



MARAC, Inc
2025 Annual Report

MARAC President Introductory Comments -

Ed Eklin, K8ZZ

We are pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report for MARAC, The Mobile Amateur Radio Award Club. I want to thank the board for taking care of their duties in a stellar fashion. I also thank all the other volunteer positions that keep the wheels on the wagon.

There are many moving parts to MARAC, and I will be the first to admit that on many items I am glad we have folks that know or are willing to find out. I have a very active life in retirement outside of MARAC, and I will continue to enjoy it first and foremost. Due to health issues, I have to give up mobile operations. It has been a good ride and thanks to all who helped with relays when I was struggling under poor conditions. I missed my goal of transmitting from all 3077 counties. Have 28 to finish.

I am going to Finland and Sweden for the month of September. While in Finland I may operate some radio at OH3JF station and will post the mode if I do. The month of October I will be in the NC VA SC area.

There is life without Ham radio, there really is!

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Eklin, K8ZZ



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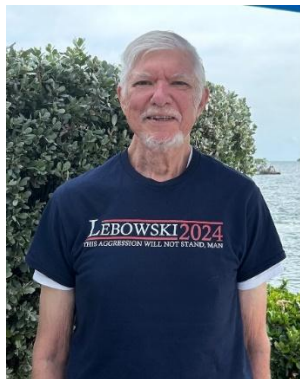


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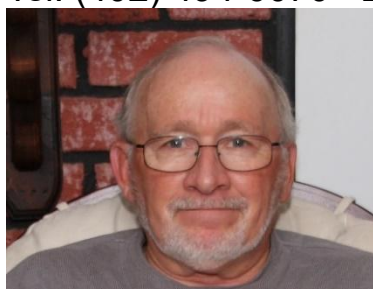
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The MARAC Board works hard to keep the wheels rolling and to make this the best club it can be. In addition to weekly group emails, we have monthly conference calls to discuss many topics for consideration and hold official Board meetings when necessary. Thanks for your support, and please volunteer when able!

MARAC Annual Secretary Report

By Kerry W4SIG

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Current Active Members: 299

New Active Members:

New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to MARAC during the last year:

W5WIL - Dennis Walden, MARAC # 4874, Pontotoc Cty, OK

KN4XP - Mike Prevatte, MARAC#2533, rejoining after 14 yr absence!

K8OSF - Jim Berner, MARAC #4875, Buncombe Cty, NC

KC3KRZ - Jim Gennock, MARAC#4876, Erie Cty, PA

KQ4MZZ - Linda Jackson, MARAC #4877, Sampson County NC

KD9LOK - Greg DeLong, MARAC #4878, Brown County IN

KI5HAV - Bryan McCammon, MARAC #4879, Pulaski County AR

N8BGF and KC8WRP - John and Joan Sebastian have rejoined after a 2 year absence. Welcome back!

K1CGI Victor Ouelette, USACA#574 has rejoined after over a decade absence

WA5DTK Barry Brewer, USACA#330 has rejoined after an 18 year absence

N5KVP Mary Brewer, MARAC#4880, Montgomery Cty, TX

KD8DEU Alan Van Brocklin, MARAC#4696 has rejoined after a prolonged absence

JE2UFF Toshi Horie, MARAC#4882, Shimada Shizuoka, Japan

JA1NLX Aki Yoshida, MARAC#4881, Machida Tokyo, Japan
N7LFX Larry Robinson, MARAC#4401, rejoins after an extended absence
N3RC Roger Cooper, MARAC#2861, rejoins after an extended absence
KO1U Mark Burgess, MARAC#4883, Essex Cty, MA
NL7CO Donald Ross, MARAC#4884, Comanche Cty, OK
N5YIZ Preston Moore, MARAC#4885, Harris Cty, TX
N4WN Mark Hovda, MARAC#4886, Collier Cty, FL
VA4ADM Paul Shumarov, MARAC#4887, Winnipeg, CANADA
AA3IT Ron Rosenwald, MARAC#1814, Marion Cty, FL (Ron, formally KA3DRO, rejoins after an extended absence)
JF1KML Hiro Agawa, MARAC#4888, Japan
N5KUC Robert Payne, MARAC#2838, Brown Cty, TX rejoins after long absence
AA1QW Brian Chaloux, MARAC#4889, Cumberland Cty, ME
I2VGW Gabriele Villa, MARAC#4890, Italy
K4XD Rowland Archer, MARAC#4560, Caswell Cty, NC, rejoins after absence
IU1HGN Angelo Augugliaro MARAC#4891, Italy
KC1NA Robert Demchak MARAC#2742 Somerset Cty, ME rejoins after an extended absence
JA1SJV Solo Ikegami MARAC#4892, Japan
WA2ONG Andy Jezioro MARAC#4893, Rockingham Cty, VA
I2OLV Max Olivieri MARAC#4894, Italy
EA5BY Tony Galiana MARAC#4895, Spain
JA2KVB Yoshihiro Nakamura MARAC#4896, Japan
K7SVW - Mick Schwartz MARAC#4897, Collin Cty, TX
KA6BIM - David Tucker MARAC#4898, Coos Cty, OR
K8ZXY - Frank Pavolko (formerly W3FEP) #3181, Mercer Cty, OH - rejoined after an 11 year absence!
IT9GSF Fabio Grisafi, MARAC#4900, Italy
N4IIT Charlie Tanksley, MARAC#4901, DeKalb Cty GA

Silent Keys:

It is with deep regret that we report the following Silent Keys:

NK4T- Wayne Hester, MARAC#1735
KR2E - Paul Plache, MARAC#458, Polaris Award #155
N3AO - Carter Craigie, MARAC R-1761
W8POF - Thomas Grove, MARAC R-4477

WB0CQO - Joe Lindley, MARAC R- 101, USACA #182, Worked all counties five times, Bingo II, Masters Gold, 5 Star, YL Mobile, Polaris, RoadRunner 100 counties

NS2N Paul Antos, MARAC #2044, USACA# 622, Worked all Counties 6 times, Bingo II, All CW II, RoadRunner Level 100, 1st Place award winner in several MARAC contests

N0LXJ Sharon Mathew, MARAC#3101, USACA#1165, Worked all Counties 2 times, Bingo, RoadRunner Level 225, Half of Best Mobile of the Year Team with W0NAC three years, Native American County Award, US Presidents County Award, Ran all CO, NM, DE, USA County Digital Level #1000

KN6ZB Jim Bouge, MARAC#2824, USAC#1007, RoadRunner Level 150, BINGO, Former MARAC MRC Bureau Manager

W9LHG John Lyon - MARAC#146, Former MARAC Secretary, President's Award, former MARAC Secretary

W5VD Henry Freiburger - MARAC#2512, USACA#49, Worked All Counties 5 Times, Bingo II

N8LXQ- Jim Dooley, MARAC #2567, USACA # 893, Worked all Counties 3 Times, Bingo II, 5 Star Award, and RoadRunner Level 100

N7TT- John Johndrone, MARAC #633, USACA #191, Worked all Counties 3 Times, Bingo

KJ8V - David Ertel, MARAC #2679, USACA #940, RoadRunner Level 75, MARAC Service Award

N8KIE Bob Woody MARAC#3068, Worked all Counties 7 Times, Ran All USA, BingoV, All CW, All K & N Prefixes, Mobile to Mobile, 5 Star, Masters Gold, Master Platinum, Mobile Diamond, MARAC Service Award, 2006 SSB County Hunter of the Year, SSB Mobile of the Year 2nd Place 3 times, 3rd Place 2 times, RoadRunner Level 1300

AA9JJ Frank Yohe, Jr, MARAC#2653, Worked all Counties 6 Times, Ran All USA, Bingo III, All N Prefix, Mobile to Mobile, 5 Star, Masters Gold, Master Platinum, MARAC Service Award, RoadRunner Level 1050, SSB Mobile of the Year 3rd Place, Best SSB Mobile Team of the Year (with N9QPQ) 7 Times, 2nd Place 3 times, 3rd Place 3 times

N0CKC Buster Boatman, MARAC#1244, USACA #489, All CW #17, RoadRunner Level 500

WB6OOA Romona Davis, MARAC#4415

K1BV Ted Melinosky, MARAC#2812, USACA Custodian for 21 Years, USACA#1066

K7DM Don McMinds, MARAC#1494, USACA#656, USACA 2nd Time #441, MARAC Custodian Award, RoadRunner 225, Polaris and Gemini Awards

WA9BHH/W9JL Jim Lauterbach, MARAC#258, USACA#1087, USACA 2nd Time #383, BINGO, Service Award, Polaris Award

W0FP Frosty Phillips, MARAC#3060, USACA#1135, USACA 2nd Time #392 Masters Gold, BINGO, SSB Net Control of the Year 3rd Place 2010

W9MDB Mike Black- MARAC#4866

W4FNW - Damaris Ashton, MARAC#4435, half of W8FNW/W4FNW mobile team

AA3IT (KA3DRO) - Ron Rosenwald, MARAC#1814, USACA#713, USACA 2ND Time #368, BINGO#288, Roadrunner Level 400

W0NAC - Matt Matthew, MARAC#2866, USACA#1032, Worked all Counties 4 times, SSB County Hunter of the Year 2014, RoadRunner Level 375, MARAC Custodian Award 2014, MARAC Service Awards 2016 &2017, 5 star Award, All K Prefix, Mobile Team of the Year (with Sharon N0LXJ) 3rd Place 2004,5,6, Masters Gold, Mobile to Mobile, Bingo II, All 20 Meters, USA Digital Level 2000 #1, Ran all of 7 States



Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Long, Secretary, **W4SIG**

MARAC Annual Awards Report

Awards Counts By Award Name

7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025

Award Name	Submis- sions	Level
Master's Gold	1	
Master Platinum	1	
Mobile Diamond	2	
Worked all Counties - USA-CA	48	
Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	2	
Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 4th Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 6thTime	1	
Single Band - 80 Meters	1	2000
"	1	1000
Single Band - 40 Meters	1	3077
"	1	3000
"	2	2000
Single Band - 30 Meters	1	3077
"	1	3000
"	2	2000
"	3	1000
Single Band - 20 Meters	6	3077
Single Band - 17 Meters	1	3077
"	2	2000
"	1	1000
Single Band - 15 Meters	3	2000
"	2	1000
Single Band - 12 Meters	4	1000
Single Band - 10 Meters	1	2000
"	2	1000
USA - SSB	24	
USA - SSB II	17	
USA - SSB III	4	

USA - SSB IV	2	
USA - CW	2	
USA - CW III	1	
USA - CW VI	1	
USA-Digital	3	2000
"	1	1000
BINGO	1	
BINGO II	1	
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x1	1	3000
"	1	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x2	1	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x3	1	3000
"	1	1000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x3	1	3077
USA-PA - K	1	3077
USA-PA - W	1	0
USA-PA - N	1	0
USA-PA - A	1	0
USA-PA - ALL	1	0
Ran All State - 1st Time	37	
Ran All State - 2nd Time	2	
Ran All State - 5th Time	1	
Ran All USA	1	
Polaris - Cliff Corne Jr. (K9EAB)	1	250
Gemini - Jack Scroggins (W0SJJE)	1	250
Five Band Counties Award	2	3077
"	1	2000
5 Star	1	
County Challenge	1	27000
"	1	26000
"	1	22000
"	2	21000
"	2	20000
"	1	14000
"	1	13000
YL Mobile	2	2000
"	1	1000
YL-OM Team	2	2000
Native American Counties	1	

Big Rig	1	500
Last County in State	1460	
Last County for WBOW	19	
Road Runner Award	50	

Many thanks go to the Awards Secretary, Phil AB7RW, for his processing of awards. Also, thanks to Don, K3IMC, for making sure that the awards submission software is operating smoothly! The Awards Committee also works hard to consider new awards or adjustments to existing awards. A big thank you to them all!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Awards Committee,
Kerry Long, MARAC Secretary



MARAC Annual Treasurer's Report

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL, 2024 - MARCH, 2025

Item	Prior Year	Current Year
INCOME:		
Membership	\$1846.01	\$2327.66
Awards	563.78	194.70
Interest	21.95	18.58
Logger	254.00	289.80
Nat'l Convention		679.07
Reimbursement from Nat'l Conv		530.29
MI Mini	528.72	271.64
Donations	225.00	
D&O Insurance premium refund		704.96
Total Income	\$3439.46	\$5016.70
EXPENSES:		
Awards	\$ 1291.21	\$ 1653.88
MI Mini	735.82	1128.72
Nat'l Convention	2000.00	679.07
Corporation Registration Fe	40.00	80.00
Insurance Premiums	851.00	1077.00
Computer Hardware/SW	610.80	
DialPad Mtgs (formerly UberConference)	240.00	240.00
Promotional Expenses	315.00	315.00
Simply Voting	495.00	
Refunds		210.50
Postage/shipping	55.32	
Sunshine Expense	21.52	
Contest expense	10.78	
Easy CGI Annual Fee		198.06

Renewal of Club ham license	35.00
Bank charge for checks	16.40

Total Expenses	\$ 6,666.45	\$5633.63
Net Gain (Loss)	(3226.99)	(616.93)
Checking Account	\$ 2,515.95	\$ 2,880.44
Savings Account	12,580.48	11,599.06
Total account balances	\$15,096.43	\$14,479.50

Total end of year account balances include award fees prepaid by members which should be discounted to determine true (spendable) Cash Balance. At end of the current year the prepaid amount is \$5693.40, which means that spendable cash balance is \$8786.10.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Morgan, **KODEQ**
MARAC Treasurer



MARAC Annual Historian Report

Time period covered: June 2024 to June 2025

When asked to provide an article for the Annual Report, I thought where do I start. As with all journeys, the best place to start is the beginning – so. In the beginning there was darkness---wait, stop, wrong story!

I recently received a photo album from N8BGF – John through K8ZZ – Ed and the first page in the album is a note about the beginning.

“MARAC – IT ALL STARTED HERE”

MARAC – IT ALL STARTED HERE WHEN FIFTEEN OLD TIMER COUNTY HUNTERS MET AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI ON MARCH 8 & 9, 1969. ENJOYMENT RAN RAMPANT AT THIS MEETING SO THE NEED FOR SO ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER WAS VERY EVIDENT. PLANS TOWARD THAT END WERE MADE AND MOUNTAIN HOME, ARKANSAS WAS CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR “THE FIRST ANNUAL COUNTY HUNTERS CONVENTION”. STEVE, K5KDG, AGREED TO HOST THIS CONVENTION AND THE DATE WAS SET FOR THE WEEK-END OF JULY 4TH, 1969, SO THE LEG WORK FOR THIS AND FUTURE CONVENTIONS WAS OFF AND RUNNING.

AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME CONVENTION DETAILS WERE FINALIZED FOR OFFICERS, NAME, NEWSLETTER, BY LAWS, LEGALITIES, ETC.. THE KANSAS CITY GROUP AGREED TO WORK-OUT DETAILS WITH IRS, STATE LAWS, LEGALITIES, ETC., AND TO ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS THERE.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRST MARAC CERTIFICATE, “THE 303 AWARD” WAS MADE AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME CONVENTION. I WILL VENTURE TO SAY THAT NO ONE ATTENDING THIS CONVENTION WILL EVER FORGET THE EVENTS OCCURING IN HOLIDAY INN’S “ROOM 303”.

SO THERE YOU HAVE SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE EARLY YEARS OF MARAC. AS THE EXPRESSION SOES: FROM SMALL ACORNS MIGHTY OAKS GROW.1

WITH APOLOGIES,
“UNCLE BEN” W5HDK

There can be no argument that MARAC has come a long way since those beginnings. From the days of monthly mailers from the Mobile QSL Bureau and the B & B Shop notifying us of planned trips, broken equipment, illnesses and silent keys. The days of “one-ringer” mobile county spots and paper logs/QSL Cards have been replaced by internet spots, logging programs and on-line chat

apps. I wonder what the original group would think when hearing that MARAC has grown to now sponsoring the USA-CA Award!

Another year is in the books, with a few additions to the archives. Thank you to Shel Mann – N0DRX, John Sebastian – N8BGF and Ed Eklin -m K8ZZ for the materials. I continue to maintain and update a MARAC database to reflect the membership of all current and past members. I would like to note that in 2025, MARAC has created and established a USA-CA Award to replace now defunct CQ Magazine USA-CA Award. This was no small undertaking and I believe this may help expand MARAC's membership, potentially adding to more Mobile Activity. Also notable, is the increasing membership use of the Parks-On-The-Air (POTA) stations to make county contacts. Over the past year, our membership seems to have stabilized at about 300 members. I hope we will be able to increase that by 2026!

Respectfully Submitted
Mike Davis, **N8MD**
MARAC Historian



MARAC Annual Information Technology Team Report

By Mike, **NF0N**

As your MARAC North Central Director, I also have an added responsibility to oversee the Information Technology Team. This Team is a dedicated volunteer group of MARAC Members who are working together to move the MARAC Awards Programs and Logger 2 Program into the future. Each has a unique skill that may have been learned in the commercial world or on their own, to improve the current Awards processing and Logger 2 programming.

The IT Team works in the background to help with Logger 2 programming, testing and support. Membership updates and corrections are done on a monthly basis. This database is used for member lookups, Logger updates, award information and much more.

Migration to Logger 2 continues with numerous conversions and new installations. Added functionality continues and implemented as it completes testing. New functions are easily added with a quick update.

Upgrade to Logger 2 is an easy update. Email KF7ZN to get on the installation schedule. If you are already a Logger user, there is no upgrade fee.

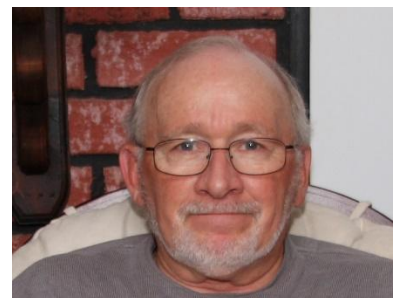
The IT Team has put in place the structure for the USA-CA award. This is complete, and a number of first time USA-CA awards have been issued.

If you have problems with Awards or Logger 2, please use the current method of problem reporting. Instead of posting on the forum, reach out directly to Dave, KE3VV, who will screen your problem for an existing fix and help you with a resolution.

If you have technical skill that can be utilized by the IT Team, please contact me and you will be considered for the Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike, **NF0N**
MARAC North Central Director



MARAC Annual Election Coordinator's Report

ELECTIONS 2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

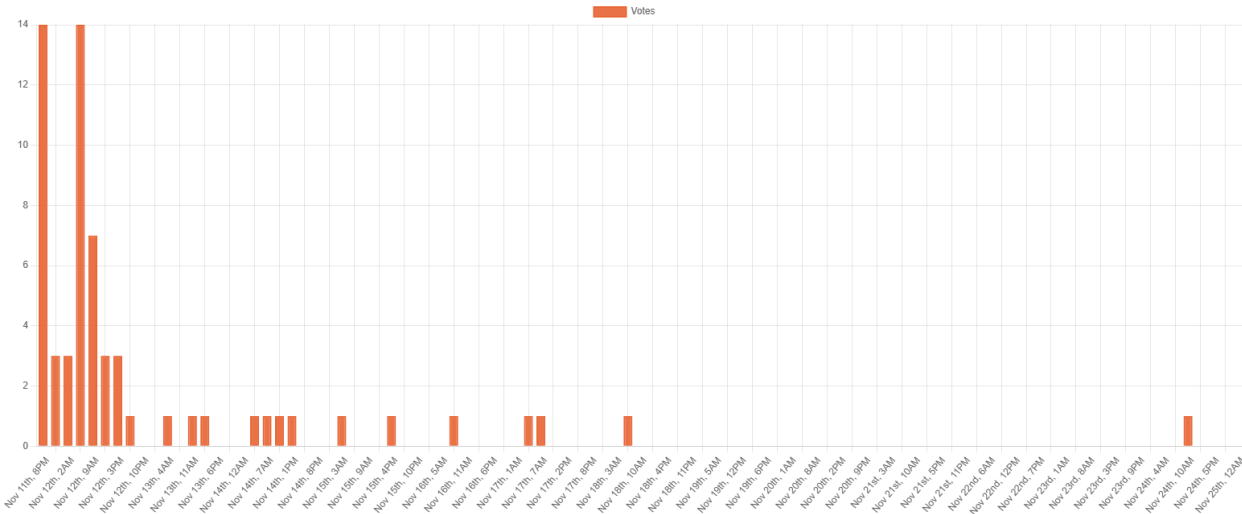
I will show the voting pattern by day for each quarter. The dates are hard to see, but the beginning date is the first day of the election that I sent out. The same pattern followed last year with a spike following each time I send a reminder email to those who have not voted.

We have been hovering around 295 to 305 eligible voters as this varies month to month. I wish there was a way for me to declare everyone the winner. Every mobile that goes out and puts out counties, whether a few or vast numbers has my appreciation. I have been off of the air due to wind damage to my tower and antenna for over three months. I have missed the fun of making contacts, working new counties and trying to improve my CW skills and contacts. The new tower arrives soon, and I should be back up within a month.

First quarter-

Segment	Electors	Voted	% Voted
GL	49	10	20.4
NC	38	6	15.8
NE	33	10	30.3
PAC	56	13	23.2

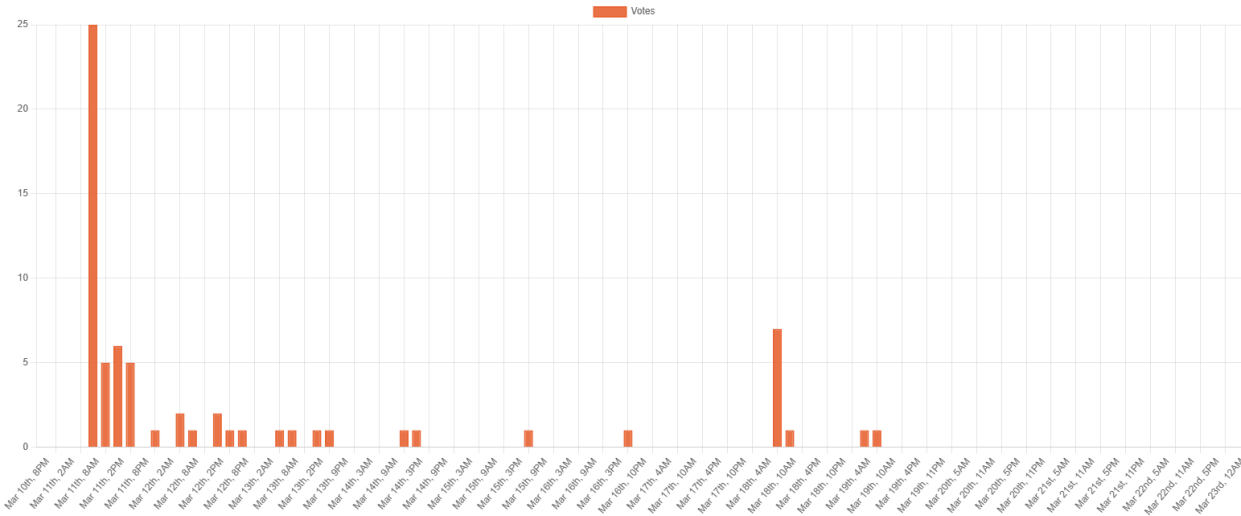
SC	58	9	15.5
SE	67	14	20.9
TO-TAL	301	62	20.6



Second quarter;

Seg-ment	Elec-tors	Voted	% Voted
GL	46	11	23.9
NC	38	6	15.8
NE	32	7	21.9
PAC	56	11	19.6

PAC	59	13	22
SC	60	13	21.7
SE	70	15	21.4
TO-TAL	310	67	21.6



Fourth quarter only has a few days left so I do not expect any significant changes, but here is where we are at now.

Seg- ment	Elec- tors	Voted	% Voted
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Respectively submitted, Ron **KF7ZN**, MARAC
Elections Coordinator



MARAC Annual *RoadRunner* Editor Report

The *RoadRunner* is distributed at the beginning of each month to all MARAC members. I enjoy putting together the articles and information for the club monthly. Many thanks go out to those who have contributed articles, pictures, and ideas. I cannot create the newsletter without your input, so I am very appreciative!

Many thanks go out to Barry, K2MF, for his behind-the-scenes work on keeping the distribution list current and up to date. Thanks to Bill, K0DEQ, for reminding folks who are about to have their memberships expire. And a big thanks goes out to Mark, KM6HB, for his continual research into keeping our database up to date by investigating SKs and callsign reassignments.

I have enjoyed keeping the Final Countdown updated. Many have said they have completed their awards thanks to the advertisement of their needs in the *RoadRunner*. Please make sure that your needs are up to date and let me know if they are not. If you find yourself down to 10 or less for the WBOW for any MARAC award, please feel free to let me know via email so I can add you to the list.

My listings of Silent Keys is solely dependent upon information that I am fed from members. Please continue to keep me informed.

Old copies of the *RoadRunner* can be found on the marac.org website.

Keep the info flowing in, and I will be happy to continue to put it together for you each month!

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Long **W4SIG**
MARAC *RoadRunner* Editor

