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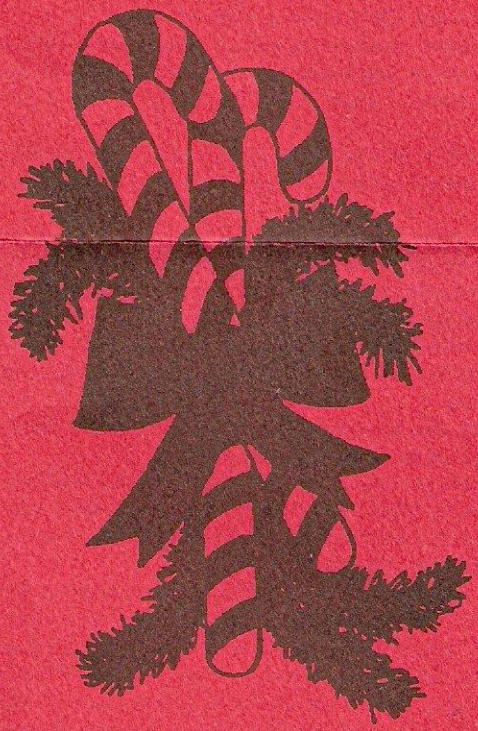

The Best to You and Yours for a Happy Holiday Season.

Jerry and Gwen

Merry Christmas

Christmas Get Together

Jerry and I want to thank the thirty who joined us at a local restaurant in Florence for a meal and visiting. If all goes well, we will be able to publish a picture next month in the *Bureau Drawer*. We enjoyed seeing all of you and appreciate the efforts you all made to attend! Happy Holidays.

Are We a Secret?

There are times when the Mobile QSL Bureau seems to be the County Hunter's best kept secret! Many amateurs have stated to us that they never knew of the Bureau until they were finished USA-CA or almost finished or started the 2nd Time Around. Most of them hear the term "Good for Bingo" and don't have the foggiest idea as to what it refers. With the fast pace on 14.336 net it seems to us that no one could ever ask about Bingo during normal net times. I seldom hear a net control announce that there is a QSL Bureau devoted to County Hunters. Perhaps many of you that do use the Bureau are not aware that newcomers do not know we exist.

We have an information packet explaining County Hunting, the USA- CA rules, Bingo rules, the use of the Bureau, using MRCs, supplies, etc. which is available for asking. Please let anyone who might be interested in County Hunting know that a request with Call, Name, and Address will get you information. (Stamps appreciated).

Rules for Confirmation Hunting

A: Remember delays are **FIRST** caused by faulty memory and **SECONDLY** by faulty mail service.

1. Be thankful for and appreciative of those who respond promptly.
2. When thanking a respondee **NEVER** use the word **FINALLY**.
3. When mentioning "Sent MRC's" **DO NOT** use the word AGAIN.
4. Change 1. to read: Be **THANKFUL** for and **APPRECITIVE** of those who **RESPOND**.

De KB3GN, George

Bingo!

The Mobile QSL Bureau sponsors several awards of interest to County Hunters, and we are pleased to announce the following:

NT9V, Ed Dranchak, has completed the requirements for the Master County Hunter Award and has received his plaque dated November 21.

A Master County Hunter Award has been issued to **KKØL, John Harvey,** dated November 25.

We want to thank you for your participation for these awards sponsored by the Bureau and hope the plaques you received make your efforts worthwhile! We know it is not easy. Complete information on the Master County Hunter and Third Time Around awards is available in our information packet.

Counties Needed

We have received notes from the following who would like nothing more than to work a few elusive counties for their Christmas presents! If you are traveling through one of these counties during the Holidays, please try to make contact with the stations if at all possible.

W2EZ, Tom is looking for the following to finish ***Bingo***: **IA:** Washington. **MI:** Gratiot, Lapeer. **WI:** Door, Kewaunee. No one-ringers please as the phone is self-answering.

K4BBF Al, 404-261-5765, is looking for two reworks which will qualify for Mobile/LC Award: **TX:** Anderson. **OH:** Morgan.

KI4W, Margaret, is accepting collect calls at 804-420-6207 for help with the last 10 for the ***2nd Time***: **ID:** Camas, Owyhee. **KY:** Spencer. **LA:** Iberia. **MS:** Bolivar, Lamar. **NE:** Hooker, Wheeler. **TX:** Hansford, Hutchinson.

Paul, **WB2ABD**, still needs the following for ***Bingo***: **NC:** Graham, New Hanover. **OH:** Coshocton, Logan, Morgan. **PA:** Carbon, Wyoming. **TN:** Bledsoe.

Jerry, **N9AC**, is looking for a few counties to finish up: **IL:** Pulaski. **IA:** Chickasaw, Clarke, Fremont, Harrison, Mitchell.

AA7CP, Red, 503-359-5747, evenings & weekends, is looking 19 counties for ***USA-CA all CW***: **GA:** McDuffie, Telfair, Wilkinson. **MI:** Iron, Oceana. **MO:** Grundy, Iron, Nodaway, Worth. **NC:** Bertie, Camden, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene. **ND:** Burke, McIntosh, McKenzie, Tower. **SC:** Williamsburg.

K2HVN, Bill, has been looking for these counties to finish ***Bingo*** for a LONG time: **IL:** Mason, Mercer, Christian.

KB3GN, George, 303-229-5335 submits his possible reworks for ***USA-CA***: **ID:** Boise. **NM:** Curry. **NC:** Wayne. **PA:** Mifflin. **VA:** Highland. I believe George has worked them all and just waiting for some confirmations and possible reworks as of 12/9/91.

N8ELQ, Randy, has been trying to work these counties for ***USA-CA***: **CA:** Plumas. **CO:** Conejos, Hinsdale, Pitkin. **GA:** Evans. **Hawaii:** Kalawao. **ID:** Gem, Jefferson. **IL:** Cass, Hancock, Jersey, Mason, Stark. **IN:** Noble, Perry. **KS:** Lincoln, Morton, Ness, Stafford. **KY:** Allen, Green, Rowan. **MI:** Alpena, Iosco. **MN:** Beltrami, Isanti, Wadena. **MS:** Copiah. **MT:** Broadwater, Stillwater. **NE:** Box Butte, Cuming, Kearney, Pierce. **NC:** Jones, Lee, Lenoir. **ND:** Bottineau, Rolette, Sioux, Towner. **PA:** Warren.

N4IXV, George, 703-368-2732 collect, is down to 48 for ***USA- CA*** as of 11/30: **GA:** Forsyth, Hancock, Marion, Screven. **ID:** Custer, Oneida. **IA:** Adams, Monroe, Page, Taylor, Wapello. **KS:** Edwards, Hogeman, Phillips. **KY:** Breathitt, Perry. **MD:** Calvert. **MI:** Iron, Isabella, Ogemaw. **MO:** Atchison, Lincoln, Mercer. **MT:** Sanders. **NE:** Chase, Wayne. **NY:** Putnam. **NC:** Graham, Hyde, Lenior, Pitt, Wayne. **OH:** Geauga, Morgan, Richland. **OK:** Coal. **PA:** Delaware, Adams, Perry. **SD:** Edmunds, Sanborn. **TN:** Fentress, Pickett. **TX:** Sabine. **WA:** Ferry. **WV:** Hardy, Pleasants, Webster.

Charles, **KA9ACS**, 703-395-0403, is looking for some ***USA-CA*** counties as follows: **AL:** Lauderdale, Winston. **AR:** Cleveland, Dallas, Drew, Grant, Logan, Oachita, Phillips, Randolph. **LA:** Iberia, Jackson, St. Helena, Union, W. Feliciana. **MT:** Lake, Treasure, Wibaux. **ND:** Benson, Burke, McIntosh, Pembina, Ramson, Sheridan. **SD:** Brule, Grant, Hand, Hyde, Marshall, Sanborn, Sully. **VA:** Buchanan, Northumberland, Warren. **WV:** Brooke, Grant. **TX:** Floyd, Hansford, Kent, Randall, Sabine, Stonewall, Gaines. **TN:** Hardeman, Hardin, Jackson, Meigs, Overton, Scott. **PA:** Cambria, Crawford, Lackawanna, Potter. **MS:** Amite, Calhoun, Humphreys, Lawrence, Neshoba, Tate, Winston.

Just as a reminder, please do not make a special trip for ANY of these counties without first checking to see if the station still needs the county and if he or she will be available! Please also remember that some of the awards above require qualifications. Thanks.

Happy Holidays!