



# MARAC



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After a delicious buffet, prepared by the XYLs' the December meeting was called to order by President, WAØWOB. Members present were WAØWOB, WØYLN, WØSJE, WAØSHE, WAØYJL, WØAYL, KØCMF, W9SOM, KØARS, WAØJRZ and WAØSLG. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as presented in the Newsletter. WØAYL, Treasurer, reported \$343.98 on hand. WØYLN gave a report on the newsletter problems. He needs more news and any help in putting the newsletter out each month. WA9SKB is unable to continue his help with the newsletter. The possibility of obtaining a small offset press was discussed. WBØDPD expense was \$9.47. 1,035 counties and 6 countries have now been worked by our club station with 151 cards sent to W6CCM for confirmations. A letter from W6CCM was read. The members present decided we should furnish info slips to the qsl bureaus for insertion in their mails. The Marac Christmas party will be Dec. 19. 6PM for cocktails, 7:30 pm for dinner. WAØJRZ was asked to comment on the status of the Cliff Corne Memorial Award. After discussions, W9SOM moved that MARAC assume formal sponsorship of the Cliff Corne Memorial Award, originated by WAØJRZ, and upon formal approval of the Corne family and that WAØJRZ be appointed custodian of the award. WAØJRZ will continue to process the award as he has been doing until such a time he may be sent overseas, then Marac will process. Motion second by WAØYJL. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion followed concerning the ICHN 72 convention. Meeting adjourned 11:30 PM. January meeting will be the 8th of January at the qth of WØSJE.

### ICHN 72 CLIFF CORNE MEMORIAL

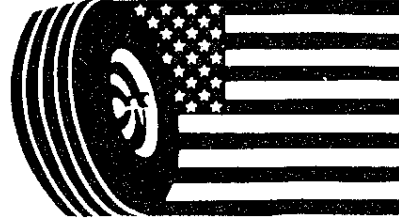
Thursday...	June 29....	Registration	
Friday.....	June 30....	Registration.....	Dutch Supper 6:30 PM
Saturday...	July 1....	Convention activities.....	Banquet.....7:00 PM
Sunday.....	July 2....	Open session for those wishing to remain.	Hospitality

Room will be open June 29-30-July 1.

Convention events have been rescheduled following discussions on the air, at the mini convention in Rock Island and at the December meeting of MARAC. The majority of county hunters and members suggested that our original format was to be too lengthy and would also be confusing because of the physical holiday dates. Voicing of opinions has been heeded, thus the new dates. The 3079 banquet will be deleted as a special event, and has been incorporated into the general banquet theme. Any hunter who has previously registered, under the old format, will have his extra payment refunded. These refunds will be given at the registration desk, or if requested sooner, a sase must be sent for the refund. YOU MUST MAKE REQUEST FOR REFUND WITH SASE. New mailing is expected to be in the mail by Jan.30. We originally stated Jan.15, however, due to our extended trip to the West coast, it appears we will be unable to meet that deadline. Drawing for convention will be 1st prize..TR4/mobile power supply, 2nd prize.. RCA portable color TV, 3rd prize..Mosley 3 element beam. Drawings will be held at the banquet. Winner need not be present to win. Tickets are available in books of 12 for \$10.00. Also single tickets are available for \$1.00 each. Send request for books to W9SOM. State quantity you wish. Please enclose SASE and books will be mailed to you by return mail. Receipted stub will be reward for a "giant bonus drawing" to be announced in the next convention mailing. Max



The Kansas City Area MARAC members wish to extend their heartiest SEASONS GREETINGS to each of you.



## THE MEMBERS SPEAK

W9JR Anyone needing counties in southern Wisconsin or northern Illinois, please let me know and I'll try to help. Phone or CW. Next summer, will be traveling to Rhode Island and Mass. Leave June, return July. Counties in New England available upon request. Phone or CW.

W1FUB/4 Worked who I thought was K8IQB/M in Antrim county Mich., at 1544Z on 2 July. IQB says it wasn't him and bounced back my card. Says he is not working mobile at present. Can anyone tell me whom I might have worked? Give me a call on the net. Thanks Al.

K4WVX/TI2WX Jim sends new address and informs us he is active with 75 watts and a 3 element beam from Costa Rica and still needs a few counties. He is having trouble getting into the net to try to work the mobiles. He does a lot of traveling so has little time to operate but does try to check in when he can. He just received his 3000 county seal #87 and is going for the 3079. Says hello to all the county hunters and wants everybody to listen for his puny signal.

WØRMG I just received the newsletter and want to compliment you on the work you are doing on putting together a fine newsletter. I especially noted the comments of WB5DVT and these comments are mostly responsible for my letter. I too, was on a mobile expedition on Oct. 23. I didn't drive as many miles or pass out as many counties as Roger did. I only went a little over 400 miles, driving in rain, fog and on mud roads to hit some of the actual county lines. This was the second time I have been on a trip the same day there has been an expedition in Texas. My first experience was last spring on a spur of the minute trip to N.W. Missouri. This time I was on a scheduled and announced expedition, made at the request of some fellows who needed these counties to clean up Iowa. I was well pleased with the efforts of the NCS even though I waited in the rain on a mud road for 25 minutes to pass out the county line. In checking my logs I find my shortest running time to be 9 minutes and my longest 24 minutes. This run included 6 mobiles and 11 DX stations along with 29 fixed stations. I usually try to check in immediately upon reaching a county line and then letting the NCS make his choice as to whom to run. I have set for as high as 45 minutes waiting for a county line or some other rare county to run, as well as listening to a bunch of 3/3 being exchanged for 3 or 4 minutes knowing that neither station is copying the other, all of which wastes time. My biggest gripe and one which has led to my tossing in the towel on county hunting, results from the Piggish operation of about half a dozen county hunters? on the 3.943 net. I blew my stack about 3 or 4 weeks ago and decided to heck with it. There are a very few individuals who almost always have to break in part way through a list requesting to be put on the bottom. Some of these guys will even make calls on a list, then request to be placed on the bottom of the list to make additional calls. Others break in to announce they have just arrived on frequency and don't know who's on but would like to get on the list in case someone shows up that they need. I'm sure there are others besides myself who have waited patiently to be put on a new list because of a badly needed county, only to have the needed station leave because the list being run is extended time after time. I realize that MARAC has no control over the operation of either net but I thought perhaps by passing along my thoughts some attention might be paid to these problems. Presently, I have just about made up my mind to sell the mobile rig and get out of the rat-race. I have received several requests for adjoining counties which are close by, but I hate to interrupt expeditions by running counties I have passed out 10 or 15 times in the past. At present what little operating I am doing is either below 3.900 or above 3.950. Good mobiling, 73's Joe.

WAØSLG Will carry my 2 meter rig to Minneapolis over Christmas, and will be working counties from that area, I hope..Al.

WAØSHE Never make plans as they always fall through but don't be surprised if you hear me Alabama way over New Years

## COUNTY HUNTING HISTORY

At one time or other I am sure we have all heard the question, "what's this all about?" Some of us know some of the history of county hunting and some of us know part of it. A suggestion by W7OK to MARAC stated the ball rolling. On the air discussion, discussion at the MARAC meeting and correspondence has indicated that it is a worthy project and merits the time and effort involved. Since we know of no records that have been kept, we will have to depend entirely on information received from people who were there. This, of course is the "old timers" of county hunting. They will have to give us the history but along with the history we feel sure there are many stories to be told. Many are of a serious nature--such as public service, emergency traffic, etc. On the other hand, there are stories to be told that are just plain funny. For example, a pair of well known hunters were sitting on a back road county line in Arkansas and a young boy asked them what they were doing there--when told "we are county hunting" he replied, "my dad don't allow any hunting around here". This all happened because of county hunting and we feel that if we can get it all together, it would be well worth while. W7OK has agreed to be the coordinator for the Club and will collect and read all contributions and if for some reason he feels it is incomplete, may contact the contributor to clarify it. A deadline for contributions to W7OK has been set at 15 Febr. 1972. Mark them COUNTY HUNTER HISTORY and mail to Don at: 4318 Cory Place, Las Vegas, Nev. 89107. A word about your contributions, we do not expect anything special, just put it down the way it was and in any form as long as we can read it. We will do our best to get it together and print it. We have no way of knowing what the results may be--a book or a short article..it all depends on what we receive from you. Send anything you wish, if you think it worth while. De WØYLN

## AWARDS

From W2GT..New ALL COUNTIES WINNERS: WAØWOB #67 12/1/71, WA1CXE #68 12/2/71, W9DRL #69 12/2/71, W2EQK #70 12/10/71. Congratulations fellows/ Ed also advises that Dick Ross, Editor of CQ Magazine promised that Plaques #53 through #64 would be in the mail soon. W2EQK has worked all counties in October but due to a change in QTH just got his application in.

## ADDRESS CHANGES AND NEW MEMBERS

W2EQK	Gary Medford	207 W. 5th St. Ship Bottom N.J. 08008	R-109
TI2WX/K4WVX	Jim Perry	Box 30 San Jose Costa Rica	R-166
K4KZP	Wm. T. Barr	305 Alpine Dr. Roswell Ga 30075	R-240
WA2AEA	Robert Schmarder	4 PineWood Circle Corning N Y 14830	R-241

This from W6CCM...Concerning the Mobile QSL Bureau: Our biggest problem seems to be the one of the County hunter forgetting that the mobiles may also be looking for counties and forgetting to include his personal QSL card for first contact. I have one mobiler who flatly refuses to return cards to the bureau if the "hunter" did not include his own QSL..and I can't say that I blame him too much, but it does cause the Bureau problems. I have made up a set of slips to include with returned cards and it takes me time to fill them out, etc. Many members are also neglecting to include either fee or SASE and this also causes extra work. Not complaining but it slows up the whole process. We have presently 161 member stations enrolled and our files are almost complete.

That's about it this month. Would like to remind all that all address changes, official club business correspondence goes to WAØSHE. Newsletter items to WØYLN. MARAC award info and applications to WØSJE..Net and MARAC info requests WA4BMC. W5QPX..G.L.Baker , 101 Rita Blanca Trail, Amarillo, Tex. 79108.New Address....

73's De WØYLN