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Riding the County Lion

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The Big Green Dragon has barely recovered from the 3600-mile Deadwood excursion, but I the County Lion opines that the summer heat is taking its toll on the Dragon because the friendly beast has a built-in furnace. He recommends that we trade him in on a new dragon with a heat pump. Not getting in the middle of that one.

It has been a busy summer here in DC – catching up with projects and to-dos. Finally got my front door replaced with a gorgeous new one. The County Lion points out that we are the only house here in Chevy Chase DC that has a front door that matches (in color) the pick-up truck parked out front. The County Lion says we need a new truck, and the Green Dragon snorts and scorches the carpet. Also replaced all the other doors and storms and put a new roll-up door on the garage. The real work was power washing and re-sealing the deck. The Dragon volunteer to power-scorch it, but I didn't think a black deck would fit in with the neighborhood.

After my eldest daughter (who turns 40 later this year) came to town for a Labor Day weekend of hard drinking and karaoke, we put His Royal Hairiness (HRH – Leo, the border terrier... or as the Lion refers to him – the Border Terror) and the Lion into the Big Green Dragon and headed south to return her to Blacksburg, VA (she works at Virginia Tech). Short trip down on I-81 on Labor Day – no truck traffic – so we got there in time to grab a steak and plan her 9 to Midnight radio show on WUVT-FM. She calls her 3-hour Monday gig the “Monster of Love” and plays a grand variety of music – mostly old vinyl discs of splendid musical genres. (more)

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On the return trip, HRH and the Lion voted for West Virginia. It was a beautiful day, so the Dragon headed across Brush Mountain toward the Mountain State (with a brief side trip at Newport on the country road toward Sinking Creek to put out the CL of Craig and Giles counties in Virginia.

On my next trip down to SW Virginia, I need to remember to take a picture of the Giles County sign for Gary's archive of The Hunted (<http://www.charchive.com/>). Gary (K4EXT, who serves as the MARAC Historian) is collecting pics of all 3077 county line signs and posting them on his web site, which has a lot of other neat stuff. The home page now features a lovely pic of County Hunters Kay (N9QPQ) and spouse Frank (AA9JJ) along with Milt (KYØE) and his XYL Ellen with Terry/WQ7A. Terry's XYL, Boni, was behind the camera. The County Lion reminds me that there is a super picture of the Lion perched on my shoulder at the 2010 SE Mini. Gary has loaded lots of other pictures and features on this great web site. More about the Archive in a future column, but until then, I encourage you to visit and browse.

Once we crossed into West Virginia, we began the winding, up-and-down adventure that is labeled US 219 toward Elkins... which we would reach a mere 5 hours later. While the trip to Blacksburg the previous day on a pretty much truck-free I-81 in Virginia had featured speeds from 70 to 80 mph, that velocity on US 219 would have resulted in a quick trip into the ditch or down the mountain side. Averaging 40 mph on those roads was also the result of a lot of road work – paving – being done on this two-lane byway, which meant one-way traffic – sit and wait for the opposite direction to pass, then follow the lead vehicle to the next flag man.

The nice thing about having a ham radio in the truck is never losing touch with the civilized world electronically. Many places on the route (and in the adjoining Washington National Forest) have very “iffy” cell phone coverage, but no problems with the radio. It was a day off for Jimm (KZ2P) and no one picked up the SSB net on 336, so no contacts there. I had replaced my 40-meter resonator and it worked great on 40 CW, but not enough bandwidth for SSB on 40, so I will have to re-tune it before the next trip so the tuner can match it for the ICOM 7000. On the other hand, lots (and I mean LOTS) of contacts on 20 and 40 CW in each county.

Before heading Northeast on Route 55 toward Virginia (past the spectacular Seneca Rocks where I used to do some climbing in my youth), I took the short detour West to run Upshur, then back on the road home through Pendleton, Grant, and Hardy and lots more great West Virginia scenery, especially from those high bridges over the Lost River on the new Route 55.

It was getting a bit late, but I took another detour close to home on Route 50 (which also has some low-price gas stations) to run the Fairfax-Arlington county line for a couple of the DX stations that had been coming in strong all afternoon... DL, SP, 9A, OK, etc. – lots of county hunters trying for all 3077 from Europe, which is one of the reasons I always try to run on 20 CW, which is usually open across the pond. Earlier in the day I was barely hearing the 9A, but after I got him to move closer to 14.056.5 and inside my narrow CW filter, we had 599 QSOs for the rest of the trip. Word to the wise – it doesn't really help that much to transmit off-frequency to make county hunting contacts. While it may be a good technique for DX pile-ups, calling on the mobile frequency - even on the busiest days – usually works better for the mobile – at least it does for me and anyone else who may have less hearing acuity on the higher and lower audio frequencies that result from calling more than a click or two away. (more)

Back home again to a hot shower and a familiar bed is always one of the rewards of a road trip, and this was no exception. I only need to work three more counties and transmit a handful to finish Master Platinum, so another road trip up through Pennsylvania to New York is in the cards for the next month or so... whenever HRH, the County Lion, and the Big Green Dragon feel the need to hit the back roads in a more northerly direction. The Lion is a big fan of fall color in the mountains of the Keystone State, so that may dictate the timing for a couple days on the road. Now that we have discovered that Choice Hotels are pet-friendly, and the back seat of the Dragon has been converted to a dog palace – complete with a 3-inch memory foam pad – more overnight road trips are in order... and we are all looking forward to that.

I hope to see many of you in Charleston at the SE Mini. Until the next time, be safe on the road and enjoy every day up here on the Green Side... The intrepid Road Warriors – Dave, HRH, the County Lion, and the Big Green Dragon - bid you Good Traveling and 73's and 88's to all.



New Members

MARAC Number

R4540
R4541
R4542
R4542

Callsign

KB4KBS
KR4U
WA2GVI
K2DSW

Name

Scott Straw
David Trewin
Frank Lavallo
Bob Panek



KB4KBS

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

As many CW county hunters, so many fists; everyone its own way.

Gator just arrived at the radio shack with two large lattes and several éclairs, “Here Dude have some real coffee. I am ready to hear about the CW meeting at the MARAC convention even through Al was not there. Anything exciting?” “Not really, CW county hunters know everything so the items discussed were the same items discussed at all previous meetings. It is a good idea to refresh our memory.” Gator turns on the computer. “Go ahead Dude I am listening.” He says under his breath, “Not.”

The first four items deal with the CW mobile on the net.

1. When ready to run a county listen on frequency and if nothing is heard ask if the net is busy. For example: CHN QRL? or CHN QNF?
2. A question (?) mark is used only by the mobile running on frequency.
3. A mobile beginning a run sends a call sign, county and State then QRZ.
4. When a mobile run is concluded the call sign of the mobile is given one last time.

The next items discussed apply to all stations on the net.

1. Avoid tuning the radio on net frequency.
2. When band conditions are good the mobile sends the RST one time. Repeat the RST received and send the mobile’s RST. Some fixed stations use the format RST ALSO RST. Each mobile will use their preferred signal report exchange format. When the band conditions are in the pits, do whatever is necessary to make the signal report exchange.
3. Spotting the mobile, for example on the W6RK county hunting spot, assists both the mobile and fixed stations.
4. If a fixed station hears a station the mobile cannot hear offer to do a relay or QSP, this is a benefit to both stations.
5. If you hear two mobiles trying to run on frequency at the same time please try and contact each mobile. One of the mobiles can then QRX or QSY. Poor propagation adds to the confusion, but try.
6. The use of full break-in CW is highly recommended. This helps to reduce unintentional QRM. Confucius say. “If Gator can do it, you can do it.”

Gator spins around in the chair, “I always use full break-in when operating CW.” “That is what I just said, were you paying attention?” “Not really, I was looking at your MARAC Counties CW QSO party logs. You got 12 new mobile-to-mobile contacts, 11 No-Star and a new county on 15-meters. In the North American QSO party you only got one natural bingo and a new county on 80-meters. Hey, you worked a station named Gator.” I sip my coffee, “I guess I tend to work the same stations in contests, but some achievement is better than none even working a Gator. What are you looking at?” “What is this letter wanting support for the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund?” I munch on an éclair, “Just got that letter, put in on the pile with the red paper weight.” Gator picks up a certificate, “ I see you are high Florida CW in the 2013 Virginia QSO party, neat Dude.” “Before you say anymore high Florida CW does not mean I was drunk.” We have a good laugh and drink our latte. Gator pulls another certificate off the

desk, “Dude what is the MARAC Roadrunner Award?” “I received the award for transmitting 100 last counties. There are a lot of miles in that award.” Gator gives me the high sign.

Gator brings up the MARAC web page, “I see the 2013 South East Mini Convention is on October 7, 8 and 9th, located just across the bridge from traffic congested Charleston at the Patriots Point Quality Inn and Suites in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. I read there are rooftop bars, I wonder what they serve.” “Asphalt Martinis.”

Gator gives me the finger, “Do you plan to attend?” “Hope to.”

The battle charge is heard from Gator’s cell phone, “Sorry Dude must move it on. There is a problem with equilibrium at the fourth stage.” He is gone faster than a sloths mating ritual. I notice there is one less kamikaze squirrel. The printer stops, I look at the list of mobiles heard on the county hunters call frequencies. I read: AF5CC, AI5P, AK8A, K0FG, K2HVN, K2RP, K4BAI, K4LRX, K4YT, K5YAA, K8ZZ, K9JWV, KA4RRU, KC7YE, KG5J, KN4Y, KO7X, KW1DX, N0KV, N4AKP, N4CD, N4JT, N9QS, NF0N, NM2L, NU0Q, VA3XOV, WO8H, W3DQT, W3YDA, W4SIG, W5QP, W7FEN, W8MP, W9MSE, WA3QNT, WA4PGM, and WB4KZW,

I check the current contest calendar and on the last day of August is the Colorado QSO party with 64 counties and in September there are six State QSO parties with 525 counties up for grabs. The fun includes Tennessee (95), Arkansas (75), South Carolina (46), Washington State Salmon Run (39), Texas (254), and Maine (16). There is the ARRL VHF Contest although six meters may not be too cooperative. Don’t forget the first class CW operator’s club QSO party. If you are a park working person check out the Ohio State parks on the air you can feel the excitement especially since the word leaked out that Norm, W3DYA, will be mobile in the Arkansas and Texas QSO parties.

Ed went to the emergency room August 20 feeling weak and difficulty breathing. Ed had heart surgery on August 28 and returned home September 3. The prognosis is good for more QSO parties and contests.



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

Thanks again for all of the county line pictures that filled my inbox recently. The 1700 county mark is rapidly approaching and the total keeps rising at a steady pace. Check out the latest pics in the County Sign Database by visiting the CH History website at:

<http://www.CHarchive.com/cntys.asp>

Thanks also to Joyce, WB9NUL and Barry, W9UCW for sending me a box of CD's and DVD's containing several years of past MARAC activities. Lots of pictures to go through on those discs ... even some videos too ... and I'm pretty sure I will find some new head-shots of county hunters for display on the CH History website.

The photo below was taken at a Wyoming rest park as folks headed home from the 2013 MARAC National Convention in Deadwood, South Dakota. As explained to me, this informal gathering was completely unplanned ... several folks just happened to pull into the same rest stop at about the same time. Milt, KY0E took the picture and the lineup includes Frank, AA9JJ ... Kay, N9QPQ ... Boni, XYL of Terry ... Ellen, XYL of Milt ... and Terry, WQ7A.

Now, you might argue that this picture hardly qualifies as history ... but remember that one must always consider the ages of the subjects in a photo in order to assign a historical value. However, I'm not going to argue that issue ... I know that one of these subjects has law-enforcement kin-folk in the county right next to mine here in Northeast Tennessee. So let me just say ... nice picture kids!



MARAC Voting Information

Remember, if you are a new member or are REJOINING following a lapse in membership you are NOT eligible to submit nominations or vote in an election until the first day of the month following receipt of the payment of dues and valid membership application by the MARAC Secretary. Those individuals maintaining uninterrupted membership status are not restricted from nominating or voting in the current month.

BALLOT RECOGNITION

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition from their peers in the 1st quarter award voting - (no particular order). Only stations receiving 3 points or more are listed.

NET CONTROL SSB: KC3X, KZ2P, AB7NK, N5UZW

NET CONTROL CW: K0DEQ, W0GXQ

BEST MOBILE SSB: W4SIG, AF3X

BEST MOBILE CW: N0KV, N4CD, W4SIG, W0GXQ

BEST TEAM: N0KV/N0DXE, KB0BA/N0XYL, AA9JJ/N9QPQ, W0NAC/N0LXJ

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Digital Happenings #13

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(August 2013)

By W0NAC ("Matt")

As food for thought this month, I offer the following quotes:

“NOTHING WORTH HAVING WAS EVER ACHIEVED WITHOUT EFFORT” –

Theodore Roosevelt

“ALL THE EFFORT IN THE WORLD WON'T MATTER IF YOU'RE NOT INSPIRED.” — Chuck Palahniuk, Diary

Both of these quotes would make good captions for this picture.....

Let me ask you – are you still having fun with your ham radio and county hunting activities? Are you inspired in your efforts? If you are, that's great, but if same-ol", maybe you should consider doing I'm talking about going Digital (especially this soap box many times before!" and you often, I need to retry converting those who efforts result in only one added convert,



you are a little bored with the "same-ol something new and challenging. Of course, mobile). I hear you muttering "He's been on are right – I have, but I feel like every so have never used the Digital modes! If my they will not have been in vain.

When I suggest that you go "Digital", this doesn't mean that Digital activity would totally replace what you're doing now. What I am talking about is Digital work having a shared relationship with SSB and CW. Think of it as being like adding a second or third child to your family.

Challenge Department:

Last month I challenged you to solve 4 riddles and 6 people submitted answers (in the order given). Scoring the replies was difficult because some of the riddles have more than one good answer and most people were quite inventive in their replies.

- 1) KE3VV - Dave 75% (missed #4).
- 2) NB9VQM - Louie 75% (missed #4)
- 3) NX0X - Brian 100%
- 4) W8DCD - Kirby 85% (partially missed #3)
- 5) K7TM - Bob 100% (Very different answers, but OK)
- 6) W2CC - Dave 73% (Little off on #2, missed #3)

The "book answers" are given below in red:

1) **What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take in when you don't want to use it?**
Anchor

2) **Six glasses are in a row. The first three are filled with milk and the last three are empty. By moving only one glass, can you arrange them so that the full and the empty glasses alternate?**
Pick up the second glass and pour the milk into the fifth glass and then put it back in the second position.

3) How is it that a person born in Massachusetts, whose parents were both born in Massachusetts, is not born a U.S. citizen? **If he was born before February 6, 1788, then Massachusetts would still be a British colony.**

4) If you were standing exactly on the earth's South Pole facing north, which direction would you travel if you took one step backward? **North. (The only direction you can move from being exactly on the South Pole is North)**

Other valid answers to #1 included "fishing net", "garden hose", "fishing line and bait", and "fishing lure". I considered all of these as correct.

Everyone had #2 right except I docked one person for failing to mention returning the now empty glass to its original position.

#3 seemed to be the most difficult for people. The key words in the riddle are "born" and "Massachusetts". If someone was "born" in the colony of Massachusetts before it became a state, they were not "born" a U.S. citizen. One could argue that being born anywhere in the 13 colonies after July 4, 1776 made you a "born" U.S. citizen, but it is not clear that this would have been the case. Never the less, I gave one person credit for this answer.

Two people missed #4 by answering South.

I believe people had fun with these last month, so I'll give you another (and perhaps harder) puzzle to solve which was sent in by Kirby (W8DCD).

You have 2 rooms. In room one, there are 3 light switches that go to 3 lights in room 2. There is a door that separates the rooms so you cannot see between them. You are in room 1 with no tools or any other help. You need to arrange the light switches then go into room 2 and tell me which switch goes to which light. You can only pass through the door once and cannot see between. This is NOT a trick answer....just requires a little bit of logic and common sense. What can you do in room 1 to tell you what's up in room 2?

I figured out one answer to the puzzle, and Sharon came up with a different solution, so watch out! There may be more than 2 answers! What can you come up with? Watch for our answers in next month's article along with a list of those that sent in their solution(s) to this riddle. Have fun, and send your solutions to w0nac@comcast.net.

Fldigi Tip of The Month:

WA4EEZ (Leslie) suggests that when you are happy with your Fldigi setup, that you capture (and save) screen shots of your Fldigi setup screens. This will allow you to restore your original configuration if things get messed up. This is an excellent idea! She also suggests that you do a "**Configuration/Save Configuration**" after you make any changes. Note: Fldigi gives you NO indication that a "save" operation was completed successfully. This can be a bit disconcerting!

Past "Digital Happenings" Topics:

Instead of delving into some detailed technical discussion this month, I have decided to provide you with a list giving you the main topic that each past "Digital Happenings" article covered. Also, at the end of each listing, I give a Dropbox link that is good 24/7 so that you can download any individual article you wish or all 12 of them in one file. (All files have been Zipped to avoid their being rejected by your computer's security functions.)

Digital Happenings #1 - "**How Do I Get Started?**"

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Happenings/DIGITAL%20HAPPENINGS%20%231.zip>

Digital Happenings #2 - "**How To Tune & Decode Digital Signals**"

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Digital Happenings #3 – “How To Adjust Your System For A Clean Signal”

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Happenings/DIGITAL%20HAPPENINGS%20%233.zip>

Digital Happenings #4 – “How To Create And Use Macros”

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Happenings/DIGITAL%20HAPPENINGS%20%234.zip>

Digital Happenings #5 – “How To ‘Put Out’ Counties Using Digital Modes While Operating Mobile”

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Digital Happenings #6 – “How To Operate As A Mobile OM/YL Team Using Digital Modes”

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Digital Happenings #7 – “Selecting Modes & Rapid Mode Changes Using Macros”

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Digital Happenings #8 – “Fldigi Operating Tips”

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Digital Happenings #9 – “Digital Mode Tests & Other Interesting Modes”

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Digital Happenings #10 – “Western Colorado Digital Mode Experiment”

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Digital Happenings #11 – “Interface Choices”

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Digital Happenings #12 – “First Ever Digital Meeting At Deadwood”

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Digital Happenings #1 – 12 (Single Zipped File With All Articles 1 – 12)

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August Activities:

Digital activities during August were kinda “slim pickins” (maybe everyone was resting after the convention?). Mobiles heard putting out Digital counties were:

W0NAC (Solo) in Boulder, CO July 30th

W0NAC/N0LXJ in Elbert, CO August 8th

WA4UNS in Greenwood, SC August 8th

WA4UNS in **many** GA Counties August 9th – August 11th

W5QP in Benton/Washington, AR August 24th

W5QP in Oklahoma, OK August 27th

In addition, there were some KS counties put out using Digital modes during the KS QSO Party August 25th.

Support calls related to Digital setup, etc. also dropped off this month. As always, I stand ready to help anyone who has problems or wishes to get started with Digital operations. Just email me at w0nac@comcast.net or call me any time at 303-799-3658.

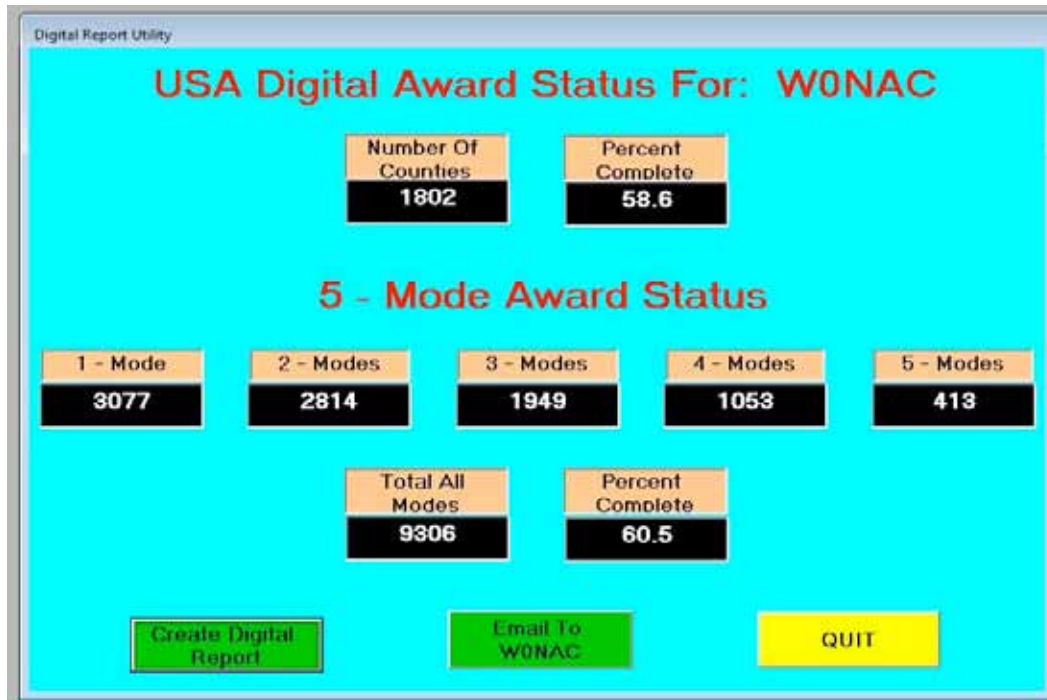
The updated Table 3 is given below:

Table 3 - 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)	TOTAL	% 5-Mode Completed	LAST UPDATED
1	AA8R	Randy	F	1000+	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	9/30/2012
2	AC0B	Cliff	F	205	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	12/10/2012
3	AD1C	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
4	K0DEQ	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
5	K0PVW	Rob	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
6	K0WJ	Lou	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
7	K4PBX	Jim	F	106	2575	84	6	0	0	2665	17.3%	10/15/2012
8	K5GE	Gene	F	26	1893	575	8	0	0	2476	16.1%	5/26/2013
9	K5SF	Dick	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
10	K5WAF	Bill	F	599	3044	?	?	?	?	3044	19.8%	5/2/2013
11	K7REL	Tom	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
12	K8QWY	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
13	K8ZZ	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
14	KA8IQP	Pamela	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
15	KC3X	Hollis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
16	KC6AWX	Bob	F	450	3077	1592	264	59	14	5006	32.5%	5/7/2013
17	KC7YE	Jack	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
18	KD5YUK	Billv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
19	KD7KST	Bill	M/F	1792	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	9/30/2012
20	KG5RJ	Greg	F	573	3048	2078	524	167	44	5861	38.1%	8/7/2013
21	KM1C	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
22	KM6HB	Mark	F	714	3077	2936	694	87	1	6795	44.2%	2/3/2013
23	N0KV	Barry	M/F	412	3077	2996	2064	249	24	8410	54.7%	8/26/2012
24	N0LXJ	Sharon	M/F	1359	3077	2252	1201	467	235	7232	47.0%	8/30/2013
25	N1API	Al	F	457	3077	1327	326	180	96	5006	32.5%	8/2/2013
26	N3HOO	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
27	N4JT	Jim	F	572	3077	3058	575	99	55	6864	44.6%	10/30/2012
28	N5MLP	Ron	M/F	391	3077	409	54	37	9	3586	23.3%	5/19/2013
29	N6PDB	Dennis	M/F	664	3077	2768	745	420	305	7315	47.5%	8/27/2013
30	N8CIJ	Dick	F	664	3077	3004	436	290	220	7027	45.7%	7/31/2013
31	N8HAM	Jim	I	0	3077	0	0	0	0	3077	20.0%	4/2/2013
32	N9WNN	Steve	F	0	2180	0	0	0	0	2180	14.2%	2/24/2013
33	NA8W	Darl	F/M	535	2993	?	?	?	55	3048	19.8%	4/6/2013
34	NF0N	Mike	F	785	3077	3077	915	108	50	7227	47.0%	12/31/2012
35	NN9K	Pete	F	816	3077	859	78	1	0	4015	26.1%	3/23/2012
36	NT2A	Gene	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
37	NU4C	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
38	NW6S	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
39	NX4W	Llovd	M/F	1135	3077	1274	436	290	97	5174	33.6%	7/27/2013
40	W0NAC	Matt	M/F	1802	3077	2814	1949	1053	413	9306	60.5%	8/30/2013
41	W3DLM	Don	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
42	W4IHI	Garv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
43	W4SIG	Kerrv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
44	W4YDY	Dave	F	752	3077	3077	921	213	46	7334	47.7%	3/6/2013
45	W5QP	Rick	M/F	138	3077	2362	137	57	46	5679	36.9%	5/30/2013
46	W6RK	Risto	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
47	W6RLL	Joe	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
48	W7IN	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
49	W7OQ	Bill	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
50	W9JR	Rich	F	90	3077	1674	44	0	0	4795	31.2%	10/31/2012
51	W9SUQ	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
52	WA4EEZ	Leslie	F	1034	3075	1257	483	69	6	4890	31.8%	6/4/2013
53	WA4UNS	Doug	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
54	WA6OCV	Susan	M/F	328	3077	328	320	130	10	3865	25.1%	3/28/2013
55	WA7JHQ	Sterling	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
56	WB0M	Jeff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
57	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
58	WD4OIN	Jack	F	395	3077	3065	410	67	8	6627	43.1%	3/3/2013
59	WQ7A	Terry	F	201	3077	3028	206	132	112	6555	42.6%	8/24/2013
60	WY4D	Bennie	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	

How To Get Your 5 - Mode Statistics Updated:

As of the date this article is published, there is now a new and handy way to update your Digital statistics for Table 3. I have created a small program called "Digital Report Utility". This new program will create a report for you with your progress shown for both the **USA - Digital** and the **5 - Mode Awards**. Here is a sample screen shot of the report (Using my own database):



Once the report is showing on your screen and you are OK with the numbers, the program can also email your statistics to me so I can update Table 3. There is no longer a need for anyone to manually extract their statistics.

Installing and running the new utility is easy. Just download “**Install Digital Report Utility Version 0.1.9.exe**” from the MARAC Server (<http://www.marac.org/chdownloads>) or use the following Dropbox link (which is available 24/7) <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Digital%20Report%20Utility/Install%20Digital%20Report%20Utility%20Version%200.1.9.zip> to get a zipped version of the same install file. You can save the file anywhere you wish on your computer (desktop, download folder, etc.) because it is not sensitive to location. When you execute this install file, just follow the default selections and it will install the new utility program in the proper folder (Program Files) and place an icon on your desktop that you can use to run it.

Please Note: When you first run the program you need to make sure that it is pointed to your call sign database file (files if you are an OM/YL team). This file(s) will usually be found in your “C:\Logger Data” folder.

To point the program to your file(s), press F-10 while on the opening screen (shown below). Then click on the button indicated:

Digital Award Status Reporting Utility

**Press F-10 For
Different Data
File/Folder**

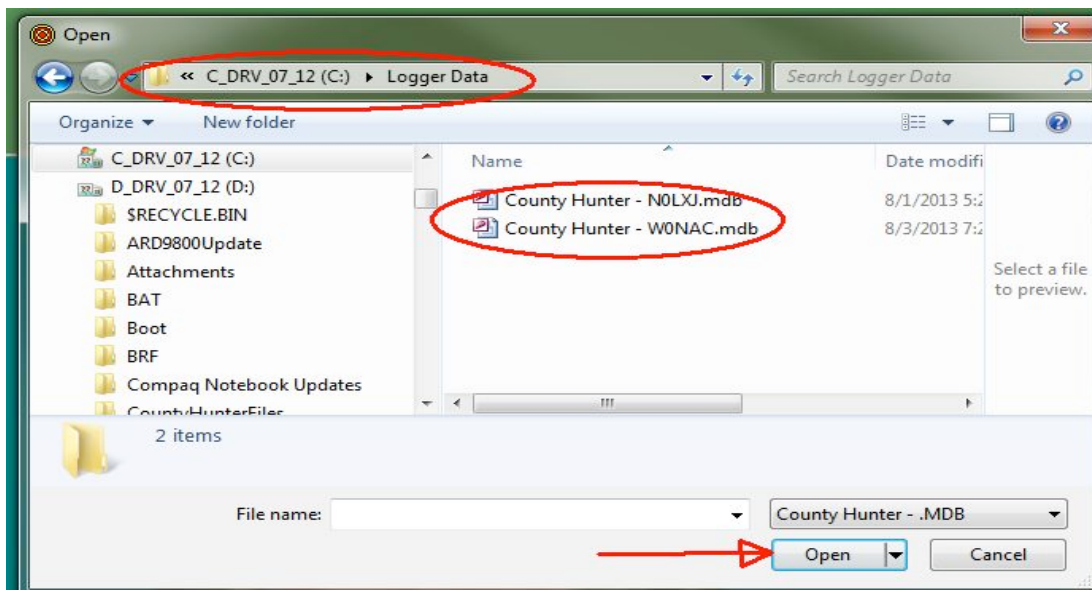


Version 0.1.9

Some Code Adapted From Logger
KD9ZP Original *Programmer*
W0NAC *Programmer, User Help*
N6PDB *Assistant Programmer, User Help*

**CLICK HERE TO LOCATE THE
FOLDER WHERE YOUR
DATABASE IS LOCATED**

Then use the following window (example below) to browse to your "Logger Data" folder and select your call sign database. Then click on the "Open" button.



This will take you back to the opening screen with your call sign (two call signs if you are a team) displayed like this:



Clicking on your call sign will bring up the report screen where you can create your report and email it to me for updating Table 3.

Since it is nice and easy now, I encourage everyone listed on the table to use the new utility to email me current statistics NLT September 25th so I can get you up to date. If there are others not listed in Table 3 who would like their statistics included, just run the utility and have it email your numbers to me. I will get you listed!

Incidentally, the email portion of this program may not work with every email client out there, especially web based email clients. If that part doesn't work for you, just include your numbers in an email that you create using your own email client and send it to w0nac@comcast.net. Many Thanks!

Possible topics for the coming months include (in no particular order):

"How To Log Your Digital Contacts In Logger"

"Macros – Revisited"

"New Digital Awards?"

"Digital Software Installation – Revisited"

"Award Difficulty Index"

"Additional Digital Mode Test Results"

"Digital Software Choices"

However, I still need your suggestions on topics for future articles! Or if you have something you wish to contribute I will certainly try and include it. Short stories describing your experiences/frustrations/etc. in getting started in Digital ops would be especially welcome. Summaries of your Digital trips would also be good. I look forward to hearing from you.

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 for the **USA – Digital** and **5 - Mode Awards** so I can update the Digital County Hunter Status List again next month.

73's and we hope to see you on our waterfall again real soon!

Matt – W0NAC



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Awards

Awards Issued For August			
Call	Date	Award	Number
WA4EEZ	8/5/2013	USA-CA	#1236
KC3X	8/3/2013	BINGO V	# 4
KW1DX	8/9/2013	BINGO	# 352

Roadrunner Issued For August				
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number
N8KIE	8/10/2013	Last County Count 825	Last County Count 825	# 11
N0XYL	8/10/2013	Last County Count 200	Last County Count 200	# 107
WG9A	8/10/2013	Last County Count 350	Last County Count 350	# 50
KW1DX	8/10/2013	Last County Count 175	Last County Count 175	# 132
N8OYY	8/3/2013	Last County Count 150	Last County Count 150	# 160
KB0MHH	8/1/2013	Last County Count 50	Last County Count 50	# 339
W4SIG	8/1/2013	Last County Count 175	Last County Count 175	# 131



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W3GQJ	Sep - 01
KQ4KI	Sep - 01
W1VA	Sep - 01
AD4IA	Sep - 01
WE8D	Sep - 01
KK5LC	Sep - 01
LA9SN	Sep - 01
KJ9P	Sep - 01
W1QK	Sep - 01
K6CRA	Sep - 02
AC4GO	Sep - 02
K1BS	Sep - 02
WB2GFE	Sep - 03
N5ZF	Sep - 03
K4XI	Sep - 03
WA6GQY	Sep - 03
W6RK	Sep - 04
KB7RE	Sep - 04
NN9K	Sep - 04
W6ZQ	Sep - 04
N9PM	Sep - 04
N3RM	Sep - 04
W9GUY	Sep - 04
KA0W	Sep - 05
WD9HAW	Sep - 05
WA3LVH	Sep - 05
KU4MP	Sep - 05
W3UJT	Sep - 05
W9OO	Sep - 06
KN4S	Sep - 06
N7MPS	Sep - 06
KE5JA	Sep - 06
W9LMT	Sep - 07
WA2BEG	Sep - 07
N5NAA	Sep - 07
W5DAM	Sep - 07
N9AC	Sep - 08

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N8AAE	Sep - 08
W1ATV	Sep - 08
WX7E	Sep - 08
KG9HC	Sep - 09
K4SL	Sep - 09
N8STF	Sep - 09
KG7Q	Sep - 09
W5XFM	Sep - 09
N7WL	Sep - 09
KJ7PO	Sep - 09
KN5H	Sep - 09
W3RWJ	Sep - 10
NX0V	Sep - 10
K8XF	Sep - 10
KB5FU	Sep - 10
NW1O	Sep - 10
K9WA	Sep - 11
KB7ZTI	Sep - 11
W0OWY	Sep - 11
W0MU	Sep - 12
N8MBW	Sep - 12
N9STL	Sep - 12
N9PC	Sep - 12
N5DUQ	Sep - 12
W5SM	Sep - 12
WG9A	Sep - 12
WU7R	Sep - 13
KD6WW	Sep - 13
N8RYD	Sep - 13
WA5OPO	Sep - 14
WB2QMY	Sep - 14
K4NK	Sep - 14
N7CYQ	Sep - 15
NE5Y	Sep - 15
KF4PHW	Sep - 15
KG5IZ	Sep - 15
KJ4KX	Sep - 15

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W3IQ	Sep - 16
WA0LRQ	Sep - 16
K8NI	Sep - 16
KF2GP	Sep - 16
W9CTA	Sep - 16
VK7BA	Sep - 16
K0XT	Sep - 17
AD7QN	Sep - 17
WM3T	Sep - 17
KG5RJ	Sep - 17
W0IM	Sep - 17
WJ9S	Sep - 17
AK6H	Sep - 17
WA4CUU	Sep - 17
W6QE	Sep - 18
N4PJ	Sep - 18
NX4P	Sep - 18
N8MYC	Sep - 18
KE3NR	Sep - 18
K0HNC	Sep - 19
N5QQ	Sep - 19
K5KDG	Sep - 19
NB7B	Sep - 20
WB3JDC	Sep - 20
KC7OD	Sep - 20
KA1OCL	Sep - 21
KN4CQ	Sep - 21
NN6AA	Sep - 21
AC4SW	Sep - 21
WB7PMZ	Sep - 21
VE2MAM	Sep - 21
W9NS	Sep - 21
KL7IFP	Sep - 22
N9BAE	Sep - 22
K1CGI	Sep - 22
K0PVW	Sep - 22
WT6P	Sep - 22

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Call	Birthday Date
N9IHZ	Sep - 22
KR4ZH	Sep - 23
K2UF	Sep - 23
W3CR	Sep - 23
AA4AK	Sep - 23
N0GUR	Sep - 23
KA6RAT	Sep - 23
K7SEN	Sep - 24
NM1G	Sep - 24
N4MIC	Sep - 24
KG4FJC	Sep - 24
KA1SF	Sep - 25
N7WO	Sep - 25
N0XYL	Sep - 25
KR4OE	Sep - 25
K3VQO	Sep - 25
KD5YN	Sep - 25
KB5WY	Sep - 26
AJ0C	Sep - 26
W5HV	Sep - 26
N0UF	Sep - 26
KO4EA	Sep - 27
WBOJYB	Sep - 27
AE2Z	Sep - 27
W7KFA	Sep - 27
W8EB	Sep - 27
W7FGD	Sep - 28
K9FP	Sep - 28
NK8P	Sep - 28
K7GA	Sep - 28
KD4RKJ	Sep - 29
WA6OTV	Sep - 29
WA2CNJ	Sep - 29
W1IBS	Sep - 29
N5KB	Sep - 29
N4RNR	Sep - 29
N5VT	Sep - 29

Roadrunner - Birthdays

Call	Birthday Date
K0BXF	Sep - 29
KC3X	Sep - 29
N4NX	Sep - 29
WA1ZIC	Sep - 30



**Treasurer's Report (Corrected)
June 2013***

Beginning Account Balances June , 2013 **\$35,054.58**

June Income:

Money Market Interest	\$2.14	
Awards Manager Income	\$647.00	
Membership Income	\$517.29	
Logger distribution	\$60.00	
Total Income:		<u>\$1,226.43</u>

June Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$521.15	
Office Expenses	\$0.00	
Total Expenses:		<u>\$521.15</u>

June Net Income Less Expenses **\$705.28**

New Total Balance ALL Accounts: **\$35,759.86**

Checking Account Balance	<u>\$4,737.65</u>	
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$31,022.21</u>	
Total:		\$35,759.86

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,500.00
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* Includes June Transactions Thru 7/6/2013



**Treasurer's Report (W0NAC)
July 2013***

Beginning Account Balances July , 2013 **\$35,759.86**

July Income:

Money Market Interest	\$2.56	
Awards Manager Income	\$470.50	
Membership Income	\$783.29	
Logger distribution	\$120.00	
Total Income:		<u>\$1,376.35</u>

July Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$434.22	
WY7LL Memorial Gift	\$1,000.00	
Office Expenses	\$0.00	
Total Expenses:		<u>\$1,434.22</u>

July Net Income Less Expenses **(\$57.87)**

New Total Balance ALL Accounts: **\$35,701.99**

Checking Account Balance	<u>\$4,677.22</u>	
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$31,024.77</u>	
Total:		\$35,701.99

Note:

The following monies are not included in the above:

Awards Chairman's Funds	\$1,500.00
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* Includes July Transactions Through 8/2/2013



**Awards Manager's Report
August 31, 2013**

Funds Balance July 31, 2013		\$1,500.00
Income	\$ 429.00	
	<u>\$ 429.00</u>	
Expenses:		
Office supplies	\$ 40.63	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 344.00	
Postage	\$ 116.10	
	<u>\$ 500.73</u>	
Sent to Treasurer		\$ 429.00
Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$ 500.73
Funds Balance August 31, 2013		\$1500.00



SE Mini**2013 SE Mini**

- Location: Quality Inn & Suites; Mount Pleasant, SC
- Dates: October 7, 8 & 9, 2013
- Directions: Follow I-26 East until it ends and take exit 220. Follow signs to Mt. Pleasant/Hwy 17 North. Cross Cooper River Bridge and take Coleman Blvd./Hwy 703 exit. On Coleman Blvd/Hwy 703 turn right at first traffic light. Hotel is on the right.
More details will be posted at <http://www.SEMINI.org>
- Room Rate: \$99.99 per night plus tax. Call the hotel directly for reservations and mention "amateur radio". The phone number is 800-704-4480. The rate is valid only through September 13th - Make your reservations early!
- Hotel Notes: There is a 2 night minimum stay, and a one night deposit is required. Cancellations must be done 2 weeks in advance, and all but \$25 of your deposit will be refunded. Cancellations within 2 weeks will be charged for 2 nights.
- Parking: Ample FREE parking, with no overhangs to eat antennas!
- Activities: Dinner at the "Fat Hen" and walking the bridge are planned. Other area attractions include Historic Charleston tours, shopping, dining, golfing, plantations, Patriot's Point, The Hunley & Fort Sumter.
- Dinner: Buffet Style Dinner- \$28 per person.
- Registration: \$10 per person.
- Website: More information, including online registration is available at: <http://www.semini.org>

Send registration and fees to:

John M. Hoyt – W5UGD
118 Halifax Rd
Easley, SC 29642

Email: w5ugd@homelandsecureit.com for additional information

2012 SE Mini Registration

Callsign: _____

Name (to be put on badge):

Address:

USA-CA#: _____

Additional Names/Calls/USA-CA Numbers:

Basic Registration:		10.00
Additional Registrations	_____ x 10.00	_____
Banquet Tickets	_____ x 28.00	_____
Total		_____

Calendar

~ September 2013 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 TN QP	2	3	4	5	6	7 STRT KEY QP
8 NA CW SPRINT	9	10	11	12	13	14 STRT KEY SPRINT AR QP OH PKS QP
15 NA SSB SPRINT	16	17	18	19	20	21 SC QP WA SALMON RUN
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 TX QP ME QP
29	30	Notes: ONLY START DATE SHOWN.....CLICK ON EVENT TO GOT TO WEB SITE				



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