

Master Gold Award

IN MEMORIAM:	The Master Gold Award is in honor of Arnie Bachmann (K9DCJ, SK). Arnie was a big part of the history of county hunting and was the unofficial MARAC historian. In 1991, Arnie authored the “USA-CA Award: The Story of County Hunting,” which was published as a three part series in <i>CQ Magazine</i> . He wrote county hunting history articles for the MARAC convention annual reports.			
OBJECTIVE:	For holders of both a Star and the Bingo - Master County Hunter Award (“Bingo”) to: 1) make Valid Contacts in All USA Counties with each other, and 2) perform service to MARAC and the county hunting community.			
SPECIAL RULES:	1	All contacts for Master Gold must be made after the applicant has earned at least one Star and the Bingo Award		
	2	Each contact must be made with another operator who has also earned at least one Star and the Bingo Award.		
	3	Both counties involved in a Valid Contact may be counted by both operators. However, self credit can only be claimed if the operator is physically located in that county.		
	4	The applicant must provide proof satisfactory to the Awards Manager of the following total hours of service to MARAC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completions prior to 4/1/2022 require 1,500 hours • Completions on or after 4/1/2022 require 1,200 hours consisting of any combination of the following:		
		A. Hours earned by serving as an elected officer or director of the club or an appointed position at the rates specified in the list below for 12 months of service (any partial years of service are to be credited using the appropriate annual rate prorated to daily values and multiplied by the number of days actually served in that year):	Period before 4/1/22	Period 4/1/22 or later
		• President	200	500
		• Vice President	200	500
		• Secretary	500	500
		• Treasurer	300	500
		• Past President (if position filled and active)	100	100
	• District Director	100	300	
	• Awards Manager	500	500	
	• Awards Secretary	500	500	

	• Awards Committee Members	Actual	200
	• Newsletter Editor	500	500
	• Election Coordinator	Actual	200
	• Publicity & Advertising Coordinator	N/A	200
	• General Counsel	Actual	200
	• Webmaster	Actual	200
	• IT Director	Actual	300
	• Lead Programmer for Logger 2: Base credit per year (no logs required)	Actual	300
	• Lead Programmer for Logger 2: Supplemental credit of 1 hour for each hour worked above the base credit (logs required for all hours)	Actual	Actual
	• Assistant programmers or user support persons for Logger 1 or 2: Base credit per year (no logs required)	Actual	200
	• Assistant programmers or user support persons for Logger 1 or 2: Supplemental credit of 1 hour for each hour worked above the base credit (logs required for all hours)	Actual	Actual
	• National or mini convention coordinator	Actual	Actual
	B. Hours earned by transmitting from counties - An applicant may substitute transmitted counties for hours of service at the rate of one transmitted county equals one hour of service. Limitations: a. You may transmit from the same county multiple times (but no more than once on the same date), and b. The same county may only be counted a maximum of 50 times.	Actual	Actual
	C. Hours earned by individuals serving in a Net Control or Assistant Net Control position during times when “structured” nets were/are in effect (Logs required)	Actual	Actual
	D. Hours earned by individuals who support county activations by operators using mobile, portable, or fixed operation can earn minutes of credit for various activities as specified below (logs of activity are required when claiming credit):	(see below)	(see below)
	a. posting/spotting active station on the W6RK or other MARAC sponsored website (if any)	N/A	4 min. / spot
	b. providing relay assistance to the active station	N/A	3

				min. / run
		c. Providing all of the support in (a) and (b) plus announcing the mobile at the beginning and end of the run.	10 min. / run	10 min. / run
		E. Hours earned by posting a trip plan to the CountyHunterWeb trips page in advance of the trip. Limitation: If the plan is removed or cancelled, no credit can be claimed by the person posting the trip. (A log containing the following is required: a) date plan was posted, b) beginning and end dates of trip, c) states listed to be run.)	N/A	30 min. per plan
		F. Other service - Any member or non-member who performs a service task that benefits MARAC objectives, operations, event functions, recruiting efforts, publications such as newsletters, etc. can claim service hour credits toward the Master Gold service requirement at the rate of actual service hours expended in performing the task. Adequate explanation of the service(s) should be documented and provided to the Awards staff at the time application for the Master Gold award is submitted.	Actual	Actual
	5	All Valid Contacts for this award must have been made after June 1, 1994	Yes	Yes
	6	At least half of the hours of service or transmitted counties (or combination of both) must have been performed after June 1, 1994. Therefore, completions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prior to 4/1/2022 require 750 hours after 6/1/1994, and • on or after 4/1/2022 require 600 hours after 6/1/1994. 	750	600
AWARD LEVELS:	1	Master Gold is awarded for working All USA Counties and completing the hours of service required as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completions prior to 4/1/2022 require 1,500 hours • Completions on or after 4/1/2022 require 1,200 hours 	1500	1200
	2	Intermediate levels are NOT available for this award.		
FEES:	The standard fees specified under the defined term "Fees" apply to this award.			
	If funds are not already being held for you by the Treasurer for fees, send funds via mail or paypal to the Treasurer as soon as possible (see info on application form). The award will not be issued until fees have been received.			
APPLICA-TION:	The application should conform to each of the requirements listed below:			
	1	The application should be entered online at the MARAC.org website using the form titled "Worked All Counties Application". Follow all instructions on the form.		

	<p>2 Fill in the required information in the first five fields. In the field titled “Desired Award”, select the drop-down option for “Master Gold”. Then complete the other fields on the form.</p>
	<p>3 In the online “Comments” field at the bottom of the form, list the following:</p> <p>a. Total service hours earned as of _____ was _____ hours.</p> <p>b. Of that total, the breakdown of that total by source of hours earned is as follows:</p> <p>1. _____ hours - <u>(enter source description)</u></p> <p>2. _____ hours - <u>(enter source description)</u></p> <p>Etc.</p>
	<p>4 Also in the “Comments” field enter the following phrase and fill in a date: “The date when the required number of total service hours was achieved was _____ (mm/dd/yy).”</p>
	<p>5 Prepare an email to the Awards Secretary at the address shown at the top of the application form. Attach to that email each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A log of all contacts which satisfies the contact requirement for all 3,077 counties – including callsign worked, date, county, state, mode. It is your responsibility to verify that the other party to the contact had a “star” and had achieved the “Bingo” award prior to the time of the contact. Logger 1 or 2 should automatically validate that information, but users who don’t use Logger must validate it independently and should have a column indicating that it was validated for each contact. At the end of this log, please attest to the fact that you have verified that ALL contacts in the log were made after June 1, 1994 (Special Rule #5). • A log supporting each separate category of service hours earned in item 3 above. In the case where you have held multiple positions which provided a base credit or actual hours spent credit, please list each position, the from/to dates the position was held and the earned hours based on the data in Item 4 of the Special Rules section above. • A log of all transmitted counties that you are claiming credit for as part of your service requirement. The log should be sorted by state, county, date, time, mode, and the other operator’s callsign that you contacted at that time. At the end of the log provide a total of all hours claimed for transmitted counties and attest to the fact that you have verified that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. No county is counted more than once on a specific date B. No county is counted more than 50 times in the entire list submitted C. At least half of the transmitted county contacts or other service hours were earned after June 1, 1994 (Special Rule #6). • A log of all hours of Net Control or Assistant Net Control time including date,

		<p>start time, end time, mode, hours earned, and position (NC or ANC) you were performing (if you are claiming NC or ANC credit only).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A log of all runs during which you were providing assistance for mobile, portable, or fixed operators who were trying to put out counties (whether on a normal county hunting frequency or not). The log should contain date, call sign of operator who was assisted, frequency, mode, and functions performed to justify the credit taken. Credit is limited to the amounts of minutes listed in Special Rule #4-D and are different depending on the actual assistance provided in that run. This log is needed only if you are claiming service credit for assisting other operators.
	6	Enter any other appropriate comments for the Awards Secretary and then click the button titled "Submit Application" at the very bottom of the form.