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Riding the County Lion Dave – KE3VV

Do you have any idea how much sunblock is required to keep a Big Green Dragon from getting sunburned in February? None if you are in Washington, DC or New York or Buffalo or Boston. But down here in Florida it takes a bit more. Nevertheless, to add insult to injury to all those shivering souls we left behind in the Winter Wonderland of the Frozen North, we took a cruise to Jamaica and the Caymans and Mexico to get away from the Florida chill (60's). Some good SCUBA diving and lots of good food and fun – and the gold medal for being the big winners at trivia on the ship (thanks to my youngest daughter, Sarah, who is a sponge for interesting facts and useless information). Back in Florida to manage the new kitchen countertops (can't take anything for granite when it comes to contractors) and then heading to the Keys for some additional diving and fishing and a big fundraiser for coral restoration.

Now that I am a lame duck MARAC officer (the County Lion has inquired about the proper way to affect a dignified Presidential limp), I am focusing on future endeavors – and where county hunting is concerned, that means road trips... lots of road trips. Of course, I have to balance those off with other adventures to provide Laurene with trips that don't include Morse code or random shouts of "Two-Two!! Two-Two!! Over" I really marvel at her tolerance for mobile operations in the Big Green Dragon. That looks like it will manifest itself in a trip to Norway and the fjords with a cruise above the Arctic Circle to see if we can spot some aurora in this period of solar quiet.

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There are only a few days left to put your name in the hopper as a candidate for one of the MARAC officer and director positions that will be filled in the May election. Nominations close on March 11th, and the candidates will be posted on the MARAC web site a few days after that (to allow for receipt of last minute mailed nominations). If you have always wanted to wield unfathomable power and influence over your fellow county hunters (or as the County Lion says, “become a really big fish in a really small pond”), you should let Kent know which position would fulfill your dreams for the plunge into MARAC politics. I will be hanging around for a while on the Board in the *ex officio* position of Past President, which differs greatly from President because the incumbent can actually vote even when there is no need to break a tie (which has never happened in my several terms as President). And, by the way, the rumors that Donald Trump has an Amateur Extra license and is going to run for President of MARAC on the platform of *Make MARAC Great Again!!* are not true. An anonymous emailer swore that he read it on the IMC Forum, but I think it was either a bug in the software or a worm in the tequila.

In other ham radio activities, I am trying to decide what kind of antenna will best serve my needs here in Florida – we live in one of those rare gated communities that allows ham radio antennas. I don’t have any ambition to throw up a lot of aluminum (and not sure my neighbors would appreciate having a monster Eiffel Tower next door anyway). I like wire antennas, so maybe I will try to figure out the best way to hang wire from palm trees.

Tomorrow is opening day for the Washington Nationals baseball team Spring Training camp games here in Viera, so I foresee a month of baseball and beer ahead (at least after I get back from my road trip to the Keys). Take care everyone and remember that as long as the earth keeps wandering around the sun at full (well, at least partial) tilt, the days of spring and summer are just around the corner. I would give a more definitive report, but the County Lion ate the groundhog. 73, and Good Hunting!

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

The deep, blue eyes of springtime peer at the infusion of CW county hunter's mobiles.

I am in good spirits, county hunter Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow and soon the CW mobiles will venture out transmitting from the many counties. I am snapped back to reality by the barking of Gator's 4X4 as he enters the driveway, down shifts, and slides to a stop by the recycled railroad tie. Gator dismounts and comes into the shack carrying the familiar white cardboard box, "Good morning Dude, ready for a special latte? I had an extra espresso shot added to each cup; it will ease all your pain." I fake a smile of anticipation, grab a latte and take a sip, "Yes, this is comparable to working Kauai County, almost." Gator smiles like a wet dog at a bathing station; he grabs a latte and with the other hand turns on the computer. We sip our poor man's ecstasy as the computer warms up. Gator looks at the screen, "I see you have some new logs."

Gator does the mouse thing and says, "I am somewhat impressed, You made 16 QSO's in the British Columbia QSO party, whatever that is, Three QSO's in the Vermont QSO party and you showed out in the Minnesota QSO party with 75 QSO's." I shake my hand to get Gator's attention, "Gator check my Minnesota QSO party log and see what I did." Gator sips his latte and brings up the log, "Not a total waste of time, you worked five no-stars, one 80-meter QSO and got your last 1x2 call in Minnesota. Have you sent a LC?" I shake my head yes and sip my latte.

"Dude, I drove by the sheriff's office complex the past weekend and I saw your truck parked next to the County Emergency Management Command trailer and I noticed the portable tower with a Hex beam mounted setting twenty feet away. What the heck is going on?" I sip my latte, "I thought I told you our local club, the Sportsman's Paradise ARC, is participating in the Winter Field Day exercise." "Why?" "The idea is to encourage emergency preparedness in the winter." "Never heard of this activity, is it new?" "Yes Gator it is a virgin outing." Gator shakes his head, "Did any club members show up?" I get another latte, "You bet your butt they did, the Chief honcho Doug, K4GKJ gave me a list of attendees. Bob, KB5IKR, Bob, KK4BOC, Dave, KM4MPU, Ashley, KN4NN, Chris, KO4DN and Matt, NG5Z. I went there while they were setting up, I could not stray long. A total of 240 contacts were logged."

Gator is not impressed, "I just notice you worked the Dutch PACC Contest, how were band conditions in Pennsylvania?" "No Gator I worked the Dutch stations in the Netherlands, good band conditions." Gator sips his latte, "Hey Dude did you know the MARAC Michigan Mini is April 21-23? Are you going?" "No Gator. You know I have been banned from the State of Michigan." "I bet Ed could get you a Visa." "No, Ed no longer lives in Michigan." "Bummer." I hand Gator a stripped pink purple memory stick, "Here make yourself useful and check out my ARRL CW DX Contest log." Gator gives me the finger and turns towards the computer. I hear him mutter, "The Dude ran single band ten meters in a DX contest, it is time to get his medicine reevaluated." "What did you say?" "I said you operated on only ten meters and made 100 contacts of which 4 four were dupes. Hope you did not strain yourself." "I have a good reason. Darn I just forgot what the reason was. Check out my North and South Carolina QSO party results."

"By the way Dude do you plan any National Parks on the Air activity soon?" No Gator not until the Georgia QSO party..." Gator's cell phone ring-a-dings, "Sorry Dude, the North and South Carolina

QSO party logs will have to wait, there seems to be a problem with a cooling tower sump pump.” He is gone like wine at the Michigan Mini convention, I hear him yell, “Did you know Sanka was the coffee served on the Titanic?” The printer stops, it is a list of stations that operated during February on the county hunter’s CW call frequencies. I read: AI5P, AK8A, K0FG, K1TKL, K2MF, K4YT, K7IV, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KS5A, N0FG, N0SM, N4AAT, N4CD, N4JT, N7JPF, N9JF, N9JT, NA8W, W0EAR, W4SIG, W5QP, W7FEN, W9MSE, and WA3QNT.

The March equinox arrives with many county hunters operating mobile in the various State QSO parties, starting off this party month is the Oklahoma QSO party, with 77 counties up for grabs. Scheduled to operate mobile is that renown power county hunter Jerry, K4YAA and driving from Texas the county hunter Norm, W3DYA. Then prepare for the Idaho QSO party with 44 counties up for grabs. Then along comes the Wisconsin QSO party with 72 counties up for grabs and if the bands cooperate and the creeks don’t rise the versatile county hunter Jeff, W9MSE, will be operating mobile. Feel the excitement? Ending the March parade of QSO parties is the Louisiana QSO Party with 64 counties up for grabs with another mobile operation by that sweet Texan Norm, W3DYA. Concurrently there is the Virginia QSO party with 72 counties up for grabs. Want more CW radio activity, try the South America ten meter contest, or get on 160-meters and operate the Stew Perry Topband Challenge. Maybe the Russian DX contest or if sideband inclined try the CW WW WPX contest. There are three signs of old age. The first is loss of memory, the other two...Nap time before daylight saving time begins..



Dayton Hamvention

By Kerry W4SIG

This May 20-22 MARAC will have a booth at the Dayton Hamvention! We look forward to putting our best foot forward to educate folks about the joys of county hunting and the benefits of MARAC membership. Please plan on dropping by the booth and visiting. Also, let me know if you would be willing to man the booth for a short period. I am really looking forward to this, come join us!!



New Members

<u>MARAC Number</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Name</u>
R4618	N1DN	Phil Roland
R4619	WD0E	Jim White



Looking for Digital Happenings?

By W0NAC (“Matt”)

Digital Happenings #36 (published in July 2015) was the last article published. It has been replaced with a new web site “All Things Digital” which you can find at <http://www.w0nac.com> . A link to this new site is also provided on the MARAC web site (<http://marac.org>) under the “Digital by W0NAC” tab on the home page.

The new site continues the popular “Active Digital County Hunters Award Status” table. It also provides a means of downloading any or all of the past 36 Digital Happenings articles plus several utility programs you may find useful. The Award Status table (displayed on the new site’s home page) will be updated frequently. Please continue using the Digital Report Utility (which sends an email to me) as you have done in the past, except there is no longer any deadline to meet.

In case you are doing your digital award updates for the first time, here is a link to a Word document which explains the process in detail: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/26171574/Happenings/5-Mode-Update.doc> .

Matt – W0NAC



Dues

Please refer to the MARAC Database for membership expiration dates.

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

Second Request

Nominations are now in order for the 2016 CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year Awards. Nominations must be received by your District Director not later than March 31ST 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 Awards Manager by 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.

MARAC 2016 ELECTIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

Last Request

Nominations are currently open for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer (all 2 year terms). Nominations are also open for the following Directorships: Northeast Director – 3 year term expiring 2019 and Pacific Director- 3 year term expiring 2019.

Nominations will be open for 60 days - from January 5th through March 10th. Nominations must be received and affirmed by the nominee by no later than March 10, 2016. Any current member of MARAC is eligible to run for office. For the District Director position, you must live within the District which is listed on the MARAC website.

If you are willing to serve MARAC in an elected position, please send your nomination to KR@GCI.NET or via regular mail, which I must receive by March 10th.

MARAC VOTING INFORMATION

Remember, if you are a new member or are REJOINING following a lapse in membership, you are **NOT** eligible to submit nominations or vote in an election until the first day of the month following receipt of initial payment of dues and valid membership application to the Secretary of MARAC.

Those individuals maintaining uninterrupted membership status are not restricted from nominating or voting in the current month.

If you are unsure of your membership status, please go to the MARAC web site at <http://marac.org> click on **Member Database** and enter your call in **Call Lookup** to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

BALLOT RECOGNITION
3rd Quarter 2016

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition from their peers and votes in the 3rd quarter award voting. They are in no particular order and have received at least 3 points. They are given 2 points for a first place and 1 point for a second place vote. There were 12 electronic ballots received this quarter.

NET CONTROL SSB: NF0N, AA8R, WY8I,

NET CONTROL CW: W0GXQ, K0DEQ

BEST MOBILE SSB: K0FG, AB7NK, KA2LHO, K5GE, W4SIG, KB6UF

BEST MOBILE CW: N4CD, W4SIG

BEST TEAM: KB0BA/N0XYL, N6PDB/WA6OCV, AB7NK/K7SEN, N0KV/N0DXE

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



**MARAC National Website
Up and Running!**

Kerry, W4SIG

The website for the 2016 MARAC National in Memphis, TN Aug 1-4 is up and running! Please check it out at <http://national.marac.org/> . You can see details on the activities, tourism info, forums, and banquet info. Please print and send in your registration form to Pat, N0DXE. Also, go ahead and make your hotel reservations now. We are going to have some great prizes as well!

Kerry Long



MARAC 2016 National

Memphis, TN

48th Annual National Convention 2016 Registration

Aug 1st- 4th Memphis, TN

(Deadline for Early Registration Prize Drawing is May 1st, 2016)

NAME: _____ CALLSIGN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ST/PROV: _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____ PHONE: _____

Convention registration fee: \$45.00
(One Registration fee/family unit – Includes 1 prize ticket)

Name on Badge: _____ Callsign: _____ USACA# _____

Additional Name Badges (list info below) Total # _____ @ \$5 each = \$ _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ USACA# _____ Relation: _____

Name _____ Callsign _____ USACA# _____ Relation: _____

Relation: S-Spouse, D-Daughter, S-Son, M-Mother, F-Father, O-Other

Photos Desired (Circle ones you want)

Photos (8x10) Group – USA CA Holders – YL – CW Ops _____ x\$5= \$ _____

Photos (emailed) Group – USA CA Holders – YL – CW Ops (Free/included w/registration)

Extra Prize Tickets (Increase your chances of winning the Big Prizes!)

Single Tickets _____ x \$1 = \$ _____

12 Pack Tickets _____ x \$10 = \$ _____

Events & Activities (Read detailed descriptions on following pages)

Monday, Aug 1 – Check in and hospitality room

Tuesday, Aug 2 – Graceland & Memphis Music Guided BusTour: 8:30 AM-5:30 PM _____ x \$88= \$ _____

Aug 2 – Do-It-Yourself Activities/Shopping, etc.

Aug 2 – Catered Memphis BBQ Dinner at hotel 6:00 PM _____ x \$8.50= \$ _____

Wednesday, Aug 3 – CW Forum, Remote Op Forum, Antenna Forum, then free time for tourism

Thursday, Aug 4 – MARAC Board Meeting 10:00 AM, Digital Forum, Pictures 6:15 PM, Banquet/Dinner Buffet 6:30 PM _____ x \$37= \$ _____

Member Trivia, door prizes, main prizes, announcements

Mail your registration form and check, made payable to “2016 MARAC Convention” to:

Pat Mitchell, N0DXE
12200 Boothill Dr
Parker CO 80138

Hotel Reservations: (\$109 for King or Double)

Hyatt Place Germantown, 9161 Winchester Rd, Germantown TN 38138

Call 888-492-8847, and request Group Code: G-MARA , or online at:

http://www.germantown.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=G-mara

Door prizes/Gift Exchange: Everyone please bring a gift valued at no more than \$15. These will be swapped via ticket drawing (no fee for a ticket)

MARAC member trivia – At registration we will ask you to describe a little-known fact about yourself. It doesn't have to be regarding county hunting, or even ham radio. Just something interesting we might want to know. We will have fun with this!

Door Prizes – Everyone please bring a gift valued at no more than \$15. These will be swapped via ticket drawing (no fee for a ticket).

Main Prizes- Everyone will get a ticket for the main prize drawings. Additional tickets can be purchased at the event or in advance at a discounted rate. Get your chances in on one of several mobile HF rigs, Signalink USB for digital operation, mobile antennas, and more!

DETAILS ON DAILY ACTIVITIES:

Monday, Aug 1

Check in- you know the drill. Check in to your room and check in with the MARAC registration table for your packet of info. We will have refreshments in the hospitality room.

At 8:00 PM I will make a short presentation in the hospitality room on the week's activities.

Tuesday, Aug 2

Memphis Music Tour Day, 8:30AM to 5:30 PM – You don't want to miss this! Buses will pick us all up at 8:30AM and cruise us over to Elvis' Graceland. There we will take the Graceland Platinum Tour & Airplanes Tour. This includes:

- A multimedia ipad tour of Graceland mansion and grounds
- Graceland Archives Experience
- Self-guided tour of Elvis' two custom airplanes, the Lisa Marie and Hound Dog II
- Self-guided tour of Elvis' automobile museum, including his famous pink Cadillac
- Self-guided tour of I Shot Elvis: The Exhibit
- Self-guided tour of Elvis' Tupelo
- Self-guided tour of Elvis' Hawaii: Concerts, Movies, and More Exhibit

The average tour time 3-3.5 hours (more details can be found at graceland.com)

We will then board the buses and have a box lunch on the way downtown for the Memphis Mojo Tour. These tours have been classified as rolling concerts, so you'll need your instrument (don't worry, they've got you covered) and a camera to capture the good times. A Beale Street professional musician will personally give you one of the more unique and entertaining views of our great city. The Home of the Blues comes alive on this city tour. The musicians play and sing selections from the city's rich musical heritage, while entertaining you with comedy, history, and behind-the-scenes stories of your favorite Memphis personalities.

Along the way, you will see:

- Beale Street
- Stax Studio

- The Lorraine Motel
- Cotton Row
- Peabody Hotel
- Overton Park
- Historic Central Gardens
- St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital
- Early homes of Elvis, B. B. King, and Johnny Cash
- Sun Studio (an inside tour of the "birthplace of rock 'n roll and original recording studio of Rock, country music, and rockabilly artists such as Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Charlie Rich, Roy Orbison, and others)

We will then head back to the hotel for a catered Memphis style Corky's BBQ dinner (optional but HIGHLY recommended), casual style starting at 6:00 PM, including:

- BBQ Chicken
- Pulled Pork BBQ
- Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Rolls, buns
- Iced tea, lemonade

Wednesday, Aug 3

9:00 AM CW County Hunter Forum, Bob N4CD

10:00 AM Remote Operations Forum, Pete NN9K

10:45 AM Mobile Antenna Forum, Barry W9UCW

Free time for tourism:

- The hotel has a shuttle that can take you anywhere within a 5 mile radius. This will get you to two of the best shopping centers in town (The Shops of Saddle Creek and Carriage Crossing), and to dozens of great restaurants.
- Want to see the city without driving everywhere? Go downtown and get on board with the Memphis Hop. For one low price this shuttle makes stops at 10 Memphis attractions every hour. Spend as much time as you want in each attraction and catch the next bus to move on at your own pace. The Memphis Hop operates Tuesday - Sunday each week and daily passes are only \$22 for adults. Get the details at MemphisHop.com

☐ American Dream Safari:



In the back of a 1955 Cadillac, Tad Pierson takes you on a journey like you've never experienced. His American Dream Safari company offers themed rides, including Juke Joint Full of Blues, a Delta Day Trip and a soul-soothing Road Therapy Tour. Tad has done personal tours for some very influential folks as the autographed door panels would indicate, and his rich historic and cultural knowledge are as vast as the Mississippi River is long. He can fit up to 5 people in his Cadillac. A three hour personalized tour for up to 5 passengers is \$200. Contact him directly for a reservation at 901-527-8870

☐ Memphis Uptown Carriage Rides



Spend any amount of time in downtown Memphis, and you'll surely come across a carriage. Saddle up for a horse-drawn carriage tour with the family or choose a romantic after-dinner trot exploring the heart of downtown. You'll get your own driver for these one-hour tours (with their ever-present canine companion) giving you a spin on the Memphis scene.

Other Memphis Sites of Special Interest:

Upon registration you will be sent a vacation guide of Memphis for your vacation planning. Some of special interest are:

- The Peabody Hotel – the South’s Grand Hotel.



With a style and tradition befitting one of Memphis’ grandest, most legendary hotels, The Peabody Memphis offers a magnificent bridge between the “Blues City’s” celebrated past and cosmopolitan present. Nestled in the heart of downtown, this historic Forbes Four-Star, AAA Four-Diamond hotel offers a one-of-a-kind experience just blocks from Beale Street, the Memphis Rock ‘n Soul Museum, the Gibson Guitar Factory, Fed-Ex Forum, Sun Studio, the Orpheum Theatre and the Memphis Cook Convention Center. Of special interest are the Peabody Ducks that parade off the elevator via a red carpet ceremony every day at 11AM and return at 5:00 PM to their rooftop palace. A real show!!! Arrive early to get a good view. More details at peabodymemphis.com.

- Memphis Pyramid Bass Pro Shop



An outdoors store unlike any other! It’s a new national destination experience located inside the massive iconic Pyramid in Downtown Memphis, TN. This new, immersive retail experience offers something for everyone from the serious outdoor enthusiast to families looking to have fun. This is much more than just a store. Inside the expansive 535,000-square-foot pyramid are many experiences and features that offer something for everyone. In addition to a vast assortment of outdoor gear, the Pyramid includes a wilderness hotel called Big Cypress Lodge, nearly 600,000 gallons of water features, a cypress swamp with 100-foot-tall trees an 84,000-gallon alligator habitat, and underwater ecosystems including aquariums teeming with more than 1,800 fish, the interactive Ducks Unlimited Waterfowling Heritage Center, Uncle Buck’s Fishbowl and Grill, a nautical-themed restaurant and bar with a saltwater aquarium and a

13-lane ocean-themed bowling alley, Beretta Fine Gun Center, the nation's tallest 28-Story Freestanding Glass Elevator and The Lookout, a breathtaking glass-floored cantilevering observation deck at the top of the 32-story steel Pyramid. With an array of retail, educational and fun attractions for guests of all ages, Bass Pro Shops at the Pyramid is one of the most dynamic, captivating retail adventures in the world.

□ National Civil Rights Museum- Loraine Motel



At the place of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death in 1968 in Memphis, TN, the National Civil Rights Museum is a renowned educational and cultural institution. The Museum chronicles the American Civil Rights Movement with compelling presentations of iconic exhibits, oral histories of lesser-known civil rights foot soldiers, and visceral, in-the-moment experiences. Visitors will learn through emotionally charged, multi-user, multi-touch interactives, and a visually engaging, contemporary exhibit design that guides you through five centuries of history. More info at Civilrightsmuseum.org

□ Memphis Zoo



One of only a handful of American zoos to house Chinese Pandas. The Memphis Zoo, located in Midtown Memphis is home to more than 3,500 animals representing over 500 different species. Created in April 1906, the zoo has been a major tenant of Overton Park for more than 100 years.

- Stax Museum of American Soul Music.



The Stax Museum of American Soul Music, located at the original site of Stax Records in Memphis, Tennessee at 926 E. McLemore Avenue, is a 17,000 square-foot museum offering interactive exhibits, videos, vintage musical instruments used to create the Stax sound, stage costumes, photographs, records, and approximately 3,000 other items of memorabilia that tell the unique story, from beginning to present, of American soul music, particularly that of Stax Records and the Memphis Sound. Artists highlighted include Isaac Hayes, Otis Redding, the Staple Singers, the Bar-Kays, Booker T. & the MGs, Johnnie Taylor, Little Milton, Sam & Dave, Eddie Floyd, Rufus and Carla Thomas, Al Green, Aretha Franklin, Ike & Tina Turner, James Brown, Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, and hundreds of others. More info at staxmuseum.com

- Memphis Rock 'N Soul Museum



Originally a Smithsonian Institute research project, it became their first permanent exhibition outside of New York and Washington DC. Inside, you'll find seven expansive galleries showcasing instruments, costumes, photographs, artifacts and exhibits like "Rural Music," "Coming to Memphis," "Sun Records & Youth Culture," "Soul Music" and "Social Changes" that take you through a timeline and tell the story of Memphis and its music history. More info at memphisrocknsoul.org

□ Beale Street



All music lovers as well as those just looking for a fun night out on the town will not want to pass up an opportunity to visit Beale Street. This 1.8 mi (2.9 km) stretch of restaurants, bars, and clubs is more than just a place to get a bite to eat. It is now considered "The Official Home of the Blues."

From 1920 to 1940, artists descended on Beale Street and began to collaborate with one another, creating a new music style that blended smooth jazz with hard charging rock 'n' roll. This blend eventually gave birth to the blues, a new and distinctly American genre of music that gradually made its way into the American pop culture mainstream.

A visit to Beale Street today allows you to check out the blues clubs that served as the launching sites for some of the most famous American blues musicians of all time

□ Mud Island River Park



The Riverwalk is an exact scale model of the Lower Mississippi River flowing from its confluence with the Ohio River at Cairo, Illinois 954 miles south to the Gulf of Mexico. It features twenty cities that are mapped along the Riverwalk. Concrete wedges locate the main rivers flowing into the Mississippi or show river engineering structures such as floodways. There are four watershed walls which map the entire drainage area of the Mississippi River. The model empties into an acre size Gulf of Mexico. The park is designed using Corps of Engineers survey and navigational charts.

□ Pink Palace Museum



The Pink Palace Museum is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the Southeast. You can walk through a replica of the first self-service grocery store in the country, Clarence Saunders' Piggly Wiggly. Explore the cultural and natural history of the Mid-South through exciting exhibits, dioramas, and audio-visu­als. Trace Memphis' development from the time of Spanish explorers through the Civil War and the yellow fever epidemics. Learn from the award-winning medical exhibit how health care grew to be Memphis' largest industry. You can also enjoy one of many IMAX movies or a show at the planetarium.

□ Memphis Botanic Garden



This 96-acre property includes 28 specialty gardens, which provide an in-depth look into various families of plants, flowers, and trees.

☐ Dixon Gallery and Gardens



Art museum specializing in impressionist and post-impressionist painting, featuring work by Matisse, Renoir, Gauguin, Cassatt and Turner

☐ Brooks Museum of Art



This museum houses an eclectic art collection from early Greek to modern. Brooks Museum is set in a beautiful park like setting. Every Wednesday is no admission charge

☐ Blues Hall of Fame



The Blues Hall of Fame honors those who have made the Blues timeless through performance, documentation, and recording. Since its inception in 1980, The Blues Foundation has inducted new members annually into the Blues Hall of Fame for their historical contribution, impact and overall influence on the Blues. Members are inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in five categories: Performers, Individuals, Classic of Blues Literature, Classic of Blues Recording (Song), Classic of Blues Recording (Album). Since 1980, The Blues Foundation has inducted 350+ performers, industry professionals, recordings and literature into the Blues Hall of Fame. Of the 130 performer inductees, 120 of them are African-American.

The most popular cruise is the 90-minute sightseeing cruise, which take's visitors a step back into Tennessee history. Historical commentary gives a comprehensive and interesting narrative of past and present Mississippi River life.

☐ Memphis Riverboat Rides



Authentic American Riverboat Cruises on the Mississippi River. Take a Paddlewheeler a few miles up and down the greatest river in the U.S.A., The “Mighty” Mississippi. This is a great way to see and learn a bit of Mississippi River history while visiting Memphis.

☐ Railroad and Trolley Museum



Located in historic Memphis Central Station, the Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum features “hands on” activities for the kids, model train layouts, memorabilia and displays with emphasis on the role of railroads and trolleys the history of Memphis.

□ Hunt Phelan House



Built between 1828 - 1832, the home was host to many well known Tennesseans such as President Andrew Jackson, Jefferson Davis and General N.B. Forest. Confederate General Leonidas Polk planed the battle of Corinth in the home and General U.S. Grant later used the house as his headquarters where he devised the Vicksburg campaign. The home also served as a Union hospital. After the war, one of the first schools for freed slaves was built on the property by the Freedman’s Bureau.

Thursday, Aug 4

10:00 AM MARAC Board Meeting

11:00 AM Digital Forum, chaired by Matt W0NAC and AI N1API

6:15 Group Pictures at Germantown Country Club

Location: Germantown Country Club

1780 Kimbrough Rd

Germantown, TN 38138

(about 15 minutes from host hotel)

6:30 PM MARAC Banquet at Germantown Country Club

Dinner Buffet:

Dinner Salad-Garden Salad with Tomatoes, Julienne Carrots and Red Cabbage

Roast Top Round of Beef carving station

Salmon Florentine

Garlic Creamed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Green Bean Almondine

Medley of Vegetables (Carrots, Cauliflower & Broccoli)

Rolls and Butter

Desserts: Cheesecake with Raspberry Topping, Lemon Cake, Key Lime Pie

Coffee, Iced Tea

Video

Door prizes

Main prizes

Announcements and awards



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
N9JFW	Mar - 01
KC7FPB	Mar - 01
N5MIV	Mar - 01
K9MIX	Mar - 01
N5PR	Mar - 01
K9EZ	Mar - 01
KA9JOL	Mar - 01
N0KM	Mar - 02
W3ZUH	Mar - 02
W6RLL	Mar - 02
KB3WN	Mar - 02
WA5YNE	Mar - 02
WN3W	Mar - 02
KS7T	Mar - 03
N4RS	Mar - 03
N5NK	Mar - 03
W2WHC	Mar - 03
KL7D	Mar - 03
K5TVC	Mar - 03
N5HDX	Mar - 03
WN4AFP	Mar - 04
K1IK	Mar - 04
KE4GYX	Mar - 04
WB0O	Mar - 04
N7MZW	Mar - 05
K6JRY	Mar - 05
WB9CAC	Mar - 05
N5KUC	Mar - 05
KR9Z	Mar - 05
WO5W	Mar - 06
N0FP	Mar - 06
K9ZV	Mar - 06
KK5P	Mar - 06
N4HY	Mar - 07

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
WY0A	Mar - 07
N0AKC	Mar - 07
W5VUB	Mar - 07
KA0NCR	Mar - 07
K5LEO	Mar - 08
W6FJU	Mar - 08
W9WX	Mar - 08
K4DOM	Mar - 08
NT4D	Mar - 08
AC5AR	Mar - 08
K9HID	Mar - 08
W6LX	Mar - 09
W0RSR	Mar - 09
KL7VB	Mar - 09
W4DEE	Mar - 09
WB0OAO	Mar - 09
N0DXE	Mar - 09
NY3B	Mar - 09
OK2PAY	Mar - 10
K9FDL	Mar - 10
K1GQ	Mar - 10
N8FEB	Mar - 10
KS8W	Mar - 10
WB2WZE	Mar - 10
N5UR	Mar - 11
WA9NBU	Mar - 11
K1HV	Mar - 11
WD9ITF	Mar - 11
N1WR	Mar - 12
NN8L	Mar - 12
KC4YBO	Mar - 12
W4OV	Mar - 12
K5ZZR	Mar - 12
K5TIA	Mar - 12

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
VE4AGT	Mar - 12
WG4P	Mar - 13
NV3E	Mar - 13
K3ZV	Mar - 13
KB6HW	Mar - 13
W5TM	Mar - 13
WK7E	Mar - 13
AA4VN	Mar - 14
KB0AG	Mar - 15
KU0A	Mar - 15
W0EWH	Mar - 15
KG4VBK	Mar - 16
W7MEL	Mar - 16
N3KN	Mar - 16
KD1OG	Mar - 16
K7VAY	Mar - 17
W1VJ	Mar - 17
KG7MU	Mar - 17
W0MTW	Mar - 17
KM6QF	Mar - 17
WA8LKD	Mar - 17
K5WAF	Mar - 17
N7ID	Mar - 17
9A2WJ	Mar - 18
KL7H	Mar - 18
NE2C	Mar - 18
W4WBA	Mar - 18
KB9SF	Mar - 18
K1NEF	Mar - 18
KN4XP	Mar - 19
WA2TGN	Mar - 19
W5JAC	Mar - 19
K8OOK	Mar - 19
K9TY	Mar - 19

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
AA2BP	Mar - 20
K5RIC	Mar - 20
NC4JL	Mar - 20
N0AX	Mar - 20
WA2GLU	Mar - 20
K6OO	Mar - 20
WA6IAF	Mar - 21
WA5VGI	Mar - 22
N3TA	Mar - 22
W0HII	Mar - 22
KW3F	Mar - 22
WA7NV	Mar - 22
KA3T	Mar - 23
AF4ZZ	Mar - 23
K1RO	Mar - 23
K1RV	Mar - 23
N9AUV	Mar - 23
KF9YR	Mar - 23
K0WTZ	Mar - 23
NK0N	Mar - 23
KC2MO	Mar - 24
WA2DWP	Mar - 24
KC0M	Mar - 24
KZ5KG	Mar - 24
K0QD	Mar - 24
W3ZD	Mar - 25
KD5FZN	Mar - 25
W4KFA	Mar - 25
AA9DV	Mar - 25
N4US	Mar - 26
K6CA	Mar - 26
K5EBS	Mar - 26
WA0QFY	Mar - 26
K8OI	Mar - 27

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
KY4T	Mar - 27
N2FPM	Mar - 27
NU9C	Mar - 27
K9EDE	Mar - 27
N8BNI	Mar - 27
K4BAI	Mar - 27
WA4RNN	Mar - 27
W9VB	Mar - 28
NH7Y	Mar - 28
KA9H	Mar - 28
K5EK	Mar - 28
WA7TC	Mar - 28
AA8DM	Mar - 28
AA6MZ	Mar - 28
N7JXS	Mar - 28
W4RJK	Mar - 29
WB4FEV	Mar - 29
NG3O	Mar - 29
NR2H	Mar - 30
WA3GLJ	Mar - 31
KS7S	Mar - 31
KD0HX	Mar - 31
KD2N	Mar - 31



Awards

Awards Issued For December, January, February

Call	Date	Award	Number
AB7NK	2/16/2016	5 Star	# 77
W4SIG	12/16/2015	5 Star	# 76
NA8W	2/24/2016	BINGO	# 369
K4XI	1/23/2016	BINGO III	# 36
KA1JPR	1/3/2016	Worked all Counties - SSB	# 1
W0EAR	2/11/2016	County Challenge	15000 Level
K7SEN	2/16/2016	USA - Single Band	# 29 - 20 Meters - 3077 Counties
K5GE	12/18/2015	USA - Single Band	# 1 - 17 Meters - 3077 Counties
NM1G	12/22/2015	Worked all Counties - 5th Time	# 115
KA1JPR	1/15/2016	Worked all Counties - 12th Time	# 4
K2JG	1/10/2016	Worked all Counties - 13th Time	# 2
KZ2P	1/10/2016	Worked all Counties - 18th Time	# 1
N4CD	9/12/2014	Ran All USA - Second Time	#

Roadrunner Issued For December, January, February

Call	Date	Count	Award	
AF3X	2/2/2016	Last County Count 325	Last County Count 325	# 65
KA9JAC	1/11/2016	Last County Count 175	Last County Count 175	# 141
AB7NK	1/11/2016	Last County Count 350	Last County Count 350	# 56
KB6UF	2/2/2016	Last County Count 1350	Last County Count 1350	# 3
N6PDB	2/2/2016	Last County Count 225	Last County Count 225	# 99
K8ZZ	2/2/2016	Last County Count 575	Last County Count 575	# 30
AB7RW	2/2/2016	Last County Count 200	Last County Count 200	# 121
AB4YZ	2/2/2016	Last County Count 825	Last County Count 825	# 15
K2MF	1/11/2016	Last County Count 25	Last County Count 25	# 520
N0DXE	1/11/2016	Last County Count 275	Last County Count 275	# 79



**Treasurer's Report (WONAC)
January 2015***

Beginning Account Balances January 1, 2015	\$38,574.54
January Income:	
Money Market Interest	\$4.40
Awards Manager Income	\$0.00 (See Note 2)
Membership Income	\$240.00
Logger Distribution	<u>\$105.00</u>
Total Income:	\$349.40
January New Spotting Site/Logger II Expenses:	
Spotting Site Fixed Expenses (CHSpots.org)	\$0.00
Spotting Site Recurring Expenses (CHSpots.org)	\$0.00
Logger II Fixed Expenses	\$0.00
Logger II Recurring Expenses	\$0.00
January Other Expenses:	
Awards Manager Expenses	\$1,415.69 (See Note 2)
Michigan Mini Funding	\$500.00
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	<u>\$25.60</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1,941.29
January Net Income Less Expenses	(\$1,591.89)
New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts:	\$36,982.65. #
Checking Account Balance	\$5,885.88
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$31,096.77</u>
Total Cash All Accounts:	\$ 36,982.65 #

Note:

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

Awards Manager's Funds	\$1,500.00
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* Includes January Transaction posted through 02/06/2016

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of January should be discounted by **\$6,201.00**. This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are **\$30,781.65**.

Note 2 – The Award Manager's reports for December & January is delayed due to a family emergency. Some Awards expenses for plaques were paid directly in January

**Awards Manager's Report
February 29, 2016**

Funds Balance November 30, 2015		\$1,500.00
Income	\$ 122.50	
		<u>\$ 122.50</u>
Expenses:		
Office supplies	\$ 222.27	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 389.50	
Postage	\$ 244.06	
		<u>\$ 856.33</u>
Sent to Treasurer		\$ 122.50
Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$ 733.83
Funds Balance February 29, 2016		\$1500.00
Members Funds on Hand November 30, 2015		\$ 6201.00
Income – Funds deposited or Used		<u>- 171.50</u>
Total Funds on Hand for Members		\$ 6029.50



Events

- 3/12 OK QP
- 3/12 ID QP
- 3/13 NA SSB SPRINT
- 3/13 WI QP
- 3/19 LA QP
- 3/19 VA QP
- 3/21 RUN4BACON
- 3/26 CQ WW SSB

ONLY START DATE SHOWN

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- 4/21 MI MINI
- 8/1 NATIONAL



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Kent Reinke (KV7N)

Ed Palagyi (KN4Y)

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