

# County Hunter News

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## Notes from the Editor

This month we start with our own URL. This will provide us extra flexibility and allow the **CHNewsonline** to do bigger and better things in the future. The link from the KK7X website remains, along with the link for the K3IMC forum!

This month we are trying out a larger type size to make it easier to read. As we have noted previously, a large segment of the county hunting community are retired people. After an email suggesting larger print to read, we'll try it for an issue or two. Let us know how it works for you!

Gasoline prices are moderating, but mobile activity seems to be slacking off a bit as we head into fall. That's a nice relief for mobiles. We're still headed downhill in the sunspot cycle. Heating prices are still way up, so budgets are getting strained again.

## County Hunter Notes – N4CD Editorial

### Part I

Every year, for many, many years, 100 or more county hunters have planned their summer vacations to allow travel to the National Convention, or other events (3M, South-Central mini, DaytonHamvention). One of the fun things in county hunting is getting to meet the other county hunters in person! Sometimes there have been 250 people attending!

Recently, one of the MARAC Directors posted comments on the K3IMC forum saying that he was surprised **that people expected him to travel to the conventions**, that he was busy ‘working’ and didn’t have the time to do so. For the last couple decades, Directors and Officers have routinely traveled, at their own expense, to the conventions in California, Virginia, Idaho, New York, Indiana, Florida, Arizona, south Texas, Michigan. **It is expected!** Look at the recent past – K2NJ, despite major medical problems, making it to south Texas, and Virginia. WB9NUL making nearly 100% of the past 10 years worth, even when a hurricane is headed toward her QTH. The secretary and treasurer making nearly everyone. Most Directors make most of the conventions (when physically possible). Don, AE3Z made it to south TX, a long trip from NY. Dave, KE3VV makes most of them.

In the past, up to 250 people traveled to TN for the 3M. All on their own nickel, because they were county hunters!

As noted in the last issue of CHN, there was no quorum as required by the Bylaws to hold the ‘annual business meeting’ at the National Convention in 2005. Wouldn’t it be nice if the Directors were aware of what is in the Bylaws and their obligations before agreeing to run and to be an elected Director in a legal entity? I suppose now the Bylaws will get changed so we have ‘arm chair’ Directors meetings, and less ‘eyeball’ contacts?

He posted (9/28/05) : “Bob, Please show me where it says it is mandatory that anyone including directors attend the annual meeting. I guess that is fine for those that don't work for a living or are independently wealthy?”

Not mandatory, but expected for Directors to make a ‘best effort’ to attend. Maybe he didn’t bother to read the recent issue of CHN(Sept) where this was discussed, or read on

the K3IMC forum itself where Dave, KE3VV said that the MARAC Bylaws required the physical presence of a quorum at the 2005 Annual Business Meeting. All the readers of the CHNews knew this already.

Year after year, lots of folks that 'work' took off time and went! That's one of the fun things in county hunting, and a good excuse to put out some counties!

The majority of county hunters are retired - Living on fixed incomes and social security. They plan to attend conventions as part of maybe one or two trips a year in their budgets. They're just 'members'. Not working and earning big salaries any more. Many of them can manage to budget for the travel. Bottom line: - Yes, the members of MARAC likely should expect their elected officials to attend conventions on a regular basis to conduct the business of the club. On their own nickel. After all, it's all about 'mobiles'. That's in the title of the Organization.

## Part II

He also posted: "I am almost afraid to tell other hams that I am involved in County Hunting because of all the BS that has gone on for years."(9/29/05) Now, isn't that interesting? Most of that BS \*\* only \*\* started about 7 years ago. This 'BS' is centered only on 14.336. I don't know of other complaints on cw for things that happen on a regular basis. He apparently never enjoyed the 'good ole days' without the 'trashing, bashing, and banning'. He calls himself 'the new boy on the block'. That in itself is sad that he never knew the nice diplomatic gentlemen and ladies who ran the 20M SSB net for years and years (some of them are WA3TUC, WA9QNI, WA4KER, K1ER, K5CWR, N7BKW, W7LQT, WA9DLB, W7KQZ, W5UJO, K2NJ, KC0IA, WV2B, N4MYZ, WA7IRD, N1JFR, W0AYL, KC4UG).

Then he post - . Regarding the CHNews (9/28/05): "Tirades against KA1JPR and KZ2P with absolutely no facts or sources sited(sic). That is not reporting. It is an editorial." - which is his analysis of the article in the last issue. I guess he didn't bother to read that either, as it gives specific examples of each and every allegation. **Dates, times and pictures!** What can you say? More chat room blabbering?

We heard from another county hunter this month.

Hi, I'm Sam Moore, NX5Z. I am USACA #857 and am trying to get my station re-established to 'play' county hunting. I was inputting all my old logs into the computer and I could actually hear the voices of the persons when I entered their callsign. I completed my USACA in 1995 and haven't done much county hunting since then.

When on the net the other day, I'm still rusty on my net procedure and sent my call as 'N' 'X' '5' 'Zulu'. The reason I do this is because the mobiles are not familiar with my call and misinterpret Z as C or E or T (etc.) I was warned (sort of politely) not to do this, but in a few minutes, I 'slipped' again and was quite rudely chastised for this.

I'm a preacher, a prison trainer, and hold several college degrees. I don't need this kind of nonsense. In fact, even pronounced with the ZULU, my call would be the same number of syllables as K5OUK (my silent key friend). I remember KB7QO, NV6L and W0GOQ and many other sweet county hunters that probably are inactive or SK. They were what made county hunting so great! What have we done to county hunting?

Many of us (like me) need the hobby to reduce stress and get our minds off of many serious issues. I, as a pastor, perform funerals, family counseling, suicide prevention, etc. I NEED this outlet of county hunting. It is such a shame that the current net procedures have tainted this once great hobby.

Have you any ideas how we can remedy this mess? I wish I had more time to devote to it. I will when I retire, but that still seems years away. I have two jobs right now and can only operate casually.

I still wanna help tho . . .

73s,

✝ ***NX5Z, Bro. Sam Moore, Ph.D.***

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Pastor, Bible Baptist Church, Denison, TX*

Maybe the new director, the 'new kid on the block', looking for an issue, would like to take **this** issue and run with it?? Discouraging both newcomers and old timers alike coming/returning to the SSB nets!

Unfortunately for the SSB county hunters, this has been the 'normal' mode of operation under the reigning NC for the past 5+ years. See the article later in the CHN about "phonetics phobia".

Part III

The Director then complains in the forum about the picture on the CL of KA3DRO: (K3IMC forum, 9/28/05) "I don't see a date, time. I do see a picture that could have been taken at anytime". What does he **think**? Does he think a county hunter drives 10,000 miles just to take hundreds of pictures of different county line signs, with his/her car in the picture, correct sun position and weather conditions for a given date and time, send them

out with confirmations, and not **run them at the same time**? Really? Really? Think about it!!!!

To imagine his scenario, we would have to imagine, for example, a ham leaving the Denver, Colorado area for a 30 day 10,000 mile trip to the East Coast and back via over 150 counties. He stops at every county line along the way the first day, and takes a picture with his car and the county line sign. Then, the next day he sits in a motel or motor home and gives out counties that he passed through yesterday, running them in the same order and sequence, at the same time, and same weather conditions, with the right timing between them. That in itself might be a problem because one day it could be raining, and the next day not! Or cloudy/sunny. But on with his 'fantasy'.

Of course, that day he is 'running counties' from somewhere else, has to send his wife out with the car to take pictures of every county line he will run the next day. She has to take photos of every county line, records the time, to wait 20-30 minutes before moving on, and does that all day long. Meanwhile, he is running yesterday's counties. Then he runs the counties from the motel room the next day at the right time. He does this over and over. Day after day. And of course, at night sometimes he has to move 300-400 miles down the road to the next motel or campground. Sound absurd to you? That is exactly what he is alleging, isn't he. Doesn't it sound like he is having the same weird dreams as Percy, KA1JPR, now? Really, he 'didn't know when the picture was taken'? He's got to be kidding! Everyone else knows they were taken when he was at the CL to run it!

What do you think?

#### Part IV

He posts regarding KA1JPR shameful act: \*If\* the mrc story is accurate that is a shame" Absolutely right on that! Pedro, HK3JJH, has never done anything to earn that behavior. A true gentleman, and one who has gone to extreme lengths to activate rare DX counties (like Malpelo) for the folks - for example, thirty days sitting on a 'rock' by himself, operating off a generator, to give out rare countries! Lots of 'sacrifice'.

He is what I call 'collateral damage – where **others** are deprived or denied because of actions against the 'banned list stations'. Oh, and he complains 'no details' in the article. Let's see - that's now the second specific detail in the article he is talking about.

Lots of county hunters have seen 'collateral damage'. You needed those counties Ron was in? While Percy or Jim was running him off? Who lost? You did. Those hours and hours of 'any mobile ready to run' and nothing happening – you lose when there are mobiles out

there that 'aren't allowed to run'. You lose when they can't be announced for a move off frequency, and spotted. All the county hunters. You need that last county? Too bad, you were 'collateral damage' when it couldn't be run on net, or the move announced and spotted. Fortunately, if you are a CW County Hunter, you got them. The SSB folks were simply 'collateral damage' many days. Did NC care about your interests???

This Director seems to have no problem with 'enabling' this behavior. Net practices have sure given County Hunting a bad name, and this director seems to agree with that assessment. Yet, he defends it on a regular basis, and indeed participates in the 'witch hunt' by NC.

The CHN just reports what happens. It's sad to hear from old timers returning to .336 and wondering where the friendly net went to! Yet, month after month, that's what we learn.

If nothing happened on 14.336 in the way of 'trashing, bashing, and banning', phonetics-phobia, etc, nothing would need to be reported! Simple! Easy to implement. Maybe that logic just seems to escape them?

Now on to the 'good stuff'.

## Awards Issued

K8MFO, Don, USA-CA – 1126 9-30-05 All CW!  
ND9M, Jim, USACA - 1127 10-07-05 (formerly WB9IHH)

## Phonetics-Phobia

There seems to be a strange disease that has 'infected' the County Hunter Net on 14.336. This is about the entire place on any of the ham bands below 52 MHz were giving your call in phonetics most days will earn you a stern rebuke from the usual net control station. No where else, on any net or frequency, do you hear anyone saying "Don't use phonetics!!!" Then responding as if someone carrying the plague had arrived on 'the frequency' should they use phonetics, or a "ZED".

Now why do we have this advanced case of Phonetics-Phobia only on the .336 Net? Going way back in county hunting history, one quickly found that most of the stations that you worked day to day became your friends quickly. You knew them. Many of them even used handles, such as “Short Haired Cat”, or had sayings for the last part of their calls, i.e., AA4 Heavy Duty, WB2 Nice Farm Boy, N 0 Long Distance Telephone, etc. No one got yelled at for saying W9 Orange Pumpkin. It was a friendly place to be. If you had a “Z” in your call, you could say K Zed 2 P, or A E 3 Zed, or WA2 Zed Y M and not be castigated and treated like a dummy, committing a horrendous breach of Netiquette.

Here’s just a short sampling of the ‘handles’ used on the CH Net in the past. These were sent in to the CHN or posted on the forum. Maybe it will bring back some memories! You’d likely get run off the net immediately if you did the same today!

WB4FBS - (Fried Bologna Sandwich)  
N4IWY - (Italie Whitlee Yankee)  
W4NUL - (Never Use Liquor)  
W9ZD - (Zipper Down) – formerly W 9 Zipper Half Down  
N1FJR - (Funny Jumping Rabbits)

K1NWE - (North West East)  
W9GBI - (Great Big Indian)  
W9GBH - (Great Big Herb)  
K2NJ - (K2 New Jersey)  
N9CHU County Hunter Unit

WD9GMA = Good Morning America  
WB4 Old Indian Blanket  
K8 Over Head Cam  
W7 Little Quiet Tiger,  
W 5 I Love Radio

W5 Very Dry Wine  
N 0 I Smell Bad  
W(B) 7 Well Below Zero  
K 2 High Voltage Noise  
W A 7 Never Never Home

K 4 Little Sweet Pea  
W0 and K4 Counter Clock Wise  
W 6 Chocolate Cookie Monster or California Cookie Monster

W A 0 Big Pink Elephant  
W A 8 Ten Quacking Ducks

W9 Greasy Pork Chop SK  
W6 California Cookie Monster SK  
WD0 Early Morning sunshine SK  
WD9 Good Morning America  
K A 1 Just Plain Rotten

N4 Fast Talking AL  
K 1 Queen For a Day  
W5QLD, being "Quick Little Devil"  
N5QQ, was, of course, "Quack Quack."  
W0UM, was "Uncle Mike,"

W B 9 Ten Karat Radio  
WA9 Old Broken Radio  
W A 0 Side Band Romeo  
W A 3 Home Grown Vegetables  
K 4 Mother Nature's Friend

K 1 Made In Japan  
W 9 Left Hand Gorilla  
W 9 Little X-rated Imp  
W A 0 Kentucky Garbage Driver  
N 7 Old Time Radio

K 5 Hong Kong Gorilla

I bet those bring back some memories. Now, nothing but 'business' on net – hours and hours of “55 55 you're 55 55 over” – hour and hour and hour, with the primary purpose of the most robot-like contacts per day as possible. Almost no time for anything else!

If you make a comment like “I'm waiting for my LC later today”, NC will likely rebuke you, taking 30 seconds or more, to tell you something like “Callsign” don't you realize other people are waiting to work the mobile, please move the mobile off frequency and take your comments and queries there'.

Net controls would often give the first few letters of the county when it wasn't obvious to newcomers what it was, like 'Ponderay, WA' Papa, Echo November – it sure is pronounced differently that it is spelled. The intent was to reduce confusion. Often, they would give the phonetics for the mobile, especially when DX was present and working the mobiles. Even today, only half the county hunters have access to the spotting sites to figure things out, and almost never newcomers to the frequency.

Newcomers often used phonetics in the past. After they stuck around for a day or two, if they didn't start to realize most of the folks were not using phonetics, after they had made maybe a dozen or more contacts, someone would gently suggest to them that know that most of the folks knew their callsign, they could join in without using their phonetics. No one got visibly upset if they forgot a few more times. The easiest way was simply to learn the new folks handle. There wasn't a need for stern rebukes, sending folks to the 'time out' area, for 'denying relays' since you 'haven't followed the rules' (what rules?) about phonetics", etc. Never in the past.

Now we seem to have an advanced, serious case of 'Phonetics-Phobia'. The first time a new person or someone passing by uses phonetics, he gets a 'warning'. Oops. The next time, he gets a stern 'rebuke'. There are mobiles with advanced cases of phonetic-phobia who declare 'I won't work you if you don't give me your call without phonetics!' Or NC stations who cackle like hens on the air about 'telling off' stations afterwards.

Likely, more time is spent in a day telling folks over and over - '(Callsign) - We don't use phonetics here. Please, when you call in, call in without the phonetics. If the mobile needs clarification, he'll ask for it".....Some days you hear it ten or 20 times it seems. Seems like that spiel alone takes more time than the occasional new comer that uses phonetics a few times.

Now, if you've been a ham for 3 or 5 or 10 years, and been active, you are so used to giving your call in phonetics, you just don't instantly break the normal procedure you have had for years and years. Not only that, maybe 15 minutes before, you were chasing DX, or in a state QSO party, giving your call over and over in phonetics, and then show up on 14.336. And you are expected not to continue using phonetics instantly?

Where is it 'written' that **you can't** use phonetics on 14.336? It isn't. We chose not to (the seasoned county hunters) since it makes things go faster, and avoids DX type pileups. That is the only reason. Most folks realize fairly quickly, within a day or two, - that they need to work on breaking their habit of years and years, and try. Expecting instant success, or occasional lapses back to long learned habits, is unjustified. Totally unjustified.

If the only purpose of county hunting to 'reach the bottom of the log page' quickly, without a single interruption, or query(oops, that is not allowed – it is 'question' – new 'rule' that is about 2 years old now), or last county contact, or mobile contact, or other, and then ask "I'm at the bottom of the log page, and now is a good time for someone else to pick up the net", then it is nothing better than CB. .... "Anyone want this list? ..... Didn't think so"..... At the end of the day, is it only the number of mobile runs that means anything? Keeping 100% of phonetics off the net?

Today, the computer systems track dozens of awards, instantly tell you what you need, and folks are more likely to work people for a prefix, or a team, or Bingo "N", and similar. More awards require more and more contacts.

Maybe too many are in too much of a 'hurry' to finish? There have been comments posted – about wanting to try to finish up in 6 months, or in 'a year' to work all the counties. Stations pile in, try to work things on one band/mode, then immediately jump to another frequency/mode to catch a contact – few stick around to help with relays, help out NC if the mobile is weak to NC, etc. Maybe spotting systems may be encouraging folks to chase more awards more quickly, and not have as much fun with the social aspects of county hunting? "Zombie Mode" county hunting. Hunt and pounce, then disappear.

Once upon a time, you heard things like "Mobile contact" or "Last county contact". Now, you get in trouble for interrupting the net flow and getting those all important number of runs in every day so NC can reach the bottom of his log page quickly. Even if the mobile is 22 copy at your house, you are expected to move the mobile off frequency by the SSB NC for a query about a possible county.

Golly, with many days the mobile runs lasting 2 or 3 minutes, with 5 or 10 or more minutes between runs, I'd say we don't have a serious problem with the extra 0.5 seconds to say "ZED" or hear some newcomers call in phonetics. Actually, ZED and ZEE take the exactly same amount of time to say! Yet, monthly I get emails from folks, or hear about folks being essentially 'told off' and never bothering to return, or wondering where the 'old net' is. Isn't that sad?

It seems the 'zeal' which with NC 'enforces' his interpretation of the 'unwritten rule' has infected a large portion of the rest of the county hunter group on 14.336, who take no offense at newcomers being run off, or their being made to feel like 5 year olds being chastised by parents for doing something **seriously wrong**. This has certainly not endeared current net procedure to old time county hunters, or to potential new recruits. Or DX stations, who routinely use

phonetics since English is not their primary language, and they may only know “QSO English” – a few phrases.

Maybe it is time to re-examine the aggressive, intolerant attitude implementation of ‘no phonetics by the current crew of Net Control Stations ?? Maybe it has gone way, way overboard. Same for the few mobiles who have the utter gall to declare “I won’t work you unless you call in without phonetics. This phobia all seems to come from one source. We didn’t have excessive phonetic-phobia 8 years ago – or 10 years ago, or 20 years ago.

# QRP CW County Hunting

Several months ago I stumbled across WD3P's website and was taken back by his QRP county hunting accomplishments.

So I built a K1 and put up some new dipoles on 30/20 meter county hunter frequencies. After a few weeks I found working counties with 5 watts was a piece of cake, so

I decided less than one watt was the thing to do. My first attempt was the CA QSO Party making 31 contacts, 19 Q's

were 500mw and on 40/80 all were 5 watts or less.

What next? I'm going to build an attenuator and try a little county hunting with less than

100 milliwatts. Kalawao on QRPP, maybe.....?

KL1V (Kent) just finished up his Kansas

pilgrimage and I managed to work 29 Kansas counties at 500mw; he really has "big ears" and great 30m signal. Want a challenge, "How Low Can You Go?"

W6OAT	El Dorado	10/1/2005 18:06	CW	20	500mw
K6LA	Los Angeles	10/1/2005 19:59	CW	20	500mw
AC6T	Ventura	10/1/2005 20:05	CW	20	500mw
AA6PW	Orange	10/1/2005 22:18	CW	20	500mw
K6TA	Amador	10/1/2005 22:24	CW	20	500mw
K6AM	San Diego	10/1/2005 22:27	CW	20	500mw
K6RIM	Marin	10/1/2005 22:31	CW	20	500mw
K6IF	Mendocino	10/1/2005 23:35	CW	20	500mw
K6NA	San Diego	10/2/2005 2:35	CW	40	3w
W6YX	Santa Clara	10/2/2005 2:41	CW	40	2w
N6O	Contra Costa	10/2/2005 2:48	CW	40	1w
W6OSP	Napa	10/2/2005 2:50	CW	40	1w
K6RIM	Marin	10/2/2005 2:55	CW	40	1w
K6LA	Los Angeles	10/2/2005 2:58	CW	40	1w
W6YI	San Diego	10/2/2005 3:04	CW	40	1w
AC6T	Ventura	10/2/2005 3:18	CW	80	5w
K6LA	Los Angeles	10/2/2005 3:28	CW	80	5w
W6YI	San Diego	10/2/2005 3:39	CW	80	5w
N3ZZ	Santa Clara	10/2/2005 4:04	CW	80	5w
NX6T	San Diego	10/2/2005 15:08	CW	20	500mw
N6O	Contra Costa	10/2/2005 15:17	CW	20	500mw
N6NIA	El Dorado	10/2/2005 15:30	CW	20	500mw
K6MR	Shasta	10/2/2005 15:34	CW	20	500mw
W6ML	Mono	10/2/2005 15:48	CW	20	500mw
K6BZS	Nevada	10/2/2005 16:14	CW	20	500mw
K6B(5)	Butte	10/2/2005 16:17	CW	20	500mw
K6RB	Santa Cruz	10/2/2005 16:20	CW	20	500mw
NO6X	Alameda	10/2/2005 16:22	CW	20	500mw
W6RKC	Amador	10/2/2005 17:38	CW	20	500mw

Ken/N5EBD

## November Picture Gallery

Some pictures from previous trips



Jim KB6TAL and his mobile

September 2005

Jim writes: I got started county hunting by listening to net while doing paperwork in the office. After figuring out what was going on, I made my first contact in late July '04.

It was only something to dabble in until I got a 30 meter pioneer certificate from N4CD, which peaked my interest. I started working a few mobiles and soon got an email from Guff (KS5A)

welcoming me to CH and providing valuable info. I met Jim (WA7SLD) at a Hamfest after working him on a trip. N4CD was my third eyeball contact when he stopped in Willcox on the last trip.

I joined MARAC and got mobile rig for truck in spring '05 so I could give a little back. Now seriously hooked, my log went from 90% ragchew and 10% DX to 90% CHN and 10% ragchew and DX. I have worked CW only, mostly 40 thru 15, since novice. Home rig is TS 850 and dipole. When I get caught up on MRC's, I should be almost half done for all counties.



KB6TAL - CL San Juan/McKinley, NM

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Al, KG5J and the fuel Efficient VW mobile (45+mpg)

On the way home from National Convention  
Lee, Ar 7/24/05 – a last county for N4CD

Al writes:

My "Elmer" was an avid DX-er. I started chasing DX shortly after getting my ham license. As something to fill in I worked all states. My first all states was on 10 meters, then 40 . I upgraded to extra and worked the states on the Geritol net.

While Evelyn and I were on a three week trip to the Northwest, I accidentally ran across the county hunter net . They were so friendly and it appeared to be a very quick way to work all states on the net using 20 meters. I was soon hooked on county hunting – hook, line, and sinker. This was some time in 1981. I don't

recall who the first NCS was, but at that time WA3TUC, W7LQT, N7BKW, N7AKT, WA6MAR, and many others were usually NCS.

After becoming accustomed to the procedure, I began assisting NCS. After getting my feet wet, on occasions, I would pick the net up, especially at night on the 3865 KHz frequency. N4IWY had established friendly relationships with the WV net and during those days we had lots of activity on 80 meters, sometimes into to the wee hours of the morning.

I have used several different mobile set-ups. The first mobile rig was a Kenwood TS-120 with a Bug Catcher antenna. I now use an ICOM IC706 and either use Hamsticks or Hustler multi resonator antennas.

My first station rig when county hunting was a TR3/RV3 rig with monobanders at 120 feet with MLA 2500 amp. I completed my first time #486 on November 30,1984. I worked all again and did not intend to do so again. During that period confirmation was required even for 2nd and 3rd time!

The directors decided to drop the confirmation for awards after first time around. I stuck around. I have worked them all 6 times The 5th time all but about 25 were cw, and the last 6<sup>th</sup> time all CW . At present, I need something a little over 100 for Bingo 2 all CW.

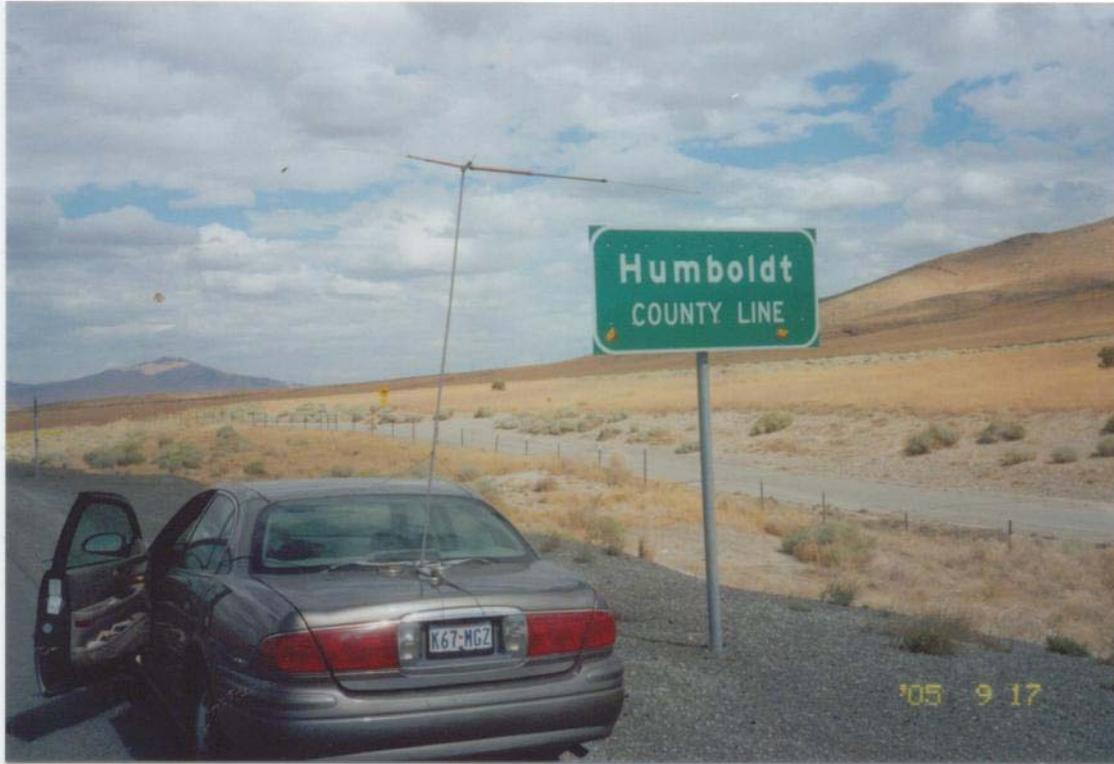
We made our first convention (mini) at Salina Ks put on by Bill and Sandy, Gwen and Jerry. N0COL, Gwen and I do not remember the calls for Bill ,Sandy and Jerry. K5CKQ and Mary were there .First national convention we attended was in at Mission ,Ks in I believe 1983.Since then we have made all but 3 national conventions. We have made most of the Texas minis and made one or two of the MI minis. I have had the privilege of meeting some of the best people in the world through my experiences involving county-hunting.

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N4CD/m Tulare, CA (stopped to take pic of sign)

On the road to "Kennedy Meadows"



N4CD/m Humboldt, NV - a last county for K8MFO

## Errata

Every now and then, a few gremlins sneak in. Some corrections on the last issue.

In the caption for the picture of N4CD in 2<sup>nd</sup> AK, the date was given as 1992. The correct date was 2002, as noted on the photo! Not many trees in the Nome area, but near Council, you have many.

In the On the Road with N4CD, the road just north of Personville, CA marked Kennedy Meadows, goes to Tulare county!....Alpine was later....another turn off the main road, but well marked and a lot easier to get to!

Where we talked about hurricane damage last year, it was W4OV who had the tree come down through the roof! (not W0OV).

That's all folks! See you next month!