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# **Riding the County Lion**

# Dave – KE3VV

**B** ack home in Melbourne after the 47<sup>th</sup> annual MARAC National Convention in The Villages, Florida, we have experienced an unusually wet and stormy July – even for the normally "rainy" season in Central Florida. Just over 10 inches of rain have already fallen so far this summer here on the Space Coast, while ironically just to the north in Daytona and to the south in Miami, they still have at least partial drought conditions. Ah nature!

At the Annual Meeting we voted to award the customary "thank you" Service Award plaques to outgoing Board members Dan (KM9X), Tony (WA9DLB), and Dick (K5VYT). Tony was on hand at the Convention to personally receive his award. Al (N1API), who won re-election and will continue to serve as Northeast Director, was also in The Villages for the annual meeting. After the meeting, the new directors: Tim (W8JJ – Great Lakes), Barry (N0KV – South Central), and Mike (NF0N – North Central) officially began their terms, along with Terry (WQ7A) who joins the Board as Vice President. I hope that these new members of the Board will be able to attend the annual meeting next July.

Speaking of the 2016 Annual Convention, just before we went to press with this month's issue of the Roadrunner, I received an email from Kerry (W4SIG) volunteering to host next year's gathering. That is extremely good news – not only because we have a firm offer to host the conclave next summer, but also because Kerry lives in a suburb of Memphis, Tennessee. This means that the 2016 Annual Convention would be in the most central location in the U.S. that we have had an annual meeting in many years.

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While the California and Florida conventions have been great fun (and the County Lion noted that the food and accommodations provided by The Villages were a real cut above many venues – especially at the less-than-\$90 per night room rate!), coastal conventions tend to attract fewer attendees than more centralized locales simply because of the travel time and expense involved. If the past is any prologue, the 2016 Annual MARAC Convention should be the best attended soiree in many years. While the Board still has to receive and approve a detailed proposal from Kerry, that formality will be the first item on the agenda for the next meeting. I am planning an early September Board meeting to take care of that and get the ball rolling. If anyone else in the Memphis area is willing to join with Kerry in putting this together, please let him know as soon as you can.

MARAC members saving up for a summer road trip to Memphis for the 2016 National should be delighted to hear that the MARAC Board of Directors voted to extend the membership term for all current members by five years without payment of any additional dues. The five-year dues-free extension is being added to your current information in the MARAC database, so please go on-line and check your new membership expiration date. If you find an error, please email Jim, KZ2P.

Speaking of KZ2P, once again Jim has been voted SSB Net Control of the Year by the members of MARAC for providing assistance to mobiles on 14.336. Second and third place went to Mary (AB7NK) and Jim (WY8I), respectively. On the CW side, top honors went to Jerry (W0GXQ) with Bob (N4CD) and Greg (NM2L) taking the runners-up spots. Competition for the SSB top spot will be hotly contested during the coming year because perennial winner Jim has decided to withdraw from the competition – so the field is wide open for all of you who have good antennas and comfortable chairs.

In other awards, first place honors for SSB Mobile of the Year went to another MARAC Board member, Kerry (W4SIG), followed by Ron (KB6UF) and Mary (AB7NK). The CW Mobile of the Year plaques went to Jerry (W0GXQ), who took two first place awards for his brass pounding skills, and repeat winners Kerry (W4SIG) and Bob (N4CD) rounding out the winners' circle.

Lowell and Sandra (KB0BA/N0XYL) were the top vote-getters for Mobile Team of the Year, with second and third honors garnered by Mary and Neil (AB7NK/K7SEN) followed by Frank and Kay (AA9JJ/N9QPQ).

The Custodian's Award went to Phil (AB7RW) and Ed (KN4Y) for all their assistance to the Awards Manager. Looks like Mary walked away with a whole woodpile this year. Congrats!

Picking up yet another well-deserved award for County Hunter of the Year is Bob (N4CD). The Big Green Dragon and County Lion were amazed that Bob had not won this award long ago and add their thanks for the many counties run over the years.

The County Lion has his beach umbrella at the ready and is eager for a short ride over to Cocoa Beach. The Big Green Dragon needs a new pair of extra-large sun glasses and several gallons of sunscreen, so a stop at world famous Ron Jon's Surf Shop will be in order. So 73 and 88 and Aloha and Surf's Up from the gang until next month.



# Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Moderation is the invisible line running along a county line.

I am half listening to the county hunters CW net as I try to decipher my hand scribbled field day CW station logs, good thing the phone operators can write and the digital boy's logs are computerized. It is hot outside; the air conditioner compressor very seldom cycles. I hear Gator's 4x4 slide to a stop at the recycled railroad tie. Gator walks to the radio shack and opens the door and I yell, "Come in Gator. Close the door quickly. It is hot and humid out there." Gator comes in holding two containers and hands me one, "Here Dude have a hot super sized latte and what is that horrible smell outside?" He sets the larger container on the work table."

I get a latte and tantalize the taste buds. "Well Gator I goofed, I usually bury the successful kamikaze squirrels but I got lazy and put the last kamikaze squirrel in a zip lock plastic bag and put it into the trash container. What you smell is the aroma of laziness. Good thing the waste pickup is tomorrow morning." Gator is not listening; he carefully opens the larger carton and sets a transit looking device on the table. I ask, "What the \*@\$\*, is that?" Gator is smiling from ear to ear, "I read in the last ARRL bulletin they recommend a scope to be in every radio shack. This is one of the best, it is a Swarovski scope." I smile trying not to laugh, "That is a good idea Gator, put the scope in the green cabinet and I will use it when I shoot skip. Help me get the club field day report finished."

Gator is at the computer, "Dude I just looked at your Canada Day contest log. I notice all the contacts have the Canadian prefix except Jerry, K5YAA, was he in Canada?" I smile, "No Gator I like to encourage young county hunters to participate in other contests and become radio versatile." Gator gives me a thumb up, I see you also worked the Marconi Memorial CW contest and worked 23 CQWW countries. "Yes Gator, I had never worked that contest and gave it a try. It was fun. I never met Marconi but I do like spaghetti." Gator shakes his head and returns to the computer.

"I see you worked the CQ World Wide VHF contest and made 11 contacts. I now know why the radio shack is so neat. But I see you did get a new county on six meters. Not a total waste of time, but close." I shake my head in agreement. "I called and called, many were called but few responded. Also, I was on CW, not a popular mode on 6-meters. But it was 95 degrees outside which made the cool boredom bearable." The primitive landline rotary phone rings.

I answer the phone and after a few minutes of listening I hang up. Gator asks, "You still use that relic and I notice you did a lot of listening?" I point to the recliner, "Sit down Gator I just got a full down and dirty report of what happened at the MARAC convention at The Villages. Breaking news is that MARAC is paying the next five years of membership dues for all members. The great news is I received the Custodian's Award for my many years on the awards committee" "You deserve it Dude, but I want the down and dirty gossip."

Gator's cell phone activates, "Dang It, talk about timing, The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco guys just arrived at the plant, got to get there pronto." He is gone; like ice cream at a birthday party, I hear him yell, "I do have clean bib overalls for funerals." I hear the printer stop and I get the printout containing a list of mobile stations heard during July operating on the county hunters CW call

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frequencies. I read: AF5CC, K0FG, K0RU, K2MF, K3IMC, K4YT, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KC7YE, KS0X, KW1DX, N0KV, N05M, N2JNE, N4CD, N4JT, N7IV, N9JF, NF0N, OH3JF, VA3XOV, W0BH, W0EAR, W0GXQ, W3ZUH, W4SIG, W5QP, W7FEN, W8JJ, WA4PGM, WA4UNS and WA7URY.

The month of August is why county hunter mobiles have air conditioning. August is also the month the State QSO parties return with 222 counties up for grabs. The Maryland QSO party with 24 counties, the Hawaii QSO party with 5 counties, the Ohio QSO party with 88 counties and to finish the month the Kansas QSO party with 105 counties. Want more CW operating excitement; do the North American CW QSO party and the WAE DX CW contest. If you have a surplus of CW energy, send it to me. (hint hint Colorado). Darn I was going to tell Gator I got a LC from N2JNE, I need to thank Charles but priority now it is nap time. How about a WASP award, Worked All School Properties?

And the CW mobile and net control of the year goes to (drum roll): Jerry, W0GXQ. He gets a Gator CW inspired attaboy.



# **New Members**

MARAC Number R4583 R4584 <u>Callsign</u> K4NMR K8TE <u>Name</u> Thomas Small Bill Mader



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# History Happens Gary, K4EXT

July was a somewhat slow month for County Sign pictures. However, submissions did come in from Jon, W0ZQ in Minnesota ... Charlie, N2JNE in Virginia and Pennsylvania ... Barry, K2MF and Charlie, WA2NWN in New Jersey ... Ed, KN4Y in Georgia ... and Bob, N4CD who finished off the state of New Mexico with a picture of the San Juan county sign.

The County Sign Picture Project is winding down as only 210 counties remain. Twenty-five states are now completed for the Project. But folks tell me that counties (and thus county line signs) do not exist in Connecticut and Rhode Island, so technically the Project will never reach its intended goal. That's a Big Bummer!

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

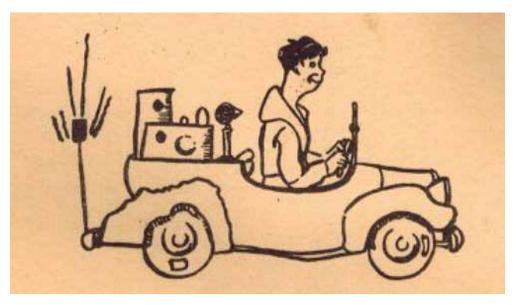
## http://www.CHarchive.com

Jim Lauterbach, W9JL sent me a PDF of the 1972 edition of County Hunting History from the Independent County Hunter Net (ICHN). This booklet was compiled by Don Brickey, W7OK and distributed at the Peoria, IL Convention.

The 1972 ICHN Convention was primarily in honor of Silent Key Cliff Corne Jr, K9EAB, whose parents still lived in Peoria, IL. K9EAB was the first USA-CA award winner in August 1965 ... and Cliff accomplished the feat while confined to an iron lung.

The entire booklet may be viewed on the History/Archive website at the link above ... select "Stuff" from the top menu of the website to access what I often call the MARAC Museum.

Note that the front cover of the 1972 County Hunting History booklet includes an interesting cartoon figure of a mobile as shown below:





# **Digital Happenings**

# DIGITAL HAPPENINGS #36

<u>(July 2015)</u>

By W0NAC ("Matt")

It is with deep regret and sadness that I announce my retirement from authoring Digital Happenings. I have written these articles for 3 years now and it is time for someone else to take over the reins. It is my sincere hope that these articles have helped foster interest and growth in digital operation among county hunters. I also hope that other digital county hunters will continue to enjoy meeting the challenges involved as much as I have (and will in the future).

I believe that digital county hunting has now matured to the point where it is no longer dependent on the efforts of any one person. I further believe that it will continue to grow vigorously. Even though I won't be writing Digital Happenings every month, Sharon and I will continue to be active in other digital activities.

I would love it if someone else would like to continue with these Digital Happenings articles! Whoever does this will, of course, be totally free to change the content (and even the title) to whatever they wish. There is nothing "sacred" about the structure of past articles. However, I do feel that the "Active Digital County Hunters Award Status" table (which shows peoples progress on the USA – Digital and 5 – Mode awards) needs to be continued. This table is maintained on a simple, easy to use Excel spreadsheet. I will be happy to help anyone learn how to update it and paste it into an article. If you feel the urge to take on this rewarding task, please call me any time at (303) 799-3658 and I will be pleased to discuss all the "ins and outs" with you.

Finally, please hold up on submitting updated status reports until further notice. You will be notified on when and how to resume reporting your status.

# Fldigi Tips:

Latest Version of Fldigi - 3.22.13. If you haven't already done so, you should update now. The download site can be found at <a href="http://www.w1hkj.com/download.html">http://www.w1hkj.com/download.html</a> .

### Access to Past Digital Happening Articles:

Click on the following link to open a PDF table which will allow you to access & download any past edition of Digital Happenings:

https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/RRArticles/DH-Index-07-25-2015.pdf

With the table open, find the article that addresses the subject(s) you wish to read, and click on the download link to save it to your computer. If you wish to print out any of the articles, you will need a color printer. Lacking a color printer, you can take the file (copied to a CD or thumb drive) to your local "Kinko" or similar print shop and they can do the job for you. Also, many of the links in past Digital Happenings may not work. If you have a problem with any link, please contact me directly (wonac@comcast.net) and I can help you get the desired files.

# July Digital County Hunter Activity:

Thanks mainly to Jim (N4JT) and Rick (W5QP), total digital "runs" in July remained at a high level. Using W6RK spot history I counted 262 digital "runs" made by 4 mobiles. More detail is given in the table below: Incidentally, congratulations and a big welcome to AI (N1API) on making his inaugural digital mobile run from Sumpter County, FL. We hope there are many more in the future, AI!

#	bigital Activity For July 2015 (24 June Th # Call Sign Name(s)		Number of "Runs"
1	N4JT	Jim	163
2	W5QP	Rick	86
3	NA8W	Darl	10
4	N1API	AI	3
5			
6			
		Total:	262
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Note: A run is defined as one call putting out one county on one mode

Counting "runs" for this table is a manual process. I simply count the various digital spots on the W6RK site over the date range. The numbers in this table are only crude estimates and are probably much lower than the true numbers. This is because many digital runs are never spotted. Also, when mobiles run 3 or 4 modes, only the first mode usually gets spotted. Even though the numbers are understated, I have been unable to come up with a better method.

### Active County Hunter Award Status:

Digital county hunters continue to make substantial progress toward completing their "USA – Digital Award" and "5 – Mode Award". 18 people have now logged at least 1000 counties toward completing the "USA – Digital Award". 4 additional people (K7REL, NW6S, NA8W, and NW6S) are "knocking on the door" with over 900 digital counties.

17 digital county hunters have logged over 50% of the 15,385 mode/counties needed to complete the "**5** – **Mode Award**". Seven people (N0KV, N1API, N4JT, W0NAC, W4YDY, W5QP, and WD4OIN) 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 now worked 10,816 (70.3%) of the 15,385 Counties/Modes needed to complete this award! What makes this achievement even more remarkable is that all of Dennis's and Susan's contacts were made with someone besides themselves and with no relays for Dennis.

Don't forget that both awards recognize intermediate levels of achievement. For example, the "**USA** – **Digital Award**" provides certificates for completing 1000, 2000, and 3000 counties in addition to the WBOW. The "**5** – **Mode Award**" provides for a separate award (certificate and mobile plaque) for working all counties in each State while using 5 different modes. Those completing the WBOW for the "**5** – **Mode Award**" will receive a special MARAC Trophy (paid for by MARAC).

				Active	Digita	l Coun	ty Hur	nters A	ward S	Status			
				USA - DIGITAL				<b>FIVE MODE</b>				[	
#			STATUS*	COUNTIES	%			COUNTIES				% 5-Mode	LAST
	CALL	NAME	(M,F,I)	(of 3077)	FINISHED	(1 MODE)	(2 MODES)	(3 MODES)	(4 MODES)	(5 MODES)	TOTAL	Completed	UPDATED
1	AA8R	Randy	F	1344	43.7%	3077	3077	1461	576	203	8394	54.6%	5/24/2014
2	AB7NK	Mary	r F/M	1344	43.770			1401	570	205	0	0.0%	5/24/2014
3	ACOB	Cliff	F	205	6.7%			-	-	_	0	0.0%	12/10/2012
4	KOFG	Fred	C	333	10.8%	3077	3041	336	60	19	6533	42.5%	1/1/2015
5	KOWJ	Lou	r C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	1/ 1/ 2013
6	K4PBX	Jim	r	689	22.4%	3037	671	137	82	39	3966	25.8%	7/23/2015
7	K5GE	Gene	r r	26	0.8%	1893	575	8	0	0	2476	16.1%	
8	K5WAF	Bill	r r	599	19.5%	3044	5/5 ?	° ?	?	?	3044	19.8%	5/26/2013 5/2/2013
<u> </u>	K7REL	Тот	r r	960	31.2%	3044	r 3077	r 974	r 196	۲ 92	7416	48.2%	7/22/2015
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-	K7SEN	Neil	F/M				-	-	-	-	-	0.0%	2/20/2015
11	K8QWY	Ed	F M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	2/42/2045
12	KA4RRU	Mike	<i>'</i>	1139	37.0%	3077	3022	1132	268	188	7687	<b>50.0%</b>	2/13/2015
13	KABJQP	Pamela	M/F	22	0.7%	202	64	53	28	4	351	2.3%	9/12/2013
14	KA9JAC	Bob	r c	584	19.0%	3077	3077	1784	345	101	8384	54.5%	1/22/2015
15	KC3X	Hollis	r	1026	33.3%	3077	3077	1034	931	877	8996	58.5%	5/19/2015
16	KC6AWX	Bob		450	14.6%	3077	1592	264	59	14	5006	32.5%	5/7/2013
17	KD7KST	Bill	M/F	1792	58.2%	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	9/30/2012
18	KF7PKL	Davis	F	473	15.4%	1022	268	67	19	4	1380	9.0%	1/12/2015
19	KG5RJ	Greg	F	930	30.2%	3053	2223	845	398	203	6722	43.7%	7/20/2015
20	KU4YM	Dave	F	133	4.3%	2862	130	66	19	8	3085	20.1%	10/16/2014
21	KM6HB	Mark	F	830	27.0%	3077	2936	694	87	1	6795	44.2%	7/4/2015
22	KW1DX	Dave	M/F	96	3.1%	3077	1145	99	70	40	4431	28.8%	1/10/2015
23	NOKV	Barry	M/F	662	21.5%	3077	3054	2552	515	177	9375	60.9%	3/28/2015
24	NOLXJ	Sharon	M/F	1512	49.1%	3077	2358	1385	710	435	7965	51.8%	7/24/2015
25	N1API	Al	F	1422	46.2%	3077	2903	1409	1141	1023	9553	<b>62.1%</b>	7/23/2015
26	N4JT	Jim	M/F	1358	44.1%	3077	3077	1475	1062	948	9639	62.7%	6/23/2015
27	N5MLP	Ron	M/F	391	12.7%	3077	409	54	37	9	3586	23.3%	5/19/2013
28	N6PDB	Dennis	M/F	1526	49.6%	3077	3062	1784	1516	1377	10816	70.3%	7/24/2015
29	N7JPF	Paul	F	212	6.9%	3077	1901	178	85	41	5282	34.3%	2/22/2015
30	N8CIJ	Dick	F	1312	42.6%	3077	3066	1311	915	751	9120	59.3%	7/21/2015
31	N9WNN	Steve	F	0	0.0%	2180	0	0	0	0	2180	14.2%	2/24/2013
32	NA8W	Darl	F/M	910	29.6%	3077	1407	812	495	261	6052	39.3%	4/29/2015
33	NFON	Mike	F	1181	38.4%	3077	3077	1355	558	321	8388	54.5%	6/15/2015
34	NN9K	Pete	F	816	26.5%	3077	859	78	1	0	4015	26.1%	3/23/2012
35	NW6S	Jim	F	927	30.1%	3077	3077	948	271	200	7573	49.2%	12/16/2014
36	NX4W	Lloyd	M/F	1415	46.0%	3077	1537	800	644	360	6418	41.7%	7/10/2015
37	WOEAR	Don	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
38	WONAC	Matt	M/F	1985	64.5%	3077	2901	2148	1354	748	10228	66.5%	7/24/2015
39	W1ATV	Walt	F	1243	40.4%	3077	2855	1172	641	382	8127	52.8%	7/26/2015
40	W3DLM	Don	F	818	26.6%	3077	2861	800	411	280	7429	48.3%	7/21/2015
41	W3ZUH	Dick	F	5	0.2%	3077	2048	11	2	0	5138	33.4%	12/4/2013
42	W4YDY	Dave	F	1411	45.9%	3077	3077	1516	931	729	9330	60.6%	7/23/2015
43	W5QP	Rick	M/F	1030	33.5%	3077	3027	1422	1070	971	9567	62.2%	7/24/2015
44	W7FEN	Larry	F	25	0.8%	3077	3001	32	1	0	6111	39.7%	7/10/2015
45	W7IN	Larry	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
46	W7QQ	Bill	M/F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
47	W8RCW	Rich	M/F	388	12.6%	2422	565	131	55	34	3207	20.8%	8/14/2014
48	W9JR	Rich	F	90	2.9%	3077	1674	44	0	0	4795	31.2%	10/31/2012
49	WA4EEZ	Leslie	F	1277	41.5%	3077	2431	1054	451	116	7129	46.3%	12/31/2014
50	WA4UNS	Doug	F	579	18.8%	3077	3050	579	400	400	7506	48.8%	7/4/2015
51	WA6OCV	Susan	M/F	465	15.1%	3077	680	576	535	225	5093	33.1%	5/26/2015
52	WA7ETH		F	228	7.4%	1932	428	39	3	0	2402	15.6%	10/26/2014
53	WB2ABD	Paul	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0.0%	
54	WD40IN		F	1537	50.0%	3077	3077	1545	1011	715	9425	61.3%	7/22/2015
55	WQ7A	Terry	F	1105	35.9%	3077	3077	1109	964	857	9084	59.0%	5/21/2015
56	WY4D	Ben	F	326	10.6%	3077	347	41	15	9	3489	22.7%	6/10/2014
50	W14D	Dell	ľ	320	10.0%	3077	J+/	41	13	3	3403	22.1/0	0/10/20.

# Next Month:

Hopefully, by next month someone else will be writing this article. I'm sure it will be different, but that is to be expected. I wish whoever it is the best of success.

When I complete the new utility program that was mentioned last month, I will make it available to all who need it to analyze their mobile runs.

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

The update process will be on temporary hold until a new author for Digital Happenings steps forward. When the new author is identified, I will make available to all a modified report utility program which will email your updates to the correct address.

73's and we hope to see you on our waterfall often and soon when we make future digital runs!

Matt – W0NAC



Roadrun	ner - Birthdays
Call	Birthday Date
K5CM	Aug - 01
W7CB	Aug - 01
AA4GT	Aug - 01
N5WD	Aug - 01
W1BPT	Aug - 01
WA5BDU	Aug - 01
K3TEM	Aug - 01
WA6HBV	Aug - 01
N5HLG	Aug - 01
K8ZZ	Aug - 01
AJ5ZX	Aug - 02
КЗМІ	Aug - 02
N7LFX	Aug - 02
HB9RG	Aug - 02
NO3X	Aug - 02
W1EKZ	Aug - 02
K1TKL	Aug - 03
N3PYQ	Aug - 03
WC5B	Aug - 03
N9ID	Aug - 03
K6INM	Aug - 03
KR0G	Aug - 04
KOFG	Aug - 04
AE5EA	Aug - 04
N2JNE	Aug - 04
N5WRX	Aug - 04
KX4XX	Aug - 04
W7PFZ	Aug - 04
AC4XL	Aug - 05
AB7RW	Aug - 05
KC2AHL	Aug - 05
N8EMV	Aug - 05
NG0T	Aug - 06
N5OHQ	Aug - 06

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N9RNG	Aug - 07
KD7RM	Aug - 07
K8ZKJ	Aug - 07
EA8CTB	Aug - 07
WA1UDI	Aug - 07
AF8CS	Aug - 08
квокх	Aug - 08
KFOLZ	Aug - 08
WN8F	Aug - 08
кібүх	Aug - 08
W7IN	Aug - 08
W9DND	Aug - 08
AA5LM	Aug - 09
KE9OI	Aug - 09
K9XE	Aug - 09
АК4Р	Aug - 10
ккој	Aug - 10
W7ZC	Aug - 10
KN4EH	Aug - 10
KD0U	Aug - 10
N6DQ	Aug - 10
AC2J	Aug - 11
WW8O	Aug - 11
AA9JY	Aug - 11
AF0O	Aug - 12
KI7SS	Aug - 12
NOBZ	Aug - 12
NP2C	Aug - 13
KQ6MN	Aug - 13
KA1LSD	Aug - 13
N1AM	Aug - 14
К4ҮТ	Aug - 14
AA1VA	Aug - 14
WAOUPL	Aug - 14

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Call	Birthday Date
KC4OV	Aug - 15
WA2ILB	Aug - 15
W4QCP	Aug - 15
KV4GO	Aug - 16
којv	Aug - 16
WQ7A	Aug - 16
W6TPC	Aug - 17
N5QLZ	Aug - 17
AJ4A	Aug - 17
KG4NNK	Aug - 17
KB3FN	Aug - 17
K7NN	Aug - 17
K2UPD	Aug - 17
W8PN	Aug - 18
KW7JS	Aug - 18
WOFP	Aug - 18
K9IR	Aug - 18
N1AW	Aug - 18
WK9O	Aug - 19
WA7JHQ	Aug - 19
WB4ZXP	Aug - 20
W9HB	Aug - 20
AB7CB	Aug - 20
K6BM	Aug - 21
KJ4JC	Aug - 21
KF8XK	Aug - 21
WA4VCB	Aug - 21
AD4RE	Aug - 21
AH6EZ	Aug - 21
NW6S	Aug - 22
N4JJ	Aug - 22
WD4HVZ	Aug - 22
W7RIP	Aug - 22
KONO	Aug - 22

Roadrunn	er - Birthdays
Call	Birthday Date
N7MT	Aug - 22
KB5JN	Aug - 23
K6SSD	Aug - 23
AA8R	Aug - 23
ккојх	Aug - 23
K7DOL	Aug - 23
KW1DX	Aug - 23
WW1H	Aug - 24
KW4V	Aug - 24
WT3W	Aug - 24
NOUR	Aug - 24
W4SIG	Aug - 24
N5PB	Aug - 24
AAOLV	Aug - 24
K5NJ	Aug - 24
KD4HXM	Aug - 24
W1PX	Aug - 25
W2CC	Aug - 25
KE4UP	Aug - 25
K9DZG	Aug - 25
N5LP	Aug - 25
KB4JAA	Aug - 25
КОСО	Aug - 25
K8ZEE	Aug - 25
W4SKW	Aug - 25
WA4PGM	Aug - 26
K5JF	Aug - 26
NS3U	Aug - 26
WOUBT	Aug - 26
WB4VFN	Aug - 26
KCOVYS	Aug - 26
NOGAK	Aug - 26
W8CE	Aug - 27
N7HT	Aug - 27

Roadrunn	ner - Birthdays
Call	Birthday Date
W0CML	Aug - 27
W4IO	Aug - 28
K7WY	Aug - 28
KC7JC	Aug - 28
AG4IF	Aug - 28
WA4QPD	Aug - 29
WOETT	Aug - 29
K2WJ	Aug - 29
K6NA	Aug - 29
NR2S	Aug - 29
WD5GNX	Aug - 29
WQ1H	Aug - 29
W5GND	Aug - 29
N4USM	Aug - 29
N9AZI	Aug - 29
KOUMD	Aug - 30
NU7G	Aug - 30
KJ8W	Aug - 30
WC8R	Aug - 30
W8DUV	Aug - 31
K9FRW	Aug - 31
W3HZB	Aug - 31
KR6F	Aug - 31
KOIG	Aug - 31
N6KMR	Aug - 31
KIORD	Aug - 31
W8BMZ	Aug - 31



# ROADRUNNER

# Awards

	Roadrunner Issued For July					
Call	Date	Award	Number			
KA9JAC	7/25/2015	5 Star	# 71			
WG9A	7/20/2015	5 Star	# 70			
WB4KZW	7/20/2015	Call Combo 1x3	# 19			
KA1JPR	7/8/2015	YL – OM	# 3			
WQ7A	7/21/2015	Mobile Diamond	# 7			
WD40IN	7/22/2015	Master's Gold	# 67			
AB7NK	7/20/2015	Master's Gold	# 66			
K5GE	7/16/2015	USA-CW II	# 143			
AB7NK	7/19/2015	BINGO II	# 97			
W4SIG	7/12/2015	BINGO II	# 96			
ΝΟΚν	7/3/2015	Worked all Counties - 4th Time	# 165			

	Roadrunner Issued For July						
Call	Date	Count	Award	Number			
WA9DLB	7/23/2015	Last County Count 100	Last County Count 100	# 247			
NOKV	7/20/2015	Last County Count 675	Last County Count 675	# 22			
W0GXQ	7/23/2015	Last County Count 975	Last County Count 975	# 11			
KW1DX	7/25/2015	Last County Count 400	Last County Count 400	# 48			
N9AC	7/23/2015	Last County Count 75	Last County Count 75	# 277			
N9QPQ	7/23/2015	Last County Count 1275	Last County Count 1275	#4			
N8KIE	7/23/2015	Last County Count 1000	Last County Count 1000	#9			
N8KIE	7/23/2015	Last County Count 1025	Last County Count 1025	#7			
N8KIE	7/25/2015	Last County Count 1050	Last County Count 1050	#6			
K5GE	7/25/2015	Last County Count 450	Last County Count 450	# 42			
N8KIE	7/25/2015	Last County Count 1075	Last County Count 1075	#6			
N8KIE	7/23/2015	Last County Count 975	Last County Count 975	# 10			



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Treasurer's Report (W0NAC) June 2015*				
<b>Beginning Account Balances June 6, 2015</b>			\$39,859.66	
June Income:				
Money Market Interest	\$1.48			
Awards Manager Income	\$761.50			
Membership Income	\$518.00			
Logger distribution	\$0.00			
Total Income:	_	\$1,280.98		
June 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 (chspots Domain Name)	\$0.00			
June Other Expenses:				
Awards Manager Expenses	\$464.43			
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	\$0.00			
Misc Expense (Stop Payment on CK#1057)	\$30.00			
Total Expenses:		\$494.43		
June Net Income Less Expenses			\$786.55	
New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts:			\$40,646.21 #	
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Checking Account Balance Money Market Account Balance		\$4,562.97 <u>\$36,083.24</u>		
Total Cash All Accounts:		<u>\$30,083.24</u>	\$40,646.21 #	
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The following monies are not included in the account balances above: Awards Manager's Funds \$1,500.00

\* Includes June Transactions through 7/7/2015

# From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of June should be discounted by \$7,794.00. This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are \$32,852.21.



# Awards Manager's Report July 31, 2015

# Funds Balance June 30, 2015

# \$1,500.00

Income	\$ 761.50
	<u>\$ 761.50</u>
Expenses:	
Office supplies	\$ 0.00
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 785.00
Postage	\$ 281.38
	<u>\$ 1066.38</u>

Sent to Treasurer Reimbursement received from Treasurer	\$ 424.00 \$ 1066.38
Funds Balance July 31, 2015	\$1500.00
Members Funds on Hand June 30, 2015	\$ 7794.00
Income – Funds deposited or Used	- <u>211.00</u>
Total Funds on Hand for Members	\$ 7583.00



**MARAC 2015 Member Awards** 

County Hunter of the Year CW: N4CD Bob Voss

Best Net Control SSB: KZ2P Jim Grandinetti

Best Net Control CW: W0GXQ Jerry Mertz

Best Mobile SSB: W4SIG Kerry Long

Best Mobile CW: W0GXQ Jerry Mertz

Best Mobile Team: KB0BA/N0XYL Lowell & Sandra Tennyson

Please take time to congratulate these members for a job well done and for furthering the advancement of County Hunting.

# **Ballot Recognition**

I would like to congratulate the following individuals. These calls are in order of finish 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for the year 2015.

BEST NET CONTROL SSB: KZ2P, AB7NK, WY8I

BEST NET CONTROL CW: W0GXQ, N4CD, NM2L

BEST MOBILE SSB: W4SIG, KB6UF, AB7NK

**BEST MOBILE CW:** W0GXQ, W4SIG, N4CD

BEST TEAM: KB0BA/N0DXE, AB7NK/ K7SEN, AA9JJ/N9QPQ

Kent Reinke, KV7N MARAC Election Coordinator 1826 E 4500 N Buhl, Idaho 83316



# Board of Directors Meeting MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB

President David Splitt (KE3VV) called the meeting to order at 1300Z on July 16, 2015.

#### **Board Members present at the Villages, FL** President – David Splitt (KE3VV) Secretary – James Grandinetti (KZ2P) North Central Director – Tony Mazzocco (WA9DLB) Northeast Director – Al Kaiser (N1API)

#### Board Members present via the mIRC Chat Room or phone

Past President – Joyce Boothe (WB9NUL) Treasurer – Matt Matthew (W0NAC) Great Lakes Director – Dan Mulford (KM9X) Pacific Director – Robert Devine (KC6AWX) Southeast Director – Kerry Long (W4SIG)

Motion by WA9DLB to accept the minutes of the February 4, 2015 Meeting. Seconded by N1API. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 in favor and none opposed.

Motion by N1API to approve the Treasurer's Reports for January 2015, February 2015, March 2015, April 2015 and May 2015. Seconded by WA9DLB. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

Motion by KZ2P to approve Awards Manager's Financial Reports for March 2015, May 2015 and June 2015. Seconded by N1API. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

#### **Old Business**

Membership Committee – W4SIG reported that a few MARAC members have offered their help in recruiting new members. Some of the ideas include sponsoring MARAC booths at local hamfests and reaching out to State QSO party participants. The below list of MARAC membership was provided by KZ2P and added to this report at the instructions of KE3VV:

	MARAC MEMBERSHIP	
1992	895	
1998	599	
1999	484	
2000	634	
2001	698	
2002	862	
2003	836	
2004	738	
2005	696	
2006	661	
2007	645	
2008	645	
2009	520	
2010	534	
2011	542	
2012	542	
2013	524	
2014	490	
2015	486	

Motion by W0NAC to table the below motion by KC6AWX. Seconded by W4SIG. The motion was defeated by a vote 2 in favor and 6 opposed.

Motion by KC6AWX to extend the memberships of all current MARAC Members by an additional five (5) years. This action will be effective August 1, 2015. New or rejoining member's dues would be addressed as follows: An additional 5 years until 8/2016, an additional 4 years until 8/2017, an additional 3 years until 8/2018, an additional 2 years until 8/2019 and an additional 1 year until 8/2020. Seconded by WB9NUL. The motion was approved by a vote 5 in favor and 3 opposed.

KE3VV instructed the Secretary to expend all current members, as of July 31, 2015, expirations by an additional 5 years.

#### **New Business**

Motion by WA9DLB to approve MARAC Merit Awards for Percy Ford (KA1JPR) and James Grandinetti (KZ2P) for hosting the 2015 MARAC National Convention. Seconded by N1API. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

Motion by KZ2P to approve a MARAC Outstanding Service Award for Dick Brocaw (K5VYT) for his service as MARAC South Central Director. Seconded by WB9NUL. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 in favor and none opposed.

Motion by WA9DLB to approve a MARAC Outstanding Service Award for Dan Mulford (KM9X) for his service as MARAC Great Lakes Director. Seconded by WB9NUL. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

Motion by N1API to approve a MARAC Outstanding Service Award for Tony Mazzocco (WA9DLB) for his service as MARAC North Central Director. Seconded by WB9NUL. The motion was approved by a vote of 7 in favor, 1 abstention and none opposed.

Motion by WA9DLB to amend the motion by W0NAC that final individual vote totals for all candidates in the 2015 election be released to all MARAC members via posting on the MARAC web site within 10 days after this motion is approved and also printed in the August 2015 issue of the Roadrunner when it is published. The amended motion would provide that, upon request, voting information (vote totals) would be made available to individual candidates. The voting information would be only the information for/about that candidate. Seconded by WB9NUL. The amendment was approved by a vote of 4 in favor, 2 abstentions and 2 opposed.

Motion by WA9DLB to provide voting information (vote totals), upon request, be made available to individual candidates involved in an election. The voting information would be only for/about that candidate. Seconded by WB9NUL. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 2 abstentions and none opposed.

W0NAC reported that Logger II status can best be described at this time as dormant, not dead. I expect a revival of activity after the new BOD takes office.

Discussion to have MARAC report periodic vote totals during the general election month was made irrelevant due to passage of the above motion.

Being no further business to discuss, motion by N1API to adjourn the meeting at 1405Z. Seconded by WB9NUL. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of in 6 favor and none opposed.

Respectfully submitted, James Grandinetti, Secretary



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# Events

- 8/1 10-10 SSB CONTEST
- 8/1 NA CW QP
- 8/8 MD-DC QP
- 8/15 NA SSB QP
- 8/16 ROOKIE RTTY RND UP
- 8/17 RUN4BACON
- 8/22 HI QP
- 8/22 OH QP
- 8/29 W/VE ISLANDS QP
- 8/29 KS QP

# ONLY START DATE SHOWN

# CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO THAT WEB SITE

# **Dave's Call**



Wait, what? Matt's retiring from Digital Happenings? Can't say as I blame him. Three years is a long time to write these very informative articles. It's an even longer time since he had to put up with me trying to get his articles formatted correctly in the RR. I hope you're like me and learned a lot. Will one of you step up to the plate and try to carry on as Matt requests? Sure hope so.

**Awards Committee** 

These MARAC members are serving on the Awards Committee:

Awards Manager - Bob Devine (KC6AWX)

Phil Yasson (AB7RW)

Dave Splitt (KE3VV)

Kent Reinke (KV7N)

Ed Palagyi (KN4Y)

"Matt" Matthew (W0NAC)

Ron Clift (N5MLP)

The County Line Roadrunner MARAC Secretary 2690 Bohicket Rd Johns Island, SC 29455

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

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