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Thoughts from the Editor

Kerry, W4SIG

Thanks so much to Kraig, KA2LHO, for his outstanding service to MARAC serving as VP and handling so many duties for our club. As you probably know, Kraig is swamped with his full-time volunteer work at his church requiring him to step down as MARAC VP. If you have had that pressing “itch” to help out your club and would like to inquire about the vacant position, please contact any Board Member for details. **We need you!**

Well, it looks like mobile activity has really picked up the last few weeks with K8ZZ, W0GXQ, N8OYY, KB6UF, myself, and many others hitting the road and activating a lot of counties. Hope you are getting some you need. Now if only propagation would cooperate....

Please consider submitting info for the RoadRunner. We aren't picky, anything related to county hunting, hamming, pictures, or anything else you find interesting will do. Just email to me and we will fit it in.

As you have probably seen, the W6RK spotting network has had its troubles lately. Thanks to Risto for many years of providing this valuable resource. And thanks to Barry, K2MF, for keeping us in the loop with updates. There has been talk of MARAC creating its own spotting network. The IT team says it can be done, but will take time and resources away from Logger II Development. Speaking of the IT team, major kudos go out to K3IMC, KA9JAC, K8EMS, etc for their tireless work behind the scenes.

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Be careful on the road and be safe!



MARAC National Convention

By Donna, AG6V

October 25-26-27, 2020

Portland, OR-CANCELLED

- The location of Portland, OR was going in the wrong direction relative to the virus, so to protect our at-risk members the convention was cancelled
- all hotel rooms booked under the MARAC discount have been cancelled
- the facility fees have been cancelled without penalty
- the banquet deposit is being refunded in full
- the price of the grand prize is being refunded in full
- all individual registration fees have been refunded (checks in the mail July 11th)

Sorry folks. Maybe next year.

If you visit the website <http://aq6v.com/MARAC/> please refresh your browser

Donna, AG6V





W4SIG Mobile Report

(A Collection of Short Stories)

By Kerry, W4SIG

Well, my anticipated mobile trip out west is now complete. Drove 3,300 miles yet only ran 63 counties. Such is the size of the counties in the great West! Thanks to all who followed along. Hope you got what you need (if propagation allowed it!). This mobile trip, as with all mobile trips, would not be as successful if not for all those that helped with SPOTTING and RELAYS. A special thanks go to Barry, NOKV, and Bill, KODEQ, for hanging in there all the way with relays on all bands/modes. I even got CW mobile relay help from DL3DXX! And when no cell service was to be had, thanks to those who monitored 14.056.5 to listen for new county announcements with subsequent posting. Many, many thanks! Now, for a few short stores....

Grounding Anyone? Well, any of you that have set up a HF mobile setup in a rental car know that it has its challenges and this trip was no exception. I hooked up my Kenwood TS430SAT to the battery with a voltage regulator to make sure I had enough juice at all times. For antenna I used a single magnetic mount with individual MFJ masts/resonators for 20m, 30m, and 40m. All had been tested with my portable antenna analyzer for minimum SWR. All went well until I installed the 40m mast and whip. When I transmitted I got a major RF burn and the rig shut off! I found if I watched my fingers and elbows I could avoid further RF shocks

and limp through the first day's 40 meter operations. Note that I could transmit for about 3-5 seconds before things went haywire. Either the rig shut off, changed frequency and band, changed a menu setting on rig, or hung in transmit mode. One of these circumstances occurred EVERY 3-5 seconds! So if you heard signs of a very poor mobile operator that is my excuse! May times my transmission was cut off in the middle, etc. Thanks for your patience.

Obviously, a ground was in order. No way to ground the antenna as it was a simple mag mount. But I could ground the rig, right? After an early morning visit to Home Depot for copper wire and some tools I hooked up a ground to a rear seat mounting bolt. (I am sure Enterprise would not have been happy with me scaping the paint off for a good connection!). My much anticipated test of the 40m antenna with the rig grounded was a total disappointment. With the ground attached my 40m SWR shot through the roof. Without ground my antenna analyzer read 2:1, with ground attached it was off the charts. Apparently attaching the ground changed the properties of my antenna. So, my question is what good is an antenna analyzer if it doesn't take into consideration the grounding of the rig? I'm not that smart to figure it out, but would sure love some bright ham to **contact me with a solution**. I had no choice but to detach the ground and continue the trip with a rough time on 40m. So frustrating to have to either change frequency or re-power the rig every few seconds...

Cancel George Washington? Cancel Culture is upon us with statues of anything offensive being toppled or erased from history, including those of General Washington. I noticed all Highway signs in Washington are outlined with the profile of our first President. Must they come down? Must the state be renamed? Where does it stop, no one knows....

Steptoe, WA Nothing to report here but a town name that I thought was fun and unique! I wonder the history of this name...

Irish Waffles What's up with the green waffles at La Quinta near Pocatello, Idaho? Apparently, some marketing professional failed to proof the sign before it went up for all to see. It shows a delightful sampling of their available hot breakfast with a huge picture of...a GREEN waffle! Again, the things you notice along the road make it fun.

the nation's highways. In Montana, out of nowhere, a big bird of some type swooped at my car. After a thud, I noticed a huge bird wing was stuck to my car's FM radio antenna! No bird, just ONE wing. While feeling sorry for the bird I wondered how one wing stuck to my antenna? It hung in there for over 50 miles until I stopped to operate. I think my gas mileage improved with the wing on!

Hitchhikers Needless to say, the front bumper and windshield of a car is always a splattered mess after a long trip. But my rental car took the cake! I wondered if the rental car company would charge me extra for the scrubbing they would have to do beyond the usual car wash. I tried to scrape some off myself to no avail. Those western bugs, just like the air, are D R Y.

Christmas in July The thermometers in July have been popping beyond the 100 degree mark. It was nice to make a snowball in the snowbanks in Skagit County Washington!

Wheatman County? I was amused when I read the county sign at Whitman Cty, WA. It says it is the largest wheat producing county in the U.S. So why not name it Wheatman County? 😊

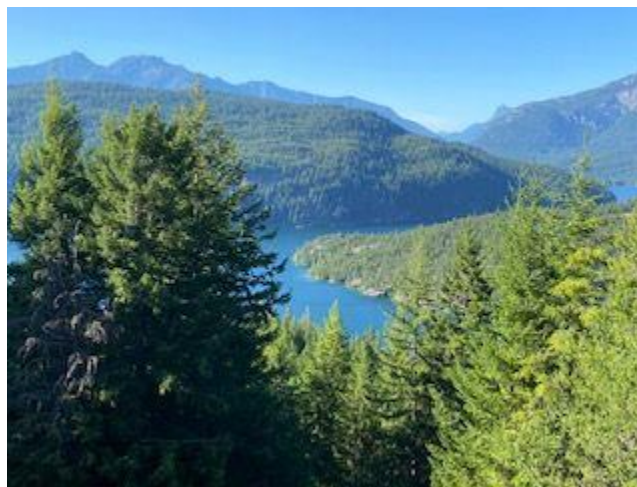


America the Beautiful I am sure in our travels we have all come across beautiful scenery from overlooks, mountains, lakes, beaches, forests, and prairies. I have some that instantly come to mind. However, I just spent a good deal of time in parts of the U.S. that I have never seen before. Wow, was I pleasantly surprised! Never have I encountered such beauty for such a long stretch of time. First, the drive through Idaho County, Idaho was some of the most beautiful mountain streams I have ever seen! Miles and miles of shallow trout highways along the cliffs of mountains. While this drive seemed to take a long time, I was not complaining. This is certainly a place I am coming back with a camper and a fishing pole!

Secondly, I was blown away with the majestic beauty of the mountains of northern Washington! Chelan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties are nothing short of astonishing! God's handiwork is on full display in this part of the country! The only hard part was finding a decent place to run a county! Ravines are not ideal. Thanks to Ron, N5MLP, for having the memory of an elephant and telling me of some ideal spots that he found back in 2010. Without this tip no one would have probably heard my whisper of a signal.



Chelan County WA



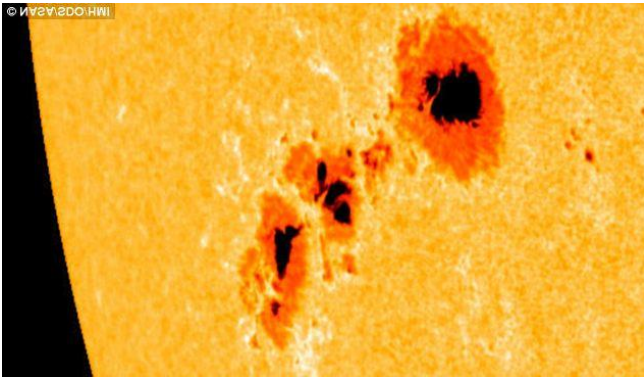
Whatcom County WA

The Late Late Show Due to the extended miles I needed to travel during my short trip I needed to start at 7AM PST and run til 9PM or so. This is good and bad. Good because 40 meters opens up, bad because most of us need our beauty sleep! I was astonished to have so many of you hang in there until the wee hours. Even my late county runs after midnight EST resulted in over 30 contacts!! Y'all are some real troopers! Glad you got your 40 meter contacts for sure!

Exciting Sun Spot News from ARRL

Submitted by AI, N1API

Newer Solar Cycle 25 Forecast Runs Counter to Consensus



Scientists associated with the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the University of Maryland, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and other institutions are offering a "bold prediction" on how Solar Cycle 25 will play out. In a [paper](#), "Overlapping Magnetic Activity Cycles and the Sunspot Number: Forecasting Sunspot Cycle 25 Amplitude," **they assert that the next sunspot cycle will be of major proportions**. The forecast stands in stark contrast to the consensus of forecasters who predict that the magnitude of the nascent Cycle 25 may not be much different from the current unremarkable solar cycle,

which appears to have reach its low point.

Final Countdown

By Kerry W4SIG

This is the first of a new monthly feature I am trying for the RoadRunner. As most of you know, K3IMC's countyhunterweb.org includes a section for the County Hunter Forum, Upcoming Trips Page, and County Needs Page. For years, we have all enjoyed and benefitted from staying up on the latest through Don's site. Many mobiles, such as myself, consult the needs page to plan where we go on our trips. If you don't have your needs posted, shame on you! 😊 However, I thought it would be great to have a place where a station who has less than 10 to go to finish the WBOW could list their final needs. Obviously, when you get down to less than 10, the new ones come to a crawl and can take years to wrap up. Some folks have posted on the Forum when they want to advertise (and beg!) for help to get those final few. I don't blame them, but this post is very temporary. K3IMC has ideas how to incorporate this into his countyhunterweb.org but is swamped with working on Logger II. So, unless there is a better solution for now, I thought we could give this a shot. **IF YOU HAVE LESS THAN 10 COUNTIES TO FINISH UP WBOW FOR ANY AWARD** please send the list to me and I will put it in the monthly Roadrunner. This way it can be referred to by mobiles when planning a trip. Remember, this is NOT for "last in state", but only for WBOW. Any award from Nth time to Mobile Diamond is fine. Also remember That this is only as good as the info is kept up to date! I will keep your listing as is from month to month, unless you give me an update. To save me a lot of time, please submit in the following format:

CALLSIGN/AWARD

STATE:COUNTY, STATE/COUNTY, ETC.

For example:

W1ABC/Mobile Diamond

Idaho:Bonner, Tennessee:Cannon, Florida:Polk, etc

Let's give this a try. Maybe we can avoid being frustrated when a mobile goes right around one of those last ones because they didn't know you needed it. Disclaimer: If this becomes too cumbersome and time consuming, I have the right to change my mind! 😊 Please start sending me those lists now! kerrylong@comcast.net

By-Law Changes Voting

Kerry-W4SIG

Just a note of appreciation to all the MARAC members who voted regarding the proposed By-Laws Changes. Please see the results and the changes in this month's Election Coordinator Article.

MARAC Vice Presidency Vacancy

By AI-N1API (for the MARAC Board)

KA2LHO, Kraig has decided to step down and has resigned with the BOD approval as of the Annual Meeting which was held last night July 13, 2020. Kraig has found a calling with his Church and this work consumes most of his time.

Kraig's service to MARAC has been phenomenal due to his experience in education administration.

The current VP term runs until July 2022. If you have a passion for MARAC and would like to help move the Organization forward and serve MARAC as our VP the BOD would welcome you.

If you are interested in this position, please contact your Director or any of the Officers of MARAC.

Home and Mobile Shacks

This month featuring Randy, K7TQ

Randy, K7TQ, is a relatively new County Hunter having joined MARAC about 6 months ago. A longtime ham, Randy has been an active mobile in QSO parties and the Salmon Run.

The mobile set up is a KX2 and KXPA100 to a Scorpion 680 antenna. Separate Optima battery with West Mountain ISOPwr+ Auxiliary Battery Isolator and MFJ Battery Booster. I finished it in mid-March.

Since March I've activated all the ID counties north of Idaho county and seven of the southeastern Washington counties. Jay, WA0WWW, and I are planning on operating the Kansas QSO Party as

N0Q. We hope for 26 counties in the two day event. Watch for us on the Kansas QSO Party Spotting page, <http://cwfun.org/funspots/ksqp/>

I have been a MARAC member since June. Over the years and especially in 2020 I've got cards for just over 700 counties, but have not submitted them for checking. I've multi-operated IDQP solo and with Jay, N7ZUF, 7QP solo and with both Jay; WA0WWW, and Mike, N7WA, and the WAQP, Salmon Run, with both Jay, WA0WWW, and Mike N7WA. All of those times have been using their mobile rig. Stories and pictures from most all of those outings are at <https://sites.google.com/site/randyk7tq/home>

I retired from US Forest Service Research six years ago after 25 years of forest road erosion research. Every summer was in some forest in the west plus Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Georgia, and Minnesota. Lots of driving, but no radioing. I'm what some folks would call an avid tourist bicycle rider with 12 years of self-contained bike tours of two weeks to a month duration. Self-contained means that you carry all your clothes, cooking, and camping gear on the bike without any vehicle support. Tours have been in groups of 10 to 16 riders. The wife and I have done Yorktown, VA on the Atlantic coast to the Mississippi River in Illinois twice; Route 66 from Chicago to Amarillo, TX; Eugene, OR to the Pacific coast then south to San Francisco; and a handful of other tours. My annual bike miles goal is 5,000 miles a year.

For radio I do CW and RTTY and have DXCC for both of them with 220 CW counters and 135 RTTY counters. Most of those QSLs were from contests. Well over half of the CW QSLs were QRP on my end and the rest of the CW and all of the RTTY ones were 100 W or less. A Force 12 C4SXL at 60 feet helps.





K7TQ/Bicycle Tour Route 66 Chicago to Amarillo 2020

Deep Thought of the Month

Courtesy of AI, N1API

A bad pun is still fun....

IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE IN WINNIPEG THAT READ:" We will heel you. We will save your sole. We will even dye for you." AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE:"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the ...

... of a Funeral Home: "Drive carefully. We'll wait." In a Chicago Radiator Shop: "Best place in town to take a leak." Sign on the back of a Septic Tank Truck: "Caution - This truck is full of Political Promises."

Election Information

Mary-AB7NK
Election Coordinator

2020 Award Winners

2020 MARAC Annual Mobile and Net Assist Award Winners			
Award Title	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Mobile of the Year - SSB	W4SIG	AB7NK	KC6AWX
Mobile of the Year - CW	W4SIG	K8ZZ	N4CD
Mobile Team of the Year	AB7NK/K7SEN	KB0BA/N0XYL	W0GXQ/K8ZZ
Mobile Assist of the Year - SSB	K0DEQ	WY0A	KZ2P
Mobile Assist of the Year - CW	K0DEQ	KA1JPR	KC3X
2020 County Hunter of the Year Award Winners			
County Hunter of the Year - SSB	K7SEN	N/A	N/A
County Hunter of the Year - CW	KC3X	N/A	N/A

SC District Director Winner – KC5QCB, Janet Camron Term expires 2023

NC District Director Winner – NF0N, Mike Nickolaus Term expires 2023

Special Note:

Effective with 1st quarter voting, in September, the voting method for Annual Mobile Awards and Mobile Assist Awards will change to a more simplified method allowing the club to utilize methods provided by Simply Voting.

This should make voting easier, only 5 questions per quarter and the majority of the tabulating will be automatically done by Simply Voting. Assigning points to 1st and 2nd place has been eliminated. You will be given the opportunity to enter UP TO 2 CHOICES for each of the 5 questions.

At the end of 4 quarters, the top 3 individuals with the most votes will place in that order. If there are 3 or more tied for first place, a runoff election will be held to determine placement.

I would encourage everyone to show your appreciation to the mobiles and those who assist the mobile by voting for the individuals who are ACTIVE during a particular

quarter. If the mobiles weren't out there, none of you would be getting credit for the various awards you're working on. And for those who got a relay from someone, if that person didn't help out, YOU wouldn't have gotten the county. VOTE – it's painless and will take less than 2 minutes of your time.

Next month I'll have full instructions regarding what you can and can't do when voting to avoid getting ERROR messages when you click on CONTINUE.

Until next month – 73 - Stay Safe & Happy Hunting!



Mary, AB7NK MARAC Election Coordinator

Awards Committee

Ron-N5MLP

2020 Annual Award Winners

The following annual award winners were announced during the 2020 MARAC Annual Meeting on 7/13/2020:

2020 MARAC County Hunter of the Year (CHOTY) Award Winners			
Award Title	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
CHOTY - SSB	K7SEN Neil Vince	N/A*	N/A*
CHOTY - CW	KC3X Hollis Thigpen	N/A*	N/A*

* There was only one nomination for the SSB and CW categories. Therefore, no election was necessary and there are no 2nd or 3rd place winners

2020 MARAC Annual Mobile and Mobile Assist Award Winners			
Award Title	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Mobile of the Year - SSB	W4SIG Kerry Long	AB7NK Mary Vince	KC6AWX Bob Devine
Mobile of the Year - CW	W4SIG Kerry Long	K8ZZ Ed Eklin	N4CD Bob Voss
Mobile Team of the Year	AB7NK/K7SEN Mary/Neil Vince	KB0BA/NOXYL Lowell/Sandra Tennvson	W0GXQ/K8ZZ Jerry Mertz / Ed Eklin
Mobile Assist of the Year - SSB	K0DEQ Bill Morgan	WY0A Butch Porter	KZ2P Jim Grandinetti
Mobile Assist of the Year - CW	K0DEQ Bill Morgan	KA1JPR Percy Ford	KC3X Hollis Thigpen

Awards Application Tips from the Awards Secretary, AB7RW:

Before starting an application, make sure you are selecting the application form that you desire for your report. Reports are for LC1/C2 (Last for any Award), Worked All Counties (WBOW), and Ran all State (RAS).

When putting any information in your application, look and read what a particular line is asking for.

If the callsign has a zero in it, use the zero in the number row. Do not put an "O" (alpha character) in place of the zero. The awards program does not accept that.

Awards Issued through June 26, 2020

The following list includes awards issued during the period June 25 through July 27, 2020

Awards Issued:				Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Number	Call	Date of Last Contact	Last County Count:	Number
KC7YE	8/8/1989	RAS* - WA - 1st Time	32	KA2LHO	7/9/2020	50	363
KB6UF	11/11/1990	RAS* - AZ - 1st Time	43	W0GXQ	7/16/2020	1200	7
KB6UF	5/18/1992	RAS* - CA - 1st Time	27	K8ZZ	7/17/2020	775	20
KB6UF	7/6/1992	RAS* - LA - 1st Time	29				
KB6UF	6/4/2005	RAS* - CT - 1st Time	45				
KB6UF	6/4/2005	RAS* - MA - 1st Time	18				
KB6UF	11/25/2005	RAS* - GA - 1st Time	27				
KB6UF	4/20/2007	RAS* - DE - 1st Time	73				
KB6UF	8/12/2007	RAS* - KY - 1st Time	25				
KB6UF	6/8/2008	RAS* - MD - 1st Time	32				
KB6UF	3/16/2010	RAS* - FL - 1st Time	40				
KB6UF	9/26/2010	RAS* - CO - 1st Time	33				
KB6UF	10/20/2010	RAS* - KS - 1st Time	37				
KB6UF	6/10/2011	RAS* - IN - 1st Time	33				
KB6UF	6/18/2016	RAS* - IL - 1st Time	35				
KC3X	7/6/2020	USA - Single Band - 17m	2				
N8CIJ	7/9/2020	USA - CW - 1st Time	159				
W8OP	7/16/2020	RAS* - WV - 3rd Time	2				

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift
MARAC Awards Manager

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Bill-K0DEQ
Treasurer

JUNE 20, 2020 THROUGH JULY 19, 2020

Beginning Account Balance

\$21,183.34

Income:

Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income	40.00	
Misc Income		
Membership Income	78.82	
Logger Distribution Income		
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Total Income		\$118.82

Expenses:

Awards Expenses	\$	29.00
Misc. Expenses NOTE 1	52.12	
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
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Total expenses		81.12

Net Income Less Expenses 37.70

Cash Balance \$ 21,221.04

Checking Account Balance \$ 4,255.58

Savings Account Balance _16,965.46

Total all accounts \$21,221.04

NOTE 1 - \$52.12 Sunshine expenses

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6202.00, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$15,019.04

County Trivia

Jack-WD4OIN

The largest military installation in the United States, White Sands Missile Range, encompasses almost 3,200 sq miles that includes parts of five counties in southern New Mexico. Dona Ana, Otero, Socorro, Sierra and Lincoln county.

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)

W9DP Dave Pruitt – Dave was an active SSB county hunter and was often the driver for AA9ZZ during his CW mobile runs.

KC4TBS Pat Tyree – Pat was MARAC member R-2370 and spouse of Gene Tyree, N4ANV.

2020 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

State	Contest	Dates
Alabama	± Alabama QSO Party	1500Z, Sep 12 to 0300Z, Sep 13, 2020
Arizona	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
	± Arizona QSO Party	1500Z, Oct 10 to 0500Z, Oct 11, 2020
Arkansas	± Arkansas QSO Party	1400Z, May 9 to 0200Z, May 10, 2020

California	± California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 3 to 2200Z, Oct 4, 2020
Colorado	± Colorado QSO Party	1300Z, Sep 5 to 0400Z, Sep 6, 2020
Connecticut	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
Delaware	± Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, May 2 to 2359Z, May 3, 2020
Florida	± Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26, 2020 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26, 2020
Georgia	± Georgia QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 11 to 0400Z, Apr 12, 2020
Hawaii	± Hawaii QSO Party	0400Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 24, 2020
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 18 to 0100Z, Oct 19, 2020
Indiana	± Indiana QSO Party	1500Z, May 2 to 0300Z, May 3, 2020
Iowa	± Iowa QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 19 to 0200Z, Sep 20, 2020
Kansas	± Kansas QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 29 to 0200Z, Aug 30, 2020 and 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 30, 2020
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 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
	± Maine QSO Party	1200Z, Sep 26 to 1200Z, Sep 27, 2020
Maryland	± Maryland-DC QSO Party	1400Z, Aug 8 to 0400Z, Aug 9, 2020
Massachusetts	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
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, Apr 4 to 0100Z, Apr 5, 2020 and 1300Z-2200Z, Apr 5, 2020
Nevada	± Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 10 to 2100Z, Oct 11, 2020
	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
New Hampshire	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
	± New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 19 to 0400Z, Sep 20, 2020 and 1600Z-2200Z, Sep 20, 2020
New Jersey	± New Jersey QSO Party	1600Z, Sep 19 to 0359Z, Sep 20, 2020
New Mexico	± New Mexico QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 12, 2020
New York	± New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 17 to 0200Z, Oct 18, 2020
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 22 to 0400Z, Aug 23, 2020
Oklahoma	± Oklahoma QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 14 to 0100Z, Mar 15, 2020 and

Oregon	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1400Z-2100Z, Mar 15, 2020
Pennsylvania	± Pennsylvania QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020 1600Z, Oct 10 to 0500Z, Oct 11, 2020 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 11, 2020
Rhode Island	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
South Carolina	± South Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 29 to 0159Z, Mar 1, 2020
South Dakota	± South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 10 to 1800Z, Oct 11, 2020
Tennessee	± Tennessee QSO Party	1800Z, Sep 6 to 0300Z, Sep 7, 2020
Texas	± Texas QSO Party	1400Z, Sep 12 to 0200Z, Sep 13, 2020 and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 13, 2020
Utah	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
Vermont	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020
	± 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 19 to 0700Z, Sep 20, 2020 and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 20, 2020
	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020
West Virginia	± West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 20 to 0400Z, Jun 21, 2020
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

Send comments and corrections about this page to [Bruce Horn, WA7BNM](#)

MARAC 2020 Annual Meeting Unofficial Minutes

July 13, 2020 9:00 pm EDT

1.K8ZZ Called meeting to order

Time: 900 EDST K8ZZ

Members in attendance:

Ed-K8ZZ:

Kraig-KA2LHO:

Brent-K9MIX:

Bill-K0DEQ:

Al-N1API:

Kerry-W4SIG:

Donna-AG6V:

Mike-NF0N:

Darl-NA8W:
Janet-KC5QCB

2. K8ZZ Agenda Changes/Modifications W4SIG

3. K8ZZ Motion to accept the Annual Financial Report included in the 2020 Annual Report.

Motion: W4SIG 2nd: NA8W Vote: Aye: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: K0DEQ

4. K8ZZ Motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 8, 2020

Motion: NA8W 2nd: N1API Vote: Aye: 10 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

5. Membership Committee Report-W4SIG Ham fest cancelled for this year. Looking forward to 2021. Have not yet opened for registration for 2021.

6. MARAC Annual Convention 2020 Cancellation: AG6V- Refund checks sent out for all who had paid. Grand prize payment has been refunded. Returned of site moneys is in review and expected to be a full refund.

7. Award Announcements: N5MLP: Net control Award is replaced by Mobile Assist.

8. MARAC Historian Update: AG6V: K7IOO will be the keeper of the physical documents. The electronic documents are in process of moving to the web site.

9. Other Reports: Included in the 2020 Annual Report.

K8ZZ Old Business-None

New Business

10. K8ZZ Motion that Ed Eklin, K8ZZ and Kerry Long, W4SIG be designated as signatories on the MARAC financial accounts in addition to the Treasurer.

Motion AG6V 2nd: K9MIX Vote: Aye: 8 Nay: 0 Abstain: K8ZZ, W4SIG

11. K8ZZ Motion that the Board authorizes the Treasurer to use Citizens Bank of Newberg, an FDIC insured Missouri banking corporation, as the depository for Corporation funds under the treasurer's control.

Motion: NF0N 2nd: KC5QCB Vote: 10 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

12. K8ZZ Motion that the following are appointed to the listed positions within the MARAC organization for the 2020-2021 year.

* Election Coordinator: Mary Vance – AB7NK

* IT Team Don Flynn: K3IMC, Bob Gedemer-KA9JAC, Barry Siegfried-K2MF

* Historian: Bill Moore – K7IOO

* Road Runner Editor: Kerry Long-W4SIG

* Awards Manager: Ron Cliff-N5MLP

* Awards Secretary: Phil Yasson-AB7RW

Motion: NA8W 2nd: K0DEQ Vote Yea: 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: W4SIG

13. K8zz Motion to accept the resignation of Kraig-KA2LHO as MARAC Vice President due to

the increased time requirements as Coordinator for Children & Youth Ministry at his church in Ocala, FL effective at the end of the July 13, 2020 Annual Meeting.

Motion: N1API 2nd: K9MIX Vote: Aye 9 Nay: 0 Abstain: KA2LHO

14. K8ZZ Motion to adjourn the Annual meeting.

Motion: KC5QCB 2nd: KA2LHO Vote: Aye: 10 Nay:0 Abstain: 0

Time 928 PM EDST

OPEN discussion with membership – W4SIG

Thanked Kraig, KA2LHO, for service to MARAC

Thanked everyone mentioned in today's meeting for their service to MARAC

KA2LHO- Ran FL pan handle of 100+ park (105)

W4SIG- Enjoying the RR Editor position

Please submit articles, can be anything

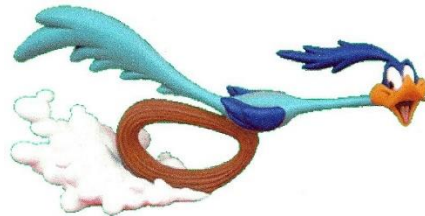
Let us know of any awards earned

AB7NK- Changed voting method.

W4SIG- Congrats to all winners.

KA9JAC- History web site has been transferred to MARAC web.

The County Line ROADRUNNER



“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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