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Reflection: Thoughts from the VP

Kraig-KA2LHO

Since the year for new officers and other aspects of MARAC begins on July 1, I thought I would do a bit of reflection on at least the major part of the past MARAC year.

Transition seems to be the theme as of late with MARAC and can at least slow that down a bit. The Board has placed a focus—and usually mentioned at every gathering of the group—on listening to the membership. This is a primary focus of any Board of any agency or organization.



hopefully we can have one that is membership.

To that end, since most of the current Board was appointed at one point or another, we felt it was important to give the membership the opportunity to elect a Board going into the new year. In the past when no nominations are submitted to create a reason to vote, we felt it was important to provide the membership with an opportunity to do so. There is no additional cost for Simply Voting to do so as we remain well within our quote for our level of service.

We listened and heard the membership at the Convention discuss a replacement to the Award Committee recommended elimination of the Net Control Awards. A Mobile Assist award will go live for next year.

We have heard requests for a PayPal option to pay for awards, like the way memberships can be paid. While it has not happened as quickly as expected the process has been worked out and the IT team is working on this.

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It was clear that people wanted, not to mention that it is a benefit provided by membership dues, to have their Road Runner emailed to them instead of just posted. Thanks to people stepping up that is happening again after a brief lapse.

It has been wonderful to see some folks who have not been members for some time renew their memberships recently. We are also pleased to see the renewals continue to come in.

As mentioned last month, we have a great group of members working tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the organization moving forward.

The membership is what makes this organization thrive. The Board's job is to keep the wheels turning. This reflection is a reflection on all of you. Thank you all!

Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

Every County Hunter has by nature the right to run the county of his choice.

I overslept this morning and by the time I had breakfast and went to the radio shack Gator was already there. I park in my designated the recycled railroad tie. I get all my muscles working slide out of the cab and I feel the summer heat walking shack and smile, as least the air-conditioner is running. shack. Gator is sitting at the computer, he looks at me, your Highness I have already done a day's work. Here Gator is laughing hilariously. I take a sip of my Latte time I sleep in and you rub it in, what are you doing?" your Florida QSO party log, what happened?"



spot next to together and to the radio I enter the radio "Good morning have a Latte" and smile, "One "I am looking at

I sip my latte, "The Florida QSO party started great, good weather and a few bands cooperative I was working two and three QSOs a minute when the van engine warning light came on. We stopped and checked the oil and temperature, and everything looked good. After about fifty miles the engine warning went off. Go figure. I was calling and logging again until we entered Bradford county when my keyer quit, no smoke, no explosion just nothing. I told the driver to stop at the next restaurant and after we do chow I would get my spare keyer. We finished eating and I opened the back of the van, no keyer. I thought about cussing but that would not bring the keyer to me. I had left the keyer back in the radio shack. So I rode back home as a passenger, very boring."

I sneeze a couple times then continue, "Early Sunday morning I am back on the road with a working keyer and a back-up keyer on the rear seat. I am amazed, operating conditions are a repeat of the day before. I was working two and three QSOs a minute from county to county. Gator let me tell you when we drove through Panama City the hurricane damage is indescribable, you must be there to understand the extent of damage done by Hurricane Michael. The vehicle traffic was light not like the traffic prior to the hurricane. I must say the highway department did a great rebuild, the main roads were open and no pot holes. To make a long story short I logged 1000 QSOs, now what are the odds of doing this?" "Dude did you work 15-meters in the Florida QSO party?" "No Gator, I called several times and no reply, I logged 206 QSOs on 40-meters and 794 QSOs on 20-meters."

Gator gives me the thumbs up, "Hate to interrupt Dude but this strange looking package

was in the mail and is fairly heavy.” I look at the package to be sure it did not contain an explosive device “Open it Gator!” Gator takes out his illegal redneck quick flip knife with the ivory handle and opens the package, “Dude it is a nice bronze medallion with a blue ribbon.” Gator holds the medallion up for me to see. “And it reads CWT Participation award for 2018. What is that?” I take the medallion from Gator for closer look and smile, whatever it is for I probably deserved it. I look for a bare spot on the radio shack wall to display this great medallion.

Gator is not paying attention, he is looking at the computer screen and laughs, “Dude I looked at your Michigan and Ontario QSO party logs and you logged 34 QSOs in Michigan QSO Party and 12 in the Ontario QSO Party, what is your excuse for the low number of QSOs?” I take another sip of my latte, “No excuse Gator, but if I had worked the VE3s in the Ontario QSO party that I worked during the Florida QSO party, I would be a serious contender. Check out my Arkansas QSO party.”

I finish my latte as Gator loads the program, “I guess conditions were accommodating as you did okay, WOW, I see you worked two Arkansas counties on ten and fifteen meters with that Texas Dude Norm, W3DYA, that is awesome.” I smile big, “Yes we moved to fifteen meters and we were both surprised, the band was wide open. We then moved to ten meters and it was wide open. Two surprises in one day. But alas that was it.” Gator laughs, “You logged 84 QSOs but only worked one bonus station. I also notice you worked five mobiles, but the only MARAC members were Norm, W3DYA, and Bob, N4CD, however you did work seven No-Stars.

Gator is staring at the computer and gets a sad expression, “Dude did you know MARAC county hunter Floyd, W5OXX and Gary, WD6CKT? Both are a silent key.” I shake my head no, “I never worked Floyd I think he operated mainly sideband. I did work Gary back in 1977 and the last time was in 2013. He would follow me around when I was mobile in QSO parties” “Dude I also see that Bill, K1SE and Joe, W5ASP are also a Silent Key.” I am shocked than saddened, “Yes Gator, I do not think Bill and Joe were MARAC members, but I remember working both of them during MARAC CW contests.” We turn the volume down on the radio, dim the lights and bow our heads as Gator recites The Shepherd’s Psalm. We sit silently and finish our lattes.

Gator laughs, “Dude I just brought up your King of Spain contest and you made 11 QSOs, Whoopee do. I shake my head in agreement, “The band conditions just not good, I did not hear many Spain stations, and some I could hear could not hear me. I did not get 200 QSOs so I do not need to send in a log.” “Dude I almost forgot, I saw you truck at the

senior center, what were you doing there?” “I stopped to have lunch and when I sat at the table these three senior dames can over and...

Gator’s cell phone goes CQ, CQ, CQ. “Sorry Dude, good news, I think, I got to get back to the plant, a representative from the China Taj Mahal Ethanol Happy Bar just arrived, he wants to purchase some of our world-wide elixir.” He is gone like an ice cream cone on a hot day. I hear him yell: “Rest in peace Tim Conway.” I hear a thump and another kamikaze squirrel achieved his destiny’ The printer stops. I get up slowly off my butt and go to the printer. I take the printout and it is a list of the mobile county hunters heard during the month of May on the many CW call frequencies.

I sit down and read the list: AI5P, K0DEQ, K0FG, K1YAG, K5GQ, K8TE, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, KB6UF, KC3X, KC5YE, KE0TT, KE1VT, N0SM, N2OO, K4CD, N5PHT, N7WA, N7XU, K8II, NU0Q, W0GXQ, W3DYA, W4SIG, W9OG, and WK2S,

We enter the month of June and soon half the year is history so enjoy the June amateur radio happenings. There are two State QSO parties: Kentucky with 120 counties and the West Virginia QSO party with 55 counties. If you are a VHF buff then operate in the ARRL June VHF Contest. Like DX try the All Asian DX CW Contest or the King of Spain Contest and for the top band buff the Stew Perry contest. The future of amateur radio is in the hands of the youngsters so operate in the ARRL Kids Day activity on sideband.

The crowning jewel to the Month of June Radio Activity is the ARRL Field Day with just about every radio club and radio group on the air. The local radio club, the Sportsman’s Paradise ARC, will operate K4WAK from Wakulla County Florida. I plan to operate the CW station. Thinking about all this activity has worn me out. Nap Time.

**Unofficial Minutes
of the Board of Directors Meeting**

May 6, 2019 – 9 pm EDT

Pending Board of Directors Approval

Submitted by Kraig Pritts-KA2LHO



1. Call meeting to order; Quorum Check

Time: 9:00 EDT

Board Members Present: Ed-K8ZZ, Kraig-KA2LHO, Janet-KC5QCB, Darl-NA8W, Al-N1API, Kerry-W4SIG, Donna-AG6V and Michael-NF0N

2. Agenda Changes/Modifications-None per KA2LHO

3. Motion to approve the attached minutes (Attachment 1) of the Board of Directors Meeting on March 4, 2019.

Motion by NA8W, Second by KC5QCB Vote: Unanimous in favor.

Old Business-NONE

New Business

4. Motion to accept, with regret, the resignation of Paul Nelson- N7JPF as Pacific Director effective May 4, 2019.

Motion by NF0N, **Second** by N1API

Vote: Unanimous in favor

5. Motion to affirm the appointment of Donna Hinshaw-AG6V as Pacific Director, retroactive to May 4, 2019, until midnight, June 30, 2019 at which point the newly elected Pacific Director will take the position.

Motion by KC5QCB, **Second** by NF0N

Vote: 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention AG6V

6. Motion to set the Annual Meeting date of Monday, July 8, 2019 via Uberconference to begin at 9:00 pm EDT.

Motion by N1API, **Second** by KC5QCB

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7. Motion to Adjourn the Board of Directors meeting.

Motion by W4SIG, **Second** by NA8W

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Time: 9:05 EDT

Open Discussion with membership moderated by W4SIG

W4SIG thanked AG6V for stepping up and helping out in the Pacific Director role.

NF0N pointed out that the timing of the annual meeting will be different than in recent years when the National Convention was in the Fall. KA2LHO, acknowledged and referred to the general standard of Annual Meetings following the start of elected position time periods since there would be no National Convention this year.

W4SIG reminded those who will be in Hamvention to stop by the MARAC booth.

Open Discussion ended at 9:12 EDT

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

BILL, KODEQ



Bylaws,

The numbers

The Board of Directors is proposing several changes to the MARAC subject to approval by vote of the membership.

The following information explains several of the proposed changes. refer to the bylaw in question:

- 1.1 This is to correct a minor typographical error
- 1.2 The principal change in this section is subsection (f) which proposes that persons appointed to fill a District Director vacancy will serve until the expiration of the then current term. There is no change to the procedure by which the members can recall a board member, which then requires a new election.
- 1.3 Even though everyone hopes that a MARAC convention can be held at least every two years, because this may not be possible several of the proposed changes are intended to allow orderly governance when a convention does not occur. Thus, the proposed change to this section eliminates the provision that the annual meeting of the Board will occur at the annual convention and instead sets a specific date for that meeting but also allows the Board to change to a different date in a specific year.
- 2.2 The term of all members of the Board will begin on July 1st rather than at the annual convention, and a person appointed to fill an officer vacancy will serve until expiration of the then current term.
- 2.6(f) This is intended to accommodate the current practice of the Treasurer, not the Secretary, being the officer to whom dues payments are made.
- 2.7(b) This is intended to accommodate the current practice of the Board authorizing someone other than the Treasurer to hold specific funds for specific MARAC purposes. An example is the authorization for the Awards Secretary to hold MARAC funds in amount of \$1500 to pay awards related expenses as they occur.
- 3.1 This does not represent any significant changes to the Election Coordinator position and duties.
- 3.2 The bylaws now provide that if a person serving on the Board of Directors is nominated for election to a different position then that person automatically loses his/her position on the Board. The proposed changes provide that in this event the person continues to serve in his/her current position until he/she is elected to a different position. These proposed changes also provide directions to the Election Coordinator if he/she suspects that a person nominated as a candidate in the upcoming election may not be eligible to serve in that position (for example, if a person nominated as candidate for a District Director position may not reside in the specified area). The Election Coordinator is not authorized to reject any nominee but instead refers the matter to the Board for its decision.
- 3.3 These proposals specifically authorize the Board to contract with a commercial firm to conduct elections (as is now being done). If there is only one person nominated for a position to be filled in the upcoming election then no election will be held for that position and the sole nominee will automatically be elected. This is in keeping with the long-standing provision in the bylaws that a person must consent to become a candidate for any elected position,

which necessarily precludes a person being elected by write-in votes when that person has not consented to be a candidate.

4.1 The Board has not found a record of anyone being recognized as an “Associate Member” of MARAC for past many years, so this class of member is proposed to be deleted,

4.2 This proposal deletes the requirement of annual meeting of the members being held at the annual convention since there may not be an annual convention in any particular year.

5.3 These proposed changes delete reference to “annual convention” but authorize the Board to provide MARAC funds to assist in holding a “MARAC convention” (analogous to the previous annual conventions) or a “Regional MARAC meeting” (analogous to the Michigan Mini or other Mini meetings which have been hold in the past).

2019 Ugly Award Recipient

K8AO

Duane holds USACA # 1197

Duane worked for the Forest service until retirement. He worked as a forester as well as fire fighter.

He is an avid contester and has several plaques to prove it. He was also one of the top collectors in the year-long grid search.

He is a member of the local Ham club, and active for Field Day. Duane and his wife Judy are active members of their church, have attended many of the Michigan Mini Conventions, as well as a few Nationals. Duane has run counties on his travels over the years.

Please congratulate Duane on this auspicious award as he is the 23th person to hold it.



Awards

Awards Committee

Considerations When Voting for 2019 County Hunter of the Year:

The nomination process for County Hunter of the Year – SSB and CW has been completed. Three individuals have been nominated for the SSB category, but only one individual was nominated for the CW category. The names of the three nominees and the reasoning behind why they were nominated appears in the Elections section of this newsletter.

When evaluating these nominations, please be aware of the following excerpts from the Awards Rules governing this particular award pertaining to the objective for the award and the criteria which should be used when voting for one of the nominees:

OBJECTIVE: To recognize members of MARAC who have made a significant overall contribution to MARAC and county hunting during the 12 months immediately prior to start of nominations for this award.

Under the “Special Rules” section, the criteria for selection of candidates and ultimately the winner is specified as follows:

- Criteria for consideration for County Hunter of the Year include the following:
1. Quality and quantity of operating to provide **Valid Contacts** from multiple counties while in **Mobile Operation** or while assisting mobile county hunters as a Net Control Station (NCS) or assistant NCS.
 2. Participation in MARAC activities and service to MARAC and the members of MARAC.
 3. Other activities in support of county hunting.
 4. Technical proficiency in design or usage or implementation of enhancements to mobile operation or county hunting net operations. Overall amateur radio general support in a manner consistent with good operation and advancement of the hobby.
 5. Member qualification must be based on his/her activities during the previous 12 months, ending on the first day that nominations are accepted.
 6. MARAC Board members are eligible for this award. However, consideration should not be based upon their fulfillment of their board duties. Their consideration must be based upon activity outside of this such as mobile activity, net assistance activity, spotting activity, service to other members, and general overall enhancement of county hunting.
 7. A member of MARAC may receive this award multiple times for each category, however, only once every three years for the same category.

Several changes were made to this award rule in March, 2018. The items highlighted in yellow were added to restrict the consideration of activity and service of nominees to the past 12 months ending when opening of nominations are announced (which occurred on 2/1/2019). Those directors who nominated these individuals have provided their reasoning which supported their respective nominations. That info should be in the Elections section of this RoadRunner issue and eventually on the ballot for your consideration. The item highlighted in green was added to allow a recipient to receive the award if they are qualified more than once in their lifetime, but no more than once every three years for a particular category. I can attest that all three of the nominees this year for CHOTY – SSB were not the winners in 2017 or 2018 so they are all eligible to be considered. With regard to item 6 of the criteria, none of the nominees are currently active members of the Board of Directors so that is not factor in this year’s selection of a winner.

All active members in good standing will soon receive an invitation to vote for the SSB CHOTY winner at a time specified by the Election Coordinator. Since there was only one nominee for the CW CHOTY category, that category will not appear on the ballot but the winner will be announced along with the SSB CHOTY winner at a later date.

Awards Issued Since 2/1/19:

Awards Issued:				Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Number	Call	Date of Last Contact	Last County Count:	Number
KC5P	12/14/1993	Ran All State - MS	25	K5GE	4/25/2018	550	35
NF0N	7/6/2010	Gemini - Jack Scroggins	178	K8ZZ	8/13/2018	700	25
NF0N	7/15/2017	Ran All State - SD	36	K4YT	4/8/2019	300	75
NF0N	9/2/2018	Ran All State - NE	30	N8KIE	5/4/2019	1225	6
NF0N	10/10/2018	Ran All State - IA	34				
KC5P	1/24/2019	Native American Counties	60				
KC5P	1/27/2019	US Presidents Counties	58				
N8OYY	2/2/2019	County Challenge - Level 7	53				
K8ZZ	2/14/2019	Ran All State - AZ	42				
K8ZZ	2/16/2019	Ran All State - TX	33				

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, Marac Awards Manager

Election Tidbits

Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve in the following positions. Some of these positions were appointed, resigned and appointed again. The following individuals ran unopposed. The board requested an election be held to insure all positions were voted on by the membership.

Congratulations to:

President:	Ed Eklin – K8ZZ	3 year term ending 2022
Vice-President:	Kraig Pritts – KA2LHO	3 year term ending 2022
Secretary:	Brent Schaefer – K9MIX	3 year term ending 2022
Treasurer:	Bill Morgan – K0DEQ	3 year term ending 2022

Congratulations also to the following directors.

Northeast	Al Kaiser – N1API	3 year term ending 2022
Pacific	Donna Hinshaw – AG6V	3 year term ending 2022
Great Lakes	Darl Deeds – NA8W	2 year term ending 2021
South Central	Janet Camron – KC5QCB	1 year term ending 2020

The other two directors and their term expiration dates are:

North Central	Mike Nickolaus – NF0N	Term expires 2020
Southeast	Kerry Long – W4SIG	Term expires 2021

ByLaw and CHOTY SSB Voting

Next month, June, the membership is asked to vote on the ByLaw changes mentioned in last months issue of the Road Runner. The ballot you receive from Simply Voting will contain the information the board has voted on to change the By Laws. Voting will begin June 4th and be open for two weeks.

The member ship will also have an opportunity to vote for the County Hunter of The Year Award for SSB. (CHOTY – SSB) There are three nominations for SSB and the winner will be determined by the membership. The objectives and criteria are mentioned in the awards sections, elsewhere in the newsletter. Since there was only one nomination for CHOTY – CW, there will be no vote on that award by the membership. The winners in both categories will be announced at a later date.

Nominations for 2019 MARAC CHOTY - SSB

Submitted by Kerry W4SIG
Southeast District Director

I would like to nominate Robert “Bob” Woody, for 2019 MARAC SSB County Hunter of the Year.

Bob is a very active SSB county hunter who has provided a lot of help to his fellow county hunters. He put out numerous counties on SSB during the year on multiple bands. Bob is always willing to assist with NCS duties and provides relays to anyone in need. For years now, he has attended and participated in MARAC conventions both at minis and at nationals. Bob is a frequent spotter for mobiles that are on the air which aids others to grab the counties they need as well. Bob is very willing to share wisdom from his many years of county hunting and mobile operation to others.

N8KIE Bob Woody - Bio

I tried to get into ham radio as a teen in high school. I could not pass the cw 5 wpm test. There is something about cw that really confuses me. Finally passed it at work with a friend when I was 29 years old. (I think he cheated) Was never intending to get on hf anyway only 2 m. Some years later when we were allowed on 10m I started working dx with a 4 el beam and did dxcc. When they did away with the 20 wpm requirement I upgraded to extra and got involved with Geratol net on 75m. I'm not really sure how I found county hunting but bought a 706 and started running counties. By this time I was retired from Chrysler and my wife was an executive engineer. That came with a free car every few months and free gas. A county hunters dream. It took us 7 years to run them all and Jaci got USACA 1193 all 2 m. Logger shows my transmitted county count at 19018 total. Currently working on Double Diamond with 566 to go and star XX with 101 counties left. Not bad for basically being off the air 1/3 of the time while we are in Hawaii.

Nominations for 2019 MARAC CHOTY - SSB

Submitted by Mike Nickolaus, NF0N
North Central Director MARAC

Hollis, KC3X

Over the past year, Hollis has provided assistance to many mobiles by posting them on the W6RK site. Over 500 mobile postings were done by Hollis.

He has assisted many mobiles by providing relay's and Net Control support.

Hollis provides contact's to many mobiles for Awards that he is awarded.

Hollis will contact those who need a contact with the current mobile but are not on the air ensuring they can make contact with a mobile that is one of their needs.

Although the above accomplishments are for the past year, he has been doing this for many years and it is time to award Hollis with the County Hunter of the Year, SSB.

KC3X Hollis Thigpen - Bio

I spent 4 years in the Army Security Agency and that is where I started my CW skills. It was mandatory that we could send and receive minimum 25 words per minute. After the army I joined the Federal Government and worked as a communicator for 36 years. In 1979 I was sitting at a lab work table repairing a teletype power

supply when a co-worker asked if I was interested in becoming a Ham. I said maybe and he said okay. There were 5 techs in the lab and they flew around the world repairing communications equipment. In one year there were 5 days that all 5 techs were in the office. As you can imagine there were a lot of us TDY. One day he took me to the conference room and placed the Novice test on the table. I passed the test but when the license arrived from the FCC, my Elmer (Wally WA3RWP) was not anywhere to be found. I remained a novice for 1 year so I could learn as much as I could about ham radio before upgrading. Shortly after that I upgraded to Extra and was issued call sign KC3X. To make a long story short that was my introduction to Ham radio.

I was a net control on the YLISSB system one day and I moved to the county hunter frequency on 14336 (Sunday Morning). The National Convention in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho had just finished. The mobiles kept requesting for a net control. I said I don't know anything about being your net control but I am willing to help whenever I can. I received on the job training for the next several days. There were 45 mobiles on the list. I followed their directions as we went. When everyone had arrived home I had over 800 contacts as a direct result of mobile contacts from the mobiles. (July 1985)

Before moving overseas with my job I had over 4000 hours as net control of which many were on 80 meters. What a great time to be a county hunter. Since then I have obtained many county hunter awards, which you can review on the MARAC web page. Over the years I have met many county hunters at conventions and many have stayed over-night at my home. When I can, I still assist the mobiles in any way I can. In the old days I would call people to let them know that their last county was being run. Then we moved on to 1 ringer's and now we have the spotting systems. I have always enjoyed county hunting and continue to help mobiles (as well as fixed stations) any way I can. I have run more than 800 counties and wish I could run more. In the near future I hope to finish running the last few I need to complete my mobile Diamond award. I was a county hunter from F/KC3X and won the MARAC DX award. I also operated from DL4FDN)

Nominations for 2019 MARAC CHOTY - SSB

Submitted by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V
MARAC Pacific Director

I would like to nominate Mary AB7NK for CH of the Year, SSB. During this past year, Mary has made multiple road trips putting out counties. She is always helpful and willing to make the extra effort to give a band/mode needed for the county hunters following her radio active trips.

Mary, AB7NK is an active all around member of MARAC. She gives out counties on self designed trips. She also checks the database of needed counties and incorporates those counties in her trips. And she is actively pursuing more MARAC awards, including Mobile Diamond, Mobile to Mobile, USA-CW, 4th time & Bingo III.

Mary took 3 trips in this past year, covering 12 states. She reported over 5,500 qsos, including quite a number for her CW groupies. CW is not Mary's favorite mode, but she is willing to work CW to help out county hunters who are working on CW awards. Her groupies await her presence in a needed county, and then wait for a low key morse code exchange. She is active in not only first counties, but Last Counties as well, having a goal of giving out 1000, and she is closing in on that goal.

Mary helped Ed K8ZZ with the 50th County Hunting Convention held in Kansas City, MO in 2018. She made an extra side trip and traveled to TN to raid the history archives from the MARAC historian, Gary K4EXT in May of 2018 and returned them to the hills of TN all in one piece. She also took part in the 2019 Michigan Mini. Her

smiles and good cheer were appreciated by many.

Mary embodies the spirit of the all around MARAC member.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Hinshaw
AG6V,
MARAC Pacific Director

AB7NK Mary Vince Bio

I became a licensed ham in 1994 and started county hunting late 2010. Mobiles were plentiful and since Neil was still working I was in “complete control” of the radio’s all day long. In 2012 I was granted USA-CA #1229 and continued working on other awards.

Neil retired in Dec. 2013 and we’d always wanted to be on the MOBILE side of county hunting. Conditions aren’t cooperating but the excitement of helping others achieve counties for their awards will always be the greatest reward.

My cw copying is not the greatest but it’s one of those things I hope to improve on in order to give out even more cw counties.

My goals for the future are to hopefully finish a few awards I’m working on and we hope to finish up some of the states we’re missing a few counties in. We completed running Illinois on the way to the MI mini and on the way home we completed KY. Those two have not yet been submitted.

“Happy Hunting!”

Remember, if you are a NEW member or are REJOINING MARAC after a lapse in membership, you are NOT eligible to submit nominations or vote in an election until the first day of the month following receipt of the payment of dues and valid membership application by the MARAC Secretary.

Those individuals maintaining uninterrupted membership status are not restricted from voting in the current month.

If you are unsure of your membership status, please visit the MARAC website, click on **COUNTY HUNTER DB**, enter your call in the **CALLLOOKUP** to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

AB7NK – Mary
Election Coordinator



Dayton Hamvention
MARAC Booth Report
By Kerry W4SIG

The 2019 Dayton Hamvention was another success! Once again, MARAC had a booth in one of the exhibitor tents this year. We had a lot of fun gathering with other county hunters, telling tales, and promoting county hunting and the MARAC organization. We displayed MARAC sample plaques, gave out USA County maps, and distributed fact sheets with resources for the county hunting chase. For the first time in years we had excellent weather with only light showers early on Friday morning. MARAC signed up some new members and got renewals from others. When you hear them, please welcome them into the family:

Michael Varga - NR3C
Linda Yankovich – N3LY
John Keller – W4ZAO
Tom Dziadus – K9LS (renewal)
Phil Sager – WB4FDT (renewal)
Dennis England – KA4DHI



Members who stopped by the booth for a visit included:

K8TE Bill
KJ8F Sharon
N1QY Ron
NM1G Chuck
KM4FO Dwight
KB9YVT Ann
KA9JAC Bob
W4SIG Kerry
KB0BA Lowell
N0XYL Sandra
WB8ELK Bill
WB4ELK Bev
K8CMO Trevor
W8OP Alan
K1SO Jerry
K9WA Jim
NA8W Darl
N4CD Bob
NU0Q Bill
N2MH Mark
KF4UN Byron
W0FS Clay
WA4UNS Doug
KB8OMG Barry
N4MM John

KA7RAA Doug
N8HAM Jim
K8MW Dick
KE4UP John
WD4OIN Jack
W8TVT Joe
N8OYY Ed
N5JJC Mark
AK8A Steve
K0GRE Bill
KD8DNS Ryan
K9FZ Al
AB4WL Ken
KN4S Harry
KS4BO Dave
W8KNO Joe
W7IV Joe
NR3C Mike
W8MP Mark
K1TW Tom
KB9AIT Gary

Many thanks to those that helped me man the booth, with special thanks going to KB0BA, N0XYL, N4CD, KA9JAC, and KB9YVT. See you next year!

Kentucky Ferries

By Kerry W4SIG

Washington and Massachusetts are not the only states with ferries needed to get from county to county. Kentucky has its fair share, and they often come up around a bend with little warning! Beware, especially at night when you come upon one of these in the pitch dark!



Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

April 20, 2019 to May 19, 2019

Beginning Account Balance \$25,189.17

Income:

Savings Account Interest	\$ 16.78
Awards Secretary Income	109.79
Misc Income (1)	
Membership Income	335.02
Logger Distribution Income	43.24



Total Income	<hr/>	\$504.83
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Expenses:

Awards Secretary Expenses	
Misc. Expenses (2)	\$256.64
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)	

Total expenses	<hr/>	\$256.64
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Net Income Less Expenses 248.19

Cash Balance \$25,437.36

Checking Account Balance \$9049.41

Savings Account Balance 16387.95

Total all accounts	<hr/>	\$25,437.36
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The \$1500 Awards Secretary funds are not included in the above balance.

Notes: (2) misc. expenses consisted of \$5 refund for overpayment for Logger and \$251.64 reimbursement to K3IMC for annual webserver contract

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6127.15, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$19,310.21

Events

6/1 10-10 OPEN PSK
6/1 KY QP
6/10 4 STATES SPRINT
6/15 WV QP
6/15 ARRL KIDS DAY
6/22 FIELD DAY

ONLY START DATE SHOWN

CLICK ON EVENT TO GO TO THAT WEB SITE



Awards Committee

These MARAC members are serving on the Awards Committee:

Awards Manager - Ron Clift (N5MLP)

Great Lakes District - Robert Woody - N8KIE

North Central District - Tony Mazzocco -WA9DLB

North East District - Chuck Secrest - NM1G

Pacific District - Robert Hallock - K7TM

South Central District - Bob Voss - N4CD

South East District - Jack Jacobs - WD4OIN

The County Line Roadrunner
MARAC Secretary
441 Lazy Branch Rd
Wausau, WI 54401-3818

“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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