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Thoughts from the VP

Kraig-KA2LHO

COVID-19 continues to play havoc with lives and schedules. Here in Florida the numbers have skyrocketed often reaching near 10,000 new cases a day. The challenging part is that many of those are only determined through test AND are asymptomatic. The other concerning piece is that most of those tested are not providing any protection from contaminating others. So we have generally stayed hunkered down and repeatedly delay our panhandle run. We continue to set targets that have to be pushed further out on our calendars.

It is sad to see our fellow county hunters moving beyond as Silent Keys. Ed-KN4Y was a fellow Floridian and I had the pleasure of meeting him at the Kansas City Convention. Always loved his articles and enthusiasm on the forum. He will truly be missed.

And finally, I must thank everyone in the MARAC organization for continuing “the hunt” and making ham radio enjoyable for me and others. It has been an honor to serve as your Vice President and meeting so many of you. As a result of COVID-19, my position as Coordinator for Children & Youth Ministry at our church here in Ocala, Florida requires an increased time commitment to maintain contact with and outreach to all of my children and youth families in the five ministries for which I am personally responsible. Because of this, I can no longer provide the time and commitment that MARAC deserves.

I have submitted my resignation from the position of Vice President and from the Board of Directors, effective after the July 13, 2020 Annual Meeting. It has been a pleasure and I hope that we can continue to stay in touch through ham radio.

Stay well and 73!

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MARAC National Convention

Donna-AG6V

October 25-26-27, 2020

Portland, OR

BREAKING NEWS:

Time is moving along, and the National Convention date is getting closer. With retail stores being open again in WA State, I'm ramping up the acquisition of items for the banquet prize drawing. As I write this, my county (Island) has moved to Phase 3. Yeah! And the Grand Prize of an assembled Elecraft KX3 has been confirmed with the company for delivery. I hope you all are considering making a drive or flight to Portland, OR as a celebratory event for the Fall.

Concerning registration:

- 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.*

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.*)



A View of Portland and Mt. Hood

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 *FILLED!*
- 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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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>

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Just for Fun

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"Harold!!! What are you doing wasting money on more USELESS radio equipment!!!"

MARAC Historian Update

Donna-AG6V

MARAC HISTORIAN / KEEPER OF THE DOCUMENTS

Since the passing of MARAC's last Historian, Gary Beam K4EXT, the documents and memorabilia from our club's long past have been in limbo. Now, however, Bill Moore K7IOO has stepped forward to be the keeper of the physical items. THANK YOU BILL !

Bill has registered for the National Convention in October in Portland, OR, so you can thank him in person there.

The electronic items in the historical treasure trove will be moved to the custody of the MARAC database and website. This is in the planning stages.

Thank you,
Donna Hinshaw-AG6V, MARAC Pacific Region Director, and Historian Liaison



DATELINE CW

It is with sadness that we must recite the Shepherd's Psalm for Dateline CW monthly Roadrunner submitter, Ed Palagyi-KN4Y. He will be missed by everyone, especially his best friend, Gator, and all the kamikaze squirrels in Florida. A salute of a cup of latte to our CW County Hunting friend...

Crawfordville, FL - Edward Francis Palagyi died on June 4, 2020. Ed (as most knew him) was the son of Captain Frank L. and Caroline Palagyi (born on January 20, 1932 in Conneaut, Ohio. He is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Ann Palagyi (husband, Burt Bishop); son, Thomas Francis Palagyi; stepson, Robert (Butch) Taylor (wife Leslie); sister, Joyce Maenpa (husband Richard); nephew, Tim and niece, Lori. Sadly, Dad's love and wife of 50 years, Maudie Helen (Fox) predeceased him in 2018. He was of the Catholic faith. In his youth he served as an altar boy. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 36 and earned his Eagle Scout. He graduated from Conneaut High School in 1950, and continued on to Tri-State College where he earned a chemical engineering degree in 1954. He was also a member of Phi Kappa. Ed loved many sports but his all-time favorite sport was bowling. He began bowling in the 50's, maybe earlier. He competed in the National Seniors Tournament in Reno, Nevada. He was elected to the Tallahassee Bowling Association Hall of Fame in 2001. He was first employed at the U. S. Gypsum Company in Clinton, Ohio. Throughout his career he worked in many facets of chemical engineering and earned several awards in the industry. He retired from the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation's air quality division. Ed kept a busy schedule; he was a member of the North Florida Amateur Radio Society since 1976. He participated in numerous radio contests. For 18 years he wrote a monthly column for the Amateur Radio Awards Club (MARAC) newsletter, entitled "Dateline CW". He also enjoyed county hunting. In his 88 years he touched many people's hearts. He loved a good joke. He was a fun guy who lived life to the fullest and always tried to do the right thing.



Ed Palagyi-KN4Y

In Remembrance of Ed-KN4Y (SK)

Jerry-W0GXQ

Ed, KN4Y submitted his Dateline CW articles to the MARAC Roadrunner for everyone's enjoyment, for a very long time. The articles generally started with a little county hunting wisdom; and here are some of my favorites:

- CW county hunting is an art, and the greatest of the arts.
- No person ever became a CW county hunter all at once.
- He became a CW county hunter and a mobile operator, which is an enviable thing.
- There is nothing which has yet be contrived by man by which so much happiness is produced as a good CW run on a county line.
- I am in the habit of running counties from time to time, and if I sometimes make a mistake, at least, I ran a county.
- I look upon every day to be lost, in which I have not worked a county hunter on CW.
- CW is a psychical storm, agitating to fathomless depths the mystery of past silent keys. Or we might say that it is a prodigious incantation.
- Nothing is so exhilarating as to be shot at and missed or to run a rare county line on CW in a thunder storm.
- You should never wear your best trousers when you go out county hunting.
- That indescribable expression peculiar to mobile county hunters doing CW at 70 MPH.
- The sublimest song to be heard on radio is CW from a county hunter on a rare county line.
- Eat no onions nor garlic, if you are to run a sweet county line.
- The history of radio is radio itself;
- The history of CW county hunting, the individual.
- To many people county hunting must seem like an attempt to tattoo soap bubbles.
- There are two sorts of CW affection, the love of working counties, and the love of running counties mobile.
- Perhaps there is no happiness in life so perfect as the CW mobile county hunter.
- It is impossible to believe the emotional and spiritual intensity and pure, classic signals that can be produced by a mobile CW county hunter running a county line.
- He was so generally civil, that nobody knew he also operated CW.
- A CW county hunter makes no errors. The errors are
- Volitional and are the portals to running a new county.
- County hunter's logic – When running a county line in Florida DO NOT roll down the windows.
- Mad dogs and CW County Hunters go out in the mid-day sun.
- Error of sideband may be tolerated where CW is left free to combat it.
- Happy it is for amateurs that a higher power has laid on a few the curse of being a CW county hunter.
- Labor to keep alive in your fist that spark of celestial fire – CW
- A county hunter is truly wise who gains wisdom from a MARAC convention.

On behalf of all county hunters . . . Thanks Ed! You have certainly done your part in making it an enjoyable trip. W0GXQ

Election Information

Mary-AB7NK
Election Coordinator

RESULTS FOR 4th QUARTER VOTING

- The following individuals have been recognized by their peers for the categories listed below for the period of April 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020.
- Calls are listed in no particular order

SSB - Mobile of the Year -- N8OYY, KB6UF, KC6AWX, W4SIG, AB7NK, W4SIG, K8ZZ, N4CD, WA9DLB, K7SEN, W0GXQ

CW - Mobile of the Year - K8ZZ, W5UDG, W0GXQ, W4SIG, N4CD, K0DEQ, AB7NK, KB6UF

Team of the Year - AB7NK/K7SEN, KB0BA/N0XYL

SSB - Mobile Assist of the Year - K0DEQ, KZ2P, WY0A, KC3X, NF0N, NU0Q,

CW - Mobile Assist of the Year – K0DEQ, KA1JPR, KC3X, W0GXQ, KC3X

2020 winners for all Mobile Awards, Mobile Assist and County Hunter of the Year for CW and SSB will be announced at the July 13, 2020 board meeting and will appear in the August 2020 edition of the Road Runner. Plaques will be handed out at the National Convention in Portland.

Congratulations to all.

Awards Committee

Ron-N5MLP

Members Designated to Receive the MARAC Custodian's Award

Two members of MARAC have been designated to receive the Custodian's award for their support of the goals, objectives, and needs of the MARAC awards program in 2019. They include:

- K3IMC, Donald Flynn
- AB7RW, Phil Yasson

In 2017 and 2018, a number of data processing errors were causing awards applications to be dropped entirely, modified with loss of some data, and/or delayed substantially. At some times, members were requested to hold applications until the problems could be resolved.

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K3IMC took on the task of rewriting the awards application forms and the data processing software to automate more steps in the process and greatly reduce the errors that were occurring. The software was updated to a new programming technology which is more supportable going forward. The new forms and processes were fully in place in early July, 2019 and additional improvements have been made since that time. Changes were also made to the online database reporting formats in the “CH Database” section of the MARAC website.

AB7RW, using his knowledge of the issues and the previous processing steps as Awards Secretary, was instrumental in defining the issues being experienced and in testing the new forms/programs as they were being developed. He worked closely with K3IMC to complete the necessary updates needed to restore trust in the processing capabilities.

I congratulate both of these members for their success and appreciate their significant commitments made to support improvement of these programs/processes.



**N5MLP – Ron Cliff
Awards Manager**

Awards Issued through June 26, 2020

The following list includes many awards that were inadvertently omitted from previous reports in the year because one field of data was blank. They are shown here for the first time in addition to the awards that were earned since the previous monthly report.

Awards Issued:				Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Number	Call	Date of Last Contact	Last County Count:	Number
KB6UF	8/21/1999	RAS* - AL - 1st Time	26	KB6UF	6/3/2020	1600	2
KB6UF	11/28/1999	RAS* - AR - 1st Time	26	K2HVN	6/7/2020	950	12
KB6UF	6/19/2006	RAS* - AK - 1st Time	24	N8OYY	6/13/2020	200	128
N8OYY	6/6/2016	RAS* - WV - 2nd Time	6				
K8ZZ	2/17/2019	RAS* - NM - 1st Time	33				
W8OP	4/3/2019	RAS* - WV - 2nd Time	7				
AB7NK	4/24/2019	RAS* - IL - 1st Time	33				
K7SEN	4/24/2019	RAS* - IL - 1st Time	34				
K7SEN	5/2/2019	RAS* - KY - 1st Time	24				
AB7NK	5/2/2019	RAS* - KY - 1st Time	23				
N8OYY	7/6/2019	RAS* - WV - 3rd Time	1				
N5MLP	7/17/2019	RAS* - FL - 1st Time	38				
CU3AA	7/27/2019	WAC** - 1st Time - USA-CA	1268				
K8ZZ	8/17/2019	RAS* - CO - 1st Time	30				
K8ZZ	9/22/2019	USA - CW II	40				
K2MF	2/25/2020	County Chall. - Lev 11000	3				
AB4WL	2/27/2020	County Chall. - Lev 8000	7				
N8OYY	4/28/2020	County Cahll. - Lev 8000	7				
N9JF	6/8/2020	Bingo	373				
NU0Q	6/8/2020	Bingo II	107				
W0GXQ	6/11/2020	RAS* - WY - 1st Time	27				
WA3QNT	6/13/2020	WAC** - 5th Time	119				
N8OYY	6/16/2020	RAS* - OH - 1st Time	32				
N8OYY	6/19/2020	RAS* - PA - 1st Time	26				

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Bill-K0DEQ
Treasurer

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

Beginning Account Balance		\$21,068.83
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income		40.00
Misc. Income		
Membership Income		77.50
Logger Distribution Income		
Total Income		<u>\$117.50</u>
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$	2.99
Misc. Expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
Total expenses		<u>2.99</u>
Net Income Less Expenses		114.51
Cash Balance		\$ 21,183.34
Checking Account Balance	\$	4,217.88
Savings Account Balance		<u>16,965.46</u>
Total all accounts		\$21,183.34

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6127.00, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$15,056.34

County Trivia

Jack-WD4OIN

There are five counties in South Dakota that are entirely on an Indian reservation. Oglala Lakota, Corson, Dewey, Todd, Ziebach

MARAC Silent Keys

This month it is with sadness and fond memories that we remember the following Silent Keys:

(If you have information that should be included here, please contact W4SIG)

Ed Palagyi – KN4Y Roadrunner 125 Counties, MARAC CW CHOTY 2003, MARAC CW-USA CONTEST 2nd place 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003, MARAC Service Award, Masters Gold, 5 Star Award, USA-CA all CW 4 Times, BINGO I and II, USA-CA All 20 Meters CW, avid contester, and friend to all

Gene Tyree – N4ANV Roadrunner 275 Counties, BINGO, USA-CA Twice, Two MARAC Service Awards, MARAC President's Award. Gene hosted several MARAC Nationals, was photographer, emcee of Regionals, entertainer, and general great ham and friend.

2020 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

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

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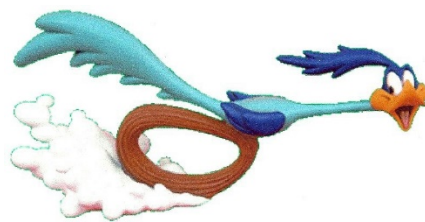
Alabama	+ Alabama QSO Party	*1500Z, Sep 14 to 0300Z, Sep 15, 2019
Arizona	+ 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
	+ Arizona QSO Party	*1600Z, Oct 12 to 0600Z, Oct 13, 2019 and *1400Z to 2400Z, Oct 13, 2019
Arkansas	+ Arkansas QSO Party	*1400Z, May 11 to 0200Z, May 12, 2019
California	+ 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
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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 *1600Z-2200Z, Sep 22, 2019
New Jersey	+ New Jersey QSO Party	*1600Z, Sep 21 to 0359Z, Sep 22, 2019
New Mexico	+ New Mexico QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 12, 2020
New York	+ New York QSO Party	*1400Z, Oct 19 to 0200Z, Oct 20, 2019
North Carolina	+ North Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Mar 1 to 0059Z, Mar 2, 2020
North Dakota	+ North Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 11 to 1800Z, Apr 12, 2020
Ohio	+ Ohio QSO Party	*1600Z, Aug 24 to 0400Z, Aug 25, 2019
Oklahoma	+ Oklahoma QSO Party	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 (continued)	*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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“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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