



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Riding the County Lion

Dave – KE3VV

I am sitting in the shack with the County Lion listening to the radio and all the mobiles heading for the ISE Mini in Charleston on the 6th-8th of October. Lots to look forward to - especially the group dinner at the Fat Hen on John's Island. I can always tell when the Mini is close because AA9JJ and N9QPQ get louder and louder and my awful jokes to Frank and Kay get worse and worse. The Big Green Dragon reminds me that poor puns are the worst form of humor, but as long as I can get a chuckle out of the mobiles and the Lion, I can't resist.

Lots of travel in the month between columns – First - a long trip to New England with a lot of Massachusetts counties and some completely new ones in Rhode Island... can't believe I have never run any of those RI counties. The high point of the trip was a fabulous three-day wedding of the children of some friends on Martha's Vineyard. The low point was a delivery truck that got too close to the truck on a crowded Boston street (where we were delivering some furniture to my friend Laurene's eldest daughter) and demolished my driver's side mirror... still waiting on a check from their insurance company... those things are expensive.

Next on the September agenda was a trip to Florida (partly on the Amtrak AutoTrain with the Big Green Dragon) to settle on a house I purchased in Viera (a nice little town near Cocoa and Cape Canaveral – and just a mile or so from the Washington Nationals' spring training stadium). I spotted a roadhouse named The County Line in nearby Melbourne, so I am sure there are some county hunters lurking about. We are all looking forward to a few escapes from the cold weather and snow this winter. Not any new ones on that trip, but always fun to run counties in Florida.

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The final trip was a quick ride down to Southwest Virginia to visit my eldest daughter (Amy) in Blacksburg (she works at Virginia Tech), get inducted into a “former student leader” honor society, and watch a football game in the huge VT stadium. My induction into the Order of the Gavel was for the two years I spent as General Manager of the campus radio station – WUVT. I still drop by the studio and join in the fun when I am visiting Tech, and I usually listen to the station on the Internet, especially when Amy has her regular Monday evening broadcast slot – which she has dubbed Not A Morning Show... always lots of good music you won’t hear on any of the computerized commercial radio stations.

Unfortunately, while I was away, a friend who had been battling a serious infection for a few weeks died suddenly just after returning home from the hospital. His death and the quickly following service and burial brought quickly to mind the fleeting nature of life and our brief share of its wonders and travails. Before my wife, Marty, died a few years ago, we always celebrated life every day by toasting “the Green Side.” I still do that wherever I am – even on the AutoTrain with strangers at dinner. It is a great way to affirm the realities of life in a modest but very meaningful way. I recommend it. The Big Green Dragon is especially fond of joining in with the County Lion and me whenever we are on the road together.

The County Lion has just reminded me that we need to start packing the truck for our trip South to Charleston and the SE Mini – so (for now) - 73, 88, travel safe and as always, Live Well and Be Happy!



**Dateline CW**

Ed, KN4Y

He became a CW county hunter and a mobile operator, which is an enviable thing.

Gator and I arrive at the radio shack about the same time. He stopped for the lattes and I stopped for the éclairs, a perfect taste bud reunion. I was anxious to see what I had accomplished by operating in the Colorado QSO party. Gator is sipping his latte while maneuvering the mouse. He wipes some cream off his chin and turns round, "Well Dude you only made 50 QSO's and you got two 2x1 call prefixes, two no-star, and two new counties on 15-meters. What is your excuse?" I set my latte down, "Well there were only five mobiles that I worked on CW and did not hear any of the bonus stations. The bands got noisy so I quit with three hours left on the clock. I would say Colorado is mostly a sideband operation. Check if any of the mobiles are MARAC county hunters?" Gator looks at the computer, "Yes Dude, Al, KO7X and Ken, W0ETT." We sit quietly sipping the lattes to wash down the sweet ecstasy of our éclairs.

Gator checks for emails, "Hey, that Texas Dude Norm, W3DYA, just posted the CW County hunters CW contest scores." I am curious and ask, "Who was top mobile?" Gator gives me a thumb down, "It is not you Dude, it is Jerry, W0GXQ and past champion Jeff, W9MSE, was second. You were so far down the list it would take a submarine to read your score." Gator is laughing so hard he passes gas. I give him the finger, "Who was fixed champ?" "It is that Dude, Jeff, N8II and second was that Dude Gene, NT2A." I give Gator a memory stick, "Here see what I did in the Tennessee QSO party." I turn the rig on to hear who might be running.

Gator gooses the mouse for a few minutes then turns around, "You did mediocre in the Tennessee QSO party, you got three No-star, one natural Bingo, one 2x1 prefix, three new counties on 80-meters and you also worked the bonus stations." I wipe the custard off my chin, "How many mobile did I work?" Gator holds up four fingers, "They were Julius, N2WN, Don, N4ZZ, Jeff, NY4N and that Kerry Dude, W4SIG." "What? I did not think Kerry was going mobile." Gator smiles, "You know them Shelby County folks."

While Gator is running the data this is a good time to lean back and reminisce about my recent mobile trip. It began with an innocent email from Bob, K7TM, he needed Holmes county Florida. This would be a great run to charge the battery in the van. This would also be a trip to commemorate the anniversary of the terrorist activity in New York City, known as 9/11. I arrived at Holmes County, stopped on a large lot of mostly sand and ran the county. After a good run on several bands I decided to take a state road I have not traveled in the past, I thought I knew where it went. I ended up in Panama City Florida but on the plus side I found a great spot to run the Washington/Bay county line so I ran the line but the band had deteriorated and only a few stations heard me. I back tracked to the Gadsden/Liberty county line and ran the county line. I did photograph the Jackson, Holmes, Washington and Calhoun county lines. Only a photograph of Walton and Santa Rosa county line is needed in the panhandle.

Gator slaps the table, "Dude quit daydreaming. I notice you have the Arkansas QSO party on this memory stick, what me to run it now?" I shake my head yes, "That is a dumb question." Gator is busy at the computer and I hear W4SIG on the radio, I do not need the county, so I finish off my latte. Gator turns around in the chair, "I am amazed at the CW activity in Arkansas with the three speedy mobileketeers, Jerry, K5YAA. Alan, N5NA, and that loveable Norm, W3DYA. Connie, K5CM ran shotgun and Nick, WA5BDU was the local mobile. Sitting on your butt at the radio was not all in vain, you got three 'A' prefixes, four No-Star and two 2X2 calls." I point to the memory stick, "Check out the Washington Salmon Run and the South Carolina QSO party."

Gator pretends he is in extreme concentration. After a several minutes he turns around in the chair, "Wow Dude, you got zilch new counties in the Washington Salmon run." I slap my leg, "Yes I figured that when I worked only one mobile and that was Jim, K7WA, and most of the fixed stations I worked last year. Washington is not a CW party State. Check out the South Carolina party?" Gator munches some chocolate covered cashews, he turns around, "You did better on CW in the South Carolina QSO party Dude, you got nine No-Star and two new counties on 15-meters and you worked two mobiles, John, AD8J and Alan, N5NA." I pop a couple of cashews, "Now the big one, run the Texas QSO party and I will tell you what happened at the Southeast Mini.

Gator's cell phone goes ding-a-ling, ding ding. "Got to go Dude, Texas and the Mini will have to wait; the pump on the propane tank fill station is froze-up." He is gone like the bottom buttons of a fat man's shirt. I hear him yell, the last words

of the Star - Spangled Banner are "Gentlemen, start your engines," The printer stops, there is a list of mobiles that were heard during September on the county hunters CW call frequencies. I read: AB7RW, AF3X, K0FG, K2HVN, K7TM, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB0BA, KB6UF, KC7YE, KE3VV, KN4Y, N0KV, N0XYL, N2OO, N4CD, N9AC, N9JF, NF0N, NT2A, NY4N, W0EAR, W0GXA, W0GXQ, W4SIG, W5CT, W5QP, W9MSE, WA3QNT, WA4PGM, WB0PYF,

The CW excitement in October will tax the stamina of the strongest county hunter's fist. There are eight State QSO parties with 490 counties up for grabs. The CW excitement begins with the premiere California QSO party (58 counties) and continues with the New Jersey QSO party (21 counties), the Arizona QSP party (15 counties), the Pennsylvania QSO party (67 counties), the Iowa QSO party (99 counties), the New York QSO party (62 counties), the South Dakota QSO party (66 counties) and finishing out the month is the Illinois QSO party, (102 counties). That is not all, hold on to your keyers and get ready for the 10-10 International Net Sprint and the 10-10 Fall CW QSO party and listen for and work KN4Y on the elusive ten meters. Need some counties on 160-meters, try the Stew Perry Warm-up CW contest. Need a change of pace, try the Oceania DX CW contest or the Haunted Lighthouse QSO party. BOO.

Nap time



### New Members

**MARAC Number**

R4564

**Callsign**

KN4NN

**Name**

John Newell



### Growth Committee

By Kerry, W4SIG

Recently I have volunteered and been appointed to be the lead of a MARAC membership growth committee. I am looking for volunteers to serve with me. We are looking for ideas on ways to 1) Increase MARAC's value to current members and 2) find ways to attract new members. I already have a few ideas in mind but need creative thinkers willing to join me in this quest. If you are interested please email me at [kerrylong@comcast.net](mailto:kerrylong@comcast.net)

**History Happens**

Gary, K4EXT

Recent picture submissions for the County Sign project came from Paul, N7JPF in Oregon and Washington ... Henry, OH3JF with Ed, K8ZZ in North Dakota ... Ed, KN4Y in Georgia and Florida ... Charles, KV4DX in Kentucky ... Mary, AB7NK and Neil, K7SEN in Idaho and Utah ... and Darl, NA8W in Indiana and Kentucky.

I'm also still processing (yeah ... I'm really slow these days) goodies from Jim, W6OUL ... Frank, W9WOC ... Jeff, W9MSE ... plus some neat new pics from Henry, OH3JF. Did I mention I'm really slow these days?

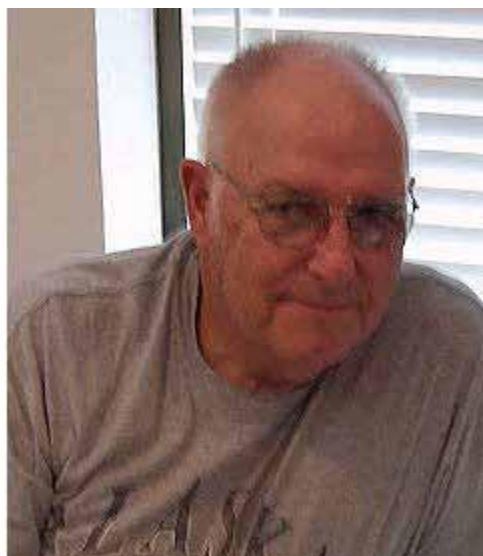
Many thanks to all! Please feel free to check out the current collection of pictures and information by visiting the CH History/Archive website at the following Internet address:

**<http://www.CHarchive.com>**

Unfortunately, County Hunting experienced more Silent Keys in September.

Lorraine Bachmann, WDX9DCJ passed away on September 16th at age 90. She was the XYL of well-known county hunter Arnie Bachmann, K9DCJ (SK) and traveled extensively with Arnie putting out counties and attending conventions. Lorraine obtained various Short Wave Listening versions of many county hunting awards including USACA 6 times, Bingo, and 5-Stars. Lorraine worked with Bob, K0AYO and Joyce, WB9NUL back in 2003-04 to ensure that Arnie's call sign K9DCJ would become the official club call sign for MARAC.

Larry Prichard, W9SUQ passed away on September 3rd at age 77. Larry spent his entire life in public service and worked for the Indiana State Police for 27 years, served in the Boy Scouts for over 20 years, and was a school board member, substitute teacher, court bailiff, and instructor with the American Red Cross. Larry achieved USACA 3 times along with Bingo. Rose Prichard, KA9QKN, his wife of 53 years, passed away in February 2014.



**MARAC 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER AWARD VOTING**  
**July, August & September 2014**

**V**oting will be open from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> choice is awarded 2 points and 2<sup>nd</sup> choice is awarded 1 point. **Please do not vote for the same call for both choices.** Of course any choices can be left blank.

**2nd quarter**

Best Net Control SSB: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Best Net Control CW: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Best Mobile SSB: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Best Mobile CW: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Best Mobile Team: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Your call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ MARAC # or Election Key \_\_\_\_\_

**Kent Reinke, KV7N**  
**MARAC Election Coordinator**  
**1826 East 4500 North**  
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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.

**Kent Reinke**  
**MARAC Election Coordinator**



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Digital Happenings

**DIGITAL HAPPENINGS #26**

(September 2014)

By W0NAC ("Matt")

I have had a dream for many years that the use of digital modes in county hunting would grow to the point where it is at least equal in popularity with SSB and CW. Slowly, but surely, I believe that this dream is coming true. It appears that more and more people are discovering that digital operations have many inherent advantages and are just plain fun for those who like and need new challenges.

I started writing these monthly Digital Happenings articles over two years ago. The prime objective of writing them was (and still is) to promote digital county hunting and to help people get started in this new activity. However, since writing these articles is a self-appointed task, I need to step back every now and then and evaluate whether they still serve a useful purpose. This is one of those times.

I am looking for truly honest feedback on the usefulness of these articles. Assuming that they are still useful, I am also looking for someone who would enjoy "taking over the helm" and writing these articles beginning in January 2015.

*I really do need to hear from you! You can reach me by phone (303-799-3658), email ([w0nac@comcast.net](mailto:w0nac@comcast.net)), text message, or even smoke signals!*

**Discussion Of Links Problem:**

Unbeknownst to me until just after release of last month's Digital Happenings #25, there is a significant problem using some of the live links to view/download some files. For those links affected, your browser will not open the file and will give you an error message (404 for Internet Explorer) stating that the file cannot be located. The links most likely to fail are those created in my Public DropBox account. The root cause of most of the link errors was in versions of Adobe Acrobat Reader XI prior to 11.0.03. Simply stated, Acrobat Reader was wrongly encoding blank characters in the URL to "%25%20" instead of the correct "%20" when sending a URL address to the browser. If you would like to see most of the gory details you can read through the following thread: <https://forums.adobe.com/thread/1133628>. Even though this thread concludes with this problem being solved in version 11.0.03, there are still a few pesky bugs in Adobe Reader that can cause similar errors.

What this all means to you is that some of the links contained in all past Digital Happenings may not work. If you really need any of these files, just contact me with the file name(s) and I will arrange an alternate way for you to download them. Incidentally, all past Digital Happenings articles (1 – 25) are now available for download using file names from the table below.



Guide To Past Digital Happenings Articles:**DIGITAL HAPPENINGS ARTICLES**

<b>#</b>	<b>Road Runner Date</b>	<b>Main Topic</b>	<b>File Name</b>
1	SEP 2012	How Do I Get Started?	DIGHAPP01.DOC
2	OCT 2012	How To Tune & Decode Digital Signals	DIGHAPP02.DOC
3	NOV 2012	How To Adjust Your System For A Clean Signal	DIGHAPP03.DOC
4	DEC 2012	How To Create & Use Macros	DIGHAPP04.DOC
5	JAN 2013	How To 'Put Out' Counties Using Digital Modes While Mobile	DIGHAPP05.DOC
6	FEB 2013	How To Operate As A Mobile OM/YL Team Using Digital Modes	DIGHAPP06.DOC
7	MAR 2013	Selecting Modes & Rapid Mode Changes Using Macros	DIGHAPP07.DOC
8	APR 2013	FLDigi Operating Tips	DIGHAPP08.DOC
9	MAY 2013	Digital Mode Tests / Other Interesting Modes	DIGHAPP09.DOC
10	JUN 2013	Western Colorado Digital Mode Experiment	DIGHAPP10.DOC
11	JUL 2013	Digital Interface Choices	DIGHAPP11.DOC
12	AUG 2013	First Ever Digital Meeting At Deadwood	DIGHAPP12.DOC
13	SEP 2013	Past "Digital Happenings" Topics	DIGHAPP13.DOC
14	OCT 2013	Choosing Your Digital Software	DIGHAPP14.DOC
15	NOV 2013	The Story Of W0NAC's new Mobile Installation	DIGHAPP15.DOC
16	DEC 2013	The Story Of W0NAC's new Mobile Installation (Continued)	DIGHAPP16.DOC
17	JAN 2014	JT65 & JT9 Modes (Re-visited)	DIGHAPP17.DOC
18	FEB 2014	How To Find And Work Other Digital Mobiles	DIGHAPP18.DOC
19	MAR 2014	How To Find And Work Other Digital Mobiles (Continued)	DIGHAPP19.DOC
20	APR 2014	How To Find And Work Other Digital Mobiles (Conclusion)	DIGHAPP20.DOC
21	MAY 2014	Compatibility Issues When Making RTTY Contacts	DIGHAPP21.DOC
22	JUN 2014	Less Well Known Features Of Fldigi	DIGHAPP22.DOC
23	JUL 2014	(None) - Just Updated Digital County Hunters Status Table	DIGHAPP23.DOC
24	AUG 2014	Detailed Results Of Visalia Trip	DIGHAPP24.DOC
25	SEP 2014	How To Set Up & Operate A New Digital Rig	DIGHAPP25.DOC
26	OCT 2014		
27	NOV 2014		
28	DEC 2014		
29	JAN 2015		
	1 TO 25	<b>Complete Collection Of Past Digital Happenings Articles</b>	<b>DIGHAPP1TO25.ZIP</b>

To obtain copies of individual articles or a Zipped file containing all, click on the following link:

<http://www.marac.org/chdownloads/digital> select the desired file name from the file list.

September Digital County Hunter Activity:

Digital Mobiles offered a veritable smorgasbord of counties and digital modes in September! A total of 9 mobile stations including 2 mobile teams were spotted ~100 times from Sep 1 through Sep 27<sup>th</sup>. Although these spots probably represent a major fraction of the total activity, a lot of activity is missing. This is because some digital mobiles were only spotted for their first mode and some were never spotted at all. Given below is a list of mobile stations and the number of spots recorded for them on W6RK:

KG5UZ/KJ5PQ	- 35
N4JT	- 24
W0NAC/N0LXJ	- 5
WA4UNS	- 5
W0/G4KHG	- 1
W0NAC (Solo)	- 2
W5QP	- 27

The most popular digital modes used by the mobiles this month were PSK-63, RTTY-75N, MFSK-32, DOMINO-22, and HELL-80. The most popular bands/frequencies used were 20M (14.074-14.075 MHz) and 40M (7.074-7.075 MHz).

All these mobiles should be commended for their contribution to the growing level of digital county hunting activity!

Active County Hunter Award Status:

As can be seen in Table 3 below, many digital county hunters have made a lot of progress toward completing their "USA – Digital Award" and "5 – Mode Award".

10 digital county hunters have logged over 1000 counties toward completing the "USA – Digital Award".

9 digital county hunters have logged over 50% of the 15385 mode/counties needed to complete the "5 – Mode Award". These are shown in red in Table 3.

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	K0DEQ	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
5	K0FG	Fred	F	188	3077	3013	187	20	6	6303	41.0%	4/14/2014
6	K0PVW	Rob	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
7	K0WJ	Lou	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
8	K4PBX	Jim	F	276	3015	262	111	75	34	3497	22.7%	9/23/2014
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	1026	3077	2989	1009	130	68	7273	47.3%	7/23/2014
16	KA8IQP	Pamela	M/F	22	202	64	53	28	4	351	2.3%	9/12/2013
17	KC3X	Hollis	F	442	3077	3077	450	396	351	7351	47.8%	8/20/2014
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	730	3050	2138	672	280	108	6248	40.6%	8/28/2014
24	KM1C	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
25	KU4YM	Dave	F	112	2856	109	54	14	4	3037	19.7%	7/26/2014
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	Barry	M/F	529	3077	3034	2361	389	99	8960	58.2%	7/20/2014
29	N0LXJ	Sharon	M/F	1406	3077	2297	1280	564	307	7525	48.9%	9/28/2014
30	N1API	Al	F	906	3077	2647	873	623	503	7723	50.2%	9/25/2014
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	1124	3077	3003	1313	996	832	9221	59.9%	9/26/2014
34	N8CJ	Dick	F	923	3077	3051	917	542	411	7998	52.0%	9/25/2014
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	1228	3077	1365	554	396	162	5554	36.1%	8/26/2014
44	W0NAC	Matt	M/F	1872	3077	2864	2044	1193	553	9731	63.2%	9/27/2014
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	Gary	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
48	W4SIG	Kerry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
49	W4YDY	Dave	F	1135	3077	3077	1271	639	434	8498	55.2%	9/25/2014
50	W5QP	Rick	M/F	685	3077	2878	768	422	350	7495	48.7%	9/21/2014
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	W8RCW	Rich	M/F	388	2422	565	131	55	34	3207	20.8%	8/14/2024
57	W9JR	Rich	F	90	3077	1674	44	0	0	4795	31.2%	10/31/2012
58	W9SUQ	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
59	WA4EEZ	Leslie	F	1137	3077	2055	814	299	55	6300	40.9%	6/2/2014
60	WA4UNS	Doug	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
61	WA6OCV	Susan	M/F	328	3077	328	320	130	10	3865	25.1%	3/28/2013
62	WA7ETH	Ed	F	211	1925	418	39	3	0	2385	15.5%	7/24/2014
63	WA7JHQ	Sterling	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
64	WB0M	Jeff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
65	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
66	WD4OIN	Jack	F	1184	3077	3070	1193	645	367	8352	54.3%	9/19/2014
67	WQ7A	Terry	F	558	3077	3070	561	463	392	7563	49.2%	9/28/2014
68	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 W0NAC. 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 would like 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](mailto: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 to see you on our waterfall again real soon!

Matt – W0NAC



National

MARAC

47th Annual National Convention 2015 Registration
July 13th - 16th The Villages, Florida
(Deadline for Early Registration Prize drawing is May 1, 2015)

NAME: (First/Last) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Registration Fee (Includes 1 badge and 1 prize ticket) \$ 45.00

Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN \_\_\_\_\_ USACA# \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Name Badges (list below) = Total # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$5.00 each. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN \_\_\_\_\_ USACA# \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Info. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN \_\_\_\_\_ USACA# \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Info. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CALLSIGN \_\_\_\_\_ USACA# \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Info. \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVITIES

Monday July 13th - Check-in/Hospitality Room open

Tuesday July 14th - Dora Canal Tour - 9:00 AM

Wednesday July 15th - Photos - 2:00 PM

Thursday July 16th - Annual Meeting - 1300Z
Banquet - 5:00 PM

Banquet - The Royal Buffet

- Rolls and butter, coffee and iced tea
Classis Caesar Salad with croutons and shaved Parmesan cheese
Sautéed seasonal vegetables
Roasted new potatoes
Sautéed Salmon topped with a shrimp & citrus Dijon sauce
Sliced Tenderloin of beef with roasted shallots in a Merlot wine reduction
Chicken Piccata served in a lemon wine sauce
Vanilla ice cream

Number \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Prize Tickets Prize (singles) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 1.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Prize (book/12 tickets) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cash (book/12 tickets) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dora Canal Tour \_\_\_\_\_ X \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Photographs - all photographs will be emailed to each attendee.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards**

**Birthdays**

**Awards Manager's Report**

No reports this month due to travels.  
Bob, KC6AWX



**MARAC Silent Keys**

Callsign  
W9SUQ

Silent Key Date  
September 3, 2014

**Treasurer's Report (WONAC)  
August 2014\***

**Beginning Account Balances August 19, 2014** **\$39,967.16**

**August Income:**

Money Market Interest	\$2.55	
Awards Manager Income	\$929.50	
Membership Income	\$543.00	(Includes \$10.00 Correction)
Logger distribution	\$20.00	
<b>Total Income:</b>		<u><b>\$1,495.05</b></u>

**August New Spotting Site/Logger II Expenses:**

Spotting Site Fixed Expenses	\$0.00
Spotting Site Recurring Expenses (New Web Site)	\$0.00
Logger II Fixed Expenses	\$0.00
Logger II Recurring Expenses	\$0.00

**August Other Expenses:**

Awards Manager Expenses	\$817.82
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<u><b>\$817.82</b></u>

**August Net Income Less Expenses** **\$677.23**

**New Total Balance ALL Accounts:** **\$40,644.39 #**

Checking Account Balance	<u>\$9,586.02</u>	
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$31,058.37</u>	
<b>Total All Accounts:</b>		<b>\$40,644.39 #</b>

Note:

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

Awards Manager's Funds	\$1,500.00
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\* Includes August Transactions through 9/15/2014

# From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of August should be discounted by \$7,880.00. This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members (carried on the Award Manager's books) which have been recorded as current income in all previous Awards Manager Reports.

Calendar

~ October 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONLY START DATE SHOWN.	CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO THAT WEB SITE		1	2	3	4 NJ QP CA QP
5	6	7	8	9 10-10 SPRINT	10	11 FISTS QP AZ QP PA QP NA RTTY SPRINT
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 10-10 CW QP IA QP NY QP SD QP
19 IL QP RUN4BACON	20	21	22 STRT KEY SPRINT	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:





**Awards Committee**

**These MARAC members are serving on the Awards Committee:**

**Awards Manager - Bob Devine (KC6AWX)**

**Phil Yasson ( AB7RW )**

**Dave Splitt ( KE3VV )**

**Kent Reinke ( KV7N )**

**Ed Palagyi ( KN4Y )**

**“Matt” Matthew (W0NAC)**

**David Pyle ( KW1DX )**

**Ron Clift (N5MLP)**

*The County Line Roadrunner*  
*MARAC Secretary*  
*2690 Bohicket Rd*  
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*“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”*

**Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25<sup>th</sup>!**

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