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VP News

Kansas City, here we come!!!

I am looking forward to meeting many who have helped me along over many years as well as those who are a callsign in the log. I will be available for individual conversations regarding MoSpot, the KFF Parks program or just to get to know each other a bit better.

There may be some parks people that live in the area who will stop in as well for a meet and greet and also to get a better idea of what County Hunting is all about. Please welcome them among our group. *Remember when they are activating parks, they are also activating counties.*

The two programs are very compatible and we have more similarities than differences. I'll be arriving on Thursday morning sometime and leaving late Sunday morning so there will be time for us all to get to know each other a little better.

See you in KC!
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Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Attending a convention is similar to kissing your Mother (or Father) –in-law.

I am still shaking with excitement after attending the 50th county hunter's convention in Kansas City, I got home late, got a good rest, unpacked the suitcase, washed and dried the outfits and put them in the closet or dresser. I brought all the pictures and notes to the radio shack and I am waiting for Gator to stop-by so I can tell him about the fantastic convention I attended in Kansas City located in the State of Missouri. To pass the time while waiting for Gator I turn on the computer to check if Gator processed my previous QSO Party logs while I was partying out of town.

I check the Ohio QSO party, the Buckeye State of my birth many years ago and my way of visiting my hometown every year. I notice I made 55 CW QSO's and worked 32 Ohio counties. I think to myself, nothing impressive. I bring up the Hawaii QSO party and note I worked 6 Hawaii stations. I did not expect to hear any Hawaii stations due to the high winds reported in the area during the QSO party. Again I think to myself, nothing impressive. I bring up the Kansas QSO party. I had fun chasing all the mobiles with 1x1 calls. I made 87 CW QSO's, worked 56 Kansas counties and worked the bonus mobile. I make a quick check and I have worked enough 1x1 mobiles to spell, YELLOWBRICKROAD. I doubt they have yellow brick roads in Kansas, but I digress. I should have read the rule sooner, now too late to receive the antique radio stamps.

I bring up the Alabama QSO party log during which I operated CW mobile with my bowling buddy as driver. I operated CW from 15 counties and covered 735 miles and only made 289 QSO's. The CW activity on all bands was high powered due to the CWop OPEN CW contest. I had little success on 20 meters trying to compete running 100 Watts, I spent most of the evening on 40 meters. No award this year but the weather was great and the food was fresh at the Road Kill Café. I hear my phone ring so I answer the call.

That was a strange call; Gator is on a plane flying to Russia to attend some kind of an ethanol conference on a multi-national level. That was unexpected; I hope I can remember all my stories from the MARAC county hunter's convention to tell Gator when he returns. I swing around in my chair and I bring up the Writelog logging program and open the log for Washington (Salmon Run) State QSO party. I run the summary sheet. I thought I had done better than 50 CW QSO,s and logged only 23 Washington counties. I notice I did log four CW mobiles; Randy, K7TQ, Mike, N7WA, Darryl, WW7D, and the bonus station W7DX, the Western Washington DX Club. Well no smoked Salmon this

year. The water pipe can stay in the desk drawer.

Also on the same weekend I also worked the IOWA QSO party. I open the log and notice I made 10 CW contacts and worked seven counties. I make a quick check and I worked a new county on 80-meters, a 2x2 call contact and a No-Star. I wonder how I did in the New Jersey QSO Party.

I open the New Jersey QSO party log and notice I got more contacts than last year with 19 CW QSO's and 11 counties. I had to send my signal through Hurricane Florence and that could have been a problem, probably not an accepted excuse. I get up and get a glass of ice water, sure miss my latte. I look at my list and notice I also worked the New Hampshire QSO party. I open the log and by-golly I worked all three CW operators in New Hampshire. To refresh my memory I load the Maine QSO party. I smile; again I worked the two CW operators in Maine. I sure miss a latte,

I go to the County Hunters' forum and notice Curtis, W3PKE, is a silent key. I did not work Curtis on CW. I bow my head and recite The Shepherd's Psalm. I make a note to tell Gator I spent many hours calling on 6-meters in the ARRL VHF Contest and made not one contact.

My lack of a latte is reaching the addicted point; I will look at my log for the FOC QSO party and then go get a latte. My nerves settle down and I bring up the log. I made 67 CW QSO's, I will look up what FOC means later. First I start the printer and I go out the door and get into the truck.

The printer stops and the printout is a list of the mobile county hunters that checked onto the county hunter's CW call frequencies during the month of September. The list includes: AI5P, K0FG, K0MAF, K4BAI, K4YT, K7TM, KA3QLF, KB0BA, KB0LF, KC3X, KC7YE, KN4Y, N0AC, N2OO, N4CD, N9AC, N9JF, W0GXQ, W9AWE, WA4UNS, and WB0PYF,

The month of October is fun time for the CW State QSO party enthusiast with 386 counties up for grabs. Starting with the 53rd running of the California QSO party with 58 counties, work while mobile on the way home from the convention, the Nevada QSO party with 16 counties (the QSO party lists 17), the 62nd running of the Pennsylvania QSO party with 67 counties, the Arizona QSO party, with a new sponsor, with 15 counties, the South Dakota QSO party with 66 counties, the New York QSO party with 62 counties and to top off the fun is the Illinois QSO party. Dit dit –a-lot.

Not a fan of QSO parties? Then try operating CW in the RDGB DX contest, or the 10-10 International Sprint operating on the fickle ten meter band (Listen for KN4Y on ten meters around 28.040 MHz.). Try the Oceania DX contest. Don't forget the ARRL School Club Roundup, the young participants will be the next old amateur generation.

Now pay close attention: There is the 10-10 International CW QSO party and you might be surprised as ten meters likes a CW contest. Listen for KN4Y around 28.040 MHz and make a contact.

Another favorite is the Worked All Germany contest and if a low band type try the Stew Perry Topband Challenge. I will be glad when Gator gets back. Nap time.



**Treasurer's Report (W7OLY)
August 2018***

Beginning Account Balance September 25, 2018 **\$24,491.04**

Income:

Money Market Interest	\$1.20	
Awards Secretary Income	\$0.00	
Misc. Income	\$0.00	
Membership Income	\$162.95	
Logger Distribution	<u>\$20.00</u>	
Total Income:		\$184.15

Other Expenses:

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

Net Income Less Expenses **\$144.15**

New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts: **\$24,635.19**

Checking Account Balance		\$ 9,504.54
Money Market Account Balance		<u>\$15,130.65</u>
Total Cash All Accounts:		\$24,635.19

* Includes Transactions posted through 9/13/2018

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

Notes: 1. Reimburse N6PDB for annual Kansas State Registration



From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of April should be discounted by **\$6,067.15**. This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are **\$18,566.84**.

Events

10/6 CA QP
10/10 10-10 SPRINT
10/13 NV QP
10/13 PA QP
10/13 AZ QP
10/13 SD QP
10/20 10-10 CW
10/20 NY QP
10/21 IL QP
10/27 CQ WW SSB

10/3/18 50TH NATIONAL



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