efforts.

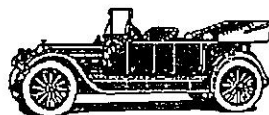
Re the Bureau!

Please note our new mailing address:

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Route 3, Box 400

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We are not getting much mail now at the old address thanks to the cooperation of all of you, but we would like to see no mail coming in there when we close the box!

I believe we returned some MRCs submitted to WA8MRK, who is now a Silent Key. If so, please resubmit the cards as we have received word that WB8BMX, Alan, has obtained Bob's cards and will be able to verify the contacts.

As a point of interest, in a recent mailing, we weighed the mail being sent that day to the 4th call area. The result: 147 envelopes totaling 26 pounds! No wonder it takes us so long to sort the cards!

We would like to thank NT9V and N9HRX for including information in their club publication about county hunting and the bureau. After their presentation, we will perhaps have some new county hunters in Indiana.

Many of you send your own MRCs back to us when returning the cards we have shipped you. That is just fine, but please double check the postage when you do. We include only enough postage for the return of the cards we have submitted to you for signatures and return QSLs.

We want to thank you all for the prompt return of MRCs and QSLs. Many of you take the time to sort the cards (thank you), but this is not necessary. We do request that you face them all in the same direction with the front sides of the cards up. Please, no paper clips or staples! You may not realize how long it takes when sorting the daily mail to have to turn every other card over! We sort from the front of the MRCs (the signature side) and the side of the QSL where the call of the station you are sending the card to appears.



Get Togethers

As previously announced, the 1992 Michigan Mini will be held April 23-25 at the Country Hospitality Inn, 12260 James Street, Holland Michigan which is located on US 31 on the North side of Holland. Plan to visit the golf course or the adjacent outlet mall! Again this year the group will provide a raffle of a home brew mobile amplifier. A limited number of tickets will be available for a \$5 donation. You need not be present to win.

Although the deadline for rooms is March 30, if you just find that you can attend, contact N8EMV to see if there is a possibility!

The Saturday night dinner is \$14 including tax/tip. Registration includes name tag, group photo and prizes and is \$12 OM/YL or \$9/Single. Mail dinner, registration and raffle to N8EMV, Paula Batema, 1567 66th Street, Fen-ville MI 49408, 616-227-3794.

1992 MARAC Annual Convention - will be held July 8-12, at the Holiday Inn in Hampton, Virginia, near historic Williamsburg. As you are possibly aware, this area of Virginia has many, many activities and places of interest to visit. Planned trips are to a MARAC open golf tournament, the Williamsburg Pottery Factory, a steak restaurant, a cruise which includes dining and dancing, Colonial Williamsburg, and the Busch Gardens. These activities are, of course, in addition to the schedule of meetings and the Saturday evening banquet. Plan now to attend.

Complete details and registration blanks are published in the March "Roadrunner." If you need a copy of this information, please let N4ANV, Gene Tyree, 5222 N. Sumac Circle, Fayetteville NC 28304, 919-425-8003, know.

Counties Needed

The following listings are for counties needed by the stations indicated. If you are traveling through one of these counties, please try to make contact with the stations if possible.

W2BUO, Hans, 407-852-0477, is down to just the following for USA-CA: MT: Choteau. WI: Marquette. GA: Lanier, Jenkins. MO: Wayne. MS: Leake, Smith. TX: Blanco, Bosque, Dawson. SD: Bennett. ND: Forster. NE: Burt, Furnas. KS: Comanche, Cowley, Edwards.

Bob, WD4NEG, has updated his needed listing for USA-CA: AR: Desha, Newton, Woodruff. GA: Bacon, Evans, Lincoln. IL: Gallatin. IA: Mahaska, VanBuren. KS: Grant. KY: Graves, Green. MO: Dade, Howell. OR: Crook. VA: Floyd. Contact Bob at 615-455-0091 if you will be in any of these counties.

Adolf, OE5KE, could use some help completing these states for USA-CA: AL: Lauderdale, Perry. AR: Calhoun, Columbia, Fulton, Lafayette, Phillips, Poinsett, Scott. IL: Edgar, Gallatin, Jasper, Macoupin. LA: Avoyles, Bienville, Bossier, Cameron, Union. MI: Cass, Gogebic, Iron, Kalkaska, Mecosta. MN: Martin, Redwood, Renville, Todd, Waseca, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine. MT: Deer Lodge, Jefferson, Lake, Lewis & Clark, Sanders, Toole, Treasure. NM: Cibola, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Mora, Taos. NC: Alleghany, Rockingham. OH: Seneca. OR: Baker, Crook, Hood River, Sherman. PA: Snyder. TN: Chester, Hardeman, Union. UT: Beaver, Carbon, Daggett. WA: Clallam, Wahkiakum, Whitman. WI: Green Lake, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor. Adolf advises his worst state is Texas where he could use 39 counties!

AA4LB, Frank, will accept collect calls weekends or after 5 PM weekdays at 205-979-4678, as he is looking for the following to finish USA-CA: AR: Arkansas, Bradley, Cleburne, Cross, Little River, Marion, Monroe, Perry, Phillips. CO: Jackson, Rio Blanco, Sedwick. GA: Clay, Clinch, Fayette, Johnson, Macon, Mitchell, Talbot, Wilkinson. HI: Kauai. ID: Boundary. IL: Alexander, Edwards, Fayette, Moultrie, Wabash. IA: Monroe, Page, Winnegago. KS: Clay, Cowley, Seward, Wichita. KY: Adair, Edmonson, Russell. MS: Lafayette, Madison, Monroe, Neshoba, Panola, Tate. MO: Douglas, Dunklin. MT: Carbon, Carter, Liberty, McCone, Toole. NE: Pawnee, Pierce. ND: Sioux. SC: Beaufort, Hampton. SD: Corson, Lincoln. TN: Chester, Crockett, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henry, Lake, McNairy, Sumner, Union, VanBuren. TX: Caldwell, Foard, Harrison, Loving, Newton. UT: Garfield. VA: Dickenson, Dinwiddie, Giles, Powhatan, Scott, Surry, Westmoreland. WA: Pend Oreille.

N2ARE, Joe, submits his "Wish List" for USA-CA after ten years. Please no trips, but he is listening for: CO: Hinsdale, Routt. GA: Long. ID: Oneida, Shoshone. KS: Rawlins. KY: Hopkins. MI: Alpena. MN: Isanti. MT: Prairie. NE: Merrick. ND: Sargent. OH: Holmes. PA: Adams, Juniata, Perry. TX: Andrews, Kendall, Matagorda. VA: Lancaster, New Kent. WA: San Juan. WI: Pepin.

N7LWX, Bart, would encourage a call from the following to complete USA-CA: FL: Lafayette, Lee. GA: Heard, Montgomery. HI: Hawaii. IL: Gallatin. IA: Boone, Hardin, Page. KY: Edmondson, Harlan, Martin, Pike, Spencer, Union. MT: Lake, Meagher. NC: Alleghany, Hertford, Lee, Lincoln. TN: Chester, Lewis, Perry. TX: Dickens, Kendall, Kinney. VA: Bland, Cumberland, Giles, Lancaster, Northumberland, Notaway, Prince William. Plus one more.

SM4BNZ, Rolf is looking for the following for USA-CA: AR: Little River, Pike. KS: Stanton. MS: Benton. NE: Chase, Valley. TX: Castro, Cottle, Fisher. OK: Jefferson, Seminole. Rolf is listening most days after 2200 UTC on both SSB and CW.

SM5CAK, Lars, who will be in the states until April 16 is looking for the following USA-CA counties: AL: Greene, Randolph. AR: Fulton. GA: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Irwin, Miller, Seminole, Taylor, Telfair. ID: Owyhee. IA: Ringgold. KS: Comanche, Pratt, Stevens. KY: Ohio, Robertson, Union. MT: Blaine, Liberty, Petroleum, Powell. NE: Keya Paha, Nuckolls. NM: Catron. OK: Adair, Johnston, Marshall. TN: Decatur, Grainger, Hancock. TX: Briscoe, Kent, Milam, Shelby. Lars will be running some counties for us so perhaps we can help him out while he is here.

The USA-CA list is down to just a few for Ken, NC2O, 904-625-6296: AL: Barbour, Crenshaw. LA: Tensas. MT: Liberty. NE: Sherman. ND: Mercer, Pembina, Walsh. VA: King William, Lancaster.

KD8HB, Joyce, 513-834-2024, is looking for 34 USA-CA counties, CW only! Those needed include KY: Fleming, McLean. MT: Daniels, Liberty, Sheridan. NE: Arthur, Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Pawnee. ND: Benson, Mountrail, Towner, Williams. UT: Garfield, Kane, Piute, Wayne. WY: Hot Springs, Washakie. Joyce advises she will be mobile for most of the month of May.

Just as a reminder, please do not make a special trip for ANY of these counties without first checking to see if the station still needs the county and if he or she will be available! Please also remember that some of the awards above require specific qualifications. (Although I make every attempt to spell the counties right, some lists are not so easy and there may be some mistakes!)