

## MARAC NEWSLETTER

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## MINUTES OF DECEMBER MARAC MEETING

The regular meeting of MARAC was held at the qth of WØSJE, Dec 5, 1970 at 8:15 PM. Members present were: WAØWOB, WØSJE, KØAYO, WAØKQQ, WØAYL, WAØSHE, WØYLN, K8DCR and WAØSLG. The meeting was called to order by the president, WAØWOB. The minutes of the November meeting were accepted as presented to the members in the newsletter. A discussion followed regarding applying for a club call. KØAYO, who holds an extra class license will be custodian. The cost of the newsletter was discussed in order to arrive at our actual cost for each publication. It was also discussed whether to have the newsletter available to non-members or keep the newsletter for members only. It was decided to present this to the membership in this months newsletter for a consensus with a policy to be set and announced in next months newsletter. WØSJE gave a report on the number of awards issued to date and of the interest in members who are presently working toward the awards. He also presented his draft for the DX mobile award. It is now ready for the finished art work, then will be sent to the printer. WAØSHE was asked to bring up pending items from past minutes: The box number that had been tabled was again tabled as it does not appear to be necessary at this time. The 3079 last county award will have high priority as soon as we have the DX award ready and sufficient revenue is generated from existing awards. The ballots for the net control operator and mobile operator trophies will be sent out with the April newsletter. A return deadline for the ballots will be June 1. The executive board will count the ballots at the June meeting. The plaques will be presented at the July meeting. Those Charter members who have not received their MARAC name tags will have them presented in July. The membership at this time is: 97 Charter members, 41 regular members and 5 associate members. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37. The next regular meeting will be held Jan 2 at the qth of WØYLN. All local members are asked to attend. Any member who might be in the vicinity are invited to join us. Meeting places are subject to change when circumstances necessitate a change. It is advisable to check with local members on location of meeting.

## FROM THE EDITOR

The gang in KC wishes all the very best for a happy holiday season and "may SANTA CLAUS leave that last contact for some coveted award in your stocking!" One of the original objectives of MARAC was, and continues to be, the promotion of better mobile operation. In line with these objectives we have compiled a draft of guide lines for mobile operation on the various county hunters nets. Guidelines for net controllers is in preparation, as is a list of suggestions for the guidance of the fixed stations on the nets. These come from the many letters received from our members as well as our own discussions on the matter. We plan to submit these drafts for discussion at the ICHN KC71 convention in hope that a committee can develop a resolution, perhaps using these drafts as a basis, which can become guidelines for better ICHN operation. The first one of these drafts is included in this newsletter and the others will follow as space permits.

Originally, we announced that we would make the newsletter available to anyone at a price of one dollar for the remainder of our year, or until April, 1971 on a trial basis. We have 5 stations now that receive the newsletter under these conditions. It appears that we may have more. As we all know, the prices on everything has gone up and is continuing to go up and to offer the newsletter under these terms would be to do so at a loss, since it costs approximately \$1.75 a year per station now under the present postal rates. (We understand these rates are due to go up). Three options are listed below and we solicit

your opinion so that we may announce the one decided on in the January, 1971 newsletter:

1. Continue the newsletter as is to non-member stations at a cost of \$2.00 per year (April to May). Beginning immediately, all applications for the newsletter to be honored as a full year after January 1, 1971.
2. Charge a flat rate of \$3.00 per year to all, letting the non-member stations decide if he wants membership or just the newsletter.
3. Make the newsletter available to members only.

For the information of our new members the officers of MARAC INC are listed below.

President WA0WOB Board of Directors: W0YLN W4HA  
Vice President W0SJE WA0PJX K2PFC  
Secretary WA0SHE WA0KQQ W0GV  
Treasurer W0AYL Newsletter Editor W0YLN  
Information center WA4BMC, member of Awards committee.

New address or changes:

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WB5CIC PO Box 53194 Baton Rouge, La. 70805 BERT WOOD  
KG4EH AANC Box 24, FPO N. Y. N. Y. 09593 707 Oakwood  
W7EWY 328 N. Schlueter, St. Louis, Mo. 63135 39653 MISS.  
WB2JEB Stan Christman, RD 2 Lebanon, N. J. 08833  
W0MBP PO Box 737, Garden City, Kansas  
HR2HHP via WA9RAT

K5JZ N/Pq ADAIR Co MO  
His Home QTH. -  
KIRKSVILLE MO  
BOX 712  
63501

A letter from W6TEE who is editor of the RAMS newsletter (Radio Amateur Mobile Society) states that although RAMS are not county hunters, they often mobile in several California and Nevada counties and perhaps some of the counties could be tapped by the award chasers. I notice they have several YL members and I hope we can work some of them for our YL county award. RAMS has a well organized club with many planned activities, unfortunately we cannot do the same as they are a local group.

Also received word that AREA (Amateur Radio Editors Association) would carry an item about MARAC in their next AREA report.

#### THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WPE20KV Jim says... I have been a SWL for about 15 years, but 4 years ago I started county hunting. I really enjoy it and have spent many hours monitoring the net. I monitor the net almost every day hoping to pick up a new county. I have as of today 2563 counties and my ambition is to be the first SWL to confirm all 3079 counties. My rig is a Lafayette 350 and a home made dipole. I hope to get a Drake K4B by this spring. I would like to take this time to thank all the mobilers who has confirmed my reports. You people are just wonderful.

WA0YJL Made a fine trip to Las Vegas except for a bad snow storm in western Colorado that broke my antenna. No dealers in Las Vegas but W7OK Don helped make temporary repairs enabling me to give out counties on the way home. Gave out 40 counties and made 315 contacts.

K5W1Q I will be portable during week of Christmas from Donley, Ochiltree, Lipscomb and other Texas counties.

KR6IX Doc says he is working ZL counties for their award and also chasing DX from his new qth. He really enjoys the MARAC newsletter and thinks the addresses are a good thing to put in each month with all the military members and mobileers.

W5WEE Hope to be mobile after the first of the year and give out some of the rarer Arkansas counties.

WA4BMC Bertha says she had to quit sending out birthday and anniversary cards to everyone and says a blanket happy birthday and anniversary to everyone.

W8HMB Dave says he is going to Canada via North Dakota, leaving on 21st of Dec and returning on 1 Jan 71. Will put out counties on both trips.

ZL1KG Roy needs the following counties to finish them all. Colo-Custer, Ky-Mclean, Monroe, Robertson, Nebr.-Banner, Stanton, Tex-Uvalde, Lasalle, Zapata, Va.-Charolotte, Orange, W. Va. Braxton, Calhoun and Tucker. He is trying hard to get done before he prepares to leave for the U. S. next year.

TG9UZ Jim needs the ones listed below in Kansas. Doniphan, Chase, Republic, Michell, Rooks, Sheridan, Lane, Wichita, Grant and Stanton. He says Kansas is one of his worst states.

GW3NWV Bob says congratulations on the organization of MARAC. I think you are doing a very fine and worth while job. The newsletter is most welcome, interesting and very helpful particularly with the up to date members addresses. I am pleased to see Roy, ZL1KG getting near the 3079 and to see Frank, G4JZ and Doug G3DO back on the net. Bob's brother GD3GMH has 491 counties without ever asking for a card, and he also has at least 250 countries confirmed and doesn't have a certificate for either but Bob is going to take care of that for him.

#### AWARDS

Via W2GT.. Latest 3079 CA Nr 48 W4GGU 11/18/70.

In accordance with provisions in MARAC Constitution, "to recognize and award outstanding accomplishments in Amateur Radio with emphasis on mobile operation", MARAC members are being given this opportunity to select their choices for MARAC Net Control of the year and MARAC Mobile operator of the year (70-71). A plaque will be presented at the MARAC meeting KC-71. Deadline for returning your ballot will be 1 July, 71. Ballots will be included with the April newsletter. We ask that the selecting be held in confidence and not discussed on the air. The winners need not be present or a member of MARAC. Our rules state that the Net Control award may be won by the same station but the Mobile Award only once by the same station. Since K7WQJ won the Mobile award last year, he will not be eligible for any more. In making your selections we suggest you consider the following:

##### NET CONTROL

1. Does he hold control of the net.
2. Does he keep "his cool" on the air.
3. Does he recognize and arrange for all check-ins promptly.
4. Does use a minimum amount of conversation.
5. Does he use courteous speech.
6. Does he remain impartial.

##### MOBILEER

1. Does he keep "his cool".
2. Does he use good operating procedure.
3. Does he have good signal.
4. Does he adjust to net conditions.
5. Does he QSL.

On all MARAC awards, IRC's will be accepted for award purposes at a rate of 10 for \$1.00.

This from WB6VRR says "I would like to belong to your club but I am unable to work because of heart trouble, my small pension does not go very far". Maybe we have a member that would like to sponsor George.

WAØSHE is qsl manager for K8DCR, WAØSKQ.

WAØSHE is secretary for KC71 convention, all queries and correspondence should be sent to her. She is also secretary for MARAC and all applications for membership, queries of a business nature should be sent to her.

WA4BMC is information center for MARAC.

WYSJE is awards custodian for MARAC. Award info should be obtained from him.

A few stations heard on 75 meters lately: W6CYO, Marin county, Calif. W5JNS Willacy county, Texas, W6DOF Del Norte county, Calif, WAØPGE/Ø Coddington county S. Dakota, KG4EH, KZ5KN, HR2HHP, KL7FQØ and KL7BJW.

MARAC membership address changes and corrections:

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|-------|----------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| K5WIQ | Jerome Doerrie | 1317 N 4th, McAllen, Texas 78501   | R-116 |
| WØQDL | Gary Frarck    | Mayday Route, Hesperus, Colo 81326 | C-27  |

new MARAC members:

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|--------|--------------------|--|-------|
| K2PBU  | Geo. R. Vermilyea  | PO Box 882, Gloversville, N. Y. 12078          | C-92  |
| w5wEE  | J. K. Fancher Jr.  | 407 Skyline Terr., Harrison, Ark 72601         | C-93  |
| WB6ACL | Joe Rundle         | 916 S. Gramercy Dr, L. A. Cal. 90019           | C-94  |
| W3SQA  | Harold E. Keller   | 947 Mulberry Ave. Hagerstown, Md. 21740        | C-95  |
| K7CUY  | Raymond McGrath    | PO Box J, Snowflake, Arizona 85937             | C-96  |
| K2JVX  | Jacob Siegel       | 14 Inland Rd., Forked River Beach N. J. 08731  | R-138 |
| W4EHN  | Edith M. Coleman   | 910 Third St. St. Cloud, Fla 32769             | R-139 |
| W7PXA  | Raleigh W. Poisson | Rte 1, Box 124 Medical Lake, Washington 99022  | R-140 |
| WAØSLG | Alfred Dressler    | 6819 Walrond, Kansas City, Mo. 64132           | R-141 |
| WAØLYO | Jerry Van Vactor   | 811 10th St. Spearfish, S. Dak. 57783          | R-142 |
| W4KA   | Leo C. Hausman     | 1044 S. E. 43rd St., Cape Coral, Florida 33904 | R-143 |

That's about it for this month..... let us know how things are with you.  
73's Clyde WØYLN