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## Nominees for County Hunter of the Year

The information below is provided to help you make your decision and cast your ballot. Each of the persons noted below was nominated by a MARAC member. The winner is to be announced at the Saturday banquet at the National Convention. You may vote for one (1) in each category: SSB and CW.—KF9FU

### Nominees for SSB Category

**NT9V, Ed Dranchek.** The price of Porter County, IN, Ed shares the rig with XYL Katie, and the two have put out over 1,000 counties in 25 states and over 200 last counties. Retired from U.S. Steel in Research and Development, Ed also shares time managing a humongous extended family, when not running over 2,000 hours of net control. In 1992 Ed won the MARAC Net Control of the Year award. He continues to support the 40M and 20M nets with fine service. Ed has promoted county hunting at local club meetings and now serves on the MARAC Nominating Committee. Previously Ed received the Excellent Operator award from MARAC, a testimony to his efficient mobile and net control operations. Ed was the first to finish Sixth Time all counties, and was the first known to have finished all counties in under six months' time. He has over 300 countries in DSCC and was a vice president and net coordinator for the Ole Miss group. Everyone appreciates Ed's contributions and pleasant demeanor.

**KJ5PQ, Cheryl Mohon.** The toast of Denton County, TX, Cheryl and OM Mike, KG5UZ, essentially began our sport in June 1993 and since have put out over 1,300 counties mobile with 150 last counties. Cheryl is USA-CA 846 and is finishing Second Time. Cheryl is a working gal and travels extensively as a national tech support for Xerox Corporation. Mobilewise, her operation is well known for efficient operation and she is a pro in weak signal conditions. Recently she scored over 700,000 points in the MARAC SSB contest. When not mobile or working, Cheryl has contributed many hours of net control and assistance. She has assisted OM Mike, a Headquarters director, on many issues and has attended a number of Executive Committee meetings with input. Cheryl enjoys attending conventions and meeting the folks. Cheryl's energy cannot be understated—she never seems to tire from having good, old fun in long mobile runs. Her bubbling effervescence is most appreciated on all nets.

**K7100, Bill Moore.** The Gump of Grant County, WA, Bill and XYL Joyce share his hamming with teaching and hobbies of bass fishing and bow hunting. Bill has put out over 900 counties, many multiple times, and has over 355 last counties from the tough Western U.S. propagation. Over 300 hours of net control are in the books as well with the pleasant and courteous demeanor Bill is known for. He has assisted the Awards Chairman in record-keeping duties, as well as others. He helped at the Seattle National, and presently is nominated for director of the Pacific District. Bill is USA-CA 693 and working on Second Time when not assisting new hams as a VE. Bill has won every MARAC 10M contest as a mobile and many MARAC 10M CW contests as well. Bill's professionalism is a plus for our sport as well as is his giving nature.

### Nominees for CW Category

**N0CYB, Woody Crane.** Originally the toast of Chicago, Woody now resides in Kansas City, MO, in retirement fashion. First license in 1934 as W9CUF, his works include some 30 years as a chief engineer for WGN radio and TV with previous engineering and World War II stints. In 1983, Woody discovered county hunting while mobilizing to Florida and what a mark he has left since! Woody is a five-time mobile of the year on CW—nuff said. He is well known for consistent one and two-day mobile treks with needy county hunters in mind. His technical prowess cannot be understated and his routemaking ability is second-to-none, sharing these talents with all. Woody has five last counties for the whole ball of wax and well over 100 last counties, all on CW. In 1985 he was voted CW Net Control of the Year and still provides fine assistance on the net. There isn't another like Woody, as they say, and this one is a true friend of all county hunters.

**NF0X, Harry Brundridge.** The pride of Hickory County, MO, Harry resides with XYL Wilma. Harry has run over 2,000 counties in 48 states and plan to run all counties—he has over 100 last counties and many for the whole ball of wax. Harry holds the number one award for the Karl Adkins Net Control award and has logged over 1,000 hours of net service. He also received a MARAC Merit Award for 40M CW net service during a convention. Harry's club service is stellar, serving on the Awards Committee and helping to establish a number of CW awards as well as assisting in formulating the CH CW guidelines. He has served as emcee as a number of nationals and his verbal and literary wit are appreciated—most notably Harry has penned many superb CW columns for the *Road Runner*. He also developed, at his own expense, a fine slide program for CW county hunting. Overall Harry is often the lone voice supporting the CW minority on many county hunting issues. Harry has USA-CA 245 with CW endorsement and the Fifth Time award. He was the first to work all counties with no relays. Harry somehow finds time to act as a VE and served as president of his local ham club as well as ARRL ARES service. If you need a hand, just ask Harry.

### Dateline CW By ED, KN4Y

#### *CW the heir of all the ages in the formost files of time.*

Boy how times flies, just cleaned my shack in 1985 and now it is time to clean it again. In the entire universe, few things have a shorter life than a clean radio shack. I wonder if I will have an odd or even number of dust balls. But first a check to see what activity is on the CW net. A quick CHN? brings no response. My horoscope is correct, today I seem destined to clean up. The MARAC CW contest was great so maybe I should git on the contest logs and git them off to Norm, before my writing cools down. Besides the paddle now sticks to the desk top and if I clean the desk top the paddle will slide around again. This requires a professional decision so I will flip a coin. Heads have a beer and listen to the CW net, tails order a pizza and work on the contest logs, and if the coin stands on its edge, clean the shack.

The warm humid air, hangs motionless, waiting for the rise and fall of a coin, is suddenly whipped by wave after wave of vibrations discharging from an unencumbered exhaust pipe, a

sure indication Gator is close by and headed this way. (Gator watches professional wrestling and is convinced that without noise there is no power). The squirrels race for the topmost branches of the water oak, the cat disappears under the porch, and the dog howls with the frequencies only it can hear. Gator has been here before. He roars into the yard stopping just short of the squirrel crossing sign, his oscillating 96-inch whip destroying no-see-ums. I put the coin back in my pocket and git two beers.

"Good morning Gator, what brings you over so early, here have a beer." "Thanks OM (Gator has been reading the ARRL book about ham radio) I just came from the post office and guess what?" I could tell he was real excited because the Red Man stuck to his front tooth made him look like he had been a-grinning and spitting on *Hee Haw*. I slowly pulled the pop tab purposely dragging out the swish and asked him, "They got your picture on the wall?"

"Funny, very funny but you be close, they have put my handle on a U S of A stamp, here take a look see." he said pushing a block of stamps into my face. "The stamps say Florida, your handle is not Florida." I say while trying to keep a straight face. Gator takes a long drink from the can, squeezes the sides together, flips the empty into the recycle bin (his pickup bed) and sez, "Sometimes youse education messes up your conception." "You mean perception." "Whatever, now look below the word Florida and what do you see, you dumb..."

"Now Gator don't get excited, I see a crocodile, is your handle Croc?" I ask, trying to control my laughter by releasing short bursts of gas. "You ain't that dumb, you is just pulling my leg, you know that is a picture of a gator on the stamp and Gator be my handle, boy what died?" Reaching for two more beers I relent, "Yes that looks like a gator, now what you gonna do?" "I got a whole bunch put away and when I get my ham license I will use my handle stamp to mail QSL cards." "Well you better git to studying or there will be another postage increase before you git your license, by the way I hope you realize that gator is gonna git licked by many people." "Look close at the stamp, notice the position of the gator is relation to where the stamp will be licked, enuff said?" "Enuff said."

"Gotta ask you a question, I was talking to Susie down at the post office, you know the red head who looks where she ain't looking, well she said I was a masatogenesis, is that good?" "Well that means you will make a good county hunter." Gator smiled and took another long drink of beer. It amazes me how he does that without swallowing his chew.

"I wanna thank you for letting me ride with you during the county hunters contest, it be fun." "Glad you enjoyed it, but as soon as you learn your code it will be more fun but next time lay off the boiled eggs." "I was able to copy a part of a call." "Oh? what was that?" "TEE, but I have a question." "Shoot." "Why did you keep changing frequencies?"

"A contest is an accumulation of numbers, the more numbers the higher the score. A station can be worked only one time on a band in a county, do you know what a band is?" "Yep, sure do, it be the tape I put around the bottle cap so it no unscrew during transport." "Gator git serious, have you learned about ham bands?" "Boy you ain't no fun today, it is either the wrong time of the month or it is time to clean you radio shack again?" "Yes!" "That explains you being so uptight, yes, I know what the ham bands be, there be the 10 meter, 20 meter..." "Correct man, now where was I, oh yes, now for instance if I work ten stations on the



20 meter band I have ten numbers, now when I work the same ten stations on 40 meters I now have 20 numbers, and also being on a different band allows hams to work me that could not hear me on the other band. Do you understand?" "Yep, I git your drift and the reason you go mobile is when you change counties you can work dem twice again, right?"

"Yes Gator, I am going to let you in on a county hunters secret, the reason many go mobile during a contest is the reduced external QRM, you remember what QRM means?" "That be noise not needed for the project at hand, is that the reason you had all those snacks for the driver and me?" "Yep, an eating face is not a talking face, and most important no one walks in and out of the shack asking stupid questions."

"I know what you mean man." Gator pauses to stuff a wad of Red Man into the left cheek, "Just as soon as Bubba (his sister whose bust size and IQ are the same) slams the truck door shut her mouth opens." "Be nice Gator, there is the mail person, have another beer while I git the mail."

"Anything important?" "Yep, the county hunters convention is coming up in July." "You going?" "Yep, already sent in my registration." "Can I go? sure would like to meet Al and..." "Tell you what Gator, when you git your ham license I will take you to the county hunters convention, is that a deal." "It's a deal, where is it this year?" "It is in Hamburg, New York, what is so funny?" "I guess your meetings gonna be in the ground beef room and the banquet in the Salisbury room, ha ha ha, hee hee hee, ho ho ho." Gator was laughing so hard he almost choked on his cud. I was about to knock him in the goin when in the distance was heard Boing, Boing, Boing, the sound of a large bell.

"Darn, just when I am having fun my beeper goes off." "Before you run off Ed sez if you would help out around here you would be gator aid." "Ed the California nuts" "That is NCS and yes" "Send him a gator stamp and tell him to lick it." Gator jumps into his truck and before roaring off yells, "Thanks and be seeing you soon" still laughing hysterically yells, The still air shudders and the crickets go quiet, they are no match for a barking V eight.

See ya'all at the convention.

## Net Operating Tips by W4RKV

For those working on Bingo, it would be a big help if the mobiles who have a USA-CA number (and, thus, are a wildcard) would announce that fact that the beginning of their run, i.e., "W4RKV USA-CA 501 Tipton, TN" unless the NCS has previously indicated that you are good for Bingo when announcing your call and county. Let me hasten to add that it is NOT the responsibility of the NCS to keep up with who is good for Bingo and who isn't; when I started on Bingo I make it a point to find out myself who had a number and was thus good as a wildcard. As was pointed out to me one day, though, when you're operating mobile you may have to rely on your memory, and with so many USA-CA holders, that may overload your memory bank. For that reason, many NCS' announce it when they are sure a mobile is good for Bingo in his current county.

Incidentally, if you are working on Bingo (or think you may later on), why not make it a point to obtain a set of the rules from the horse's mouth instead of relying on a verbal explanation from someone else? The horse's mouth is the award's sponsor, the mobile QSL Bureau (large SASE, one unit of postage).

With sorriw, we accoune the death of WD4FXX, Howard Johnson, Hopkinsville, KY, and WB6GMM, James E. Emerson, Jr., Escondido, CA.

**New USA-CA Award Winners**

Norm Van Raay, WA3RTY, CQ columnist and administrator of the USA-CA program, has announced the following new winners:

- 863, KA4BHL, Clarence E. Crouch, March 28, 1995
- 864, KS4Q, Ernest J. Zingleman, March 28, 1995
- 865, N0DRX, Shel Mann, April 3, 1995
- 866, KM4ES, Tom Hughes, April 15, 1995

**Counties Needed ...**

**... for USA-CA**

**AA2AV:** Noble, Vinton (Ohio); Beckham, Harmon, Jackson, Roger Mills, Sequoyah (Oklahoma); Hood River, Wasco (Oregon); Forest (Pennsylvania); Beadle, Buffalo, Deuel, Haakon, Jackson, Jarauld, Mellette, Moody, Sanborn, Stanley, Ziebach (South Dakota); Bledsoe, Chester, Giles, Hardin, Lawrence, Maury, Rhea (Tennessee); Bailey, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Fisher, Hall, Parmer (Texas); Garfield, Kane, Piute, San Juan (Utah); Buckingham, Charles City, Nelson (Virginia); Asotin, Columbia, Garfield (Washington); Calhoun, Roane (West Virginia); Bayfield, Burnett, Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, Pepin, Pierce, Tylor, Vernon (Wisconsin).

**KC9EU:** Dade, Franklin (Georgia); Presque Isle (Michigan); Lawrence (Mississippi); Lincoln (Oregon); Columbia (Washington); Calhoun (West Virginia); plus more.

**W8QOI:** Heard, Terrell (Georgia); Keokuk, Mahaska, Wayne (Iowa); Metcalfe, Owsley (Kentucky); Mercer (Missouri); La Moure (North Dakota).

**... for other awards**

**WB4UPW:** (all 20M) Monroe (Kentucky); Cumberland (New Jersey); Perry (Pennsylvania); Dickenson (Virginia); Hawkins (Tennessee).

**MARAC Awards**

**Van Peterson, K4QFK, Awards Custodian**  
**P.O. Box 48307, Cumberland, NC 28331-8307**

Well another year has passed already and it's time to vote for the County Hunter Of The Year. Enclosed with this newsletter is the ballot that **I MUST RECEIVE NOT LATER THAN JUNE 3, 1995.** So take a minute, Right Now!, Fill out your ballot and put it in the mail. Please affix 20 cents postage before mailing. I will be mailing the order for these plaques on June 5 and ballots received late will not count. If you do not operate on both CW and SSB, you do not have to vote for both! Mail right away to insure that your vote counts.

**Awards Committee Actions**

As this article is being written, the "Re-Do" of the Union County and USA Counties and the newly created Second Time Around Certificates are being printed and will be on display at Dayton and other upcoming events and the National Convention in New York.

The Board of Directors approved the changes proposed to the Karl Adkins Net Control Award, which means that one needs only 50 hours to qualify for the certificate with endorsements for 100, 250, 500, 750, 1,000 and multiples of ,000 hours after that. The MARAC Special Plaque will still be issued for 1,000 hours and now "bars" will be added for each additional 1,000 hours. Due to the cost and impracticability of returning this certificate for endorsement, a new certificate will be issued for each "upgrade". This change is effective immediately. Remember, this award is issued free to any paid-up MARAC member who qualifies. The application form for this award has been changed to reflect these changes.

The Board has also approved the changes to the Jack Scroggins Memorial Award and the new levels are: Work 25 holders of the MARAC Second Time Around Award for the basic certificate with Red, Blue, Gold and 2nd Gold for 50, 75, 100 and 150. **This Change is effective Immediately!** Please pen in the changed numbers on any application forms that you have in your possession.

In other actions, the Board has sent back to committee the YL/OM Award Suggestion and as soon as I receive this in writing, appropriate action, as necessary, will be taken by the Awards Committee.

I am pleased to announce the following new second time around holders:

- #179 Ed Holmes W4IGW 03/24/95
- #180 Curt George W4SSU 03/31/95

**Members Speak!**

**Cliff, KF8K**—Just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked me during my recent trip to California. This was my first long county hunting trip. It was a most enjoyable experience. My special thanks to NT9V, W0WYJ, W7ZZW and K1ER for the help and the "company" while driving.

**Dot, K4BZV**—Both Cliff, K4CC, and I appreciated all the get-well cards we received. Now, I want to thank everyone for all the sympathy cards. Thanks gang!

**John, KX8Z**—Just a short note to inform you all that my XYL Reita, N8GCJ, passed away on February 3, 1995. Reita used to enjoy all aspects of county hunting, particularly the many minis we attended, and the revisiting with old friends. She navigated many long miles of bumpy roads with me, and I will miss her very much.

**Bill, K0JG**—For many years I have noticed now inquiries for the next county or direction have left confusion for the net and some preoglems for the people who are trying to find the information. I wonder if either the mobile or net control could announce this information to speed up things on the net and lessen the confusion.

**Carol, N0LDT**—I would like to thank all the county hunters who gave Bun their support his long battle with cancer. He enjoyed all the conventions we attended and felt each of you were his true friends. Also I appreciated all the expressions of sympathy during the period beginning with the euth of my dad and two and one-half weeks later the death of my dear husband, Bun, N0KZX. County hunters, you are truly wonderful friends.

**Packy, AE3O**—(sent to Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL) Just a few lines to let you know how much I enjoyed *The County Line Road Runner* issue, March 1995, which my close "county hunter" friend George, AJ3X, let me borrow.

I have been licensed since 1971 and never even listened to the county hunter net frequencies. Now, after three weeks, I'm hooked!

Never have I enjoyed anything as much! All those involved are the kindest, most courteous, helpful and friendly hams on the air. The mobile operators are so extremely dedicated. All those miles logged to help fellow hams.

I haven't operated mobile since 1982, but I sure want to give out what I can to help others. Also, I want to someday meet the others as a convention.

Hats off! Here is my membership fee.

## Balloting for Net Control & Mobiles

Results of balloting for th third quarter are as follows:  
CW Net Control: 1st, WA6VJP; 2nd, W7BD; 3rd (tie), N0CYB and KA3MMM.

CW Mobile: 1st, W3DYA; 2nd, KD8HB; 3rd, AA0PY.

SSB Net Control: 1st, KZ2P; 2nd, K1ER; 3rd, NT9V.

SSB Mobile: 1st, N4CD; 2nd, KJ5PQ; 3rd, KC1NA.

Congratulations to the above and all the others who garnered votes. All votes received during the year count toward the annual winners, which will be announced at the Annual Convention.

The ballot included in this newsletter will be for the fourth quarter vote (April-June). Ballots should be returned no later than June 5, 1995, to Bob Dyson, K0AYO.

## South Central Mini Convention

The 1995 gathering was held this year in Olathe, KS, at the Best Western Motel. Chairman Bob Dyson, K0AYO, noted that things were a bit hectic the day prior to the first day of the mini: the motel was sold and the hospitality room was rilled wall-to-wall with rolls of carpet and padding. With a little harsh words to the new general manager, 19 rolls disappeared over night and the remaining made for soft sitting for the group photograph!

There were 33 registrations and two no-shows. Several of the ladies managed to locate areas to shop and spend money. Speaking of spending money, two new transceivers were purchased! Friday evening 29 folks car-pooled to the "Jumpin Catfish" for (naturally) a catfish feed. You should have seen the people standing in line when we arrived for our 6 p.m. reservation. Jerry, WD5JGS, wanted to "assist the hostess" in clearing a table of "three" so we could be seated, but XYL Jean suggested that he NOT. Saturday, Barry, W9UCW, held a "round table discussion" on antenna operation, design and what have you. He finally called a halt about 11:30 a.m. since several of the wives had gathered and silently sent the "dinner call."

After pictures about 4 p.m., or was it 5 p.m., we motored down the road about 1/2 mile and had a BBQ feast, all you can

eat of turkey, ribs, ham, sausage, and chicken with all the "fixins." Back to the motel and some more QSO's, and highballs ... or was that eyeballs. Next, back to Texhoma!—K0AYO

## No Counties in Connecticut?? by W5VDW

In my quest to work all counties on a "county-line basis" I have come to the point in time when I advise some of the more active mobile stations that I need certain counties. Recently, I sent a notice to N3DRO that I was looking for several pairs of counties in the State of Connecticut. Barb sent me a letter, a part of which I would like to share with the members. In her letter, Barb stated, "There's a bit of a problem with getting county lines up here. Number 1 is, there are NO county line signs and Number 2, there are NO counties up here (underscoring added) according to records & there hasn't been since 1952."

I was somewhat taken by surprise at this revelation because it raised a rather interesting question: "If there are no counties in Connecticut, how can we have a requirement for working counties in that state?" I decided to do a bit of research on the matter. I first consulted my own library, including the Rand-McNally Atlas, the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, the *Directory of U.S. Hospitals* (published by the American Hospital Association) and, by telephone, the *World Book Encyclopedia*. The *Directory of U.S. Hospitals* contains a variety of statistical information, one point being the county location of the reporting hospital. It was used solely because the information is voluntarily furnished by U.S. hospitals, can be assumed to be factual reporting and was readily at hand. The listed references revealed the following:

The Rand-McNally does show county lines in the state of Connecticut. While lines may be shown on a map, locating them without benefit of road signs may be a job for a land surveyor. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* (1947 Edition), under the opening description of the state, contains the following statement:

"The counties, of which there are eight, have so little governmental importance that there are no county seats." The *World Book Encyclopedia* states, "in 1960, the legislature removed all county jurisdiction." The *Directory of U.S. Hospitals* indicates that all of the registered hospitals have reported the county in which the hospital is located. The named counties are the same counties shown by geographical limits in the Rand-McNally Atlas. Since these references did not clearly resolve the issue, a letter and a series of inquiries was addressed to the Governor of the State of Connecticut for referral to the proper agency, or agencies, capable of responding to the inquiries. The questions were., as follows:

1. Are there, in fact, eight physically defined counties in the state of Connecticut?
2. Are these counties made up of identifiable smaller governmental entities, such as, villages, towns, townships, boroughs, cities, or other designated entities which comprise an identifiable county entity?
3. In the preparation of property deeds and land transfers, does the legal description, either a metes and bounds or a platting document description, include the reference to the "county location" of the properties?
4. Does the State Highway Department install county-line markers in the established highway right-of-way, either in terms of road signs or survey monuments, which would clearly identify the county-line?

A response was received from Governor Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., dated September 22, 1994. The response was a copy of the

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"Connecticut State Register and Manual-1992," published by the Secretary of State, with various portions marked for reference. These references reveal, the following:

1. Under Section IV, entitled "COUNTIES," one finds the following statements: "There are NO COUNTY SEATS IN CONNECTICUT. County governments were abolished effective October 1, 1960; counties continue to prevail as geographical subdivisions."

2. Article IV of the "Constitution of the State of Connecticut" establishes the "Executive Department" and in Section 25 of the Article provides for the election of Sheriffs in each county. Thus, while the "county sheriff" is elected by residents of the counties, he serves under the Executive Department.

3. Several other pages were marked for reference, apparently to respond to Question #2, above. There are 169 towns in Connecticut and in a listing on Page 688, the towns which comprise each county are shown. A small map showing the town boundaries is marked for reference, but it is overlaid to show the electoral districts, it is very difficult to read and is suitable only to show that town boundaries are contiguous throughout the state. A further effort is being made to obtain more detailed maps which would show the town boundaries and any traversing highway system (state highways, U.S. highways, interstate highways or town roadways).

4. In conversation with a member of the Governor's staff, I addressed the matter of road markers for the counties. The response was that "in view of the lack of county administration there was no apparent need for such markers."

I felt that surely the county sheriffs would have a need for a map delineating their area of jurisdiction. However, letters dispatched to the chairman of the County Sheriffs Advisory Board requesting information have gone unanswered.

## Connecticut Counties<sup>1</sup>

The following townsite boundaries constitute the county-lines between the counties as listed below:

### *Litchfield-Fairfield*

Kent-Sherman  
New Milford-Sherman  
New Milford-New Fairfield  
New Milford-Brookfield  
Bridgewater-Brookfield

### *Litchfield-New Haven*

Bridgewater-Southbury  
Roxbury-Southbury  
Woodbury-Southbury  
Woodbury-Middlebury  
Watertown-Middlebury  
Watertown-Waterbury  
Plymouth-Waterbury  
Plymouth-Wolcott

### *Litchfield-Hartford*

Plymouth-Bristol  
Harwinton-Burlington  
New Hartford-Burlington  
New Hartford-Canton  
Barkhamstead-Canton  
Hartland-Granby  
Wallingford-Middlefield

### *Middlesex-New London*

East Hampton-Colchester  
East Haddam-Colchester  
East Haddam-Salem  
East Haddam-Lyme

### *New London-Tolland*

Colchester-Hebron  
Lebanon-Hebron  
Lebanon-Columbia

### *Fairfield-New Haven?*

Newtown-Southbury  
Newtown-Oxford  
Monroe-Oxford  
Shelton-Seymour  
Shelton-Derby  
Shelton-Orange  
Stratford-Milford

### *New Haven-Middlesex*

Madison-Clinton<sup>3</sup>  
Madison-Killingworth<sup>3</sup>  
Madison-Durham  
Wallingford-Durham  
Lisbon-Canterbury

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Meriden-Middlefield  
Meriden-Middletown

### *New Haven-Hartford*

Meriden-Berlin  
Meriden-Southington  
Cheshire-Southington  
Wolcott-Southington  
Wolcott-Bristol

### *Hartford-Middlesex*

Berlin-Middletown  
Berlin-Cromwell  
Rocky Hill-Cromwell  
Glastonbury-Portland  
Glastonbury-East Hampton  
Marlborough-East Hampton

### *Hartford-New London*

Marlborough-Colchester

### *New London-Windham*

Lebanon-Windham  
Franklin-Windham  
Sprague-Scotland  
Sprague-Canterbury

Griswold-Canterbury  
Griswold-Plainfield  
Voluntown-Plainfield  
Voluntown-Sterline

### *Windham-Tolland*

Windham-Mansfield  
Chaplin-Mansfield  
Ashford-Mansfield  
Ashford-Millington  
Ashford-Union  
Eastford-Union  
Woodstock-Union

### *Tolland-Hartford*

Hebron-Marlborough  
Hebron-Glastonbury  
Bolton-Glastonbury  
Bolton-Manchester  
Vernon-Manchester  
Vernon-South Windsor  
Ellington-South Windsor  
Ellington-East Windsor  
Ellington-Enfield  
Somers-Enfield

## Notes:

1. This information is taken from maps contained in *The Connecticut State Register and Manual—1992* and is prepared in an effort to assist those who would desire to work the counties of the state on a county-line basis or for mobile stations transiting the state and desiring to assist in the effort. The maps contained in the *Manual* have been overlaid to provide geopolitical information and lack roadway features. Care has been taken to interpret the miniscule information accurately.

2. The Litchfield-New Haven county line formed by the townsites listed appears to be wet over its entire length, as the line runs at the thread of the Housatonic River

3. The New Haven-Middlesex county-line formed by the townsites listed appears to be wet over its length as the line runs at the thread of the Connecticut River.

## From the Secretary

If your mailing label indicates 199506 or 199507, it is time to renew. Dues with first class mailing of the Newsletter are \$19/yr. Dues with third class mailing of the Newsletter are \$16/yr. Note that third class mailing is available within the United States 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, Inc., and mail to the Secretary, Don Magers, KESWL, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75090-6709.

## New MARAC Information Packet

Thanks to everyone for getting the word out to potential new members and interested County Hunters that a County Hunting Information Packet is available. The Information Packet has been upgraded, February 1995, combining the original MARAC

Information package and the Net Operating Guidelines. The package answers questions about net frequencies, computer logging, MRC's and QSLing, etc. Send your request with a business size envelope with 55 cents postage to: MARAC, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75090-6709

Europeans can get the Packet from Eddie Scholes, G4KHG.

## ARRL Memberships

Effective April 1, 1995, a dues increase of one dollar will be applied to all membership categories. This means that on and after that date, I will need to apply the new dues rate to memberships I accept under the ARRL Affiliated Club Rebate Program.

I wish to thank our MARAC members who have demonstrated their support of MARAC by submitting their ARRL memberships through the MARAC Secretary: KB4HB, N4SF, AA6PI, KF7RU, WA2AKJ, KOGEN, N8BGF

The last day of the month is my cutoff day for processing ARRL renewals. For example, if your ARRL membership expires the last day of April 1995, I must have your application before the last day of March 1995. We do not want anyone to miss a copy of *QST*, because of their support of MARAC.

For each ARRL Regular or Senior Membership, MARAC receives a \$2 rebate, (\$5 for a new ARRL membership). Please mail your check or money order payable to MARAC, Inc., for your ARRL dues and the ARRL membership application to: MARAC, 406 Cherry Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75090-6709.

## Regular Monthly Meeting April 2, 1995

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 2:15 p.m., April 2, 1995, at the home of Mike Carver, KG5UZ, 2013 Eagle Nest Pass, Lewisville, 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; Don Magers, KE5WL; Mike Carver, KG5UZ; Bill Peale, W5MW; Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS. Also present were Mary, KC5UO, Cheryl, KJ5PQ, and Jean, WDX5JGS.

A directed motion to accept the minutes of the March 5, 1995, meeting of the Board of Directors as printed, was made by Joe Parsons, W5UJO, and a unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried.

There was no Treasurer's report due to the absence of Diane Landreth, KI5TV, for the financial activity for the month of March.

Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL, advised the Board that he had received no further information or correspondence from the Publications Committee concerning their advertising proposal. After some discussion, Secretary Magers was directed by the Board to write a letter to Bob Dyson, K0AYO, requesting further information in order that a final disposition could be made at the May 7, 1995, Board meeting.

Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL, requested that all Board members prepare their inputs for the Annual Report by the May 7, 1995, Board meeting.

President Joe Parsons, W5UJO, read a letter from Pete Peterson, K4QFK, advising that he had received no nominations

for SSB or CW operators of the year. After discussion of this matter, Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, requested that a notice be placed in the minutes or in the newsletter requesting such nominations by May 1995.

Joe Parsons, W5UJO, presented a report on the requested changes to several of MARAC's current awards received from the Awards Committee as published in the February *County Line Road Runner*, page 5, items 1, 2 and 3. After discussion on these items, a motion was made by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, seconded by Bill Peale, W5MW, to accept item 2, upgrading the requirements of the Karl Adkins Award, as published, and unanimous vote thereon, the motion carried. After further discussion of item 3, changing the requirements for the Jack Scroggins Memorial Award, a motion was made by Mike Carver, KG5UZ, seconded by Bill Peale, W5MW, to accept item 3 as published., and a majority vote thereon, the motion passed with one dissenting vote, Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS. A lengthy discussion followed concerning item 1, creating a new MARAC YL/OM Team Award. It was noted that no formal proposal had been received. A motion was made by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, seconded by Bill Peale, W5MW, to table item 1 for a final proposal from the Awards Committee within the next 90 days, and a unanimous vote thereon, the motion passed.

Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL, advised the Board that he had received no information from the Nominating Committee. He further advised that all nominees must be verified as current members by the Secretary prior to their names being placed on the ballots creating a valid election. Secretary Don Magers, KE5WL, was instructed to request such information from Don Strom, WA0LKL, to be presented to the Board at their May 7, 1995, meeting.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, will be held at 2:00 p.m., May 7, 1995, at the home of Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, 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 Bill Peale, W5MW, seconded by Jerry Weaver, WD5JGS, and a unanimous vote thereon, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m., April 2, 1995.

## Address Changes, Corrections, New Members

R-101 WB0CQO Byron "Joe" Lindley, 1398 Kansas St., Murray, IA 50174-9411, =Clarke  
 R-845 W0DSY Randy Woelk, 2626 Porter St., Wichita, KS 67204-5045, =Sedgwick  
 R-1050 N9CHU C. Edward "Ace" Burdett, P.O. Box 4402, Pensacola, FL 32507-4402, =Escambia  
 R-1221 KB0G Tim Heger, 249 Bryans Dr., McDonough, GA 30253-2513, =Henry  
 R-1529 NC2O Ken Hanson, 9901 SE Hwy 314, #193, Silver Springs, FL 34488-2350, =Marion  
 R-2369 KS4KM Romund Madson, 1841 SE Hanby Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34952-5531, =St. Lucie  
 R-2671 AB5OK R. Craig Culver, 2810 W.Old Farmington Rd., #3, Fayetteville, AR 72704, =Washington

## New Members

R-2676 WJ8B Andy Smith, 1172 Woodman Dr., Worthington,

## May 1995

OH 43085-2965, =Franklin  
 R-2677 KL7IFP John M. Markle, P.O. Box 8743, Ketchikan, AK  
 99901-3743, 1st District  
 R-2678 W2IBB E.N."Norm" Ellison, 440 Birch Bark Dr., Brick,  
 NJ 08723-4953, =Ocean  
 R-2679 KJ8V D.E. "Dave" Ertel, 605 Crestview Dr., Lebanon,  
 OH 45036-1613, =Warren  
 R-2680 AE3O P.E. "Packy" Pickrell, 5028 Sidney Rd., Mt. Airy,  
 MD 21771-5728, =Frederick

## Michigan QSO Party

The 1995 Michigan QSO Party is sponsored by the Oak Park Amateur Radio Club. Phone and CW are combined into one contest. Michigan stations can work Michigan counties for multipliers. A station may be contacted once on each band/mode. Portable/mobile stations may be counted as new contacts each time the county changes. County line contacts count as one QSO.

A log and summary sheet are requested, showing the scoring and other pertinent information, name and address in block letters, and a signed declaration that all rules and regulations have been observed. Michigan stations include club name for combined club score. Party contacts do not count toward the Michigan Achievement Award unless one fact about Michigan is communicated. Members of the Michigan QSO Party Committee are not eligible for individual awards. Decisions of the Contest Committee are final. Results will be final on July 31, 1995, and will be mailed to all entrants who have sent in a SASE. Mailing deadline is July 1, 1995. Send logs to Jeffrey Albrecht, N8WRV, 16193 Locherbie, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

Time: 1800z May 20 to 0300z May 21 and 1100z May 21 to 0200z May 22.

**Exchange:** QSO # and QTH--county for Michigan; state or country for others.

**Scoring:** Multipliers are counted only once. *Michigan Stations:* 2 points per QSO x (states + countries + Michigan counties) on phone. Each CW contact is 3 points per QSO. Alaska & Hawaii count as states. VE counts as a country. Maximum multiplier is 85. Five (5) points for each W8MB contact. *Non-Michigan stations:* QSO points x Michigan counties. 2 points for each Michigan phone QSO and 3 points for each CW contact. Five points for each club station contact with W8MB. Maximum multiplier is 83. *VHF-only entries:* Same as above except multipliers per VHF band are added together for total multipliers. No repeater contacts are allowed.

**Suggested frequencies:** CW--1810, 3540, 3725, 7035, 7125, 14035, 21035, 21125, 28035, 28125; Phone--1855, 3905, 7280, 14280, 21380, 28480.

Awards: [Michigan] Plaques--high multi-operator/single transmitter score, high Michigan score, high Michigan (Upper Peninsula) score, high aggregate club score and high QRP only entry (minimum of 100 QSO's), and high Michigan mobile score; Certificate--high score for each county (Minimum 50 QSO's). [Out of state] High out-state plaque and certificates for high score each state and country.

## Missed It by This Much

In last month's newsletter, the article noting the Pre-National Convention picnic at the home of WB3IET and WB3ITH gave a wrong date. The picnic will be July 5 (July 4 + 1). Included with the article was a map to June and Vern Beard's home. The map will be repeated next month.

## Future Events

Following is a calendar of upcoming events of particular interest to County Hunters. An information contact person has been noted for each event. Listing courtesy *The Weekly Hunter*.

- July 5-8, MARAC National Convention, Hamburg, NY. Contact AA2AV.
- September 28-30, Pacific District Mini, Las Vegas, NV. Contact KB7QO.
- November 2-4, Southeast District Mini, Murphreesboro, TN. Contact KM4W.
- July 1-5, 1996, MARAC National Convention, Phoenix, AZ. Contact W0OWY.
- 1997 MARAC National Convention, Orlando, FL. Contact KN4JR.
- 1998 MARAC National Convention, San Antonio, TX. Contact WB4FBS.

## MARAC Board Election

One of the three postcards enclosed with this newsletter is a ballot for MARAC Board of Directors. There are three separate elections: Headquarters Group, Pacific director, and Northeast Director. For the Headquarters Group, all MARAC members are eligible to cast a ballot. For the other two, you must reside within the district to have your ballot counted.

Terms for all three run through July 1997. In all cases, there are candidates shown on the ballot, along with lines for write-in candidates.

For Headquarters Group (write-ins must include a complete slate): President, W5UJO; Vice President, WD5JGS; Secretary, KE5WL; Treasurer, KI5TV; Headquarters Director, W5MW.

Pacific director (choose one): N7OTR, W0OWY.

Northeast director: WB2NFB.

Ballots are to be returned to MARAC Secretary, Don Magers, KE5WL, 406 Cherry Park Dr., Sherman, TX 75090-6709.

## The Last Word by KB3WN

This issue should get us back on track for a more "normal" delivery, or at least as close to one as today's mail service will allow. There is one major piece of administration business that I need to discuss with you here: please send address changes, problems with your mailing label, and the like to the MARAC secretary, Don Magers, KE5WL. Don's address is sprinkled liberally throughout the newsletter, so you can't miss. All such items which are sent to me are bundled and at one time each month forwarded to Don.

Note, your newsletter should have three cards: one each for the quarterly Mobile/Net Control award, County Hunter of the Year, and MARAC ballot.



# MARAC<sup>95</sup>

## Annual Convention

Holiday Inn, Hamburg, NY, USA -- July 5th thru July 9th

This is the event! You'll be glad you came. In addition to a wide range of daily activities for hams and family members, the favorite activity will be having eyeball visits with people who were just callsigns, voices and fists over the air before.

**Weds., July 5th** Most people will arrive on Weds. or Thurs., although others may decide to spend the July 4th holiday at the Falls. Our Marac<sup>95</sup> registration desk in the Hospitality Room (Rm. 105) of the HI will officially open at 1pm. No special activities are planned for the 5th -- just settle in and relax before the mob gets here!

**Thurs., July 6th** The H-Room opens at 7am. Get your hot java and donuts! The first 2 workshops (mobile Antennas and Rigs) will be held at 9am and 10am. Two round-trip bus runs will be offered to NF. The first will leave the HI at 9am and will arrive at the Falls about 10am with intermediate stops at the NF Outlet Mall, the NF Winter Garden and at Goat Island. The 2nd trip will leave at Noon. The bus will make two afternoon return runs from NF at 2pm and 4pm. Next comes our outstanding Naval Park/Baseball Super Combo, priced at only \$25 complete! Buses will leave the HI at 3pm for the Park on the Buffalo Waterfront. There you will get an exciting guided tour of the USS Little Rock guided missile cruiser, the USS Sullivans destroyer, the USS Croaker submarine, as well as the Park Museum and Gift Shop. At 5:30pm we will make a short hop over to Pilot Field for the *Taste of Buffalo* all-you-can-eat-buffet dinner in the enclosed restaurant overlooking home plate. Then at 7pm we'll have reserved seats near 1st base for an exciting AAA International League baseball game between the Buffalo Bisons and the Louisville Reds. See both former major leaguers & future stars that could be in the majors before the end of the season. After the game our buses will return us to the HI for more fun with friends.

**Fri, July 7th** The H-Room opens at 7am. Workshops 3 and 4 (on mobile operating for road people and PC paper chasing programs for QTH people) will be held at 9am and 10am. Our Old Fort Niagara trip will leave the HI at 9am, headed for the historic fort at the mouth of the Niagara River & Lake Ontario. You'll have nearly 3 hours to visit the old French castle, moat, gun batteries & other exciting sights at the old fort which passed from French to British to U.S. hands. We'll next visit the Hydroelectric Power Vista, Whirlpool Rapids and the American and Horseshoe Falls. The buses will return to the HI in Hamburg by no later than 4pm. Then get ready for an exciting Friday evening! Between 6pm and 6:30pm buses will transport us a few miles away from the HI to Ilio DePaul's Ringside Lounge in nearby Blasdell, NY for our annual Marac banquet. The cocktail hour will run until 7pm. We will then feast on a banquet of four different entrees -- beef, chicken, seafood and pasta -- served family style. The dinner will also include a choice of appetizers and salads, unlimited beverages (alcohol beverages extra) and desert of ice cream atop a special Marac County Hunters Cake. Banquet Co-Chairs AA2AV (entertainment) and K4QFK (awards) will then Emcee an exciting after-dinner program, including drawing the winning numbers for nearly \$2,500 in spectacular door prizes. Buses will then return everyone to the HI before midnight.

**Sat., July 8th** The H-Room opens at 7am with coffee, donuts and other goodies. **Special 1st ever ARRL-VE Testing Session** will be held at 9am! Upgrade at Marac<sup>95</sup>! Our final two workshops on Net Control and other operating on both the CW and SSB County Hunting Nets will run at 9am and 10am. We will also offer another round-trip bus run to/from NF with intermediate stops at the Outlet Mall, Winter Garden, Goat Island and Falls. Our annual Marac business meeting (short on boring business and long on exciting awards) will be held from 2pm until 4pm in the Ballroom of the HI, with light refreshments. Everyone is free to dine with friends on Sat. evening, but don't take too long. Get back to the HI for the exciting monthly comedy club shows at 8pm and 10pm in the Ballroom. The cover charge is only \$6 and the comedians are professionals from the HBO Circuit. Laugh the night away!

**Something for Everyone!** K2NJ and his XYL are preparing our Marac<sup>95</sup> Registration Packet. Our committee is working hard to provide a balance of activities for kids, teens and families as well as for county hunters. Marac<sup>95</sup> prizes: Yaesu FT-900 mobile HF rig, a Kenwood TS-50 mobile HF rig, two mobile antennas by KN4Y, three gift certificates to the Outlet Mall stores in Niagara Falls, a homemade afghan, and several other exciting prizes. The Early Bird Prize to be awarded to one of the smart people who register for Marac<sup>95</sup> by/before June 1st will be a brand new Ten-Tec 555 Scout HF rig!

### Register separately for a Marac<sup>95</sup> Hotel Room

Don't delay to make room reservations. Call our lead hotel the Holiday Inn/Hamburg at 716-649-0500. All rooms are guaranteed at the low rate of \$66/night regardless of the number of guests. There are also two adjoining hotels: the Red Roof Inn at 716-648-7222 at Howard Johnson's at 716-648-2000.

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## Annual Convention

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### Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign \_\_\_\_\_ USA-CA# \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Callsign \_\_\_\_\_ USA-CA# \_\_\_\_\_  
St/POB \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Work Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
C/S/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Staying at \_\_\_\_\_

	#People	Amount \$
<b>Registration Fees</b>		
\$20 for 1st adult in family (badge, prizes, 1 photo, reg packet)	_____	_____
\$10 each additional adult (badge, prizes) -- kids/teens free	_____	_____

#### Thursday Naval Park/Baseball Super Combo

Naval Park on waterfront; Taste of Buffalo dinner at Pilot Field; reserved seats for Buffalo v. Louisville AAA league baseball; and r/trip bus: \$25 per person

#### Friday Day Trip to Old Fort Niagara & Niagara Falls

Visit Old Fort Niagara & the French Castle on Lake Ontario. Then visit 3 scenic stops at NF. \$18 per person

#### Friday Night Annual MaRaC Banquet

Gala Dinner at Ilio DePaulo's. Cash bar. Great door prizes & ham-comedy. With r/trip bus trans. \$22 per person

#### Daily Round/Trips to Niagara Falls via Bus

Three scenic stops + the famous NF Outlet Mall.

Buses approx. every 3 hours: \$8 per person

Bus trips on Thurs. July 6th

Bus trips on Fri. July 7th

Bus Trips on Sat. July 8th

#### Deluxe Group Photos by Gene N4ANV

Optional photos: underline those desired: all \$6 each:

USA-CA holders; Net Controls; Mobile Ops; CW Ops

#### Be A Winner!!

Special Book of 12 Door Prize Tickets: \$10

**Total Amount Enclosed** (Check payable to Marac95)

**Make separate room reservations by calling the Holiday Inn/Hamburg at 716-649-0500**

Get your Form & Check in by June 1st to qualify for special earlybird prize!

**Send Form & Check to: Jim Grandinetti, KZ2P, POB 106, Lakewood, NJ 08701**