



# MARAC



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The regular November meeting was held at the QTH of KØAYO on November 6. The meeting was called to order by WAØWOB at 8 PM. Members present were KØAYO, WØYLN, WØSJE, WAØKQQ, WAØWOB, WAO/ZCQ and WAØSHE. The minutes for October were accepted as presented in the Newsletter. WAØWOB gave the report for the treasurer. Balance on hand \$273.99. KØAYO reported expenses of \$12.30 for WBØDPD. WBØDPD has now worked 793 counties with 652 confirmed. The holiday party for local MARAC members was discussed with the result the party will be held Sunday, December 19 at Joe's Barn in Stanley, Kansas. WAØWOB reported on his meeting with K1OME on the SSB County Hunters contest to be sponsored by MARAC. Full details to be published in this newsletter. WAØZCQ was selected to work with K1OME on the contest. Discussion on the offer to sponsor the Cliff Corne Award followed. WAØJRZ plans to attend the MARAC meeting in December and further discussion will be held at that time. WØSJE reported on awards issued, and also on that he has had no response from the proposed Mobile Achievement Award so it has been accepted and will be ready for issue soon. The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM. Next meeting will be held December 4th at the QTH of WAØWOB.

### THE MEMBERS SPEAK

KØAYO I have the following States with only 1 or 2 counties to go in them and will accept collect calls for them or have one of the KC group call me. Alabama -Franklin; Hawaii- Hawaii; Idaho- Benewah, Lewis; Louisiana- East and West Carroll; Minnesota- Hubbard, Benton; Montana- Hill; New York- Clinton; Utah- Carbon; Virginia- Accomack, Northampton. Tel. 913-432-1281.

WA9SKB Looking for the following counties to complete the State: Alaska- 2nd Dist.; Arkansas- Woodruff; Georgia- Irwin, Johnson, Worth; Louisiana- Avoyelles; Mississippi- Laurence, Wayne; N. Dakota- Eddy; Oklahoma- Jefferson; Texas- San Patricio, Uvalde; Virginia- York. Able to work all bands.

W8KOI Stan, (ex-W9LZC) reports confusion should be good now with he and W7KOI if they ever get on at the same time. He reports being back on air fixed and hopes to be mobile soon. He collects old patent medicine and pharmaceutical bottles and wonders if any one else does.

W1AQE Steve says thanks to WAØWOB for activating the club call on his mobile trip and is now down to the following counties: Miss.- Hancock; Ga.- Johnson, Twiggs; Tex.- Hansford, Jim Hogg; Hawaii- Hawaii, Maui; Neb.- Box Butte; Montana- Liberty.

WB5DVT I am very new to MARAC, county expeditions and amateur radio in general. I made my first expedition 10/23/71, and came back mad and vowing never to make another. My specific complaints - I felt like I should have some priority since I was on an expedition; however, I was held on a tri-county line while a portable ran (I got mad and left, and the delay cost another 2 counties also). My power supply overheats so I have trouble running lines, and I realized that county lines had priority over my single counties- but I ran into - 1. Mobiles running 20-45 minutes without a break and 2. NC's who only check for county lines. I am always glad to run off frequency, but couldn't even break the NC. By this time I was so tired and hacked off that I even got mad when all the mobiles from the mini-convention got to run ahead of me. However, I decided to take one more trip before calling it quits, and I am happy to say the second trip through East Texas came off beautifully. (My two trips covered over 3000 miles and almost 100 counties run). Comment-My apologies to those who

missed me when I ran out of counties and didn't stop, but the band was closing and I was heading for a last county. The suggestions in the newsletter would solve all of the problems I had on the first trip.

(ED. NOTE - Roger refers to the findings of the ICHN-71 committee published in the last newsletter). I plan to cover the Texas coastline about 2 counties deep around Christmas. Suggestion - Send a copy of the ICHN-71 committee reports to all stations who have been Net Control on 20/75.

#### AWARDS

We thought you may be interested to know how many of the MARAC awards have been issued, so we have listed below an up to date breakdown.

Award	Issued	Free Award
Associate award	29	8 Merit awards have been issued. This award issued free upon recommendation of active MARAC member and approval of board of directors.
M-50-M Award	23	
MARAC YL Award	20	
DX Mobile Award	4	
Last County Award	56	
Last County 3079 Plaque	10	

The MARAC MOBILE Award has been approved for issue and has gone to the artist for final work before printing. Applications will now be honored and Award will be issued as soon as it is received from printers. Qualification for this award are in newsletter #15 on page three and new award listing will be published soon. From W2GT- New 3079'ers #63 WA9FZR 24 Aug 71, #64 W3JZY 18 Sept 71, #65 W0AYL 6 Oct 71, WB2TWM #66 13 Nov. 71. Our congratulations to them all!!!

It is our sad duty to report one of the Charter members of MARAC, W8SOF is now a silent key.

I received the following from W6JHV and pass it along to those who may profit by it. There are three amateurs located in Kalawao county Hawaii, KH6DFN, KH6TS and KH6UG. Anyone who worked KH6GLU/KH6 on Field day in 1969 worked Kalawao county. John is now located at his callbook address.

There is another QSL service for the county hunters in operation now called the QSL CLEARING HOUSE FOR COUNTY HUNTERS. Briefly it operates like this: The county hunter sends \$1.00, four self-addressed stamped envelopes, and as many mobile reply cards that will make up the one ounce limit (or two ounces if he has enough cards). The county hunter then sends lots of mobile reply cards (in one - or two - ounce envelopes) until he receives back the four stamped envelopes, each containing one ounce of cards. The Clearing House will forward cards to the mobiler, along with a return envelope addressed to the Clearing House--again, using the full limit of weight. Using the weight of the cards and envelopes in our stock, we came up with the following sample one--ounce weights:

#1	#2	#3
1 - #10 envelope	2 - 6 3/4 envelopes	1 - envelope
4 - 6 3/4 envelopes	1 - instruction sheet	15 - reply cards
1 - dollar bill	10 - Mobile reply cards	
6 - Mobile reply cards		

Average cost less than 2¢ per card. You can also send your personal QSL in case the mobiler needs your county at 2¢ per card. Please accept that the clearing house cannot guarantee that every card will be returned. However, personal experience shows that mobilers are the best QSL-ing hams that ever graced the air-waves. The Clearing House will check the cards returned by the mobileer, but only for signature. The Clearing House cannot be responsible for correctness of the information being shown on the cards. For further information about this service write to R.C. Schmarder, WA2AEA 4 Pinewood Circle, Corning, New York 14830

#### ADDRESS CHANGES

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SSB COUNTY HUNTER'S CONTEST  
Sponsored by the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

The object of this test is to work as many stations in as many U. S. counties as possible.

2200 GMT, Friday, April 7th to 0500 GMT, Monday, April 10th.

RECOMMENDED FREQUENCIES: 3.925/3.975; 7.250/7.275; 14.275/14.300; 21.350/21.375; 28.575/28.600.

CREDITS: No credit will be allowed for contacts on the 14.336, 14.340 and 3.943 nets.

A station is to be worked only once per band in each county. Mobiles and portables can be worked again from different counties. Portables will be considered "fixed" for scoring purposes.

A station may enter both fixed and mobile categories of the test. The exchange consists of: a signal report, consecutive QSO number, county and state (country for DX stations). Copy of the signal report and QSO number is necessary for contest credit. Mixed mode contacts are permissible.

SCORING: Each complete contact with a fixed station - 1 point.

Each complete contact with a mobile station - 2 points.

The multiplier will be the number of U. S. counties worked plus the number of countries worked (per DXCC list). Total points x the multiplier determines the final score.

Contacts with stations on a county line count for one contact, but two or more multipliers.

LOG DATA: Date and time in GMT, the complete report exchanged, frequency, and points claimed. Each new multiplier is to be numbered consecutively.

CHECK LISTS: Required for logs with over 200 QSOs and/or over 100 multipliers. Counties to be grouped by states for check purposes; countries to be listed by prefix. SASE to K10ME for info.

CERTIFICATES: Special plaques to the highest scoring fixed, mobile, and DX station. Certificates to the top three fixed and mobile operators in each U. S. call area, and to top scoring fixed stations in each VE call area and DX country. Fixed multi-op and other certificates to be awarded as merited. List of winners to appear in CQ magazine.

Entries must be postmarked by May 1st to contest chairman: K10ME, Richard C. Roth, 56 Harrington St., Watertown, Mass. 02172.