



The great outdoors

Ruth and I have been all consumed with seeing the US in our Class C motorhome. The 'coach' was a new addition to us in 2023 and throughout 2024 we ventured out to see the USA. Our 2024 travels brought us to the Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse memorial, Devils Tower, breweries, distilleries, wineries and farms along the way. The coach was new to us so I did not bring any radio gear with us since there was just too much to learn about the motorhome. We had our mishaps including brake loss, so amateur radio really was not on my mind with our 2024 travels. 2025 will be different and with the year planned out the Kenwood TS-2000 and 2m radios are tagging along for the ride.

In 2025 travels have us traveling south to Georgia in the spring, followed by a few months off while some scheduled maintenance is done on the coach. A Maine trip will follow and then to upstate Vermont. Our trips will take up March, April, July and August with times varying from 1 to 3 weeks.

So what does this have to do with MARC? I am challenging members of MARC to hunt us down in the spirit of POTA. This will be like a QSO party but you don't have to do any logging, I will log contacts I make on my end. This should make things much easier for folks tracking us down and you just make a QSO if you hear us. As the dates get closer I will publish expected air times at locations. On multiday stops I will have the HF gear deployed while the overnight stops may just be a MARC repeater contact via Echolink (on my end, you listen on Echolink or the repeater).

A downloadable certificate will be made available for all club members making a QSO with us via HF or Echolink. Additional certificates will be awarded for; Most locations contacted, and Most number of contacts. Identifying the names of our location stop during the QSO (as a hint, the first stop will be at Cracker Barrel in Mt. Laurel New Jersey) will help resolve any ties. If you know the location name don't let that information out over the air; just send me an email at KC1SA@arrl.net the same day as our QSO. The town and state is not an ID, the name of the establishment is the ID. This will require you to hunt down on the internet our possible stop names. Hopefully this will be a fun and perhaps challenging event to get MARC members on the air.

Event occurs in three steps: Spring, July, and August. Certificates and awards available in September 2025.

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Call sign I will be using is W1NRG.

I log:

- **Date, Time, Call, Location, Frequency, Mode**

You log:

- **Nothing**
- **Bands are 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m and 2m Echolink**
 - Echolink users: My call sign (KC1SA) will appear on the app and will use KC1SA when using Echolink but I will log the QSO as W1NRG.
 - HF bands; I will try to stay within the Tech & General bands
 - **Operational priorities: SSB, FT8, CW**
- ***HF QSOs weigh heavier (2X) than Echolink for the Most Locations and Most number of contacts awards.***

Locations (in order)

The Great Outdoor - W1NRG

March - April

Stop	Location
1	Mt. Laurel, NJ – This is a famous eatery
2	Franktown, VA - A defunct horse farm
3	Kitty Hawk, SC - multiple days – This is an RV park
4	Mabane, NC - This is a brewery
5	Greenville, SC (home to the father of the laser) - multiple days – This is an RV park
6	Fountain Inn, SC – My niece's home on a golf course
7	Toccoa, GA - multiple days – This is an RV park
8	Hamptonville, NC – This is a Winery
9	New Market, VA - multiple days – This is an RV park
10	Mechanicsburg, PA – This is a brewery
11	Readington, NJ – This is a brewery

July

Stop	Location
1	Sturbridge, MA – This is an eatery
2	Lyman, ME – This is a brewery
3	Bar Harbor, ME - multiple days – This is an RV park
4	Lancaster, MA - multiple days – This is a private home

August

Stop	Location
1	Charlestown, NH – This is an Historic landmark from the French – Indian war period
2	Newport, VT - multiple days - This is an RV park
3	Meredith, NH – This is a brewery

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