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Riding the County Lion

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One of the more interesting aspects of serving on the MARAC Board, and now as its President, is hearing from County Hunters on various issues and concerns. I am often surprised how many of the questions to which I have previously responded arise again from time to time, as well as new issues that merit thought and discussion. In either case, I am always glad to hear from anyone interested enough in MARAC and county hunting (or both) to contact me.

This month I want to share a concern that has been brought up in past years with respect to other awards, but was inspired this time by the Master Platinum (MP) Award. The CCH (Concerned County Hunter) who contacted me observes that the MP Award cannot be earned by all county hunters because it requires that each applicant put out 500 counties as a mobile. This is true. The CCH points out that it is not possible for all county hunters to operate mobile or, in some cases, can only operate within a limited area that does not encompass 500 different counties. Others may just lack the resources to undertake that extensive a mobile operation. These are both accurate and valid points. The issue is clearly stated - because some (maybe even a lot) of county hunters will not (or cannot) pursue the Master Platinum Award, should MARAC eliminate the MP Award.

Another way of stating this in a broader context is “should all county hunters (who want to) be able to earn every MARAC award?” or perhaps “Is it fair to have MARAC awards that everyone cannot achieve?” Fairness aside for a moment (life is not fair, as many of us can testify), is the “Can-Be-Earned-By-All” quality of a MARAC Award really a factor that is considered when deciding whether to adopt an award. The answer, both historically and technically is “Yes” – but it is not the only factor and is definitely not the deciding factor. In fact, many awards have been adopted specifically to encourage and reward mobile operation, including the MP Award. We are, as the County Lion has noted, the MOBILE Amateur Radio Awards Club. (more)

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First, let's get the "legalities" out of the way. There is no requirement in (a) the MARAC Bylaws or (b) the MARAC Award Rules that every award be attainable by all county hunters. More important, though is that the traditions and practices of MARAC have never required that every award be capable of being earned by every county hunter. While the Awards Rules specifically address the "attainability" of an award as one of the factors that the Awards Committee and Board must consider when a new award is approved, "un-attainability" (as suggested by the CCH) is not a controlling or "veto" element of an award.

In fact, there are a number of MARAC awards that cannot be earned by a county hunter who cannot operate mobile or chooses not to operate mobile, including a number of awards that can only be earned by mobiles, including the DX Mobile Award, Master Platinum Award, Mobile Diamond Award, Mobile of the Year Award (CW and SSB), Mobile Team Award, Mobile to Mobile Award, Ran All (State) Counties Award, the Roadmaster Award, and the Roadrunner Award. Further, unless by some one-in-3077 coincidence or a last county reserved for a fixed station, only mobiles can earn the Last County in a State (LC-1) or Last County for an Award (LC-2 – "Whole Ball of Wax") awards. So if we were to eliminate any award (such as Master Platinum) based on the criteria that all awards must be able to be earned by non-mobiles, we would have to eliminate a dozen of the current and long-standing MARAC awards. I humbly suggest that this would be highly unpopular action by the Board, and one that I do not anticipate will wander onto the agenda during my tenure.

Until next month (when, as a New Year's gift to Sophists and because the County Lion has conspired with the Big Green Dragon to bring up the issue yet again) I plan to tackle the ever-popular conundrum of "How can MARAC have a Net Control Award when it doesn't have a Net?"), the best of 73's from me and the County Lion (and the Big Green Dragon – who always has some interesting smelling breath during the holiday cookie and eggnog season). Dave - KE3VV



Did You Know --

South Dakota has no NFL, MLB, NBA, WNBA, MLS or NHL teams.

The Crazy Horse mountain carving now in progress will be the world's largest sculpture (563' high, 641' long carved in the round). It is the focal point of an educational and cultural memorial to and for the North American Indian.

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

A secret's safe, Twixt you, me, and the crashed computer.

Gator had just arrived and I was crying that the computer did not boot up, no safe mode, a blank screen, an article almost done, lost forever. The mother board, actually I used three words, was gone. The hard disk was checked and found fried. The latte provided some solace, but holiday spritz would have been better. Gator gives me that I told you so look, "You did not back up your work as I recommended." "Yes I did, a week before the crash." "I hoped you learned your lesson. Is that your new computer?" "Yes, and it has Window 7. I emailed Terry, WQ7A, and got the feeling he wanted you to download Logger. Next we can install Writelog logger and Win1010 logger." "We?"

Gator checks out my setup, "Nice computer, this is a great Christmas gift Santa brought you." I sip my latte, "You know since Santa Claus covers all the counties in one night, he could get a radio and train an elf to run the counties during his trip and a county hunter could get the WBOW in one session. I think I will ask our President Dave to check this out." Gator looks at me and asks, "Are you sure that is latte you are drinking. I read on the screen where Texas has a new highway with a speed limit of 85 MPH. Do you think Florida will ever do that?" I sip my latte, "No way Gator, we seniors are not going to slow down."

Gators cell phone activates, "Sorry Dude, will get back with you later, Santa's sleigh knocked the strobe light off the top of tower two. As he departs I hear, Merry Christmas to all and to all a needed rare county. He is gone like a jetcat powered scout. The printer starts and I spill my latte, I did not know he had connected the printer. It is a print out of stations heard during November on the county hunter's CW frequencies, I wonder how he did that, I read; AI5P, G4KHG, K0ARS, K0FG, K2HVN, K4EXT, K4YFH, K4YT, K5KDG, K5WAP, K7TM, K8QWY, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KC6HWD, KCYE, N4JT, N7IV, N9JF, N9QS, W0EAR, WONAC, W4HSA, W4SIG, W5QP, W7FEN, W9MSE, WB4KZW, AND WD4OIN.

The holiday season is here, no State QSO parties, county hunters are out shopping. But there are a few contests to keep a county hunter radioactive. The ARRL 160-meter and the 10-meter contest, both a fun CW operating event. There is also the CW ARRL Rookie Round-up. Need counties on 160-meters; try the CW Stew Perry Top-band Distance Challenged, not for early to bed county hunters. If the pegs fall into place I may try the Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party. I check the outside Christmas lights timer, and then nap time.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

AND BACK-UP YOUR FILES



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

History Happens continues to look at MARAC beginnings this month. As usual, the information presented comes primarily from old meeting minutes and newsletters.

The second MARAC meeting was held at 8:00pm on April 4, 1970 at the Lee's Summit, Missouri home of W0SJE. Members present were Skip, WA0WOB ... Jack, W0SJE ... Cleo, WA0SHE ... Ella, W0AYL ... Clyde, W0YLN ... Myron, WA0KQQ ... Bob, K0AYO ... Doc, W5ROP ... Robert, K0BXF ... Joe, WA0PJX.

Award ideas were discussed and included Worked All States Mobile ... Charter Membership Certificate ... One Year Marathon (for 3 separate awards) ... Last County #3079 ... and DX Mobile.

A contacts start date of January 1, 1969 was established for all upcoming MARAC Awards.

An Awards Committee was formed with W0SJE as Chairman and K0AYO, WA4BMC, and WA0SHE as additional members.

A somewhat fuzzy picture of Jack Scroggin, W0SJE from 1969 is shown below, courtesy of Mike, NF0N. Jack remained MARAC Awards Manager right up until his death in 1979. Note that he was also MARAC Newsletter editor for six years and Vice-President for four years ... and the MARAC Gemini Award (contact with 2-Star members) is dedicated to Jack Scroggin.



QSL Corner

Gary, K4EXT

We continue taking a look each month at QSL's and/or MRC's of ham radio County Hunters, past and present. John Carter, KØIFL gets the nod of approval this month.

John is MARAC Charter Member #C-14. He obtained CQ Magazine USA-CA #493 in June 1985 and MARAC Worked-All-Counties 2nd Time #80 in October 1989. Note that John changed his call from KØIFL to KØNL in the 1990's. John became a Silent Key in April 1998.

John's QSL is courtesy of Bob Green of <http://www.oldqslcards.com> and CH'er Kurt, KC9UNL:



If you have received a noteworthy QSL or MRC while chasing counties, please feel free to Email me an image of the card for possible inclusion in a future QSL Corner column.



Digital Happenings #4

Matt, W0NAC

(November 2012)

I hope none of you ate too much turkey on Thanksgiving! Goodness knows there was plenty to eat at our daughter's house. After sleeping off my overdose of tryptophan, I had time to reflect on a few of our many blessings. For all of us these include better propagation, falling gasoline prices, cooler weather, and the changing seasons (if you don't live in Florida or South Texas). Sharon and I have been blessed with relatively good health and a multitude of other things we normally take for granted. God is good!

In the first 3 articles in this series I discussed digital basics (article #1), how to tune and decode digital signals (article #2), and how to adjust your setup for a clean, distortion free transmitted signal (article #3). You may find it useful to review these before going on. This month I will cover, as briefly as I can, how to work with macros and how to go about making your first (of many I hope) QSO using digital modes. You might say that "this is where the rubber meets the road!"

HOW TO CREATE & USE MACROS

First, why do you need to use macros anyway? Sure, it is possible to operate with digital modes using only the keyboard, but unless you are a champion touch typist, you are going to need the help that macros can provide. Take the very popular PSK-31 mode as an example. It transmits at a baud rate of 31.25 which equates to about 50 wpm. PSK-63 (which is becoming more and more popular) doubles this rate to about 100 wpm. Not many of us old "pharts" can type that fast, especially if we use the two finger "hunt and peck" method. Yes, most digital software has a built-in buffer which will wait on your slow typing, but this is a poor solution. For casual rag chews, one can muddle through without using macros, but to have an acceptable QSO rate for county hunting, using macros is essential!

Before getting on with discussing macros, I need to again explain that I cannot (in the space allowed) replace reading the manual. Here are several links to manuals you can use for the fine-grain details:

- 1) Main Fldigi Manual (by W1HKJ) – 145 Pages - <http://www.w1hkj.com/downloads/fldigi/fldigi.pdf>
- 2) Just macros section from same manual - <http://www.w1hkj.com/FldigiHelp-3.12/Macros.html>
- 3) More up to date? Edited version of 1) above -185 Pages - <http://www.scribd.com/doc/63429517/55/Macros>

Everything I discuss in this article will assume that you are using Fldigi software and the Signalink USB interface. I do this strictly for the sake of brevity and convenience. I have no intention of denigrating any of the other digital software or hardware solutions out there. If you are using different software/hardware you need to give your manuals precedence over anything I say here.

Also, some have asked me what the name "Fldigi" stands for and who created it. Fldigi is short for "Fast Light Digital Modem Application" and is freeware developed by a team of 9 people headed by Dave Freese (W1HKJ).

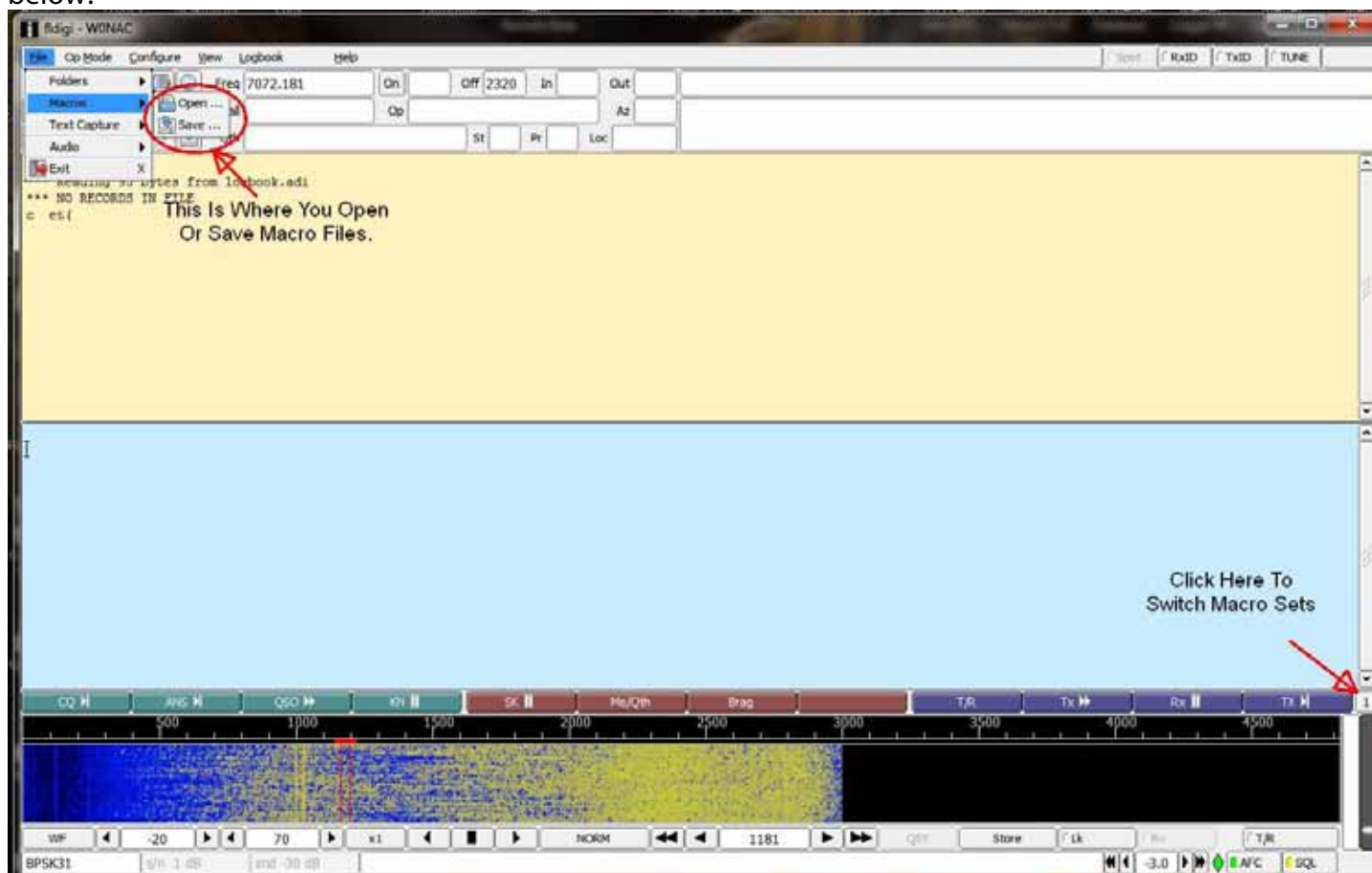
FLDIGI MACRO FILE STRUCTURE

Fldigi has provision for 4 sets of 12 macros (total of 48) that are contained in files with an .mdf file

extension (there can be any number of these files as long as they have different names). These macro files are located in your "\$Home" folder as follows:

- 1) Windows 7 -> "C:\Users\username\fldigi.files\macros"
- 2) Windows XP -> "C:\Documents and Settings\username\fldigi.files\macros"

You "Open" or "Save" macro files using the drop down menu in the upper left of the screen shown below:



Also, to access each of the 4 macro sets contained in the macro file, left click on the button at the right end of the line of macros to go to set 2, set 3, set 4, etc., OR right click on the same button to scroll backwards. Where you click is shown on the screen above. Also, holding the <Alt> key down while typing 1, 2, 3, or 4 will take you directly to that number macro set.

SAMPLE MACROS

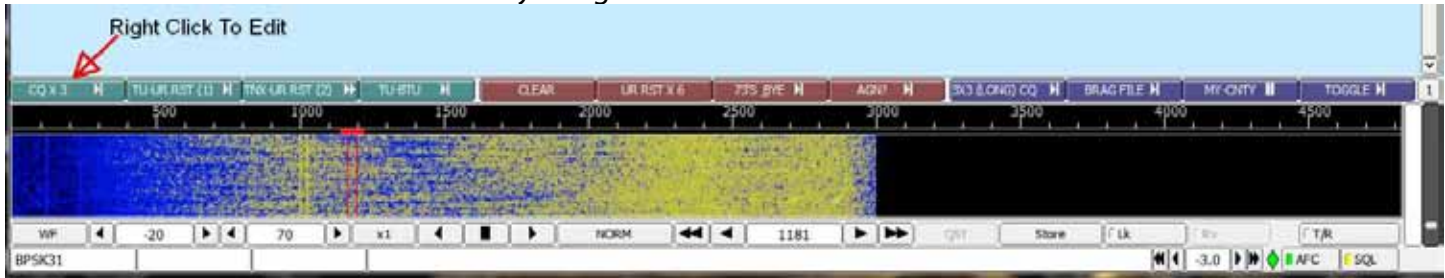
I have created 2 sample macro files which you can use as a departure point for making your own macros. These 2 files can be downloaded from my computer by clicking on the following links:

- 1) "Casual Fixed.mdf" - <https://dl.dropbox.com/u/26171574/Fldigi%20Macros/Casual%20Fixed.mdf>
- 2) "CountyHunter.mdf" - <https://dl.dropbox.com/u/26171574/Fldigi%20Macros/CountyHunter.mdf>

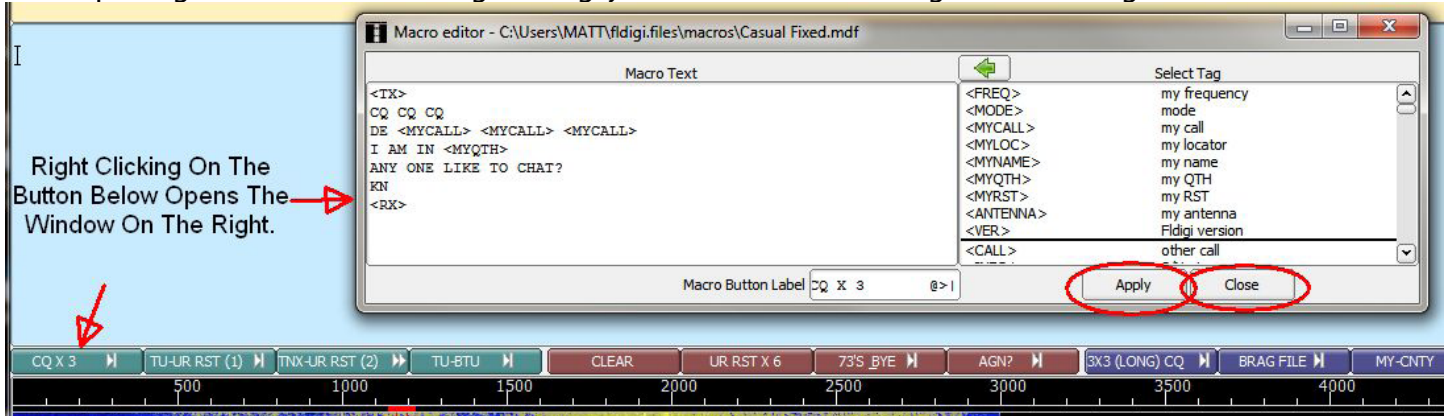
You should copy both of these files into the Fldigi macro default folder (for your Windows version) listed earlier.

EDITING/SAVING MACROS

After you have opened one of these 2 macro files (I suggest you start by opening the “Casual Fixed” macro file first), you can see the present content (and edit the macro if you need to) by right clicking on the desired macro button. I emphasize right clicking, because a left click is what one uses to execute the macro! The macro button you right click on is shown below:



After opening the macro for viewing/editing, you will see the following macro editing window:



You edit the macro in the left half of the window and “pull in” Tags from the list on the right as desired. Remember, all Tags are in upper case only and are always enclosed with < >’s.

In the example above the <TX> Tag turns your transmitter ON. The <MYCALL> tag inserts your call sign as stored when you originally configured Fldigi. <MYQTH> inserts your location as typed in when Fldigi was first configured. The final Tag <RX> restores your transceiver to normal receive operation (transmitter OFF).

After editing the macro to do what you wish it to do, click on the “Apply” button to save your changes before closing it. Also, remember to use “File/Macros/Save” to save your changes to the entire macro file.

Look at (and modify if desired) each macro in set #1 for each of the two macro files. You can test them by either left clicking on each one or by pressing their corresponding function key (F-1 through F-12) to execute. Since most of these macros turn the transmitter ON, you may wish to either operate into a dummy load, or turn your TX control all the way OFF before testing. If a macro should get “stuck” ON during testing, press either the <ESC> key or the F-12 key to shut the transmitter off.

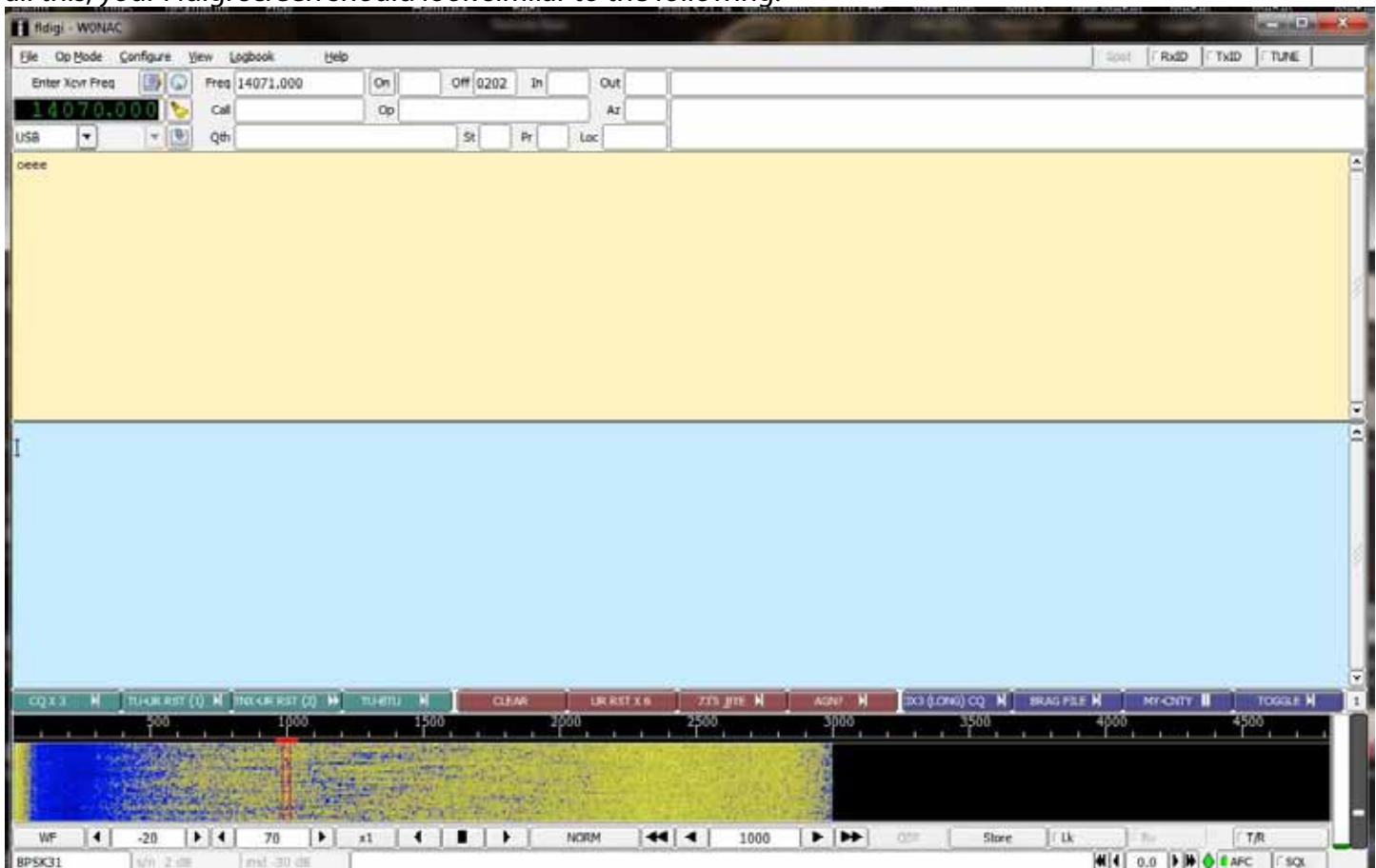
This has been a much abbreviated description. For more detail, please refer to one of the manuals listed earlier. If you still can’t figure it out, drop me a line via email and I can probably help.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR FIRST DIGITAL CONTACT

Now for the fun part – making your first QSO using digital modes! Be aware that the majority of hams (non-county hunters) are a garrulous bunch. They really like to “rag chew”! These are the people we are going to try contacting first.

Get ready by having your station set up and thoroughly tested so you know it is working correctly. Then, and only then, do the following:

- 1) Start Fldigi and “Open” the Casual Fixed macro file.
- 2) Re-check your Fldigi configuration for the correct call sign, qth, etc.
- 3) Make sure your transceiver and interface are all ON and configured correctly
- 4) Set your transceiver dial to 14.070 (USB) and then set your offset (on the waterfall) to somewhere near +1000 Hz in a clear spot where no signals are present.
- 5) Make sure that your antenna is properly tuned for operating on 14.070 MHz. When you have done all this, your Fldigi screen should look similar to the following:



Note that the SQL (squelch) control at the lower right is OFF and AFC is ON.

- 6) Either press the F-1 key or left click on the CQ X 3 macro button to call CQ. The content of your F-1 macro will be shown as it transmits on the lower (blue) screen as well as echoed to the upper receive screen.
- 7) After your transmitter switches back to Receive mode, watch for a signal on the waterfall replying to your CQ (normally they will reply on your same frequency). Also, watch for their transmission being decoded in the upper receive window. (When I was just testing this, a JA station came back to me

and we completed a short QSO!)

8) When you can see the call sign of the station calling you in the upper receive window, put your mouse pointer on their call sign and double click. If their call sign is embedded in other stray characters, you must highlight just their call sign, right click on it, and then left click on "Call". Either of these actions places their call sign into the buffer value that is used for the Tag <CALL> used later in macros (their call sign will also be displayed in the "Call" field in the upper part of the screen).

9) To reply with a standard signal report of 599, either press the F-2 key or left click on the 2nd macro button labeled "TU-UR RST (1)" or the 3rd macro button labeled "TNX-UR RST (2)" as appropriate. If they have already given you a signal report, use the 4th macro button labeled "TU-BTU".

10) If further conversation is in order, just toggle your transceiver ON by using the F-12 key and manually type in what you wish to say. After you have typed in your message and it has been transmitted, press the F-12 key again to turn your transmitter OFF and return to the receive mode.

11) You can use the F-7 macro to sign off if you wish or simply use the F-12 key to transmit and manually type in your closing remarks followed by the F-12 key again to go back to receive.

Congratulations! If you did all this correctly, you have just made your first QSO using digital modes. Naturally, this is only one possible scenario for a QSO. You may wish to try to answer other stations calling CQ. I have not included a macro for replying to another station's CQ, but you could easily modify one of the existing macros in "Casual Fixed.mdf" (that you feel you don't need) for this purpose.

If you want to create your own personalized macro set, I suggest that you simply save an existing macro file to a new file with a different name and then modify the new file to do what you wish it to do. This method will be easier than creating a totally new macro set "from scratch".

DIGITAL ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

I am writing this on the day after Thanksgiving. Next Monday (26 November) Sharon and I will be setting out on a digital trip into Nebraska and back to Colorado through Wyoming. We plan on putting out 11 county lines (22 total counties) using PSK-63, RTTY, and MFSK-16. Details have been published on the K3IMC site and also emailed to a list of folk who might be interested in working us. I will report on our trip results next month.

Also, I believe I have finished getting VK4AAR (Alan) up and running on digital. He ended up storing his Rascal GLX interface, USB to Serial converter and MISO and replacing them all with a Signalink USB interface. This seems to have finally cured all the difficulties he had before. I also introduced Alan to JT-65, but this was not his "cup of tea" so that mode is on hold. Sharon and I hope to work Alan on our upcoming trip on at least PSK-63 if not on all three digital modes.

I still stand ready to help anyone get started with digital ops. Just email me or call me on the phone. My email is w0nac@comcast.net and my phone number is 303-799-3658. Call any time.

Table 1 has been updated from last month. Again, if I have left anyone off the list you have my sincere apology! Just drop me a quick email and include your stats, if you know them, and I will be pleased to add you to the list. Conversely, if you are on the list and feel that you don't belong, please also drop me an email and I will remove you.

Logger will currently give you your status for the USA – Digital Award (Go to “View/Edit/Book/USA-Digital/All”), but for the 5-Mode Award, Logger only reports those counties which have been worked using all 5 different modes. You can see this by going to “View/Edit/Book/5-Mode/All”. A fix is still in the works that will report on the status of 1, 2, 3, and 4 completed counties also, but it may be awhile before this is released. While waiting, the 1, 2, 3, and 4 completed county columns for the 5-Mode award will have to remain blank for most people. I have manually computed the completed modes for 2 or 3 people for which I have fairly recent databases, but couldn’t do it for more (too much work!). However, if you have finished your USA-CA using any mode (or combination of modes), then your 1-Mode completed column number is, by definition, 3077! Here is the updated Table 1:

Table 1 - Active Digital County Hunters Award Status

#	CALL	NAME	STATUS* (M,F,I)	USA - DIGITAL Counties (of 3077)	(1 MODE)	(2 MODES)	FIVE MODE COUNTRIES (3 MODES)	(4 MODES)	(5 MODES)	LAST UPDATED
1	AA8R	Randy	F	1000+	-	-	-	-	-	9/30/2012
2	AC0B	Cliff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3	AD1C	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4	K0DEQ	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5	K0PVW	Rob	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6	K0WJ	Lou	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
7	K4PBX	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8	K5GE	Gene	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	K5SF	Dick	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10	K7REL	Tom	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11	K8QWY	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	K8ZZ	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13	KC3X	Hollis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14	KC6AWX	Bob	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15	KD5YUK	Billy	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16	KD7KST	Bill	M/F	1792	-	-	-	-	-	9/30/2012
17	KG5RJ	Gregory	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
18	KM1C	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19	N0KV	Barrv	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20	N0LXJ	Sharon	M/F	1300	3077	2204	1113	349	138	11/24/2012
21	N1API	Al	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
22	N3HOO	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
23	N4IT	Jim	F	572	3077	3058	575	99	55	10/30/2012
24	N5MLP	Ron	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25	N6PDB	Dennis	F	91	3077	2477	66	0	0	10/31/2012
26	N8CJ	Dick	F	418	3077	2942	393	117	93	11/5/2012
27	N8HAM	Jim	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	
28	NA8W	Darl	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
29	NF0N	Mike	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
30	NN9K	Pete	F	816	3077	859	78	1	0	3/23/2012
31	NT2A	Gene	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32	NU4C	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
33	NW6S	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34	NX4W	Lloyd	M/F	1070	3077	1098	157	4	0	12/19/2011
35	W0NAC	Matt	M/F	1708	3077	2776	1833	840	223	11/24/2012
36	W0QE	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
37	W4IHI	Garv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
38	W4SIG	Kerrv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
39	W4YDY	Dave	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
40	W6RK	Risto	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
41	W6RLL	Joe	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
42	W7IN	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
43	W7QQ	Bill	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
44	W9JR	Rich	F	90	3077	1674	44	0	0	10/31/2012
45	W9SUQ	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
46	WA4UNS	Doug	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
47	WA7JHO	Sterling	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
48	WB0M	Jeff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
49	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
50	WD4OIN	Jack	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
51	WQ7A	Terry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	
52	WY4D	Bennie	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Next month I plan on discussing "How to 'put out' counties mobile using digital modes".

Possible topics for the coming months include –

"How to log your digital contacts in Logger"

"How to operate as a mobile OM/YL team using digital modes"

"How to fine tune your Interface"

"Other Interesting digital modes (JT-65)"

So long again.....Please email me with your comments/suggestions at w0nac@comcast.net and don't forget to send me your counties worked status on the USA – Digital and 5- Mode awards so I can update the Digital County Hunter Status List again next month.

73's and we'll see you down the waterfall,

Matt – W0NAC



New Members

MARAC Number

R4520

R4521

R4522

Callsign

KD7ADH

KD7IBD

N8YP

Name

Jerry Spalding

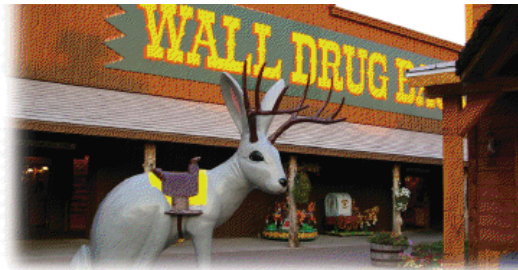
Carrie Haskins

Jeremy Reese



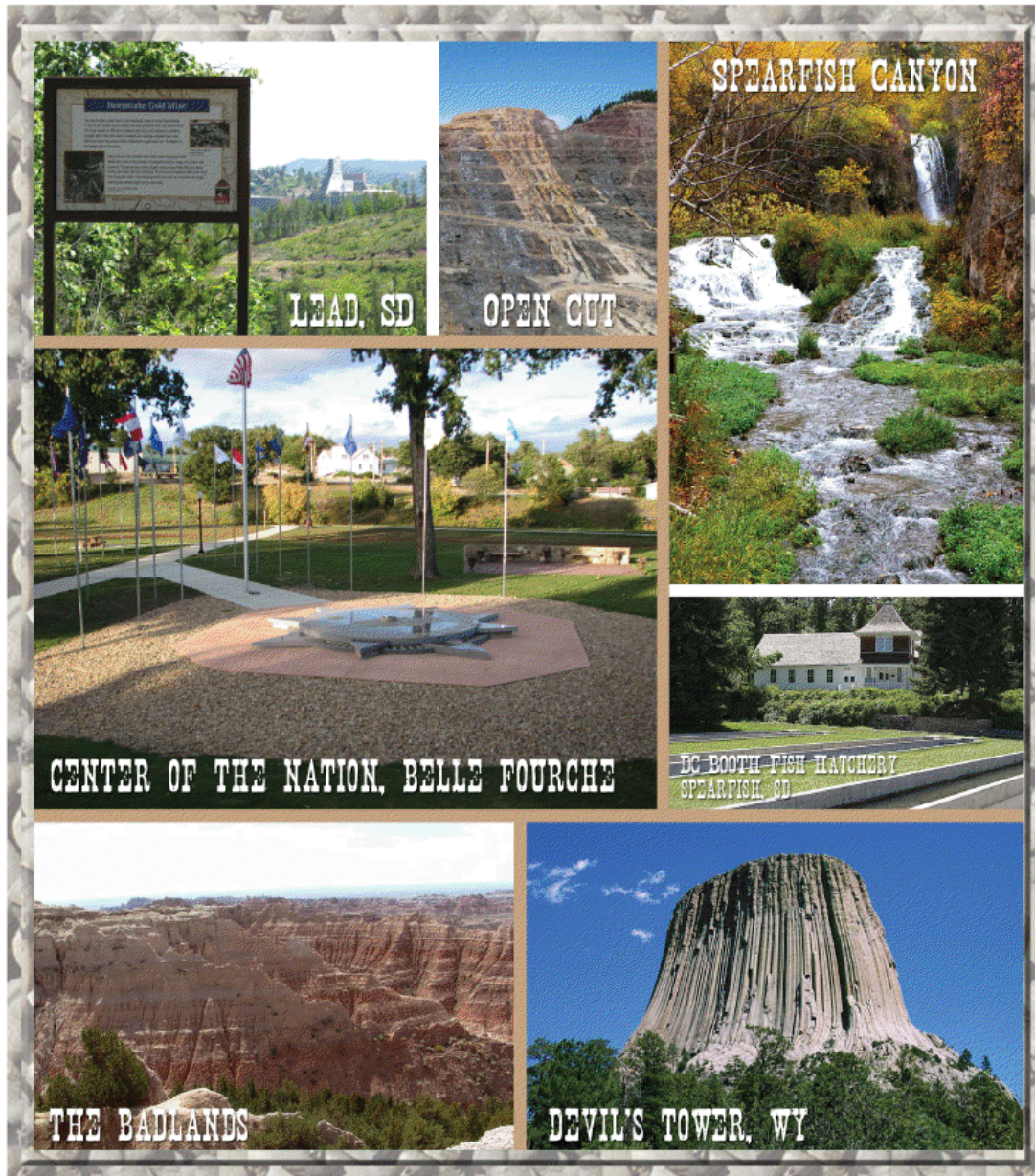
National

Please join us for the
2013 MARAC
National Convention



in the Beautiful **BLACK HILLS** OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Other attractions near Deadwood



Last Counties

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED LAST COUNTY AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
 FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: <http://www.marac.org>

Email - Last County
To Call
WY0A
WY0A
K0FG
W5QP
N9JF
W0NAC
N9JF
W8FNW
KD4HXM
K8ZZ
KR6F
KB7RUQ
K2HVN
N5MLP
N5MLP
AB7NK
WV2B
N9QS
N8OYY
N5MLP
N5MLP
N5MLP
K2HVN
N5MLP
K8QWY
K7SEN
W4SIG
KC3X
W5IL
WG9A
KC3X
W5IL
N2JNE
W4SIG
N2JNE

Email - Last County
To Call
AB7NK
K7SEN
KB0BA
N0XYL
N0XYL
N8OYY
N0XYL
N5MLP
K7TM
K7TM
K7TM
AB7NK
K7SEN
AB7NK
K7TM
N9QS
N9QS
N0KV
K0FG
WD4OIN
WG9A
K8ZZ
N8KIE
N5KUC
K7TM
W9XYL
W4SIG
KA4RRU
N8HAM
N5UZW
K0FG
N9JF
N9STL
KW1DX
KW1DX

Email - Last County
To Call
N9QS
K0FG
N9JF
N9STL
W5QP
WG9A
W3DYA
WG9A
KD4HXM
WA9DLB
N9STL
K2HVN
WG9A
WG9A
KC4HW
W4SIG
N4CD
N4JT
K0FG
N9QS
AA9JJ
K1SO
K6PJ
W7FEN
AA5TL
K2HVN
KD7KST
N9STL
WY7ML
N8HAM
N9STL
N8OYY
N8OYY
N8OYY
N5UZW

Email - Last County
To Call
N9QS
N9QS
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N9QS
N4CD
N2OCW
N4AAT
N9STL
AB4YZ
N4CD
N4CD
WQ7A
WY7ML
WY7LL
AB4YZ
N8OYY
WY7LL
W7FEN
W7FEN
KW1DX
KB0BA
AF3X
AF3X
KB6UF
W3CR
KB6UF
KB6UF
WG9A
W8FNW
WG9A
N3HOO
KE3VV

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED LAST COUNTY AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: <http://www.marac.org>

Email - Last County
To Call
N8KIE
WG9A
KB0BA
KB6UF
WY7ML
WY7LL
N9QS
KM9X
KB9MGI
N9AC
WG9A
N9STL
N4AAT
N4AAT
N5UZW
N0LXJ
N7ID
N7ID
N9QPQ
AA9JJ
N9QPQ
WG9A
W8TAX
N8KIE
W4YDY
WG6X
N0KV
A15P
W8FNW
N8KIE
VE9SX
KC3X
N7ID
N7ID
NM2L

Email - Last County
To Call
N9JF
WQ7A
K6PJ
N0KV
KQ2M
N0KV
W4SIG
N4CD
N4CD
K8ZZ
N9QS
K1GQ
N0KV
N4CD
N4CD
N4CD
N4CD
N4CD
N4CD
N4CD
N4CD
ND9M
NU0Q
KM1C
W0GXQ
N4CD
W3DYA
K4ZGB
N4CD
NY4N
N9QS
W4CA
N0KV
N4CD
N4CD
N4CD
N9STL

Email - Last County
To Call
K2HVN
K8ZZ
KB6UF
W0GXQ
W0GXQ
W0NAC
N0KV
N0XYL
N9QS
N9QS
W9MSE
W0FP
KW1DX
KW1DX
N9QPQ
AA9JJ
W7FEN
W9GUY
K5GE
K5GE
W4SIG
N9QPQ
AA9JJ
N8KIE
N9QS
N5MLP
AA9JJ
N9QPQ
WQ7A
K2HVN
AA9JJ
AA9JJ
KB6UF
N4CD
N8KIE

Email - Last County
To Call
NT2A
W9MSE
WQ7A
N8KIE
W9MSE
W9MSE
W5QP
W5QP
W9MSE
W7FEN
N5MLP



Awards

Awards Issued For November			
Call	Date	Award	Number
KC3X	11/25/2012	USA-CW II	# 30
WQ7A	11/13/2012	USA Call Sign Combo 1 X 3	# 9
K0FG	11/20/2012	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 421
W4SIG	10/6/2012	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 420
K2HVN	11/10/2012	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 236
N0KV	11/9/2012	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 235
KE3VV	10/27/2012	Worked all Counties - 7th Time	# 21
KC3X	11/28/2012	Worked all Counties - 8th Time	# 12

Roadrunner Issued For November				
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number
K7TM	11/19/2012	Last County Count 75	Last County Count 75	# 261
KC3X	11/2/2012	Last County Count 375	Last County Count 375	# 45
KB6UF	11/2/2012	Last County Count 1100	Last County Count 1100	# 5
K5GE	11/2/2012	Last County Count 375	Last County Count 375	# 46
N4AAT	11/4/2012	Last County Count 1000	Last County Count 1000	# 6
N9STL	11/7/2012	Last County Count 125	Last County Count 125	# 175
N0XYL	11/19/2012	Last County Count 175	Last County Count 175	# 127
W0NAC	11/29/2012	Last County Count 300	Last County Count 300	# 65
KW1DX	11/19/2012	Last County Count 150	Last County Count 150	# 158
N4CD	11/27/2012	Last County Count 2150	Last County Count 2150	# 1
W7FEN	11/27/2012	Last County Count 575	Last County Count 575	# 26
K2HVN	11/27/2012	Last County Count 700	Last County Count 700	# 19
N9QS	11/10/2012	Last County Count 775	Last County Count 775	# 14



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K1DFO	Dec - 01
N8ZW	Dec - 01
KD2Q	Dec - 01
KJ0H	Dec - 01
NU5V	Dec - 01
KZ2I	Dec - 01
NJ2DX	Dec - 02
WA4NBC	Dec - 02
WE3Z	Dec - 02
WA9EZT	Dec - 02
W0MHK	Dec - 02
NE6B	Dec - 02
N7JB	Dec - 03
N4CW	Dec - 03
N9ER	Dec - 03
NI7F	Dec - 03
K7TM	Dec - 04
K0PY	Dec - 04
KU8G	Dec - 04
KE2RX	Dec - 04
N3XX	Dec - 04
WA7YUL	Dec - 04
W2GDW	Dec - 04
K1VSJ	Dec - 04
K5JX	Dec - 04
W8POF	Dec - 04
K8BBM	Dec - 04
W4IDW	Dec - 05
W8FDV	Dec - 05
NF9R	Dec - 05
KB1GN	Dec - 05
N1SPX	Dec - 05
W9MDP	Dec - 06
K6JN	Dec - 06
K7DZE	Dec - 06
N4VA	Dec - 06
K1QZV	Dec - 06

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
WA4DRM	Dec - 06
K5CWR	Dec - 07
KD4LM	Dec - 07
W5OXK	Dec - 08
KE5KC	Dec - 08
K4ZT	Dec - 08
N1WA	Dec - 08
AB0EE	Dec - 08
K9BX	Dec - 09
KN8M	Dec - 09
KE9VM	Dec - 09
W3HU	Dec - 09
NV4Z	Dec - 09
KI7WO	Dec - 09
AD5NW	Dec - 10
N8TA	Dec - 11
W8JJ	Dec - 11
W9HA	Dec - 11
NG9L	Dec - 11
N8KIE	Dec - 11
WB5LOZ	Dec - 11
K7ANT	Dec - 11
KD7KWM	Dec - 11
K7KWO	Dec - 11
KB9BL	Dec - 11
KT7W	Dec - 12
NM5Z	Dec - 12
K6XT	Dec - 12
N9JF	Dec - 13
K4YY	Dec - 13
WB8JZN	Dec - 13
KI0JO	Dec - 13
WA7ETH	Dec - 14
K1TEX	Dec - 14
NN4NN	Dec - 14
AC0B	Dec - 14
N8CBW	Dec - 14

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W0XT	Dec - 14
WA4AUL	Dec - 14
N4RXF	Dec - 14
W9UX	Dec - 14
KA9ZRW	Dec - 14
N2XTU	Dec - 15
K9PO	Dec - 15
K8BHG	Dec - 15
KX4WB	Dec - 15
KJ6NR	Dec - 15
NJ9X	Dec - 16
W4HSA	Dec - 16
W3FG	Dec - 16
K6KLL	Dec - 16
KA5WGL	Dec - 16
KZ2P	Dec - 17
KCOVB	Dec - 17
KE1LA	Dec - 17
AD1OS	Dec - 17
AF4PQ	Dec - 17
N8ESR	Dec - 18
N4XP	Dec - 18
KB9CC	Dec - 19
AD1C	Dec - 19
KCOQA	Dec - 20
KC1WE	Dec - 20
K1MLP	Dec - 20
W5JX	Dec - 20
WA6KHK	Dec - 20
K3FP	Dec - 21
WA4KER	Dec - 21
N4EEL	Dec - 21
AB8JF	Dec - 21
K7OQZ	Dec - 21
KE2ZG	Dec - 21
AB4AV	Dec - 22
N7HS	Dec - 22

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Call	Birthday Date
W9UCW	Dec - 22
W4UB	Dec - 22
K8NB	Dec - 22
N2FJ	Dec - 22
KJ5M	Dec - 23
W0FF	Dec - 23
N0TKX	Dec - 23
WB5TWK	Dec - 23
NM5SR	Dec - 23
W3ZR	Dec - 23
N4FSZ	Dec - 23
AB0C	Dec - 24
KC4SF	Dec - 24
K1RY	Dec - 25
K9PI	Dec - 25
K3IMC	Dec - 25
AG4DX	Dec - 25
W6OF	Dec - 25
WA3PAK	Dec - 25
N8WH	Dec - 25
WY7ML	Dec - 26
KH6G	Dec - 26
KG0BB	Dec - 26
K2QK	Dec - 27
NU4D	Dec - 27
CT1TZ	Dec - 28
KD3XA	Dec - 28
KC1NA	Dec - 28
W3JV	Dec - 28
AC4MP	Dec - 28
N2OO	Dec - 28
W4BQD	Dec - 29
W9WIC	Dec - 29
W8UPH	Dec - 29
K4SX	Dec - 29
K6TV	Dec - 30
NS5J	Dec - 30

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Call	Birthday Date
WS5R	Dec - 30
WD9EJK	Dec - 31
KB7KR	Dec - 31
WA3ZTY	Dec - 31



**Treasurer's Report (W0NAC)
October 2012***

Beginning Account Balances Oct 27, 2012		\$33,192.85
October Income:		
Money Market Interest	\$2.35	
Awards Manager Income	\$338.00	
Membership Income	\$320.89	
Logger distribution	\$20.00	
Total Income:	<u>\$681.24</u>	
October Expenses:		
Awards Manager Expenses	\$206.91	
Office Expenses	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00	
Total Expenses:	<u>\$206.91</u>	
October Net Income Less Expenses		\$474.33
New Total Balance ALL Accounts:		\$33,667.18
Checking Account Balance	<u>\$7662.09</u>	
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$26,005.09</u>	
Total:		\$33,667.18

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

 Awards Chairman's Funds \$1,500.00

* Includes October transactions recorded through 10/31/2012



**Awards Manager's Report
November 30, 2012**

Funds Balance October 31, 2012		\$1,500.00
Income	\$ 482.50	
		<u>\$ 482.50</u>
Expenses:		
Office supplies	\$ 0.00	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 337.00	
Postage	\$ 180.26	
		<u>\$ 517.26</u>
Sent to Treasurer		\$ 482.50
Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$ 517.26
Funds Balance November 30, 2012		\$1500.00

(Note -- Bob will NOT be available from 12/12 through 12/25.)



Dave's Call

The editorial staff thanks all who contributed to the RoadRunner this past year and to all who have put up with your editor's foibles.

We hope all of you have a safe and wonderful Merry Christmas.

Dave, KU4YM
Ellen, XYL
Willow
Maddie



Calendar

~ December 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONLY START DATE SHOWN						1 11/30-ARRL 160 M CONTEST
2 10 M RTTY CONTEST	3	4	5	6	7	8 ARRL 10M CONTEST
9 SNOWSHOE RUN CW	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 ARRL ROOKIE CW	17 RUN4BACON	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 STRT KEY SPRINT	27	28	29
30	31	Notes: CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO WEBSITE JAN 1 = STRAIGHT KEY NITE				



Ballot Recognition
1st & 2nd Quarter 2012

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition and votes from their peers in the 1st and 2nd quarter award voting. There is no particular order, but all have received at least 3 points. 2 points are given for a first place vote and 1 point for a second place vote. I received 41 electronic ballots.

First quarter results

NET CONTROL SSB: WA9DLB, N5UZW, AB7NK, KZ2P, N5MLP

NET CONTROL CW: N4CD, W0GXQ

BEST MOBILE SSB: N8KIE, AA9JJ, N9QPQ, N4CD, KB6UF, N9STL, WQ7A, W7FEN, K5GE, W4SIG

BEST MOBILE CW: W0GXQ, W4SIG, N4CD, ND9M, N0KV

BEST TEAM: WY7LL/WY7ML, N0KV/N0DXE, KB0BA/N0XYL, AA9JJ/N9QPQ

Second quarter results

NET CONTROL SSB: AB7NK, KZ2P, N5MLP, KC3X, WA9DLB, N5UZW

NET CONTROL CW: W0GXQ, N4CD,

BEST MOBILE SSB: N9QPQ, AA9JJ, WQ7A, W7FEN, N8KIE, N5MLP, K5GE, N9STL, KW1DX

BEST MOBILE CW: K2HVN, N4CD, W0GXQ, N0KV, W5QP

BEST TEAM: AA9JJ/N9QPQ, N0KV/N0DXE, KB0BA/N0XYL

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