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MINUTES

This month's meeting was held 8 PM, March 4th at the QTH of W4SHE. Members present were W4AYL, K0PFV, W4ZCQ, W4WOB, W4SLG, W0SJE, K0YGP, W4PJX and W4SHE. The minutes of the Feb. meeting were accepted as presented in the Newsletter. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$292.62. To date WB0DPD (MARAC CLUB STATION) has 1000 counties confirmed. W7BBX gave WB0DPD the last county in Delaware and K6QQ the last in Arizona. Members present agreed to give anyone giving the Club Station a last county in the State will automatically receive the Last County Award. Discussion on the County Hunters contest followed. W0SJE reported that the Last County Award continues to be the most popular award. A proposal to issue an award and plaque for working all counties mobile or mobile to mobile was discussed and approved in principle. The project was referred to the Awards Chairman for consideration of the details involved. The special event call for World Telecommunications Day (May 15) was discussed again and finalized. K4ZA is asking for the call AC4ITU with alternate KE4ITU and KI4ITU. It was approved that MARAC request KE0ITU with KI0ITU or KU0ITU as alternate calls. The proposed dates for the special call would be May 12 to May 21. The annual report booklet was discussed. It will include the background and purpose of MARAC, a brief history of county hunting, the years activities, roster of members, financial status, list of officers and the Awards. This is to be final by the June meeting and distributed at the annual meeting in Peoria. K0PFV and W4ZCQ were appointed to audit MARAC accounts after the close of our fiscal year. Discussion followed of our annual event for MARAC members to select the outstanding Net Control and the Mobile Operator of the year. Ballots will be sent to all members with the April Newsletter. The results will be announced and the awards presented at the annual MARAC meeting in Peoria, Illinois. The MARAC annual meeting, to be held in Peoria, July 1, 1972 was discussed. It is hoped all MARAC members can attend the MARAC annual meeting and the 1972 Convention. It was recommended that the MARAC Merit Award be presented to K2KQC and WB2SJQ for their services and contributions. It was unanimously approved. All members are invited to

DON'T FORGET THE MARAC SSB COUNTY HUNTERS CONTEST April 7th to April 10th. Summary and log sheets available from W4ZCQ..... Recommended frequencies: 28.600, 21.363 14.297, 7.268, 3.938.....



recommend recipients for this award. The meeting was adjourned at 10 PM. The next monthly meeting will be April 1 at the QTH of KØPFV.

THE MEMBERS SPEAK

WB8DRR Here is the list of counties I will be giving out Friday, Mar. 31 and Saturday, April 1. Starting Friday, I'll give out the county lines in the following order: Berkeley- Jefferson, Morgan-Hampshire, Hampshire-Hardy, Mineral-Grant, Garret (MD.) Preston, Preston-Tucker and Taylor-Harrison. On Saturday, the following will be hit: Doddridge-Tyler, Ritchie-Pleasants, Wirt-Roane, Jackson-Mason, Calhoun-Gilmer, Lewis-Braxton and Nicholas-Fayette. Of course all of these counties are in W. Virginia except Garrett, Md. and they will all be run on 20 Mtrs. I'm hoping for good weather and more important, good band conditions, so be listening for my little HW 32A in my little Oldsmobile on Good Friday and April Fool's day. Hope to see you all at the convention- I'm already registered. 73's Bob WB8DRR.

W9JR I'm writing in answer to W7BEX/4's comments in the Feb. MARAC newsletter. Because of the difference in the way the 2 principal nets are operated, I have pretty much confined my county-operations to the 75 meter net. 20 is mobile-oriented to the county-hunters, too much to the exclusion of others. 75 is mobile-oriented to the county-hunters when the mobiles are operating but available to the other net attendees the rest of the time. For example, I have given up working the last state I need for WAS/mobile on 20 meters. The biggest problem I've had, while mobiling, is the length of time given some mobiles to run a county (county line). When other mobiles are sitting and waiting, the running mobile should be allowed 10 minutes and be chopped off at no more than 10 minutes. I've heard NC's give "1 more minute" and that extra minute stretched out to 5. When the 10 minutes are up, I just start up and go. Goodby county (counties). The only other trouble I've had is the NCS who would run his mobile station without asking if there were other mobiles on the net ready to run. Again "goodby counties". (this happened on 75 meters). I don't agree with the principal of running the mobile on a county line ahead of another mobile who is also waiting to run, maybe in a single county. Sometimes the single county is just as important to someone as the county line is to someone else. The fairest way is to run the mobiles on a first-come first-run basis. Enough problems, enjoy the newsletter very much, see you on the band. 73 Ralph.

WA4AOM While sitting here listening to the weak mobiles, the thought occurred to me that I might accomplish more if I dropped a line for the Newsletter. I wish to thank everyone and especially MARAC for the fine newsletter. Unlike some of the others, I have no gripes or complaints. Except for the deliberate QRM. I run all the counties strictly for the fun of it and am always parked and have plenty of time. All the mobile trips I make here in Georgia are strictly for the purpose of giving out the counties for those on the net who might need them. We expect nothing in return except for the pleasure and relaxation it affords while being associated with some mighty fine people. I do appreciate the QSL's for first contacts and stamped mobile reply cards but will QSL with anyone regardless of whether I receive a QSL or not. Also, I will furnish a stamp for those who occasionally forget or those just beginning who never heard of a stamped mobile reply card. ~~Maybe~~ shouldn't say that- I might get twice as many without stamps or mobile reply cards! I noticed in a recent newsletter that several stations needed counties close by my home county of Dougherty, Geo. I can run any county within a 50 mile radius any night of the week and will make trips 100-150 miles on Friday nights if I'm not tied up. I operate on 75 meters only with the mobile rig so if those stations want local counties they will just have to get on 75. Have only been on the net for 2 years and have given out over 100 counties in Ga., Ala, S. C. and N. C. so some of the stations should soon have 100 counties from me. Hope to see everyone on the net. 73 Chuck.

KR6IX/W5ROP Doc says he is up to 97 ZL counties now and working hard to get the ZL mobiles out. In the true county hunter tradition, he will issue a plaque to the ZL who gives him the last county. On May 15, 1972 the KR6's will convert to KA6 and the KR8's to JR6.

WLDIT Please accept my application for regular membership in the MARAC organization. My check for three dollars enclosed, applies to the membership dues. Incidentally, I was licensed in 1930 as W9DIT and did mobiling with a crude crystal controlled CW set of 5 watts and a car top loop antenna. In 1938 I won an ARRL Public Service Qward for sleet storm emergency work using the little rig attached to a highline transmission tower for added antenna effect. In 1945, I traded W9DIT for WLDIT and as occasions permitted, I used various mobile rigs. My newest "homebrew" mobile uses linear integrated circuits throughout the transceiver function and two tubes in the driver-final running at 90 watts. No doubt you have heard it on 14.336 mhz, recently. 73 Clet. Ed. Note: I wonder if anyone can top this for the oldest mobile operation?

W3GWA On:25/26 March, barring snowstorms K3MGQ and W3GWA will run the following counties in Pennsylvania as listed. K3MGQ (25th): Schuylkill, Carbon, Luzerne, Wyoming, Sullivan, Columbia, Lycoming, Bradford, Tioga, Clinton. (26th)- Montour, Northumberland, Dauphin, Lebanon. W3GWA: (25th): Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Clearfield, Centre, Clinton. (26th): Union, Mifflin, Centre, Snyder, Juniata, Perry, Cumberland. K3MGQ will cover northeast. W3GWA- south and central. Both Ops will check in from no less than county lines and several tri-county lines. Of course we would like to keep on the move, as we will be contending with Appalachian motor routes. Some back tracking involved to run multiple counties and in minimum time. 73 Bill.

W7PXA Holders of the USACA or 3079 award give out their numbers as Cliff Corne numbers. I think that it might cause confusion. Holders of the Cliff Corne award put out by WAØJRZ are the ones with the true Cliff Corne numbers. Mine is #0084, with 2 gold seals. I think holders of USACA award should give out their numbers as either USACA # so and so or 3079 # so and so instead of Cliff Corne. Who knows, someone might start an award for working holders of WAØJRZ's Cliff Corne award, one of these days. 73's Raleigh.

K9UTI Counties I will get for any hunter if on last county basis: Ill. Massac, Pulaski, Alexander, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Gallatin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Wabash, Edwards, Wayne, Jefferson, Washington, Monroe, St. Clair, Clinton, Marion, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Crawford, Jasper, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette. Ky. Fulton, Hickman, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, Calloway, Marshall, Livingston, Crittenden, Caldwell, Trigg, Christian, Hopkins, Webster, Henderson, Union, Mclean, Muhlenberg. Tenn. Lake, Obion, Weakley, Stewart, Houston, Benton, Carroll. Mo. Cape Girardeau, Scott, Mississippi.

WAØGZA Still need the following 13 counties: Ark. Lee. Ky. Boyle, Campbell, Elliot, Rowan. Mont. Chouteau. Nebraska Dixon, Hooker, Stanton, Thomas. Ohio Hocking. Oregon Benton. Virginia Mathews.

WBØDPD The MARAC club station will be mobile during the entire County Hunters contest 7 through 10 April. Counties to be covered will be 4 loops from the Kansas City area, with the Mo. river being the dividing line. One to the northwest (Kan. and Nebr.) one to the northeast (Mo. and Iowa), one to the southeast (Mo. only) and the last to the southwest (Kans. only). Our trip to western Kans, Okla. and the Texas Panhandle was scrubbed because so many of those counties have been run lately and the distance involved was too much. Two cars and two crews will be used and each car will be running two rigs. Even if you don't need the county, give us a call because we want the contacts. De WØYLN. K7LTV Ron sends info that the Montana QSO party will be held from 0100Z May 13 to 0100Z May 15, 1972. He notes that there will be some portable activity and that Montana counties are multipliers so it may be a good place to get those last ones in Montana. For further info suggest you send sase to K7LTV.

ADDRESS CHANGES

W9CMC	Dr. Rodney Starkweather	The Bayou, 600 Riomar Dr. Vero Beach, Fla. 62960	C-91
W6JHV	John Nelson	2005 Tapscott Ave. El Cerrito, Cal. 94530	C-37

REMINDER.....MARAC annual dues of \$3.00- are due by April 30, 1972. Note:Those joinings after December, 71 will not be required to pay dues until next year.

NEW MEMBERS

WALERZ	Frank Whalen Jr.	17 Tudor Terr. Auburndale, Mass. 02166	R 251
WA9ZRP	Eric Johnson	1304 Pinehurst Dr. Bloomington, Ill. 61701	R 252
WA2GPT	Beatrice Dietz	40 Lynwood Dr. Valley Stream, N. Y. 11588	R 253
WB9CGH	Robert Swanson	2745 Crabtree Lane Northbrook, Ill. 60062	R 254
K2KQC	Valerie Oregera	187 Main St. Hamburg N. Y. 14075	R 255
WA5RTB	Geo. "Lucky" Baker	1508 Crockett Dr. W. La Marque Texas 77568	R 256
K2LQQ/1	Clinton Wise	Box 306 Middletown R. I. 02840	R 257
WA9BHH	Jim Lauterbach	Box 56 New Lenox Ill. 60451	R 258
WLDIT	Cletus Dunn	Box 71 Waterford, Conn. 06385	R 259
GM3BCL	A. G. Anderson, B. Sc.	Fairgirth, Milmtimber, Aberdeenshire Scotland	R 260
KØYGP	Charles Koons	9821 Kansas Ave. Kansas City, Kans 66111	R 261
STOP PRESS CHANGES AND NEW ADDRESSES:			
WBØCYD	to WB4YRL		R 180
KØVRG	to K4FUZ		R 163
WB4FBS	Cliff Taylor	7912B Cayer Court, Ft. Meade Md. 20755	C 62

ICHN 72

Registrations for ICHN-72 are coming in at a rapid flow. The following are confirmed: WØGV, K4ZA, WAØWOB, WØQA, W6LWM, K4FSJ/9, W7BBX, W5HDK, WØSJE, K9DCJ, W5MYA, W9ZHD, W4JVN, K2PFC, K9UTI, W8HMB, W9SDK, W8WUT, W8CXS, WB4YRL, W9DRL, W3FVU, WB8DRR, W4HA, WB2SJK, WAØSHE, W4IGW, W2BLM, WA4ULL, VE3CBY, VE4SK, W9SOM, W7KOI, WØYLN, WB9DFJ, K8CIR and WB8ZLZ. Indication would appear that many county hunters are surely hoping to be the winners of the "Goodie". Keep in mind those who have not registered by the 15th of May, 72, will not be eligible for the "Goodie" drawing. So don't be a "I wished I had of sooner". Expressions have been voiced regarding the usage of the \$9.00 registration fee. This is a very good thought and we feel it should be discussed. The first mailing was over 500. This list was from former used lists. The second mailing has grown to over 700 and since that mailing, additional calls of 50 or more have been sent. The final mailing in May will no doubt, be well over 750. At 8¢ minimum, the mailings are quite a portion of the fee. Each registrant receives an ICHN-72 photo, reflecting a \$3.00 cost along with a name tag, at \$1.50 to make minus side shrink. Many other items will be forthcoming, unknown at this time, that will be a portion of the fee. From the desk of K9DCJ, Arnie and his wonderful management, has come the "gratis" our 3rd prize, a donation of a TH3MK3. ICHN-72 says; "a tip of the fedora", to Satterfield Electronics in Madison, Wis. Thanks fellows!! We wish we had space to mention each county hunter who has responded to the "sales pitch", selling the drawing tickets. The "hoping well" is growing every day! A TR4/Mobile Power, a RCA portable color TV, or a TH3MK3 could be in the group of tickets you are now HOLDING. Get those stubs in! Search the "I'll do it tomorrow file" and get some exercise to the mailbox. There is gonna be fun for you in Peoria, Ill. in 1972. Petti, VE3CBY XYL is putting in many diligent hours preparing eventful times for the ladies, those wonderful gals who become county hunting widows. VE3CBY, Ray has canvassed many sources for door prizes and will have a vast supply, I'm sure. Shall, Steve WB4GGA be "QRM'ed"? How could one guy win so much?? W9DRL, Joe entertainment is his business, so surprises will be the theme. Mary has a quizzical look regarding that statement!! K9QGR, Hazel is recording all registrations and wondering when she will hear anything from "control". WAØWOB, Skip, has his ever watchful eye on the budget and pocketbook. W5MYA is evaluating convention discussions and designing a panel of events. K9CSL is wondering when KP9EAB will be issued. W4YWX and W4IZR will make ICHN 72 the "favorite" for all 3Ø79ers & DX flock. WØSJE and W4HA are browsing their repertory for more accolades for the 3Ø79ers. WA9SKB and WBØCQØ are watching the flow of communication and reservations intently.

To become a part of the fun, get those registrations in, perform a "Sherlock Holmes" on those unmailed drawing tickets stubs and have a tingling discussion with "that other person who lives at your house, we're going". 73 and solong. See all of you at the Ramada Inn, Peoria, Ill. June 29, 30 and July 1, 1972. Max, W9SOM.