



# MARAC



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### MINUTES REGULAR JANUARY MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of MARAC was held at the QTH of WØSJE Jan. 5, 1974. The meeting was called to order by the President, WAØWOB at 2020. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented in the N/L. The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$295.09 in the General Fund, \$194.98 in the Convention Fund and \$10.00 in the "Special Fund" as of 1-5-74. The Treasurer requested that all checks be made out to MARAC, not to individuals. The Awards Chairman reported that Awards continue to bring in an average of \$40.00 each month. WA9EZP (via letter) requested that the Best Net Control & Mobiler be awarded a free nights lodging or free banquet. Also EZP asked for clarification on the \$2.00 surcharge. This is to be a temporary charge only to establish the "Special Fund". The Secretary reported expenses of \$7.79 for the month. The Secretary reported that renewals continue to come in although all dues are not due until March 31. A Nominating Committee composed of 3 Board Members and 3 non Board Members have been appointed. They are W9ZHD, KØAYO, WB2SJQ, WBØGYR, WB4FBS & WØGV. The President reported on the meeting he attended of the KC Area Council of Radio Clubs. An F.C.C. engineer reported that Amateur Operators must continue to be constantly aware of legal operation in order to maintain the image of Amateurs policing themselves. W6CCM & W9ZHD (via letter) proposed a Universal "MARAC type" QSL. A sample was enclosed. A discussion followed. WAØWOB was appointed to contact W9ZHD concerning their project. W9ZHD (via letter) reports that anyone needing up to date roster should send him an SASE. The quarterly voting for Best Net Control & Mobile shows that WA6MAR & W7SUY were the respective winners. Congratulations. All points to all nominated operators will be totaled toward "Best of the Year". The meeting adjourned at 2210. The February meeting will be held in the Los Angeles California area Feb. 9th. See announcement this N/L. Members present were WAØSHE, KØPFV, WAØWOB, WBØGYR, WØSJE, WØAYL, KØYGP and KØAYO.

### ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

One of the innovations at this years convention will be an effort to promote a number of "OPEN ROOMS" each night after the scheduled events. There are a number of suites available for only \$4.00 per night over the special convention room rate of \$16.00 flat rate which are well suited for entertainment. Anyone wishing to have a suite for this purpose should advise us immediately. Also, the six rooms facing on the pool have doors opening on the pool deck. These rooms are in pairs with connecting doors and 2 couples could have adjoining rooms and use them and the pool deck as a party area. We plan to publish the numbers of the open rooms on the convention bulletin board so that anyone can move from one party to another.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

At a recent Christmas party organized by the Local Council of Radio Clubs, we had a few words from one of the local FCC Engineers who is an active Ham and some of his remarks need repeating to ourselves over & over again. He points out that we as a ham fraternity are fighting to retain the special privileges we enjoy on the air. He points out that the FCC Commissioners see an item across their desks saying that the CB people had 900 citations against them and the amateurs had 800 during the same period. They deal in numbers and can well draw the conclusions that the hams are as prone to citations as are the CB'ers and hence there is no real difference between them. The sad part is that the CB citations are for serious & flagrant violations while the ham citations are for very trivial & minor infractions. Examples of the infractions by the hams could well be for the careless omission of where he is mobile. It is a violation to sign "WAØWOB Mobile". The proper signature is "WAØWOB Mobile Ø or district in which operation is taking place". Also, the proper signature includes both station identifications. We should take the time to properly identify both the station we call and our own call for each contact. I don't think we would lose any time on the net since it would eliminate many interruptions asking who is running & where. We have all listened for many minutes while scores of contacts were made and never hear the mobile identify or state where he was mobile. Our operating habits are just that..... habit...I'm making a New Year resolution to improve my operating habits into GOOD operating habits. LETS ALL TRY TO IMPROVE. DE WAØWOB

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It is certainly no news that we frequently have interference on the County Hunting Nets. When such interference appears to be deliberate it is a great temptation to blast back. In a recent discussion with a ham associate with the FCC, some points came up worth passing along. (1) Regardless of provocation, you are responsible for your station & must operate it in compliance with FCC rules. (2) We don't own any frequency & others have a right to be on the air. Most hams will respond to a polite request to QSY. If they refuse perhaps it may be necessary for us to QSY to a clear frequency. (3) Remember if we feel other hams are causing deliberate interference, someone must record THAT interference on tape, if enforcement action is to be taken. ASK YOURSELF, How your transmissions would sound on that tape in court. Would you too be subject to some legal action? I think we all want to be known for the good examples we set, not the bad examples we follow. de WAØWOB.

## FEBRUARY MEETING TO BE WESTERN MINI-CONVENTION

The Febr. meeting will be held in the Holiday Inn, Santa Anna Freeway at Chapman on Sat. Feb. 9th, 1974. Not all arrangements have been completed at this time, but the preliminary plans are as follows: We should plan on arriving in the early afternoon for socializing. We plan on a happy hour in the evening followed by a dinner. We would like to complete the dinner by 8PM so we can have the MARAC meeting immediately after. Watch for the February news-letter BEFORE the meeting with more complete details. WØSJE & WAØWOB will be present from the Kansas City Executive group and will be going on to KH6 land. The news-letter will be published before our departure. The minutes of the February meeting will be in the March news-letter. At the MARAC meeting we will want to discuss the July 4th Annual Meeting both for 1974 & 1975. We want to learn the Western view & discuss any questions that may come before the meeting.

## NEW MEMBERS

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## ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed -  
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?  
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock -  
Or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?  
Do you take an active part to help the work along -  
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that "Just Belongs?"  
Do you ever go to visit a member who is sick -  
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?  
We have some serious problems that I'm sure you've heard about -  
And we'll appreciate it if you too, will come and help us out.  
So come to the meetings often and help with hand and heart,  
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.  
Think this over, remember you know right from wrong.  
Are you an active member or do you "Just Belong?"

## SILENT KEY

WIDOM - R-402 George Hayes passed away Nov. 12, 1973. He will be re-  
placed as Awards Custodian for the Mass. Chapter of the  
National Awards Hunters Club by William C. Holliday,  
WALEZA, 22 Trudy Terr., Canton, Mass. 02021. (de W2GT)

## COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH USA-CA

W7PXA - (FLORIDA, Charlotte)-(GEORGIA, Bleckley, Hall, Haralson, Paulding, Treutlen, White)-(INDIANA, Jefferson)-(KY., Estill, Lee)-(LA., St. Bernard)-(MISS., Jefferson)-(N.C., Gates)-(PENN., Bradford)-(TEX., Goliad, Loving)-(VA., Botetourt, Craig, Dinwiddie, Floyd, Franklin) As of 12/10/73 de RALEIGH

K2TPS - (MONT., Ravalli)-(NEBR., Franklin)-(N.C., Chowan, Franklin, Mitchell, Perquimans)-(WASH., Ferry) TX 73 de GEORGE

W8WT - Following needed to finish all counties 14 Mhs. (ARK., Craighead, Lincoln, Poinsette, Randolph)-(IND., Davies, Jefferson, Martin, Perry) (IOWA, Emmet, Humboldt, Kossuth)-(KY., Bath, Floyd, Knott, Pike, Shelby, Washington)-(MICH., Alpena)-(MINN., Carlton, Mille Lacs)-(N.C., Davies) OHIO, Fairfield, Geauga)-(S.C., Chester)-(TENN., Fentress)-(VA., Appamattox, Floyd). 73 de LES

K5HKG - Down to 3 to finish the ball of wax. (MONT., Richland & Choteau) (S.D., Grant) Any help appreciated. My phone 5128556471. 73 de AL.

## COUNTIES NEEDED TO FINISH PARTICULAR STATE

W3UDG - Need Douglas County Missouri to finish Ø District. 73 ENNIS.

## CORRECTIONS TO N/L OF DEC 1 73

Change number of N/L to read #43.-Under new members change #496 to read W8DZL - Under new members change #499 to read W1KBI.

## EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

K9GTQ - HT32B for \$225.00 & SX101A for \$150.00 or the pair for \$300.00 Buyer ships or picks up. Will drive 100 miles to meet buyer if gas and 20 meters holds out. Both units owned by local hams & I think them to be in good repair. I just recently went thru the 32B and replaced the finals, PTT Relay and a few small tubes. Didn't do much to the 101A. but doesn't appear to need it. 73 de TOM

## MEMBERS SPEAK

K4PPF-Once again Uncle Sam has decided that my antenna has been in one place too long and this time to remedy the situation he is sending me to Eielson AFB, Alaska, a suburb of Fairbanks. I will be driving up with the mobile in late Febr. or Mar. my route depending on gas available at that time. If gas gets short, I will head straight north to Canada from Omaha. Should the fuel supply permit I will travel across the U.S. to Seattle running counties in So. Dak., Wyo., Mont., Ida., & Washington before going mobile VE7. As soon as I can get an antenna up I will be putting the 4th judicial district out on the county hunters' nets. I have located the 3rd & 4th "judicial district line" on the Fairbanks-Anchorage Highway & hope to run it each time I drive down & back. Until I get a KL7 address QSLs can go the Bureau or to my home QTH in the call book after Febr. 1st. 73's de PAUL

W3SQA - Last October 21st a number of county hunters had a mini-meeting or gabfest at the Gaithersburg, Md. Hamfest. Exchanging pleasantries were Joe & XYL (K3VQO), Dan (WA3CUC), Max (WB4UKA), Howie (W7BBX), Ken (KØCMF/4), Walt (W3LDD), Bob (WØYLV/3), Page (WA3EOP) and myself Hal (W3SQA). Charlie W3RFL got to the scene a little too late to see most of the gang & andy W3JZY forgot the meeting completely. 73 de HAL.

## MEMBERS SPEAK

W2SDU-As many of you already know, the handle here is Bob. I've just gotten into County Hunting & still don't quite know which end is up. I got my first ham ticket back in '57 but remained as a technician class until Febr.'73 when I received my advance ticket. So, really I am still new to UF operation too. I mention this because when I get on my soap-box, I do it as a novice to county hunting & to net operations. Still I cannot help wonder how such a long established institution as the 20 meter ICHN can be in such disarray. I heartily support K5VYT's suggestion that the first strong station to work a mobile assume responsibility for running him. I myself have tried acting as a net control on both 20 & 75. Unfortunately, I can't quite hack it (due to my lack of experience). But at least I tried. I recognize many calls who are in every pile up, but who never help out at all. If the people who benefit from the net can't be bothered helping out, then the net should not exist. K5VYT's suggestion would share the load among us all. One last shot before I QRT-I sure wish more of the net members would remember that net control should be the only station controlling the net. No relays should be made unless the net control asks for them. On Dec 8th, a mobile operator just blew his stack at all the doubling & threatened to stop running counties. It's pretty bad when the mobiles give up on the net. I hope his message sank in, but I suspect there's a little KPS in all of us. 73 de BOB.

W6SMAR-Think it is about time to get a report in on County Hunting from this QTH. We started county hunting back several years ago. As a matter of fact, shortly after CQ initiated the program. We worked the counties independently, that is not on nets, and all CW. After 10 years of this type operation we had 554 counties confirmed. As you can plainly see we were not setting the world on fire. On March 3 of this year (1973) we accidentally stumbled across the 75 meter net. In due course we chatted with BUD (W7SUY). He gave us all the info required to get started county hunting on 75 & 20 meters. As a result of Bud's advice we checked in regularly on 75 & on Mar.24,'73, checked into the 20 meter ICHN. We were running about 250 watts PEP to a vertical antenna. We sure had our troubles getting into the mobiles. Thank goodness for the understanding N.C.'s who relayed me in so many times. Well, a little of not being heard is quite enough. After a heart rendering session with the XYL, she agreed that the only thing to do was to get a complete new station. Taking advantage of the situation, we obtained a new 50' tower CL 36 beam, Swan 600T & Swan 600R receiver. Needless to say, the reports from the mobiles went up considerably. Imagine the NC stations were delighted. At least they didn't have to relay me in quite so often. The last part of Sept. we added a SB220 Linear to complete the station. On 5-21-73 we picked up net control of the ICHN for the first time. Let me tell you it was strictly a white knuckle operation & it still gets that way at times. HaHA. We certainly appreciate the patience & assistance of the mobiles & fixed stations when we are net control. My thanks to Bud (W7SUY), Jack (W0SJE) Max (W9SOM) & Robby (K4RQX) for all the good advise they gave me on net operations. Have been asked several times if we have a preference in working counties. The answer is no. We'll take them mobile, fixed, CW, RTTY, SSB, Landline, Western Union or any other way. That is about the story from Contra Costa County Calif. "The weather capitol of the world" 73' de KARL.

WB2SJQ-I am now QSL manager for following DX stations, TI2WX, G4JZ, SM3BCZ, SM6DHU, SM6CKU & GM3BCL. 73' de MARV.

FLASH - Mobiler gets in trouble with wife for stating  
"I have been out mobiling with a Hustler"

## MEMBERS SPEAK

W6HDV-Hope everyone had a happy holiday season & have recuperated from same. Thanks for a dandy newsletter, we look forward to it each month. The mobiles are to be commended for running counties during the very bad weather conditions. We do hope that the gasoline problem will not curtail county hunting too much. It will have quite an impact on our activities, but then we can concentrate more on fixed stations to take up the slack. However, the thrill of working a weak mobile thru QRM & QRN cannot be replaced by working a big antenna fixed station. We want to urge all MARAC members to give their fullest support to our excellent organization during the bad times ahead. As Secretary of another net, all the hard work being performed by MARAC officers is fully understood & appreciated by this station. Been a county hunter for one year & one month & have worked 2,615 counties. Now I know why it takes awhile to get them all. When a certain point is reached, it gets a bit tougher to get new ones. Next year when I get the beam up perhaps I can handle net control & help W6CCM & WA6MAR on the coast. I don't want to close without expressing my thanks again to all the mobiles & the various fellows running them as net controls, thousands of times it seems. They do a very splendid job & help me on the west coast a great deal. 73' de RAY.

W0GV-I am dismayed at the open solicitation of "One Ringers" on the net, & even in the news-letter. This fraud is a violation of state & federal laws. Lets keep OUR net free of C.B. type activities. After 3 months in Oreg., it is a pleasure to be back in the middle part of the country as county hunting is sure a lot easier here. On the trip out I had the pleasure of eye-ball QSO's with Bud, W7SUY, Vic W7VSE and Keith WA7RKN. Their hospitality will long be remembered. See you all in K.C.'74. Incidentally I have never been advised if my check for the number one registration to the convention has been received, even though it has cleared the bank. Hope everyone had a merry Xmas & a Happy New Year. 73 de BING. (Editors note-Bob probably forgot to let you know about the check Bing, will have to prod him a little-HI).

W1EQ-In spite of the fact that I am not on the net too frequently I never miss reading the newsletter, which I enjoy immensely. I must reiterate the splendid comments of WA5YSC in the last MARAC bulletin. Without Carl WA6MAR, I don't know how the net would continue. Incidentally, I need only Seneca, N.Y. & Aroostook, Maine to clean up the Continental USA on 20 SSB mobile. It would still leave Alaska & Hawaii to work on & if W0SJE (Jack) & WA0WOB (Skip) make the trip they have planned for Febr., I might be able to get some Hawaiian counties while I am down here in Florida. Any one needing Pasco County Fla., I will be here until the first of April. A very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to the gang. 73' de GEORGE.

K5HKG-First let me say that I hope all had a Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year. The only thing I do not like is that I have to go back to work on Dec 27 Hi. Had four days off. It's sorta like taking leave from the Navy. Hope to get my last 3 counties before I am transferred from here. Don't know when I will be moving but some of the paper work was filled out last week. The Navy takes a long time before they do anything so I know I have no less than 6 or 7 months here. Doubt if anyone is planning any long trips this time of year. If by chance anyone is going mobile in Mont. or So. Dak. then please give me a collect call at Tele. 512-855-6471. Here is hoping all of the county hunters have a Happy Prosperous New Year. 73 de AL (ED NOTE: See listing of counties Al needs under Counties Needed to Finish USA-CA)

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES COME TO THOSE WHO MAKE THE MOST OF SMALL ONES.

## MEMBERS SPEAK

K9GTQ-Hope every one had a Merry Xmas & Happy New Year. Just a note to explain why I haven't been as active as in the past. Seems as tho' "Murphy's Marauders" invaded the place this fall. In landscaping, our yard I accidentally hooked on to the SW leg of my 75 meter dual inverted V & proceeded to eliminate 75 meter operation for me in fine style! During it's demise, the 75 meter antenna grabbed the director element on my 10-15-20 beam & proceeded to make a "scatter beam" of my TB500! With the first element at 30 degrees from horizontal, it doesn't do too good a job anymore. It just wasn't my day in the antenna farm. Now it's too cold to fix the beam and don't have a 8 man crew about to help put back the 65 feet of 2" aluminum tubing that my inverted V was on. Looks like a bleak winter for me, but still have permission from employer to operate rig in radio shop at work. If I can get up an ant' there for 20, will get on as soon as possible after the first of the year as portable nine. (By the way-our yard landscaping turned out fine) As another bit of news, I was asked by a local movie company to be Technical advisor for an upcoming science fiction production entitled "The Selected". Radio Communication in the film is by Amateur Radio and Aircraft to ground in that service band also. I supplied all the AR station equipment for the props in two cabin scenes and rewrote some of the dialog for authenticity & continuity. Much fun & enjoyed being behind the camera on set and training non-hams to "operate" the gear properly! Hope all the MARAC members watch for the film after it is released & see it when they can. Will try to get more data (story-line, etc.) when I next write. My shop & job has been transferred to Rhinelander & it is a 60 mile daily trip now from Lincoln to Oneida County & back. My 20 meter Hustler was "destroyed" by my local garage attendant while driving the car inside to service it. I made repair a short time ago but haven't tried it for SWR etc. since repair. Right now, no plans to attend KC 74 Convention. Gas problems at that time will help decide for us & as yet my leave request is unapproved. The very best from our house to your house. 73 de TOM.

WA3TUC-Here is my check for new membership (R-502). I have been in ham radio only since Nov. 72. Started county hunting after being prodded by my neighbor, John Bizik (W8DYK/3 & Bob Brown (WA3VLB). I am 61, retired in 6/72 after open heart surgery in 3/72. Worked over 35 years for your friends & mine, The Internal Revenue Service (HI); special agent. Intelligence Division on criminal tax frauds only. While recuperating from surgery last year, my brother (K1WPS), gave me his old Drake R-4A and after SWL a few months, I studied code & regulations & got my novice & went on the air about Thanksgiving '72. Passed the general in the last week of Aug. 73, fortunately, because on Labor Day I was back in the hospital with more chest pains. After a month or so they determined that one of the coronary artery by-passes which they had done in Mar. '72 had closed down almost completely, so in Oct. they opened up my chest again & replaced the bad bypass. Right now I am using one of my brother's spare sets, a Yaesu FT-101, to see if I want to buy one for myself. I probably will because of its versatility & the hope that some time I will feel well enough to want to do some mobiling on my own. He's making do right now with a Signal One, which I understand is a tremendous piece of gear when not tempermental. He is in Marblehead Mass. & I hope to get up there soon to see it in operation. (If the gas problem doesn't make it impossible). So, I hope to see the gang on county hunting often. 73 de PAUL.

W4YVW- Will be out of the country for two years & am looking forward to talking to the gang from KZ5 land when we get settled. 73' de BILL

WAØJRZ-Am sending in MARAC 74 dues early. Unfortunately have not been able to get on the air over here in Thailand. Am waiting now for a receiver so at least I can listen in a bit. I hope to make it to the Kansas City 74 Convention in July, but don't know if I can get out of here a few days early or not. Sure hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 73 de DON.

WB4WBP-Have 1000 Mobile Reply Cards for sale if anyone is interested drop me a line. 73 de JOHN (ED NOTE: W6CCM advises that JOHN WB4WBP is down with a broken ankle)

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*1/24*  
LYNCHBURG - can be used for one of CAMPBELL - BEDFORD-AMHERST  
PETERSBURG - DUNWIDDIE OR CHESTERFIELD  
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