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By Kerry, W4SIG

The 50th Anniversary of County Hunting Convention in Kansas City, MO was a rip-roaring success! Over 100 enthusiastic County Hunters, family members, and friends attended. Throughout the gathering there was a great sense of sharing, camaraderie, and focus of MARAC and County Hunting. We all owe Ed, K8ZZ, and his our gratitude for such a successful and memorable event!



on the future convention team

Outstanding presentations were held throughout Friday and with opportunities to explore Kansas City, eat great food, and enjoy among colleagues. A radio station was in operation including digital was busy during the event. Special thanks to presenters N4CD, N5MLP, NF0N, KA2LHO, and K8TE.

Saturday along sharing stories operation and W0GXQ, N1API,

A fascinating trip through the history of County Hunting was compiled by many with displays shared by our Historian, Gary, K4EXT, and an informative presentation and trivia competition was put on by Mike, NF0N. We even had Ted, K1BV, the CQ Magazine USA-CA Custodian in attendance. Unfortunately, Gator was not able to attend with Ed, KN4Y!

The Board Meeting on Saturday was focused and had some exciting surprises as well as volunteers filling all open roles and creating new roles to support the organization into the future. After the Board meeting an Open Discussion was facilitated with very positive ideas coming forth. More details below! Of course, the highlight of the event was the Saturday night banquet hosted by Ed, K8ZZ. The meal was delicious with awards and prizes afterward. Thanks to all who assisted in making this such a successful and enjoyable event!

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Key Points from the very productive open discussion session.....

Bill, K0DEQ, is stepping forward to assume the Treasury position from Aubrey, W7OLY. Aubrey is assisting in the transition. Thanks to Bill and Aubrey!!

Volunteers are needed to host the next MARAC Annual Convention. An article regarding this follows. Mary, AB7NK, has been appointed to be our new Election Coordinator. Thanks Mary!
Don, K3IMC, is our new webmaster! Thanks, Don, for taking on this role!

Janet, KC5QCB, is our new South Central Director! Thanks, Janet, for being a new Director!

Discussion was had regarding possible changes to the Net Control of the Year award. An article regarding this follows.

Barry, K2MF, has graciously volunteered to assist with resuming RoadRunner distribution via email. He has specialized experience in large email distributions. Thanks so much, Barry! **Note:** To assist in making this work, EVERYONE please check the accuracy of your email listed in the database on the marac.org webpage. We have quite a few that get kicked back. Also of importance...if your email listed is a "aol" email it will NOT work with mass email distribution software. If you find yourself in this situation, please create an alternate email address and let us know so the database can get corrected. The Logger program is the backbone of our club. It is used to track our contacts and issue awards. As many know it is a tremendous program, yet is written in old software that has been lovingly developed and maintained by one individual, Gene, KD9ZP for many years. Due to health issues Gene is very limited in his ability to keep Logger maintained. There is a need to create a team of IT experienced folks to address this and other software issues critical to keeping the MARAC award programs rolling. Bob, KA9JAC, and Don, K3IMC, have graciously agreed to form a team that can handle software and IT needs for our club. If you think you would like to join this IT team please contact Bob or Don. A tremendous shout of appreciation to these gentlemen and others who I am sure will be working together to address these areas!!!!

To close....A past gem from KN4Y and his *Dateline CW* article:

"To many people county hunting must seem like an attempt to tattoo soap bubbles"! Well said, Ed!

Thanks again to all the volunteers who have stepped forward to fill positions we need to move MARAC forward!!



N4CD CW CHOTY 2018



N5MLP SSB CHOTY 2018



KODEQ CW NCS 2018



N4CD CW MOBILE 2018



AB7NK/K7SEN MOBILE TEAM 2018

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

The sun is warm; the wind is still; Hurricane Michael lurks off shore.

I returned home from the 50th County Hunters convention in Kansas City, Missouri and Gator is returning from an ethanol meeting in the Kremlin. Soon after I returned home, the news reported a powerful Hurricane named Michael was headed this way. I went out and lowered my Yagi to fifteen feet and secured the beam. My memory suffers from brain fog, so I made notes to nudge my memory when I describe my convention experience to Gator. I set the notes on the desk and use a strike anywhere match to ignite the wick on a fancy candle convention banquet.



I got at the 50th county hunters

Thursday the winds begin to increase with vengeance. I bring in the American Flag and put the garbage can in the garage and shut the door. I hunker down for the duration of the high wind gusts. The electric power shut off Wednesday at 3:30pm; time to sit and pray. No radio, no Television, no lights, and no computer, but I continued to have water and the bathroom was operational. It is very difficult for a CW county hunter to be quiet for a long period of time.

Hurricane Michael, like a pay check, came and departed quickly. The next morning I survey the area and find no structural damage to the buildings and the antenna. But every dead limb is now lying on the ground, with a few oak trees and other debris. The yard is a mess and I know what I will be doing for the next few months. The electric power came back on Friday at 3:30pm. I am delighted, electrical power is taken for granted until the lights no longer function. I am making a yard clean-up list when I hear Gator's 4x4 down shift as he slides to a stop at the recycled railroad tie. I hear the thud of a homeless Kamikaze, squirrel.

Gator stops at the mailbox then comes into the radio shack carrying some mail and a white cardboard container. He places the mail on the desk, "Howdy Dude, I see the shack is still here. Let's celebrate with a latte toast." Gator gets two lattes, hands me one, and we do a latte toast. Ecstasy is in the beholder's frame of mind.

Gator sniffs the air, "Dude is that cinnamon I smell?" I have to laugh, "Gator I got a candle at the county hunter's convention, that has three wax layers; apple cinnamon, vanilla cream, and cinnamon roll. It is burning over in the corner. The candle was the

gift brought by Sandra, N0XYL, for the grab bag activity. I feel the aroma of love as the radio shack's smoking radio odor is gone," Gator laughs, "Yes, you are full of love, but is spelled with a S. Tell me about the county hunters' convention." I give Gator a nasty look as I get my notes.

I take a long sip of my latte, lean back in my chair and describe my account of the county hunter's convention. "I arrived at the MARAC 50th convention location Wednesday around noon and checked in. I went to the hospitality room, and I gave Jerry, W0GXQ, your big hug that you gave me to give to him. He gave me a big hug to give back to you." Gator shakes his head no.

"A jazz band and BBQ was scheduled for poolside, but inclement weather moved the party indoors. I met many great county hunters and many were hoping you could have also attended the convention." Gator smiles and grins like a county hunter after logging that last county.

"The meetings started Friday with Bob, N4CD, discussing the Worldwide Flora and Fauna project. Next was a discussion by KA2LHO, regarding the MoSpot and Gator get your mind out of the gutter. Next we had what was called a CW by Jerry, W0GXQ, not a CW meeting like we had in the old days." Gator smiles, "That was because AL was not there!" I give Gator the hush your mouth hand gesture. The last meeting before lunch was Al, N1API, who let a computer demonstrate live the FT8 mode. After lunch, Ron, N5MLP, held a MARAC awards discussion and later chaired the SSB meeting."

"Saturday was the Board of Directors meeting followed by a great discussion by Mike, KF0N, on 50 years of county hunting, the early years. Later we all assembled for the group picture(s) in the hotel lobby and don't you say anything about a senior citizen center." Gator is laughing hilariously. I calmly sip my latte. The last item on the agenda is the banquet and awards presentation. I look at Gator, "Now before I proceed, tell me about your trip." Gator shakes his head, "Sorry Dude, I cannot discuss my trip at this time, continue with your trip. By the way did you see the Texas Dude Norm, W3DYA?" I give Gator the finger, "Yes I enjoyed the banquet sitting at the same table with Norm and his lovely wife." Gator smiles, "By the way, Dude, who were the chief honchos for this great convention?" "Well Gator there were many MARAC members involved, but I appreciated the showmanship and a good sense of timing of Ed, K8ZZ, Mary, AB7NK, and Kerry, W4SIG. I almost forgot, at the award presentation Bob, N4CD, received the MARAC CW mobile county hunter of the year award and the CW county hunter of the year award." Gator asks, "What year?" I shrug my shoulders, "Hell I don't know." Gator asks, "Dude, did you meet the Roadrunner editor Dave, KU4YM?" I smile, "Yes Gator,

I met Dave and his
Let's change the
check my Texas QSO

Gator turns on the
another latte. "Dude,
a last county from
thanked Terry yet?"
have it on my bucket
computer screen,
KE9CA, is a Silent

"No, Gator, I did not
bow our heads as Gator recites The Shepherd's Psalm.



CH MOBILES DISCUSS TRIP

lovely wife several times.
subject, how about you
party log?"

computer and gets us
I read that you received
Terry, WQ7A. Have you
I sip my latte, "Not yet, I
list." Gator stares at the
Dude, I read that Larry,
Key. Did you know him?"
know or work Larry." We

Gator makes the be quiet gesture, "You made 68 QSO's in the Texas QSO party, worked one no star and one 2x2 call, not a sterling event. You worked six mobiles, Ray, K0NM, Mark, K5GQ, Alan, N5NA, Bob, N5RC, Korey, WA5RR and the Texas Contest club, W5CT. Dude, did you not work that Norm Dude, W3DYA?" I look sad, "No, it was unreal; I tuned up and down the band and never heard Norm." Gator is not paying attention.

Gator picks up the two large envelopes he brought in, and opens each envelope with his illegal ivory handled Redneck switchblade. He slides out a certificate from each envelope. "Look Dude, you got a certificate from the Minnesota and Missouri QSO party for first place in Florida. You must be the only station that operates from Florida." I look at Gator, "Cutout the bull and see what I accomplished in the Arizona QSO party."

Gator is laughing, "Well, Dude, you accomplished almost nothing. You made nine QSO's in the Arizona QSO party, but you did get a new county on 80 meters, so not a total wipe-out. I just opened the Pennsylvania QSO party and you made 50 QSO's." "Yes Gator, I went up and down the bands looking for stations. I worked three mobiles but only one time each, never heard the mobiles after that. I wonder if they operated on CW." Gator laughs, "I heard the Nittany operators worship sideband." I give Gator the thumbs up, "What mobiles did I work?"

Gator rechecks the Pennsylvania QSO party log, "Dude you worked two MARAC members Scotty, KA3QLF, and Richard, K8MR, along with the South Jersey DX station, N2CW. Hold on while I check for anything exciting." I sip my latte. "Sorry, Dude, one no star is all I could find." I sip my latte, "That is to be expected, I have worked the

Pennsylvania QSO party for many tears. Check out the Illinois QSO party.” Gator sips his latte.

Gator smiles big, “Well Dude you finally quit napping so much and logged 66 QSO’s in the Illinois QSO party, worked four no-star and two new counties on 80 meters.” I shake my head in agreement, “Yes Gator the bands were more cooperative especially on 80 meters.” Gator grins like a Cheshire Cat, “Dude, did you meet any elderly mature creampies? Missouri is the show me state.” “Gator, I was not going to say anything but since you asked, let me tell you about...”

CQ, CQ, CQ, Gators cell phone rings, “Dude, I must get to the plant pronto to meet officers of the WCTU who are complaining about their last shipment of our stress relief elixir.” He is gone like a Opioids consumer. I hear him yell, “What happened to Ohio State?” I hear the printer stop and I grab the printout, which is a list of the mobile county hunters that checked onto the county hunter’s CW call frequencies during the month of October.

I read: AB7RW, AI5P, K0FG, K3IMC, K4YT, K8ZZ, KA2LHO, KA3QLF, KC3X, KN4Y, N4CD, N7IV, N9JF, NF0N, W0GXQ, W4SIG, W7FEN, W8TZA, and WB0PYF. NOTE TO COUNTY HUNTERS: Sunday, November 4th daylight saving time ends, be sure to adjust your logging programs as necessary. This is a sad month for the CW State QSO party junkies , but activate the keyer and enjoy the Ukrainian DX contest, or the ARRL Sweepstakes CW contest or the OK/OM CW DX contest or the LX DX contest, or the ARRL EME contest or the CQ Worldwide CW DX contest or go down the band for the ARRL 160 meter contest. Weather is cooling down, and I am looking for a warm spot for a short nap. Now where did I put the left over Halloween candy?

County Hunting Facebook Page

By Kerry W4SIG

Did you know there is a Facebook page for County Hunting? This is being moderated by Scott, KA3QLF, and Robert, K0PVW. Check it out, join the group! It's a great way to post pictures of your trips and share on-road experiences, as well as share helpful tips and hints with each other. See you on Facebook!

National Convention for 2019/20

By Kerry W4SIG

In 2017 a membership poll asked how often the club should hold an annual convention. The results were 115 to 52 for holding the convention every two years vs. annually. The current by-laws require a yearly convention, so to make such a change requires a vote to change the by-laws, which the Board is addressing. Please send your District Director any input you may have on this issue. Valid arguments have been heard from both sides. While our membership is aging and traveling is becoming more difficult for some, it is also true that many do not want to skip any years as they enjoy the annual connection to their county hunting friends. The unfortunate truth is that to hold an annual convention takes a volunteer to take the lead and organize one and we are short on volunteers. That being said, no one is saying that we can't have a convention every year if a volunteer (or group of volunteers) steps forward to host. So... How about you? Several members who have hosted nationals in the past have volunteered to assist a new host with a checklist of things to do to make a successful convention. Sometimes the hardest step is the first We are glad to help, even if you just have questions on what it takes. Hopefully someone will raise their hand so we can all get together in 2019 or 2020. If you are interested, let your District Director know. I am confident that someone will make this happen!

BOD Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018 at 9:00 pm EST. Please check the MARAC website for any changes to this date or time. Uberconference information is available on the MARAC website.

Net Control of the Year Award Discussion

By Kerry, W4SIG

At the annual convention a proposal was presented by the Awards Committee to alter the requirements for MARAC Net Control of the Year Awards. The Board is asking for input from members regarding this issue. The point was made that times have changed (along with band conditions and mobile activity). Due to the current state of county hunting, poor propagation, and the ability of most mobiles to self-spot, the need for an official Net Control with its defined responsibilities has greatly diminished. A pure net control does many things including acknowledging and announcing all mobiles, spotting them, providing relays for all stations, coordinating mobile list rotation, and making public announcements regarding county hunting on MARAC nets, etc. In all honesty, this hasn't been done for a long time, especially on the CW frequencies. So, the question is the justification of awarding a "Net Control of the Year" award when, in reality, no one really qualifies as written. It is simply hard to "hold" a frequency and perform all the required tasks when mobile activity is down as it is now. The most (and extremely) helpful chores that can be provided currently by a fixed station is a spot and relays, if necessary. Some have suggested eliminating the NCS of the Year award while another suggestion was to alter it to a "Mobile Assist" award. It must be stressed that anyone who would like to assume a pure Net Control session is more than welcome and appreciated in doing so, especially if you need to record NCS hours for an award like Master Gold. The board is requesting input from members to be sent to their District Directors for consideration. What do you think?

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

DRAFT Unofficial Minutes
Subject to approval by Board of Directors
Minutes from MARAC Board Meeting Oct 6, 2018
Submitted by Kerry Long, W4SIG

1. Meeting was called to order by MARAC President, K8ZZ at 9:00AM CST on Oct 6, 2018.
Board members in attendance were K8ZZ, KA2LHO, N1API, W4SIG, NF0N. Board members W7O-LY and N7JPF joined via teleconference. Quorum was confirmed.
2. W4SIG was appointed temporary clerk to take notes for meeting minutes. Motion made by KA2LHO, seconded by N1API. All voted aye except for W4SIG who abstained. He is sending these minutes to secretary, N6PDB, to be posted in RoadRunner.
3. NF0N made motion to approve KA2LHO for vacant position of VP and N6PDB for position of secretary retroactive to July 1, 2018. Motion seconded by W4SIG. Votes were all aye except for KA2LHO who abstained.
4. KA2LHO announced modifications to the printed agenda, all of which will be addressed later in the meeting.
5. K8ZZ motioned to approve the Treasurer's report for July 2018 and the annual report, which was distributed to all members in attendance. Seconded by KA2LHO. All members voted aye.
6. W4SIG reported on the Membership Committee. Discussed materials available for use by any member for the purposes of promoting membership. Recent uses were overviewed, including by W4SIG at Dayton hamfest and by AB7RW at a convention in Washington.
7. K8ZZ reported on vacancies where volunteers are needed to fill and serve MARAC.
8. A. N1API discussed prior MARAC poll from 2017 where 115 of 167 respondents favored a national MARAC convention every two years. The current by-laws state one must be held yearly. The problem is that the club is short on volunteers to host annual conventions. The board is considering changing the by-laws to remove that a convention must be held every year. This would not change the requirement that an annual board meeting will still be held. It was also discussed that the board would support conventions each year if anyone stepped forward to host one. K8ZZ and other prior convention holders offer their support and advise to anyone willing to be a host. Members are encouraged to submit their input on this issue to their district directors. The board will take all comments under consideration before making any change on this topic. To make any change to the by-laws requires a membership vote.
B. N1API discussed Logger and the issue we face. The board is aware of problems with Logger and admit that we are currently unable to address many of them due to the lack of understanding and documentation of how the existing system works. The board will continue to the best of their ability to do what they can to keep this excellent, yet aging, platform operable for members.
C. W4SIG discussed the possible elimination of the MARAC Net Control of the Year Award. The Awards committee has brought this issue up for discussion as well. The general consensus is that there is a lack of anyone actually performing ALL the traditional duties of NCS on any of the MARAC net frequencies (holding a frequency, QST announcements, announcement of mobiles, spotting, relays, etc.). This makes it difficult for one to vote on a NCS of the year. Due to

the trend of self spotting and the unfortunate issue of extremely poor propagation producing fewer mobiles, there is less of a need for an official NCS. For example, there has not been a NCS on CW in many years yet we have continued to vote on NCS of the year. However, the need for and the extreme importance of spotting and providing relays was stressed. It was suggested that we change the name and requirements of the award to Mobile Assistant of the Year. It was agreed upon that spotting and relays are still of utmost importance. It was discussed how a change would affect those who wish to record Net Control hours to help achieve award levels such as Master Gold. No one is saying that anyone who wants to perform all the NCS duties on a MARAC net cannot, they are appreciated and more than welcome to do so and can continue to count these hours towards awards as needed. The board asks for input from members on this issue so that we may further discuss and make a decision.

9. A. NF0N motioned to approve Certificate of Appreciation Awards for AB7NK, N4CD, W0GXQ, N1API, K4EXT, N5MLP, and K8TE for presentations and assistance at the MARAC National. W4SIG seconded. All voted aye except for N1API who abstained.
 - B. NF0N motioned to approve Outstanding Service Awards for W0MU, N0KV, KA3QLF, WQ7A, and KN4Y. Seconded by N7JPF and all voted aye.
 - C. NF0N motioned to approve an Outstanding Service Award for K8ZZ for hosting the annual convention. Seconded by N1API and all voted aye.
10. W4SIG motioned to approve funds for KA2LHO to host a MARAC information table at the Ham-cation in Orlando in Feb 2019. Seconded by N1API and all voted aye except for KA2LHO who abstained.
 - A. KA2LHO motioned to appoint K0DEQ as MARAC Treasurer to replace W7OLY until the next election. Seconded by NF0N and all voted aye
 - B. NF0N motioned to designate K8ZZ and W4SIG as signatories on the new MARAC treasurer accounts in addition to the treasurer. Seconded by KA2LHO and all voted aye except for K8ZZ and W4SIG who abstained.
 - C. KA2LHO motioned for the treasurer to use Citizens Bank in Missouri for MARAC accounts. Seconded by W4SIG and all voted aye.
 - D. W4SIG motioned that the board adopt resolutions provided by Citizens Bank of Missouri as required Seconded by NF0N and all voted aye except for KA2LHO and K8ZZ who abstained.
 - E. KA2LHO motioned to appoint Darl Deeds, NA8W, to the vacant position of Great Lakes director until the next election. Seconded by N7JPF and all voted aye.
11. K8ZZ motioned to adjourn meeting. Seconded by W4IG. All voted aye.
12. K8ZZ motioned to reopen board meeting. Seconded by N1API and all voted aye.
13. KA2LHO motioned to appoint AB7NK as new election coordinator. Seconded by N1API and all voted aye.
14. KA2LHO motioned to appoint K3IMC as new webmaster. Seconded by N1API and all voted aye.
15. KA2LHO motioned to appoint KC5QCB as new South Central Director until next election. Seconded by N1API and all voted aye.
16. K8ZZ motioned that meeting be adjourned at 9:49AM CST. Seconded by N1API and all voted aye.

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Awards

Awards Committee

New Member of Awards Committee:

Chuck Secrest, NM1G has agreed to become a member of the Awards Committee representing MARAC's Northeast District. That position has been vacant for quite a while and I thank Chuck for agreeing to serve in this capacity.

Status of Self-credit Implementation in Logger

I am pleased to report that Gene, KD9ZP has informed me that all but one of the awards for which self-credit has been approved have now been implemented in Logger. The one award which is outstanding is the mobile team award and he is working toward completing that in the near future. For those that use Logger, you will have to recalculate your various books associated with the other 12 awards which self-credit was approved for in the spring of 2017 in order for that credit to show up in your logs. From this point forward, that credit should be applied as you log a contact. It is recommended that you only recalculate one book at a time. If you find any issues please address them to WQ7A or myself and we will try to verify your result and get it fixed.

Awards Issued:

The County Hunter of the Year awards were determined through a nomination process that took place between April 1st and May 15th of this year in all MARAC districts. At the end of this process, there was only one nomination for the CW award and one nomination for the SSB award. Therefore, there was not a vote of the entire membership to decide a winner, but the results were held until the national convention. The 2018 winners are as follows:

2018 MARAC County Hunter of the Year Award Winners	
Mode	Winner
CW	N4CD (Bob Voss)
SSB	N5MLP (Ron Clift)

The 2018 annual mobile of the year awards and net control of the year awards were voted on between August 24th and September 8th of this year using a single electronic voting ballot in the Simply Voting system. The results for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each award were determined by assigning 2 points per first place vote and 1 point per second place vote to all of the votes for a particular award, adding the total points by callsign, and ranking the results by total points earned. The winners were announced at the 2018 convention and included the following:

2018 MARAC Annual Mobile and Net Control Award Winners			
Award Title	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Mobile of the Year - SSB	AB7NK	N5MLP	N4CD
Mobile of the Year - CW	N4CD	K8ZZ	KB6UF
Mobile Team of the Year	AB7NK/K7SEN	KB0BA/N0XYL	KA9JAC/KB9YVT
Net Control of the Year - SSB	KZ2P	NF0N	N8KIE
Net Control of the Year - CW	K0DEQ	W0GXQ	KA1JPR

Congratulations to all of these winners!

The listing below from Phil, AB7RW covers new awards issued since the previous awards list was published in August:

Awards Issued:				Roadrunner Awards Issued:		
Call	Date	Award	Number	Call	Last County Count:	Number
WY0A	3/18/2018	Ran All State - AL	24	None issued this period		
WY0A	3/22/2018	Ran All State - LA	27			
WY0A	3/22/2018	Ran All State - MS	24			
WY0A	3/23/2018	Ran All State - AR	24			
N8KIE	5/6/2018	USA-PA - K prefix	33			
K4YT	6/3/2018	Bingo III	41			
K8ZZ	7/8/2018	Master Platinum	30			
KZ2P	8/2/2018	Worked All Counties - 19th	1			
K2JG	8/2/2018	Worked All Counties - 14th	2			
WY0A	8/12/2018	Ran All State - KS	32			
KC6AWX	8/14/2018	USA-PA - N prefix	22			
KC6AWX	8/14/2018	Call Combo 1x3	24			
K3IMC	8/16/2018	Master Gold	70			
WA3QNT	8/19/2018	Ran All State - PA	25			
KA2LHO	8/22/2018	Ran All State - FL	37			
WB5JID	10/20/2018	USA-CA (from CQ Mag.)	1267			

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, Marac Awards Manager

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

Beginning Account Balance September 13, 2018 **\$24,635.19**

Income:

Money Market Interest	\$1.66	
Awards Secretary Income	\$0.00	
Misc. Income	\$0.00	
Membership Income	\$59.41	
Logger Distribution	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Income:		\$61.07

**Other Expenses:**

Awards Secretary Expenses	\$876.27	
Misc. Expenses (1)	\$888.99	
Office Expenses (Postage, Etc.)	<u>\$36.36</u>	

Total Expenses: \$1,801.62

Net Income Less Expenses **(\$1,740.55)**

New Total Cash Balance ALL Accounts: **\$22,894.64**

Checking Account Balance		\$ 7,762.33
Money Market Account Balance		<u>\$15,132.31</u>
Total Cash All Accounts:		\$22,894.64

* Includes Transactions posted through 10/16/2018

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

Notes: 1. Total of Liability Insurance renewal (\$699.00), Domain name registration (chspots.org, \$14.99), and Hamvention 2019 expense (\$175.00).

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC Total Funds at the end of September should be discounted by **\$6,093.15**. This amount is a Deferred Liability of award fees pre-paid by members. After discounting, our true (spendable) Cash Assets are **\$16,801.49**.

Events

- 11/3 ARRL CW SWEEPS
- 11/10 10-10 DIGI
- 11/12 4 STATES SPRINT
- 11/17 ARRL SSB SWEEPS
- 11/22 THANKSGIVING
- 11/24 CQ CW WW

ONLY START DATE SHOWN

CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO THAT WEB SITE



Group Photos



All



CW



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Awards Committee

These MARAC members are serving on the Awards Committee:

Awards Manager - Ron Clift (N5MLP)

Robert Woody - N8KIE

Tony Mazzocco -WA9DLB

Robert Hallock - K7TM

Bob Voss - N4CD

Jack Jacobs - WD4OIN

Chuck Secrest - NM1G

The County Line Roadrunner
MARAC Secretary

“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

Board of Directors

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