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Thoughts from the VP

By Kraig, KA2LHO

Things are happening in MARAC and it is time to make your plans. Don't forget the Michigan Mini. It has been **the consistent gathering for County Hunters for many years.** It conflicts with my travel plans to Pennsylvania to visit family (haven't made that trip in two years now so it is about time) but I know it is a regular for many and the reports are always positive.

Then in October we have a national gathering in the Pacific Northwest. I attended only my second national most recently in Kansas City, MO. It was nice to meet so many County Hunters that I only knew by call sign. My wife and I are discussing the October gathering as part of a larger trip. Too early to tell at this point but discussion is a good start.

It is not too early to register for both the Michigan Mini and the National. Although Michigan may seem a long way away, it will be here in no time. Reach out to Ed-K8ZZ with any questions on the Michigan Mini and Donna-AG6V for any questions on the National.

Some family matters took precedence over my planned trip to the Florida Panhandle, but I still hope to get there in the near future. As mentioned previously, we are heading up to the Pittsburgh area in May so for notices as we may be out and about in PA, WV, OH and MD or any combination of those while visiting family.

Stay safe and hope to get you in the log!

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Congratulations!

By Kerry, W4SIG

With much pride, we are excited to announce that our own Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, has been elected president of the Young Ladies Radio League (YLRL). Her term will be for the next two years. Phil Yasson, AB7RW, must be so proud. Congratulations, Barbara and good luck during your term helping the youth of Amateur Radio!

Home and Mobile Shacks

This month featuring Darl, NA8W

I live just outside Findlay Ohio, about 45 miles south of Toledo Ohio. If you mobile in that area you will see my home at mile post 153 along Interstate 75. Look for the tower.

I was born on a farm and other than a few years away driving semi-truck thru the eastern US, I have always farmed. In 1976 my father retired and my truck driving career did too. Starting in 1991 my farming also included working nights as a Sheriff Deputy. In 2010 I retired as a Deputy and then in 2013 I retired as a full time farmer turning everything over to my son, but, he still has me plant the corn and lots of the soybeans in the spring and assist with harvesting in the fall. That's the main reason I will not be at the MARAC convention in Portland. In 2013 I also retired as a volunteer firefighter after 25 years of service and as Assistant Chief.

When I was young my parents bought me a clock radio for Christmas. Being a night person even then I stayed awake late listening to it covertly. I found that I could hear a long way at night, WBZ Boston, but not during the day. That tweaked my interest in ham radio. I bought an ARRL License Manual in 1956 but due to school and later girls I put it aside.

Finally, shortly after I started farming full time in 1976, I found that I had some spare time during the summer and winter so I decided then was the time to try again for my ham license. I received my Novice license 1977 and my call WD8MRF. In 1978 I upgraded to General so I could get on HF phone. In 1981 I upgraded to Advanced so I could get many more SSB frequencies since I was mainly using SSB. In 1983 mainly due to the Volunteer Licensing program I studied for the Extra license so I could become a VE and of course some more frequencies to use. At that time there was still a 20 wpm code requirement and I had to go to the FCC building on Detroit for the test. I passed and was issued the call sign of NA8W.

From the beginning I enjoyed DXing the most, apparently my BCB DXing with my clock radio whetted my interest in long distance contacts and I concentrated on that almost completely. Finally, in about 2011 I received Honor Roll status and had worked most of the countries that were within ear shot. I only need North Korea to have worked them all. Then I wondered what else is there in ham radio.

My wife retired in late 2009 and we decided to go on a very long vacation out west. Before that trip I went to Dayton Hamvention, I have not missed one since 1976, I decided to attend the County Hunter forum there and listened to Leo, WY7LL, present his new video on county hunting and I spoke with him at length after the forum, great guy. I decided then that I was going to put a mobile in my car and see if I could start county hunting during our month-long trip in August 2010.

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As of August 2014, I have worked them all (MARAC #1246). I operate mostly SSB while mobile but have also operated CW and digital modes.

At home I have an Icom 7600 for my HF radio and if needed an Ameritron AL-1200 amplifier. I have several 2 meter radios but rarely turn them on. I do some DMR since that mode has started. In the early 1980's I had the opportunity to receive a power company communications tower free due to a fellow local ham KC8HC-sk, he got the top 60 feet and I got the bottom 120 feet. It's a self-supporting tower that needed 20 yards of concrete for the base, but it was worth it, no guy wires to interfere with my antennas. My operating position is a closet that I removed that works good for my station.



I have a Force 12 five band beam on the top and as of 2017 I installed a two element 40 meter beam at the top that I bought from the W8ZD-sk estate in perfect shape. Wow does that talk on 40. Rounding out antennas I have inverted V's for 160, 80 and 40 with hard line runs to the house.

For my limited CW I have a Vibroplex ARRL anniversary key at home, a K1EL touch keyer in Florida and an iambic keyer in my truck. Yes it's not right to mix my keys but it's what I have.

For mobile operations I have a 2013 GMC pickup that I have out fitted with a Yaesu FT-857 radio, a signal link for digital operations and a Scorpion HF screwdriver antenna that I bought used. I use an Ameritron screwdriver controller with that. If I can hear you, I can work you with that combination. Everything is mounted under the back seat except of course the control heads for the radio and Scorpion and an MFJ AWM-35 swr/ watt meter and a Heil headset.

As of the winter of 2016/2017 my wife and I are snowbirds. We stay in Highlands County Florida, Grid EL97, for the winters, near Sebring Florida. Approximately November to April. I work mostly digital due to antenna and power restrictions and have over 2000 FT8 contacts from there. I have an Icom 7300 radio in Florida running an ATAS 120 antenna on my car port roof up about 10 feet, yes 10 feet high.

I do mostly FT8 and FT4 in Florida due to the height disadvantage. It makes me want to get home to Ohio where I can be heard. Due to that I do not county hunt much in Florida due to them not hearing me.

While I was attending the National Convention in 2018 at Kansas City, I asked Kerry how he was able to log CW contacts during his many runs while driving. He took that opportunity to answer me and corner/coerce/railroad me to be the Great Lakes director for MARAC. I put him off for a day but accepted and have enjoyed the demands of that job since then.

My wife and I will be flying home from Florida the day before the Michigan Mini so we will not be able to attend this year. I will miss seeing all of you.

73 and as they say on DX, see you in the pileups.

Darl NA8W



Darl NA8W Mobile Sled



NA8W on top of Tower



Watch your step there, Darl!

County Hunting the Back Roads Provides Interesting Humor!

By Kerry, W4SIG

My wife said when I pass she would go the extra mile to give me the burial I deserve...



USA County Fun Facts

By Jack, WD4OIN

The newest county in the US is Broomfield County Colorado. On November 15, 2001, Broomfield county became the 64th and smallest county in Colorado. It is also the most recently created county in the U.S.

Oglala Lakota County South Dakota is the newest for county hunters as it was renamed in May of 2015. Originally it had been named Shannon County. (*Condolences to the Shannon family!, editor*)

MARAC National Convention

October 25-26-27, 2020

Portland, OR

See You THERE !

The National Convention in October, 2020 in Portland Oregon is coming along. It will be at the Red Lion Inn at Jantzen Beach. Website: <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/index.html>

Registrations – more than halfway to filling the Early Bird Registration. People are coming from California and Rhode Island, and many places in between. You can see who is registered at:

<http://ag6v.com/MARAC/register.html>

The GRAND PRIZE has been purchased- an Elecraft KX3 Pack, assembled.



(Thank you Elecraft for the discount.)

Other prizes and swag are being accumulated including the photo shown to the right. Fun bit of whimsy, but really, who can't use more Duck Tape in their To Go Box???



DEADLINES:

- Hotel Discount ends Oct. 2nd, 2020.
- Banquet choices must be final by Oct. 19th, 2020.
- Early Bird Prizes - first 20 paid registrations received from licensed operators will be entered to a special drawing
(up to 12 now - late Feb)
- Early Bird XYL Prize - all non-licensed people who enter along with the first 20 paid licensed operators will be entered to a special, separate drawing



Room reservations must be made no later than Friday October 2nd, 2020 to get the MARAC discounted rate. Phone (503) 283-4466 or reserve a room via the link on the website at <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/hotel.html> Be sure to get a room for Wednesday the 27th, for after the banquet!

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There are several RV Parks close by the Convention Site, for those of you who wish to stay in the comforts of “almost home”. Check out <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/lodging.html> However, The Red Lion Inn at Jantzen Beach sits right on the Columbia River, and has a full service restaurant as well as a bar under one roof with all the hotel rooms and the meeting room,

During the convention, there will be self-guided tours as well as presentations of interest. Confirmed speakers include “Know Your Mobile” by Jerry Mertz W0GXQ and “Space Communications” by Capt. Wendy Laurence, USN (ret), astronaut. Other speakers are being solicited.

Tours include:

- Powell’s Bookstore (a whole city block, multiple stories, of books!)
- Ham Radio Outlet in Portland (no further description needed!)
- Bob’s Red Mill store and restaurant
- A yarn crawl of Portland’s great craft locations

This event is being organized by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V, Pacific Region Director. Please direct all questions to her at ag6v@arrl.net But first, check out the website at <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/> with lots of information on the schedule, prizes, travel details, photos and registration, updated as more details are finalized:



SAVE THE DATES !

Michigan Mini Convention

By Dorie, N8WTQ

I'm delighted to be hosting the Michigan Mini this year - with much help from others.

Dates: April 23, 24, & 25, 2020

Where: West Bay Beach Resort, 615 E Front St, Traverse City, MI 49686

Phone 231-947-3700

The cut off date for the special room rate is March 23, 2020.

Website for details and registration: <http://michiganmini.superhosts.net/>

Time has a way of slipping away. *Don't put it off. Register now.* See you in April.

Prizes: We will also have a prize table. Each person attending should bring a door prize which can range from something you make (several beautiful afghans have been given away at conventions in the past!) to something you purchase. It need not be ham radio related. Some big hits in the past have been: Bottles of liquor/wine, gift certificates/cards, atomic clocks, coax, atlases, logbooks, tools, gas cards, etc. Remember we have many female friends attending so keep them in mind also.

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An **Apple iPad Mini with 16GB** will be given away in a drawing for all registered attendee's after the banquet. Raffle will be held for a really nice prize and the drawing will be after the banquet on Saturday.



By Dorie, N8WTQ

DATELINE CW

By Ed, KN4Y

A new radio is great, but not until it is involved in a CW County Hunter's county exchange.

I sit in the radio shack, I have been having a rough time keeping awake, the Doctor is treating me for blood count problems, when I added an 88 to my age all hell broke loose. I tried doing a couple of QSO parties, fell asleep while operating. I hear Gator's downshift as slides to a stop at the recycled railroad tie. He slides out of his truck caring a white medium sized cardboard container. He stops at the mailbox and extracts the mail and enters the radio shack.

"Good midday Dude, are you feeling any better, you look pale." Gator opens the white cardboard container, reaches in and hands me a supersized hot Latte., "This should rejuvenate you.?" I take a sip, but I feel all my energy had gone to Colorado. Gator sits at the computer and flips the ON switch. We sit and sip.

Gator is staring at the computer and gets a sad expression, "Dude did you know Les, KOLG, he is a Silent Key. "Yes, I worked Les from 1998 through 2016. Les is a MARAC member and lived over in Baker County" "Dude did you know Paul, N4PN, he is also a Silent Key." "Yes, I have Paul in the log from 1985 to 2010. He was not a MARAC member but had USA-CA #15. Gator turns pale, "Dude I hate to tell you that Ray, WG6X, is also a Silent Key." I shake my head, "Yes Gator I shot the bull with Ray many times at MARAC conventions, I have Ray in my log from 2002-2011, Ray was an active MARAC member." We turn the volume down on the radio, dim the lights and bow our heads as Gator recites The Shepherd's Psalm.

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Gator flips lights back up and asks: “You still awake Dude?” I laugh, “Yes Gator still hanging in there, Gator please bring up the Minnesota and British Columbia QSO parties? I made 8 hours then completely deenergized. I shut down the radio and went to the house.” Gator brings up the logging program and does his magic. “Well Dude, you worked 61 QSO’s and 38 Minnesota counties. Not sure how the result falls in the scheme of scores. Now Dude what happened in the British Columbia QSO party? You completed 17 QSO’s in the same time period?” I sip my latte “Gator, that is the million-dollar question, where were the BC operators? I was not the only station wondering where the Western Cedar Signals are.”

Gator reaches into the pile of mail lying on the desk, “Dude look here you got an envelope of QSL’s from the ARRL DX QSL Bureau K & Y letter manager.” Gator takes out his illegal Redneck Ivory handled switch blade knife and opens the envelope and hands it to me. “This is awesome Gator, I got 40 QSL’s from DX stations. This used to be a common occurrence until LOTW was developed by ARRL. But I guess old routines die slowly.” Gator laughs, “Well Dude this should keep you busy for a while and quit feeling sorry for yourself.” I give Gator the finger as we finish our latte. I think, God works in strange ways.

Gator’s cell phone goes CQ, CQ, CQ and Gator answers, Yes, I will leave in a few minutes. Gator puts the phone back in his pocket. That was Kerry, W4SIG, he needs something early and said you would know what he is referring to. Gator gives a latte salute and goes out the door. As he roars off, I hear the crunch of a successful Kamikaze squirrel.

March is great for the State QSO party enthused with 388 counties up for grabs, There is the North Carolina QSO party (100 counties), the Oklahoma QSO party (77 counties), the Idaho QSO party (44 counties), the Wisconsin QSO party (72 counties) and the Virginia QSO party (95 counties). Not your bag? How about the ARRL SSB DX Contest, or a long shot the South American 10-meter contest, the Stew Perry Topband Challenge, the Russian DX contest, or try the FOC QSO Party or the CQ SSB WPX Contest. The list goes on.



Gator hiding in the trees...

Election Information

By Mary, AB7NK
Election Coordinator

2nd REQUEST

CHOTY - Nominations are open for the 2020 CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year Award. Your District Director must receive your nomination no later than March 15th and should contain a brief description for the nomination. Your District Director will select one nominee for CW and one for SSB from the nominations received and forward that selection, with the reasons for the selection, to the Awards Manager no later than April 15th. Prior winners (per mode) for 2018 & 2019 are not eligible to receive this award for the same mode until it has been 3 years since originally receiving it. Winners for 2018 & 2019 can however be nominated for a different mode. Please read the requirements for County Hunter of the Year and support those members who work to make MARAC the vibrant organization it is.

District Directors - Nominations are also open for the North Central and South Central Director positions. These are both three (3) year terms which expire in 2023.

Nominations must be affirmed and received by the Election Coordinator no later than March 15, 2020. All current MARAC members are eligible to run for District Director positions and encouraged to do so. You must live within the District you are running for. To view the districts, visit the MARAC website, click on ABOUT, then DIRECTORS.

MARAC VOTING INFORMATION - 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.

Voting Schedule for 2020 Awards

Mobile and Net Assist Awards for 2020 will be based on 11 months of activity, July 2019 thru May 2020. This change is being made in order for the mobile and net assist awards to be included during the 4th Quarter Voting. This will also enable the awards to be announced at the July board meeting.

Quarter 1	July, August, September	Voting in October 2019
Quarter 2	October, November, December	Voting in January 2020
Quarter 3	January, February, March	Voting in April 2020
Quarter 4	April & May	Voting in June 2020

Thanks to all for participating in recognizing those members who are running counties under not exactly optimum conditions and those who assist the mobiles and fixed stations with relays.



Mary AB7NK
Election Coordinator

Awards Committee

By Ron, N5MLP

Tips from the Awards Secretary – AB7RW:

When you enter a ham radio contest, you will work stations that include their state and county with their report. When you enter their callsign in MARAC Logger, you might see a note that says Name “Blank”. This signifies that this call sign is not in your data base. Although you already know the state and county, you may want to add this particular call into your logger collection of callsigns. To do this, you will bring up the main menu, click on “View and Edit”, then “County Hunters”. This is where your collection of calls can be located. Next, click on “Add New Call” button in the group of buttons located in the lower left corner of the screen. A box appears where you enter the callsign of the operator you wish to add, click on “OK” and you are connected to the internet listings. In the “Web Site Data” area on the right side of the screen, click the “Check Web Data” button to cause the system to look up data for this callsign on the web. If the callsign is found, it should display the data in a small area within that section of the screen.

To move this information directly into the input form on the left, click the “Parse” button shown on the screen. Then, clicking on “Save” enters the record into your database file for future use. *Note:* If the record shows a name suffix such as “Jr.”, “Sr.”, or “III” after the last name you will probably see an error indicating there are too many blank spaces in the name. You would then have to manually enter that name into the Logger input fields.

Some contests do not include the exchange of state and county information. For contests like this, you will need to look up the call sign to get the state and county so you can determine if you need it for credits. All you need to do to get that info is put the callsign in the contact input screen, click on enter and write down the info on your printed log sheet. If it is not in MARAC’s database or previously entered callsigns you have entered in your database, then can try to look it up within Logger by following the “Add New Call” shown in the first paragraph above. If that doesn’t provide the information needed, you must go to QRZ.com or some other master data base to obtain the information you require.

There are other selections in the lower left corner of the “View/Edit – County Hunters” screen that will present interesting information that may be useful to you.

Awards Issued Between 1/26/20 and 2/20/20:

Awards Issued:				Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Number	Call	Date of Last Contact	Last County Count:	Number
None issued this period				None issued this period			
* Ran All State							
** Worked All USA Counties							



Ron Cliff N5MLP MARAC Awards Manager

MARAC Board of Directors Meeting

February 3, 2020 9:00 pm EST

Unofficial Minutes pending approval by Board of Directors

1. **Meeting called to order by KA2LHO in the absence of K8ZZ at 9:00 EST**

Members in attendance: Kraig-KA2LHO, Brent-K9MIX, Bill-K0DEQ, Al-N1API, Donna-AG6V, Mike-NF0N, Darl-NA8W, Janet-KC5QCB

2. **Agenda Changes/Modifications:** KA2LHO stated that two new late motions in items 9 and 10 on this revised agenda and correction in item 4 to correct the date of the minutes to be approved to October 7, 2019.

3. **Motion** to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by N1API, second by KC5QCB Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0 Motion carried.

4. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting of October 7, 2019 (attachment 1). Motion by AG6V, second by NA8W Vote: Yes-7 No-0 Abstain-0 Motion carried.

Reports

5. **Membership Committee Report/Dayton/Xenia Hamfest:** In the absence of W4SIG, KA2LHO reported that a booth has been reserved and MARAC will be represented at this event. Any members are encouraged to stop by.

6. **National Convention:** AG6V provided an update on the National Convention in October of 2020. Check the MARAC website for a link to the Convention website. Registrations are open now.

7. **Other Reports: Motions 9 & 10:** AG6V spoke about a committee working to develop an appropriate recognition for K4EXT, SK and KU4YM, SK.

Old Business-None

New Business K8ZZ joined the meeting at this point and had KA2LHO continue to lead the meeting.

8. **Motion** to appoint Kerry Long-W4SIG as Roadrunner Editor effective December 1, 2019.

Motion by KC5QCB, second by K0DEQ. Vote: Yes-8 No-0 Abstain-0 Motion carried

9. **Motion** to approve a Board of Directors committee named and led by Kerry-W4SIG to develop and implement a memorial recognition for Gary Beam K4EXT for his many years of service as MARAC Historian until his untimely passing. Additionally, this committee is approved not to exceed \$100 for this memorial, without establishing precedent.

Motion by NF0N, second by N1API. Vote: Yes-8 No-0 Abstain-0 Motion carried.

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10. **Motion** to approve a Board of Directors committee named led by Kerry-W4SIG to develop and implement a memorial recognition for David Hyatt KU4YM for his many years of service as MARAC Roadrunner

Editor until his untimely passing. Additionally, this committee is approved not to exceed \$100 for this memorial, without establishing precedent.

Motion by NIAPI, second by NF0N. Vote: Yes-8 No-0 Abstain-0 Motion carried.

11. **Motion** to Adjourn the meeting.

Motion by NA8W, second by AG6V. Vote: Yes-8 No-0, Abstain-0 Motion carried and meeting ended at 9:21 EST

Open Discussion with membership-KA2LHO

NF0N discussed IT committee, Logger II testers needed. Some have already contacted **NF0N** and others should contact Mike if interested. There will be a Logger II discussion at the MI Mini.

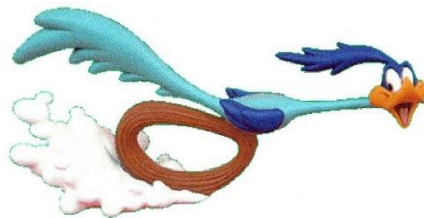
K0DEQ Question for **K8ZZ** about insurance for the Michigan Mini. Things crossed in the mail.

K8ZZ-Michigan Mini-If you are going, register and pay as soon as possible.

N5MLP-Rewrite of all mobile activity awards sent to Janet and Awards Committee members.

N1API-History of Board discussion on award announcements vs presentation

K0DEQ-Still having a problem with Logger, **NF0N** is not having the problem.



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Attachment 1
MARAC Board of Directors Meeting
Unofficial Minutes from October 7, 2019
Pending Board of Directors Approval

1. **Call meeting to order** at 0205Z EDT by W4SIG in the absence of K8ZZ

Members in attendance: K9MIX, K0DEQ, K8ZZ, N1API, W4SIG, AG6V, NF0N, NA8W, KA2LHO entered at 9:12 EDT

2. **Agenda Changes/Modifications:** None
3. **Motion by N1API** to accept the Financial Report included in the 2019 Annual Report (attachment 1), Second by NF0N Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-K0DEQ
4. **Motion by AG6V** to approve the minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting of July 8, 2019 (attachment 2), Second by K0DEQ. Vote: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-0

Reports

5. **Membership Committee Report:** W4SIG shared that MARAC will have a booth at the Dayton event.
6. **Road Runner Vacancy:** W4SIG reported that a request for an editor was placed on the forum and the MARAC website.
7. **National Convention Proposal:** AG6V will work with K8ZZ and AB7NK to host a MARAC National Convention at the Red Lion Inn on Jantzen Beach, Portland, OR on October 25-29, 2020. Additional discussion ensued. Detail will follow as planning progresses.
8. **Funds on Account Resolution (14):** K0DEQ discussed the details of the resolution to attempt to locate families of Silent Keys with funds held on account. K0DEQ and AB7RW have done a great deal of research on this project.
9. **Other Reports: None**

Old Business-None

New Business

10. **Motion by NA8W** to approve \$600 in advance funds to Ed Eklin, K8ZZ for the Michigan Mini. Second by KA2LHO. Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0
11. **Motion by W4SIG** to approve the proposal by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V to host the 2020 MARAC National Convention at the Red Lion Inn on Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon in October 2020.
 - 11a. **Motion by W4SIG** to amend motion 11 to add the following language: “contingent upon review and approval of the contract by K8ZZ and K0DEQ.” Second: KA2LHO Vote: Yes-8 No-0 Abstain-0

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11b. **Motion by W4SIG** to approve the *amended motion 11* for approval of the proposal by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V to host the 2020 MARAC National Convention at the Red Lion Inn on Jantzen Beach in Portland, Oregon in October 2020 contingent upon review and approval of the contract by K8ZZ and K0DEQ. Second by N1API. Vote: Y-7, N-0, Abstain-AG6V

12. **Motion by N1API** to approve \$4,000 in advance funds to Donna Hinshaw, AG6V for the National Convention Second by KA2LHO. Vote: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-AG6V

13. **Motion by K9MIX** to approve up to \$400 for W4SIG to reserve and set up a booth to represent MARAC at the Dayton Hamvention 2020. Second by NF0N. Vote: Yes-7, No-0, Abstain-W4SIG.

14. **Motion by N1API** With regard to unspent funds deposited with MARAC as prepayment for awards, by members who are now deceased or who become silent key in the future, the Treasurer is directed to:

- Make reasonable efforts to contact the successor in interest of the decedent;
- Dispose of such funds by refund or transfer to the general fund of MARAC as directed by a person who has represented that he/she is successor in interest to, or is entitled to act on behalf of the person(s) who is/are successor in interest to, the deceased member, without the requirement of verification of the status of the person making the representation. Second by AG6V, Vote Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0

15. **Motion by NA8W** to Adjourn the meeting. Second by K0DEQ, Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0
Time: 0239Z

Open Discussion with membership moderated by W4SIG

- K9MIX mentioned strong signals in the California QSO Party
- W4SIG thanked AG6V, K8ZZ and AB7NK for stepping in to make a National Convention happen
- W4SIG reminded that we still need a Roadrunner editor.

Submitted by Kraig D. Pritts-KA2LHO

Reminder for Logger Users

When you renew your MARAC membership...

After your renewal is posted you will need to manually update the Logger "County Hunter Master" by going to this website <http://marac.org/loggerupdate/>

That will update your membership in your computer's Logger database.

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

Jan 20, 2020 to Feb 19,2020

Beginning Account Balance		\$21,693.59
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$ 18.15	
Membership Income	\$117.07	
Logger Distribution Income	20.00	
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Total Income		\$155.22
Expenses:		
Awards Secretary Expenses	\$ 95.50	
Misc. Expenses (1)	769.52	
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Total expenses		\$865.02
Net Income Less Expenses		(709.80)
Cash Balance		\$20,983.79
Checking Account Balance	\$ 4,036.49	
Savings Account Balance	16,947.30	
Total all accounts		\$20,983.79

(1) Misc. expenses consist of \$335.32 for insurance premium and \$434.20 for annual Simply Voting fee. From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6124.00, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$14,859.79

Meet Your MARAC Board

Working Hard for YOU!



Ed K8ZZ, President



Kraig KA2LHO, VP



*Brent K9MIX,
Secretary*



Bill K0DEQ, Treasurer



*Al NIAPI,
North East Director*

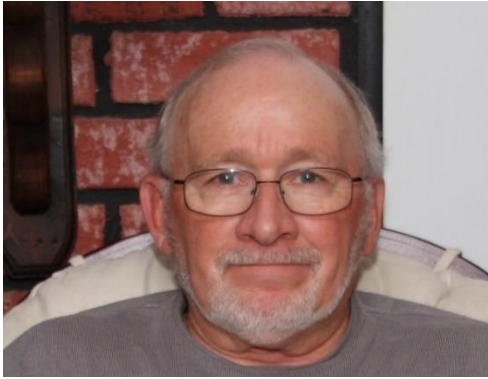


*Kerry W4SIG,
South East Director*

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Meet Your MARAC Board

Working Hard for YOU!



Mike NF0N, North Central Director



Janet KC5QCB, South Central Director



Darl NA8W, Great Lakes Director



Donna AG6V, Pacific Director

2020 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

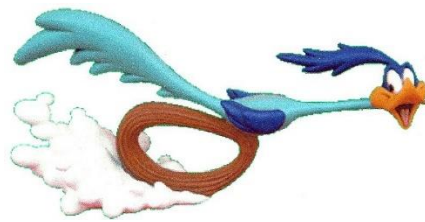
*Date of previous year's contest. Date of current year's contest not yet confirmed.

State

Alabama	± Alabama QSO Party	*1500Z, Sep 14 to 0300Z, Sep 15, 2019
Arizona	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
	± Arizona QSO Party	*1600Z, Oct 12 to 0600Z, Oct 13, 2019 and *1400Z to 2400Z, Oct 13, 2019
Arkansas	± Arkansas QSO Party	*1400Z, May 11 to 0200Z, May 12, 2019
California	± California QSO Party	*1600Z, Oct 5 to 2200Z, Oct 6, 2019
Colorado	± Colorado QSO Party	*1300Z, Aug 31 to 0400Z, Sep 1, 2019
Connecticut	± New England QSO Party	*2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2019 and *1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2019
Delaware	± Delaware QSO Party	*1700Z, May 4 to 2359Z, May 5, 2019
Florida	± Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26, 2020 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26, 2020
Georgia	± Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 11 to 0359Z, Apr 12, 2020 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 12, 2020
Hawaii	± Hawaii QSO Party	*0400Z, Aug 24 to 0400Z, Aug 26, 2019
Idaho	± Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 14 to 1900Z, Mar 15, 2020
	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Illinois	± Illinois QSO Party	*1700Z, Oct 20 to 0100Z, Oct 21, 2019
Indiana	± Indiana QSO Party	1500Z, May 2 to 0300Z, May 3, 2020
Iowa	± Iowa QSO Party	*1400Z, Sep 21 to 0200Z, Sep 22, 2019
Kansas	± Kansas QSO Party	*1400Z, Aug 24 to 0200Z, Aug 25, 2019 and *1400Z-2000Z, Aug 25, 2019
Kentucky	± Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, June 6 to 0200Z, Jun 7, 2020
Louisiana	± Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5, 2020
Maine	± New England QSO Party	*2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2019 and *1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2019
	± Maine QSO Party	*1200Z, Sep 28 to 1200Z, Sep 29, 2019
Maryland	± Maryland-DC QSO Party	*1400Z, Aug 10 to 0400Z, Aug 11, 2019
Massachusetts	± New England QSO Party	*2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2019 and *1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2019
Michigan	± Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19, 2020
Minnesota	± Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 1, 2020
Mississippi	± Mississippi QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5, 2020
Missouri	± Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0400Z, Apr 5, 2020 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 5, 2020
Montana	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Nebraska	± Nebraska QSO Party	*1300Z, Sep 7 to 0100Z, Sep 8, 2019
Nevada	± Nevada QSO Party	*0300Z, Oct 12 to 2100Z, Oct 13, 2019
	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
New Hampshire	± New England QSO Party	*2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2019 and *1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2019
	± New Hampshire QSO Party	*1600Z, Sep 21 to 0400Z, Sep 22, 2019 and

New Jersey	± New Jersey QSO Party	*1600Z-2200Z, Sep 22, 2019
New Mexico	± New Mexico QSO Party	*1600Z, Sep 21 to 0359Z, Sep 22, 2019
New York	± New York QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 12, 2020
North Carolina	± North Carolina QSO Party	*1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20, 2019
North Dakota	± North Dakota QSO Party	1500Z, Mar 1 to 0059Z, Mar 2, 2020
Ohio	± Ohio QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 11 to 1800Z, Apr 12, 2020
Oklahoma	± Oklahoma QSO Party	*1600Z, Aug 24 to 0400Z, Aug 25, 2019
		1500Z, Mar 14 to 0200Z, Mar 15, 2020 and
		1400Z-2100Z, Mar 15, 2020
Oregon	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Pennsylvania	± Pennsylvania QSO Party	*1600Z, Oct 12 to 0500Z, Oct 13, 2019 and
		*1300Z-2200Z, Oct 13, 2019
Rhode Island	± New England QSO Party	*2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2019 and
		*1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2019
South Carolina	± South Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 29 to 0159Z, Mar 1, 2020
South Dakota	± South Dakota QSO Party	*1800Z, Oct 12 to 1800Z, Oct 13, 2019
Tennessee	± Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 6 to 0300Z, Sep 7, 2020
Texas	± Texas QSO Party	*1400Z, Sep 14 to 0200Z, Sep 15, 2019 and
		*1400Z-2000Z, Sep 15, 2019
Utah	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Vermont	± New England QSO Party	*2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2019 and
		*1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2019
	± Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 1 to 2400Z, Feb 2, 2020
Virginia	± Virginia QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 21 to 0400Z, Mar 22, 2020 and
		1200Z-2400Z, Mar 22, 2020
Washington	± Washington State Salmon Run	*1600Z, Sep 21 to 0700Z, Sep 22, 2019 and
		*1600Z-2400Z, Sep 22, 2019
	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
West Virginia	± West Virginia QSO Party	*1600Z, Jun 15 to 0400Z, Jun 16, 2019
Wisconsin	± Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16, 2020
Wyoming	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020

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