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Riding the County Lion

Dave – KE3VV

The County Lion and I are off to the National Convention in Visalia in a few days... taking the overnight Amtrak to Chicago and then the California Zephyr through the Rocky Mountains to the San Francisco area (actually Emeryville, on the other side of the Bay) and then on a short road trip through Monterey along the coast before destinating (The Lion loves that word!) in Visalia. The Big Green Dragon is not into train rides, but is saving his fuel for a long road trip south through the Carolinas and Georgia to the Sunshine State in August. Lots of “getting away” this summer for the first time in a long while.

This has been a quiet year for solar activity but a surprising amount of mobile activity, especially given the conditions, propagation, and the price of filling the gas tank. As we are writing this, I read on mIRC that four county hunters have earned the Mobile Diamond award. Wow! When that one was adopted by the Board, I thought it would take years to achieve. Thanks for All the Counties (and a nice piece of wall wood paid for by MARAC) to five of the real heroes of the road, Bob (N4CD), Bob (N8KIE), Gene (K5GE), Joe (N5UZW), and Scottie (N4AAT).

One of the other MARAC heroes this year is Bob (KC6AWX), who has not only worked hard to put together another annual National Convention, but has also continued to take on the duties of Awards


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Manager – the hardest volunteer job in MARAC. While we are handing out the kudos, we all owe a major MARAC Thank You to our other dedicated volunteers. The Roadrunner crew, led by editor-in-chief Dave (KU4YM), is getting better with each issue. I always flip to Dateline CW for the a-musings of Ed (KN4Y) and the ever-perspicacious Gator. I am amazed by some of the gems that Gary (K4EXT) polishes up for us in History Happens –it sure is great to have a real Historian on the “payroll.” Then there is always another byte at the digital apple by Matt (W0NAC), who also provides a monthly report on MARAC finances in his role as the Treasurer of MARAC. Kent (KV7N – formerly KL1V, but now a Southerner) manages all of the Elections for MARAC offices, CHOTY and other awards. Rounding out the RR Team is Pat (KM6QF), who keeps track of Silent Keys and makes sure that the CH community remembers all who have traveled on down the road.

This year the Logger Team - Gene (KD9ZP), Terry (WQ7A), Matt (W0NAC), and Tim (KD5CXO) – have been joined by Jim (K4PBX) and Dave (KW1DX) to work on a major project to develop the successor to Logger (aptly named Logger II). At the Board meeting in Visalia, we are going to formally recognize their work and get proactive to support the development of both the updated logging program and an upgraded web spotting site. The Logger Team, led by Gene, will continue to maintain the current Logger program.

Keeping track of membership dues and other tasks keeps Jim (KZ2P) busy as MARAC Secretary – many thanks for all you continue to do for MARAC. The Vice President post remains vacant until the Convention, but our hearts are full of great memories of Leo (WY7LL – SK) and the great 2013 eyeball in Deadwood, SD. We miss you Leo! Taking on the strenuous duties of Veep at the Visalia meet is the voters’ choice – Dave (KW1DX) – Welcome, Dave! He will join the leadership team of directors: Great Lakes Director - Dan (KM9X), North Central Director - Tony (WA9DLB), Northeast Director - Carol Ann (AB2LS), South Central Director - Barry (N0KV), Southeast Director - Kerry (W4SIG), Pacific Director – Bob (KC6AWX – have we mentioned him before?), and Past President - Joyce (WB9NUL).

So I’d better get packed up and ready to roll – don’t want to miss the train! The Big Green Dragon will guard the domicile (I won’t let him mow the lawn because he takes the easy way – scorched earth) and get ready for the next road trip we need to finish up Master Platinum by transmitting from about a dozen “new” MP counties. Until we hear you on the road or see you in Visalia – 73, 88,  d be happy!

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Get a bang on the 4th of July, run some explosive counties on CW.

Gator is working or goofing off depending on who you ask so I decided to check out my CQ WPX log. I had run single band on 10-meters hoping to work some new counties. I made 250 QSO's, mostly DX stations, but I did get 4 new counties on 10-meters, 2 Natural Bingo and two 'A' prefixes. I also worked Hal, W9HB mobile. Not bad for an old fart with a broken fingernail

I returned, tired and with butt cramps, from operating mobile in the Alabama QSO party and I was reading the county hunters forum. I read that Jerry, W5YAA, also operated mobile in the Alabama QSO party and was telling about his encounter with tornados, high winds and heavy rain. I wondered if Jerry had been in the same state of Alabama because I had sunny and clear weather the entire QSO party. I figured I was mobile in the redneck counties of Alabama where the spirits rule and Jerry was in the other counties at cleansing time. I bring up the logging program to gather the statistics from my log, first I need a latte.

The round trip mileage was 749 miles operating in sixteen Alabama counties; I had scheduled to operate in fifteen counties when my driver missed State Route 48 and the winding road we were traveling on ended in the Talladega National Forest. A friendly park ranger got us going in the right direction. I could hear the laughter as we departed. On the bright side I was able to run the unscheduled county of Cleburne. I list the counties I ran and the number of QSO's in each county.

Barbour (56), Bullock (33), Chambers (47), Clay (33), (Cleburne (45), Coosa (37), Dale (28), Elmore (35), Henry (36), Houston (72), Lee (43), Montgomery (51), Pike (51), Randolph (43), Russell (43) and Tallapoosa (40).

I hear the door open and Gator walks into the shack, I was so engrossed with the computer I did not hear him drive up. "Hi Gator, shut the door to keep the biting Yellow Flies outside, they have been bad this year." Gator sets two large lattes on the table, "Tell me about it, you travel to the back forty at your own risk. What are you doing?" I get up and Gator sits at the computer, I hand him a memory stick and ask him to check out my West Virginia QSO party log. I grab the latte as a drowning man grabs a life preserver and turn on the radio. Gator inserts the memory stick.

Gator laughs, "You made 9 QSO,s in the West Virginia QSO party. I pray you did not overwork your mind," "I listened and worked two county hunters, Steve, K8JQ and Jeff, N8II, he was the only mobile I heard. But I did work the club station for bonus points." Gator laughs, "Do you have any idea why the poor turnout for the QSO party?" "I have a theory. The West Virginia QSP party rules suggest the frequencies in the General portion of all bands can be used. Not all the West Virginia amateurs are General class and this is confusing, so they opted not to participate. I suggest the actual frequency range for each band be listed. The State amateurs will know where to go and so will all the stations outside the State." Gator is not listening; he picked up my memory stick with the ARRL VHF QSO party contacts. I hear a QRZ on the radio grab the key and work Kerry, W4SIG/M, and log the contact in Logger.

Gator gives me the high sign and shouts, "I cannot believe you worked 240 stations using CW on 6-meters with most of the contacts on Sunday. You did well Dude with 42 new counties, a 1x3 call and one Natural Bingo." I smile like a dog with a ham bone, "Yes, it was fun and check my mobile field day results"

Gator's cell phone ring-a-dings, "Sorry Dude, the field day report will have to wait, the switching gear is not switching." He is gone like a fifty dollar bill at Disney World and I don't think I heard him yell, the tires on this truck are too big. The printer stops and I get the printout, it is list of stations heard in June on the CW county hunter call frequencies. I read: AB4YZ, AB7RW, AK8A, K0FG, K0PY, K2HVN, K4YFH, K5YAA, K7INA, K7TM, K8QWY, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB0BA, KB6UF, KO7X, N2JNE, N4CD, N4JT, N5XG, NAI, N9AC, N9JF, NC2Y, ND9M, NF0N, NM2L, NN9K, NT2A, W0CML, W0GXQ, W0XQ, W3DEQ, W4HSA, W4SIG, W5QP, W6JJ, W9MSE, W9OP, WA2CNJ, WB0PYF and WB4KZW.

I participated in a bowling tournament and missed the Stew Party warm-up contest. I bowled at the lanes in The Villages, a Florida senior community even though in my eighties I am called young fellow. I like the place. Here the weather outside is hot but comfortable in the radio shack with the air conditioner going full blast. I look at the calendar and there are no state QSO parties in July. If you are a CQC member there is the Great Colorado Gold Rush for the CW operator using a gold plated key (just kidding). You will have CW fun with the north of the boarder signals in the Canada Day Contest. The world wide radio activity is the IARU HF World Championship with your ITU zone in the exchange. Go to the ARRL web site to get zoned. Try the CQ WW VHF and perchance get some new counties on 6-meters. Ready for rapid mode activity try the Ten-Ten Sprit of 76 QSO party, it is a 7 day, 6 mode event. Be not afraid this QSO party survival rate has been good. Past nap time.



New Members

MARAC Number

R4558

Callsign

NC2Y

Name

Vasily Benjaminov



MARAC 1st QUARTER AWARD VOTING

April, May & June 2014

Voting will be open from July 1st through July 31st for the best net control, mobile and team awards. The easiest way to place your vote is at the MARAC web site <http://marac.org/elections/>. All you will need to enter on the sign in page is your callsign and your MARAC voting key. If you have lost or do not know your voting key, enter your callsign and then click on the button below to request your key. The key will be immediately emailed to your email address on record. If you do not receive it, please go to <http://marac.org/database> to verify that your email address is correct. If you need to change/correct your email address, please contact KZ2P at K2JG@Comcast.net. You may also send me your vote via regular mail. However I must receive the ballot by the closing date of the voting window to be counted. Please include your callsign, MARAC membership and key numbers along with your choices for each class to my address listed below.

A vote for 1st choice is awarded 2 points and 2nd choice is awarded 1 point. **Please do not vote for the same call for both choices.** Of course any choices can be left blank.

1st quarter

Best Net Control SSB: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____
Best Net Control CW: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____
Best Mobile SSB: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____
Best Mobile CW: 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____
Best Mobile Team: 1st Choice _____ / _____
2nd Choice _____ / _____

Your call sign: _____ MARAC # or Election Key _____

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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 initial payment of dues and valid membership application to the Secretary of MARAC.

Those individuals maintaining uninterrupted membership status are not restricted from nominating or voting in the current month.

If you are unsure of your membership status, please go to the MARAC County Hunters Database web site <http://marac.org/database> and enter your call in **Call Lookup** to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

To all county hunters just a reminder if you are in Southern Idaho passing through please stop by my QTH I will gladly give a tour of my orchard and some fruit if it's in season.

Kent Reinke
MARAC Election Coordinator



MARAC Silent Keys

Callsign
WA2AKB

Silent Key Date
June 4, 2015

Last County Awards

A Case for: Submitting Last County Awards

Let's face it, we owe a lot of our enjoyment in this county hunting hobby to our mobiles. Actually, most of it. Some mobiles are on a business trip or family trip with little chance of getting off the interstates. Other mobiles will veer off the main routes a little when a special need is known. Then you have other mobiles that plan their whole route solely on what needs are posted by their fellow county hunters. We all know of a story or two where some gracious member went hundreds of miles to give out that "last one" for a friend. There is that great sense of accomplishment when we work that Last County in a state for any of the various awards.

Why not reward the mobile with a LC1 award? Not only is it a great way to say "thanks!" but it also encourages that mobile to continue going out of his way to activate counties off the beaten path. Running mobile is not always easy or cheap especially considering hotels, meals, and of course gas. How much does the LC1 award cost you to submit, you ask? One buck. Like ordering a cup of coffee. This is a small expense compared to the costs of the mobile going to run that county for you miles away from home. Yes, there are some mobile stations who vocally could care less about receiving awards. But I can guarantee you there are many more out there who would really appreciate a small recognition of their efforts. This is especially true when a mobile went out of their way to give someone a Last County. How do you think that mobile feels when he knows he gave out a Last County and no LC award is received? Will he consult the needs lists or go out of his way on the next trip for that station? Probably not. And this can hurt all of us in the long run who need those out-of-the-way counties.

There are some mobiles I have spoken to that will no longer go out of their way for special requests due to the lack of awards being submitted. Over a month ago I personally planned a trip based upon posted needs and know I gave out over 15 LCs. Only one LC award has been received. Does this mean I won't still plan my runs based upon folks' needs? Although discouraging, no, but I cannot speak for all the other mobiles. I also know of some mobiles who keep track of who submits LC1s and who doesn't. That certainly can affect whose needs lists are more carefully scrutinized prior to planning a trip.

To submit a LC1 award simply go to marac.org, click on Awards, Last County Application, fill in the blanks and submit. It is good practice to send a check to the awards chairman, Bob KC6AWX, so you have some credit on your account. It's not hard, it's not expensive, and it is surely appreciated.

73, Kerry W4SIG

Digital Happenings

DIGITAL HAPPENINGS #23

(June 2014)

By W0NAC ("Matt")

This month's Digital Happenings is going to be much shorter than usual. When you read this, Sharon and I will already have left for the National Convention in Visalia. Our schedule for digital operations is published on K3IMC's site, but our putting out San Juan County, WA on the 2nd of July may be of special interest to digital people. We will be taking the ferry to Lopez island and while there (1715Z - 2130Z) we will "put out" San Juan county on at least 4 digital modes (PSK-63, RTTY-45, DOMINO-22, and MFSK-32) in addition to SSB and CW. We will be transmitting on at least 20M (14.075 MHz True) and 40M (7.074 MHz True) for the Western guys (and gals). Other bands & modes may also be possible, time permitting. Next month I will pick back up on a technical topic as usual.

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 COUNTIES (3 MODES)	(4 MODES)	(5 MODES)	TOTAL	% 5-Mode Completed	LAST UPDATED
1	AA8R	Randy	F	1344	3077	3077	1461	576	203	8394	54.6%	5/24/2014
2	AC0B	Cliff	F	205	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	12/10/2012
3	AD1C	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
4	KODEQ	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
5	K0FG	Fred	F	188	3077	3013	187	20	6	6303	41.0%	4/14/2014
6	K0PVV	Rob	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
7	K0WJ	Lou	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
8	K4PBX	Jim	F	229	2948	214	72	50	15	3299	21.4%	5/23/2014
9	K5GE	Gene	F	26	1893	575	8	0	0	2476	16.1%	5/26/2013
10	K5SF	Dick	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
11	K5WAF	Bill	F	599	3044	?	?	?	?	3044	19.8%	5/2/2013
12	K7REL	Tom	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
13	K8QWY	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
14	K8ZZ	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
15	KA4RRU	Mike	M/F	975	3077	2939	944	49	1	7010	45.6%	1/10/2014
16	KA8IOP	Pamela	M/F	22	202	64	53	28	4	351	2.3%	9/12/2013
17	KC3X	Hollis	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
18	KC6AWX	Bob	F	450	3077	1592	264	59	14	5006	32.5%	5/7/2013
19	KC7YE	Jack	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
20	KD5YUK	Billy	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
21	KD7KST	Bill	M/F	1792	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	9/30/2012
22	KF7PKL	Davis	F	379	879	211	48	15	1	1154	7.5%	10/9/2013
23	KG5RJ	Greg	F	706	3050	2125	646	268	105	6194	40.3%	5/22/2014
24	KM1C	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
25	KU4YM	Dave	F	86	2841	83	40	8	2	2974	19.3%	4/23/2014
26	KM6HB	Mark	F	714	3077	2936	694	87	1	6795	44.2%	2/3/2013
27	KW1DX	Dave	M/F	68	3077	991	65	50	24	4207	27.3%	4/26/2014
28	N0KV	Barrv	M/F	502	3077	3031	2351	360	71	8890	57.8%	4/29/2014
29	N0LXJ	Sharon	M/F	1373	3077	2275	1236	509	259	7356	47.8%	6/25/2014
30	N1API	Al	F	751	3077	2358	691	465	323	6914	44.9%	5/25/2014
31	N4JT	Jim	M/F	911	3077	3067	919	417	296	7776	50.5%	5/18/2014
32	N5MLP	Ron	M/F	391	3077	409	54	37	9	3586	23.3%	5/19/2013
33	N6PDB	Dennis	M/F	942	3077	2936	1161	842	674	8690	56.5%	5/27/2014
34	N8CIJ	Dick	F	782	3077	3034	775	400	297	7583	49.3%	5/25/2014
35	N8HAM	Jim	F	0	3077	0	0	0	0	3077	20.0%	4/2/2013
36	N9WNN	Steve	F	0	2180	0	0	0	0	2180	14.2%	2/24/2013
37	NA8W	Darl	F/M	699	3064	980	481	266	135	4926	32.0%	6/4/2014
38	NF0N	Mike	F	900	3077	3077	1091	283	127	7655	49.8%	4/18/2014
39	NN9K	Pete	F	816	3077	859	78	1	0	4015	26.1%	3/23/2012
40	NT2A	Gene	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
41	NU4C	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
42	NW6S	Jim	F	784	3077	3077	805	114	79	7152	46.5%	5/6/2014
43	NX4W	Lloyd	M/F	1185	3077	1327	493	338	103	5338	34.7%	4/26/2014
44	W0NAC	Matt	M/F	1844	3077	2851	2021	1149	493	9591	62.3%	6/25/2014
45	W3DLM	Don	F	359	3077	2390	298	101	55	5921	38.5%	10/12/2013
46	W3ZUH	Dick	F	5	3077	2048	11	2	0	5138	33.4%	12/4/2013
47	W4IHI	Garv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
48	W4SIG	Kerrv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
49	W4YDY	Dave	F	1000	3077	3077	1149	495	300	8098	52.6%	4/22/2014
50	W5QP	Rick	M/F	560	3077	2763	583	270	207	6900	44.8%	6/20/2013
51	W6RK	Risto	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
52	W6RLL	Joe	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
53	W7FEN	Larry	F	25	3077	2975	32	1	0	6085	39.6%	10/3/2013
54	W7IN	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
55	W7QQ	Bill	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
56	W9JR	Rich	F	90	3077	1674	44	0	0	4795	31.2%	10/31/2012
57	W9SUQ	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
58	WA4FEZ	Leslie	F	1137	3077	2055	814	299	55	6300	40.9%	6/2/2014
59	WA4UNS	Doug	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
60	WA6OCV	Susan	M/F	328	3077	328	320	130	10	3865	25.1%	3/28/2013
61	WA7ETH	Ed	F	194	1924	405	35	3	0	2367	15.4%	5/27/2014
62	WA7JHQ	Sterling	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
63	WB0M	Jeff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
64	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
65	WD4OIN	Jack	F	1100	3077	3070	1110	541	277	8075	52.5%	6/16/2014
66	WQ7A	Terrv	F	201	3077	3028	206	132	112	6555	42.6%	8/24/2013
67	WY4D	Ben	F	326	3077	347	41	15	9	3489	22.7%	6/10/2014

How To Get Your 5 – Mode Statistics Updated:

Several past Digital Happenings articles have given detailed instructions on a new and easy way to update your digital statistics for Table 3 by using a small program called "Digital Report Utility". This

new program will create a report for you showing your progress for both the **USA – Digital** and the **5 – Mode Awards** and email it to WONAC. Instead of repeating these instructions every month I have included them in a Microsoft Word document that you can download by clicking on the following link: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Happenings/5%20Mode%20Update.doc>

Other possible topics for future months include (in no particular order):

“More Lesser Well Known Features of Fldigi”
“How to Log Your Digital Contacts in Logger”
“Macros – Revisited”
“New Digital Awards?”
“Digital Software Installation – Revisited”

If anyone has a story or tip that you wish to contribute, I will certainly try to include it. Short stories describing your experiences/joys/frustrations in getting started in digital ops would be especially welcome. Summaries of any digital trips you make (or have made in the past) would also be good. I look forward to hearing from you. Don't be shy!

Please email me with your comments/suggestions at w0nac@comcast.net and don't forget to send your updated status for the **USA – Digital** and **5 - Mode Awards** so I can update the Active Digital County Hunters Award Status list again next month.

73's and we hope that we see you at the digital meeting in Visalia, CA in July. If not, on our waterfall again real soon!

Matt – WONAC



Awards

Awards Issued For June			
Call	Date	Award	Number
W0QE	6/2/2014	USA-CW IV	# 10
NM2L	6/20/2014	BINGO	# 355
N0KV	6/20/2014	Master Platinum	# 23
K5GE	6/27/2014	Mobile Diamond	# 1
N4AAT	6/27/2014	Mobile Diamond	# 2
N4CD	6/27/2014	Mobile Diamond	# 3
N8KIE	6/27/2014	Mobile Diamond	# 4
K7VAY	6/17/2014	BINGO	# 354
N9QS	6/12/2014	BINGO V	# 5
KC3X	6/15/2014	USA-PA Prefix A	# 7
KC3X	6/15/2014	USA-PA ALL Prefixes	# 3
N9STL	6/24/2014	USA-PA Prefix W	# 12
N9STL	6/24/2014	USA-PAALL Prefixes	# 4
N6PDB	6/20/2014	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 239
W1ATV	6/4/2014	USA-CA First Time	# 1245
W0QE	5/30/2014	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 114
W0EAR	6/21/2014	Worked all Counties - 7th Time	# 22

Roadrunner Issued For June				
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number
K8QWY	6/13/2014	Last County Count 50	Last County Count 50	# 345
W0QE	6/2/2014	Last County Count	USA-CW IV	# 10
NM2L	6/20/2014	Last County Count	BINGO	# 355
K7VAY	6/17/2014	Last County Count	BINGO	# 354
N6PDB	6/20/2014	Last County Count	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 239
W0QE	5/30/2014	Last County Count	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 114
W0EAR	6/21/2014	Last County Count	Worked all Counties - 7th Time	# 22



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KB8TIN	Jul - 01
W7AXY	Jul - 01
K4CQW	Jul - 01
AL7GY	Jul - 02
KF0E	Jul - 03
KC7YE	Jul - 03
KA6BTU	Jul - 03
NC4J	Jul - 03
N0AC	Jul - 04
W0WYJ	Jul - 05
W1WLW	Jul - 05
W0ULU	Jul - 05
K5UH	Jul - 05
NN5B	Jul - 06
WB5LFO	Jul - 06
KE5WL	Jul - 06
AA9ZZ	Jul - 07
W5FHL	Jul - 07
VA3RJ	Jul - 07
K8EMS	Jul - 07
KI0HF	Jul - 07
KG7GV	Jul - 08
WA2GVI	Jul - 08
KU4QG	Jul - 08
KK0V	Jul - 08
N4ANV	Jul - 08
KE5RH	Jul - 10
N4GQQ	Jul - 10
WA7AIM	Jul - 11
AA6JR	Jul - 11
N8GEQ	Jul - 11
AA4GL	Jul - 12
W8YL	Jul - 12
W0GAYN	Jul - 13

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
WA4WIN	Jul - 13
N5SGC	Jul - 13
KB4ET	Jul - 13
K9FA	Jul - 13
N8OYY	Jul - 13
AF1HS	Jul - 13
WF0B	Jul - 13
WA1JYO	Jul - 14
WB0PYF	Jul - 14
K1VMT	Jul - 14
AE5Q	Jul - 14
KB0QGT	Jul - 14
N3FC	Jul - 14
W0GYR	Jul - 14
VK4AAR	Jul - 14
W5OBT	Jul - 14
KC3AD	Jul - 14
KE6LF	Jul - 14
K8ZXY	Jul - 15
N4XE	Jul - 15
K5TT	Jul - 15
KD1TH	Jul - 15
K0UB	Jul - 16
W4DRR	Jul - 16
KA1NX	Jul - 16
W2ARP	Jul - 16
AA9CW	Jul - 17
WL7X	Jul - 17
KP4CZ	Jul - 17
KT1M	Jul - 17
K6PJ	Jul - 17
KB4UL	Jul - 18
K5XY	Jul - 18
K0GDA	Jul - 19

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KE6US	Jul - 18
KC0ZU	Jul - 18
KI4W	Jul - 18
K8MM	Jul - 19
WE7G	Jul - 19
W8YRB	Jul - 20
KW3H	Jul - 20
K5VYT	Jul - 20
W4ZMB	Jul - 21
K2RPM	Jul - 21
KU4YM	Jul - 21
W4GNS	Jul - 21
N8IPG	Jul - 21
KM8U	Jul - 22
WB2ABD	Jul - 22
KB9MGI	Jul - 22
AA1PR	Jul - 22
WU3H	Jul - 23
W4BOB	Jul - 23
KV3D	Jul - 24
KE4MW	Jul - 24
W5JBP	Jul - 24
KA3QLF	Jul - 24
K9OC	Jul - 24
W5PKE	Jul - 24
W4VIC	Jul - 25
KF7PKL	Jul - 25
WS9V	Jul - 25
KE2EA	Jul - 26
N4IXV	Jul - 26
K1NIT	Jul - 26
VE4AE	Jul - 26
K4BF	Jul - 26
W0GAW	Jul - 26

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W5LOR	Jul - 26
W7SAR	Jul - 26
KD8HB	Jul - 26
N8HAM	Jul - 27
WB1EEN	Jul - 27
NC1N	Jul - 27
W6PXE	Jul - 27
KF0Q	Jul - 27
K9IA	Jul - 27
KF4WC	Jul - 27
W5DR	Jul - 27
N5OAO	Jul - 28
KF8UN	Jul - 28
WA4LZI	Jul - 28
W4ZAA	Jul - 28
N4AKP	Jul - 28
N0EHS	Jul - 29
W4YDY	Jul - 29
K0HMC	Jul - 29
N4AAT	Jul - 29
WN8QII	Jul - 30
KU9G	Jul - 30
KW5USA	Jul - 30
W6XLR	Jul - 30
WD4OIN	Jul - 30
KD4DJ	Jul - 30
KY9Y	Jul - 30
K9GTQ	Jul - 30
KA9JAC	Jul - 31
W0FLZ	Jul - 31
W6XJN	Jul - 31



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

Some really nice and needed pictures came in over the past two months. Mary, AB7NK and Neil, SK7SEN (that fellow she hangs out with a lot) sent in a county sign picture for Dunklin County, Missouri which finished up that state! Rick, W5QP sent in some more from Kansas, including Coffey County, which finished up that state! Then Rick ran the entire state of Louisiana and got pics of all 32 needed parishes to finish that state!

Bob, N4CD sent in some highly needed county sign pics from Kentucky ... Kerry, W4SIG sent in a bunch from Alabama and Tennessee ... Shari, KB0MHH and Brian, NX0X (that fellow she hangs out with a lot) submitted pics from Ohio, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Illinois.

Other pics were sent in by Bill, K0DEQ ... Silver, N9QS who also posed in a couple ... Jack, K0MAF ... Bob, WA3QNT ... Ed, KN4Y ... Jerry, K5YAA ... Ed, K8QWY ... Jim, N4JT ... Duane, WV2B ... Kyle, WA4PGM with a slew of old pics ... Paul, WD9EJK ... Mike, KA4RRU ... Dave, KU4YM our illustrious newsletter editor ... Sandra, N0XYL and Lowell, KB0BA (that fellow she hangs out with a lot) ... Jerry, W0GXQ ... and Paul, N7JPF.

Double Wow - MANY THANKS to all! Please feel free to check out the current collection of pictures and information by visiting the CH History/Archive website at the following Internet address:

<http://www.CHarchive.com>

Terry, WQ7A sent me a CD of county sign pictures that Boni took during their long trip to the Michigan Mini and back in April. I've only made it through part of the CD thus far, but there are lots of needed counties on it. Terry also sent me a picture of their new jeep after the long journey. It sure took a beating, but I'm sure some touch-up paint and a bit of window cleaner will make her shine like new!



History Happens - Again

Gary, K4EXT

Wisconsin, snow, dog sledding, maybe around 1960 or so. Any guesses as to the CH'er in this picture?



Scottie, N4AAT was a dog sled owner/operator back in the good old days. This picture is of his first dog sled team, which happened to win first place in local competition on this day. First place meant a trophy and 500 pounds of dog food!

The white-colored dog in the picture was a Siberian husky named King (and also the leader of this team). The charcoal-colored one in the picture was half-wolf. Later Scottie ran in dog sled races with nine-dog teams.

Scottie had around 20-22 Siberian huskies in all, and even sold Siberian husky puppies from the litters that were produced. Race prizes sometimes included up to 1000 pounds of dog food - very much needed to feed his teams.

From Scottie: "I trained on the lake I lived at during the winter, and gave rides to small children. The people who lived on the lake where I practiced would have their kids out waiting for me, and I would give them rides as I practiced. The kids would get a ten-mile ride ... giving rides made my team stronger by pulling extra weight. In the summer, I trained with a 3-wheeled cart. The training sessions were anywhere from 10 to 20 miles long."

Scottie kept his dogs and sleds for around 12 years, and then sold it all.

Later in life, after becoming a police officer, he got to spend quality time with dogs again - this time in the form of K9 dogs. The one shown below apparently had a serious issue with a particular photographer!



**Treasurer's Report (WONAC)
May 2014***

Beginning Account Balances May 6, 2014 **\$36,729.74**

May Income:

Money Market Interest	\$2.38
Awards Manager Income	\$485.00
Membership Income	\$502.58
Correct April Membership Income (My Error)	(\$10.00)
Logger distribution	\$85.00
Total Income:	<u>\$1,064.96</u>

May Expenses:

Awards Manager Expenses	\$248.00
Office Expenses (Postage)	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$248.00</u>

May Net Income Less Expenses **\$816.96**

New Total Balance ALL Accounts: **\$37,546.70**

Checking Account Balance	<u>\$6,496.24</u>
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$31,050.46</u>
Total:	\$37,546.70

Note:

The following monies are not included in the account balances above:

Awards Manager's Funds	\$1,500.00
2014 National Convention Seed Monies	\$4,000.00 (Some will be reimbursed later)

* Includes May Transactions through 6/05/2014



**Awards Manager's Report
June 30, 2014**

Funds Balance May 31, 2014		\$1,500.00
Income	\$ 491.50	
	<u>\$ 491.50</u>	
Expenses:		
Office supplies	\$ 179.96	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 419.00	
Postage	\$ 113.40	
	<u>\$ 712.36</u>	
Sent to Treasurer		\$ 491.50
Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$ 712.36
Funds Balance June 30, 2014		\$1500.00



Calendar

~ July 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONLY START DATE SHOWN		1	2	3	4 MI QRP SPRINT	5 PSK31 SPRINT
6	7	8	9	10 NATIONAL	11 FISTS SPRINT	12 STRT KEY SPRINT
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 NA RTTY QP
20	21 RUN4BACON	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Notes: CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO WEB SITE	



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