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And we move forward....

Thoughts from the VP-KA2LHO

The results are in and we have our officers and directors in place to continue MARAC's forward progress. As shared by AB7NK, the Election Coordinator, here are the results of YOUR voting...

President: Ed Eklin – K8ZZ

Vice President: Kraig Pritts – KA2LHO

Secretary: Brent Schaefer – K9MIX

Treasurer: Bill Morgan – K0DEQ

In addition, the following directors have also been elected or reelected by the MARAC membership.

Great Lakes: Darl Deeds–NA8W

Northeast: Al Kaiser–N1API

Pacific: Donna Hinshaw–AG6V

South Central: Janet Camron–KC5QCB

Congratulations to everyone and thank you to all who took the time to vote. Thank you to Mary-AB7NK for getting the election process in place and moving forward.

One thing that would be great to see, and this is solely up to the membership to adjust, would be a greater percentage of people casting votes and running for various officer/director positions. Providing options for the membership is not a bad thing. Providing options doesn't always have to be the result of anger. Sometimes options provide opportunities.

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Just over a third of those who received ballots took the time to complete and return them. Options may be an incentive to increase the participation in voting.

The Board is here to listen, discuss and, where appropriate, make the necessary changes in the organization to help MARAC grow and flourish. You can find our contact information in each issue of Road Runner as well as on the website. My info is easily accessible via QRZ as well.

Thank you again and we look forward to continuing our work as a team to move MARAC forward.



Dateline CW

Ed, KN4Y

There are 3077 counties for CW County Hunters, there isn't any more.

No matter how you spell or say HOT it is always has the same effect. This month of July and on the fourth we celebrate Independence Day and watch fireworks on television (except for Bubba). CW county hunters get a bang running hot counties on cool bands. The older CW county hunters reminisce when in previous years in July they were operating in the MARAC CW contest on hot bands on a hot weekend, maybe someday the younger county hunters will restart this great county hunter tradition. The air conditioner has not recycled since I got to the radio shack, I lean back to remember the fun times running mobile in the MARAC July contest, when I hear Gator downshift as he slides to a stop at the recycled railroad tie.

Gator dismounts from his truck cab reaches in the back seat and gets a large white cardboard container, he stops at the mailbox, gets the mail, then enters the radio shack. I raise my hand in a salute, "Good hot morning Gator come in where it is a little cooler." Gator smiles, "Good morning Dude, enjoying the heat?" Gator tosses the mail onto the desk then reaches into the white cardboard container and gets a latte and hands it to me, "Even when hot outside a hot latte is cool." I shake my head in agreement and take the latte. Gator reaches back into the container and hands me an éclair; I have gone to heaven. We sit and enjoy the moment.

Gator is mousing around on the computer and says, "Darn, I accidently brought up the Michigan QSO Party web site." I motion to Gator, "While you are there see what the dates are for the 2020-year Michigan QSO party." Gator looks at the computer screen, "The dates are April 18-19th for 2020, why do you ask?" I sip my latte," I was thinking about asking Ed the organizer of the MARAC Michigan Mini usually held in Traverse City Michigan to have the Mimi on April 15,16,17, 2010. Can you imagine all the Mobiles leaving the Mini on Saturday to participate in the Michigan QSO party, that would be awesome? Just think there might even be a few mobiles in the QSO party doing a virgin QSO party operation." Gator laughs, (a virgin county hunter?) "Would you go to the Mini just to do that? I shake my head, "Hell yes?"

“Gator while we are talking about QSO parties check out my Kentucky QSO party log.” Gator mouses around on the computer, Gator laughs, “Wow Dude, it must have been a wild weekend you made nine QSO’s and worked seven counties.” I shake my head in agreement, “Now check out my ARRL VHF June VHF CW Contest.” Gator sips his latte, “Dude, you did better than I expected with the 6-meter band randomness. You logged 17 QSO’s and worked 13 different grid squares did you spend much time in the contest?” I did a little Friday night until I fell asleep, Saturday I got a few hours in before the church event that was it for Saturday. Sunday after church I spent the rest of the day calling, with spotty results.” I sip my latte.

“Gator let me tell you about my mobile trip to Jacksonville, Florida to the State Bowling Tournament at Bowl American Mandarin Lanes by the ocean. I ran each county traveled on the county hunter’s net and had fun. I left the interstate at Highway 301 and drove into Nassau County, stopped and ran the county. I was surprised at the number of county hunters that I worked, I did not think Nassau county was that rare.” We have a good laugh and sip our lattes. “Gator I do not want to talk about my bowling, I would like to tell you on way back home I listened for participants in the West Virginal QSO party. The 40-meter band was noisy, but I made 5 contacts and one was a bonus station.” Gator interrupts, “I just opened the West Virginia QSO party module and I notice you ran some 80-meters, awesome.” We finish our lattes and Gator gets two more. We smile, sit and sip.

Gator is staring at the computer and gets a sad expression, “Dude did you know Carl, W5ASP? He is a silent key.” I don’t think Carl was a MARAC member, but I remember working him as a mobile in State QSO parties from 1983 to 2016. We turn the volume down on the radio, dim the lights and bow our heads as Gator recites The Shepherd’s Psalm.

Gator is looking at the computer screen, “Dude did you know that our Governor Ron Desantis, signed a proclamation declaring the week of June 17, 2019 through June 23, 2019 as Amateur Radio Week in Florida.” “Yes, it was a topic of discussion at our Club field day operation. By the way check my club field day CW log.”

CQ, CQ, CQ, goes Gator’s cell phone, Gator answers. “Dude I must to get back to the plant, there is a group from the Happy Time Gals Club who want to negotiate an order for the Good Time elixir in special bottles for an upcoming convention.” He is gone faster than flatulence at a Yoga session. I hear him yell, “Farewell Gloria.” I hear the printer stop and I extract the printout listing the mobile county hunters that checked into the county hunter’s CW call frequencies during the month of June.

I Read: AB7RW, AG6V, AI5P, K0DEQ, K8ZZ, KA4RRU, N0AC, N4CD, N4TY, N7JPF,

N9JF, NN1N, NU0Q, W4SIG, W5TD, and WA3QNT.

The month of July is not for the State QSO party enthusiast, no State QSO parties this month. But starting on the first day the month is RAC Canada Day, a fun event with our Northern neighbors. A mode junkie? The 10-10 International Spirit of 76 QSO Party involves using six different modes over a period of seven days. Maybe operating in the IARU HF World Championships is your challenge, or the Russian Contest. Take another shot at six meters with the CQ Worldwide VHF Contest and ending the month a HF visit with Islands On The Air (IOTA) contest. Time for a nap.



**Amendments to the Bylaws
HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

In June, MARAC members were asked to vote on amendments to the bylaws of the organization. These amendments were approved by the Board of Directors and then submitted to the membership as required by the bylaws.

The voting procedure has been completed and AB7NK, the Election Coordinator, has reported that the amendments were approved by 92% of those voting in the election.

The proposed amendments were included in the May issue of the RoadRunner and were also included in the email sent to all members by Simply Voting. The June issue of the RoadRunner contained my comments about the proposed amendments.

I believe these amendments facilitate effective governance of the organization under current circumstances, and the Board appreciates the affirmative vote of the membership.

Bill, KODEQ



Awards

Awards Committee

County Hunter of the Year Results:

An online election was conducted in June, 2019 by the Election Coordinator which gave members in good standing the opportunity to vote for County Hunter of the Year – SSB. The results both CW and SSB will be announced on July 8th at the annual meeting and will be published later in the August RoadRunner.

Status of the online Worked All Counties form:

Due to the fact that applications submitted through this form (which is located on the Awards tab of the MARAC home page) were not being handled properly, K3IMC closed access to the form and posted a notice on the forum that the form was removed and was under maintenance. Since that time, the form and its associated programming logic has been rewritten and will now have additional features which will assist the applicant in gathering and validating data requested on the form. As of 6/29/19, Don indicated the new form should be online and operational within a day or two. I very much appreciate what Don has been able to do with the awards processing automation over the last several months, and more improvements are underway.

Awards Issued Since 5/24/19:

Awards Issued:				Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Number	Call	Date of Last Contact	Last County Count:	Number
				WQ7A	3/24/2013	650	27
				AB7NK	1/10/2017	825	17
				N5MLP	9/18/2017	200	127
				K5GE	9/19/2017	575	33
				K0DEQ	12/18/2017	100	259
				AB7RW	5/30/2019	300	76

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, Marac Awards Manager

MARAC Annual Board Meeting

By Kerry W4SIG

Folks, the Annual MARAC Board Meeting is coming up on Monday, July 8. Here is the info on how to join in:

Next Board Meeting: Monday - July 8, 2019

9pm EDT - 8pm CDT - 7pm MDT,

6pm PDT - 5pm AKDT - 4pm HDT

You may enter the meeting using teleconference by either:

Going to:

<http://www.uberconference.com/maracbod>

(Use your call/name, then click 'Join')

Or, by telephone at:

1-866-299-7306



As usual, the first part of the meeting will be Board of Directors Business. Afterward there will be an open session for any questions or topics for discussion. Hope to "see" you there! 73.....

Election Tidbits

Voting on the By Law changes is now complete. More information on this in KODEQ's article elsewhere in the newsletter.

Voting for CHOTY – SSB is final. Normally the annual awards are announced at the Convention and since there is no convention this year, the board will decide when to announce the winners. The CHOTY – CW will be announced at the same time.

While on the subject of Annual Awards - 4th quarter voting will be open July 3rd thru July 17, 2019. This voting period covers the time frame of ***April 1 thru June 30, 2019***. All MARAC members will receive an email from Simply Voting with instructions. When you have finished voting, click on **CONTINUE** and **CONFIRM** to complete the voting process.

Simply Voting is automatically set up to send two (2) reminders during the voting period. If you voted and receive a reminder email, it means you did NOT click on CONTINUE and CONFIRM. Please follow the instructions in the email and go thru the process again to cast your ballot. The second reminder is set up for the day before voting closes for those who are procrastinators or just like waiting. There are safety features in place to keep you from voting more than once. If you have any questions or problems, please email me and together we'll get the issue resolved.

You will be voting for 1st and 2nd place for the following awards. Please check each entry for accuracy before submitting.

CW & SSB Mobile of the Year
Team of the Year
CW & SSB Net Control of the Year

When voting for Net Control of the Year, remember to take into consideration nets are no longer occupied by a Net Control. You will be voting for the individual(s) who assist the mobile by spotting and sticking around to help with relays.

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

Those individuals who have maintained uninterrupted membership status are not restricted from nominating or voting in the upcoming election.

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

AB7NK – Mary
Election Coordinator



Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

May 20, 2019 to June 19, 2019

Beginning Account Balance \$25,437.36

Income:

Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Secretary Income	63.00	
Misc Income (1)		
Membership Income	276.78	
Logger Distribution Income	20.00	
Total Income		\$359.78



Expenses:

Awards Secretary Expenses		
Misc. Expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
Total expenses		0

Net Income Less Expenses \$359.78

Cash Balance \$25,797.14

Checking Account Balance	\$9409.19
Savings Account Balance	16387.95

Total all accounts \$25,797.14

The \$1500 Awards Secretary funds are not included in the above balance.

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 \$19,669.99

Events

7/1 10-10 spirit of 76 QP

7/15 4 STATES QP

7/20 NA RTTY QP

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

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“A Road Runner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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