



# **THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER**

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## **From My Point of View Joyce WB9NUL**

**W**hat a great mini convention! The meal at “The Fat Hen” was out of this world. The company and fellowship was great. K6JN, Cliff is still taking about putting up his tower. Cliff, we hope that the next year will see that task finished! (Smile!)

One of our members, Jim N4JT has lost his mother to a massive hemorrhage. I know that we all send our prayers to Jim and his family.

KJ5PQ and KG5UZ, Cheryl and Mike arrive here for a visit the end of this week. It’s time to work at the grove again. If any of you are in South Texas give us a call we would love to see you. Oh, and we won’t put you to work!

The visit with daughter Jane and husband John was wonderful but too short. Barry and I look forward to having them move down to the valley soon.

Have a great Thanksgiving, 73 Joyce



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**Dateline CW**  
ED, KN4Y

County hunting and absurdity, which no living creature is subject, but amateur radio operators only.

I make the turn to the radio shack and see that Gator is already here. I stop at the recycled railroad tie and get out, "What are you doing here so early Gator." I am hoping he brought some lattes and he did. "I want to know what transpired at the Southeast Mini, but first I want you take a picture." Gator hands me a single use disposable camera he purchased at the drug store, I am going to lie across the radials on the 160-meter vertical and you take my picture." I take a sip of the latte, yes it is coffee. I take several pictures of Gator lying horizontal to the radials. I should know better but I ask, "Why are we doing this?" Gator brushes off the leaves and SWR's that fell out of the Yagi. "That is called 'planking' and the picture will be titled 'returning'. I may win first place." I motion to go inside the shack I will need some latte before I can comprehend all of this. We sip our lattes and I turn on the radio. I then go back out to my vehicle to get the fritters.

With a fritter in one hand and a latte in the other Gators asks, "What happened at the Southeast Mini and was Al there?" I wash the fritter down and tell Gator the story as recorded in the book of Ed, Chapter 1. The count hunters came from different areas of the county to sit and discuss county hunting and other subjects too numerous to mention in one morning. The official count is 46 attendees enjoying the splendor of South Carolina. Gator giggles and I give him the evil eye. The parking lot has vehicles each with a different configured antenna, all for a similar purpose. The second evening many went to the Fat Hen for seafood.

The last evening of the Mini is the banquet, located a short walk across the parking lot. However, prior to the banquet the attendees stand on a stairwell to have a group picture taken, the reason is lost in tradition. At the banquet everyone enjoyed a salad, a piece of flat chicken, a half dollar sized piece of steak with carrots and rice, and to top it off, strawberry shortcake for desert. .

After all had eaten their fill and to reduce the noise level the prizes are given to the attendees. Dave, KE3VV, was given the Ugly award, fumus boni iuris. I look at Gator and tell him Al was not present, but Mark was dressed up in a neat pink outfit, Gator grins, "Is He?" "No!" I was about to mention Mark had given me a Bozo number but Gator is laughing hilariously as he goes to the computer.

Gator brings up my Texas QSO party log. "Not bad Dude, you got 40 no-star QSO's, you almost finished Texas for fifth time around." "Dang it, what is the last county I need?" "Finney. I also notice several county hunters were mobile." "Who were they?" "There are N4CD, N5DO, N5NA, N5XG, NO5W, W0BH and your flying saucer buddy W3DYA. I see the Texas QSO party does not require a Cabrillo file." "Texas is a big state it takes time to get current with logging technology. How did I do in the California QSO party?" "You worked a bunch of counties on ten meters but you did not work Del Norte your last for California counties on four bands. "

Gator brings up my Pennsylvania QSO party log, "You worked 11 no-stars, not a total bust." I sip my latte. "I see you worked mostly DX in the 10-10 CW QSP party." "Yes Gator and it was fun." Gator's cell phone goes off, got to go Dude, having trouble maintaining vacuum. He is gone like sweat in an ice house and I did want to tell him about my excursion to Saint George Island for the W/VE Island QSO

Party, which I found is not a CW event. The printer starts.

I get the printer output and I read the list of mobiles that ran on the county hunters CW frequencies during October: AF3X, AI5P, K0FG, K2HVN, K4YFH, K7TM, K8ZZ, K9CS, K9JWV, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KC7YE, KE3VV, KL1V, KL2R, KM1C, KN4Y, KW1DX, N2MH, N4CD, N4JT, N4PJ, N8II, N9AC, N9JF, N9QS, NN9K, NT2A, NX4C, W0BH, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W0MU, W0QE, W3DQT, W4HSA, W4SIG, W7FEN, W9MSE, W9OP, WA3QNT.

I notice it is nap time, but first I check to see what contests are coming up in November for the CW county hunter. The ARRL Sweepstakes, the Kentucky QSO party with 120 counties, and the CW WW CW Contest. I will be operating in the 10-10 Special Event Station W6OI in the four call area. I will be on ten meters operating CW during a CW contest, you may have to hunt for me. The exchange is Name, QTH, and ten number, or none. Dang it, I forgot to tell Gator there was no CW meeting at the mini. Nap time.



**Gator-aid**

Prepared by Gator for the SE Mini

#### CW Call Frequencies

- 10-Meters – 28.0565 MHz
- 12-Meters – 24.9155 MHz
- 15-Meters – 21.0565 MHz
- 17-Meters – 18.0915 MHz
- 20-Meters – 14.0565 MHz
- 30-Meters – 10.1225 MHz
- 40-Meters – 7.0565 MHz
- 80-Meters – 3.5565 MHz

## History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

I am happy to update last month's article on Georgia Counties by saying that I finally worked my last one there ... Terrell County ... #159. That's the good news. Unfortunately, it means that I have to send yet another MRC to Jeffrey, AF3X who got that county for me on his way to the Southeast Mini.

For those that may not be aware of my adventures in getting Jeffrey to simply verify, sign, and return an MRC, please note that he confirmed the last four counties I submitted to him by writing the QSO information on (1) A Chicken Burrito Wrapper, (2) Two Sheets of 2-Ply Toilet Paper, (3) The Inside of a Twinkies Box, and (4) A Taco Shell. So, for Terrell County, I have no clue what The Master of MRC Disaster might dream up this time regarding my submitted MRC.

In June of 2011 my son Justin, KG4VBK and I took a short drive to Wise County, Virginia. Silver, N9QS needed the county to complete his quest for Worked All Counties with 1x3 Call Signs. A WBOW plaque (my first) was too tempting to pass up for such a close-by county, so away we went!

Wise County seemed like a pretty interesting place considering the short time we were there. The county was formed in 1856 with land taken from Lee, Scott, and Russell Counties ... and named after Henry A. Wise, who had just become the Governor of Virginia. The coal industry first came to Wise County in the 1880's ... during that time period the county seat of Gladeville saw thousands of acres of land bought and sold each month. The city of Gladeville was renamed Wise in 1924 as business boomed commercially and the area featured new schools, hospitals, and prosperity.

It was definitely not a good radio day when we were there! However, we managed to complete a couple of contacts with Silver as well as run the county on both SSB and CW.

In between CH runs, we were able to admire the Wise County scenery. Being in the Appalachian Mountains as well as the Jefferson National Forest presented quite a nature's treat. Justin took a bunch of pictures, one of which is shown below. Yep, it was a wise decision to visit old Wise County that day!



Awards

Awards Issued For October			
Call	Date	Award	Number
WD9HAW	10/18/2011	5 Star	# 56
KM9X	10/4/2011	5 Star	# 52
W0GXQ	10/7/2011	5 Star	# 53
N4JT	10/8/2011	5 Star	# 54
NG9L	10/12/2011	5 Star	# 55
KMIC	10/01/2011	USA-CA WAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Time	#1219
K0DEQ	10/11/2011	USA-CA WAC 1 <sup>st</sup> Time	#1220
AA9JJ	10/17/2011	Master Platinum	# 17
N5XG	10/20/2011	USA-CW	# 122
KA9JAC	10/17/2011	USA-CW	# 121
N8CIJ	9/29/2011	BINGO II	# 82
W0EAR	10/14/2011	BINGO II	# 83
N9OPQ	10/17/2011	BINGO III	# 19
N5XG	10/20/2011	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 408
N9OPQ	10/17/2011	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 104
W4YDY	10/1/2011	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 103
K4XI	9/30/2011	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 102
N8CIJ	10/26/2011	Worked all Counties - 6thTime	# 42
AA9JJ	10/17/2011	Worked all Counties - 6thTime	# 41



Roadrunner Issued For October			
Call	Date	Award	Number
N8KIE	10/24/2011	Last County Count 700	# 17
N9OPQ	10/24/2011	Last County Count 1050	# 3
N9JF	10/24/2011	Last County Count 275	# 67
K7TM	10/24/2011	Last County Count 50	# 332
W4SIG	10/26/2011	Last County Count 100	# 227
K1VSJ	10/26/2011	Last County Count 125	# 168
NN9K	10/26/2011	Last County Count 50	# 333
N4AAT	10/26/2011	Last County Count 875	# 8
N9AC	10/26/2011	Last County Count 25	# 495

New Members

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4484	KA2PUX	Charles Edelen
R4485	W4GRT	Brett Albertson-Hoyt



**Calendar**

~ November 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>ONLY START DATES SHOWN</b>		1	2	3	4	5 ARRL CW SWEEPS
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 10-10 DIGI QP  KY QP
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 ARRL SSB SWEEPS
20	21 BACON CW RUN	22	23	24	25	26 CQ CW WW
27	28	29	30	Notes: CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO THAT WEB SITE		



## Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
VE9DH	Nov - 01
K8HM	Nov - 01
N4PN	Nov - 01
W2NWL	Nov - 01
NE9DHx	Nov - 01
W5IL	Nov - 01
K9ETB	Nov - 01
K4SMT	Nov - 02
N5DWI	Nov - 03
W4WNT	Nov - 03
W9LHG	Nov - 03
AD0H	Nov - 03
K0KY	Nov - 04
KI7AO	Nov - 04
WA2AKB	Nov - 04
W0EAR	Nov - 04
K0TE	Nov - 04
KA3MMM	Nov - 04
KB2KBC	Nov - 05
NY2L	Nov - 05
KM1C	Nov - 05
N0COL	Nov - 06
WB2Sk2nHU	Nov - 06
NI0G	Nov - 06
N0LN	Nov - 06
W9KP	Nov - 06
WU4S	Nov - 06
N1API	Nov - 06
KQ4DR	Nov - 06
N6VH	Nov - 06
KB1PA	Nov - 06
KE3ND	Nov - 06
N9EB	Nov - 07
AA4FU	Nov - 07
KW0U	Nov - 07
WB5CYS	Nov - 08
WB5KEA	Nov - 08
WA3QVJ	Nov - 08
W5VEO	Nov - 08
W9GN	Nov - 08
K7OC	Nov - 09
WO8L	Nov - 09

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KE9CA	Nov - 09
N6SFV	Nov - 09
K5LAM	Nov - 10
NX4W	Nov - 10
W6ISQ	Nov - 10
NT9V	Nov - 10
N8DW	Nov - 10
K1DAN	Nov - 10
W4SD	Nov - 11
WG6X	Nov - 11
W5UGD	Nov - 11
NJ6V	Nov - 11
AD6PB	Nov - 11
WB6EXT	Nov - 11
W3SQA	Nov - 11
KK5NA	Nov - 12
W5IOO	Nov - 12
KM6GF	Nov - 12
NU7V	Nov - 12
N4XML	Nov - 13
AA0TG	Nov - 13
WB0AXN	Nov - 13
WB9STT	Nov - 13
N5MJ	Nov - 13
N7PJP	Nov - 13
W5RBO	Nov - 14
K4JP	Nov - 14
KC5DSP	Nov - 14
NE8Z	Nov - 15
W1VET	Nov - 15
W6ROY	Nov - 15
KU4VP	Nov - 15
N8AIL	Nov - 16
KA9FDV	Nov - 16
WA5AUR	Nov - 16
N8TW	Nov - 16
K0JN	Nov - 17
K7BOI	Nov - 17
N7LYR	Nov - 17
N9VIB	Nov - 17
W4XT	Nov - 17
AC9X	Nov - 17

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
WB9ZHS	Nov - 17
AK9L	Nov - 17
K2RP	Nov - 17
WB2AXG	Nov - 17
N5TT	Nov - 17
W4TYO	Nov - 17
W8LSV	Nov - 17
N4LZ	Nov - 17
NF0N	Nov - 18
K6JEN	Nov - 18
W6TCD	Nov - 18
N4KE	Nov - 18
N7BVQ	Nov - 19
W9DM	Nov - 19
N7SJ	Nov - 19
KS4BO	Nov - 19
W6SJR	Nov - 19
N9DEH	Nov - 20
KC5P	Nov - 20
WB5YDH	Nov - 20
K0JCK	Nov - 20
WL7EM	Nov - 20
W2WC	Nov - 21
K0LU	Nov - 21
KE7TI	Nov - 21
W8TE	Nov - 21
KM6D	Nov - 22
KI8V	Nov - 22
W7WBZ	Nov - 22
W4EAS	Nov - 23
W5ETM	Nov - 23
W1TEE	Nov - 23
KK7X	Nov - 23
NT2A	Nov - 23
VE3HMK	Nov - 23
K0CIE	Nov - 23
W8DCH	Nov - 23
KB9FBI	Nov - 24
KM4JA	Nov - 24
N4LM	Nov - 24
VE1BES	Nov - 24
WB2DSM	Nov - 24

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KK5CP	Nov - 25
AB4LG	Nov - 25
W6SA	Nov - 26
W4GP	Nov - 26
KE7YF	Nov - 26
KC6AWX	Nov - 26
AK5PP	Nov - 27
AI9Y	Nov - 27
K7SN	Nov - 27
WV1Y	Nov - 27
KB0WD	Nov - 27
AA9ZF	Nov - 27
KE3VV	Nov - 28
K0WJ	Nov - 28
K0JIM	Nov - 28
WA8SCO	Nov - 28
KI7S	Nov - 28
N9HRX	Nov - 28
W2VX	Nov - 28
N2CT	Nov - 29
W9UR	Nov - 29
K9AAA	Nov - 29
KD8NR	Nov - 29
KD1EJ	Nov - 29
W3WG	Nov - 29
KN9V	Nov - 30
W1OZ	Nov - 30
WY8I	Nov - 30
W3DLM	Nov - 30
KX8Z	Nov - 30





**Treasurer's Report  
September 30, 2011**Funds Balance August 31, 2011 **\$22,604.87**

## Income:

Money Market Interest	\$1.68
Awards Manager Income	\$1,458.00
Membership Income	\$263.73
Logger distribution	\$80.00
Return of 2011 Nat'l Convention Seed	\$1,366.90
	<u>\$3,170.31</u>



## Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$489.27
Logger Software Support	\$46.90
	<u>\$536.17</u>

Account Balances **\$25,239.01**

Checking Account \$11,595.20

Money Market Account \$13,643.81**\$25,239.01**

## Note

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,500.00

**Awards Manager's Report  
October 31, 2011**Funds Balance September 30, 2011 **\$1,500.00**

Income	\$ 684.00
	<u>\$ 684.00</u>

## Expenses:

Office supplies	\$ 12.86
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 168.00
Postage	\$ 142.73
	<u>\$ 323.59</u>

Sent to Treasurer \$684.00

Reimbursement received from Treasurer \$323.59

Funds Balance October 31, 2011 **\$1500.00**

### SE Mini



See all the pictures at

<http://www.semini.org/2011pics/>



Scotty, N4AAT  
Ugly 2010

Dave, KE3VV  
Ugly 2011

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