

MARAC NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF JUNE MARAC MEETING

24 June 1971

The Regular meeting of Marac, Inc. was held June 5th at the Prom-Sheraton Motel. Members present were: WA0ZCQ, WA0SHE, WA0PJX, W0AYL, WA0ZCQ, W0YLN, K0AYO, WA0SLG and W0SJE. Minutes of May meeting were accepted as presented in last Newsletter. Treasurer reported that an annual report will be presented at July meeting. The Club Station, WB0DPD has been active on the air by Custodian K0AYO. 386 counties are confirmed, 180 additional worked and not yet confirmed. States that the club states has not yet worked are a mobile in Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. W0YLN reported not much news has been received for the Newsletter. W0SJE reported he is still receiving applications for awards and is processing them immediately. He reported having applications for the last county award. This is now ready for the printer and these applications will be processed soon. The annual Marac meeting for July will be held during the ICHN Convention at the Prom-Sheraton. Only 1971 paid up members will be admitted.

ICHN KC-71

The grand total that has registered is 92. Many more have stated they were going to attend, however, they have not returned their registration forms and a check with Prom shows no registration. Envelopes will be ready for those who have pre-registered. Also a commemorative permanent name tag will be given those who have pre-registered. If your name does not appear here and you have registered please let our Secretary WA0SHE know. If you are planning to attend and have not registered we will see you at the Convention. W7K0I and WB0CYD have had to withdraw. Those who have registered with ICHN KC 71, Secretary or the Prom-Sheraton are listed below.

WB0CQO	WA0YJL	W4YWX	K3DCR
K0AYO	WA0ZCQ	WA4ULL	K0VSL
K0ARS	WB0CQE/3W8	WB4GGA	W8HMB
K0IFL	WN0BJI	K5KDG	K9CSL
K0QIX	WA0SLG	W5AWT	K9DCJ
K0TVY	W1EQ	W5HDK	K9GTQ
W0AYL	W2BLM	WA5FRN	K9QGR
W0BL	W2EQQ	W5MYA	K9HRC
W0GV	K2PFC	K6BEP	W9CFS
W0KYG	WB2CUI	K6HZI/WB6CPE	W9CNG
W0KZZ	K3LXN	W6LWM	W9DRL
W0SJE	W3FVU	WA6QAU/HBG	W9LZC
W0YLN	W3RWJ	WB6EXT	W9SOM
WA0DCQ	K4FSJ	WA6LUV	W9ZHD
WA0GZA	K4REL	WB6LUS	WA9E2P
WA0JRZ	K4ZA	WB6PMF	WA9FBK
WA0LRC	W4HA	K7LDK	WA9GOH
WA0KGD	W4IGW	K7MRX	WA9SKB
WA0KQQ	W4IZR	K7ZJP	WA9NKN
WA0SHE	W4JVN	W7HVH	TG9UZ
WA0SKQ	W4KA	W7CDH	SM5EAC
WA0PJX	W4RMT	W7OK	VE3CBY
WA0WOB		WA7IRD	VE3DTO
			VE3DXZ
			ZL1KG

THE MEMBERS SPEAK

K7LTV With the rising cost of postage, I would like to have some comments from any county hunters who think it necessary to establish a qsl bureau for all Independent County Hunters. It is a heck of a lot cheaper to send 6 or 8 reply cards in one envelope which can save you around 50¢ for each 8 reply cards you have to send out. I am sure you can all see the NEED for this bureau to be set up. All that would be necessary is that you keep a stamped, self-addressed envelope in file at the qsl bureau. I think it should be centrally located, somewhere the center of the U.S., or at least in a larger city with air mail service out of the area. I can see that there may be a problem concerning the CH who is mobile a great deal has had to keep a number of these SASE's on file, however, the cost to these "very active" county hunters could probably be bypassed. However we can work it as best we can. It might be advisable to have 2 bureaus, one for the east and one for the west, as it might put a hardship on any one person to do this volumn of work by himself. It would probably have to be on the coluntary basis, as it is against postal laws, and is also not permissible to solicit funds for ham radio. But perhaps donations could be accepted, for whoever undertakes a project of this enormity. The bureau should be a well established organization or person who doesn't plan any "moves" in the future. Could I please hear comments, pro and con concerning the bureau, and anyone who thinks they might like to undertake this project. you don't have to make any promises -- write me Ron Conley K7LTV/7 37 Wyoming Ave. Billings Mont. 59102.

I am printing and selling reply cards now. They come in 5 different colors, blue, green, yellow, pink and salmon. You get 100 of each color for each 500 you order. I think the colors afford a unique way to file reply cards for different bands, modes or mobiles, etc. It can be used for all bands - 160 - 2 meters, and there are blank spaces for MARAC, CHC, CLIFF CORNE, FHC AND QCWA numbers if you are working toward awards. They are a little lighter stock than initially intended, however still durable, and if you want a sample, write me at address above. The cost is \$5.50 for 500 and \$11.00 for 1,000 and I pay the postage. If you need please write, sase appreciated. Best 73 GL/CH Ron.

K2CFR Jack wrote a long letter concerning MARAC awards and here is part of it. Regarding the "Last county award". Since each county counts just as much as any other, there should be no special credit given to the last one. (The player who hit the home run with 3 on in the second inning is just as important as the one who broke the tie in the 11th, for without the homer, there would be no tie in the first place). Furthermore, this award is issued to mobiles only -- what about fixed stations who give out last counties? A very recent case in point was KH6TS giving out Kalawao to TG9UZ, K5RPC and myself, for "2nd category" and probably finishing up the state for many others, under "1st category". This was not a matter of a mobiler visiting the county, but just convincing a resident amateur to get on the air. Rather than a "Last county" award, I feel that a "Most counties" award would be more appropriate. This would recognize the efforts of those mobileers who gave you 15 Texas, or Georgia counties last summer, but are now forgotten because of a one-shot deal to complete that final one. A certificate of this type might "steal the thunder" from a lot of critics of the "Last County" award. I'm sure you understand that the above comments are offered as constructive criticism and may contain a few non-apparent holes, themselves, hi! Continued success with the awards program and best regards. Jack.

WA3APO Bob writes that he is back in the good old USA and relocated in San Antonio Texas. He should be on the air by now, and will not be able to attend the convention.

WA/WOB Skip is getting close on the counties and needs the following: Ill. Carroll Ind. Dekalb, Wells Iowa Hardin Ky. Owen, Wyo. Goshen, Washakie, Utah Morgan. If anyone can give him a hand let him know.

K5DPG If any of the mobiles that need a qsl manager I would be happy to help as I have plenty of time on my hands and would be glad to help out and relieve some of the people that do spend their time giving us the counties. Al is house bound except for a few times when his XYL takes him out for short periods and he will give out some of the Louisiana parishes for the net.

K5YWX/HS3AEN I have been trying to check in to the 20 meter net but no one wants to answer me but I keep trying from time to time and hang out mainly around 14.220 from 1300 to 1800 GMT and 21.270 from 2300 to 0100 GMT. Hope the KC-71 turns out real nice and I sure wish I could be there but the Air Force says they want me in Thailand so I will send my best wishes. I would also like one of the group pictures. 73's Ben. Note Conv. Committee will send the picture.

AWARDS

A whole string of new 3079ers from Ed W2GT this month!!!! Congratulations to them all:

WA/SER # 55 4-22-71 K5RPC #58 6-5-71
K2CPR #56 5-25-71 TG9UZ #59 6-7-71
W4LXI #57 5-29-71 Jeff, brother of Bob, GW3NWV got USA-CA 500 #849 All Phone #1 to GD. Jeff's call is GD3GMH.

Ed also advises that we have lost another county hunter according to WA3APO. On May 1st, 1971 W6HVU Merle A. Green became a silent key.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

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Note: K8VSL is now W8OA

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That is all for this month....With all the activity and preparations for the convention and field day - don't think I could have handled any more. We will either see you at the convention or talk to you from KC/KC!!!!!!! De W0YLN.