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## Thoughts from the VP

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As we head into Spring, we find more mobiles out in parks and counties and many areas are relaxing their COVID-19 policies. I, for one, continue to be careful and have a mask on my office desk, in each of our vehicles and at home.

My wife and I are hoping to make our long-discussed panhandle run in June. Now that parks are open, we can begin to map a route. Watch your email if you are on my mailing list as well as the Trips listing online.

There will be a small flurry of MARAC activity coming through your email box this month. Part of that will be a vote on additional By-Laws modifications. A special meeting of the Board is Scheduled for June 8 where these changes will be voted upon. For those who are not aware, this is only one phase of the process. YOU have the final say on by-laws changes after/if they are approved by the Board of Directors.

To keep things clean and uncluttered, we are planning to send a "Special Edition" Roadrunner if the proposals are approved by the Board on June 8. That Special Edition will have the proposals as well as an explanation of why the proposal has been made. *That is ALL that will be in that Special Edition.* There is no additional cost to provide that additional newsletter and we want to be sure that the information you need to review is not lost among other articles.

Take a look at the Election Information in this issue for more details on the member voting process. Stay well and stay safe.

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# Temporary Ham Radio Q-Codes for Our Times

Donna-AG6V

QLD: I am locked down.  
QUA: I am quarantined.  
QPD: I am in the middle of a pandemic.  
QTP: I have toilet paper. Want to trade for a new car?  
QFC: I am flattening the curve.  
QHG: I need a hug.  
QSH: I am sheltering in place.  
QHS: I have hand sanitizer. Want to trade for two new cars?  
QSD: I am observing social distancing.  
QCV: I hate Coronavirus.

*Humor will help to get thru this stuff. Stay sane.*

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## MARAC National Convention

October 25-26-27, 2020

Portland, OR

JUNE! Can You Believe It?

### **BREAKING NEWS:**

Summer is upon us... well, not including the snowstorm in New England in mid-May! Thoughts of county lines are dancing in our heads, and some mobile activity is picking up. Thoughts of actually registering for the National Convention are probably surfacing in your head too. Here are the current details: Registrations are coming in – please do register sooner rather than later to let us know your intentions.

- There have been no cancelled registrations or even questions about cancelling -- your fellow County Hunters are planning to gather in Portland in October. Please come join them.
- The Red Lion Inn in Portland is open for business (although other Red Lion Inns have closed). Their website lists many augmented sanitation procedures for our safety.
- Our contract with the Red Lion has cancellation penalties, so for the fiduciary benefit of the club, the Board will make a decision in late July about cancellation. If we do cancel, your registration fees will be completely refunded to you.
- At this time, WE ARE EXPECTING THE CONVENTION TO BE A “GO”. **Please register.**



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**Standard Details:**

The convention will be at the Red Lion Inn at Jantzen Beach, Portland Oregon.

Website: <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/index.html> RV hookups are available nearby for those so inclined.

Registrations – You can see who is registered at <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/register.html>

Banquet meal choices: the three entrees' specifics are on the website on the Banquet Page (<http://ag6v.com/MARAC/banquet.html>)

The GRAND PRIZE is an Elecraft KX3 Pack, assembled. (key not included)  
(Thank you Elecraft for the discount.)

***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 19 now*)
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 27<sup>th</sup>, for after the banquet!

This event is being organized by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V, Pacific Region Director. Please direct all questions to her at [ag6v at arrl dot net](mailto:ag6v@arrl.net) And, check out the website: <http://www.ag6v.com/MARAC/index.html>



**Donna-AG6V**

# Home and Mobile Shacks

This month featuring N0ONE

*We need you! Please feel free to send some info about your shack and/or mobile set up. We can feature you here.  
Let us know what is going on behind those “59”s and “22”s.*

## Deep Thought(s) of the Month

Courtesy of AI-N1API



## 2020 Ugly Award

Jim-K2JG



The “Ugly Award” was initiated in the late 1990’s to acknowledge those County Hunters whose selfless efforts benefit the entire county hunting community. The award is privately administered and financed by a couple of county hunters and is not associated with MARAC. To all past and the current “winners” – thank you for everything that you do and have done for the hobby.

The 2020 “Ugly Award” winner is Robert Devine - KC6AWX. Bob is well qualified for this “honor.” Bob’s

county hunting activities are many and varied. Now that he has joined those of us who are presently considered “fringe people,” he absolutely deserves the recognition. Past “winners” are shown below.



KJ8V, KZ2P, KA1JPR, KC4UG, N4UJK, WG6X, AA9JJ, KB6UF, N9QPQ, KM9X, AB2LS, W9OP, W4OWY  
N4AAT, KE3VV, N8KIE, N9QS, K1DFO, K4EXT, K7VAY, WY8I, K8EMS, K8AO, KC6AWX



# Election Information

**Mary-AB7NK**  
**Election Coordinator**

All MARAC members in good standing will be receiving a ballot from Simply Voting later this month. You will be voting for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter activity which includes the months of **April and May activity only**. The change has been made to coincide annual voting with the County Hunter of the Year award during the fourth quarter, when necessary.

No vote for County of the Year, in either category, CW or SSB will be held this year since only one nomination per mode was submitted. Winners will be announced by the board or awards manager at a later date.

No vote for the North Central and South Central Directors since both NF0N, Mike and KC5QCB, Janet agreed to serve another 2 year term, and were unopposed.

During June, the membership will also be voting on some by-law changes. A copy of those changes will be submitted to the membership to review prior to voting in a supplement to the newsletter. The email you receive from Simply Voting will contain a link and password for your ballot. Please follow the instructions once you have gone to the voting page.

If you are a NEW member or are REJOINING MARAC after a lapse in membership, you will NOT be eligible to vote 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 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 Look up to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

The following awards will be voted on.

- CW & SSB Mobile of the Year
- CW & SSB Net Assist of the Year
- Team of the Year

Remember, you will receive two (2) reminder emails from Simply Voting. "IF" you have previously voted and receive a reminder email, it means you neglected to click on the SUBMIT button. Follow the instructions and try again. The system will not allow you to vote more than once.

If you have any questions regarding Simply Voting, please e-mail me and together we'll figure out the issue.

Don't forget to vote for the active mobiles &/or individuals who are assisting the mobiles by spotting and doing relays for them as well as the by-laws changes. Your support will be greatly appreciated.



**Mary-AB7NK**  
**MARAC Election Coordinator**

# Awards Committee

Ron-N5MLP

Awards Issued from April 25th through May 24, 2020

Awards Issued:				Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Number	Call	Date of Last Contact	Last County Count:	Number
N8OYY	2/29/2020	YL/OM Team - Level 1000	7	None issued this period			
N8OYY	4/22/2020	Call Sign Combo 1x3 - Level 2000	2				
N8OYY	4/26/2020	Call Sign Combo 2x3 - Level 2000	4				
N8OYY	4/26/2020	Call Sign Combo 2x1 - Level 1000	1				
N8OYY	4/26/2020	YL Mobile - Level 1000	6				
N8OYY	4/27/2020	USA - Digital - Level 1000	19				
N8OYY	4/28/2020	Call Sign Combo 2x2 - Level 2000	3				
N8OYY	4/28/2020	Call Sign Combo 1x2 - Level 2000	3				
N8OYY	5/10/2020	King of the Road - Worked same mobile (N4CD) in 25 states					
N8OYY	5/10/2020	King of the Road - Worked same mobile (N4CD) in 500 counties					

MARAC Awards Committee



Ron-N5MLP  
MARAC Awards Manager

# MARAC Treasurer's Report

**Bill-K0DEQ**  
Treasurer

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club  
Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)  
APR 20, 2020 THROUGH MAY 19, 2020

Beginning Account Balance		\$21,691.28
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$ 18.16	
Awards Income	25.00	
Misc Income		
Membership Income	97.07	
Logger Distribution Income	39.12	
Total Income		\$179.35
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$ 1.80	
Misc. Expenses NOTE 1	800.00	
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
Total expenses		801.80
Net Income Less Expenses		(622.45)
Cash Balance		\$21,068.83
Checking Account Balance	\$ 4,103.37	
Savings Account Balance	_16,965.46	
Total all accounts		\$21,068.83

NOTE 1: \$800 paid to K8ZZ for deposits for 2021 MI Mini

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6120.00, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$14,948.83

**Bill-K0DEQ**  
MARAC Treasurer



# County Trivia

Jack-WD4OIN

The oldest county in the US is James City County, VA which encompasses the city of Jamestown (settled in 1607) and was the first inhabited area with a formal government established.

## 2020 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

State	Contest	Dates
Alabama	<a href="#">± Alabama QSO Party</a>	*1500Z, Sep 14 to 0300Z, Sep 15, 2019
Arizona	<a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a> <a href="#">± Arizona QSO Party</a>	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020 1600Z, Oct 10 to 0600Z, Oct 11, 2020 and 1400Z to 2400Z, Oct 11, 2020
Arkansas	<a href="#">± Arkansas QSO Party</a>	1400Z, May 9 to 0200Z, May 10, 2020
California	<a href="#">± California QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Oct 3 to 2200Z, Oct 4, 2020
Colorado	<a href="#">± Colorado QSO Party</a>	1300Z, Sep 5 to 0400Z, Sep 6, 2020
Connecticut	<a href="#">± New England QSO Party</a>	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
Delaware	<a href="#">± Delaware QSO Party</a>	1700Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3, 2020
Florida	<a href="#">± Florida QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26, 2020 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26, 2020
Georgia	<a href="#">± Georgia QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Apr 11 to 0400Z, Apr 12, 2020
Hawaii	<a href="#">± Hawaii QSO Party</a>	0400Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 24, 2020
Idaho	<a href="#">± Idaho QSO Party</a> <a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a>	1900Z, Mar 14 to 1900Z, Mar 15, 2020 1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Illinois	<a href="#">± Illinois QSO Party</a>	1700Z, Oct 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19, 2020
Indiana	<a href="#">± Indiana QSO Party</a>	1500Z, May 2 to 0300Z, May 3, 2020
Iowa	<a href="#">± Iowa QSO Party</a>	*1400Z, Sep 21 to 0200Z, Sep 22, 2019
Kansas	<a href="#">± Kansas QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Aug 29 to 0200Z, Aug 30, 2020 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 30, 2020
Kentucky	<a href="#">± Kentucky QSO Party</a>	<b>1400Z, June 6 to 0200Z, Jun 7, 2020</b>
Louisiana	<a href="#">± Louisiana QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5, 2020
Maine	<a href="#">± New England QSO Party</a> <a href="#">± Maine QSO Party</a>	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020 1200Z, Sep 26 to 1200Z, Sep 27, 2020
Maryland	<a href="#">± Maryland-DC QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Aug 10 to 0400Z, Aug 11, 2020
Massachusetts	<a href="#">± New England QSO Party</a>	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
Michigan	<a href="#">± Michigan QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19, 2020
Minnesota	<a href="#">± Minnesota QSO Party</a>	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 1, 2020
Mississippi	<a href="#">± Mississippi QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5, 2020
Missouri	<a href="#">± Missouri QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Apr 4 to 0400Z, Apr 5, 2020 and



Montana	<a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a>	1400Z-2000Z, Apr 5, 2020
Nebraska	<a href="#">± Nebraska QSO Party</a>	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
		1300Z, Apr 4 to 0100Z, Apr 5, 2020 and
		1300Z-2200Z, Apr 5, 2020
Nevada	<a href="#">± Nevada QSO Party</a>	0300Z, Oct 10 to 2100Z, Oct 11, 2020
	<a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a>	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
New Hampshire	<a href="#">± New England QSO Party</a>	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and
	<a href="#">± New Hampshire QSO Party</a>	1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
		1600Z, Sep 19 to 0400Z, Sep 20, 2020 and
		1600Z-2200Z, Sep 20, 2020
New Jersey	<a href="#">± New Jersey QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Sep 19 to 0359Z, Sep 20, 2020
New Mexico	<a href="#">± New Mexico QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 12, 2020
New York	<a href="#">± New York QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Oct 17 to 0200Z, Oct 18, 2020
North Carolina	<a href="#">± North Carolina QSO Party</a>	1500Z, Mar 1 to 0059Z, Mar 2, 2020
North Dakota	<a href="#">± North Dakota QSO Party</a>	1800Z, Apr 11 to 1800Z, Apr 12, 2020
Ohio	<a href="#">± Ohio QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 23, 2020
Oklahoma	<a href="#">± Oklahoma QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Mar 14 to 0100Z, Mar 15, 2020 and
		1400Z-2100Z, Mar 15, 2020
Oregon	<a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a>	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">± Pennsylvania QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Oct 10 to 0500Z, Oct 11, 2020 and
		1300Z-2200Z, Oct 11, 2020
Rhode Island	<a href="#">± New England QSO Party</a>	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and
		1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
South Carolina	<a href="#">± South Carolina QSO Party</a>	1500Z, Feb 29 to 0159Z, Mar 1, 2020
South Dakota	<a href="#">± South Dakota QSO Party</a>	1800Z, Oct 10 to 1800Z, Oct 11, 2020
Tennessee	<a href="#">± Tennessee QSO Party</a>	1800Z, Sep 6 to 0300Z, Sep 7, 2020
Texas	<a href="#">± Texas QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Sep 12 to 0200Z, Sep 13, 2020 and
		1400Z-2000Z, Sep 13, 2020
Utah	<a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a>	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Vermont	<a href="#">± New England QSO Party</a>	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and
	<a href="#">± Vermont QSO Party</a>	1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
Virginia	<a href="#">± Virginia QSO Party</a>	0000Z, Feb 1 to 2400Z, Feb 2, 2020
		1400Z, Mar 21 to 0400Z, Mar 22, 2020 and
		1200Z-2400Z, Mar 22, 2020
Washington	<a href="#">± Washington State Salmon Run</a>	1600Z, Sep 19 to 0700Z, Sep 20, 2020 and
	<a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a>	1600Z-2400Z, Sep 20, 2020
West Virginia	<a href="#">± West Virginia QSO Party</a>	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
		1600Z, Jun 20 to 0400Z, Jun 21, 2020
Wisconsin	<a href="#">± Wisconsin QSO Party</a>	1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16, 2020
Wyoming	<a href="#">± 7th Call Area QSO Party</a>	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020

## *The County Line ROADRUNNER*



*“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”*

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25<sup>th</sup>!

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