



Our 2016 Photo Contest is Here! Enter for a Chance to Win a Free Transmitter

Now is the time to have your cameras ready! Once again, MTI is hosting a photo contest to find the best pictures of the amazing species our transmitters are tracking!

First prize will be a **free transmitter** of your choice.

Second prize is a **free refurbishment of an eligible transmitter**.

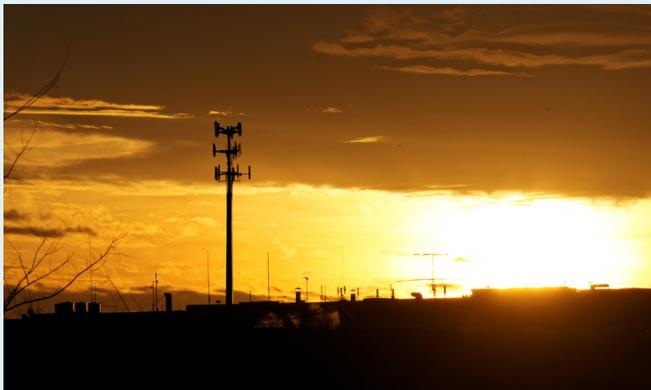
All photo entries must depict animals tagged with MTI transmitters in the animals' natural environment. Groups or organizations, as well as individuals are eligible to enter. Be sure to include the photographer's name and affiliated organization. Please send all entries in high resolution (preferably a minimum of 2100 x 3000 pixels) digital format to:

support@microwavetelemetry.com

Write "Photo Contest" in the subject line of your email. Please submit your entries no later than November 1, 2016. Photographs will be judged anonymously, and all winners will be announced and featured in our winter newsletter. Photos previously used in our publications are ineligible. All contestants submitting entries grant permission for the future publication of their photos by Microwave Telemetry, Inc.; appropriate photo credit will be given. Multiple entries are permitted and encouraged.



Sunsetting of the 2G GSM Network in North America



With increasing demand for higher data throughput, driven mainly by the mobile phone industry, network carriers (e.g., ATT, T-Mobile) are phasing out second-generation (2G) cellular equipment. This "sunset" will be complete by 31 December 2016. At the beginning of 2016, MTI began replacing its 2G module with a 3G module for devices sold to customers deploying devices in North America. This change makes the devices functional in both North and South America. Customers deploying devices in places other than the Americas will still receive GSM units with 2G modules.

MTI is constantly faced with adapting with (and to) new technologies, which is a good thing in general. However, this instance is unfortunate as the change will affect those customers who have active GSM units deployed in North America. Upon completion of the 2G phase-out, devices sold prior to 2016 will no longer function in North America. If your birds migrate to South America, the archived data will still upload to a 2G network upon connection. Additionally, should a 2G unit be physically recovered from a North American project, we will be able to download archived data and upgrade the device with the newer 3G module. Please contact us for more information about the upgrade.

2017 Christiane Howey Rising Scholar Award

~~~ Call for Entries ~~~

In addition to granting many educational awards for transmitters over the years, Christiane Howey quietly found ways to help young researchers and start-up programs. To honor Chris, and to carry on in her spirit of generosity, we are proud to offer an annual award in her name: the Christiane Howey Rising Scholar Award.

Proposals for the 2017 Christiane Howey Rising Scholar Award will be accepted before October 31, 2016 and reviewed prior to the publication of the Winter 2016 issue of *Tracker News*. The award recipient will be notified in late December to schedule a production slot. Proposals will be judged by an internal committee. Applicants are encouraged to include an educational component in their research, but this is not required. This award is intended to provide researchers who are starting out their careers with the means to get their projects off the ground. It will provide the recipient with five transmitters of his/her choice. Proposals should include an outline of the project indicating the scope and expected outcome. Please include a timeline and let us know what model of transmitter you are interested in using. We are looking for a maximum of 5 pages. The recipient will be responsible for any Argos (or GSM) data distribution costs and any duties/taxes. For more information, please email support@microwavetelemetry.com or visit our website.

