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Riding the County Lion

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This may be the most important column since my election as President of MARAC because I want to focus on a most critical topic – and ask for your help. I thought the toughest challenge this year would be filling the vacancies on the MARAC Board of Directors. Not so. I have been contacted by members who want to serve as NE and SC directors, and that will be taken care of at the next Board meeting. But, in truth, while the directors perform an important service to MARAC by making policy (mostly new or revised award rules) and approving financial descisions, the most important volunteer position, and the one that requires real dedication, is Awards Manager.

We have been extremely lucky to have Bob Devine (KC6AWX) as MARAC Awards Manager, as well as the host of not one but two annual conventions in Visalia, CA. The few words on the President’s Award plaque presented to Bob this year were: (more)

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Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club
PRESIDENT'S AWARD
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FOR CONSTANT DEDICATION TO
EXCELLENCE AND FOR MAKING
A REAL DIFFERENCE EVERY DAY

VISALIA, CALIFORNIA
July 12, 2014

Sure they fit nicely on the plaque, but these words really insufficient to express my gratitude as President for making my job so much easier and the thanks of all of the members of MARAC for a job well done.

But Bob has decided that it is time to retire from the Awards Manager position. His reasons are personal and family-related, and we all understand that life presents us with choices and priorities. Years of yeoman service should allow him the luxury of a well-earned retirement. Bob is a real pro – he is not just resigning and walking away. He will remain in his position long enough to provide training and mentoring to his replacement. Thanks in advance, Bob.

It should be obvious why finding a replacement for Bob for the Awards Manager position is so important. Without an Awards Manager, the processing of new awards grinds to a halt. No certificates, no plaques, and... if it were to persist... no MARAC. There are just some things that cannot be automated. With the advent of Logger and computer apps, the job no longer requires the volume of paperwork of yesteryear, and MARAC provides an up-to-date computer for the Awards Manager to use, but it does require dedication and attention to detail. It should be noted that one of the other tasks in the job description – chairing the Awards Committee – is pretty much on hold until the next version of Logger (Logger II) is ready. No more new awards will be programmed into the current Logger program.

So if you are looking for a great way to bring your volunteer skills to MARAC and continue the long tradition of volunteer service, please send me an email - [president\(at\)marac.org](mailto:president@marac.org) . If you have questions about the position, you can also contact Bob directly – [awardsmanager\(at\)marac.org](mailto:awardsmanager@marac.org).

Both the County Lion and the Big Green Dragon join with me to ask for one (or maybe more) of you to contact Bob and I as soon as possible so I can make the appointment and call a meeting of the Board to ratify the appointment. Let's keep MARAC strong and moving forward! 73 and Good Hunting!



Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

My country is the world; my countrymen are county hunters.

The weather is in the cold mode. I sit next to the space heater waiting to get my fingers warm enough to check my results in the Texas QSO party. I operated single operator CW only and I cannot wait for Gator and the lattes to arrive, my curiosity is too great. I sip warm water as the computer warms up. I manipulate my log data and after what seemed like eternity I analyze my results. What a disappointment, I operated CW and made 236 QSO's but only got three new counties on 15-meters, eleven No-Star and two new 2x1 calls. I suspect the mobiles ran only the counties with paved roads and the same counties get run every year.

I do a quick Excel sort and I count nine mobiles that traveled from county to county at high speed and I missed several counties as a result of my several wee wee breaks. I look at the list of mobiles and I read: Mark, K5GQ, Jerry, K5YAA, Bob, N4CD, Alan, N5NA, Charlie, NO5W, Bob, W0BH, the county line entrepreneur Norm, W3DYA, Van, WC5D, and a member of the Texas Amateur Radio club, W5CT. I notice my logging program has no Cabrillo log feature, but then I remember the Texas QSO party rules do not require a Cabrillo log. I hope next year Texas updates their QSO party log requirement to this century. I enter the California QSO party log and run the data. I sip my now cool water and I heard Gator's 4X4 slide to a stop at the recycled railroad tie.

Gator enters the radio shack, "What is the sunspot prediction for today and why you are so excited?" He hands me a latte and I take a long gulp," I just finished running the California QSO party log and I ran K6D in Del Norte on 10-meters. I have now run every California County on 10, 15, 20 and 40-meters."

"How long did it take?"

"34 years."

"What do you get?"

"I consider this a personal achievement."

Gator gives me a sympathetic look, "Let someone knowing at the computer." I get up and Gator sits down. I hand him a memory stick, "Here knowing person."

Gator clicks on the index, "I see you made 200 QSO's in the California QSO party and only one new county and that's it." I sip my latte, "You sure pay attention. I just told you I, oh never mind." Gator is looking at the computer, "You made 134 QSO's in the Pennsylvania QSO party and you only got one new A and N call prefix, glad your time is not important." I shake my head in agreement, "How many mobiles did I work?" "Six." "How many were MARAC county hunters?" "None." I shake my head in disbelief, "It must be the terrain." Gator shakes his head in agreement, "Yes there is just too much highway damage from the winter freezes." Gator brings up the Arizona QSO party,

"You made 15 QSO's in the Arizona QSP party and got no county hunting rewards, you would do better working the CW county hunters frequency." "How many mobiles did I work?" "Zilch." "Most likely the weather was bad up that-a-way." Gator is checking the index, "I see you worked the ten-ten International Sprint. You worked a lot of DX stations and you got a new county on 10-meters." I shake my head yes. "I started on 10-meters as a novice and it is my favorite band. Did I get any new ten-ten numbers?" Gator checks the log, "Yes, you got six." I smile big like a dog eating ice cream.

Gator sips his warm latte, “I see you also worked the New Jersey QSO party and you made a whopping seven QSO’s.” “Yes Gator, I did not hear many stations on CW. I think New Jersey is a sideband State.” Gator swings around in the chair, “Have you heard any happenings at the Southeast Mini?” I cover my eyes, “You know dang well that what happens in Mount Pleasant stays in South Carolina, although I heard that Walt, K1DFO, got the Mr. Ugly award for next year. Also our President Dave’s Big Green Dragon got side swiped and he did not attend the Mini.” “At least he did not get rammed by a trichechus manatus latirostris.” Gator is laughing so hard he passes gas. “Gator you been seeing that Latin girl too much,” Gator shakes his head, “That is pronounced Latino.” “Whatever.” I get another latte, I discard the empty container, the top was too close to the bottom.

Gator is checking the memory stick, “I see you worked the ten-ten international Net CW QSO party. That is two ten meter contests in the same month. That should be addressed by the International Amateur Radio Union, still not bad for an old fart. You made 198 QSO’s mostly DX stations. You did not get one new county.” “Bummer, how many new ten numbers did I get.” “Seven.” “I thought I had gotten more.” “You also missed the New York and Illinois QSO party.” I look sad, “Yes I hated missing those QSO parties but I was hoping I could work some of the stations on ten meters like Jim, N9JF.”

Gator’s cell phone ding-a-lings, “Got to leave Dude. The sealed bearing for the fan blades, on the wind electric generator is making a noise.” He is out of sight faster than a waffle on one of Bob’s trips. I think I hear him yell, That Halloween pumpkin on your porch has more teeth than you do. The printer stops, it is a list of mobiles heard on the CW county hunters call frequencies. I read: AB7RW, AF3X, AF5CC, AI5P, K0FG, K3IMC, K4YT K7IM, K8ZZ, KO7X, N0KV, N1FG, N2OO, N3RC, N4CD, N4JT, N5XG, N7IV, N9AC, N9JF, NF0N, NT2A, W3DQT, W3ZUH, W4SIG, W5QP, W9MSE, WA3QNT, WA4PGM, WA4RRU and WA4UNS.

BAND FLASH: To all who are participating in The ARRL Centennial QSO Party. KN4Y will be operating W1AW/4 from 00:01z to 20:00z located in Wakulla County Florida, using the CW mode on 10-meters. Listen between 28.030 - 28.040 MHz.

President Obama, during a press conference, did not mention the planned radio activity in November so I will. There is 24 scheduled radio activities for the CW operator but only one State QSO party and that be in Kentucky home of the CW wildcats. I made the CW part up. There is the ARRL November CW Sweepstakes and 15 days later the ARRL Sideband sweepstakes, a natural contest for wanna-be traffic handlers in the National Traffic System (NTS), Rounding out the months radio activity is the CQ World Wide CW contest, beware, caution, you get into the zone in this contest. My nap clock is ringing, bye. .



History Happens

Gary, K4EXT

Recent picture submissions for the County Sign project came from Jerry, W0GXQ in South Dakota ... Ed, KN4Y in Georgia and Florida again ... Charles, KV4DX in Tennessee ... Bob, N4XML in South Carolina ... Bob, WA3QNT in Pennsylvania ... Rick, AI5P in New Mexico ... and Don, AE3Z in Pennsylvania.

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>

Sometimes spotting a County Sign along the roadside is not so easy. In construction zones, for example, a sign might not even be there. And folks tell me there are no County Signs anywhere in the state of Connecticut ... I need to investigate that!

I think Jim, W6OUL and Sherry, W7SRR must have slowed down to 5 miles per hour to spot this Adair County, Oklahoma sign laying on the ground back in 2004. Most mobile County Hunters I know would have blown right by the fallen sign!



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. _____

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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 =\$ _____

MI Mini

The 2014 Michigan Mini was hosted by Ed, K8ZZ and Joe, W8TVT and was held at the **West Bay Beach - Holiday Inn Resort** 615 East Front Street • Traverse City, Michigan 49686 Phone: **(231) 947-3700** • Fax: (231) 947-0361 Toll Free: **(800) 888-8020** It will be held at the **Holiday Day Inn West Bay Beach Resort** again in **2015** with room rates of: **\$89.95** plus tax per night if reserved by March 27th, 2015.

Date for 2015 MICHIGAN MINI is April 23 - 24 & 25th..

On Saturday at 10:00 AM in Hospitality Room - Jerry, W0GXQ (MN) and Mike, NF0N (NE) will have a presentation on SSB and CW team operation.

New Members**MARAC Number**

R4565

Callsign

WM1K

Name

Michael Perry



Digital Happenings

DIGITAL HAPPENINGS #27

(October 2014)

By W0NAC ("Matt")

Last month I asked for truly honest feedback on the usefulness of these articles. To date, no email comments have been received. Even if you feel that they are of little or no value, I need to hear that. Just a line or two by email (w0nac@comcast.net) would be great! If no one replies this month, I may have to publish some sort of survey for you to fill out!

Differences Between USA – Digital and 5 – Mode Awards

It has been brought to my attention that some digital county hunters may not totally understand the difference in rules between the **USA – Digital Award** and the **5 – Mode Award** with regard to taking credit for the county you are transmitting from. The final authority is, of course, the written rules, but as the original author of both awards I may be able to help clarify things a bit.

For the **USA – Digital Award** you are NOT allowed to take credit for the county you are transmitting from (Mobile or Fixed). This same rule applies to almost all other MARAC awards. One of the exceptions is the **5 – Mode Award**.

For the **5 – Mode Award**, if the operator(s) at **either** end of the QSO is operating mobile, the operators at **both** ends of the QSO can take credit for **all** counties involved. This includes the county(s) that the mobile is putting out.

To illustrate with an example, let's say that the mobile team of KG5UZ and KJ5QP are putting out the C/L of Benton/Morrison, MN on 14.075 using MFSK-32 Mode. They make a valid contact with N1API operating fixed in his home county of New Haven, CT. Assuming that everyone needs a MFSK contact in all the counties involved, Mike (KG5UZ) can log three new 5 – Mode MFSK contacts for Benton/Morrison, MN and New Haven, CT. Cheryl (KJ5QP) can log MFSK contacts for the same three counties. Al (N1API) can also log MFSK contacts for all three counties. Note that In Al's case, he can only take credit for his home county once for the MFSK mode. However, if Mike and Cheryl change to another mode (say Domino-22) and Al needs this mode, he can again take 5 – Mode credit for his home county.

Using the same example as before, but with Mike and Cheryl working the mobile team of W0NAC & N0LXJ on the C/L of Custer/Huerfano, CO, here is what each operator can count toward the **5 – Mode Award**:

- 1) Mike (KG5UZ) – MFSK mode credit for Benton & Morrison, MN + MFSK mode for Custer & Huerfano, CO (4 total contacts)
- 2) Cheryl (KJ5QP) – MFSK mode credit for Benton & Morrison, MN + MFSK mode for Custer & Huerfano, CO (4 total contacts)
- 3) Matt (W0NAC) - MFSK mode credit for Benton & Morrison, MN + MFSK mode for Custer & Huerfano, CO (4 total contacts)
- 4) Sharon (N0LXJ) - MFSK mode credit for Benton & Morrison, MN + MFSK mode for Custer & Huerfano, CO (4 total contacts)

This is a total of 16 new 5 – Mode contacts for the MFSK Mode!

If all this seems a bit too complex, no worries. Logger understands these rules and applies them accurately.

The reason that this special provision was added for the **5 – Mode Award** was to increase the incentive for people to go out mobile and put out digital counties. In retrospect, this same provision should probably have been made for the **USA – Digital Award**. However, at the time this award was being considered by the Awards Committee/BOD, it was narrowly approved without this special provision. In my opinion, adding it at that time may have killed the award altogether. I tried to add this special provision several years after the award was approved and that was rejected also (mainly because it would need to be applied retroactively).

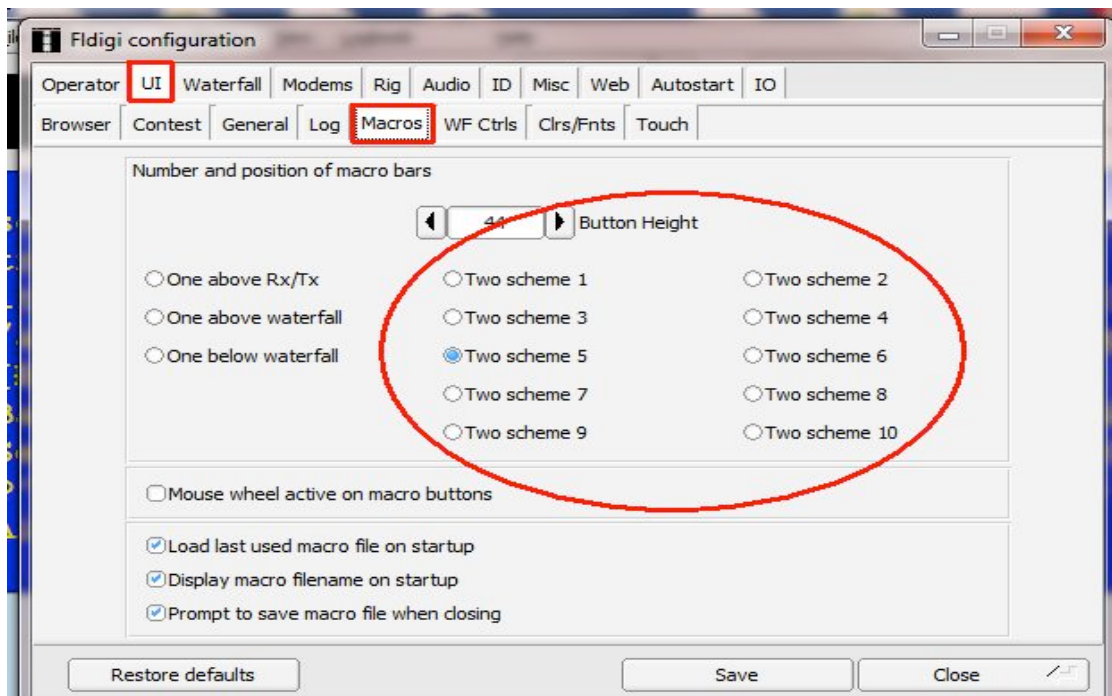
New Fldigi Version 3.22.01 Released:

There are many changes made in this new version of Fldigi. If you wish to do some light reading (tongue in cheek!), you can download a 250 plus page maintenance text file that shows all changes in Fldigi since day one here:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/FldigiMxFiles/fldigi_changes.txt

I highly recommend that everyone using Fldigi download and upgrade to Version 3.22.01. Some of the more significant new features include:

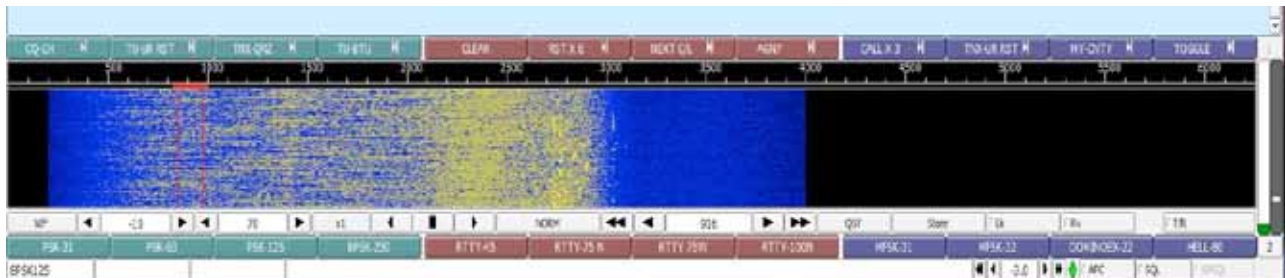
Added More Macro Display Options – There are now 10 different ways you can display 2 lines of macros on your screen. To access these new options, click on Configure, User Interface, and the Macros tab. This will display the following screen:



Then select one of the 10 “Two scheme” options. While you are on this screen, you can step through all 10 options one at a time to compare the various choices. When you find the scheme you like best, leave it selected, then click on “Save” and “Close”.

Incidentally, while on this screen I recommend that you also check all three macro options in the lower left corner if they are not already checked.

Personally, I like the Two scheme 5 option. Here is what it looks like:



I use the upper line of macros (Macro set #1) for actions such as sending CQ CH, etc. and the lower line of macros (Macro set #2) for quick mode changes. Use your imagination and I'm sure you can take better advantage of these new options to make your own digital operations more efficient.

New 8PSK Mode Added – This new mode has 4 sub-modes (8PSK-125, 8PSK-250, 8PSK-500, and 8PSK-1000). Terry (WQ7A) and I are experimenting with this new mode, but I have not decided whether or not to recommend adding it to the authorized list of modes for the 5 – Mode award. This new mode is similar to QPSK (Quadrature Phase Shift Keying) which uses 4 constellations, but it uses 8 constellations. Also, compared to BPSK-63, it is twice as fast and does incorporate Forward Error Correction where BPSK-63 does not. Although this new mode looks very encouraging, the advantages/disadvantages of using it for county hunting have yet to be determined. I expect to have a lot more information on this new mode next month.

Guide To Past Digital Happenings Articles – In last month's article, I tried to give people direct access (using links in the table below) to download individual past Digital Happenings articles. Unfortunately, because of technical problems with Adobe In-Design (Software used to create the Roadrunner), I had to settle for using a single link to a directory on the server from which you have to select the file(s) you wish to download. Here is the link: <http://www.marac.org/chdownloads/digital> . In addition to articles in Microsoft Word (.DOC) format, all articles are now also provided in .PDF format which can be opened and read using Adobe Reader. Adobe Reader is available on almost everyone's computer. If you don't have Adobe Reader, you can easily download and install it here: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/> (be sure and uncheck the 2 Google options if you don't need them).

To help you find and download the file(s) you want on the server, you can use the table below to find the main topic of interest and to find the correct file name. Please note that the file names in this table are **not** links. Also, file names are only shown with the .DOC file extension. For the PDF versions, just substitute .PDF for .DOC in the name.

DIGITAL HAPPENINGS ARTICLES

#	Road Runner Date	Main Topic	File Name
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	Changes In Fldigi For Version 3.22.01	DIGHAPP26.DOC
27	NOV 2014		
28	DEC 2014		
29	JAN 2015		
	1 TO 26	Complete Collection Of Past Digital Happenings Articles	PDFDIGHAPP1TO26.ZIP

October Digital County Hunter Activity:

Digital Mobiles offered another smorgasbord of counties and digital modes in October! A total of 9 mobile stations including 2 mobile teams were spotted ~180 times from Oct 1 through Oct 26th. This was almost twice the level of activity in September! Although these spots probably represent a significant fraction of the total digital 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. Also, many county lines were run using digital modes. Given below is a list of mobile stations and the number of spots recorded for them on W6RK. If I missed anyone, please accept my apologies.

KG5UZ/KJ5PQ - 72
 N4JT - 54
 W0NAC/N0LXJ - 5
 WA4UNS - 4

W8GEJ	- 2
KC2WI	- 1
WH6S (Fixed HI)	- 1
W1AW/4 (Fixed)	- 1
W5QP	- 41

Again, 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).

Many thanks to all these mobiles 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 great 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”**. Five more are “knocking on the door” with 900 or more digital counties. 10 digital county hunters have now 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	KODEQ	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	332	3010	317	126	81	38	3572	23.2%	10/23/2014
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	537	3077	3077	545	491	446	7636	49.6%	10/15/2014
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	Billv	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	753	3050	2146	695	295	123	6309	41.0%	10/24/2014
24	KM1C	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
25	KU4YM	Dave	F	133	2862	130	66	19	8	3085	20.1%	10/16/2014
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	1417	3077	2304	1289	576	316	7562	49.2%	10/26/2014
30	N1API	Al	F	962	3077	2731	933	677	566	7984	51.9%	10/14/2014
31	N4IT	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	1169	3077	3024	1347	1035	876	9359	60.8%	10/27/2014
34	N8CJ	Dick	F	970	3077	3056	965	575	438	8111	52.7%	10/23/2014
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	579	3077	1150	575	318	177	5297	34.4%	10/13/2014
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	1260	3077	1397	597	442	210	5723	37.2%	10/26/2014
44	W0NAC	Matt	M/F	1889	3077	2868	2056	1213	579	9793	63.7%	10/26/2014
45	W3DLM	Don	F	474	3077	2711	437	170	110	6505	42.3%	10/8/2014
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	1135	3077	3077	1271	639	434	8498	55.2%	9/25/2014
50	W5QP	Rick	M/F	717	3077	2934	844	504	431	7790	50.6%	10/21/2014
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	228	1932	428	39	3	0	2402	15.6%	10/26/2014
63	WA7IHO	Sterling	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
64	WB0M	Jeff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
65	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
66	WD4OIN	Jack	F	1206	3077	3070	1214	663	388	8412	54.7%	10/15/2014
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>

Topic For Next Month:

“Is the New Mode 8PSK-125 Useful For County Hunting?”

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.

Please email your comments/suggestions to w0nac@comcast.net and don't forget to send your updated digital status reports in by the 25th of the month so that they will appear in the next month's edition of the “Roadrunner”.

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

Matt – W0NAC



MARAC Silent Keys

Callsign
W9SUQ

Silent Key Date
September 3, 2014

Awards

Awards Issued For September/October 2014			
Call	Date	Award	Number
N1API	9/13/2014	5 Star	# 68
K2MF	10/18/2014	USA-CW	# 137
N4RS	10/17/2014	USA-CW IV	# 11
K7TM	9/19/2014	BINGO	# 358
W5QP	9/20/2014	BINGO	# 359
W8DCD	10/13/2014	BINGO	# 360
KA3QLF	10/13/2014	BINGO	# 361
WD4OIN	10/23/2014	BINGO II	# 95
W0EAR	10/14/2011	BINGO II	# 83
N5MLP	9/20/2014	BINGO III	# 31
NF0N	9/13/2014	USA - Single Band	# 25 - 20 Meters
KC3X	10/1/2014	County Challenge 17000	Level 17
N4AAT	9/10/2014	No Star	# 1
N5KGY	9/19/2014	Call Combo 1x3	# 15
WA9DLB	9/20/2014	Call Combo 1x3	# 16
W5QP	8/27/2014	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 427
N0LXJ	10/22/2014	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 432
N0XYL	9/6/2014	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 428
K2MF	10/18/2014	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 431
K7SEN	10/4/2014	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 430
AB7NK	10/3/2014	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 429
WD4OIN	10/10/2014	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 243
NF0N	9/13/2014	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 164
N4JT	9/13/2014	Worked all Counties - 6thTime	# 50

Roadrunner Issued For September/October 2014				
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number
AB7RW	10/24/2014	Last County Count 150	Last County Count 150	# 165
W9MSE	9/19/2014	Last County Count 350	Last County Count 350	# 51
WA3QNT	9/19/2014	Last County Count 200	Last County Count 200	# 113
AF3X	9/19/2014	Last County Count 300	Last County Count 300	# 67
N0KV	9/15/2014	Last County Count 575	Last County Count 575	# 28
N0KV	10/25/2014	Last County Count 600	Last County Count 600	# 26
N7JPF	9/19/2014	Last County Count 50	Last County Count 50	# 349
N4CD	9/19/2014	Last County Count 2450	Last County Count 2450	# 1
W0GXQ	10/24/2014	Last County Count 825	Last County Count 825	# 12
N2OCW	9/15/2014	Last County Count 250	Last County Count 250	# 85
W0FP	10/24/2014	Last County Count 50	Last County Count 50	# 350
NF0N	10/24/2014	Last County Count 250	Last County Count 250	# 86
W5QP	10/24/2014	Last County Count 200	Last County Count 200	# 115
K5YAA	9/15/2014	Last County Count 50	Last County Count 50	# 348
N6PDB	10/25/2014	Last County Count 200	Last County Count 200	# 116
AB7NK	9/22/2014	Last County Count 200	Last County Count 200	# 114



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
NE9DHx	Nov - 01
W5IL	Nov - 01
VE9DH	Nov - 01
N4PN	Nov - 01
K9ETB	Nov - 01
KU5DX	Nov - 01
K8HM	Nov - 01
K4SMT	Nov - 02
W9LHG	Nov - 03
AD0H	Nov - 03
W4WNT	Nov - 03
N5DWI	Nov - 03
KI7AO	Nov - 04
KA3MMM	Nov - 04
W0EAR	Nov - 04
K0KY	Nov - 04
K3BW	Nov - 04
K0TE	Nov - 04
KM1C	Nov - 05
KB2KBC	Nov - 05
NY2L	Nov - 05
KE3ND	Nov - 06
N0LN	Nov - 06
KQ4DR	Nov - 06
NI0G	Nov - 06
WU4S	Nov - 06
W9KP	Nov - 06
N6VH	Nov - 06
WB2SHU	Nov - 06
N0COL	Nov - 06
N1API	Nov - 06
KB1PA	Nov - 06
KW0U	Nov - 07
W5CJH	Nov - 07

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N9EB	Nov - 07
AA4FU	Nov - 07
WB5KEA	Nov - 08
WB5CYS	Nov - 08
W9GN	Nov - 08
WA3QVJ	Nov - 08
K7OC	Nov - 09
KE9CA	Nov - 09
WO8L	Nov - 09
W8FNW	Nov - 09
N6SFV	Nov - 09
NT9V	Nov - 10
N8DW	Nov - 10
NX4W	Nov - 10
K1DAN	Nov - 10
W6ISQ	Nov - 10
K5LAM	Nov - 10
WG6X	Nov - 11
AD6PB	Nov - 11
WB6EXT	Nov - 11
NJ6V	Nov - 11
W5UGD	Nov - 11
W3SQA	Nov - 11
W4SD	Nov - 11
W5IOO	Nov - 12
KK5NA	Nov - 12
KM6GF	Nov - 12
NU7V	Nov - 12
N4XML	Nov - 13
N5MJ	Nov - 13
WB9STT	Nov - 13
N7PJP	Nov - 13
AA0TG	Nov - 13
WB0AXN	Nov - 13

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W5RBO	Nov - 14
KC5DSP	Nov - 14
K4JP	Nov - 14
K3RYA	Nov - 14
N0DRX	Nov - 14
KU4VP	Nov - 15
W6ROY	Nov - 15
NE8Z	Nov - 15
W1VET	Nov - 15
N8TW	Nov - 16
WA5AUR	Nov - 16
N8AIL	Nov - 16
KA9FDV	Nov - 16
N4LZ	Nov - 17
K7BOI	Nov - 17
K2RP	Nov - 17
N5TT	Nov - 17
N7LYR	Nov - 17
W8LSV	Nov - 17
N9VIB	Nov - 17
K0JN	Nov - 17
AK9L	Nov - 17
WB9ZHS	Nov - 17
W4TYO	Nov - 17
AC9X	Nov - 17
WB2AXG	Nov - 17
W4XT	Nov - 17
W8TZA	Nov - 17
W6TCD	Nov - 18
N4KE	Nov - 18
K6JEN	Nov - 18
NF0N	Nov - 18
N7SJ	Nov - 19
W6SJR	Nov - 19

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KS4BO	Nov - 19
N7BVQ	Nov - 19
W9DM	Nov - 19
NE9U	Nov - 19
KC5P	Nov - 20
WL7EM	Nov - 20
K0JCK	Nov - 20
WB5YDH	Nov - 20
N9DEH	Nov - 20
NG7Z	Nov - 20
K0LU	Nov - 21
W2WC	Nov - 21
KE7TI	Nov - 21
W8TE	Nov - 21
W7WBZ	Nov - 22
K2ZR	Nov - 22
W9FBC	Nov - 22
KM6D	Nov - 22
KI8V	Nov - 22
W5ETM	Nov - 23
W4EAS	Nov - 23
W8DCH	Nov - 23
VE3HMK	Nov - 23
NT2A	Nov - 23
KK7X	Nov - 23
K0CIE	Nov - 23
KM4JA	Nov - 24
KB9FBI	Nov - 24
WB2DSM	Nov - 24
VE1BES	Nov - 24
N4LM	Nov - 24
AB4LG	Nov - 25
KK5CP	Nov - 25
KC6AWX	Nov - 26

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KE7YF	Nov - 26
W4GP	Nov - 26
W6SA	Nov - 26
K7SN	Nov - 27
AA9ZF	Nov - 27
KB0WD	Nov - 27
WV1Y	Nov - 27
AK5PP	Nov - 27
AI9Y	Nov - 27
K0WJ	Nov - 28
W2VX	Nov - 28
KI7S	Nov - 28
KE3VV	Nov - 28
WA8SCO	Nov - 28
N9HRX	Nov - 28
K0JIM	Nov - 28
W9UR	Nov - 29
KD8NR	Nov - 29
K9AAA	Nov - 29
KD1EJ	Nov - 29
W3WG	Nov - 29
KB4KBS	Nov - 29
N2CT	Nov - 29
W1OZ	Nov - 30
WY8I	Nov - 30
W3DLM	Nov - 30
KN9V	Nov - 30
KX8Z	Nov - 30



**Treasurer's Report (W0NAC)
September 2014***

Beginning Account Balances September 15, 2014	\$40,644.39
September Income:	
Money Market Interest	\$2.47
Awards Manager Income	\$0.00 (Note 2)
Membership Income	\$265.29
Logger distribution	\$0.00
Total Income:	<u>\$267.76</u>
September 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
September Other Expenses:	
Awards Manager Expenses	\$0.00 (Note 2)
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	\$0.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$0.00</u>
September Net Income Less Expenses	\$267.76
New Total Balance ALL Accounts:	\$40,912.15 #
Checking Account Balance	<u>\$9,851.31</u>
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$31,060.84</u>
Total All Accounts:	\$40,912.15 #

Note:

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

Awards Manager's Funds	\$1,500.00
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Note 2:

Reporting of the September Award Manager income/expenses will be delayed until October.

* Includes September Transactions through 10/10/2014


From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of September should be discounted by \$7,880.00 This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. This amount is carried forward from August (See Note 2)

**Awards Manager's Report
October 31, 2014**

Funds Balance August 31, 2014		\$1,500.00
Income	\$ 784.00	
	<u>\$ 784.00</u>	
Expenses:		
Office supplies	\$ 0.00	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 190.75	
Postage	\$ 75.77	
	<u>\$ 266.52</u>	
Sent to Treasurer		\$ 784.00
Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$ 266.52
Funds Balance October 31, 2014		\$1500.00
Members Funds on Hand June 30, 2014		\$ 7800.00
Income – Funds deposited		<u>-360.00</u>
Total Funds on Hand for Members		\$ 7440.00



Calendar

~ November 2014 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ONLY START DATE SHOWN						1 ARRL CW SS
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 10-10 DIGI QP STRT KEY SPRINT KY QP
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 ARRL SSB SS
16	17 RUN4BACON	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 CQ WW CW
30	Notes: CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO WEB SITE					

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Phil Yasson (AB7RW)

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