



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Riding the County Lion

Dave – KE3VV

The County Lion rushed into the ham shack, pausing only to take a well-advised detour around the napping Big Green Dragon. Good move, King of da Jungle. He look worried – which is a look you don’t often get from lions unless dinner is late. “Why so down in the mane?” I inquired; worried that he had caught a late winter cold when he was out making snow angels in the back yard. Nothing worse than a sniffing County Lion – especially a wet early Spring snowmelt County Lion. He gave a half-hearted toothy grin – more of a grimace - and wandered into the corner of the ham shack. He looked out at me balefully through the massive paws now covering his face.

“Bad news for all County Hunters,” he moaned. “You won’t believe this, but I ran into Riley Hollingsworth at a lawyers conference and he gave me some inside info about the F.C.C.” I knew he meant the former F.C.C. lawyer who worked closely with the ham radio community. He has retired, but is still in contact with friends inside the agency. “What gives with our mighty Federal Overseers?”

The County Lion groaned and continued... “The Feds are getting a lot of heat from their Congressional Oversight Committee about cell phones and texting and other distracted driving issues.” I scratched my head. “So what? I know there are a lot of problems with texting while driving and that stuff, but those are cell phone issues, not ham radio issues.”

“So we thought – especially since any attempts by state and local governments to regulate ham radio activities have been overruled,” rejoined the Lion. “The Doctrine of Prevention, I think.”

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I hate to contradict the County Lion, but his obfuscation made me a bit impatient, so I went ahead anyway. “You mean the Doctrine of Pre-emption... the Supreme Court ruling that state and local governments can’t regulate something that under the purview of the federal government, such as use of the airwaves, frequency allocations, and radio licenses, because that area of the law is preempted by the Feds.”

“You got it right,” responded the Lion, “but that is where Congress rears its ugly head. They want the F.C.C. to regulate mobile radio use and prohibit using the federally regulated airwaves while driving.” My jaw dropped, but only a bit. “Come on! What about the cops and firefighters and the FBI and all those guys? The F.C.C. isn’t going to stop them from transmitting while in motion.”

“Correct,” replied The County Lion, “but those would be exceptions to the general rule that transmitting while in motion would be prohibited.” “How would that affect ham radio,” I inquired. “Surely they are not going to propose that all mobile ham radio operations would be illegal?” “No, no, no...” said the Lion, “but you would have to stop or have someone else drive while putting out counties or chatting on the local repeater. I am not sure how contacts with mobile teams would work.”

“Well this certainly would change county hunting,” I mused. “Maybe everyone will just run county lines or let the XYL drive. It’s probably a lot safer anyway.” All the County Lion did was growl... a most unfriendly response.

So there you go, County Hunters. What should MARAC do? Should we wait until the F.C.C. issues a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking? Should we just let the A.R.R.L. deal with it or are we even sure that they would be all gung ho to protect mobile ops? Should we each contact our Congressman? What do you think? Let your District Director know what you think MARAC should do to deal with the demise of mobile transmitting while driving. Better yet – send your thoughts directly to the County Lion and the Big Green Dragon (nothing flammable please!). And have a pleasant April and rest of 2014... and try to run more county lines.



**Dateline CW**

Ed, KN4Y

It is April: Never lose your ignorance; you cannot replace it.

**O**n April 1<sup>st</sup> The Washington Bureau of Unified Limited Lands and the South Headquarters of Interconnected Terrain sent a bill to the President that when enacted is going to eliminate all state county borders. This plan will achieve a unanimous unity of all State inhabitants. Roads would be paved to the limits of funding and not political designators. The State of Louisiana would be the only exemption to the law.

The forty-nine States do not favor this law citing that State maps would have to be revised at an enormous cost and major changes made in liquor laws. A organization known as MARAC has filed strong objections to the proposed regulation arguing it regulates out of existent amateur radio mobile operations, a mainstay of the organization. The objection to this law is also supported by the gasoline and diesel retailers. The brotherhoods of County Sign makers have voiced a strong Nay to this proposal. The benefactor of the bill, Sam Rhoad Kille, acknowledges the opposition to his bill, but very few laws are without opposition and to change a established protocol is always difficult. The full story may be carried on CNN.

I am in napping stage two when I am startled into reality by the slam of Gator's 4x4 driver's door and the beep of the lock. He comes into the shack, "Hi Dude I stopped at the mail box and this package feels like it contains a plaque." He sets the box of lattes on the desk, "Want I should open the package?" I give Gator a what a dumb question look, "Yes please do." Gator opens the Mail Flat Rate packaging envelope, "Wow Dude, you got a plaque from the Oklahoma DX Association for out of State high score, low power all CW mode during the Oklahoma QSO party." Gator hands me the plaque, "This is really cool, I will mount it on the wall for all to see." Gator hands me a latte and activates the computer.

I hand Gator a memory stick and ask him to check out my North Carolina QSO party log. I munch on my bagel smeared with cream cheese when Gator gives me a thumb up, "Well Dude, you worked 41 counties but nary a new county." Gator pauses, "But Dude you did work three new 2x2 calls and one 2x3 call and in addition a Natural Bingo and three No-Stars." I shake my head in agreement. "The results are in the good range since I operated only CW, the Tar Heel State is more prone to sideband operation. I did not hear many different mobiles. Check and see how many I worked." Gator runs the log routine as I finish off my bagel. Gator turns around, "Best I can tell you worked three mobiles: two local yokels Paul, AA4XX, and a mobile using the 1x1 call N4C composed of Jim, K4OPL and Jack, W0UCEThere is also a mobile containing two MARAC members Kyle, WA4PGM and Mike, KA4RRU who used the 1x1 call N4E." "I missed a complete sweep of the bonus station by one county and that was Surry, I did not hear a CW station." "Maybe that was a sideband county." We have a good laugh and raise our lattes for a Surry County salute.

Gator glances at the local weekly newspaper lying on the floor; he picks it up, "Dude, did you read this article? Some kids in the Riversink Elementary school in Wakulla County talked with astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti aboard the International Space Station. Awesome Dude, were you there?" I make a sad look, "No Gator, I was out of town. Several members of the Sportsman's Paradise Amateur Radio Club (SPARC) in Wakulla County did a excellent job setting up the amateur radio equipment

to make the contacts.” Gator interrupts, “Do you know who was involved?” I get another latte, “Yes Gator, under the auspices of SPARC President Doug, K4GKJ, who did the logistics assisted by Christa, KK4OAE, Ashely, KN4NN, Stanley KK5IKR, and John, KI4EWD.” Gator asks, “Maybe we can get the astronaut to become a county hunter.” “The chances are slim, there is not enough space on a MRC for her signature.” We both have a good laugh.

We listen to the county hunters CW net and hear nothing except some adjacent QRM. Gator picks up the senior newsletter that came in yesterdays mail, “Dude, did you know a blind bowler participated in the 2014 Florida International Senior Games & State Championships in Lee County. He rolled a 526 score in three games” “No Gator I have not seen that article yet, but that reminds me back many years ago we had a blind county hunter (silent key) who operated as net control on the CW net, His name was Ed, WA6VJP, and used Braille tablets to track the mobiles.” “That was awesome Dude, did he allow phonetics?” We have a good laugh and finish our bagels. , Gator checks my e-mails, Hey Dude you got a Last county from Dennis, N6PDB, for Franklin County FL. Did you thank him?” “I have it on my bucket list.” I hand Gator another memory stick, “Here are the logs for three QSO parties. See how I did.”

We sip our lattes when Gator says, “You did not work many stations on CW during the Idaho QSO party, although you did work a new county on ten meters, a 2x1 call and six no-stars.” Yes Gator I suspect Idaho is a sideband state and I worked only two mobiles, county hunter Darryl, WW7D and a local yokel Randy, K7TQ. I also worked the four fixed stations in Idaho that know CW.”

Gator sips his latte, “Well Dude you worked more QSO’s in the Louisiana QSO party and got one natural Bingo, two 2x1 calls and six no-stars. You only worked two mobiles, that recliner connoisseur Norm, W3DYA, and Chuck NO5W.”

Gator is unusually quiet then smiles and announces, “You really showed out in the Wisconsin QSO party. You got six no-star, one natural Bingo and two new countries on 80-meters. You should have done better because you worked eight mobiles.” “I goofed off a little bit. Who were the mobiles?” Gator turns the computer screen towards me and I read: Jim, N0UR, Todd, N9NE, Scott, NE9U, Club station W0AA, Jon, W0ZQ, John, W9DNB and the famous Jeff, W9MSE. “Well Gator I did not start operating in the QSO party until after church, I missed many counties; the important fact is I have fun. Check out the Oklahoma QSO party”

Suddenly we hear the ding-a-ling, ding-a-ling from Gators cell phone, “Sorry Dude I have to relocate to another location.” He is gone like a county hunters mobile traction on an icy road, I hear him yell; “Live long and prosper!” The printer stops and I get the printout, it is the list of mobiles heard during March on the CW county hunters call frequencies. I read: AD8P, AE1N, AF5CC, AK8A, K0FG, K4ZGB, K5YAA, K7TM, K8ZZ, K9JWV, KB0BA, KB6UF, KB9OWD, KC5P, KC7YE, KV7N, KW1DX, N0DXE, N0KV, N0SM, N4CD, N4JT, N5XG, N9AC, N9JF, NI9Z, NM2L, NS9I, W0BH, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W0NAC, W1O, W4SIG, W5QP, W7FEN, W8PO, W9MSE.

The warmer weather makes April a mobile good time for the nine State QSO parties with (741) counties up for grabs. They are the Mississippi (82), Missouri (115), Montana (56), New Mexico (33), Georgia (159), Nebraska (93), Michigan (83), North Dakota (53) and Florida (67) QSO parties. Drink plenty of water and get ready for the radio active weekends. Not enough? There are 20 other CW contests for the fast fisted county hunters. I wonder if it is true that a giant squid has the largest eyes in the world. Nap Time.

NOTICE TO COUNTY HUNTERS: KN4Y will be a rover in the Georgia and Florida QSO parties. Rig on, Look for, find, call, work.



**Nominations  
for CW and SSB  
County Hunter of the Year  
Last Request**

**N**ominations are now in order for the 2015 CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year Awards. Nominations must be received by your District Director not later than March 31<sup>ST</sup> and should contain a brief list of reasons for the nomination. Your District Director will select one nominee (one for CW and one for SSB) from those received and forward that selection, with the reasons for the selection, to the Election Coordinator no later than April 15th. Prior winners (per mode) are not eligible to receive this award a second time. Please read the requirements for County Hunter of the Year and support those members who work to make MARAC the vibrant organization that it is.

Voting will be taking place during the month of May **only**. Voting online is preferred at <http://www.marac.org/elections> I will also be accepting mail ballots postmarked during the month of May.

The voting page on the MARAC website will be available starting May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>.

I want to thank Terry who has volunteered to serve in the following position. He is running unopposed so congratulations are in order: His term will begin at the end of the Annual Meeting in July and will run until July 2016.

Vice President – Terry Dummler WQ7A

The following Director positions are up for election

I would like to introduce Jim (N4JT). Jim is a candidate for the position of South East Director.

**Election Bio  
Jim Thomas  
N4JT**

I first became an amateur in 1977, when I graduated from high school, have been an Extra Class since 1986. My activities included DXing, Short Wave listening, building equipment and antennas, operating phone, CW, and various digital modes, besides mobile operating.

I first joined MARAC in 1978, with a regular membership number of R-992. Over the last 35 plus years, I have put out all the counties in 49 states, with the last 5 in Hawaii to be done this year. I am now working on my 7<sup>th</sup> time around.

I was elected SSB County Hunter Of The Year in 1994, and served on the Awards Committee for several years in the 1990's.

I recently retired after 34 years in the electric utility business, and am now looking forward to traveling in my retirement.

After many years in MARAC, I feel I should put back some service after being on the receiving end of many awards over the years, and I pledge to provide impartial service to the best of my abilities.

Thanks and 73,

Jim N4JT

I would also like to introduce Kerry Long (W4SIG). Kerry is also a candidate for the position of South East Director

### **Election Bio**

### **Kerry Long W4SIG**

My interest in ham radio began when I was a boy listening to my dad, W5JAC, operate on the Army MARS nets each evening. Then the sweet music of high speed CW was the clincher. He was licensed in 1939 and had these cool pictures of his old radio equipment that was bigger than me. I got licensed when I was 16, got my extra ticket shortly thereafter, and began throwing myself into high speed CW, getting certified at the Atlanta Radio Club hamfest at 45 WPM. They also awarded me a college scholarship! I began chasing counties in 1979 and joined MARAC around 1981. I began putting out counties with my dad at the wheel and me on a Century 21 on 14.065. Ed, WA6VJP, taught me so much about running county hunter net control I will always be grateful and keep his memory close. In addition to running counties on the nets I participated in and won many state qso parties as a mobile. One of the highlights was when I worked all but two Texas counties in one weekend during the Great Texas Armadillo Run during the mid 80's!

I also was very active in the National Traffic System, handling radiograms on state, regional, and independent traffic nets. I was awarded membership into the Brass Pounders League for my efforts. Naturally, chasing DX was in the mix and I received my DXCC a few years after getting licensed. In 1984 I graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in Electrical Engineering and began work as a Systems Engineer and Availability Specialist with IBM.

In 1994 I started my own company, Heritage Distribution, Inc., which I ran for the next 13 years as CEO. We homeschooled our four children (in my 19<sup>th</sup> year presently!) and have seen three of them enter college with full scholarships! So I guess it's worked out so far!

Raising my four kids and being a Boy Scout leader slowed down my ham activity quite a bit from 1992-

2008, but I was able to attend a 3M convention with the wife and a few kids in tow and met so many great folks for the first time. In 2007 I lost my wife to breast cancer, closed my business, and became a stay-at-home dad. The following year saw me blow the dust off the rig and actually operate a mic for about the first time since I became a ham. I had gone 15 years with only about a dozen counties to go for USACA so it was time to do whatever it took to finish them all, even if it wasn't CW.

I now have less than 20 to go for 3<sup>rd</sup> time around, only 9 to go for CW-II, have worked them all SSB, all 20 meters, and all mobile-mobile. I have been awarded over 325 LCs as a mobile and have worked over 85 DX entities from the mobile. Throughout the years I have been runner-up for CW Net control of the year, CW mobile of the year, and SSB mobile of the year.

On Feb, 6 of this year I remarried to an amazing woman with two girls, 10 and 14 (I have 6 kids now!) and am getting them introduced to ham radio with some on-air time. I currently am a manager with CaptionCall, providing captioning telephone service for the hearing impaired.

I am an ARRL member, attend local ham club meetings, am active in Field Day, participate in numerous state qso parties from the mobile, and attend MARAC conventions (I love the Michigan Mini!). Two years ago I had the joy of running my first DXpedition as ZF2GG. The last few years I have been honored to serve as Southeast Director of MARAC and am currently chair of a Membership Committee focusing on ways to grow our organization. I actively submit articles for the RoadRunner and can be found running counties from the mobile and providing NCS help on both the CW and SSB frequencies on a regular basis. I submit my planned mobile trips online as standard policy and spot myself and other mobiles every chance I get. I would appreciate your vote as Southeast Director for MARAC! I have licensed as a ham since 1976 at age 14. Extra class earned a year later

### **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 your initial payment of dues and valid membership application by the Secretary of MARAC. Those individuals maintaining uninterrupted membership status are not restricted from nominating or voting in the current month.

I would like to introduce Tim (N0KV). Tim is a candidate for the position of Great Lakes Director.

### **Election Bio** **Dr. Timothy M. Eklin** **W8JJ**

In 1992, I earned my first ticket as a no-code technician and eventually worked my way to extra class.



Along the way I've held the following call signs: N8VOD, KG8CL, AA8UH, and finally W8JJ.

On October 18, 2001 my interest in ham radio was renewed as I began a quest to work and confirm all 3,077 U.S. counties. As of September 2010, I have all counties confirmed and was awarded USA-CA #1203 by *CQ Magazine*. I'm a current member of MARAC # R-2994. I've coordinated and moderated the County Hunting Forum and dinner at the Dayton HamVention for the past 6 years and will be doing the same in 2015.

County hunting is by far the most enjoyable aspect of ham radio that I have discovered to date. Even more fun than chasing the counties from home is working the pile-ups while operating SSB and CW as a mobile station to assist fellow county hunters. To date, I have transmitted from 485 unique counties in 17 states. Moreover, I've made friendships that will last a lifetime with folks from all over the country.

In 2007, I completed a twenty-year career with the Michigan Department of Corrections. My second career involves teaching and social science research as a professor of criminal justice at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. I have a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a Masters degree in organizational leadership & administration from Saginaw Valley State University. I also hold a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership & Change from Antioch University in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

I would also like to introduce Dan (KM9X). Dan is a candidate for the position of Great Lakes Director.

## **Election Bio**

### **Dan Mulford**

### **KM9X**

Licensed as KA9DZM for the first 25 years (1977 to 2002), I passed the EXTRA and received the callsign I wanted: KM9X, a reflection of KMOX am radio talk host Jim White who used to promote ham radio.

\*Active COUNTY HUNTER since Nov 2002, successfully contacting and confirming all 3077 US counties, finishing on March 8, 2005 and being awarded the CQ Magazine's USA-CA award #1117. Currently working on the Worked all Counties 5th time as well as the MOBILE DIAMOND Award.

\* I am currently the Great Lakes Region Director for MARAC ( Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club) and held that office for a few years. Active supporting the district event, the Michigan Mini.

\*MASTER PLATINUM AWARD # 15 issued June 5, 2011

\* MASTER GOLD AWARD #35 issued Jan 30, 2009

\*Master County Hunter Award (AKA Bingo) #279.

\*Net Control of the Year Award, 2nd place 2007

\* Mobile Team of the Year award 2nd place 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

\*Nominated for County Hunter of the Year award in 2009 and 2010.

\*Recipient of the County Hunter's revolving MR UGLY award, presented at the S.E. Mini Conference on Myrtle Beach on Oct. 06, 2006.

\*have currently put out 1634 different US counties, on 20m ssb, 40m ssb and CW. A total of over 5200 counties transmitted. Have driven over 145,600 miles to transmit from counties.

\*Awarded 400 Last County award, given for helping someone finish up all the counties in a state, and 7 WBOW,(Whole Ball of Wax)awards for getting the 3077th county for amateurs.

- \* Active in the 3905 Century Club Worked-all-states and awards nets
- \* Ripley County Repeater Assn.- Life Member and Charter member and past President since inception in 1982.
- \* Member of ARRL since 1977
- \* ARRL Certified Volunteer Examiner since the late 80s
- \* Active in SSB and RTTY. - Hold DXCC and VUCC (for 6m)
- \* Retired Deputy Director Ripley County INDIANA E M A
- \* Retired as Supervisor and 9-1-1 Coordinator 19 yrs Greensburg Police Dept. Communications Center. 10 years prior with the Ripley Co. Sheriff's Dept 9-1-1/Comm.
- \* Past 1st Asst Chief with Osgood Vol. Fire Dept, 41 yrs service, Master Certified in Fire/Arson Investigation and Tactics.
- \* Past recipient of the Indiana Amateur of the year Award(1993)

I would like to introduce Dick (K5VYT). Dick is a candidate for the position of South Central Director.

### **Election Bio**

#### **Dick Brocaw**

#### **K5VYT**

I was first licensed as KN5VYT in New Mexico in 1959, upgraded to General in 1960 and later to Advanced, I have held the same call and been continuously licensed since 1959.

I joined the US Navy in 1968, spent two years on the USS Yorktown, CVS-10 with three tours to Vietnam, then two years at the Fleet Intelligence Center in Norfolk VA. While on the Yorktown, I was involved with the recovery of Apollo 8, and handled phone patches for the crew to the US during Christmas 1968. When at Norfolk, I made extensive use of the club station and started mobile operations. After leaving the service I spent about ten years in the Navy MARS program.

I Graduated from New Mexico State University in 1972 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. I then spent 16 years with Public Service Company of New Mexico, 6 years with Public Service Company of Colorado, and 10 years with IBM. All my positions were in IT: programming, systems analysis and software engineering mainly in real time data acquisition and control. I was involuntarily retired in 2005.

I have been involved in county hunting since about 1970 and received USACA #112 in 1973. I have done a fair share of running mobile over the years and have 45000 QSOs in my mobile log, with 1100 counties run.

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I would also like to introduce Barry (N0KV). Barry is a candidate for the position of South Central Director.

### **Election Bio**

#### **Barry Mitchell**

#### **N0KV**

I was first licensed in 1963 and have been very active in ham radio since. I started County Hunting seriously in May 2004. There are 178,656 QSO's in my County Hunter log and 13769 W6RK County Challenge Award counties (6 - 160 meters). Awards include USACA (3X), Bingo II, Master Gold, Master Platinum, and 5-Star (23 more for 4<sup>th</sup> time, and 29 for Bingo III). I'm fortunate to have a wife that not only tolerates but participates in County Hunting and we enjoy helping others achieve their goals. We are working on the Transmit All Counties Award (636 to go). We run SSB as a team and then I run CW when she drives. We always enjoy meeting and chatting with fellow county hunters. I don't know how many counties we've put out –but the log shows 4662 for MG, 826 for MP, and 286 for MD so far (at least 5774). I am also an active DX'er, and active in numerous Public Service activities, such Douglas County Search & Rescue, State Search & Rescue Coordinator and as a Communications Unit Leader (COML) of our county all hazard Incident Management Team (IMT). I was previously appointed the South Central Director when N0ZA became a silent key and served mid-2011 until 2014. I didn't run for re-election at that time as I felt frustrated with the MARAC leadership. By running now, I will attempt to change the direction of MARAC to be more friendly and representative of you – the members.

Barry Mitchell, N0KV

### **MARAC 4th Quarter Award Voting January - March**

Voting will be open from April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> for the best net control, mobile and team awards. The easiest way to place your vote is at the MARAC web site <http://www.marac.org/elections> and all you will need to enter on the sign in page is your call sign and your MARAC voting key. If you have lost or do not know your voting key then enter your callsign and click on the button below to request your voting key. The key will immediately be emailed to your email address on record. 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.

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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

It has been a very busy spring for me with very little time for the radio or making mobile trips. I have been trying to finish up the pruning of all the trees (approx. 2,000) before they start to bud out, then dormant spray needs to be applied. When things slow down I hope to be on the radio a bit more often.

**Kent Reinke KV7N**  
**MARAC Election Coordinator**  
**1826 East 4500 North**  
**Buhl, Idaho 83316**



### **New Members**

<b><u>MARAC Number</u></b>	<b><u>Callsign</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
R4570	AG6V	Donna Hinshaw
R4571	AG6OW	Linda Postenrieder
R4572	W5SIG	Tyler Long
R4573	WA7YEI	Yvonne Hallock



## **Candidates Platform**

*"Moving forward to restore the fun"*

The following platform was developed and is endorsed by the following candidates in the MARAC 2015 elections: Terry (WQ7A), Dave (KW1DX), Kerry (W4SIG), Tim (W8JJ), Mike (NF0N), and Barry (N0KV), with advice and support from several other senior MARAC members.

1. Elect and support MARAC members interested in actively participating as part of the MARAC leadership and with an interest in treating everyone fairly and working toward what's best for MARAC, county hunting, and the amateur radio community as a whole.
2. Establish MARAC-sponsored nets on 20 and possibly 40 meter SSB. (Net operation on 14.336 is not recognized by the current Board of Directors as a MARAC activity)
  - a. All amateur radio operators should be welcome and treated fairly, equally, and with respect.
  - b. All services provided on the net, such as running counties from a mobile, tutoring, relaying, etc. should be equally available to all radio amateurs.
  - c. Net control operations should be shared equitably.
  - d. The MARAC net control award should be associated with net control operations on MARAC-sponsored nets.
  - e. During periods when mobiles are not running, less formal activities, such as brief exchanges between members, signal reports, etc. should be allowed so long as breaks are given to recognize anyone ready to run.
3. Revise MARAC Bylaws to:
  - a. Require the President to convene a special Board meeting within 30 days following a petition for same by 5 or more MARAC directors and/or officers.
  - b. Resolve what is, in our opinion, a conflict of interest for the MARAC President and counsel positions being held by the same person.
4. Re-establish a cost-effective Logger II software development effort to replace the current MARAC Logger program.
5. Encourage develop of new MARAC awards, including an award for those to work on that have completed the Mobile Diamond Award.
6. Continue and increase support to MARAC efforts to encourage amateurs not already interested in county hunting to do so.
  - a. Welcome new check-ins and encourage them to work the mobiles.
  - b. Provide for a mentoring/tutoring effort for new members.
  - c. Encourage presentations at conventions and hamfests.
  - d. Provide succession planning for all elected and appointed positions.



National

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
Classic 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form and Check to: James Grandinetti (KZ2P), 2690 Bohicket Road, Johns Island, SC 29455-7205.
(K2JG@Comcast.net - 843-323-8385)
(Make checks payable to James Grandinetti/MARAC - IF using PayPal use K2JG@Comcast.net and ADD 3% of total amount.)

**History Happens**

Gary, K4EXT

The only recent submission for the County Sign project came from Kent, KV7N who sent in a picture of the last needed county in Montana ... Beaverhead.



Please feel free to check out all pictures and information by visiting the CH History/Archive website at the following Internet address:

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

Kent planned a special trip from his Idaho QTH in order to fetch a picture of the Beaverhead County sign ... even taking along two cameras for the journey. However, once he reached Beaverhead ... alas, no county sign in sight. So, Kent drove across Beaverhead County to the Madison/Beaverhead county line and snagged Beaverhead pictures from there. Note that the Madison leg of his trip was no big surprise ... Kent has a special affliction for all counties named Madison!

Once he returned home to Buhl, Kent got back to playing gentleman farmer at his Northview Orchard ... washing down his tractor as well as changing the oil in it. Thanks for the great pics Kent. Maybe I'll send you an MRC for old time's sake!



## Digital Happenings

### DIGITAL HAPPENINGS #32

(March 2015)

By W0NAC ("Matt")

By the time you read this the "Peripatetic Trio" of Jim (N4JT), Mike (KG5UZ), and Cheryl (KJ5PQ) will have completed running all 5 counties in the state of Hawaii. I sincerely hope that you filled in all your needs in Hawaii for the **USA – Digital** and **5 – Mode** awards! It may be a long time before such a great opportunity presents itself again, but as they say: "The counties will still be there".

Many thanks to all three of you! We appreciate all your efforts to help fellow county hunters. I hope you had a lot of fun!

For those of you who completed all 5 Hawaii counties with 5 modes, you are eligible to apply for the **5-Mode WAS Award** for Hawaii. A nice plaque and printed certificate are available for the standard fees. The 5-Mode WAS Award is also available for any other state where you have worked all counties using 5-different modes. Logger currently tracks only the 5-Mode Award for working all 3077, but you can print (paper or file) completed counties for all states and use scissors (if paper) to cut out only the state of interest. Or, if using the text file, you can edit out all except for the state of interest. When applying to the Awards Manager for this award you can mail your application (with the paper log sheet) or, preferably, apply by email attaching the edited text file.

From the Logger Main Menu, select "Print", "Book", "5 Mode", then select either "View" or "Write to File". "View" will display a multi-page report on the screen which you can print. "Write to File" will produce a text file which you can edit to show only the completed contacts for the state you are applying for. Maybe sometime in the future, Logger will support the 5 – Mode WAS Award in a friendlier manner.

This issue of Digital Happenings is going to be short. I simply could not come up with a suitable technical subject to discuss this month! I am open to suggestions for next month's article. Please email me ( [w0nac@comcast.net](mailto:w0nac@comcast.net) ) with your proposed topics. In the meantime, all the regular topics have been updated and appear below.

#### Fldigi Tips:

- 1) **Latest Version of Fldigi** - 3.22.06. If you haven't already done so, you should update now.
- 2) I understand that several people may have had difficulty downloading my sample macro files last month. If you were one of those, here is a new link you can try:  
<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Fldigi-Macros/W0NAC-Macros-03-26-2015.zip>

Using this link, you can download a slightly updated version of a zipped file containing 11 different macro files. To use them, just place the zipped file in your "C:\Users\<User Name>\fldigi.files\macros" folder and unzip it.

Each of these macro files has a name that pretty well describes the situation when it should be used. I make no claims that they are perfect, but most of them work pretty well for me. I strongly encourage you to make changes in them to fit your own unique needs. If you believe that you have produced a "better mousetrap", I encourage you to zip up your changed macros and send them to me as an email attachment. I'd like to see them.



### **March Digital County Hunter Activity:**

Thanks to the NC QSO Party, our “Triple Threat” on the Islands, and W5QP, March digital activity was great. Using W6RP spot history I count over 106 digital “runs” made by 9 mobiles and an assortment of fixed/portable stations. Again, a wide variety of digital modes were used including PSK-31, PSK-63, PSK-125, DOMINO-22, MFSK-32, RTTY-75N, THOR-22, and CONTESTIA 4/500. County hunters heard this last month include (in no particular order), W0EAR, W5QP, WH6S, KM1C, KG5UZ/KJ5PQ/N4JT (in Hawaii), WA4UNS, and W0NAC/N0LXJ. Other stations heard (mostly from the NC QSO Party) include W3RFE, W4DW, NO4Y, KO4DI, K4KWL, NC4QP, KB4TOH, WA3RFE, K4A, and WA2JVL.

### **Active County Hunter Award Status:**

As can be seen in Table 3 below, many digital county hunters continue to make great progress toward completing their “**USA – Digital Award**” and “**5 – Mode Award**”. 15 digital county hunters have logged at least 1000 counties toward completing the “**USA – Digital Award**”. Two more are “knocking on the door” with 900 or more digital counties.

16 digital county hunters have now logged over 50% of the 15,385 mode/counties needed to complete the “**5 – Mode Award**”. These are shown in **red** in Table 3. The leader for this award is still Dennis (N6PDB) who has worked 10,416 (**67.7%**) of the 15,385 Counties/Modes needed to complete this award.

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	AB7NK	Marv	F/M	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
3	ACOB	Cliff	F	205	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	12/10/2012
4	AD1C	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
5	KODEQ	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
6	K0FG	Fred	F	333	3077	3041	336	60	19	6533	42.5%	1/1/2015
7	KOPVW	Rob	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
8	KOWJ	Lou	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
9	K4PBX	Jim	F	555	2978	539	130	81	38	3766	24.5%	3/24/2015
10	K5GE	Gene	F	26	1893	575	8	0	0	2476	16.1%	5/26/2013
11	K5SF	Dick	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
12	K5WAF	Bill	F	599	3044	?	?	?	?	3044	19.8%	5/2/2013
13	K7REL	Tom	F	735	3077	3077	749	59	13	6975	45.3%	2/20/2015
14	K7SEN	Neil	F/M	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	2/20/2015
15	K8QWY	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
16	K8ZZ	Ed	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
17	KA4RRU	Mike	M/F	1139	3077	3022	1132	268	188	7687	50.0%	2/13/2015
18	KA8JOP	Pamela	M/F	22	202	64	53	28	4	351	2.3%	9/12/2013
19	KA9JAC	Bob	F	584	3077	3077	1784	345	101	8384	54.5%	1/22/2015
20	KC3X	Hollis	F	843	3077	3077	851	786	731	8522	55.4%	1/31/2015
21	KC6AWX	Bob	F	450	3077	1592	264	59	14	5006	32.5%	5/7/2013
22	KC7YE	Jack	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
23	KD5YUK	Billv	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
24	KD7KST	Bill	M/F	1792	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	9/30/2012
25	KF7PKL	Davis	F	473	1022	268	67	19	4	1380	9.0%	1/12/2015
26	KG5RJ	Greg	F	853	3053	2200	781	355	173	6562	42.7%	3/22/2015
27	KM1C	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
28	KU4YM	Dave	F	133	2862	130	66	19	8	3085	20.1%	10/16/2014
29	KM6HB	Mark	F	714	3077	2936	694	87	1	6795	44.2%	2/3/2013
30	KW1DX	Dave	M/F	96	3077	1145	99	70	40	4431	28.8%	1/10/2015
31	NOKV	Barrv	M/F	621	3077	3054	2543	474	130	9278	60.3%	1/8/2015
32	NOLXJ	Sharon	M/F	1454	3077	2330	1325	627	356	7715	50.1%	3/20/2015
33	N1API	Al	F	1303	3077	2865	1285	997	884	9108	59.2%	3/24/2015
34	N4JT	Jim	M/F	1213	3077	3077	1295	851	730	9030	58.7%	1/18/2015
35	N5MLP	Ron	M/F	391	3077	409	54	37	9	3586	23.3%	5/19/2013
36	N6PDB	Dennis	M/F	1384	3077	3046	1674	1388	1231	10416	67.7%	3/26/2015
37	N7JPF	Paul	F	212	3077	1901	178	85	41	5282	34.3%	2/22/2015
38	N8CJ	Dick	F	1187	3077	3059	1185	771	615	8707	56.6%	3/25/2015
39	N8HAM	Jim	F	0	3077	0	0	0	0	3077	20.0%	4/2/2013
40	N9WNN	Steve	F	0	2180	0	0	0	0	2180	14.2%	2/24/2013
41	NA8W	Darl	F/M	885	3077	1282	704	414	215	5692	37.0%	1/25/2015
42	NE0N	Mike	F	1044	3077	3077	1230	434	238	8056	52.4%	12/27/2014
43	NN9K	Pete	F	816	3077	859	78	1	0	4015	26.1%	3/23/2012
44	NU4C	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
45	NW6S	Jim	F	927	3077	3077	948	271	200	7573	49.2%	12/16/2014
46	NX4W	Lloyd	M/F	1358	3077	1489	743	595	310	6214	40.4%	12/28/2014
47	W0EAR	Don	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
48	W0NAC	Matt	M/F	1940	3077	2890	2112	1286	662	10027	65.2%	3/20/2015
49	W3DLM	Don	F	771	3077	2827	745	360	250	7259	47.2%	3/23/2015
50	W3ZUH	Dick	F	5	3077	2048	11	2	0	5138	33.4%	12/4/2013
51	W4SIG	Kerry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
52	W4YDY	Dave	F	1298	3077	3077	1407	789	579	8929	58.0%	1/23/2015
53	W5QP	Rick	M/F	971	3077	2998	1237	867	773	8952	58.2%	3/21/2015
54	W7FEN	Larry	F	25	3077	2975	32	1	0	6085	39.6%	10/3/2013
55	W7IN	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
56	W7QQ	Bill	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
57	W8RCW	Rich	M/F	388	2422	565	131	55	34	3207	20.8%	8/14/2014
58	W9JR	Rich	F	90	3077	1674	44	0	0	4795	31.2%	10/31/2012
59	W9SUQ	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
60	WA4EEZ	Leslie	F	1277	3077	2431	1054	451	116	7129	46.3%	12/31/2014
61	WA4UNS	Doug	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
62	WA6OCV	Susan	M/F	359	3077	604	510	468	160	4819	31.3%	3/26/2015
63	WA7ETH	Ed	F	228	1932	428	39	3	0	2402	15.6%	10/26/2014
64	WA7JHQ	Sterling	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
65	WB0M	Jeff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
66	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
67	WD4OIN	Jack	F	1377	3077	3076	1385	807	504	8849	57.5%	4/20/2015
68	WQ7A	Terry	F	1039	3077	3077	1043	891	790	8878	57.7%	2/25/2015
69	WY4D	Ben	F	326	3077	347	41	15	9	3489	22.7%	6/10/2014

### How To Get Your 5 – Mode Statistics Updated:

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 utility will create a report for you showing your progress for both the “**USA – Digital**” award and the “**5 – Mode**” award 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>

Please email your comments/suggestions to [w0nac@comcast.net](mailto:w0nac@comcast.net) and don't forget to send your updated digital status reports in by the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Awards

Awards Issued Feb/Mar 2015			
Call	Date	Award	Number
AA0LV	2/13/2015	Gemini - Jack Scroggins (W0SJE)	# 166 2nd Time Holders
WB4KZW	2/24/2015	Gemini - Jack Scroggins (W0SJE)	# 242 2nd Time Holders
WB4KZW	2/23/2015	USA-PA - K	# 28
WQ7A	2/5/2015	USA-CW	# 139
KE3VV	2/7/2015	USA-CW II	# 34
WB4KZW	2/23/2015	USA-CW II	# 35
N4CD	3/4/2015	USA-CW V	# 6
NT2A	2/1/2015	BINGO	# 365
N7JPF	3/7/2015	BINGO	# 366
WB4KZW	2/23/2015	BINGO III	# 31
AE3Z	3/11/2015	BINGO III	# 32
WB4KZW	2/23/2015	USA - Single Band	# 26 - 20 Meters - 3077 Counties
WB4KZW	2/23/2015	USA-PA "K" Prefix	# 28
N4JT	3/5/2015	RAN ALL USA	# 17
W3DLM	3/1/2015	Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	# 433
KM6HB	3/21/2015	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 246
N4CD	3/4/2015	Worked all Counties - 9th Time	# 9
N4AAT	2/1/2015	Worked all Counties - 12th Time	# 2
K2JG	2/7/2015	Worked all Counties - 12th Time	# 3
KZ2P	2/7/2015	Worked all Counties - 17th Time	# 1



## Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K1QPV	Apr - 01
KC8WRP	Apr - 02
AA9JJ	Apr - 02
WI4K	Apr - 02
AA4QE	Apr - 02
KW4FM	Apr - 02
WB9TKR	Apr - 02
W1UYL	Apr - 02
W6YR	Apr - 02
KC4TBS	Apr - 03
N9WA	Apr - 03
AA1K	Apr - 03
N3AHA	Apr - 03
K4YFH	Apr - 03
N1LK	Apr - 03
WB5CWI	Apr - 03
W9NGA	Apr - 04
K0DXX	Apr - 04
W6TK	Apr - 04
KA0BUM	Apr - 05
N9IWL	Apr - 05
W6HOR	Apr - 05
K1BM	Apr - 05
KS2S	Apr - 06
AL7R	Apr - 06
KB5VTB	Apr - 06
W9CSX	Apr - 06
KD2SP	Apr - 06
W3MAX	Apr - 06
W5LJW	Apr - 07
W7PSK	Apr - 07
AA8HH	Apr - 07
W0GOQ	Apr - 07
W7LQV	Apr - 07

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KA2CNG	Apr - 07
N2MED	Apr - 07
WM8N	Apr - 08
KC2P	Apr - 08
AB5LY	Apr - 09
N7OTR	Apr - 09
W9WOC	Apr - 09
AA4KD	Apr - 09
KM5W	Apr - 09
W4RKV	Apr - 10
NS4TT	Apr - 10
KD8SF	Apr - 10
W8JM	Apr - 10
N7YG	Apr - 11
N3EA	Apr - 11
K9BLX	Apr - 12
W2RSA	Apr - 12
KW8T	Apr - 12
KI7ZV	Apr - 12
WB8RJW	Apr - 12
WD0EAM	Apr - 13
K0PVV	Apr - 13
W7FEN	Apr - 13
W6TKV	Apr - 13
KB0FQC	Apr - 13
K4HBH	Apr - 13
W0GXQ	Apr - 14
N2ODU	Apr - 14
KA0DDJ	Apr - 14
WA0LMK	Apr - 14
KA2MKQ	Apr - 14
K4RAS	Apr - 14
W8GEJ	Apr - 14
K0MAF	Apr - 15

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KJ4UDD	Apr - 15
K3GOO	Apr - 15
NE8V	Apr - 15
K5PRT	Apr - 16
W9OP	Apr - 16
W3TTY	Apr - 16
KK5QA	Apr - 17
W9PCI	Apr - 17
W8WT	Apr - 17
WB9NUL	Apr - 18
WA0SMX	Apr - 18
N7DH	Apr - 18
AC7UH	Apr - 19
WB0MNE	Apr - 19
N0DPX	Apr - 19
W2XQ	Apr - 19
KD8GL	Apr - 19
K5JYD	Apr - 20
KD1ZL	Apr - 20
WA9LKF	Apr - 20
WA5GFO	Apr - 20
W2ZI	Apr - 20
N4USG	Apr - 20
W7LES	Apr - 20
NS9Q	Apr - 20
KJ5PQ	Apr - 21
KT4U	Apr - 21
KD7OWN	Apr - 21
K2SGA	Apr - 22
W8UO	Apr - 22
N7ETN	Apr - 22
KF5JC	Apr - 22
K0CN	Apr - 23
KD4FJ	Apr - 23

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
WA3AFS	Apr - 23
KA5VWD	Apr - 23
W8DCD	Apr - 23
WA7YEI	Apr - 23
W0NAN	Apr - 23
W8ILC	Apr - 24
K2HVN	Apr - 24
W0FS	Apr - 24
N7AXY	Apr - 24
KK5ZK	Apr - 24
W3IJT	Apr - 24
WA9LEY	Apr - 25
NN2Q	Apr - 25
W01B	Apr - 26
N8TI	Apr - 26
WA5WWW	Apr - 26
K9CS	Apr - 26
W8SU	Apr - 27
W4GFQ	Apr - 27
N0ZDZ	Apr - 27
N5KGY	Apr - 27
KQ1Z	Apr - 27
KE5TC	Apr - 27
WS3F	Apr - 27
W9ZJX	Apr - 28
W5ST	Apr - 28
W6LMJ	Apr - 28
KS4KM	Apr - 28
W0MYZ	Apr - 29
W0LFJ	Apr - 29
KA1HB	Apr - 29
K0PG	Apr - 30
W6TN	Apr - 30
KA0SHC	Apr - 30

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KG0SV	Apr - 30
W0ME	Apr - 30
AA2AV	Apr - 30
N6NZ	Apr - 30
K8YJ	Apr - 30
NU4C	Apr - 30
AK8C	Apr - 30



**Treasurer's Report (W0NAC)  
February 2015\***

<b>Beginning Account Balances February 6, 2015</b>		<b>\$36,858.58</b>
<b>February Income:</b>		
Money Market Interest	\$2.77	
Awards Manager Income	\$0.00 **	
Membership Income	\$783.29	
Logger distribution	\$40.00	
Total Income:		<u>\$826.06</u>
<b>February New Spotting Site/Logger II Expenses:</b>		
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	
<b>February Other Expenses:</b>		
Awards Manager Expenses	\$0.00 **	
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	\$0.00	
Total Expenses:		<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>February Net Income Less Expenses</b>		<b>\$826.06</b>
<b>New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts:</b>		<b>\$37,684.64#</b>
Checking Account Balance	<u>\$1,609.41</u>	
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$36,075.23</u>	
<b>Total Cash All Accounts:</b>		<b>\$ 37,684.64#</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 February Transactions through 3/5/2015

\*\* Awards Manager report for February will be combined with next report for March

# From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of February should be discounted by \$7,783.50. This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are **\$29,901.14**

**Awards Manager's Report  
March 31, 2015**

Funds Balance January 31, 2015		<b>\$1,500.00</b>
Income	\$ 911.50	
		<u>\$ 726.50</u>
Expenses:		
Office supplies	\$ 0.00	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 219.00	
Postage	\$ 125.50	
		<u>\$ 344.50</u>
Sent to Treasurer		\$ 726.50
Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$ 344.50
Funds Balance January 31, 2015		<b>\$1500.00</b>
Members Funds on Hand January 31, 2015		\$ 7783.50
Income – Funds deposited or Used		<u>-120.50</u>
Total Funds on Hand for Members		\$ 7663.50

**Note**

**I will be gone from April 16 – May 12  
and all awards received will be backdated to when received**





**Events**

4/4 TX PARKS  
4/4 MS QP  
4/4 MO QP  
4/4 MT QP  
4/11 NM QP  
4/11 GA QP  
4/18 NE QP  
4/18 MI QP  
4/18 ND QP  
4/19 ARRL ROOKIE SSB  
4/20 RUN 4 BACON  
4/23 MI MINI  
4/25 10-10 DIGI  
4/25 FL QP



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**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)**

**Ron Clift (N5MLP)**

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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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