## ROADRUNNER





Volume XXXIII SEPTEMBER 2003 Number 9

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT Bill K2NJ One last time....



I am writing this column in early August because the County 4H fair is next week and we will be very busy doing the poultry stuff there - the week after that we have a wedding in upstate NY and the week after that we have family obligations, and then school starts – so I best get this done while I still have time to do it.

This summer has been so hot and humid, it brings back memories of the summer I spent in Biloxi MS... It was so dang humid that if you do your laundry and hang it to dry – it doesn't dry, it just molds... Things are not quite that bad here but its close. I have to spend most of the day down in the shack where there is a window air conditioner. I also have one in the bedroom but the rest of the house is soggy... Now being confined to the shack has its benefits because I get more counties – and work a few new countries on various bands (17 or 12 meters) or on PSK/RTTY whatever.... So it is not all that bad.. but you should see the grass (weeds actually) grow... We have had so much rain this summer that you sink into the yard as you walk, and driving the tractor around is out of the question (wheels sink to the hub)...

I don't want to dwell on the happenings of the convention in South Bend except to say that I have received at least a dozen phone calls and twice that many Emails from members of MARAC about last month's column. EVERY one of them said we handled it well. (There was only one posting on K3IMC's web site that said we both were acting like children – I did not... not... not double not!) ... Some of these people (calling or writing) were at the convention and even though they knew something was happening they never knew the extent of the confrontation at hand.

What I want to say is that it is sad when some people can not understand that it is just a personal argument and they must drag the entire Club into it. The three of them had their say at the end of the business meeting

(Continued on Page 2)

### MINUTES OF MARAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Aug 13, 2003

The Meeting of the MARAC Board of Directors was called to order at 0813 PM EST (0113Z) by Bob (N4CD).

The Officers present were:

Vice President Bob Voss – N4CD

Secretary Norm Ellison — W2LSH

Great Lakes Director Randy Davis – N8ELQ

North Central Director John Robson – WB9STT

Southeast Director David Splitt – KE3VV

South Central Director Joyce Boothe - WB9NUL

Pacific Director Robert t. Devine – KC6AWX

The Members present were: Percy (KA1JPR), Hugh (K8GPC), John (N8BGF), and Roger (W2NWL).

Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the minutes of the July 19, 2003 meeting be amended as follows.

**FROM:** Bill (K2NJ) asked that the BOD instruct the Awards Committee to review all of the MARAC awards and:

- 1) Word the qualifications so they are easier to understand.
- 2) Eliminate the "category" title and use a proper/appropriate name for the awards.
- 3) Eliminate all starting dates.

The BOD approved the suggestions and Bill (K2NJ) polled the members present if the had any additional comments. There were none.

**TO:** Bill (K2NJ) informed the Board that he would request the Awards Committee to review and provide recommendations to the Board on all of the MARAC awards, including:

- 1) Revise the qualifications so they are easier to understand.
- 2) Eliminate the "category" titles and provide an appropriate name for the awards.
- 3) Eliminate all starting dates. Bill (K2NJ) polled the members present if they had any additional comments. Roll call indicated 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

(Continued on page 3)

(President Continued from page 1)

and I allowed them to speak their piece – one of them even calling us names (gee, that hurt).

I am really tiring of this – Please pay attention because you have been told this by our Board of Directors, CQ magazine, the FCC, Me and about everyone else that will listen to you – MARAC can not or does not - run any net on any amateur frequency. It is run by an individual, within part 97 of their license privileges. Take your argument up with whoever is running the net at the time and leave the rest of us alone.

Sorry the rest of you have to hear it but I am getting tired of having all the good the Officers and Directors of MARAC are doing for the Club, being overshadowed by the complaints of these few shallow individuals. I have to say this and get it out of my system, cuz it has been a brewing since I left the convention. You folks went out of your way to make our stay at the convention unpleasant – you succeeded. I can only hope you felt as uncomfortable as you looked every time I tried to talk to you... I just won't let you pee in my pool. I will work you every time you call me – I will say hello to you just because it's the polite thing to do. I won't play your silly-assed game and I won't be dragged down into the cesspool you want to live in.

If you don't like the way the Club is being run, then run for office. (as N4ANV suggested) The election of the officers is next year... I intend to run again, so go ahead and run against me... but be aware – I will keep it above board as I have all along. Do something constructive for once in your amateur career instead of sitting in the background bitching and making it miserable for everyone else.

OK, now I feel better.... I sincerely hope this is the last I hear about MARAC and the Independent County Hunters Net that is on 14.336. **End of discussion!** 

Several people have asked me why I choose to give the President's Award to Don K3IMC. Don has provided us with the first web site dedicated to county hunting. This Forum has been both a blessing and my worst headache. Now don't get me wrong – I have a disagreement with what some people were saying - because most of it was just not true - but I am very thankful to Don for providing EVERYONE with a place to be heard. Remember that 99% of the stuff on the Forum is great and very useful to all of us. This is my reason behind the selection for the Presidents Award this year.

You cant blame the messenger - Thanks again Don..

The BOD gave the Awards Committee quite a job to do. We asked them to reword **ALL** of our awards criteria and make a standardized set of rules. Most of us don't know the difference between a category three or a category one award – I sure can't keep it straight so we asked them to rename the awards to show what they in actuality are. While they are at it, the rules are somewhat confusing on some of the awards and keeping their requirements straight. We asked them to write-up a common awards-criteria and then for each award list the requirements to obtain that specific award. This will make it simpler for some of us to keep right, and easier to maintain and add new awards to the Club.

Last week Gail and I went out and bought a new car (Hyundai Elantra) to go with the IC-706 I won at the convention... I bought a \$50 antenna mount (that must have almost two dollars worth of metal) that mounts behind your license plate. I hope to have the radio in the car this weekend and then we can go out handing out counties again – our old car was not reliable enough for us to go away with and taking the RV was out of the question with the cost of gas at 6 miles per gallon... Hopefully there wont be much noise and the RF wont do awful things to the computer in the car. More next month and maybe pictures.

Roger is asking for more input to the Road Runner. Remember it is your newsletter and if you don't want to read just the minutes and awards issued – Then get typing. Its not hard to do, and things that you find funny others may also. If you have a gripe (about MARAC, and not Nets).. send 'em to Roger (if it is something that I or the BOD is doing, Email me) ... If you have a novel way of mounting something... new antenna design or how to hide an antenna (for those who cant have them)... let us know – they are always welcome.

The sunspots are on decline the pressure on 20 meters will increase as people all over the world abandon 15 and 10 meters – we will have more and more people cramming into the little space available. This may lead to more confrontations but it is also an opportunity to have people stumble on us and join the fun. Lets welcome them – who knows, their home county may be one you need... And I collect home counties... hi 73' Till next month.

Bill Inkrote, K2NJ MARAC President

#### (Minutes Continued)

Upon a motion by Dave KE3VV and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) requested that Board delete the following paragraphs from the minutes of the annual meeting: "Bill (K2NJ) recognized Gene (N4ANV) who voiced his displeasure with the actions or lack of action of the BOD regarding the conduct of one of its members on the 14.336 mHz. The MARAC Board of Directors has no jurisdiction in these matters and must abide by Part 97 and any FCC declarative rulings. Gene also felt that he was not properly recognized for his past efforts and that the current BOD did not allow him to participate."

Ron (KA3DRO) was recognized and accused the Board of Directors of being "morally bankrupt". He had some strong feelings about our conduct and actions toward the 14.336 net. He stated was not afraid of any one or of any Board member and that he was going to do and act as he saw fit."

Roll call indicated 4 in favor, 3 opposed.

Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the minutes of the July 19, 2003 be accepted as modified or amended. Roll call indicated 4 in favor, 3 opposed.

Upon a motion by Joyce (WB9NUL) and seconded by: Bob (KC6AWX) the Treasurer's report of July 31, 2003 was accepted. Roll call indicated 7 in favor, none opposed.

### OLD BUSINESS None At this Time NEW BUSINESS

**A:** Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the Board approve a Merit II award for Ralph (WA4HXG) for his actions at the South Bend MARAC National Convention. Roll call indicated 7 in favor, none opposed.

**B:** Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Joyce (WB9NUL) the Board approve a Merit II award for Percy (KA1JPR) for his service as the Southeast District Director of MARAC. Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

**C:** Upon a motion by Dave (KE3VV) and seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) the Board approve a Merit II award for Randy (N8ELQ) for his service to MARAC as Election Coordinator. Roll call indicated 6 in favor, none opposed.

John, (N8BGF) asked why the BOD felt it should change the minutes.Bob (N4CD) asked Dave (KE3VV)

to answer John's question. Here is the answer:

"Since it was my motion... here is the full explanation I sent to the Board.

First, selected portions of comments or discussion are generally not included in official minutes of any organization, this is especially true of the so-called "OPEN MEETING" portion of the Board meeting. In this case, while the minutes might reflect that there was a general discussion about the role of MARAC in the operation of the 14.336 net, I strongly oppose the attempt to "summarize" any of the remarks. In any event, t considered It is just using the minutes as a forum for rebuttal, which is not a proper use of the official minutes. I just think MARAC would be better served if these paragraphs were not part of the official minutes. The other change was to clarify that the President of the Board was requesting that the Awards Committee review and provide recommendations to the Board on all awards."

John (N8BGF) Said "OK, although I feel the Board handled the comments well and people may feel slighted if their comments are not part of the record."

To which Dave answered "I don't think they will feel slighted to have their comments abridged, characterized, and rebutted."

With no further Business to come before the Board, Dave (KE3VV) moved that we adjourn. Seconded by Bob (KC6AWX) the motion carried 6 in favor, none opposed.

We adjourned at 8:40 EDT. Respectfully Submitted, Norm Ellison W2LSH Secretary, MARAC

### **It's Mary Bo-Bo Time**

All County Hunters who plan to attend the Murfreesboro, TN convention this October 17 should definitely make plans to attend the annual Ms. Mary Bo-BO's Boarding House dinned on Friday, October 17, 200s at Lynchburg.

This year the cost is the same a last year, (\$14.00 per person GRAUITY EXTRA).

If you want to reserve one or more of the 64 seats available, please send an E:MAIL or call 574-566-2739. You must send a CHECK OR MONEY ORDER by September 27, 2003 TO: Herb Morgan, W9GBH 5489 W. Warren St. Silver Lake, IN 46982 or your reservation will be released to someone else.

### DATELINE CW By: Ed, KN4Y

CW from the North—the East—the West—the South—whence according to some curious etymologists, comes the magical word COUNTY HUNTER.

I was furious or at least peeved. I had gone to the post office to send out a batch of MRC's. As I was leaving the post office I held the OUT door open for a young blond. She smiled and said no thank you that is the OUT door and I am going in and will use the IN door. I said this OUT door is an IN door because I am holding it open. She ignored me pushed the IN door open and went into the post office. I wonder what she thought would happen if she had gone in the OUT door. QNF blasts from the radio speaker.

I listen to the CW net; it is NA7W who is mobile somewhere in the East. I send my call. We exchange 599 signal reports. I hear Larry say QSY to 15 meters. I tune to the CW net calling frequency and listen. His signal comes booming in and we work another 599 exchange. Next he indicates a QSY to 10 meters. Another great exchange and another county hunter with 4 band capabilities. I add him to my list. In the distance I hear the barking of an internal combustion engine. Gator is on the way.

I check the cooler and pantry two important county hunting words. A radio shack without a cooler has warm beer. I hear Gator's truck stop at the recycled railroad tie and the engine bang as the ignition is cut off. I yell, "Come on in Gator the doors unlocked." Gator wipes his feet," Hi Dude, I have a question." "There is some in the cooler." "No, I mean a real question." This is serious when Gator asks a real question, "What is the question, but first lets have a cool one." Gator nods his head; I get two Fosters from the cooler and pop their tops. I hand one to Gator. We cool our throats. "Now what is your question?"

"Theard on the CW net someone ask if they had QSK. What is QSK?" "That is a Q signal, you remember?" "Sure do, by my list is for net use." "Well Gator, QSK means do you have break-in keying. This is a method of radio operation where the receiver is capable of receiving signals during the CW spacing intervals. So you can listen and send at the same time." "That is awesome." "Not really Gator, once you get used to break-in keying you never go back to delay keying."

"I bet all the county hunters have QSK." "No Gator, for some reason some stations do not use full break-in. It sure would keep two or more station from talking at the same time." "Is it hard to do?" "Not really, but would probably require the manual to be read." We toast to reading the manual and have a good laugh. Gator picks up a note I had copied off the county hunters forum.

"What is this Dude? Looks like a message from the Bored ole Directors" Gator gets two more Fosters and pops the tops. "That is Board of Directors. They have approved an award for running all the counties in a given State. The award will have an outline of the State." "That is great, will it be like some States worked all counties award?" "Be similar, but you can work the same State more than once and get WAC, WAC I, WAC II etc." Boy there is going to be a lot of mobile activity in Connecticut." We have a good laugh and give a toast to Connecticut. "When you planning to go mobile." "Do not need too, there is no starting date for the award." "Why that Dude?" "Many of the older county hunters have already run all the counties in some States. If you have a current date they would have to go mobile again to get the award. They would get together and beat up on the MARAC officers." "Really?" "No, just kidding." Gator gives me the look of a county hunter when there is no more ice in the hospitability room. Gator's pager goes off.

"Time flies when you are having fun, got to get. See you later." Gator is out door and the roar of a four by four is heard above the screeching birds. Gator yells, Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there." I yell back, "You know it is Gator when the dog is taken for a walk and both use the same tree," Gator gives me the New York taxi salute. I get another cool one to celebrate. I finally got a zinger in. Dang – nap – it, I forget to tell Gator I worked three new MARAC members on CW. There was Larry, K5OT, Ton, K7REL, and Ken, W0ETT. I turn up the audio gain and listen to the CW net. I hear two stations talking at the same time. I wonder what is required to get all CW operators to use QSK. That would be a good question at the 3M CW meeting. The recliner sure looks good.

Due to space availability the August Awards Information will appear in the October Issue

## SIMPLE CHANGES? Randy – AA8R

I was running an ICOM 706 MKII in a 2002 Saturn L100 with the 706 main unit that was on the floor in back seat. A 20 and 40 meter Hamstick on the truck lid mounted on two mag. mounts. Each mag mount has a ground braid going to a ground lug on the underside of the trunk lid.. Then another ground strap from the truck lid going to the body of the car. That's all I have for grounding. With that set up I had an S1 on 20 SSB and a S0 on 20CW unless I was going by a noisy location. However, the SWR on 40 CW was very high and I could couldn't adjust the stinger for a happy medium for SSB & CW on 40 so I put a LDG RT-11 automatic antenna turner in line to help the 706 on 40. But now the wife doesn't like the looks of all that stuff on the floor so I moved the 706 main unit and the antenna tuner into the trunk of the car. This meant that I had to lengthen the power and speaker cords and shorted the coax or coil the coax up in the truck. That shouldn't be to hard to do or cause any problems. Right....

I tested the new setup and no problems. Still had the S1 noise on 20 SSB and S0 on 20 CW, just as before, and the antenna tuner worked like a charm. I was ready for my next trip to Wisconsin the following weekend for a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and I'd been given permission for one day, Friday, for running around Wisc. putting out counties while the ladies were doing their thing for the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The next weekend I hadn't gotten more than 10 miles from home and was getting ready to put out the first of many counties. I turned the 706 on and found a S6-7 noise level on 20 SSB and a solid S5 on 20 CW. At first I thought I was just going by a noisy area and brushed it off. Well, 2 counties later I still had the noise. I was not a happy camper. So I started looking around but couldn't find any loose connections. So I just put up with the noise all the way to Wisc. That night I looked at the entire setup and found nothing wrong and was starting to think that something in the new configuration was causing the noise. But that didn't add up either because I tested the setup last weekend after rearranging everything. Something else must be causing the problem. But what? I'm not the sharpest tool in the shed when it comes to electronics and thought I would just live with it and work on it when I got home.

So Friday morning, 7/25/03 at 1247 I put out Dane Co. Wi. 1st on 20 SSB then 20 CW and then switched to 40 CW and worked W9MSE. While switching antennas with a A/B switch I knocked over my cell phone that was plugged into the car charger. So I unplugged the charger and moved it out of the way so that wouldn't happen again. Presto — The noise went from a S5 to S0. I had found my problem. I had gotten a new car charger for the cell phone and this was the first time I had used it. Needless to say, I swapped chargers with the XYL who had the old one that I have used on other mobile trips. Problem solved.

### Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2003

Funds Ba	\$29,291.36		
Advance:			
2004 Cor	vention Ch	(\$2,500.00)	
Income:	Awards	\$1,544.00	
	Dues	\$523.00	
	Interest	\$5.79	
		\$2,072.79	

#### Expenses:

\$506.77
\$80.95
\$54.60
\$300.00
\$1,651.00
\$39.00
<u>\$446.96</u>
\$3,079.28
<u>(\$1,006.49)</u>

**Account Balances:** 

Money Market Account \$24,765.72 Checking Account \$1,019.15 \$25,784.87

Note: The following monies are not included in the above: Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,200.00 2003 Convention Chairman's Funds \$2,500.00 2004 Convention Chairman's Funds \$2,500.00

# There is no ROAD R NNER Without "U"

"Your input is Needed"

### "This Is To All MARAC Members"

I just finished reading the August RoadRunner, it really made me think about some things.....

A little background. I returned to Ham Radio about 3 years ago after a long period of inactivity. I found that it was one hobby I could pursue, after giving up other more strenuous activities, while fighting cancer. I stumbled on the county hunter net by accident and after listening and looking at the web pages tried making my first contact. Success!! I was elated. I figured with my past gsl cards and a little work 3077 wasn't far off. My second contact resulted in a rather harsh admonishment from NC about the use of phonetics??!!@#Hmmm, maybe this won't be so much fun after all. Oh well, I thought, I can do it His way. After about 6 - 7 months I decided to join MARAC as I supported the concept of County Hunting and awards, the net, etc. I even tried to help out as assistant NC and sometimes when needed have even stepped in as a NC. I had even thought about going to Indiana to the National, so I could meet a few of the people who have helped me, and even those who have corrected/ chastised me. I was disappointed that I was unable to make it, then thought.... well maybe I can make the Murphysboro event and I will bring my wife.

Now, after reading the RoadRunner, I am having second thoughts about EVERYTHING. I don't want to belong to a fractious organization. I will not get caught up in others personal disagreements. I am very involved with goals, thoughts, problems and accomplishments in my everyday life without getting involved with other peoples petty attitudes. Imagine if I was just starting out as a CH. Just tried to make my first or second net contact, got a bit of static about my operating method (phonetics??) and then was able to read the most recent RoadRunner. Who are these guys?? I thought this was supposed to be fun?? A challenge?? I might have dialed back to the DX freqs and just continued to work for DXCC or WAS accomplishments.

Please, understand. I am not giving up on County Hunting, I won't stop trying to help when it's needed. I don't have any personal axe to grind, or chip on my shoulder. I understand net protocol and procedures. I can work within these guidelines and understand why there are no phonetics (finally). Jim gives a lot of time trying to help, more than anyone else seems to want to give. There are others who give a lot of time "running"

counties". It's what makes the net work. A net control and the mobiles to give out the counties. What I can't understand is how so many grown men, ADULTS, have developed such childish and even more sad such public animosities. Gentlemen, your attitudes effect more than yourselves, friends and associates. You are representatives of one aspect of our hobby, one organization, and the perception of others, effects the health and well-being of County Hunting and MARAC. Let's all get back to the fun part of the hobby, try to recruit new members and remember each and every one of us who say they are "County Hunters" represent the whole organization.

Bob Wood - N2KX

### **Not Just A County Hunter**

Congratulations are in order for our President, Bill K2NJ, on working his 100th Country on 6 Meters. He now has obtained DXCC on that elusive band and also has the Top Honor, DXCC, all bands, USACA all Counties and now DXCC on Six Meters. Bill is probably the first one to obtain those three... Bill is also the only American to achieve DLD-1000 (worked 1000 DL Districts. Who said he was obsessed with County Hunting?

### Please Welcome Our New Members And Add Them To Your Database.

R-3093 W7LES Larry E Sheridan 4718 Mountain Rd #314 Cheyenne, WY 82009-5153 Laramie 1-307-630-2224 Larry\_w7les@bresman.net 8/14/03

R-3094 KM5QF Chad A Kilpatric 102 Blue Heron Monroe, LA 71203 Ouachita 1-318-342-8432 km5qf@arrl.net 8/14/03

R-3095 KB8OMG Barry B Storer 403 West North Street West Union, OH 45693-1026 Adams 1-973-544-7233 bstorer@zoomnet.net 8/26/03

### MARAC Board Meeting Schedule for 2003-04

Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12, Dec 10 **2004** 

Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, June 9, July Saturday morning at convention.

### 2003 SOUTHEAST MINI CONVENTION

LOCATION: Holiday Inn, 2227 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

**DATES:** October 16th, 17th and 18th. Hospitality Room opens Noon 16th

**DIRECTIONS:** I-24 and Tennessee Hwy. #96.On I-24 Exit #78A from Chattanooga, and #78B from Nashville.

**ROOM RATE:** All Rooms \$63/night plus tax. A block of rooms will be held until October 10th. After this the same rate applies if room available.

**RESERVATIONS:** Tel. (615) 896-2420. Please mention (Ham Radio) for rates.

**ACTIVITIES:** Golf Courses nearby. Shopping Centers and Fast Food Restaurants nearby. Nashville, TN is 30 miles north for more shopping and the Grand Ole Opry, etc. Make your own reservations. The Friday trip to Mary Bobo's Restaurant in Lynchburg is on tap for this year. Contact W9GBH, Herb Morgan for reservations. It is limited to the first 65 people that register with Herb.

**PRIZES:** All Prize donations will be appreciated.

**DINNER:** Saturday Night Dinner, Buffer style, \$18.50/person, tax and tip included. Buffet includes 2 meats, vegetables, salad, dessert and drink.

**REGISTRATIONS:** \$12.00 OM/YL or \$9.00 single. Registration includes Name Tag, Group Photo and

Drawing for any Prize. **SEND REGISTRATION FEE AND COST OF DINNER TO:** 

William E. Bell (KM4W) 738 Doak Road Manchester,TN 37355

### SOUTHEAST MINI CONVENTION FORM

NAME		_CALL	USA-CA	
SPOUSE		CALL	USA-CA	
ADDRESS				
CITY	STATE_		ZIP	
REGISTRATION FEE			\$	
BANQUET@\$18.50/PERSON			\$	
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$			

The County Line Roadrunner MARAC Secretary 21140 Golden Pond Road Long Beach, MS 39560-9012

"A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird"

### **Board of Directors**

**President:** Bill Inkrote, K2NJ, 911 Route 579 Flemington, NJ 08822-5648 908-788-4827 K2NJ@MARAC.org

Vice-President: Bob Voss, N4CD 3133 Charring Cross, Plano TX. 75025-5712, 972-618-5235 N4CD@MARAC.org Secretary: Norm Ellison, W2LSH, 21140 Golden Pond Road Long Beach, MS 39560-9012, 228-452-1807, W2LSH@MARAC.org

*Treasurer:* James Grandinetti, KZ2P, PO Box 106 Lakewood, NJ 08701-0106, 732-370-8055, K2JG@MARAC.org

**Great Lakes Director:** Randy Davis, N8ELQ, 1894 Sheick Road Monroe, MI 48161-9468. 734-587-2454 N8ELQ@MARAC.org

**North Central Director:** John Robson, WB9STT, 150 W. Wise Rd Schaumburg, IL 60193, 847-891-3906, WB9STT@MARAC.org

**Northeast Director**: Stanley Heinsma, VE1BES, RR2 Scotsburn NS, BOK 1R0, Canada 902-485-6055 VE1BES@MARAC.org

**South Central Director:** Joyce Boothe, WB9NUL, 27883 McLeiland Rd Harlingen, TX 78552-2108, 956-423-8660 WB9NUL@MARAC.org

**Pacific Director:** Robert T. Devine, KC6AWX, 407 Alameda Del Prado Novato, CA 94949-6302, 415-883-8980, KC6AWX@MARAC.org

**Southeast Director**: David Splitt, KE3VV, 6111 Utah Ave, N.W. Washington, DC 20015-2005, 202-362-3355 KE3VV@MARAC.org

### **Appointees**

**Awards Manager**: Gene A. Olig Sr., KD9ZP, PO Box 2295 Fond du Lac, WI 54936-2295, 920-923-0130, KD9ZP@MARAC.org

**Newsletter Editor** Roger Purdy, W2NWL, 1-B Potomac Lane Whiting, NJ 08759-1813, 732-350-5758, W2NWL@MARAC.org

**Sunshine Coordinato**r: Nancy Nosker, WONAN, PO Box 98, 14 W. 4th Ave.Grand Marais, MN 55604-0098, 218-387-1546 WONAN@MARAC.org

Information Coordinator: Dennis Hall, KK7X, 4518 W. Haney Road, Rathdrum, ID 83858, KK7X@MARAC.org Custodian, Club Call WBODPD: Bob Dyson, K0AYO, 8943 Overhill Circle, Desoto, KS 66018-9173, 913-583-3212 KOAYO@MARAC.org

**Election Coordinator**: Chuck Theisen, K9IA,N 5563 County Road K, Fond Du Luc, WI 54935 920-927-1605 K9IA@MARAC.org

MARAC General Counsel: David Splitt, KE3VV, 6111 Utah Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20015-2461, 202-362-3355 KE3VV@MARAC.org

MARAC Webmaster: (See Information Coordinator)

### Membership

Dues with a printed copy of the Newsletter are \$19..00 per year. Dues with an Electronic copy are \$14.00 per year. Dues with the Newsletter mailed to all continents other than North America 30.00 a year.