



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## President's QTC

I hope everyone is enjoying the hot summer months? Pattie and I have been running around the state of Michigan looking at lake properties. No luck so far. Maybe this time next year we will be out enjoying the lake while catching dinner.

By now you should have completed the quarterly voting for your choice of Best Mobile, Best Net Control, and Best Team during this past quarter. Sometime in August the Election Coordinator, K7DM, will send out another ballot for you to cast your opinion on whether MARAC should continue having a national convention every year or change to every other year. So, please watch your email inbox for an email from Simply Voting. There are several reasons for considering changing the convention to every other year. One is the financial commitment that must be made several months in advance of the convention. If a convention doesn't get a good turnout then MARAC can lose thousands of dollars. For example, the turnout was low for both the 2014 & 2015 national conventions for whatever reason . . . perhaps bad propagation, perhaps location. The increase in our membership age may also be a factor. Regardless of the reason for low turnout, MARAC spent a lot of money for only a few members. Another thing to consider is finding a volunteer to host a national convention. So if you would like to host national convention, please contact your District Director.

Speaking of a National Convention, we've got one coming up next month in Colorado Springs, Colorado on Sept 25, 26 and 27. Sounds like N0DXE/N0KV have organized some fun events. You still have time to sign up by going to [WWW.MARAC.ORG/2017NATIONAL.HTM](http://WWW.MARAC.ORG/2017NATIONAL.HTM) or contact N0DXE/N0KV. Hope to see you all there.

If you are interested in helping your fellow county hunters there is still a need for someone to run the MRC QSL Bureau. The MRC QSL Bureau is not part of MARAC and it's entirely up to you how it is structured and how you want to run it.

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The following is an email that I received from the ARRL. I'm sharing it here for anyone who did receive it. By going to the URL listed below you will be able to send a preformatted email to your state Senators by simply providing your zip code.

*Dear ARRL member,*

*I am writing to you today because we are at a crossroad in our efforts to obtain passage of The Amateur Radio Parity Act.*

*Our legislative efforts scored a major victory in our campaign when The Amateur Radio Parity Act, S. 1534 now moves to the Senate, where we need every Senator to approve the bill. This is the companion Bill to H.R. 555, which passed in the House of Representatives in January.*

*You are one of over 730,000 licensed Amateur Radio Operators living in the United States. Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily.*

***NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL HAMS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS!***

- If you want to have effective outdoor antennas but are not currently allowed to do so by your Home Owner's Association, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!*
- If you already have outdoor antennas, but want to support your fellow hams, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!*
- If you want to preserve your ability to install effective outdoor antennas on property that you own, SEND THESE EMAILS TODAY!!*

*We need you to reach out to your Senators TODAY! Right away.*

*Help us in the effort. Please go to this linked website and follow the prompts:*

**<https://arrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>**

*Thank you.*

73,  
Rick

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*Rick Roderick, K5UR*

*President*

*ARRL - The national association for Amateur Radio®*



**Dateline CW**

Ed, KN4Y

A county hunter knows the county, not only by the name, but also by the State.

I arrived at the radio shack earlier than usual to turn on the air conditioner. The weatherman on the commercial radio system indicated it was going to be another scorcher and for some reason I glanced at the calendar. I shook my head in disbelief; it was the month of August, why is time is such a hurry to arrive and go? I flip the page and start reading the August calendar. This month of August was named to honor the emperor Augustus and not Kerry. The month of August is the height of the summer time in the temperate zone of the Northern Hemisphere. Mobile county hunters will attest that the Florida borne insects are noisier and very numerous than in any other month. This is also the month many county hunters take a vacation and operate mobile. My concentration is broken by the roar of Gators 4x4 as he drives down the driveway and slides to a stop at the recycled railroad tie.

Gator slides out of the truck cab and comes into the shack carrying the white cardboard container, he opens the lid, reaches inside and removes two lattes and hands a latte to me. "Good morning Dude, here you look like you need a picker upper." I shake my head in total agreement. "Thanks Gator this is what I needed to clam the anxiety of another month now history. What do I owe the pleasure of an early visit?" Gator sips his latte, "I dropped off a case of elixir at the senior center and decided to stop and get us a latte. I also wanted to check out your ARRL field day outing that y'all had at the Raymond E. Love fire training grounds." I hand Gator a memory stick, "Have fun." Gator inserts the memory stick into the USB slot and sips his latte as he waits for the program to load.

Gator smiles, "It looks like y'all had a great field day with contacts made on three modes. I notice the Sportsman's Paradise radio club's president made 303 sideband contacts and you only got 200 CW contacts." "I lost two hours of operating when a thunder storm developed and we quickly shut down, dismantled the radio equipment and went home. I think anyone who needed Wakulla County worked us. By the way you never showed up to help." Gator ignores me and concentrates on the computer screen.

Gator turns around, "Dude I notice you worked the RAC Canada Day Contest and made 120 QSO's. You told me that you only work Canada stations but I see several non-Canadian stations, explain! "Simple Gator, I got on 15 meters to see if it was open, I started calling and non-Canadian station answered me so I worked them, but you will notice the majority of the calls are Canadian operators." Gator is not listening; he is sipping his latte and looking at the computer screen,

“Dude I see you have the latest version of MARAC logger and you told me you had a problem downloading the new version, I planned to help you with the download the first chance I could leave the plant.” “I know Gator but I mentioned my problem on the county hunter’s forum and Terry, WQ7A, helped by putting me in touch with Matt, W0NAC, who spent a couple of hours getting my computer system to accept the new version of Logger. I thank you for your offer, but a bird in hand is worth one at the plant.”

Gator is looking at the computer, “Darn Dude, I see on the forum that Al, W8GEJ, and Bob, N4ONY, are silent keys. Did you know them?” “Yes Gator, I worked Al on CW in many Ohio counties and if I remember correctly Bob was at every MARAC convention that I attended. Bob was primarily a sideband operator.” We bow our heads as Gator recites the Irish Blessing.

“Hold on Dude!” Gator is reading my e-mail, “Dude you received a last county from Kerry, W4SIG, for running Bullock County during the Alabama QSO party, do you want me to send Kerry a thank you?” I sip my latte, “Not right now I will put it in my bucket list, and I need you to check my log for the IARU HF World Championship.” Gator checks the computer for the file, “Got it Dude.”

As Gator is checking my log I glance outside and see the postal chick put mail in the mailbox. “Gator I am going to get the mail and will be right back.” Gator gives a grunt. I return with a large white envelope, “Here Gator slice this open.” Gator takes out his trusty illegal redneck switch blade with the ivory handle and opens the envelope, “Dude you got two certificates from the Texas QSO party. You came in third place all CW in 2014 and 2015, at least you are consistent, but third place is like kissing your sister”

I laugh and change the subject, “How about checking the IARU log.” Gator is looking at the computer screen, “Well Dude during the IARU HF World Championships you made 300 QSOs and 125 QSOs were on ten meters, but you only logged three new counties on ten meters.” “Yes gator, I have worked most of the stations over the years that operate in the IARU world championships and getting a new county is like winning the lotto.” Gator chuckles, “Great Dude you made contacts on all six bands. “That is awesome. I bet you place high on the CW only participants list.” I smile, “We will see. Gator please check if the CQ VHF Contest is on the memory stick?”

Gator brings up the menu, “Sure is Dude.” We sip out lattes as the program loads. “Okay Dude, you made 59 QSOs and worked 40 grid squares. Going to blame the band conditions again?” I smile, “This time it is the sun’s fault, but I think I got some counties

on six meters.” Gator finishes off his latte, “Yes Dude you worked 12 new counties on six meters, so not a total loss. By the way I just read on the county hunters form that Jim, N9JF, ran all the counties in Alaska and Rick, AI5P, ran the counties traveling the Route 66 route. When are you going to do something exciting?” “I have excitement in my bucket list but right now will you check out my trip to Saint George Island, Florida. I operated in the IOTA contest.” Gator murmurs you can’t lift the bucket list now.

CQ, CQ, CQ is heard coming from Gator’s cell phone. Sorry Dude, the plant supervisor just got a call that birds flying through the cooling tower plume become disorientated and crash into trees and buildings.” I hear him yell: “Ethanol in the fuel tank makes the engine run better.” He is gone like an aged memory. I hear the printer start and stop, I get the printout and it is a list of mobile stations heard during the month of July on the county hunters CW call frequencies:

I read: AB7RW, AF5CC, AI5P, K0DEQ, K0FG, K0MAF, K2HVN, K4YT, KA2LHO, KB0BA, KC3X, KC7YE, N2MH, N4CD, N4UP, N7IV, N7JPF, N9AC, N9JF, N9QS, NF0NB, NN9K, W0GXQ, W4SIG, W6OUL, WA4UNS and WD4OIN.

Ahoy adventurous county hunters, there is something anew on the horizon during the month of August and that is a virgin operating event called: The ARRL Solar Eclipse QSO Party. Pick your choice of mode make a contact and send the other stations call sign, the signal report, your six character grid and your call. This will challenge my memory cache. Also during the month of August there are four traditional State QSO parties with a total of 223 counties up for grabs. There is the Maryland-DC QSO party with 24 counties, the Hawaii QSO party with 5 counties, the Kansas QSO party with 106 counties and my birth State the Ohio QSO Party with 88 counties.

There is also the North American CW QSO Party and KN4Y will operate mobile in Pasco County, Florida after bowling in the Suncoast senior bowling tournament. You currently enjoy the uncertainty of the ten meter band then operate in the 10-10 International Summer Phone QSO Party. Perhaps DX is your next choice to county hunting then operate in the WAE CW DX Contest or the Russian District Award Contest and Gator assures that the FBI will not investigate your station. Take your choice from the 25 operating activities for the CW enthusiast. Gosh, two months until the MARAC convention. Nap time, I may have to quit naps because during the last nap I visualized Bozo, W9OP, was in Xenia, Ohio., naw one more nap won’t hurt.



Cruise

*My Pin Money Travel, LLC Announces*

*It's Sixth Amateur Radio Cruise*

***MPMT'S HAM RADIO CRUISE 6***

**On the Carnival Freedom on January 12, 2019 for 7 Days**

**The perfect gift for the “hard to buy for” person.**

**Great vacation with family and friends**

Planned activities onboard include seminars conducted during days at sea, working Maritime Mobile on two ship installed HF stations with DX for all licensed amateurs and all the fun of a Carnival Cruise! Special arrangements have been made with Carnival Cruise Lines for two HF operating stations and antennas.

Cruise from Galveston, Tx. To Key West, Freeport  
and Nassau, Bahamas returning to Galveston



**Only 50 cabins reserved. Book quickly - don't miss the great prices & extras!\***

All prices are double occupancy and include government taxes, port charges and fees.  
DEPOSIT of \$250 PER PERSON DUE AT BOOKING in order to assign your stateroom.

\*Each stateroom also receives a \$25 onboard credit, bottle of wine and 2 tote bags.

TRAVEL INSURANCE IS OPTIONAL, BUT HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Cruise offered EXCLUSIVELY through Debbie Rumfield, N5DSR with My Pin Money Travel, LLC (MPMT) who can be reached at [mypinmoneytravel@yahoo.com](mailto:mypinmoneytravel@yahoo.com) or by telephone at 832-656-0731.

This event is organized by Lance Rumfield, WD5X, in an effort to offer amateurs the ability to enjoy the rare opportunity of operating at sea while participating in a terrific vacation.

### Operating Details as planned:

Two Kenwood TS-480 HX (or similar) HF mobile transceivers with two screwdriver antennas will be provided. Screwdrivers will be installed on ship's aft railing. Stations and antennas will be on opposite sides of the ship at the stern. Bring your own keyers/headphones/computers /interfaces/etc!!! Signal Link adapters will be provided. (Sorry - no personal HF operation or external antennas of any kind will be allowed from individual staterooms, balconies, or public areas.)

Personal Handi-Talkies may be used on the Carnival Freedom while at sea!!!

Special permission to operate onboard the Carnival Freedom has been arranged as long as proper licensing is obtained and formal agreements between Carnival and My Pin Money Travel are acknowledged and followed.

Amateur operation will be while in U.S. or international waters.

Each participating amateur will receive a copy of authorization to operate as signed by the Captain of the Freedom, Technical Coordinator, Travel Agent and the amateur!

### Licensing Requirements:

If you wish to operate a station or handheld while on board, copies of the following documents must be submitted to Debbie Rumfield at My Pin Money Travel, LLC six months before sailing date as Carnival requires these documents be submitted for the entire group before final payment date.

- 1) Copy of valid U.S. amateur license
- 2) Copy of an IARP (available from the ARRL) that is valid for this cruise date. .

Please consider joining us in 2019. We have had a great time on our past five ham cruises and look forward to a repeat event!!!!

Note: Only licensed amateurs who are participants of this limited opportunity group event will be allowed to operate the above referenced amateur equipment while on the Carnival Freedom.

NOTE: U.S. Customs recommends all cruise passengers possess a valid U.S. passport in order to board the ship!!!!!!

**Awards****Awards Secretary Report**

It is my privilege to announce the winners of the 2017 Annual Awards.

The following individuals were selected by vote of the MARAC membership:

CW County Hunter of the Year - NM2L  
SSB County Hunter of the Year - K0DEQ

CW Net Control of the Year - W0GXQ  
2nd Place K0DEQ  
3rd Place AB7RW

SSB Net Control of the Year - NF0N  
2nd Place AA8R  
3rd Place AB7NK

CW Mobile of the Year - W4SIG  
2nd Place N4UP  
3rd Place W0GXQ

SSB Mobile of the Year - AB7NK  
2nd Place N5MLP  
3rd Place WQ7A

Mobile Team of the Year - K7SEN/AB7NK  
2nd Place KBOBA/NOXYL  
3rd Place N0KV/N0DXE

**Congratulations to all our winners!**

Plaques and certificates will be presented at the National Convention banquet to those in attendance. Plaques and certificates for those not attending the banquet will be mailed following the convention.

Awards Processed May 1, 2017 - July 15, 2017

Call	Award Date	Award	Number
KC3X	5/15/2017	USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x2	4
N1API	6/15/2017	USA-PA - K - K	30
N4JT	5/16/2017	USA-CW	150
W0EAR	7/4/2017	Worked all Counties - 8th Time	17
WB0PYF	5/6/2017	USA-CW	149



Roadrunners Processed May 1, 2017 - July 15, 2017

Call	Award Date	Award	Number
AB7NK	5/6/2017	Last County Count 575	#31
AB7NK	5/10/2017	Last County Count 600	#29
AB7NK	5/10/2017	Last County Count 625	#27
AB7NK	5/10/2017	Last County Count 650	#25
AB7NK	6/3/2017	Last County Count 675	#24
K0DEQ	7/12/2017	Last County Count 75	#281
K5GE	5/6/2017	Last County Count 500	#40
K7SEN	5/6/2017	Last County Count 200	#125
K7SEN	7/12/2017	Last County Count 225	#105
KM1C	7/12/2017	Last County Count 125	#193
N0KV	5/6/2017	Last County Count 900	#14
N4CD	6/3/2017	Last County Count 2650	#1
N4JT	6/3/2017	Last County Count 925	#12
N5MLP	5/10/2017	Last County Count 125	#192
N5MLP	7/12/2017	Last County Count 150	#173
N7JPF	7/12/2017	Last County Count 75	#282
N9JF	7/12/2017	Last County Count 425	#47
W4SIG	5/6/2017	Last County Count 475	#42
W8TAX	6/3/2017	Last County Count 25	#526
WA6OCV	6/3/2017	Last County Count 75	#280
WBOPYF	7/12/2017	Last County Count 25	#527

LC1 / LC2s Processed May 1, 2017 - July 15, 2017

Last County in the State      500  
 Last County in the USA        7

**FYI:**

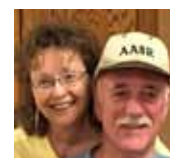
Award applications will be processed once or twice monthly, depending on volume  
 Award plaques & plates will be ordered monthly or bi-monthly, depending on volume

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Please ensure your e-mail and mailing address are current in the MARAC database.  
 In order to process awards for you, your e-mail address **must** be in the MARAC database.  
 In order to mail your awards to you, your mailing address **must** be in the MARAC database.  
 When paying for an award for a MARAC member, please confirm they have a valid mailing address in the MARAC database before submitting for the award.  
 I will **not** maintain a separate file of e-mail and/or mailing addresses!

**Please send all questions/comments to the awards e-mail address:**

[marac.awards@gmail.com](mailto:marac.awards@gmail.com)



**Please direct all mail to the following mailing address:**

Pattie Hatt, PO Box 427, Grant, MI 49327

MARAC 2017 National

Convention Registration

September 25-28, Hotel Elegante Conference & Event Center, Colorado Springs CO

(Deadline for Early Registration Prize Drawing is July 1, 2017)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROV: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Registration Fee: Note: Includes badge & Non-alcoholic beverages & snacks. \$45.00
(One Registration fee/family unit – Includes 1 prize ticket)

Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ USACA \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendees: Badges & non-alcoholic beverages & snacks included (list info below)
Total # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_ USACA# \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_ USACA# \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation: S-Spouse, O-Other (specify-friend, son, daughter)

Photos will be e-mailed after convention -- Group, CW, YL, etc. Free/included w/registration)

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

Single Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

12-pack tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Events & Activities \*(Descriptions provided on-line)

\* Schedule of programs, mobile antenna testing, etc. on Tues and Wed provided at a later date and included w/registration package.

Monday, Sept 25 – Check in and hospitality room

Tuesday, Sept 26 – Bus Tour (U.S. Olympic Training Center and Garden of the Gods
on a Comfortable coach (9:20 a.m. – 2:20 p.m. # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sept 26 – Do-It-Yourself Activities/Shopping, Programs, etc.

Wednesday, Sept 27 - Banquet/Dinner Buffet 6:00 PM # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Door prizes, main prizes, announcements, etc.

TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your registration form and check, made payable to: “2017 MARAC Convention” to:

Pat Mitchell, N0DXE
12200 Boothill Dr
Parker CO 80138

Hotel Reservations: (\$119 for single or double, plus tax). Includes breakfast.

Hotel Elegante Conference and Event Center, 2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs CO 80906

Call 719-576-5900 and request Group Code MARAC or book on-line at: https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1410&skipfirstpage=true&page=1694377

(Hotel is pet friendly)

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)

## Information about Convention – for RR

The 2017 MARAC National Convention will be held at the Hotel Elegante Conference and Event Center in Colorado Springs (I-25, exit 138) on 25-27 Sep with check out on 28 Sep. Early check in is on 24 Sep (Barry, N0KV and Pat, N0DXE will be setting up in the hospitality room after 6 p.m.) We will have several programs, an organized bus tour plus a buffet banquet.

Bring a gift to the gift exchange, which will take place the evening of the banquet. Gift should be in the \$15 range. We will also draw for the early bird prize and other prizes at the banquet.

Registration is now open (see Registration Form). Registration for the early bird ticket/prize is 1 July 2017.

Colorado should be beautiful this time of year with the Aspen trees turning a golden yellow. Come see the majestic mountains and visit some of the many Colorado Springs/Pikes Peak area site-seeing opportunities.

Free Visitor Information: Colorado Springs Visitor Information Center. Web: VisitCOS.com (719) 685-7623

- **Pike's Peak** – you can drive to the summit (14,115') or take the scenic Pike's Peak Cog Railway, the highest train in the U.S. and highest cog in the world. Open all year but reservations for the train are recommended. CogRailway.com or (719) 685-5401.
- If driving to Pike's Peak, stop in the North Pole-Santa's Workshop, where it's Christmas every day of the year. Pike's Peak Hwy, NorthPoleColorado.com, (719) 684-9432.
- **U. S. Air Force Academy** – home to Air Force Cadets future Air Force officers. The Visitor's Center presents a movie on cadet life along with exhibits and gift shop. Located at I-25, exit 156. Free.
- **Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center**. Has a permanent collection of paintings, photography, modern art including works by Ansel Adams, Dale Chihuly, Georgia O'Keeffe, and many others. (719) 634-5581.
- Cave of the Winds – where you can explore deep inside a winding cave. There are 3 cave tours to choose from. CaveOfTheWinds.com or (719) 685.5444.
- **Manitou Cliff Dwellings**, authentic dwellings of the of the Anasazi Indians built more than 700 years ago. CliffDwellingsMuseum.com, (719) 685-5242
- **The Broadmoor** – a 5-star historic hotel, considered “The Grand Dame of the Rockies.” A site to behold, you can walk the grounds, peruse the boutiques, or dine in one of the hotel's fine restaurants. Located at exit 138, it is 3 miles west of I-15.
- **Cheyenne Mountain Zoo**, America's one and only mountain zoo, which stands at 6714 ft and houses many amazing creatures. Hand-feed a giraffe. I-25, exit 138. 2.75 west then 2 mi SW. CMZoo.org or (719) 633-9925.
- **Seven Falls** -7-tiered natural wonder cascading falls near Broadmoor. SevenFalls.com
- **Ghost Town Museum** – step back in time and explore an old west town inside a museum setting. GhostTownMuseum.com, (719) 634-0696.

- **Historic Old Colorado City.** Historic shopping district with unique gift shops and a great place to eat. The ladies will love this area. 2234 W. Colorado Ave., ShopOldColoradoCity.com, (710) 577-4112.
- **Historic Manitou Springs** – just west of Old Colorado City, Manitou is a quaint mountain town with many unique shops and a great place to grab lunch. You can drink from the 8 mineral springs. ManitouSprings.org, (719) 685-5089
- **Prorodeo Hall of Fame.** History and legends of professional rodeo. ProRodeoHallofFame.com, (719) 528-4764.
- **Western Museum of Mining and Industry.** (800-752-6558)
- **World Figure Skating Museum and Hall of Fame.** (719) 635-5200
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**Change on the <http://spots.superhosts.net> page**

I added one more input field that is a test to see if the submission is from a human or a bot (program) that is trying to spam or inject SQL...

Anyone submitting via that page will have to type YES in all upper case in order to post a spot.

Figured most people use UPPERCASE already, so only accepting that.

Thanks,

73,

John / W5UGD

## **Second Mobile Bakeoff** **(Mobile Transmitted Signal Test)**

By Larry Benko, W0QE

Much of the fun of operating mobile is making contacts. Would you like to know the relative strength of your mobile signal compared to others? The convention affords us the opportunity to have several mobiles together and perform a controlled test of everyone's setup. I would like to encourage everyone to participate even if you think your signal is not as strong as you might like as collecting more data will help us all, especially the new comers. Participation will take only a few minutes to do a single antenna on 1 or 2 bands. Feel free to bring more than one antenna and transmit on any bands you wish. We will measure the vertical and horizontal magnitude of your transmitted signal at a takeoff angle of 10-15 degrees.

We did a measurement like this 10 years ago at the last MARAC convention in Denver and most participants had fun (I think).

**Time:** We will set up Monday morning Sept. 25 and will be ready to begin before noon and will continue until dusk. Please stop by.

**Format:** Similar to the first "Mobile Bakeoff". You will center your vehicle on the transmit location and transmit a brief 100% duty cycle signal on any frequencies that you operate on. The signal can be CW, RTTY, FM (mic gain set to 0) etc. I will expect the power level to be 100W unless you say otherwise.

**Outcome:** I will produce a video and make it available to MARAC and publish it my YouTube channel. The video will show the measurement data, description, vehicle\*, antenna\*, setup\*, operator\*, and mention operators name\* and call sign\*. If you are shy or wish to remain anonymous, you can opt out of any of the items with an asterisk and you will be called "Participant XYZ" with a verbal description of your antenna and setup. In all cases, license plates will be obscured.

Location: Vacant dirt field on northeast corner of the convention site

### **New TN Motorist Law**

Tennessee has passed an extension of the “Move-Over” law that could have bearing on mobiles who are stopped while operating in TN.

The original law requires motorists to move over allowing a clear lane between an approaching vehicle when a parked emergency vehicle with legal warning lighting is stopped in, or on, the side of a highway, or to slow 15 mph below posted speed limit. It applies to all roadways, divided multi-lanes to our famous “dog-path” backroads.

A new part was added, effective July 1, 2017, that requires motorist who encounter a parked motorist on the shoulder with emergency flashers working is to be allowed the same safe space and speed reduction as for an emergency vehicle.

Exactly how this will work isn't covered in the addition, so expect some discussions from the courts and officers to work out details. If you are running a county while sitting on the side of the road with flashers on, everyone else has to move over or slow down 15 mph. It will probably result in an officer asking you to move on if there is no vehicle problem. Please don't try stopping over a waterline on a bridge, either.

If you are in a pullout to the right of a paved shoulder or on the grass to the right the shoulder, there isn't supposed to be a problem based on the letter of the law.

One situation not worked out is if you are stopped on the shoulder with no flashers activated. It is a new law for Tennessee's motorists, officers and courts. It might take some time to fine tune what the full scope of the new addition allows or prohibits, so please be courteous to the officers and remember you'll get a day in court.

The new law is to allow for safety of all motorists, both the stopped ones and the ones passing by.

John Almon, WA4JA

**Mr. Ugly**

From the desk of Pat Pugh, K7VAY, a

Proclamation

Whereas, in the course of human events, my term as holder of The Ugly Award for the year 2016 is fast approaching its end and,

Whereas, it becomes my solemn duty and responsibility to designate my successor without the benefit of preconceived notions and alternative facts and,

Whereas, my thorough, time-consuming and exhausting research and analysis have shown that the person identified below is well-deserving of this award and,

Whereas, he has frightened neighbors, sent chills of terror down the spines of young children, caused neighbors to lock their doors and shutter their windows at all hours and intimidated unsuspecting patrons at the post office and,

Whereas, he has managed to elude his local police officers and escape dragnets time after time and,

Whereas, through no fault of his own, he remains fond of bell-bottom pants, loud flowery shirts, sandals, long hair, head-bands and spend most of his time when not county hunting listening to Janice Joplin on his Marantz stereo receiver and,

Whereas, despite these short-comings which I feel should be made public, he is a fine and top-notch county hunter and always willing and able to give assistance when needed and,

Whereas, he no doubt will accept the Ugly Award with pride and dignity and,

Therefore, I proclaim Mr. Jim Odom, WY8I, as recipient of the Ugly Award for 2017.

Given under my hand this 26th day of July of the year of  
our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen,

//signed//

Pat Pugh, K7VAY

Tucson, Arizona





**Treasurer's Report (W7OLY)  
June 2017\***

**Beginning Account Balances June 17, 2017**  
**\$26,344.05**

**Income:**

Money Market Interest	\$2.00	
Awards Secretary Income	\$0.00	
Misc. Income	\$0.00	
Membership Income	\$470.00	
Logger Distribution	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Income:		\$472.00

**March 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

**March Other Expenses:**

Awards Secretary Expenses	\$38.20
Misc. Expenses (1)	\$40.00
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	<u>\$0.00</u>

Total Expenses: \$78.20

**March Net Income Less Expenses \$393.80**

**New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts:**  
**\$26,737.85**

Checking Account Balance	\$3,619.22
Money Market Account Balance	
<u>\$23,118.63</u>	

**Total Cash All Accounts:**  
**\$26,737.85**

\* Includes June Transactions posted through 7/15//2017

\* The \$1,500.00 Awards Secretary Funds are not included in the above balance.

Notes:

(1) Kansas State Annual Report filing fee reimbursement to WQ7A.

# From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of December should be discounted by **\$6,276.15** This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are **\$20,461.70**.



Awards Secretary Financial Report

June 2017

Bank Account Report:

Account Funds on hand May 31, 2017		1,600.00
Treasurer Reimbursement	-	
Funds received from members 6/1/17 - 6/30/17	-	
		-
		1,600.00

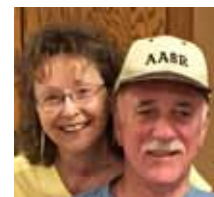
Expenses:

Office Supplies	-	
Plaque Supplies	-	
Postage/Shipping	38.20	
Treasury reimbursement	100.00	
Member reimbursement	-	
Total Expenses		138.20

Account Funds on hand June 30, 2017	1,461.80
Reimbursement needed from Treasurer	38.20

Member Accounts Report:

Member Funds on Hand May 31, 2017	6,297.15
Net Funds deposited and/or used during June	(21.00)
Member Funds on Hand May 31, 2017	6,276.15



**Events**

- 8/5        10-10 SUMMER QP
- 8/5        NA CW QP
- 8/12       MD-DC QP
- 8/19       NA SSB QP
- 8/20       ARRL ROOKIE RTTY
- 8/21       SOLAR ECLIPSE QP       [did you get your grasses?]
- 8/26       HI QP
- 8/26       W/VE ISLANDS QP
- 8/26       KS QP
- 8/26       OH QP
- 9/25       NATIONAL

ONLY START DATE SHOWN

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**Awards Committee**

**These MARAC members are serving on the Awards Committee:**

**Awards Manager - Ron Clift (N5MLP)**

**Robert Woody - N8KIE**

**Tony Mazzocco -WA9DLB**

**David Pyle - KW1DX**

**Robert Hallock - K7TM**

**Bob Voss - N4CD**

**Jack Jacobs - WD4OIN**

*The County Line Roadrunner*  
*MARAC Secretary*  
*PO Box 500*  
*Yelm, WA 98597*

*“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”*

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

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