



# MARAC



## THE MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB, INC.

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The regular meeting of Marac was held Jan. 15th at the qth of WØSJE. Members present were WAØWOB, WØSJE, KØPFV, WNØBJI, WØAYL, WAØSCQ, WØYLN, and WAØSHE. The minutes of the December meeting were accepted as presented in the newsletter. Treasur, WØAYL reported a balance on hand of \$291.79. Awards Chairman, WØSJE reported on awards issued. Associate Award, 30 issued; M-50-M, 24 issued; DX-Mobile, 4 issued; YL Mobile County, 22 issued; Last County Award, 77 issued; (17 plaques have been issued of this Last County Award), Merit Award, 8 issued. Rules were discussed for the new award, MARAC MOBILE AWARD. This award will be available for a mobile giving out states and counties from the mobile and the categories were discussed to cover complete award. A letter from KLOME was discussed concerning the contest this April. It is understood that we leave it on a multi-band operation. The operation of a special call, with a special prefix, commemorating the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) was discussed. It was unanimous that MARAC request the special call. Insertion slips for the bureaus will proceed with WØYLN obtaining and distributing them. February 5th meeting at qth of WAØZCQ, March 4th meeting at WAØSHE.

### THE MEMBERS SPEAK

W2BLM Anyone needing counties in this part of the country within 300 miles; drop me a line and on my weekend trips starting in Febr., I will try to get them for you. Only one planned trip so far and that is on the 10th of Febr. from Trenton, N.J. to Harrisburg, Pa., and return. My route is open. I want to take this time to thank each and everyone of you mobilers and fixed stations who helped me complete all the counties. I'll do my best to return the deeds. W7BWA Am getting settled in Pa. and have finally decided to give up my BWA call with a tear in my eye. Also, have several Ariz. call letter plates available if any collectors interested and wondered if the MARAC Club Station would have any use for one.

KR6IX By the time you get this I should have worked about 90 of the 112 ZL counties. As far as I know no one outside of ZLs have worked all of these counties. Each Monday at 0900, 14.180 KC, I have a sked with my ZL QSL Mgr. ZL2AH. It's getting to be a gathering place for rare ZL counties that are fixed, ZL mobiles, and a few VKs that are chasing counties. Next April I'll be getting a new call sign, possibly KA6 or KAØ. In reading the news letter I see that a lot of the mobiles are having trouble in being able to run their counties. It might be time to set up two net freqs on 20 and 75. I should be back in the U.S. in about a year. Doc

K2PFC We are looking over Ariz. maps now and probably make a special trip for those "last one or two". Would appreciate getting lists early so we can make our plans for late Feb or early March, depending on weather north of us. No antenna up yet so work portable from car.

WB8DRR Thought I would announce a mobile trip for the Easter holiday weekend. I will try to hit as many of the hard to get W.Va. counties as I can in a two day period. Would appreciate lists of needed W.Va. as soon as possible.

KØAYO Many times on the net various stations have asked others to lower their gain, use a dummy load, etc., the idea being to be "within the law" so to



speaking. However, I am afraid 99 44/100% of us have been guilty of violation almost consistently of sec. 97.87 re: Station Identification. Par (a) states: "an amateur station shall be identified by the transmission of its call sign at the beginning and end of each single transmission..additionally, at the end of an exchange..the call sign shall be given for the station..with which communication was established." I am sure this will be open to a lot of interpretations, but it is better to be safe than sorry. I sat here this A.M. and listened to 9 people work a mobile without anyone of them giving the mobile call. The net controls could help reduce the interference somewhat by identifying the mobile and his location, then have an appointed station relay that back to the net control for those stations who may not be copying.

W3FVU Congratulations on the great MARAC newsletter you edit. After meeting so many fine fellows at K.C. last summer, the n/l means even more to me. I know it is a hard job, but I hope you folks continue the effort.

WA4BMC On Apr. 1 & 2, from 0000 to 2359 GMT, during Fla. qso party, WB4OUH will be portable on the Tri-County line of Okeechobee, Martin, & St. Lucie counties. His frequencies will be 3072, 3972, 7072, 7272, 14,072, 14,290, 21,072, 21,372, 28.072, 28.572. He will be looking for any and all county hunters. About the controversy about the many mobiles out and no time to run them, obviously, something has to be done, but we can only run so many mobiles in one day. I think, for what it is worth, that we could do several things. When a mobile has worked all stations that he can reasonably hear, then he should be stopped by the NCS and another mobile run. Its silly to spend 25 min. trying to get 3x3 signals through. If a station wants that county, its always there another day, when skip conditions are different or not so many mobiles out. I think announced mobile trips should take preference over all other mobiles. I think NCS should run the more exotcic county, instead of the run of the mill ones. I think we should not move mobiles off net freq. The top end of 20 meters is too crowded as it is, without us being on multiple freq. It makes the general ham fraternity very angry with us, and very intolerant of us. Again, it should be stressed that the county will still be there. Also, this gal is trying to work all Fla. counties on 2 meter FM. I have 27 worked and confirmed.

#### NEW MEMBERS AND ADDRESS CHANGES

W5ILR/TF	Eldred Daigre	Box 22-B-2, N.E.E.O. FPO NY 09571	R-242
WA8SOO	Ken Massie	115 Woodlawn Dr Ironton Ohio 45638	R-243
K4OB/8	Lester Jeffery	Box 134 Hamburg Mich 48139	R-244
W9IWJ	Ralph Duke	3121 Mayfair Dr Kokomo Ind 46901	R-245
KØCMF	No. 12 Southside Trailer Ct	Columbia Mo 65210	R-233
W9LZC is now	W8KOI	151 Edgewood Dr Perrysburg O 43551	R-150
K7ZJP	1323 W King Pl	Tucson Ariz 85705	R-102
WB2CUI	55 Wantagh Ave South	East Islip N Y 11730	C-68
K5YWX	36 Second Ave	Atwater Calif 95301	C-15
WA3APO/	Rt 5 Box 528 Lot 21	San Antonio Tex 78211	C-85
K4FPF	1216 Cedar Ave	Grand Forks AFB N.D. 58201	R-133
K1VKY	279 South St	Halifax Mass 02338	R-165
K1ZSI	140 Mt Vernon Rd	East Weymouth Hgts Mass 02189	R-178
KØVDY/	1005 Rosemere Ave	Silver Springs Md 209..	R-196
W7BWA	1639 New Holland	Reading Pa 19607	R-224
W6JHV	John Nelson #429	Newhouse Salt Lake City Utah 84101	C-37
KØPFV	8720 Larsen	Overland Park Ks 66214	R-220

Anyone still wanting ICHN KC'71 photo please write direct to Warner Studio, 517 Delaware Ave K.C.Mo. The price is \$3.50.

## AWARDS INFORMATION

MARAC MOBILE AWARD This new award is now being processed by artist and printer and will be available by the time you receive this newsletter.

Category 1: This award issued to any mobile, including air mobile, for giving out at least one county in each of 15 States. Red seal for 25 States. Blue seal for 35 States. Gold seal for 45 States. MARAC plaque for giving out 48 States. MARAC plaque for 49th State. MARAC plaque for 50th State.

Category 2: Any station, fixed portable, mobile, or combination of such, for working the same mobile one time in 15 States. Red seal for 25 states., blue seal for 35 states, Gold seal for 45 states. MARAC plaque for 48th state. MARAC plaque for 49th state. MARAC plaque for 50th state.

Category 3: <sup>RED SEAL 250</sup> Any mobile, including air mobile, for giving out 100 different counties. Blue seal for 500 different counties. Gold seal for 1000 different counties. MARAC plaque for 1500 different counties. MARAC plaque for 2000 different counties. MARAC plaque for 2500 different counties. MARAC plaque for 3000 different counties. A special MARAC plaque for 3077.

Category 4: Any station, fixed, portable, mobile, or any combination of such, for working same mobile in 100 different counties. Red seal for 250 different counties. Blue seal for 500 different counties. Gold seal for 1000 different counties. MARAC plaque for 1500 different counties. MARAC plaque for 2000 different counties. MARAC plaque for 2500 different counties. MARAC plaque for 3000 different counties. A special MARAC plaque for 3077.

Basic Award: \$1.00, Seals SASE. All awards GCR, Log Data. Plaques are free

It is suggested when applying for YL Mobile County Award that the application be listed by State, County, followed by Call letters. Any particular county can be counted only once. WØSJE has been receiving applications where a county is listed several times because a YL mobile has been worked in that county by several different YLs. Use of a county book would be of great help in keeping your records and also the proper format for applying for this award. In both the YL Mobile and the MARAC Mobile Awards, any given county can be used only once. Suggest a separate county book be used to keep track of counties used for your application. Suggestion for applying for the new award: When you give out a county you can show the date in that county. I make copies from my county book of the maps and I enter the date in that county when I have given it out mobile. W4HA suggested I might make a check mark in the county, along with the date, if I had given the county out more than once, indicating the county had been given out at another date than shown in that county box. It is very important that we apply for awards in some manner that WØSJE will be able to process with a certain degree of ease. WAØSHE

The MERIT AWARD can only be obtained if a MARAC member makes the recommendation. This can be done any time you wish to make a recommendation so if you feel that someone has done something deserving this Merit Award, please send in your recommendation to WØSJE. The award is free.

Please send in all address changes as soon as possible to WAØSHE. All Newsletter material to WØYLN. All MARAC dues and record business to WAØSHE. Awards to WØSJE. It would be good to remember to send all address changes to WA4BMC also as she is doing a tremendous job helping those requesting information from her.