

MARAC NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF MARAC, INC JULY 4, 1970

The regular meeting of MARAC, INC was held at the RAMADA INN, Knoxville, Tennessee July 4, 1970 at 10:30 AM. Members present were:

W1EQ	W4HA	K4ZA	WA5ZUV	W9SOM	WØAYL	KØIFL
K2PFC	K4FSJ	W4BPC	K6BEP	K9KKX	WAØWOB	WØGV
W2EQK	WB4GGA	K5YWX	WA6QAU/3	W9CTA	WØSJE	KØQIX
WA3IXL	K4BXU	K5AFJ	K8RNH	WA9NKN	WAØSHE	WAØGZA
K3LXN	WA4ULL	W5HDK	K8VSL	K9CSL	WAØKQQ	WAØLRC
W3JZY	WA4LSU	K5KDG	K8DCR	K9GTQ	WØYLN	WØMZQ
						WAØDCQ

A total of 47 MARAC members in attendance at ICH and MARAC meetings.

The meeting was called to order by the president, WAØWOB by asking for a motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as previously presented. The members in the June Newsletter - so moved by W9SOM and seconded by K4BXU - carried.

WØAYL gave the quarterly financial report as follows:

DEBITS		CREDITS	
Member services	\$ 96.41	Membership dues	\$ 764.50
Bank charges	8.19	Newsletter dues	1.00
Supplies	19.64	TOTAL:	\$ 765.50
Legal expenses	38.83		
General award expense	6.65		
Charter award expense	31.32		
Newsletter expenses	15.00		
Trophy award expense	45.84	Outstanding checks	\$37.50
TOTAL:	\$ 261.88	Bank balance	\$541.12

WAØSHE reported 75 charter members and 17 regular members at this time.

The awards chairman, WØSJE reported on three awards that are ready to be presented. The artists draft on awards was presented for everyone to inspect. WAØWOB asked for comments and suggestions on art work. WØSJE also reported on the Charter membership certificates, Associate award, M-50-M YL mobile and the DX mobile awards.

WØYLN gave a report on the newsletter. WAØWOB asked for ideas and suggestions from members regarding the newsletter. Many ideas were discussed. K6BEP offered suggestions to MARAC to handle material he cannot find space for in his newsletter. Cooperation between the two newsletters has been arranged.

WA3IXL suggested the award program be updated quarterly. Much discussion followed regarding "The last county received award". This award to be further considered by the awards committee.

WAØSHE was asked to present the plaques for the Mobile Operator and Net Control who was selected by ballot vote by KARAC members for 1970. K7JQJ was selected for the number one Mobile Operator and K5RRC was selected as the number one Net Control. K4FSJ suggested the announcement be made to K7JQJ and K5RRC on the ICH net after the meeting.

WAØJOB suggested standard trophy plaques for future presentation. Members present discussed the trophy award and suggested an annual Emmy or Oscar type trophy. Discussion to present mobile operator award on a one time only basis but the Net Control trophy on a repeat basis was held. Motion on above by WA3IXL - seconded by K9GTQ - carried.

WAØJOB reported the need to select three board members to fill existing vacancies. Members were asked to nominate from the floor. Nominees were WA8TQD, K4IFL, K4ISE, WØGV, W4EA and K2PFC. Motion to close nominations by WAØJCQ seconded by K5ADG. Result: one year term to W4EA, two year term to K2PFC and three year term to WØGV.

WAØJOB requested a discussion on the future direction of KARAC for the guidance of the present officers. Reference was made to problems of communication, continuity of effort, and of initial growth pains. WAØJOB indicated criteria must be that KARAC be a club for it's members, with full participation of the members.

A resolution was presented by WA3IXL to recommend to the nominating committee that the present elected officers be renominated. Seconded by WA8TQD and approved unanimously.

The executive committee will study and report to members on the advisability of changing the date of the annual meeting to July to take advantage of the ICAN gatherings. Other changes in the constitution and by-laws will be considered to better suit the size and will of the membership.

There being no further time, the meeting was adjourned at 01:30 PM. Next meeting August 8th at WØSSE, Lee's Summit, Missouri at 07:30 PM.

#### FROM YOUR EDITOR

First, my apologies for being so late with the Newsletter this month. With conventions, vacations and about 8,000 miles of travelling, I haven't been able to get to it. I promised a better job of printing this month also, but it seems all the typists are on vacation also.

The big event this month was the 1970 Independent County Hunters convention at Knoxville, Tennessee on 4 July. A total of 122 attended with 70 operators from 31 states and Canada. All call areas were represented. Participants started arriving on 3 July and were met by Bill, K4FSJ who did a commendable job with the arrangements for the Convention. All pre-registered County Hunters were presented with a very nice ICH call-name plate, along with full program information.

The highlight of the Convention was Saturday evening where everyone enjoyed a banquet and a program MC'd by K4ISE. The program started with an invocation by WA8TQD, welcomes from K4FSJ and K4LSP and was followed by WLEB, who presented his gift to WØGV for the last county, K6BEP made comments concerning the USA CA column in CQ magazine (more on that later)

WAØWOB offered Kansas City for the next Convention, WAØKGD made an announcement concerning operation of KFØNEB on all bands September 3rd through September 9th, W4WYX presented a plaque donated by W6JHV to WAØSHE for her services as qsl manager for mobileers who have little time for it and K2PFC was announced as the winner of the County Hunter of the year award by WØBL.

Room 303 contained the bar and the talk-in stations for the convention and was the center of attraction most of the time. Eye-Ball QSO's and County Hunter talk continued into the wee small hours every morning.

After the MARAC meeting K4ISE read a letter from W2GT and discussed same saying he did not understand some of it and had called W2GT concerning it. Generally, it was apparent that some problems had arisen between W2GT and CQ magazine and there was some doubt as to whether the USA CA column would be continued. I am happy to say that I have received a card from W2GT stating that apparently all problems are solved and all should be back to normal soon. He also stated that USA CA 3079 plaque winners will receive their plaques soon. A letter to CQ magazine was passed around at Knoxville and signed by practically all there. We feel this played a large part in keeping the USA CA column by W2GT in CQ magazine.

#### AWARDS

"CHARTER MEMBERSHIP AWARD". This award issued free to Charter Members by the MOBILE AMATEUR AWARDS CLUB INC, along with a billfold size membership card. Charter members may use the letters MARAC C followed by their issued number on their QSL cards - this will count three points for any amateur working for the Associate membership award. If you are both Charter member and obtain the Associate award - use Charter number only on QSL cards.

REGULAR MEMBERS - Regular Members of MARAC are issued billfold size membership cards only. Regular members may use the letters MARAC R followed by their issued number on their QSL cards. This will count for two points for any amateur working for the Associate membership award. If you are a regular member and have the Associate award - use the Regular membership number only on QSL cards.

ASSOCIATE AWARD. This award issued to any radio amateur or SWL working Charter, Regular or Associate membes for a total of 100 points. You are authorized to use the letters MARAC A followed by your issued number on your QSL cards. This will count one point for any amateur working for the Associate award. Fee \$1.00 - silver seal with ribbons for 200 points, gold seal with ribbons for 500 points. Seals .10. This award now off the press and ready for issue. (W8HMB is number one to apply).

M-50-M AWARD. This award issued for working all 50 States from mobile, fixed or combination of such locations. Original award for 48 States, silver seal for 49th State. Silver seal for 50th State. Basic award fee \$1.00, seals .10. Gold seal for working all states mobile to mobile. This award in final artist stage and should be ready for issue in the near future.

MARAC YL'S AWARD. Work 5 YL8s or XYL's or combination of such while they are operating mobile in a total of 50 counties. They may be worked from

your mobile or fixed location or combination of such. Basic award \$1.00, 100 counties - silver seal with ribbons, 200 counties - gold seal with ribbons. Seals .10 cents. This award in the artist planning stage and will be ready in the near future.

MARAC DX MOBILE AWARD. Work 25 DX stations while you are operating mobile. Basic award \$1.00, silver seal for 50 DX contacts, gold seal for 75. Seals .10 cents. Complimentary MARAC trophy for working 100 DX stations. This award in planning stage and not ready for issue.

MARAC complementary trophies in the planning stage for future types of operation, possibly one to amateur giving the last county for 3079 awards etc. Open for suggestion.

Above information from WØSJE, Awards chairman and Custodian. This is a complete listing to date of awards offered by MARAC and also of the awards in the planning stages. Jack also says, the Annual MARAC Mobile Operator plaque is offered on a one time basis only, by vote of the membership and the Annual Net Control plaque can be won more than once by vote of the membership.

#### THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WØWOB - Working DX stations from the mobile station is always a thrill for me. It's specially enjoyable when you give a needed county to a DX station. WØYLN and I have been arranging 15 meter skeds on 21.375 with ZL1KG to help Roy finish 3079 before next July. 15 meters has been open from 1700Z to 0200Z at which time 20 meters opens up and 20 meters usually stays open to ZL land until 1300Z or later. If Roy can stand the late hours we can make contacts 21 hours a day. If you want a list of Roy's needed counties drop a note to me, WØYLN, W4YWX or W6JHV or catch us on the net and move off. Arrange your sked with Roy on 20 meters from 0200Z to 0600Z before you start your trip. He is usually on every night. We use the 15 meter resonator on a Hustler antenna and point the car so the line from the antenna on the left rear across the right front corner points at ZL land. This helps considerably. We have used a portable tape dipole with the apex up 19 feet directed to Roy with better reception, but the Hustler, especially pointed properly has been adequate. Why not make an effort to improve our mobile DX capability and offer similar service to all DX stations who care to participate with us.

SPECIAL NOTE TO DX STATIONS: Any DX stations wanting a stateside QSL manager would find many volunteers if they make their wishes known to us. Can we help you with skeds for those tough counties? If you have a mobile rig - why not check into the county hunters net for mobile to mobile DX contacts.

W9SOM - Max informs me that he had antenna problems when he arrived home from Knoxville and while working on it the ladder fell and Max is wearing a corset now. We hope not for long Max. He also said the his XYL, Lois used county hunting as the text for a 15 minute speech she gave as a part of her public speaking course and proved to be very interesting to the audience and generated many questions. ED. Note: I think Max used the sore back as an excuse to catch up on his county hunting, because I have heard him acting as NC on ICHN and also he went out to give Pike Co. Ill. to ZL1KG.

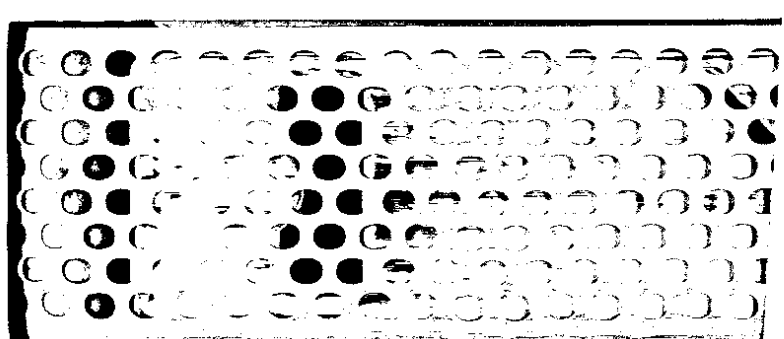
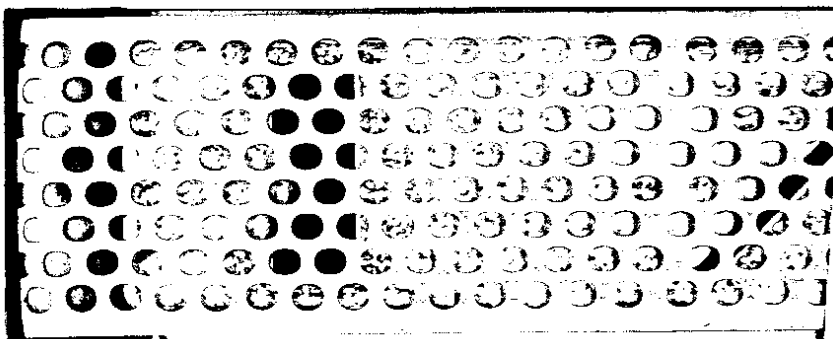
W4QSKQ - Many new county hunters even though few reach that magnitude mobilizing every day (I gave out a county hunter and an enthusiast that would help for all.

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W0QDL - So you don't like the w he is net control or when he do goes out on his own, to be a go the trip may end in utter defeat So.. "Keep the Faith" is the by- It is my opinion that the great not professional "Hams" and ther Regardless of what a ham is or i the same air and was born by one all hams will do their part when volunteer. It is very frustrating nothing but silence in return. J declare a net in open session for or ashamed of doing so, since THE TIME AS HE CAN MAKE A LIVING BY C that there are many hams who have to do with the family and especia nothing about ham radio and could my Hobby and that it always will I spend a lot of time on the air my operations must be tempered in ARE A LOT OF YOU WHO KNOW JUST WH

K5RPC - Certainly want to express AWARD and most of all want to thar the Plaque and got the credit - he hunters and I am a newcomer. I fee and criticism from others there is Net Control can only be as effecti again, my many thanks to all and h INCIDENTALLY, don't forget the mobi slow process! We enjoyed an eyeball family and K4JDT at our QTH on 7/18 seen a pair of mobileers so well eq as W4YLN and his cheese eating comp

W0YLN - Conditions were exceptional spite of it, I finished 5 states be by it. I hope others fared as well. gathering and thoroughly enjoyed t station, W9SOM, K5YWX, K5KDG, W4QEV the same time and gave K4FSJ/P4 a h station on the 20 meter net that des possible for many county hunters to not have and I think he deserves an ZL1KG.



Roy has spent many an hour acting as net control when there was very little chance of him getting a county and he does it so that some of us may make our contacts. It amazes me that he can and does copy the mobile stations so well. Most mobileers realize it, but some fixed stations may not that it is comforting to have a good strong readable signal to stay tuned to while you are on the move and many times late at night, ZL1KG was the only thing I could hear. Our thanks to you Roy!

K3ORP - I wonder if in your deliberations on the MARAC awards, you have had any discussion on the pros and cons of letting mobileers take credit for "the county they GIVE OUT, as well as for any they may work"?? I think this would be an encouragement to get mobiles out to some of those hard-to-get counties. Particularly if they knew they could get credit for it themselves. I would be interested in comments. Another thing.. All QSL's have the QTH on them but not so for the "mobile cards" we use so often. I find it most vexing to get ready to mail out a card and when I look up his QSL, I find that it is one that I had made out for his signature and that he had returned to me.. I turn it over and "no return address"..which means, that I have to go to my Call Book again and look it up and then might even find that he changed QTH since my call book was printed.. IF OUR FRIENDS WOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT EVERY CARD THEY RETURN HAS THEIR RETURN ADDRESS ON IT, I think it would be helpful. Note: Sparky was awarded the "Outstanding County Hunter of 1969" by CHC CR#40. Our congratulations Sparky!

#### TRIP INFORMATION

WA6KEN-First week of August through California, Utah, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota and Iowa. Walt plans to attend the regular August MARAC meeting in Kansas City on 8 August.

W00AQ-Plans a trip through some northern Kansas counties during the first two weeks of August.

K7NHV-About 30 different counties in lower Michigan Aug 8-9. At 14070 if the other frequency is busy. On Aug 31 he will go to Montana via the upper Michigan peninsula.

W6ANB-California counties after Aug. 1st.

KH6UL-Will be aero mobile in all Hawaii counties in mid-August, no other details.

K4ISE-North Carolina to Texas during the week of 9 Aug and return late the following week. Will use direct routes.

#### SWAP COLUMN

W0YLN-Heathkit SB-300, SB 400 and HA-10 Kilowatt amplifier for sale. write for particulars.

K7NHV-Heathkit mobile amplifier and DC supply for sale.

About out of room this time, but want to mention that next month we have two special features, one on noise suppression and a story about one of our DX county hunters, SM3BCZ. I am sure there are some errors in this issue so we will try to rectify all in next months issue. Let's hear from you!