

THE BUREAU DRAWER

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

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Congratulations!

The Mobile QSL Bureau is extremely pleased to announce the following *Third Time Around Award*:

WA2JTY Frank Russo 53 8/31/92

A *Master County Hunter (Bingo)* plaque has been awarded to:

K8DTO Bob Lawrence 8/27/92

We want to extend our congratulations to you and thank you for your participation!

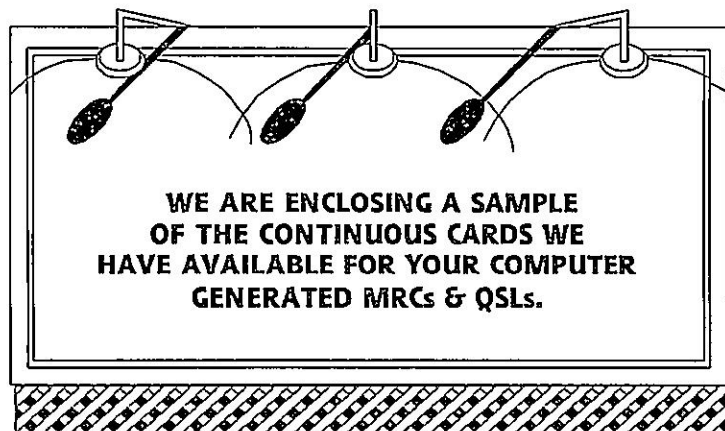
Complete details on the Third Time and Bingo awards are available in the Bureau Information Packet.

Announcements

Please note our new address is Route 3, Box 400, Timmonsville, South Carolina 29161. It has been over a year since we made this announcement and we have now closed the box. As we are still getting mail forwarded from that address, please try to pass the word around.

Last month the Bureau managed to mail to a record number of just under 1100 stations! This was, in part, because many of you seemed to clean out your files because of the pending rate increase. We expected this, but believe me, our return mail has been steady!

Please note the new MARAC Awards Chairman is K4QFK, Van "Pete" Peterson. The new address is: MARAC Awards Chairman, P.O. Box 48307, Cumberland, NC 28331. You may want to consider holding off sending in any applications for a few weeks so that Pete can get caught up on any backlog, etc. We hope Pete enjoys his new endeavor and are certain he will do a good job. A special thanks to WØOWY, Bill Nash, who has done an admirable job as Awards Chairman for MARAC for many years.



NOTES

We have gotten several requests from stations who do not regularly receive mailings from QSL Bureau for a copy of the *Bureau Drawer*. As you know, we send this each time we mail, so the following will not apply to all, but: If you wish to receive each issue of the *Bureau Drawer* and do not regularly get mailings from us, please send a supply of #10 SASEs and we will send a copy to you. Please include your call sign on the SASE as we file by amateur call for all Bureau records, rather than by name.

As stated above, do not send SASEs if you will receive copies of the *Bureau Drawer* by virtue of the fact that you get mailings from us monthly. We will include a copy in your mailings.

We have received a few notes from stations who have faithfully sent out QSL cards with the first MRC submitted to another station as was of comment a few issues back. They have correctly noted that they failed to receive a return card from the mobilers in some instances. Mobilers, please note, we provide sufficient postage for the return of an equal number of cards we send to you, so you are encouraged to return QSLs for cards received.

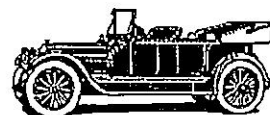
As a result of looking at thousands of QSL cards each month here at the Bureau, I would like to comment on the fact that if the proper boxes or indications of PSE QSL and TNX QSL are properly used on the cards, everyone gets better results. The way we understand it, if you want a return QSL, mark the PSE QSL. If you are returning a QSL, mark the TNX QSL. If you mark neither, you probably will not get a return. Some mark both! What is one to do???

N8ELQ Wants Your Picture

Randy is collecting County Hunters photos to be converted to computer images. You will aid this effort by sending him your photo! A mini computer hamvention!

The images will be made available for a disk and SASE. He will need to know your monitor type (i.e., VGA, CGA, etc.)

REMINDER



The current cost for processing through the Bureau is 25 cents per MRC or QSL.

CONTINUOUS CARD STOCK

90# fan-fold continuous card stock now available for use on your printer for QSLs, Postcards, or Mobile Reply Cards from the Mobile QSL Bureau. Cards are 3 1/2 x 5 1/2" finished size. They are heavy enough to meet mail standards but light enough make it easier to go through your printer!

500 for \$10 plus shipping; 1000 for \$18 plus shipping & handling.

Shipping & Handling Charges for Continuous Cards, QSLs & MRCs:		
STATE	500	1000
SC GA NC	3.50	4.00
AL DE FL KY MD OH PA TN VA WV	3.75	4.25
AR CT IL IN IA LA MA MI MS MO	4.25	4.50
NM NJ NY RI WI	4.25	4.50
KS ME MN NE OK SD TX VT	4.50	4.75
CO NM ND UT WY	5.00	5.25
AK AZ CA HI ID MT NV OR WA	5.00	5.50
CANADA	7.50	11.50
OTHER DX	9.75	16.00

NORTH CENTRAL MINI

Don't miss the North Central Mini October 2-4. For motel reservations mention MARAC to the Amora Villa Motel, 200 N. Perkins Street, Appleton, WI 54914, Telephone 414-735-2733. Rooms are \$45, single; \$55, double.

Nearby activities include the EAA Air Adventure Museum and Houdini Museum and, of course, shopping! Send registration of \$12 OM/XYL or \$9, single; and \$9.50/each banquet reservation to W9FBC, Maury Mead, 216 S. John Street, Neenah, WI 54956.

Pacific District Mini

October 15-17 is the date for the Pacific District Mini to be held at the Riverside Resort and Casino, P.O. Box 500, Laughlin NV 89029. Phone 800-227-3849. Rooms are \$32 on Thursday and \$46 on Friday and Saturday plus tax. Prices include one free buffet and will be held until October 1. Hospitality room will open at 1PM Thursday.

Registration is \$12 OM/XYL or \$9 Single. Saturday buffet is \$15 each. Send registration and buffet reservation to NV6L, Jan McLernon 714 W. Roderick A., Oxnard CA 93030. There are lots of things to see and do in this area and a Friday golf tournament is planned.

1992 Southeast Mini

The 12th annual mini, known as the 3M, Manchester Mini at Murfreesboro, will be held November 5-7 at the Holiday Inn Holidome, Murfreesboro, TN. All rooms are \$41/night plus tax and a block of rooms will be held until October 15. Mail reservation to Holiday Inn, 2227 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN or phone 615-896-2420 with a mention of Ham Radio to receive these rates.

Contact Herb, WD9GBH for reservations to Mrs. Bobos' Restaurant for Friday noon dinner at Lynchburg. Along with the usual golf and shopping, you might want to make reservations to the Grand Old Opry in Nashville for Friday night.

The Saturday dinner is \$14/per person. Registration \$12 for OM/YL or \$9 single. Send registration and banquet fees to KM4W, Bill Bell, RD #8, Box 8690A, Unit 11, Manchester, TN 37355.

New Computer Program for DOS

A county hunters log program is available from K1ZIT, Larry Allen, 14 Sargets Lane, Eliot, Maine 02903. Cost is \$29.95 with a manual and with notification of updates by mail. Program will run on IBM compatible PCs with 250K memory and hard disk.

The program will log for USA-CA and other awards including Bingo, will print MRC on an all or single call basis, will print many reports with "hot keys". The program was written by NØBHN, who wrote a super program for the Apple a few years back. If you need further information, please contact Larry at 207-439-1063.

At The Bureau!

In addition to the mailing services provided by the Bureau, we also can supply you with items of interest of County Hunters and hams — QSLs, MRCs, Directory, Map Books, Logs, etc. We would appreciate your thinking of us the next time you order. For prices and samples and complete data on the Bureau, let us know and we will send you our information packet. (Stamps appreciated).

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.

W7KEU, Keith, is looking for the following *Second Time Around* Counties: AR: Arkansas, Cross, Little River, Montgomery, Sebastian. IN: Daviess, Jasper, Pulaski. MS: Quitman, Tate, Walthall. MO: Bates, Caldwell, Carroll, Lafayette, Livingston, Moniteau, Sullivan. NE: Box Butte, Logan. NC: Washington. WV: Calhoun. 20 *Meters Counties*: IN: Daviess. KS: Cowley, Dickinson. KY: Adair, Allen, Hickman. MS: Choctaw, Tate. MO: Crawford, Douglas, Knox, Ripley. MT: Golden Valley. NE: Box Butte. Bingo Counties: AR: Jefferson. GA: Forsyth, Jasper, Webster. IL: Boone. MI: Barry, St. Joseph. MS: Tate. MO: Tate. RH: Newport. VA: Bland. WV: Barbour, Calhoun, Harrison, Mineral, Upshur.

KX8Z, John, lists the following *Second Time Around* last counties: AL: Choctaw. CT: Litchfield. FL: Franklin, Gulf. MD: Harford. MN: Cottonwood. NY: Hamilton. SC: Allendale. WA: Jefferson. WY: Big Horn.

NG9L, Dick, 414-255-5074, evenings and weekends only, could use the following Bingo counties: GA: Murray, Union, Wilkes. IL: Hardin, Monroe, Randolph. IA: Webster. NY: Hamilton, Onondaga, Orleans. OH: Jefferson. SC: Lancaster. TX: Cooke.

N7LWX, Bart, 206-384-4363, would like to get his USA-CA number soon even though he has a varied work schedule and may not always be available: FL: Lee. KY: Pike, Union. NC: Alleghany. VA: Cumberland. WA: #3076.

N8CIJ, Dick, 419-289-3922, is looking for the following Bingo counties: KY: Spencer. NY: Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Wayne, Yates. PA: Union. VA: Bath, Highland. WV: Jefferson.

KG5J, Al, 501-889-2888, is looking for any mode/band Fourth Time Around counties: AR: Carroll, Craighead, Madison, Newton, Poinsett. CO: Ouray. GA: Chattahoochee, Clark, Clayton, Elbert, Madison, Pierce, Stewart, Tooms, Wilkinson. IN: Crawford, DeKalb, Hamilton, Howard, Owen, Shelby, Switzerland, Tipton. IA: Page, Taylor. KS: Geary, Kiowa, Morton, Nemaha. KY: Bracken, Crittenden, Lee, Mason, Robertson, Union. MO: Mercer. NE: Keya Paha, Saunders, Thurston, Wayne. ND: Burke, Cavalier, Divide, Golden Valley, Ramsey, Renville. TN: Lewis. VA: Powhatan, Buckingham. WV: Barbour.

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.

GOOD LUCK!