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Riding the County Lion Dave – KE3VV

The County Lion reminds me that this is President's column #47 for me and just one more to go to reach 48 columns and the end of four years and two terms as MARAC Prez. Thus, this is the dénouement before the last blast from the furnace gullet of the Big Green Dragon and blissful retirement. Well, not real retirement – I remain gainfully employed in my chosen profession and the good folks at Xerox don't seem to want me to depart just yet. But I do look forward to that day when there is nothing more than the end of the driveway between me and the open road. I am fortunate to have found a second life companion who also enjoys the back roads and byways (and is very tolerant of county hunting and other ham radio pastimes as well). I just purchased a brand-spankin'-new Yamaha golf cart, so I may try a little golf cart mobile as well.

This being the June issue of the Roadrunner, it is time to publish the results of the election of new officers and directors... actually no real surprises except Veep, which was the only contested office after Tom (K7REL) dropped out of the race for Pacific Director. In any event, the new leadership of MARAC will be:

President:	Randy Hatt - AA8R
Vice President:	Chuck Secrest - NM1G
Secretary:	Terry Dummler - WQ7A
Treasurer:	Aubrey Mansfield - W7OLY
Northeast Director:	Al Kaiser - N1API
Pacific Director:	Paul Nelson - N7JPF

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Congratulations and fair forward to all of these gentlemen who have volunteered their time and good spirits to run the best mobile awards club going. The new officers and directors will assume their powers and duties (more of the latter) at the end of the annual meeting, which will be held at the National Convention in Memphis in August. Welcome to the wonderful world of being a big fish in a very small pond.

Two proposed changes to the MARAC bylaws were also approved – the text of the modified bylaw provisions is included with the election vote tally published elsewhere in this edition of the Roadrunner.

Although I won't be able to join in the August in Memphis soirée (I will be languishing on the beach in North Carolina at our annual family gathering in the secluded loveliness of Figure 8 Island), I hope as many of you who can make the revised convention date will sign up and sally forth to the Mississippi River home of good food and great music. The County Lion reminds me to ask everyone to say "Hi!" to Elvis for him, as the King of the Jungle is sure that the King of Rock & Roll will be lurking just around every corner.

Personally, although I grew up with Elvis gyrating on Ed Sullivan and populating many stacks of little records with big holes, I actually prefer the likes of Frank Stokes, Sleepy John Estes, Furry Lewis, and Memphis Minnie, as well as W.C. Handy (the so-called "Father of the Blues"). My personal involvement with Memphis style music was with the lesser-known Memphis jug band music. I played a sonorous crock jug and sat in with several jug bands, most notably with the Jim Kweskin Jug Band alongside Fritz Richmond and Geoff Muldaur. The Dragon reminds me that B.B. King is his favorite guitar picker of the blues genre. So make your reservations and travel plans now to join in the foot-stompin' fun, along with the eyeball QSO's and genuine Memphis BBQ.

73 and 88 from Dave and the Lion and the Dragon.



Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Time, that aged nurse, Rock'd me to county hunting.

I stare at the calendar; already the month of June has arrived having the longest daylight day, hot and hotter temperatures and mosquitoes that enjoy mobile county hunters that sit on a Florida county line with a window open. I am listening to the MARAC CW frequency while Gator is key boarding the computer as he determines the statistics for my mobile run in the Florida QSO party. We sip out lattes and I wonder what normal county hunters do for their moment of ecstasy, suddenly Gator turns around in the chair. He hands me a printout, "Here Dude, read and weep."

I sip of my latte as I read: Saturday the route covered 462 miles, the vehicle averaged 42 MPH and 19 MPG. There were 748 QSO's logged. Sunday the route covered 386 miles, the vehicle averaged 43 MPH and 20 MPG. There were 678 QSO's logged. I read the list of Florida counties ran and the number of QSO worked therein: Alachua 75, Baker 52, Bay 91, Bradford 46, Calhoun 44, Clay 15, Columbia 48, Dixie 29, Franklin 57, Gilchrist 32, Gulf 47, Hamilton 60, Holmes 52, Jackson 42, Jefferson 77, Lafayette 49, Leon 106, Liberty 110, Madison 73, Putnam 31, Suwannee 4, Taylor 62, Union 42, Wakulla 49, Walton 79 and Washington 54.

I ask Gator, "Have you got the band summary?" He shakes his head yes, "Sure do, you made 80 QSO's on 40-meters and 1343 QSO's on 20-meters. You only worked 2 QSO's on 15-meters. Why so lopsided?" I sip my latte, "Gator I usually run on 20-meters and when contacts slow down I go to 40-meters. This year it was stations calling on 20-meters from county line to county line. I did try 40-meters a few times but heard only noise. How did I do award wise?" Gator mouse's around, "Well Dude you got three new 2x2 calls, one 2x3 call and a Natural Bingo."

I smile and hand Gator a memory stick, "Check out my statistics in the MARAC CW QSO party." "Is that Norm Dude, W3DYA, the QSO party chief honcho? "Yes." "Awesome!" "By the way Gator, the MARAC is going to continue this QSO party tradition." "Double awesome."

Gator inserts the memory stick and after a few minutes he turns around in the chair." Well Dude on Saturday you traveled 553 miles, averaged 19.3 miles per gallon and averaged 45 MPH. You made 225 QSO's on 20-meters and 10 QSO's on 40-meters. You worked 20 Georgia counties." He pauses to sip his latte, "On Sunday you traveled 512 miles, averaged 18.2 miles per gallon and averaged 53 MPH. You made 261 QSO's on 20-meters and 28 QSO's on 40-meters. You operated from 17 counties in Alabama and Florida. I notice for the two days you had 57 DX QSO's. Is that good?" I laugh, "Better than zero." Gator ignores me and does the mouse thing to the computer. Computing would have been more fun if the mouse had originally been called a goose.

"Okay Dude, I see you operated In 20 Georgia counties, did you do the red clay detailing I suggested?" "Sure did and thanks, while driving on the back roads we got the high sign from many passing vehicles and no stares when going through a town." "Wait a minute Dude, I just checked your e-mail and you got three last county awards: Douglas, WA4UNS, that cuddly Norm, W3DYA, and Phil, AB7RW have you thanked them yet? "No, not yet, I do have a trio thank you in my bucket list."

Gator is looking intently at the computer screen, “Wow Dude, the 2016 MARAC National Convention is next month and will be held at the Hyatt Place in Germantown, TN. The date is August 1-4, 2016. That amateur radio evangelist over in Shadeville told me that meeting that Dude Kerry, W4SIG, is worth the trip.” Tears run down my eyes, “No Gator I will not be able to go.” I hand Gator another memory stick, “Here check out my King of Spain contest log.”

Gator inserts the memory stick, sips his latte, and giggles, ”Dude you did not get overstressed doing this contest. You only made 25 QSO’s. Did your nap time get accelerated?” I have to smile, “No Gator, it was a propagation problem; I did not hear any Spain stations calling. I was at the radio at 8:00am ready to go, nothing. But during the day I managed to hear and work a few Spain stations. I just listen for and work the Spanish province stations. Gator check out my CQ WW WPX CW Contest.”

Gator shakes his head okay, “I am not going to ask if you have any good gossip from the Michigan Mini because...” Gator’s cell phone send CQ, CQ, CQ, sorry Dude I have to go from here to there, there seems to be a problem with the electric gate to the ethanol storage area.” He is gone like a soft drink burp. I hear him yell, “Where do you find a dog with no legs? Right where you left him, HaHa.”

The printer stops, the print out is a list of mobiles heard in May operating on the county hunters CW frequencies. I read: AA8R, AI5P, K0RU, K2RP, K3IMC, K4YT, K7DM, K8ZZ, KB6UF, KC3X, KC7YE, KE3VV, KN4Y, KA4RRU, KS5A, KV7N, N0KV, N4CD, N4JT, N9JF, N9QS, VA3XOV, W0GXQ, W3DYA, W3ZUH, W4SIG, W7FEN, W7OC, W8JJ, W9MSE, WA3QNT, WA4PGM, and WB0PYF.

The highly attended radio operating event in June is the ARRL Field Day. The majority of radio clubs will erect antennas on some weird portion of terrain and set up a radio stations to work other similar field day stations. The local Sportsman’s Paradise ARC will operate the club call, K4WAK, the contact is in Wakulla County Florida and good for a Natural Bingo contact. Prior to this nationwide event is the Alabama QSO party, with 67 counties up for grabs, and KN4Y will be mobile in 13 of them. There is also the West Virginia QSO party with 55 counties up for grabs. Don’t forget the ARRL VHF contest, a good time to do some shack housekeeping while calling CQ.. There are sixteen CW only contests to keep the keyer active. For example: the All Asian DX contest and the Stew Perry topband challenge.

You CW operators don’t forget to make your comments to FCC Docket number RM 11769. I wonder why is the third hand on a watch called a second hand? Nap time.



New Members

MARAC Number
R4622

Callsign
AA0AE

Name
David Stewart

Dayton HamFest
MARAC Success!!!
By Kerry W4SIG

Wow! The 2016 Dayton Hamfest was a whirlwind of activity and MARAC was proud to be a part of it. For the first time ever our club sponsored a booth at the mega-event and it was a huge success. The goal was to both promote County Hunting and MARAC and to also provide a place where members and former members could congregate, share stories, and rest their feet. We succeeded in all three. All three days saw a steady stream of hams stopping by to investigate this exciting aspect of our hobby. Many questions were answered, interest was piqued, new members signed up, and friendships were made. We were proud to pronounce “why” we hunt counties, “what” we do, and “how” we get it accomplished. Many were amazed at all the tools at their disposal including dedicated county hunting spotting sites, locations to post needs and upcoming mobile trips, the *Roadrunner* newsletter, MARAC sponsored net frequencies, and of course Logger to keep track of it all.

We displayed a variety of awards that MARAC offers in addition to the *CQ Magazine* sponsored award. Informational sheets were disbursed to interested hams including the many resources available. Many were pleased at the announcement of a MARAC sponsored net. We handed out large US County Coloring maps as well.

This couldn't have been accomplished without the great teamwork of so many who helped with supplies for the booth, designs for our MARAC banner and tablecloth, and of course the time spent at our booth promoting MARAC and county hunting. Those with significant booth time assistance were KB0BA, N0XYL, KS4BO, K1SO, AA8R, NM1G, N4CD, NF0N, WA4UNS, W8FNW, W4FNW. My apologies in advance if I left someone out! We had a US County Map where visitors could color in their home counties...we had visitors from 44 states!! Below is a list of current county hunters who dropped by for a visit:

W4SIG, N4CD, KS4BO, NF0N, AA8R, W8TAX, NM1G, W4OWY, AC0B, KB0BA, N0XYL, K1SO, K1VSJ, N3DMI, N8INK, W8FNW, W4FNW, WA4JA, N2RZ, KM4FO, W8JJ, K2MF, KJ8F, K2MF, KJ8F, WA4UNS, N9JF, W8TVT, K4BAI, WD4OIN, W8OP, WA2VYA, K4QE, W3ZR, W4CC, N8MA, NX0X, KB0MHH, N0JMS, KJ4EBH, DK2OY, K8CMO, W9GUY, K1TW, N8KIE, AC9GK, KB9NPO, K4ZGB, W0ALC, K2RP, AK8A, K9CS, K8TE, KC9SBN, KE0JGR, K9UCW, WA0RKG, WB3FBI, KB3GYD, NK4P, K9NJK, W2CQ, N7IV, AJ4A, AC4PY, N9FXU, WA8MOA, KE0A, AH6AX, N8CIJ, N8ZCR, WW8RT, KB9AIT

Our booth activity along with the County Hunting Forum hosted by W8JJ with presenters AA8R and N4CD and the Golden Corral group dinner made for a very enjoyable weekend!!

N0XYL NM1G WA4UNS AA8R K1SO



Remember, these supplies (banners, tablecloths, county hunting info fliers, large county maps, MARAC registration forms) are yours for the asking for use at your local event. Just contact me, W4SIG, and I will be glad to send to you. Let's promote MARAC and county hunting together!!! 73!



Net Chronicles

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This article is the eighth in a continuing series of monthly newsletter articles focused on operations and activities on new MARAC sponsored county hunting nets. All of the current documentation on the new nets is also available on the MARAC website at the following link: <http://www.marac.org/nets.htm>.

Activity remained high during May

Many members traveled to the Dayton Hamvention during May in Dayton, OH. County hunters and others are continuing to participate in running national parks for the NPOTA event this year. State QSO parties are in full swing and the weather is improving which has increased mobile activity also. Quite a few members including K3IMC, AB7NK/K7SEN, N4CD, W3DYA, KA2LHO, KB0BA/N0XYL, N8KIE, KA9JAC/KB9YVT, and others have been on long road trips this month. Get out mobile when possible and help keep activity levels high!

Net control volunteers needed during MARAC national convention

The annual MARAC national convention will occur during the first week of August. Many net control operators which have supported the MARAC net in recent months will be travelling to the convention this year and will not be at their base station location to support net control functions. Members who will not be travelling to the convention are requested to support the net during this time to facilitate efficient operations, hold net frequencies on different bands, run multiple mobiles simultaneously on different frequencies, etc. Please sign up for some of the three hour net sessions during the period prior to and following the actual convention dates so that we can facilitate all of the mobiles that will be active. If you have any questions about net operations, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other members who have been conducting operations.

That's all for this edition. I look forward to seeing many of you at the convention in August. I plan to have a net operations forum during the convention. More info on the schedule for the forum will be in the July newsletter.

Your support for our net operations is requested and appreciated! *Come join us on the MARAC nets and we can all have more fun in 2016!*

MARAC Net Operations Committee

N5MLP – Ron Clift, Chairperson

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 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.

BALLOT RECOGNITION

I would like to congratulate the following stations for receiving recognition from their peer's and votes in the 4th quarter award voting: (no particular order). Only stations receiving 3 points or more are listed.

NET CONTROL SSB: N5MLP, AB7NK, WY8I, N0KV, NF0N

NET CONTROL CW: W0GXQ, NM2L, K0DEQ

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

BEST MOBILE CW: N4CD, W0GXQ, W4SIG

BEST TEAM: KB0BA/N0XYL, AB7NK/K7SEN

Kent Reinke
MARAC Election Coordinator
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Results of the 2016 MARAC Elections

President

Randy Hatt	AA8R	232
Abstain	43	
Total	275	

Vice President

Chuck Secrest	NM1G	172
Kraig Pritts	KA2LHO	86
Abstain 17 (6.2%)		
Total	275	

Secretary

Terry Dummler	WQ7A	234
Abstain	41	
Total	275	

Treasurer

Aubrey Mansfield	W7OLY	218
Abstain	57	
Total	275	

Northeast Director

Al Kaiser	N1API	19
Abstain	4	
Total	23	

Pacific Director

Paul Nelson	N7JPF	40
Abstain	3	
Total	43	

Amendment to the By-Laws Section 1.3(c)

1.3(c) The President or any combination of five (5) directors and officers may call a special meeting 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. The meeting must be convened within 30 days after the request for the special meeting. In the event that the President fails to set the meeting date within 30 days, any combination of five directors and officers may set the date and time for the special meeting and notify the Secretary.

YES	211
NO	33
Abstain	31
Total	275

Amendment to the By-Laws Section 4.1(e)

4.1(e) Family Members: Any amateur radio licensee related to a Regular member who resides at the same address as the Regular member may become a Family Member of MARAC upon application. Family members do not pay dues, but continued membership shall be based on current payment of dues by the Regular member with whom they reside. Family members are entitled to vote and hold office, but shall not be entitled to receive a separate copy of the MARAC newsletter.

YES	215
NO	42
Abstain	18
Total	275

Awards

Awards Issued For March – May 2016

Call	Date	Award	Number
NM1G	5/16/2016	USA-CW	# 148
K1SO	5/23/2016	BINGO	# 370
K5GE	2/28/2016	CALL COMBO 1 X 2	# 2
K0PFV	3/16/2016	COUNTY CHALLENGE	Level 8
K8QWY	3/16/2016	COUNTY CHALLENGE	Level 15
K8QWY	3/21/2016	DIGITAL	Level 2
KS4BO	2/9/2016	USA-CA First Time	# 1255
WB0PYF	3/2/2016	USA-CA First Time	#1256
W0EAR	4/21/2016	USA PA – “N” PREFIX	# 21
AB7NK	5/6/2016	MASTER PLATINUM	# 26
WA9DLB	5/26/2016	MASTER PLATINUM	# 27
N0KV	5/25/2016	BINGO III	# 37
WA9DLB	5/17/2016	BINGO IV	# 11
N4YT	4/29/2016	Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	# 249

Roadrunner Issued For March – May 2016

Call	Date	Award	Number
KB0BA	5/22/2016	Last County Count 250	# 91
AB7NK	5/19/2016	Last County Count 375	# 51
K4YT	5/19/2016	Last County Count 225	# 100
N4JT	5/19/2016	Last County Count 900	# 12
N0KV	5/19/2016	Last County Count 750	# 19
N0XYL	5/21/2016	Last County Count 350	# 57
KE3VV	5/22/2016	Last County Count 350	# 58
AA9JJ	5/27/2016	Last County Count 1025	# 9
KG5UZ	5/24/2016	Last County Count 225	# 101
N0LXJ	5/24/2016	Last County Count 225	# 102
N4CD	5/27/2016	Last County Count	#
W4SIG	5/27/2016	Last County Count 425	# 43
N4AAT	5/27/2016	Last County Count 1075	# 7
KM9X	5/27/2016	Last County Count 425	# 44
W3CR	5/21/2016	Last County Count 475	# 39



Birthdays

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K0GSV	Jun - 01
K5IID	Jun - 01
W8QZ	Jun - 01
KB7YD	Jun - 01
W4AMW	Jun - 01
KG8N	Jun - 01
KE8ST	Jun - 01
NS6X	Jun - 01
NC4F	Jun - 02
K5OT	Jun - 02
W1MHD	Jun - 02
NF4A	Jun - 02
KJ4SLY	Jun - 03
W2IN	Jun - 03
KJ4EJ	Jun - 03
KC2CK	Jun - 03
KG0AY	Jun - 03
N2SU	Jun - 03
N9DYE	Jun - 03
WA0RKQ	Jun - 03
K1SO	Jun - 04
K5MSU	Jun - 04
AE4JG	Jun - 04
KC4QWM	Jun - 04
W6UI	Jun - 04
K5NRA	Jun - 04
KA2TED	Jun - 04
AC9DN	Jun - 04
ND7J	Jun - 04
N9GN	Jun - 04
AA9RE	Jun - 05
W9AJ	Jun - 05
K4TT	Jun - 05
K9JF	Jun - 05

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W8MP	Jun - 05
KA1ID	Jun - 05
WB0TEV	Jun - 05
K4PBX	Jun - 05
AA0TT	Jun - 05
N6QA	Jun - 05
K1MIJ	Jun - 05
N7TAX	Jun - 06
N5SMQ	Jun - 06
WJ8B	Jun - 06
KA5A	Jun - 06
AJ4QP	Jun - 06
W8LS	Jun - 07
WA9WGJ	Jun - 07
K4YP	Jun - 07
K7WC	Jun - 07
K9EN	Jun - 08
AA9ID	Jun - 08
N0YUL	Jun - 08
WB3AXC	Jun - 08
W7LY	Jun - 08
W0XXX	Jun - 09
VK3MW	Jun - 09
WB9ELH	Jun - 10
WA0LJM	Jun - 10
K2ETA	Jun - 10
W8RCL	Jun - 11
K1XG	Jun - 11
N6NRZ	Jun - 11
NA8W	Jun - 11
N5VMW	Jun - 11
WD6CKT	Jun - 11
WA5RD	Jun - 12
N1BUG	Jun - 12

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K8JQ	Jun - 12
K4BU	Jun - 12
KC5QCB	Jun - 12
W3BZJ	Jun - 12
W6IYS	Jun - 12
WB0TRG	Jun - 12
WA4CHI	Jun - 13
NE8M	Jun - 13
N7IGX	Jun - 13
N4OA	Jun - 13
W9ACE	Jun - 13
W4TET	Jun - 14
K1YE	Jun - 14
K4DI	Jun - 14
KC3YT	Jun - 14
KI7AI	Jun - 15
K5GUY	Jun - 15
W5LXG	Jun - 15
W0ZQ	Jun - 15
KB0BA	Jun - 15
N5WR	Jun - 15
KD7ADH	Jun - 15
N7TCO	Jun - 15
N5QS	Jun - 15
AE5B	Jun - 16
N4ILQ	Jun - 16
KK6BB	Jun - 16
NI7B	Jun - 16
WA9OUE	Jun - 16
KC2CD	Jun - 16
WI9C	Jun - 16
K0ODF	Jun - 17
K6BWZ	Jun - 17
NT4W	Jun - 17

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
W6OUL	Jun - 17
W6TMD	Jun - 17
KD9Q	Jun - 18
N3MRA	Jun - 18
W5RQ	Jun - 18
W4DOS	Jun - 18
W0HXB	Jun - 18
WV9D	Jun - 18
W4LJM	Jun - 18
K3SEW	Jun - 18
KD6HWD	Jun - 18
N9MBL	Jun - 19
N2BM	Jun - 19
NU4N	Jun - 19
KA2K	Jun - 19
KD5YUK	Jun - 20
K7WUR	Jun - 20
WB0TVL	Jun - 20
N3CI	Jun - 20
N4EED	Jun - 20
K0NZ	Jun - 20
KE6GJ	Jun - 21
KI7MK	Jun - 21
G3NDC	Jun - 21
NJ4K	Jun - 22
N8ACL	Jun - 22
W4OGG	Jun - 22
KI6PG	Jun - 22
NV6L	Jun - 22
WV1U	Jun - 23
KE7GI	Jun - 23
KK8ZZ	Jun - 23
WD8OWA	Jun - 23
K0LG	Jun - 23

Roadrunner - Birthdays	
Call	Birthday Date
K0DCL	Jun - 23
W9NII	Jun - 24
N9FR	Jun - 24
N4CD	Jun - 24
KB7PI	Jun - 24
N7IV	Jun - 24
W4EHT	Jun - 25
KB6UF	Jun - 25
KC0MB	Jun - 26
KC9GW	Jun - 26
KB4QCE	Jun - 26
W4JVN	Jun - 27
K5VFW	Jun - 27
W9CNG	Jun - 27
KB9VQM	Jun - 27
WB9OOE	Jun - 27
KE5RJT	Jun - 28
KG5UZ	Jun - 28
WA0LPA	Jun - 28
N0WWF	Jun - 29
KD9ZP	Jun - 29
N6VZ	Jun - 29
KD2EC	Jun - 29
K8LEN	Jun - 29
K7100	Jun - 29
WD5RS	Jun - 30
W0LRH	Jun - 30
K8SJ	Jun - 30
W2DWR	Jun - 30
W9MSE	Jun - 30
AL7RQ	Jun - 30
WD5JGS	Jun - 30



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 – Cateder 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-visuais. 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, Cassat 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 per-

formance, 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



**Treasurer's Report (W0NAC)
April 2016***

Beginning Account Balances April 3, 2016 **\$29,963.04**

April Income:

Money Market Interest	\$1.11	
Awards Manager Income	\$0.00	(See Note 2)
Membership Income	\$214.00	
Logger Distribution	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Income:		\$215.11

April 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	

**April Other Expenses:**

Awards Manager Expenses	\$0.00	(See Note 2)
Partial Rebate Of Dayton Hamvention Booth Fee	(\$325.00)	
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Expenses:		(\$325.00)

April Net Income Less Expenses **\$540.11**

New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts: **\$30,503.15 #**

Checking Account Balance	\$3,400.33	
Money Market Account Balance	<u>\$27,102.82</u>	
Total Cash All Accounts:		\$30,503.15 #

Note:

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

Awards Manager's Funds	\$1,500.00
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* Includes April Transactions posted through 05/07/2016

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of April should be discounted by **\$6,029.50**. This amount is an estimated (based on prior Award Manager reports) Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are **\$24,473.65**

Note 2 – No Awards Manager Report submitted for April due to extended vacation.

**Awards Manager's Report
May 31, 2016**

Funds Balance February 29, 2016		\$1,500.00
Income	\$ 67.00	
		<u>\$ 67.00</u>
Expenses:		
Office supplies	\$ 130.19	
Plaque Suppliers	\$ 408.00	
Postage	\$ 168.08	
		<u>\$ 706.27</u>
Sent to Treasurer		\$ 67.00
Reimbursement received from Treasurer		\$ 706.27
Funds Balance May 31, 2016		\$1500.00
Members Funds on Hand February 29, 2016		\$ 6029.50
Income – Funds deposited or Used		<u>- 62.00</u>
Total Funds on Hand for Members		\$ 5967.50



MARAC National
Early Bird Prize Announcement
By Kerry, W4SIG

If you haven't already sent in your registration for the MARAC National in Memphis Aug 1-4 please get it in soon! June 1 is the cutoff date for eligibility for the early bird prize...a Kenwood TS480SAT mobile all mode transceiver!!! This great 100 watt rig with detachable control panel covers bands 160-6 meters and has a built in antenna tuner. Time is of the essence, so get those registrations in asap!



TS-480SAT General Features:

- * 100W output (50 MHz: 50W) DC 13.8V
- * TX/RX 16-bit AF digital signal processing
- * Separate LCD control panel with built-in speaker
- * Continuous RX: 30 kHz to 60 MHz
- * TX covers all Amateur bands 1.8 MHz to 50 MHz
- * Other features include a TS-950-Class quad-mixer

- * PSK31 compatibility
- * Packet cluster tune (with TM-D700A)
- * PC-based control: ARCP-480 control program (free download from the Kenwood web site) enables PC-based control of all transceiver functions, as well as the customizing of TX/RX equalizer curves
- * Optional IF filters
- * Single cooling fan

ALSO: Note that the national website has been updated with a list of current registrants. If your name is not on the list let's get 'er done!

OTHER PRIZES UP FOR GRABS AT THE NATIONAL

When you come to the national in Memphis you will also be eligible to win a multitude of great prizes including:

- A Kenwood TS480SAT All Mode Transceiver (Yes! Another one!)



- Hustler mobile resonators for 40M, 20M, and 17M
- TigerTronics Signal Link USB Integrated Sound Card for digital operation



□ Rig Expert AA-30 Antenna Analyzer



□ Rig Runner Power Distribution



And much more!! Remember, you can buy extra tickets for these drawings either when you register or once you arrive at the national.



Events

6/4 10-10 PSK OPEN

6/4 AL QP

6/18 WV QP

6/20 RUN4BACON

6/25 FIELD DAY

ONLY START DATE SHOWN

CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO THAT WEB SITE

8/1 NATIONAL



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“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

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