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Thanks For The Memories

Well, the big day has come. My final newsletter is done and on the way to the printer, and the scene is set for a new ERA to begin.

I want to thank all those who through the years have encouraged me in my efforts to bring you a newsletter that was interesting to read, and one you could be proud to proclaim to you non-MARAC, non-county hunting friends. I hope I have had some measure of success. I especially want to thank the past and present officers of MARAC who have given me complete freedom to publish and edit the newsletter as well as their full support. Also, I want to thank Skip, WA0WOB, for "offering me an excellent opportunity" (or words similar to that) when MARAC was in need of a "temporary" editor due to the illness of my friend Jack Scroggin, W0SJJE. As some of you know, Jack never got the chance to get back to "his" newsletter and now 17+ years later the "temporary opportunity" has come to its conclusion. Thanks to all of you who wrote various columns and articles, without you we would not have had much of a newsletter; thanks to all of you who wrote notes for "Members Speak!", without you we would not have a "pulse of the members", thanks to you who wrote notes on QSLs, christmas cards, etc encouraging me to continue the work ; but most of all I want to thank my wife, Laura, for all her patience, support and help getting information mailed to me when I was out of state, getting stamps, helping stamp, sort, etc and taking mail to the post office, Thanks and I love you.

Good Luck to Dick Sine, KB3WN, your new Editor. Please give him your support and REMEMBER, send him your articles, etc; 100 POPLAR ST, FT MILL, SC 29715.

CQ - CW By Harry, NFOX

Enroute to the 3M Mini, Flattop was riding shotgun and in his usual foul mood. He was not amused by all the Christmas hype. "here we are," he complained, "three days past Halloween, the Thanksgiving turkey not even thought of yet and what do we see? Christmas decorations, colored lights and signs "No waiting, FIVE Santa's!" "Yeah," I chimed in, "almost enough to take scissors to the plastic money!" We had just hit the road again after visiting a well known Ham Radio dealer. His store was buried under Christmas decorations including a full size Santa, sleigh and all his deer power. Santa's sack of course, full of Ham goodies and Santa blasting away on his 2 meter Hand-held, encouraging, no doubt, more "No-codes". The store owner held the door for us while flicking cigar ashes from his ample shirt front. "Yes - sir, come on in. Have I got a deal for you!" No doubt recognizing us as hams by the HF mobile antennas on my bumper parked out front. "Say! That's some two meter antenna you have there" pointing to my HF Hustler. "I bet you don't even need a repeater, har! har!" Flattop gave me his "How do we find these kooks?" look. The owner was eager to get on with it. "Take a look at this latest import. Why you don't even hardly need an antenna with this baby!" This "baby" was complete with all the bells and whistles known to man including a built in alarm clock, automatic coffee maker and a gizmo to let you know when your computer was disconnected. "How much?" I asked Flattop. "I can let you have this baby at a real steal! Because I bought a whole carload at cut rate just for Christmas!" "How much?" Flattop repeated. "Only \$8,500.00!" "WOW!", Flattop was beside himself. "Did you hear that Harry? Only 8500 smack-a-roos! Do you happen to have an extra 8500 smackers on you Harry?" "Well, darn" I confessed, "I must have left my loose change in my other pants. SRI". The store owner was crestfallen. "Well, what else can I show you?" He was getting desperate. "Well do you have one of those new MFJ keyers?" Flattop asked. The owner looked confused. "A what?" Flattop was patient. "A keyer, you know, that thing what goes dah-dit-dah". "Oh yeah, someone was telling me about those things, but that feller from GQ told me not to bother stocking them because he was going to petition the FCC to do away with all that noisy stuff and get the sub-band freed up for the no-codes. I hope so. I really enjoy listening to the phone people insult each other spread out all over the band. Join in once in awhile myself. It relieves the daily stress and lets them know I am somebody". When Flattop turns the color of a good red wine grape I always know it's time to vacate the area. The owner, seeing a sale disappear as I urged Flattop toward the door with an arm lock looked hopefully at e. "What about you sir, anything today".

"Not unless you have a good pair of semaphore flags." Now that REALLY ruined his day!

Good representation by the CW crew at the 3M Mini. N2CWG KA3MMM WA3QNT W3X3E KA4IFF WA4KER AA4LY W4RKV KM4W KG5J A15P KD8HB KM8U WA9QNI W0WYJ K4QFK. I may have missed some. The CW meeting was well attended for my CW slide and operating hints presentation. Nice to see so many inquiries and requests for more info. Andy, W3XE, presented a new CW Key to Pat, N4UGH, who had previously promised that when she received her number, she would start working CW. It was good to see the crew talking up CW. W1WLW promised to get back in the CW swing now that he has his 4th time which was presented to him at the Mini. 25-30 attended the CW meeting. CW CH has come a long way in ten years. I can remember when I attended my first CW meeting 12-15 years ago there were 6 in attendance. Andy, W3XE, said he could remember when there were only four mobiles that ran CW. Back then there were only a couple who had worked them all on CW. Now there are several who have done it twice and Ed, WA6VJP, has done it FIVE TIMES! On top of that, W1TEE has run them all on CW and completed 26 states toward running them all the second time. It does this old heart good to see all our hard work in getting the CW guys and gals their proper participation and recognition. I KEEP TALKING IT UP!

The 3M Mini was a success as always. The rain held off until the Saturday evening banquet. Some were issued buckets to catch the water from the leaking roof. Others had the foresight to bring ponchos. The Holiday Inn is on a tight maintenance budget. Barry's antenna forum was well attended as usual, after which many with their new-found knowledge had a field-day in the parking lot antenna farm. Of particular interest was how fast Elmer, OM of Esther KA4IFF, erected that big R7 vertical on top of their big motor home! He puts it up so Esther can keep her shed with the British Signals Net. That is the only time you will find Esther on phone. They had just returned from a long stay in Alaska where Esther gave out those rare AK Districts to the CW deserving. No the R7 was not used!

Sunday morning saw mobile antennas fan out in all directions. The QST SS CW contest monopolized the CW sub-bands so CW CH took a beating.

I wish I could remember who told Pete, the Awards Chairman, he wished he would establish an award for those who run the longest without identifying or announcing their county! That has to be the most original thought of the year!

Wilma and I want to wish everyone good health and happiness, may the spirit of Christmas and food fellowship be with you and yours. May your be sweet and pure. May your antennas be of low SWR and ice free. May your log be full

of new ones and may your contacts reflect brotherly love and understanding. Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Dateline CW

By Ed, KN4Y

(Editors Note: Ed's article for the November issue apparently went astray in the mail system and I received it three days after I sent the N/L to the printer, so you get a DOUBLE DOSE this month! Bob, K0AYO)

After the verb "to love," "to help" is the most beautiful verb in the world.

That is what a NCS does, a helpful hand in an ether of changing flux. The other day band conditions at the shack were quiet, the usual roar was not present so I got a chance to be of assistant to the NCS. I could hear a station that Ed the professional NCS could not (someday I want to ask Ed why the drive through tellers have instructions in Braille). I actually ran the mobile, I made a few mistakes so I squinted my eyes and waited, but there was no bolt of lightning to fry me crisp. I overheard a SSB person at the convention say that the Goddess of the ether would destroy an errant NCS. Nothing happened, except the adrenaline rush made me hyper, which made the boiled peanuts taste sweeter. Need some excitement in your life and perhaps lower your cholesterol? Be a NCS.

The capital city award is dead. I had made a special QSL card for those working Tallahassee the capital city of Florida, but now it is just another QSL card. Anyone need a QSL card from a fixed station good for a defunct capital city award, work me in the next contest. Did you work the WA Salmon Run? I got 18 counties. I got 45 counties working the CQP, most of which were on 15 meters. I like the CQP contest because there are so many stations calling that they make their own E layer. I hear that computers will now be able to read you the news every day. We had the same thing since the thirties, but we called it radio. Did you know the computer nets are the CB'ers of the nineties.

The antenna on the little car plaque I received for being top gun in the CW contest had a 80 meter resonator. The car plaque I received earlier has a 20 meter resonator. I wonder what Bill, K7IOO, who makes the antennas is trying to tell us. Someday may take the little car into a little county for a little run and see if anything big happens. Speaking of running counties, my son has moved to Carrabelle in Franklin county. Let me know if you need Wakulla, Franklin, Bay or Gulf and when the flooding stops I can get Liberty and Calhoun as I will be going that-a-way more often. (My son is on the police force that has the smallest police station, which is the size of a phone booth).

Bob Dyson, a top challenger in the greatest newsletter editors top ten list, will be relinquishing his position in December. I will miss his leading hand through the journalistic maze of words, sentences and paragraphs. Dolly Parton has big paragraphs in her book, but I digress. I am not sure if the new editor is going to continue the CW articles, Harry & I may be standing in the writers unemployment line. Will just have to wait and see. Good luck Bob and may your goofing off be top quality.

Since this will be my last article in 1994 I want to wish all of you that read this newsletter a joyous holiday season and a fun filled New Year that includes the county hunters convention in Buffalo.

Do CW county hunters just communicate county stuff? Heck no! Many communicate when it is cold but Buck, W6HOR, does it hot. I do not mean hot in like, "what a figure", but like, "inferno". Buck worked communications during the California Browns's mountain fire.

It was a Tuesday evening in July around chow time when Buck received a call from California Division of Forestry. They needed some Hams to set up a communication link from here to over there and elsewhere using two meter repeaters. Buck patted his trusty keyer and whispered, "I must be able to talk to no code hams, so you rest." and grabbed his mike and dashed off in all directions.

Among the 1000 people involved in fighting the Brown Creek fire was Buck and 18 hams to tie it all together. Many things were learned; that the repeaters have dead spots, rubber duckies were best for stirring coffee, to stay slim don't eat all the food available, small speaker have small audio, and different folks with different strokes can unite and function as a unit. The fire is out but it has been a dry year, so Buck did not throw the mike away. Good job Buck.

One of the community projects Buck does is cut the grass in the cemetery and when asked why there was fence around the place, he replied, "Because people are dying to get in."

During August and September there were 67 mobiles that checked into the CW net while out on a quest to find a white man named Washington. KA1CLV, WR1C, K1ER, WA1SKQ, VE2EM, W2CUC, N2CWG, K2HVN, VE3KZE, OH3JF, WA3QNT, KA3MMM, WS3F, WN3C, KF3P, W3XE, N3FVP, KA4IFF, KX4V, W4HMV, N4CD, K4-QFK, KB4XK, WB4FFV, KS4Q, WU4S, KN4Y, W4RKV, KC4XA, W5OBT, W5AL, KC5P, N5DUQ, KG5J, AI5P, K5GA, NA5F, WA6VJP, K6XK, K6QWH, NA7R, WA7-JHQ, N7MFB, KL7GN, W7GHT, W7BD, KK7X, WD7X, K8CW, KM8U, AK8A, KD8HB, W9OP, WD9GSU, NU9M, W9BHH, WA9QNI, AK0M, W0OWY, N0CYB, W0UBT, AD0H, W0AV, NFOX, AA0PY, N0CIB, W0QWS.

Net Operating Tips By Mitch, W4RKV

The name of the game in county hunting is to work the mobiles direct if at all possible and thereby avoid time consuming relays. A few stations on the net seem to habitually wait for relays, without making an honest effort to make direct contact. It gets a little aggravating after awhile to have to keep relaying in the same stations time after time (when you know they didn't call during the mobile's run) only to have them send the mobile a 5-5 or better. Since a 5-anything by definition is "perfectly readable", why didn't the station try and make a contact during the regular run? If only a late comer, why not wait and work the mobile direct on his last call?

Speaking of relays, have you noticed how often a "direct" will call in on the very last call for relays, this after repeated QRZ's from the mobile elicited no calls? My feeling on this is that the "direct" had his chance to work the mobile during the regular run and now I should help those who genuinely need a relay and have been patiently(?) waiting. The "direct" can then make contact on the mobile's last call, time permitting.

A final suggestion on relays; when helping the mobile with relays, it is much quicker to take a list rather than acknowledge the calls singly, as in "W4ABC, got you, Next". Why not just say you will take a list of relays, copy down the calls you hear, and feed them in one by one? The most time consuming of all is to solicit and relay calls one by one such as "W8DEF go to the mobile, (reports exchanged), who else needs a relay for XYZ county?" and on and on.

All Arkansas Mobile CW & SSB

Rick, AI5P, is planning to run all of Arkansas on CW and SSB starting on or about Dec 6 depending on weather. He will start at 1400Z - 40 SSB, then 40 - CW, 20 - SSB and 20 - CW.

To be run in the following sequence: Union, Ashley, Chicot, Desha, Drew, Bradley, Lincoln, Jefferson, Arkansas, Prairie, Monroe, Phillips, Lee, St. Francis, Crittenden, Mississippi, Cross, Woodruff, White, Jackson, Poinsett, Craighead, Lawrence, Randolph, Greene, Clay, Sharp, Fulton, Independence, Cleburne, Stone, Izard, Baxter, Marion, Boone, Newton, Searcy, Van Buren, Faulkner, Pulaski, Lonoke, Saline, Grant, Dallas, Cleveland, Calhoun, Ouachita, Nevada, Clark, Hot Spring, Carroll, Benton, Washington, Crawford, Sebastain, Scott, Polk, Montgomery, Pike, Howard, Sevier, Little River, Miller, Hempstead, Lafayette, Columbia. County lines will NOT be run.

Depending on other factors, the number of counties run each day will vary - e.g., one day maybe 10, next day maybe 3. Sequence 40 SSB, 40 CW, 20 SSB, 20 CW. Other bands on request, 1400Z daily start.

He plans to offer a special QSL card for those making a contact, and a special prize for the station who works him in the most counties on SSB and CW. He will announce on the net the day before he will start.

Bob Gregory, N7OF, Receives Double Lung Transplant

Bob Gregory, MARAC R1561, has received his long awaited lung transplant. He is doing well according to reports. He has been in a waiting list for a long time and moved to Nebraska to be closer to the hospital where the transplant procedure was performed. The operation, October 16th, was characterized by doctors as being more trouble free than most.

Bob is expected to remain hospitalized for a time. Those wishing to send messages of encouragement may do so by writing to him at his home address, 2114 South 59th St., Lincoln, NE 68506-2711.

FOURTH TIME AROUND ANNOUNCEMENT

The B&B Shop is pleased to announce
the following winner of the

IV AWARD

The Fourth Time Award # 37
is awarded to

N2BL

DICK H. LENNON
NOVEMBER 1, 1994

Endorsed: ALL SSB
MIXED BANDS

**FIFTH TIME AROUND
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The B&B Shop
is pleased to announce
the following winner of the

**FIFTH TIME AROUND
AWARD**

The Fifth Time Award # 16
is awarded to

**WØAYL
ELLA KOONS**
November 9, 1994

Endorsed: ALL SSB
MIXED BANDS

*Amateur Achievement Co.
Congratulates*



*Tessy V. Nobre, PS8YL #009
Native American Counties
Award*

Silent Key

With sorrow, we announce the recent death of another MARAC member.

W5OFO, R848, Frank Hubbard.

Counties Needed For USA-CA

K1DFO

KY Breckenridge Letcher NC Graham WV Doddridge

NX5Z 903-893-8581 COLLECT

IA Keokuk KY Ballard WV McDowell Webster

KE2EA

KY Harrison McCreary Wayne MI Clare MS Benton
OH Hardin VA Surry

Counties For Special Needs

N5KDW To complete States

AL Barbour Clay Crenshaw Dallas Tallapoosa AK 1st
(SE) GA Banks Coweta Fannin Fayette Jasper Stephens
Twiggs Union HI Hawaii Kalawao UK Carroll De Kalb
Du Page Kane Kendall Mercer Stephenson Vermillion

N7OTR For 2nd time

FL Citrus GA Colquitt Polk IL Henry IA Jefferson
Mahaska KS Elk Greenwood Meade Rawlings KY
Bourbon MI Iosca Missaukee Presque Isle St Clair MT
Chouteau Daniels Hill Liberty Richland Teton NC
Caldwell Davie Edgecombe Lenoir

W48RSQ For BINGO 304-752-3647

NC Avery Transylvania

Members Speak!

Art, N5DKW - When I started County hunting on May 4, 1991, I thought that if I was going to do something, I was going to do more than sit on a net and wait for the county to come to me. I decided that I would work them all CW, all 20 meters, all mobile. I have stuck by that as the time passes until I was down to 65 to confirm.

Along with that I have gone through 3 minor strokes, several other trips to the hospital including 5 surgeries. All of this has taken its toll on my ability to use a keyer properly. It has never been the best but now it is impossible to even send my own call without error. Therefore, I finally am taking the plunge and picking up the mike and moving up the band.

I could go to the computer CW, but somehow that just isn't right for me to do; Punching a key and letting it send the letter is not working CW to me. Of course, I fought the same mental block before going from a straight key to a keyer, but I still finally gave in. When I can get it in my head to key 5nn instead of 599 I may try it. I do use the computer to send NTS traffic because I feel that it is more critical to get the message through correctly than my own personal feelings. As I work the counties on the attached, I may ask for a CW contact from those that I know use that mode so I can finish up in the future.

To those that have helped me so much over the years and don't work both modes I will really miss you, and I thank you for all your help, in particular WITEE, KD8HB, W3-DYA, N0CYB, KA3MMM and of course WA6VJP, though I haven't been able to hear you (Ed) for most of the last year and your assistance was sorely missed. To any that work CW only that I didn't mention and I have made contact with, the list is too long to mention all but the feelings are the same.

To those that work both ends of the band, I look forward to continue punching out the contacts so I can finish

up and think long and hard about the second time around. Of course, by the time I have the contacts I need for Bingo, I will be so deep into the second time I will just HAVE to finish and on and on it goes. And to the new friends that I make on SSB, I am sure the list will grow quickly, particularly after having the pleasure of meeting so many at the recent Pacific Mini and I am really looking to the "96" National. I am looking ahead at a new antenna that will have a bit more punch in this mass of trees I am located in and a neighbor with a satellite dish. 73.

N0HHB, Dom - To all the county hunter friends of the past: I have worked over 2800 counties under the following calls, KA3AVP, 78 - 80, KA4NZX, 80 - 81, N4FOZ, 81 - 84, and the present call, N0HHB, 84 - 94. and I need your help. In sept, 1990, we had the opportunity to go through a flood in Minnesota, the ham shack was in the basement. Needless to say, the water came up to the floor joists. We lost all the logs and all the confirmations and a lot of equipment. Since then I have started to get back in the wing of ham radio. Rest assured that I will be truly grateful for any contact information that you can provide. Thank you in advance for all help. David Domina Sr, 3525 Hanover Dr, Hope Mills, NC 28348-2291.

K7DZR, Jack - First things first, let me express my appreciation to W0AYL and KZ2P for the fine work they both did while I was on my cross country trip in August and September. To those who acted as N/C during those times when the above mentioned were resting of us "had enough", my thanks as well. Band conditions were for the most part Lousy, but it was fun while it lasted.

When the wife and I travel, we do it with a unit that is 47 feet long (truck and trailer), and as you might imagine it can be tough to park on some county liner or pull off the road to get the weak ones. I tried, but given the narrow roads and no shoulders of any width, it sometimes was very difficult. Where it happened that I would not take more than one shot on a relay, it was because a chunk of my equipment was over-exposed, and in some cases, being looked at by a Tijuana taxi, they usually are short on patience and don't take kindly to "I'll be done in just a minute officer". For any that were not able to get a needed county because of these circumstances I am truly sorry.

We enjoyed the trip so much that we are scheduled for another cross country sometime during June or July, 1995, this one will be across the top, down the East coast to FL, and back across the southern border to CA and from there we don't know. We need ME, RI, NJ, FL, and AL to complete all 48 states. Let me know if I get close, we have been known to make side trips. An effort will be made to run as many as possible on CW as well as SSB, 20/40 meters.

ARRL Membership Renewals

I wish to thank our MARAC members, who have demonstrated their support of MARAC, by submitting their ARRL renewals through the MARAC Secretary.

September K4ZT, WD9HDR, N4EED
October NFOX, W4MRD, KJ8F, W0WYX, K8GPC, KA4S-AX, KA1JPR, KA1QBC

I process applications on a monthly basis. My cutoff day for each processing cycle for these is the last day of the month. If your ARRL renewal notice requests you to return it to them by February 15, it should be sent to be received by me no later than January 31st. We do not want anyone to miss a copy of QST, because of their support of MARAC.

For each ARRL renewal membership, Regular or Senior Memberships, MARAC gets a \$2 fee for a renewal or \$5 for a new membership. To take advantage of this, I ask that you mail the ARRL membership application and your check made out to MARAC for the amount of your ARRL

dues to: MARAC, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX
75090-6709.

Europeans can get the Packet from Eddie, G4KHG.

FROM THE SECRETARY

If your mailing label indicates 199501 or 199502, it is time to renew. Dues with 1st class mailing of the Newsletter are \$19/yr. Dues with 3rd class mailing of the Newsletter are \$16/yr. Note that 3rd class mailing is available within the US. only. Dues with the Newsletter mailed Air Mail to all continents other than North America are \$30/yr. Multiple year renewals and business size SASE's with renewals are also very much appreciated. Please make your check or money order payable to MARAC and mail to the Secretary, Don Magers, KE5WL, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75090-6709.

MARAC INFORMATION PACKET

Get the word out to potential new members and interested County Hunters that a County Hunting Information Packet is available. The Information Packet includes information about MARAC, QSLing, Net Operation, County Hunting supplies, etc. Send the request with a business size envelope with 29 cent postage to:

MARAC, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75090-6709

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ARRL MEMBERSHIPS

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July KQ4DR, N7OTR, W3DYA, W6TPC, KA9HCA

August NC6M, K8KIR, KM4W, W7TSM, W5RJH,
KA5VWD, W7EYR, VE7WQA, W0KMH

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MARAC Financial Report

Checking Acc't as of 10-1-94	\$ 2,680.63
Income	4,204.00
Expenses	384.62
Checking Acc't as of 10-31-94	\$ 6,510.01
Savings Acc't as of 10-1-94	\$19,175.96
Interest	115.24
Savings Acc't as of 10-31-94	\$12,291.20

MARAC Convention

Income	\$23,603.00
Expenses	\$23,903.00
Net Loss	300.00

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB, INC.
A KANSAS NONSTOCK CORPORATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
September 11, 1994

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board for the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc., a Kansas Nonstock Corporation (MARAC) was held, beginning at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday September 11, 1994, at the home of Joe Parsons, W5UJO, 1639 Evergreen Drive, Mesquite, TX.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO, President, presided as chairman of the meeting. Don Magers, KE5WL, Secretary of MARAC, acts as Secretary of the meeting.

The following Directors were present: Joe Parsons, W5UJO; Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS; Don Magers, KE5WL; Diane Landreth, KI5TV; Bill Peale, W5MW. Also attending were Mary, KC5UO, Jean, WDX5JGS.

A directed motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 1994 meeting of the Board of Directors as printed, was made by Joe Parsons, W5UJO, and a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried.

A directed motion to accept the corrected minutes of the June 25, 1994 meeting of the Board of Directors as printed, was made by Joe Parsons, W5UJO, and a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried.

Diane Landreth, KI5TV, presented a review of the Treasurers reports, for the financial activity for the months of June, July,

and August. A motion to accept these reports was made by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, seconded by Bill Peale, W5MW, a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried.

Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL announced the results of the balloting for the three MARAC Directors positions. The results have been put on hold pending a reprint of the ballot for the Headquarters Directors position. For the position of Southeastern District Director, Gene Tyrec, N4ANV received 26 votes and Scott Lawrence, AA4LY received 1 vote. For the position of Southcentral District Director, Joyce Boothe, WB9NUL received 21 votes, Tom Storm, KB0KS received 1 vote. For the position of Headquarters Director, Mike Carver, KG5UZ received 72 votes.

After a discussion about the appointment of a new Newsletter Editor and the cost of printing the newsletter, a motion to table any activity on this matter, pending receiving additional information about bids from other printers, was made by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, seconded by Diane Landreth, KI5-TV, a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried. Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL was requested to contact the Newsletter Committee and request additional information and express the Boards concerns over the lack of options presented so far.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, will be held at 2:00 p.m., October 9, 1994 at the home of Jerry Weaver Route 1 Box 267, Denison, TX. For any additional information, please contact Don Magers, KE5WL, MARAC Secretary.

There was no further business to come before the meeting, on the motion of Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS seconded by Diane Landreth, KI5TV and a unanimous vote thereon, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m., September 11, 1994.

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB, INC.
A KANSAS NONSTOCK CORPORATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
November 6, 1994

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board for the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc., a Kansas Nonstock Corporation (MARAC) was held, beginning at 2:25 p.m., on Sunday November 6, 1994, at the home of Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, Route 1 Box 267, Denison, TX.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO, President, presided as chairman of the meeting. Don Magers, KE5WL, Secretary of MARAC, acts as Secretary of the meeting.

The following Directors were present: Joe Parsons, W5UJO; Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS; Don Magers, KE5WL; Diane Landreth, KI5TV. Also attending were Mary, KC5UO, Jean, WDX5JGS.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 1994 meeting of the Board of Directors as printed, was made by Diane Landreth, KI5TV, seconded by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, and a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried.

Diane Landreth, KI5TV, presented a review of the Treasurers reports, for the financial activity for the months of September and October. A motion to accept these reports was made by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, seconded by Joe Parsons, W5UJO, a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried.

After a discussion about the appointment of a new Newsletter Editor and the cost of printing the newsletter, a motion to accept the recommendations of the Publication Committee, to appoint Dick Sine KB3WN, as newsletter Editor, effective January, 1995, and retain the services of Legal Printing, for printing of The County Line Roadrunner, was made by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, seconded by Diane Landreth, KI5TV, a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried.

President Joe Parsons, W5UJO, presented a report on the balance sheet and the return of the seed money from the MARAC Annual Convention held in Springfield, MO on June 21-25, 1994. After some discussion by the Board, it was determined that President Joe Parsons W5UJO would contact Steve Cope K5KDG for additional detailed information to better explain several of the line items. A report will be presented at the next meeting concerning this information. Copies of the balance sheet will be sent to all Directors and newsletter.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, will be held at 2:00 p.m., December 4, 1994 at the home of Joe Parsons, W5UJO, 1639 Evergreen Drive, Mesquite, TX. For any additional information, please contact Don Magers, KE5WL, MARAC Secretary.

There was no further business to come before the meeting, on the motion of Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS seconded by Diane Landreth, KI5TV and a unanimous vote thereon, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m., November 6, 1994.

303 Awards

The 303 Award for the Springfield Convention have been mailed and should be in your possession. I must apologize for taking so long by I had to change the format from the one I had in mind originally in order to get in on one page!! Also, a couple of gremlins crept in. KA8SHT was listed incorrectly as K8SHT; WB3ITH was listed TWICE, and her OM WB3IET was left off.

I had 4 calls on my list of "attendees" that I can't find names, address, etc., for: WN0DEP, N5SRZ, W4KG, W4ABM. Any HELP? Thanks, Bob, K0AYO

2nd Quarter Ballot Results For N/C and Mobile

SSB N/C

1st Place -- W0AYL
2nd Place -- KZ2P
3rd Place -- K1ER

SSB Mobile

1st Place -- WA0SBR
2nd Place -- KC1NA
3rd Place -- N3DRO

CW N/C

1st Place -- WA6VJP
2nd Place -- N0CYB
3rd Place -- KM8U

CW Mobile

1st Place -- KD8HB
2nd Place (TIE) -- KB4XK -- W5OBT

The ballot for the 3rd quarter (Jan - Mar) is included with this newsletter. Congratulation to all who received votes as well as the above winners. All points earned are tallied to determine the Annual winners which will be announced at the Annual Convention.

Address Changes, Corrections New Members

(Editors Note: Once a year I send the complete database to the Secretary to double check against official MARAC records. This latest check resulted in many changes regarding memberships within the same household. As a result, some of you are getting 2 copies (or more) at the same address. Currently, I have no way of knowing if you only desire one, even though you may all be paying annual dues. Since I have to follow MARAC database information, if you don't want the additional copy, please notify the Secretary. Thank you.)

R1130 WB9ZNA and R446 K9DAF New street address 8759 Clayton Ave. Everything else correct.
R728 KN4RI 9254 Morrish Rd Swartz Creek MI 48473-9126
R2388 WK5A 280 Paloverde Dr Florence AZ 85232
R2238 N0LHN 78334 Oak Ridge Rd Folsom LA 70737-3527
R2408 K8NI 2356 Fifth Ave Youngstown OH 44072-9528
R1050 N9CHU 613 Escambia Loop Lillian AL 36549-5329
R1494 WD7X 5365 Worth Way Philomath OR 97370

R1222 WB6FJU 45323 Park Sierra Dr #248 Coarsegold, CA 93614-9109 (Madera)

New Members

R2638 WD5DMH Jake Lee Freeman 1004 Lincoln Ave Copperas Cove TX 76522-1422 (Coryell)
R2639 KE2FZ Eugene Harrington 429 Maple Hill Dr Hacksack NJ 07601-1433 (Bergen)
R2640 W2IBD Robert Shaw 3600 SE Mariposa Ave #39 Port St Lucie FL 34952-7419 (Saint Lucie)
R2641 KI6D Bob Dorchuck P O Box 8357 Moreno Valley CA 92553-8357 (Riverside)
R2642 N3PYQ DonMarquith 275 Stanton Ct Glen Mills PA 19342-2032 (Delaware)
R2643 N8PUO Sandy Thigpen Rt 1 Box 373 Deep Run NC 28525-9743 (Lenoir)
R2644N9BAF Richard Burton P O Box 45865 Madison WI 53744-5865 (Dane)
R2645 KAIYZV Donald Lynch 4 Longview Dr Wilbraham MA 01095-2521 (Hampden)
R2646 KB9CAT Andy Birkhead 4915 Wisteria Dr Indianapolis IN 46524-1385 (Marion)
R2647 KC4JMD Edward Thigpen Rt 1 Box 373 Deep Run NC 28525-9743 (Lenoir)
R2648 N7IEL Ken Miller 2530 W Obispo Circle Mesa AZ 85202-7857 (Maricopa)

Silent Key

With deep sorrow we announce the recent death of another MARAC member, W7ULC, Jerry Skaife, R 1017, USACA 295.



"Well, Fred, I can't remember when I've had a more enjoyable QSO."

MARAC SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MINI

ANNOUNCING: The 1995 South Central Mini **DATES:** March 23 - 25, 1995

LOCATION: The Best Western, Hallmark Inn South/Olathe I-35 & Ks 150 (Sante Fe), Olathe, Ks. There is a Denny's restaurant across the parking lot to the south.

ROOM RATES: 1 person, 1 bed \$36.00/night; 2 persons, 1 bed \$38.70/night; 2 persons, 2 beds, \$41.40/night. All rates plus tax.

RESERVATIONS: 913-782-4343. Tell them you are with the Amateur Radio Group. A block of 30 rooms will be held until March 1, 1995, after that, room rates will be honored on a space available basis. If you want a room I suggest that you get your reservations in as soon as possible. They have 85 rooms and they are often full.

ACTIVITIES: Thursday night, possible Casino gaming on the Missouri River if anyone is interested; Friday morning, weather permitting, Golf tournament; No host Dinner Friday evening at location to be announced later.

HOSPITALITY: Opens at noon Thursday, hosted by Joyce, WB9NUL.

PRIZES: ALL PRIZE DONATIONS WILL BE APPRECIATED.

DINNER: 5 meat all you can eat buffet at Santa Fe Bar-B-Que about 5 blocks. Includes free soft drink and coffee refills. \$11.00/person! Beer Extra.

REGISTRATION: \$13 per family or individual, includes photo and 1 badge. Extra badges \$3.

**COMPLETE FORM BELOW AND SEND WITH REGISTRATION
FEE AND COST OF SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER TO:
ROBERT DYSON 8943 OVERHILL CIRCLE DE SOTO KS 66018**

1994 SOUTH CENTRAL MINI REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ CALL _____ USACA # _____

SPOUSE _____ CALL _____ USACA # _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

REGISTRATION FEE..... \$13.00

DINNER.. (#) AT \$11.00.....

EXTRA BADGES... (#) AT \$3.00 (LIST NAME/CALL).....

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED... _____

CHECK IF INTERESTED IN: GOLF # _____ CASINO GAMBLING # _____