



THE COUNTY LINE

ROADRUNNER



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DATELINE CW

By Ed, KN4Y

Not in the Moonlight, Not in the Starlight! O mobile county hunter, Down to the county, Call your location! And crowd your log, And, ere, vanish, Over to the next County, After it, follow it, Follow the mobile county hunter.

Gator is with me in the radio shack and eating left over turkey on pumpernickel and barbecued giblets dipped in horseradish sauce. When sitting alone on a county line doing CW and dipping horseradish, what else would a county hunter want? We are also listening to the county hunters CW net. He enjoys switching back and forth from twenty meters to thirty meters to 40 meters and back. He is hoping Santa Claus will run the North Pole. Gator points to a computer disk with TQP scribbled on a post-it. I explain that is my Texas QSO party log that I plan to e-mail. Gator asks, "How does State QSO parties enter into county hunting." I point towards the cooler; if we are going to chat we need to lubricate the vocal cords. Gator pops a couple cool ones. "You ready for Christmas Dude?" I ignore the subject change and continue.

"Gator, the State QSO parties can help a county hunter work the counties in the State in a shorter period of time. Most of the State QSO parties have mobile operations or rovers who run the counties that do not have a ham resident. There are also portable operations in the rarer counties." Gator asks, "Has a State QSO party helped you or is this all bull solids." I flip him a finger and get out my logs.

"As you know Gator I am going for fourth time around all CW. I need all the counties. Let me give you an example; you will note in the Wisconsin QSO party I worked 24 of the 72 counties, in the North Carolina QSP party I worked 34 of the 100 counties, in the Ohio QSO party I worked 45 of the 88 counties. I was able to spend a little more time in the Washington QSO party and worked 31 of the 39 counties."

Gator is not impressed and hands me another bottle of the cooling nectar. "How did you do in the Texas QSO party Dude?" "That was a fun party, Norm, W3DYA, and Larry, K5OT, were out running counties along with other mobiles. I worked 82 new counties and worked seven new counties on 40-meters and two on 15—meters. Now you were here for the California QSO party."

"Yes Dude, but I had to leave before it ended, what was the final numbers?" "As you remember all the bands were hot, even 10-meters. I worked 51 of the 58 counties. I used only CW so a clean sweep is more difficult." "What be a clean sweep Dude?" "That is when you have worked all the counties within the State during the QSO party." "That be awesome Dude." We relax for a moment and enjoy the refreshments.

I turn up the radio gain and from the speaker we hear please LC. Gator asks, "What be LC mean Dude?" "Well it has different meanings." "Well you CW county hunters do like simplicity." I ignore Gators sarcasm, "If a fixed station works a mobile and sends LC, it means that was my last county in that State. If an NCS sends LC to the mobile running it means for the mobile to make a last call for stations. When the mobile running sends LC it means last chance to work me in this county." Gator seems to grasp the discussion then says, "LC Dude." "What?" "Lazy Clowns." Gator is giggling as he gets two more cool ones and barbecued giblets.

Gators pager sounds off. "Got'ta go Dude, customer wanting some Christmas Cheer. Gator is out the door and yells, "Why is a piano player called a pianist and a race car driver is not called a racist?" I have leaned to ignore Gator and go into the shack. I look at the contest list and see listed the ARRL 160 meter contest, the ARRL 10 meter contest and the Stew Perry contest. Going to be a fun month. To all county hunters I say, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Boy that exhausted me I reach over and lower the volume on the rig. **I need a nap.**

**Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club (MARAC)
37th Annual National Convention 2005
Roanoke, Virginia**

- WHEN:** July 21, 22 and 23, 2005
- WHERE:** Wyndham Hotel – Roanoke Airport
2801 Hershberger Road, NW, Roanoke, Virginia
Phone: 540-563-9300 – Reservations 800-996-3426
- ROOM RATES:** \$69.00 Single/\$69.00 Double – plus 12% tax –
Reservations 800-996-3426 “Amateur Radio 2005 Convention”
- RESERVATIONS:** Call 540-563-9300 or 800-996-3426 and mention “Amateur Radio 2005 Convention”
to get the rate of \$69.00 per night 21-24 July 05.
- DIRECTIONS:** I-581 at Airport exit – exit 3 west on to Hershberger Road
- TOURS AND
ACTIVITIES:** Thursday – Bus will pick-up at 8:00 a.m. from Hotel and return to Hotel.
Tours of Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Charlottesville. and
The National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia. All day tour,
a stop will be made for Lunch. Limited to 55 seats, register early.
Friday – Bus will pick-up at 9:00 a.m. from Hotel and return to
Hotel. Tours of O’Winston Link Museum and Virginia Museum
of Transportation. Downtown Market area stop for Lunch.
Friday (dinner cruise 7:00 p.m. - 50 Seats) Own transportation – Smith Mountain
Lake, (approx 45 minutes from Roanoke area)
Dinner Cruise on the Virginia Dare and tour of Lake area.
- CONVENTION
ACTIVITIES:** Hospitality room – Meetings and Forums (Saturday) –Saturday
Night Banquet Dinner – Drawing for Prizes at Banquet – Awards
- REGISTRATION:** Forward Registration form with total fees and cost to:
- MARAC 2005 Annual Convention
C/O Jerry Haislip – K1SO
P. O. Box 13741
Roanoke, Virginia 24036-3741
Home phone number: 540-774-3454*
- WEBSITE:** For more information about Tours and locations check Website -
www.MARAC05Covn.com

37th Annual MARAC National Convention
 21 July – 24 July 2005 Roanoke, Virginia
 Convention site: Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel

NAME: (First Mi, Last) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ST/PROV _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Convention registration fee and 1 (one) prize ticket \$ 35.00

NAME ON BADGE _____ CALLSIGN _____ USACA# _____

Additional Name Badges (list information below) Total # _____ @ \$5.00 each = \$ _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ USACA# _____ Relation _____

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Relation: W-Wife, H-Husband, D-Daughter, S-Son, M-Mother, F-Father, X-Friend, GD-Grand Daughter, GS-Grand Son, for any additional badges please attach or list on back of form.

Enter number of persons that will attend events

Thursday 21 July

Tour of Monticello/D-Day Memorial #Adults _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Friday 22 July

Tour of O'Winston Link and Virginia Transportation Museums #Adults _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Dinner Cruise – Virginia Dare #Adults _____ X \$36.00 = \$ _____

Saturday 23 July

Banquet – Roast Sliced Sirloin #Adults _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

of Beef

Banquet – Chicken Forestier #Adults _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Prize Tickets

Ham (singles) _____ X \$1.00 = \$ _____

Ham (Book 12 tickets) _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Cash (singles) _____ X \$1.00 = \$ _____

Cash (Book 12 tickets) _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Mail Registration Form and Check to: **Total Amount Enclosed** \$ _____

MARAC 2005 Annual Convention

C/O Jerry Haislip – K1SO

P. O. Box 13741

Roanoke, Virginia 24036-3741

**Please make check payable to
 2005 MARAC Convention**

Hotel Reservations – call direct to Wyndham Hotel 800-996-3426 or 540-563-9300

Mention “Amateur Radio 2005 Convention”

Room Rate \$69.00 Single/\$69.00 Double plus 12% tax

Pre-Registration cut-off date – July 1, 2005

Major Awards Issued For The Month Of December

KD9ZP - Awards Manager

Award	Number
LC-1	315
LC-2	2
LC-3	8
All Others	12

VK4AAR	11/26/2004	BINGO	259	
W0NAC	11/28/2004	BINGO	260	
KM9X	11/29/2004	Last County Count	100	193
W0RRY	11/29/2004	Last County Count	125	137
KE3VV	11/6/2004	Last County Count	175	97
KA0LJO	11/29/2004	Last County Count	25	430
KC0JG	10/22/2003	Last County Count	400	25
AA9JJ	11/29/2004	Last County Count	400	28
W3ZUH	11/29/2004	Last County Count	75	210
N8KIE	11/29/2004	Last County Count	75	211
W7KQZ	11/3/2004	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time		183
KZ2P	11/26/2004	Worked all Counties - 9th Time		2

USA-CA Issued By K1BV

To Call	Date	Certificate Number
K5AAR	11/2/2004	1104
K8XTQ	11/12/2004	1105
N2OCW	11/22/2004	1106

October Birthdays

KD2Q	Dec - 01	K1DFO	Dec - 01
NJ2DX	Dec - 02	KU8G	Dec - 04
N3XX	Dec - 04	W9MDP	Dec - 06
KR4MN	Dec - 08	NV4Z	Dec - 09
NG9L	Dec - 11	N0ZA	Dec - 11
W8JJ	Dec - 11	WU9F	Dec - 14
KA9ZRW	Dec - 14	AC0B	Dec - 14
AD1C	Dec - 19	AB8JF	Dec - 21
N20O	Dec - 28	CT1TZ	Dec - 28
WD9EJK	Dec - 31	WA3ZTY	Dec - 31

If your birthday is not in the database at:

www.marac.org/database

Send it to: kd9zp@marac.org

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Is Sadden To Report

The Passing of

WA2JTY

Nov 15, 2004

Mr. Frank Russo

2337 Agincourt Road

Toms River, NJ 08755

USA - CA 12/22/1983 452

2nd Time 2/13/1989 74

3rd Time 8/31/1992 53

4th Time 7/16/2001 97

BINGO 8/14/2001 206



Approximately 140 County Hunters, spouses, family, and friends attended the 3M Mini Convention in Murfreesboro, TN, October 14-16, 2004. Bill Bell, KM4W, in typical tradition, hosted another excellent convention...and Bill, the fine, mostly southern gentleman that he is, announced that he would keep doing the 3M as long as he is able. This definitely pleased everyone in attendance. Those having an allergy to cameras are not included in the photo. Plan to be there next year, same place, October 13-15, 2005...put it on your calendar. (Eldon N8STF)

Star City of the South to Host 37th MARAC Convention July 2005

Roanoke, Virginia – In the valley of the man made star, Roanoke is ready to welcome the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club, Inc., for the 37th Annual Convention. In July of 2005 there are expectations of a great group of County Hunters to gather in the Blue Ridge Mountains for lots of sightseeing and events geared toward having fun and meeting old and new members of MARAC.

Many activities are planned for the group – Tours, dinners and awards banquet will be the center of events. Prizes and time to spend talking and telling stories about travel and counties put out over the years.

Please make your plans to join your host AB4YZ – Ray Crampton and his Roanoke County Hunters group for the Convention.

Visit the 2005 Convention Web Site at. <http://www.marac05conv.com/>

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

**Treasurer's Report
November 30, 2004**

Funds Balance 11/30/04		\$28,210.03
Adjustments:		
MARAC 2005 Convention - advance		(\$2,500.00)
Income:		
Awards	\$1,176.00	
Dues	\$1,160.00	
Interest	<u>\$5.79</u>	
		\$2,341.79
Expenses:		
Gene Olig – expenses	\$238.72	
Gene Olig - Computer	(\$250.00)	
Marsg-Seabury & Smith -Liabilty Ins.	\$867.00	
Fairmont Awards - awards	\$407.00	
Stafford Engraving - Awards	\$39.00	
Print-Right, Inc – newsletter	<u>\$432.92</u>	
		\$1,725.64
		<u>\$616.15</u>
Account Balances:		\$27,326.18
Money Market Account	\$24,848.14	
Checking Account	<u>\$2,478.04</u>	
		\$27,326.18

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,200.00
2004 Convention Chairman's Funds	\$2,500.00

**MARAC
Is Sadden To Report
The Passing of
W4IZR
Mr. Gil Barber
Nov 13, 2004
202 Idlewild Drive
Lexington, NC 27295-2115
USA - CA #84 8/21/1972**

**MARAC
Is Sadden To Report
The Passing of
KB2ZL
Mr. Thomas (Toby) Spratt
Nov 30, 2004
9 North Union Street
Manahawkin, NJ 08050
USA - CA #999 5/6/2000
2ND Time #315 4/13/2003**

MARAC 2nd. Quarter Ballot
Votes accepted thru
December 30, 2004

You are voting for Net Controls who ran the net and Mobiles
that ran in the 2nd Quarter Which are the months of
October, November and December
1 Vote per Quarter – PLEASE

Call Sign* _____ Election Key* _____

Please put EITHER your call sign or Election Key Code above.

Annual Award For:	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Best Net Control - SSB:	_____	_____
Best Net Control - CW:	_____	_____
Best Mobile - SSB:	_____	_____
Best Mobile - CW:	_____	_____
Best Team(Enter Call1/Call2):	_____	_____

Mail To: Chuck Theisen, K9IA, Elections Coordinator
N5563 County Road K.
Fond Du lac Mi, 54935

Olde Tyme Radio Quiz”
Written by: Ross Game
Produced by: Alan Young, K6KLL

1. For many years “The Cavalcade of Sports” brought radio listeners live coverage of The Kentucky Derby, World Series, Rose Bowl Game and Heavyweight Championship Boxing. Do you remember the sponsor of “The Cavalcade”?
2. What do the following have in common? “Radio Hall of Fame” “Mercury Theater On The Air” “CBS Radio Workshop” “Columbia Workshop”
3. Why was Norman MacDonnell considered one of the most active men in Radio?
4. “Who Was Buried In Grant’s Tomb?” was a typical question for the panel on what quiz show?
5. What role did Lud Gluskin, Wilbur Hatch, Roy Bargy, Rex Koury, and David Rose play during the Golden Age of Radio?

Answers: 1. Gillette Corporation. 2. All were Network sustaining shows. (No sponsor) 3. He was Producer-Director of: “Gunsmoke” .. “Have Gun Will Travel” .. “Fort Laramie” .. “Adventure of Phillip Marlow” .. “Escape”
4. “It Pays To Be Ignorant” (Remember the word “Panel” and yes, Grouch Marx did frequently use the question, but his was not a “Panel” show)
5. All were Band Leaders/Musical Conductors on Weekly Network Radio Shows.

KwikLog 2005

Questions about KwikLog 2005? Ask Don McMinds K7DM at K7DM@casco.net.
Questions on the various versions of the original Kwiklog should be directed to KK7X.

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“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

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