



# **THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER**

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## **Riding the County Lion Dave – KE3VV**

This month will be the first time in a great while that a majority of the positions on the MARAC Board of Directors will be up for election. It is also the first time in my memory that five of the District Director positions up for election are contested. In addition, one group of candidates has joined together as a slate with an announced platform. In most circumstances, I would certainly welcome both multiple candidacies and clearly stated positions on any issues facing MARAC. This is not, however, the case with the platform presented in the April issue of the Timetable by Terry (WQ7A), Dave (KW1DX), Kerry (W4SIG), Tim (W8JJ), Mike (NF0N), and Barry (N0KV). My purpose in this column of the Roadrunner is to explain my opposition to this group of candidates and to encourage you to vote for their opponents.

First, I want to clear up a possible misunderstanding that may be caused by one plank of the Platform, which states that the slate wants to change the MARAC Bylaws to “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.” This requirement is already in the MARAC Bylaws in Section 1.3(c), which reads: “The President or any five (5) Directors may call special meetings of the Board of Directors at any time. The President shall set a date and time for the special meeting and shall notify the Secretary for the purpose of giving notice of the meeting to all directors.”

As long as I have been President, there has never been an instance where five directors asked for a special meeting that was not granted. There was an instance where the Vice President asked for a special meeting, but he did not garner the support of the required additional four directors, and when he did not get the meeting he wanted, he just quit. In other words, this plank of the Platform is both unnecessary but misleading because it implies that the current special meeting provision of the Bylaws does not exist or has been violated, which is not the case.

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In addition, the supposed conflict of interest plank is more of a veiled accusation of some unstated improprieties than a substantive issue. The Board appoints a General Counsel, and the Board (at the request of a former President of MARAC appointed me to that position many, many years ago. When I was elected President, I ceased acting as counsel (advising myself became rather unnecessary), but the appointment was not rescinded or deleted from the MARAC roster of appointed positions. The Platform doesn't really explain why that is a problem, but is more of an insinuation coupled with the general "Throw the rascals out" tone of the Platform.

But in addition to being the Rascal in Chief of the current MARAC Board that the slate wants to throw out, I have been and remain a very vocal opponent of the main substantive plank of the opposition Platform – having MARAC sponsor and run nets.

While most of the positions taken by the group are fairly innocuous on their face – restore the fun and welcome newcomers and expand the membership – the reasons why county hunting and MARAC are not fun or welcoming are not explained and, moreover, the means by which these generally worthwhile goals are to be achieved generalities are not explained – with one exception – the following core plank (and I believe the real reason for the slate of opposition candidates) reads: **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)**

There you go folks – this is at the bottom of all of this – this slate wants to establish a MARAC net on 14.336. How that will be accomplished is not discussed and, to my knowledge, none of the opposition candidates has explained how they intend to do this with a simple action of the Board, especially since MARAC cannot claim a net frequency to the exclusion of others and, moreover, that no one of the opposition slate or their supporters have done anything to promote, organize, or actually run a net on 14.336 (or a regular net anywhere else for that matter). There are lots of days that KZ2P (the elephant in the ham shack behind a lot of this so-called Platform) does not run a net on 14.336, and on those days, when was the last time any of these candidates or their very vocal supporters ran a net there? How are they gonna do that by a vote of the "new" Board? Even if they declare KZ2P a persona non grata on 14.336 (seems like they have already done that anyway) and take away his ability to earn future MARAC awards (and I am sure he could care less), he can still help SSB mobiles by running his own personal net on 14.336 just like he does now. He doesn't need the consent or endorsement of MARAC to do that.

But I will not stand in the way of the MARAC membership if they really support this sea change in how MARAC operates. If you support the opposition by voting them into office, I will retire from MARAC and just be another county hunter. I am very sure that the majority of the current volunteers who do most of the real work of keeping MARAC running (including the Awards Manager, Secretary, and others) will join me in clearing the way for this group to run MARAC (into the future or into the ground) in the manner they see fit...and do all the real work of keeping it running.

So this election is really a referendum – on whether you want the incumbent “rascals” to continue to serve MARAC and do most of the work and whether you reject the platform plank that promises to sponsor official MARAC nets. If you want this opposition group to run MARAC and sponsor MARAC nets, please vote for them. If you want to keep MARAC out of running nets and out of the 14.336 fray, please vote for the following District Directors who support the current leadership and who have my personal endorsement:

Great Lakes Director	KM9X	Dan Mulford
South Central Director	K5VYT	Dick Brokaw
North Central Director	WA9DLB	Tony Mazzocco
Northeast Director	N1API	Al Kaiser
Southeast Director	N4JT	Jim Thomas

Thanks for your consideration and support of these candidates. 73, Dave KE3VV



**Dateline CW**

ED, KN4Y

A phrase has spread from mobile to Fixed and back again: "This is county hunting."

I am in the radio shack enjoying the air conditioning and listening to the quiet county hunter's 20-meter CW frequency. I hear Gator's 4x4 slide to a stop at the recycled railroad tie with the familiar lock honk. He comes into the shack carrying the familiar container of lattes, the nectar of the Gods. "You work any mobiles on the net? "I take a latte being sure the heat shield is in place and take a sip, "Been listening, but so far no QRZ's heard." Gator gets a latte and sits at the computer, "What is this post-it on the screen scribbled, Gene, WB4KZW?" "I forgot, just toss it."

I open the package of bagels, "Check out the Oklahoma QSO Party log on the Data Traveler." Gator's attention is directed towards the computer and my attention is focused on slicing a bagel in half to put into the toaster. In a minute the toaster pops, I cover each toasted bagel half with cream cheese and hand one to Gator, I consume the other half. Gator swings around in the chair, "Your participation in the Oklahoma QSO party is down from last year." I nod my head, "Yes I know I did not spend as much time operating in the QSO party. How many mobiles did I work?" Gator takes a bite of his bagel, "You worked Ron, AD0DX, Jerry, K5YAA, Frank, KC5M, Bob, W0BH and that cute cuddly Norm, W3DYA. You got one No-star, one 2x2 call and a Natural Bingo. I guess you could call this progress." I finished my bagel, "Who cares. It is the thrill of the chase." Gator ignores me.

Gator is reading the county hunter's forum, he turns around in the chair, "Dude did you know a Herb, W9GBH? He is a silent key." "Yes Gator, I worked Herb from 1999 until around 2013. We had some interesting conversations at MARAC conventions. For a county hunter, death is no more than operating mobile in eternity." Gator is not listening and says, "Hush your mouth I am running the Montana QSO party log. This must have been exciting, you made four QSOs." I sip my latte and say, "I feel that working the only stations in the Big Sky country that know CW is a great accomplishment."

He smiles and gives me a thumb-up, "You did just about as bad in the Mississippi QSO party. You worked a lot more QSOs but you only got one no-star." I shake my head, "Yes Gator I have worked the Mississippi QSO party for many years and the counties I need are counties on ten-meters, and that band did not cooperate. Who were the mobiles?" Gator sips his latte, "That Norm, W3DYA, Dude is mobile again. He may be having trouble at home." "No Gator, Norm is a rover junkie and also was a rover in the Georgia QSO party. That log is on the pink memory stick."

Gator is looking at the screen, he smiles big like a county hunter working the last county, "Now this is more like it. In the Missouri QSO party you worked ten no-stars, one natural Bingo, one new county on 80-meters and three new counties on 15-meters," Gator is looking intensely at the log, "I see why you did what you did, there were eight mobiles using 1x1 calls running around the State plus that speedy Dude Jerry, K5YAA." "Yes Gator and I also shot the Easter bunny to avoid hopping distractions." Gator gives me a dirty look; his girl friend at the coffee shop is active in the SPCA. I hand Gator the pink memory stick.

Gator takes the memory stick, "What a cool twister flash drive Dude let see how you did as a Rover in the Georgia QSO party." I get another latte and contemplate doing another bagel roast. Gator starts

reading off the computer screen, “Dude you must have been as busy as one arm CW operator as a rover in the Georgia QSO party. You traveled 474 miles Saturday and 397 Miles Sunday. I do not how you did it, you made exactly 1000 QSOs total. I know you county hunters are statistical junkies, do you want a county breakdown. Hand me another latte.” I give a thumb up, “You know the answer to that question.” Gator sips his latte as he works the keyboard.

Gator turns the computer screen towards me.”This is a list of counties in the order traveled and the number of QSOs made in each county.” I read Saturday: 67 in Grady, 53 in Thomas, 20 in Brooks, 32 in Lowndes, 20 in Lanier, 35 in Clinch, 51 in Ware, 49 in Pierce, 44 in Wayne, 49 in Appling, 26 in Bacon, 25 in Jeff Davis, 44 in Coffee, 31 in Irwin, 19 in Tift, and 31 in Colquitt. I read for Sunday: 38 in Decatur, 36 in Seminole, 54 in Early, 24 in Clay, 29 in Randolph, 40 in Stewart, 36 in Ware, 44 in Terrell, 30 in Calhoun, 26 in Baker and 32 in Mitchell.

I smile like a dog eating bacon, I hand Gator a gorgeous purple memory stick. “Here before you run Florida check my Nebraska, North Dakota, and Michigan QSO partry results.” Gator sips his latte as he loads the logs. He starts laughing, “Dude you did not work any station in Nebraska and only one station in North Dakota, boy you must have been exhausted.” Gator continues to mouse around, “Okay I see what you were doing you worked seventy stations in the Manchester Mineira CW contest. What the heck is that?” I shake my head, “Don’t worry about that contest. What did I do in the Michigan QSO party?”

“Well Dude you got eight No-Stars and that was all.” I sip my latte, “I do not need any Michigan counties except for ten meters, how many mobiles did I work?” Gator turns the computer screen in my direction, I read: John, AE8M, Jim, K8IR, Dan, W8CAR and Ted, W8UE.

“Okay Gator now the big Florida QSO party, here is the flash drive.” Gators’ cell phone goes ding ding-a-ling. “Sorry Dude my foreman said the State Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Department is going to make a unannounced inspection.” He is gone faster than a tax refund. I hear him yell, “I told you the red clay would work.” The printer stops and I get the list of county hunters heard on the CW call frequencies during April. You can tell the spring time weather has arrived. I read: AB7RW, AF3X, AF5CC, K0DEQ, K2HVN, K2MF, K2MP, K4BAI, K4XU, K5YAA, K9JWV, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KN4Y, KW1DX, N0KV, N2JNE, N4JT, N9JF, N9QS, NF0N, NO7X. OK6DX, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W4HSA, W4SIG, W5QP, W7FEN, W9MSE, WA4PGM, WA4UNS, WB0PYF and WB4KZW

Radio activity for the half year month of May is fabulous; there is 420 counties up for grabs: 258 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Area WSO party, 92 in the Indiana QSO party, 3 in the Delaware QSO party and 67 in the New England QSO party. This is a great weekend to exercise the VFO. There is also the 10-10 International Net CW QSO party and I plan to operate in this party. I will act as a 10-meter beacon for the other parties. There is the CQ-M International DX contest and I wonder who came up with the diabolical serial number in the exchange. There is also the Nevada Mustang Roundup, work mobile from a Ford. Another fun event using a diabolical serial number in the exchange only for others is the King of Spain contest. To round out the month of May is the CQ World Wide WPX contest, also with the diabolical serial number in the exchange. There are 26 CW operating events during the month, your choice. I recommend you do not stop on a county line under pine trees. Dripping sap will leave a logo on your hood. Nap time.



**Self Spotting Offer**  
**By Kerry, W4SIG**

Ever want to be able to self-spot yourself while running mobile but don't have an internet capable device to do so? I am offering FREE usage of a Galaxy Tablet that I own that is perfect for the job! It is already paid for, easy to use, and has an unlimited data plan through Sprint. Nationwide coverage is not promised, but it does as good as most cell phone carriers in that regard. I am willing to loan the Galaxy Tablet, wall charger, and car charger to anyone who requests it prior to a planned trip. All I ask is that you let me know when you return home so you can either send it back to me, or the next person in line who has asked to borrow it. I use one of my iPhones to spot myself so rarely use the Galaxy Tablet. Others have borrowed it already and enjoy the freedom of posting themselves on all the bands, modes, and frequencies they choose. You can even follow the spots of fellow mobilers on the spotting page in case they run a county you need! Email me at [kerrylong@comcast.net](mailto:kerrylong@comcast.net) or call at 901-331-1881.

**NEW MEMBERS**

<b><u>MARAC Number</u></b>	<b><u>Callsign</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
R4574	N2FUN	Dorothy Coleman-Siegfried
R4575	KB2BLB	Marisa Renz
R4576	N6REL	Philippe Conway
R4577	N5GFI	Brenda Simmonds
R4578	K9BYQ	Leonides Catlin
R4579	KQ9X	James Catlin, Jr.
R4580	K3YP	Ray Burns



**MARAC Voting Information**

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

I want to announce Bob N4CD as the CW county hunter of the year, Congratulations Bob!

There were no nominations received for SSB CHOTY

**We are currently voting for the positions:**

**Great Lakes Director – 3 year term expiring 2018**

**W8JJ     Dr. Timothy M. Eklin**

**KM9X     Dan Mulford**

**North Central Director – 2 year term expiring 2017**

**WA9DLB   Tony Mazzocco**

**NF0N     Mike Nickolaus**

**Northeast Director – 1 year term expiring 2016**

**KW1DX     David Pyle**

**N1API     Al Kaiser**

**Southeast Director – 3 year term expiring 2018**

**N4JT     Jim Thomas**

**W4SIG     Kerry Long**

**South Central Director – 2 year term expiring 2017**

**N0KV     Barry Mitchell**

**K5VYT     Dick Brocaw**

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. Only eligible MARAC members residing in the districts described in section 1.1 c (1-7) of the MARAC By Laws may vote for that District Director representing their District. The voting page on the MARAC website will be available starting May 1<sup>st</sup> thru May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you prefer to mail your ballot to me, you can either copy this page or cut it out. Please circle the candidate for whom you are voting and include your callsign and MARAC membership number.

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



### **MARAC Silent Keys**

Callsign  
W9GBH

Silent Key Date  
March 29, 2015



## **History Happens**

Gary, K4EXT

The Needs List for County Sign pictures is now under 300 - Wow! Recent submissions came from Kent, KV7N/KL1V in Alaska ... Darryl, WW7D in Idaho ... Kyle, WA4PGM in Maryland ... Barry, K2MF in Georgia and Pennsylvania ... Mary, AB7NK and Neil, K7SEN in North Dakota and South Dakota ... Dave, KW4M in Georgia ... Larry, N2OCW in Pennsylvania and New Jersey ... and Charlie, WA2NWN in New Jersey. Many thanks to everyone!

Mary, AB7NK and Neil, K7SEN ran the last three counties needed by Jim, WY8I for USA-CA. The picture below is the WBOW county (Oliver, ND) for Northern Jim!



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>**

Herb Morgan, W9GBH passed away March 28th at age 82. Herb was an Army veteran and long-time educator in Michigan and Indiana. He had MARAC Bingo, 4-Stars, and the YL Award.



## DX Visalia Pix

Rick AI5P



**WBOW Picture**



Jim, N4JT, working Mike, KG5UZ in Kauai, HI for WBOW





## MARAC

47<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention 2015 RegistrationJuly 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 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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ACTIVITIESMonday July 13<sup>th</sup> – Check-in/Hospitality Room openTuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> - Dora Canal Tour – 9:00 AMWednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> - Photos - 2:00 PMThursday July 16<sup>th</sup> – 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 &amp; 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.)

Hotel Reservations – Waterfront Inn, 1105 Lakeshore Dr., The Villages, FL 32162 – 352-753-7535. When making reservations ask

**Letter**

Everyone – I am going on vacation and will not return home until May 12, 2015. Please hold all of your award submissions until May 12<sup>th</sup>, especially Last County Applications. If you send them while I'm away I cannot clear my In Box and this will cause a problem not only with my Mail Server but also the Award's Program.

When you submit your awards to me, just indicate what date you completed the award and I will date it on that date. Nobody will lose any time, but please hold everything until May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks & 73 – Bob KC6AWX



## Digital Happenings

### DIGITAL HAPPENINGS #33

(April 2015)

By W0NAC ("Matt")

Hi Guys and Gals! Sharon and I just returned home from the Michigan Mini. We had a great time, but we got home later than planned because of car problems. For this reason I will have to postpone the technical subject I planned to discuss (CAT Control) until next month. Also, next month I plan to give you a summary of our mobile activity driving to and from the Michigan Mini. In the meantime, all regular topics have been updated and appear below.

#### Fldigi Tips:

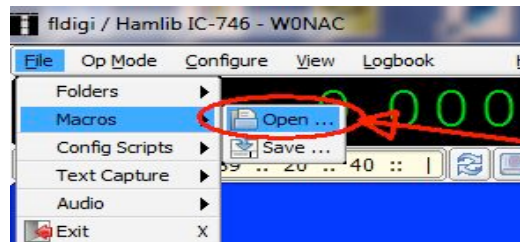
- 1) **Latest Version of Fldigi** - 3.22.08. If you haven't already done so, you should update now. However, be aware that this latest version is slow to load and also slow to shut down. Slow starting can cause you to open duplicate copies of Fldigi when you think that the first attempt didn't work. Please wait at least 20 seconds or more for Fldigi to start before attempting another start. If you do inadvertently end up with 2 or more instances of Fldigi running, I recommend that you exit all instances and start over.
- 2) I have 8 modified/new macro files for you to check out. These are named:
 

a) <b>CountyHunter Mobile Team RSID Video.mdf</b>	(Has both RSID & VIDEO ID)
b) <b>CountyHunter Mobile Team RSID.mdf</b>	(Has only RSID ID)
c) <b>CountyHunter Mobile Team.mdf</b>	(Has NO ID)
d) <b>CountyHunter Mobile RSID Video.mdf</b>	(For Non-Team Mobile with RSID
&	Video)
e) <b>CountyHunter Mobile RSID.mdf</b>	(For Non-Team Mobile with RSID
Only)	
f) <b>CountyHunter Mobile.mdf</b>	(For Non-Team Mobile with NO IDs)
g) <b>CountyHunter Fixed Team.mdf</b>	(For Fixed Team use – Has Both
RSID &	Video IDs)
h) <b>CountyHunter Fixed.mdf</b>	(For Single Operator Fixed – Has Both
	RSID & Video IDs)

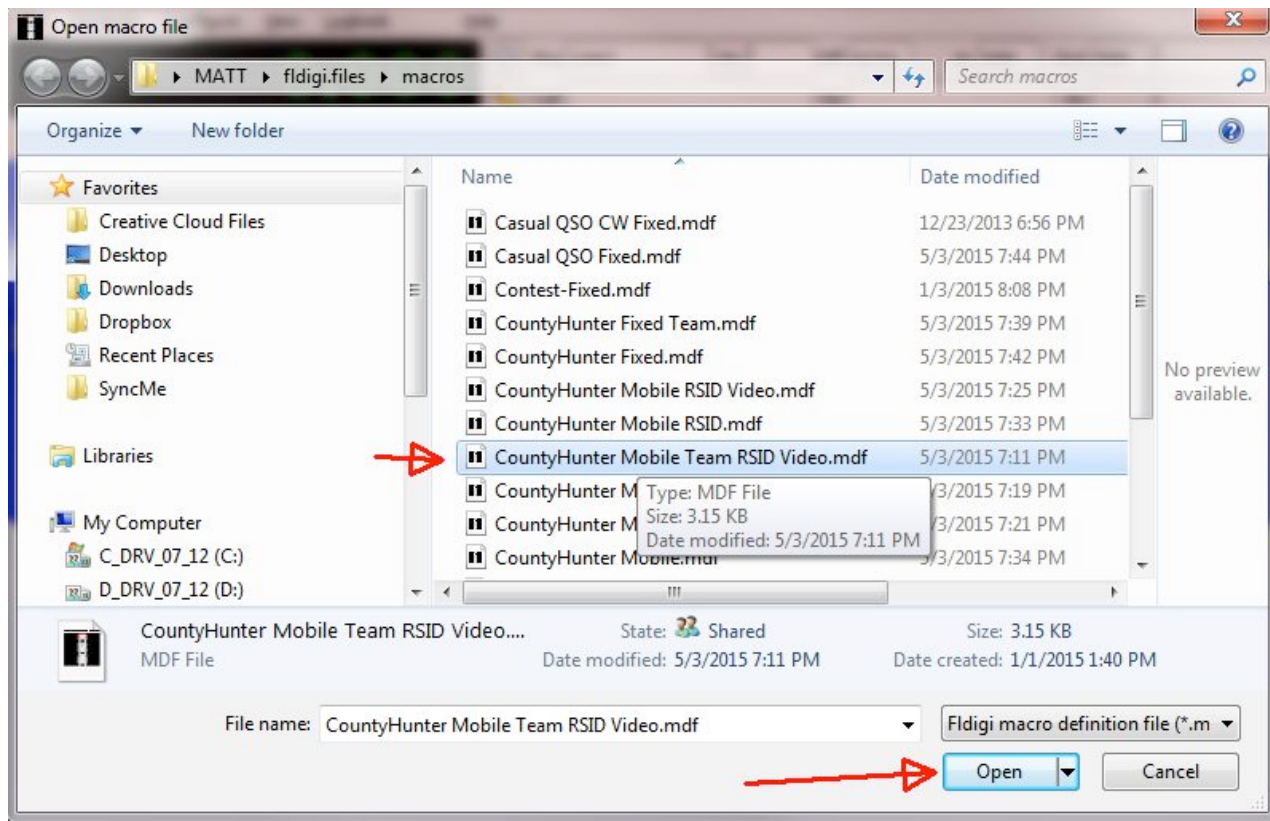
Please note that RSID and Video IDs are only transmitted when calling CQ. RSID or Video IDs should never be active during the normal flow of working people because they take up too much time. If you feel that the benefits of using them during CQs aren't worth the extra time they take, load one of the other choices of macros files.

All eight macro files are contained in the file "CountyHunting-Macros-05-03-2015.zip" which you can download here: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Fldigi-Macros/CountyHunting-Macros-05-03-2015.zip>

To use these macros, just place the zipped file in your "C:\Users\<User Name>\fldigi.files\macros" folder and unzip it. Once they are in this folder they can be opened in Fldigi by clicking on File/Macros/Open...in the upper left corner of the main screen as shown below:



This action will then open a new browsing window as shown below:



Click to select the file you wish to open then click on "Open" to open it. Note: The first time you do this, you must "drill down" to the following folder – **C:\Users\<User Name>\fldigi.files\macros** before your files will show for selection.

I make no claims that these macros are perfect, but most of them work pretty well for us. 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 urge you to zip up your modified macros and send them to me as an email attachment. I'd really like to see them!

### April Digital County Hunter Activity:

April digital activity was even higher than March. Using W6RP spot history I count over 136 digital “runs” made by 8 mobiles. 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 500/4. Mobiles heard putting out digital counties this last month include (in no particular order), KA4RRU, W5QP, KG5UZ/KJ5PQ/N4JT (in Honolulu), AB7NK/K7SEN, NF0N, W0NAC/N0LXJ, N4JT(solo), and KC0JRW. Although I won’t be reporting detailed results of our (W0NAC/N0LXJ) Michigan trip until next month, I found it encouraging that foreign county hunters are now joining in on the digital fun. We made several digital contacts with DL3GA (Andy) and F5FJ (Fis) while we were mobile. Welcome aboard!

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

As can be seen in Table 3 below, digital county hunters continue to make great progress toward completing their “**USA – Digital Award**” and “**5 – Mode Award**”. 16 digital county hunters have logged at least 1000 counties toward completing the “**USA – Digital Award**”. W5QP (Rick) is the latest person to reach the 1000+ level with 1001. NW6S (Jim) and NA8W (Darl) are “knocking on the door” with over 900 digital counties.

16 digital county hunters have logged over 50% of the 15,385 mode/counties needed to complete the “**5 – Mode Award**”. Four people (N0KV, N1API, W0NAC, and N6PDB) are now over 60% complete. All 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	Mary	F/M	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
3	AC0B	Cliff	F	205	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	12/10/2012
4	AD1C	Jim	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
5	K0DEQ	Bill	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
6	K0FG	Fred	F	333	3077	3041	336	60	19	6533	42.5%	1/1/2015
7	K0PVW	Rob	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
8	K0WJ	Lou	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
9	K4PBX	Jim	F	579	2998	563	131	82	39	3813	24.8%	4/23/2015
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	863	3053	2203	791	363	180	6590	42.8%	4/26/2015
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	N0KV	Barry	M/F	662	3077	3054	2552	515	177	9375	60.9%	3/28/2015
32	N0LXJ	Sharon	M/F	1454	3077	2330	1325	627	356	7715	50.1%	3/20/2015
33	N1API	Al	F	1326	3077	2886	1308	1035	919	9225	60.0%	4/28/2015
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	N8CIJ	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	910	3077	1407	812	495	261	6052	39.3%	4/29/2015
42	NF0N	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	776	3077	2847	754	371	261	7310	47.5%	4/24/2015
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	1340	3077	3077	1450	827	621	9052	58.8%	4/22/2015
53	W5QP	Rick	M/F	1001	3077	3009	1256	882	779	9003	58.5%	4/28/2015
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	WA6QCV	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	WA7JHO	Sterling	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
65	WB0M	Jeff	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
66	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
67	WD4QIN	Jack	F	1402	3077	3076	1410	832	530	8925	58.0%	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



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**Treasurer's Report (W0NAC)**  
**March 2015\*****Beginning Account Balances March 6, 2015** **\$37,684.64****March Income:**

Money Market Interest	\$2.87
Awards Manager Income	\$726.50 **
Membership Income	\$537.18
Logger distribution	\$0.00
Total Income:	<u>\$1,266.55</u>

**March 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

**March Other Expenses:**

Awards Manager Expenses	\$344.50 **
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	\$0.00
Annual MARAC Web Site Expense (EasyCGI)	\$131.88
Total Expenses:	<u>\$476.38</u>

**March Net Income Less Expenses** **\$790.17****New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts:** **\$38,474.81 #**

Checking Account Balance	<u>\$2,396.71</u>	
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$36,078.10</u>	
<b>Total Cash All Accounts:</b>		<b>\$38,474.81 #</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 March Transactions through 4/4/2015

\*\* Awards Manager combined reports for February &amp; March.

# From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of March should be discounted by **\$7,623.50**. This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are **\$30,851.31**

**Events**

5/2	10-10 SPRING CW
5/2	7 <sup>th</sup> AREA QP
5/2	IN QP
5/2	DE QP
5/2	NEW ENGLAND QP
5/9	STRAIGHT KEY SPRINT
5/9	FISTS SPRINT
5/15	DAYTON HAMVENTION
5/18	RUN 4 BACON
5/30	CQ WPX
6/27	FIELD DAY
7/13	MARAC NATIONAL
10/5	SE MINI

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