

INDEPENDENT COUNTY HUNTERS NEWSLETTER
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YOUR newsletter is now a reality! Let me express my appreciation for your acceptance of the idea, and for the wealth of good usable information that you have supplied. I hope that you will keep in mind that my desire is to do this job as you want it done, and that I can only accomplish this if you make your wishes known!

WHO IS GOING WHERE AND WHEN: Maybe it is a bit early (in the season), but not too many itineraries have been received--here is what I have:

Bertha, WA4EMC says Some Sunday we will go to Palm Beach, Martin, Okeechobee, Highlands, Hardee, De Soto, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry and Glades, Florida. We will probably start around 1600 Z.

Duane, K2PFC will leave for Cape Hatteras N.C. April 28. Will travel routes 15 and 95 to Roanoke Rapids, N.C. then East on 158 to Kitty Hawk. He will pass through Fairfax, Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Hanover, Henrico, Chesterfield, Prince George, Sussex and Greenville in Virginia (after leaving Washington D.C.) In North Carolina; Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck and Dare. While there Duane will make a side trip to Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Beaufort and Hyde.

Dick, WA0DCQ "Will make a trip to counties on the Minn.-Wisc. border north of Minneapolis-Saint Paul some week-end in April!"

Juls, WA5WWW--Will be making trips to Northern Texas, East and West Oklahoma, Northwest Arkansas, Southwest Missouri and Southwest Kansas. More dope when dates are firm.

Clyde, W0YLN "Will make a trip in the near future, will cover Kansas; Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Douglas, Osage, Lyon, Chase, Marion, Butler, Sedgwick and Sumner. In Oklahoma; Grant, Garfield and Kingfisher. While I am there, will make others, if the guys will let me know what they need!"

Glenn, K8VZW "Expect to drive back to Cincinnati (from Florida) around April 10, have not picked the route yet!"

The following guys will "go get 'em" if enough hunters let them know what is wanted: Gordy, K0TVY, Iowa, near Raymond. Dick, WA0DCQ, Minnesota, around Minneapolis. Eddie, K4LSP "I travel all of the states of Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina, plus parts of Kentucky, Alabama and Mississippi. I am out on the road every other week, and if stations will send me a list of counties they need, I will oblige"

THE TEN MOST WANTED: The response on Alabama was real good; here they are:

1. FAYETTE 2. BULLOCK 3. COOSA 4. GREENSHAW 5. BARBOUR 6. BIBB 7. ELMORE
8. FRANKLIN 9. HENRY 10. LAWRENCE 11. LOWNDES. All but 3 counties were needed by some hunter. The numbers varied from 25 who needed 1; 29, to 13 who needed 1; 34, 40 and 43. (How does that grab you?) A real good suggestion from George, W7ENA, (and used by Ed, W2GT); in the future, take the official list (available from the same Ed) and convert the alphabetical list to numerical-- i.e. 1. Adams, 2. Alpha, 3. Baker etc. then submit (for next month) the numbers for the counties you need in Arizona and Arkansas. This eliminates a lot of writing, as well as worry about how they are spelled!

CAN WE DO IT BETTER? A lot of good suggestions to improve our operation; so just for openers, how about "suggestions for mobilers"?

1. Give your call frequently, and use phoenetics.
2. Give your county and state often. Remember to use phoenetics on the first few letters of the 'tough to understand' ones.
3. If you have good conditions and a lot of callers, consider taking calls by districts or by letter groups.
4. If you are good, asking the hunters to space their calls and working them in groups saves a lot of time.
5. Pay attention to your net control, and keep him informed. If you can't wait, let the net control know, and expect to be taken off frequency.

These suggestions from WA1GW, WA1KRE, W9CNG, K9KIX and W0GV.

From Vic, WA4EXI--all QSOs after March 20, 1969 may be confirmed through W2GHK, P.O.Box 7388, Newark, N.J. A SASE with QSO information will get you a printed QSL for each and every county that you work me in. I will continue to confirm any that I receive direct, in the usual manner.

THE LAST ONES From Harry, K8KOM: Kansas; Greeley, Wichita. Nebraska; Keya Paha, Red Willow. South Dakota; Fall River, Sully, Tripp. Texas; Mason. Wisconsin; Polk. Phil WAØEVO: California; Del Norte. Idaho; Lewis. Illinois; Marshall. Kentucky; Cumberland, Russell, Wayne, McCreary, Garrard, Johnson. Mississippi; Lincoln, Wilkinson. Montana; Beaver Head; Ravalli, Sweetgrass. North Carolina; Carteret, Wilkes. North Dakota; McLean. Ohio; Columbiana. Tenn; Lewis. Texas; Schleicher. West Va.; Webster. Wisconsin; Barron, Washburn.

From Earl, W7KOL: Alabama; Crenshaw, Fayette, Geneva, Henry. (3 out of 4 on the ten most wanted list) Georgia; Coffee, Jeff Davis, White. Kentucky; Greenup, Lawrence, Lee, Litcher, McCreary, Russell, Wayne. Montana; Ravalli, Powell. North Carolina; Clay. Ohio; Carroll, Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton. South Carolina; Calhoun, Orangeburg. South Dakota; Bennett, Douglas, Jerauld, McPherson. Texas; Llano. Virginia; Alleghany. West Va.; Boone, Gilner, Lincoln, Mingo, Wirt. Wisc.; Crawford.

NEWS AND STUFF: From Doc, W4RMT--I enjoyed the small convention of County Hunters in Jackson, Miss. on March 8th. The following were there: W4YWX, WA4LMR, WA5WWW, WØYLN, W5HDK, WA4FAT, WA4KGJ, W5HKG, W5PWG, W4NXD/5, W5POH, WA4AFP, K4ARF and W4RMT. It was a rare pleasure to meet all of these fine people and to talk county hunting with them. I know many counties were given out by the gang going and coming, for example, I gave Lee, Miss to 62 Hunters. I gave out 37 counties in Alabama and Miss., the others probably gave out more than that" (Thanks Doc)

NEBRASKA QSO PARTY: STARTS 1600 GMT MAY 3 . ENDS 2200 GMT MAY 4. METHODS: Use all bands, C.W. and phone. The same station can be worked and counted for QSO points on each band and mode. Single operator stations only. EXCHANGE: NEBRASKA stations send QSO number, RS/RST and County. Others, QSO number, RS/RST and ARRL section. FREQUENCIES: 1815, 3600, 3982, 7100, 7260, 14100, 14300, 21070, 21325, 28050, 28600. SCORING: OUT OF STATE, Total Nebraska contacts x 3 points x counties. NEBRASKA stations will multiply ARRL sections plus a maximum of ten foreign countries by the total number of contacts made. MOBILES AND PORTABLES: The Lincoln ARC is pushing activity from many counties. Be alert for stations changing counties, as they may be worked again on same frequencies. AWARDS: NEBRASKA: A CERTIFICATE to top scorer in each county. OTHERS, a certificate to top station in each ARRL Section and Country. LOGS: Show Date, Time in GMT, exchange sent and received, band, mode, and points. A summary sheet with scoring, and name and address in block letters. Mail to Lincoln Amateur Radio Club, Michael Nickolaus, WAØKGD 4921 Tipperary Trail, Lincoln, Nebr., 68512. Enclose a large SASE for results. WAØJRZ and WAØKGD will be in North Central Nebr. (K8KOM for Keya Paha ?) and KØQIX in South Western Nebr. during the party.

TIP BALL, ex W4QEM/9 is now WB9BAD, 14 Winton Ave., Rothschild, Wisc. 54474. Bill, K4FSJ says he will be mobile on weekends from Knox, Loudoun, Roane and Rhea, with occasional trips to Hamilton, Bledsoe, Cumberland, Sevier, Blount and other adjacent ones in Tennessee.

From Lou, WB2AHE/9--W9ZHD "I am permanently moved to Indiana now, new QTH is 1404 Zartman Road, Kokomo, Ind. 46901. I'll have my old call back shortly. I will be mobile in the North part of Indiana, will let Jack W9CNG take care of the South part. Hope to team up with Bill, WA4LSU for a trip out of Louisville, Ky. the 19th of April"

From Jerry, WAØLYO--I can cover all of East Wyoming, West South Dakota, some Southwestern North Dakota and Southeastern Montana. Please have the gang let me know what they need. (This is a real tough part of the country!)

From John, WB4KGJ: My job covers Georgia, Alabama and part of Tennessee--I put out a lot of counties, but the hardest part is trying to keep up with the cards. I wish you would state our policy of SASE or stamped reply card plus your QSL for initial contact! Incidentally, from Jack, WA2AMM; I will supply Mobile County Hunter's Qsl cards for \$3.50 per 500 cards, postpaid anywhere in the U.S.A. The sample that Jack sent is real well done.

Well, the end of the page is in sight, so please let me know what you think of the first try, plus a lot more good stuff to send along to the gang!

We are approaching the 100 subscriber mark, and that is all that there will be!