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Thoughts from the Board

Janet, KC5QCB

I am Janet and I am your MARAC South Central Director. Hello from sunny and warm Texas. Well, it used to be until this week when winter decided it wanted to make an appearance.

A little bit about myself. I was first licensed as a Tech+ in 1995 after many years of procrastination. Back in high school I helped my dad and my uncle practice code for their novice licenses. But I never really wanted to get my own. One day while back home visiting my uncle's house I saw all these cards on his wall (by then he was a general). They looked so cool that I decided I wanted to get some too. When I got back to Texas I noticed a Technician class was forming at a local church and signed up. After meeting Randy/AJ5ZX on 10 meters he convinced me that I needed to upgrade to General. So in March of 2004 we went to a hamfest and I passed that exam. Still debating if I want to upgrade to Extra.

We have two separate radio setups here. Randy's radio room and my hobby room. That is where we pretty much spend our days. I have a radio setup in my room but unfortunately my antenna is on the ground at the moment. If at any time you need another contact for an award and you work Randy just ask him to get me to the radio. I am always willing to help out if needed. If any of you are like me you are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. I know things may seem different this year with the Covid-19 putting restrictions on most of us. Unfortunately, because of health concerns, I am pretty much staying at home. But if you are traveling please do so carefully.

Please remember that MARAC is still on the search for a new Vice President. If you are

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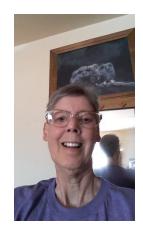
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interested, the current Board would be happy to hear from you. We are always striving to make this a better club for all our members. Come join us!

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.



MARAC National Convention

Fall Update

The 2020 National Convention did not happen due to virus-related concerns, but I am still hopeful that a convention in 2021 will happen. Not quite as hopeful as I was a few months ago, but I'm still working on the details.

Well, the last update said I was targeting Cheyenne, WY for a mid-September date. After repeated delaying tactics from the hotel manager and a local ham's scouting foray, it has been discovered that the hotel is transitioning to an extended stay facility. Guess that is why the manager was reluctant to talk about specific dates! A new tip has me researching Missoula, MT. Mid-September is still the target time. My email inbox is open, if you have a place in mind you think would be a good place – in the great NorthWest, that is.



Yaak Mountain Lookout, MT. Photo by Kevin League. From Montana.gov website.

This event is being organized by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V, Pacific Region Director. Please direct all questions and comments to her at ag6v at ag6v at arrldot.net

W4SIG Mobile Report

(Or, A Bridge Too Far)

By Kerry W4SIG

Thought I would share with my fellow MARAC members a report from my latest mobile trip from Memphis to VA and NC and back. A little over 200 counties were run in TN, KY, WV, VA, NC, SC, GA, AL, and MS. In order to get them all in I started very early (way too early for some of my friends on the Pacific coast) and ran very late (way too late for some of my friends on the Atlantic coast). My apologies for this, yet my schedule due to work forces me to cram as much into my free days as possible.

Thankfully, there were no technical difficulties along the way with either radio equipment or transportation. I do believe that my Toyota Highlander, at 265,000 miles, has served me well. This high mileage, some peeling paint, and the fact that my soon-to-be 16 year old daughter will be needing a car to drive to school next year may have her inherit this one and force me into something new. Of course, she and all my kids are forever scarred by the embarrassment of many years of picking them up at school with a huge antenna array on the back of this car in front of their friends! But, then again, isn't embarrassing your kids something that parents, deep down inside, actually enjoy? Hi! I better buy another car before we are all forced into driving battery operated vehicles, not so good for HF mobile operation. I cannot thank **Dave, W4YDY**, for informing me many years ago of the ability to overlay county lines into my navigational GPS. I cannot tell you how many county lines I would have missed in the pitch dark with the pouring rain had it not been for these line overlays on the GPS. For info on how to add this feature to your GPS go to Dave's website at qsl.net/w4ydy.

The trip started out nicely with rapid runs along the worn out I-40 pathway to Nashville. The real fun started near the KY border. I will never forget the Monroe Cty KY nightmare of 1984. This is not an easy county to get to and in that year Henry, W3HQU, was looking for his last for WBOW 1st time and last all CW to become just the 6th person to ever complete them all on CW. As a kid I was traveling home with my whole family from a vacation to Washington, D.C. I begged and begged parents and brothers to let us do a major detour so I could run Monroe Cty for Henry. It was very late, as seems to be the usual case with me, and all was well. Up until when we approached the county line when the entire band went totally dead. Solar flare? I don't know. We sat for half an hour frantically calling and hearing no one. An hour after we had started for home the band opened back up, but there was no way my brothers would have allowed me to go back. Fortunately Henry finished them all later that year. Kentucky roads get pretty interesting the farther east you go. No way to



drive in a straight line as evidenced by the attached photo. The mountains of eastern KY, West Virginia and western Virginia were absolutely beautiful! Fall colors were singing in their glory on every hillside. My favorite storefront I drove by was entitled the "Tobacco Tavern"! Although slow going, this is some

very beautiful country and full of interesting sites around every bend. Just don't be in a hurry as you will be disappointed. After nipping the southern edge of WV it was full throttle into Virginia. Again, it was a beautiful time of year to be travelling. This was by far the state with my most needs for Mobile Diamond, so it was great to get some self-credits for them checked off the list.

In eastern Virginia, I loved driving through the Historical Triangle of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, and Yorktown. Being a history buff, I got pleasure in driving where so much of our country started, both in the 1600s and during the Revolutionary War. I would love to go back and spend even more time there.



Along the seacoast, it seemed like it would take forever to cross into North Carolina. Traffic and rain were horrendous. Heading back toward the western part of the state I was able to secure a LC WBOW for N4RS along the route. All was flowing smoothly until I reached the Scenic Byways near Boone, NC. Absolutely gorgeous scenery in the mountains and wow were the tourists out in full force! It was bumper to bumper traffic for about an hour and a half. Peaceful to see the beauty, but anxious to see my time schedule go out the window. This was also when my work schedule went haywire. Many phone calls, and pandemic concerns were turning my business trip into central NC into a bust. It was soon evident that a three day business layover was going to turn into a very short one. My apologies to folks that had sat at the radio riding along with me the whole way and looking forward to a three-day respite that turned into just a one day-long nap. I also had to cut a small chunk of my far eastern NC counties off the list. Nevertheless, it was back on the road

again. Once, after stopping for gas, I came across this interesting payload on a truck. Rusty nose cone of a commercial airplane, or remnants of a retired Space Shuttle? No windows...you decide!

A short run through South Carolina led me into some hghly-desired counties in Georgia. Congratulations to **Barry**, **K2MF**, who was able to secure a LC WBOW for Elbert, GA. Shortly thereafter, he had to meet with a local utility engineer to see why he now has electrical interference on the ham bands! Good luck, Barry. The day after spending the night in the Georgia Bulldog home of Athens, GA I had probably the most interesting part of my trip. As we all know, GPS can really be your best friend, and your worst enemy! Memories come back of **Ron**, **KB6UF** stuck sideways on a rock in the mountains of California. And then there was **Matt**, **W0NAC**, and **Sharon**, **N0LXJ**, who threw out her hip in the middle of Nowheresville, Arizona where even an ambulance got stuck trying to get to her. I've been tricked by the nice sounding GPS lady into taking non-paved roads before, such as the infamous "help, I'm stuck in the mud" episode in southeastern Colorado on the way to the National a few years ago. But in Hancock Cty Georgia it was a different kind of "gotcha". I had no problem taking the one lane non-paved shortcut road she recommended for about a mile. Then a turn onto another one mile stretch of the same. Then another. It soon became apparent that I was on a logging road as the path became less dirt and more rocky. Then came the infamous "Bridge too Far". I looked at this

catastrophe of a wooden bridge and came to a halt. There was no way I wanted to cross it, but the GPS lady showed only another mile ahead I could enter a normal road. It was either that or drive about 3 miles in reverse back up the one-way road I had just taken. Neither choice was good. I said a long prayer and decided a quick burst across the bridge may be better than a slow crawl. I closed my eyes (not really!) and forged ahead. Once across the bridge there was a sharp turn and.....SAND! Yes, my non-paved, rocky road was now 100% sand, and I was about 3 inches deep into it. Although not stuck, yet, I decided to abandon the car and hike down the sandy road to assess the situation. It was quickly determined that I was entering nothing but a sand pit of a path. Thank you, GPS lady! After feeling upset and sorry for myself I determined that kicking the car wouldn't do anything but make my foot sore. I had only one option...drive back across the rickety bridge that was missing boards IN REVERSE!



If you think my prior prayer was serious, you have no idea what the second one was like. I kept my driver's side door open as I creeped backward across the narrow path. Would you believe another board snapped off and fell into the stream below as I crossed? I was never happier to finally be back on a non-paved rocky oneway road. After I gave thanks I kept the slow pace hoping I would eventually find a place to turn around so I could drive straight out instead of in reverse for over 3 miles. About one mile back I decided enough was enough and I would do the inch by inch attempt at a 180. Finally successful, and then shortly back on a paved road, I totally ignored the GPS lady's demands to turn around and head back to the same logging road. She probably thought I was rude, but I was just wanting to find a road, any road, that had a highway number on it. The rest of the Georgia counties came fast and furious as I headed back toward the northwest part of the state. Skirting around Atlanta was a big help.

It was getting dark as I entered Alabama, but it became obvious that I

could, indeed, make it all the way home that evening. Many followed me across northern Alabama and Mississippi toward a much-welcomed familiar bed and pillow.

Overall, I was able to make contacts on 80cw, 80ssb, 40cw, 30cw, and 20cw in all counties. Special thanks to those in the east coast for the 80m contacts during the day. 40ssb was frustrating as every time I had to pick a new frequency, post, wait a couple of minutes for the frequency to post, then call QRZ with usually one or no responses. So my apologies for punting on 40ssb for much of the trip.

I did have several people text me that they needed it for a particular county, and I was happy to oblige. Same with 20ssb. Thanks to several chasers who consistently tried to give me contacts on 17m and sometimes 15m. Those were nice surprises. I'm too tired to manually count the number of contacts made on the trip but a conservative estimate is well over 10,000. Making a quick list I note around 100 different callsigns worked with some really nice guest appearances by some county hunters I haven't heard in awhile, and some really nice signals from DX stations including HA8IB, DL9USA, DL3DXX, OM2VL, LY5A, and K9FD from Maui.

There is absolutely NO WAY I could have been as successful running these counties if it hadn't been for Mobile Assistance especially by **Barry-N0KV**, **Bill-K0DEQ**, and **Steve K5KDG** who provided many relays and by the many who spotted me when I really needed the assistance along the way. Please REMEMBER THESE FOLKS when Quarterly Voting comes up for Mobile Assist.

I have already received numerous LC-1 Awards that many of you have so kindly submitted. If you haven't done so, please do as these LC awards are very important to mobiles that are on the road a lot. We all really appreciate them.

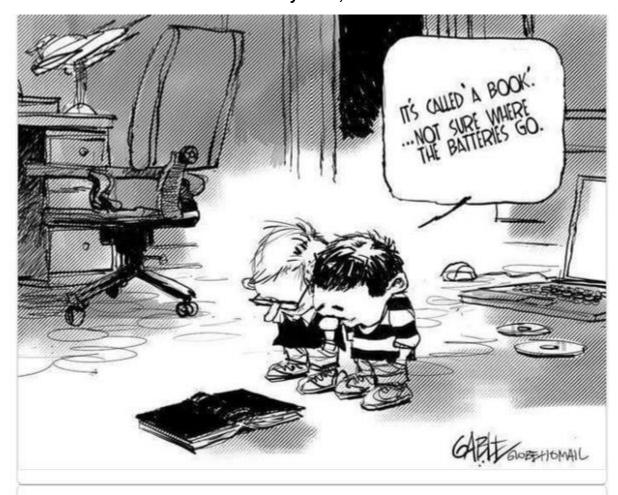
Now I tackle the tedious process of translating my kneepad hand-scribbled log into Logger! Until next trip, 73!!



Kerry, W4SIG

Deep Thought of the Month

Courtesy of AI, N1API



Welcoming New Members

Kerry-W4SIG

Please join me in welcoming our new MARAC members:

Final Countdown

Kerry-W4SIG

The following MARAC Members need less than 10 counties for WBOW. Let's give them a hand! If you have les that 10 to go for any MARAC Award please send those needs to Kerry, W4SIG, for inclusion in this new monthly article. Please keep me updated as these lists dwindle so we have accurate info for mobiles that want to help you out.

KODEQ/WBOW 2ND TIME

IN: Fulton, MS: Sharkey, SC: Williamsburg

K2MF/WBOW ALL CW 20METERS

GA: Habersham, Jenkins, Montgomery, Pickens, Screven, Toombs, Upson

N9JF/WBOW ALL CW 1st Time

TX: Starr

W4SIG/WBOW N PREFIX ID: Teton MA: Nantucket

W4SIG/WBOW W PREFIX

AK: 1st, 2nd, HI: Kauai, IN: Spencer, NH: Coos, Sullivan, NJ: Hudson

W4SIG/WBOW 1X3 CALLSIGNS

 $AK:2^{ND}, 3^{RD}, 4^{TH}$

W4SIG/WBOW 1X2 CALLSIGNS

AL: Lamar, ME: Aroostook, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, MA: Dukes

W4SIG/WBOW ALL CW 3RD TIME

HI: Kalawao, NY: Chenango, WI: Wood

W4SIG/WBOW 40METERS

CA: Amador, Mariposa, San Francisco, Ventura

W4SIG/WBOW BINGO III

CA: Contra Costa, San Francisco, Ventura, HI: Kalawao, PA: Montour

W4SIG-WBOW 20 CW

MO: McDonald

N4RS - WBOW 40m Using CW Only

AK: 2nd District

N4RS – WBOW Bingo 3 CW Only

NC: Mitchell, Yancey

KC3X - WBOW 40 Meters

ID: Camas, MT: Daniels, Pondera, Prairie, OR: Benton, Sherman, Wheeler, UT: Kane, Tooele,

WA: Jefferson

NN9K – WBOW Masters Gold CW Only

GA: Muscogee, WV: Upshur

N1API - WBOW BINGO III

MA: Suffolk

N5MLP – WBOW A Prefix

AR: Arkansas, LA: Grant, Vermillion, Vernon, MS: Issaquena, TN: Hardeman, Houston, Marshall,

VA: Mathews, WA: Garfield

N5MLP—WBOW Bingo IV

AK: First, Second, Third, Fourth, CA: Lake, HI: Kalawao, WA: Columbia, Garfield

N5MLP - WBOW 5th Time

AK: First J.D., Second J.D., Third J.D.

NOKV - WBOW CW

GA: Greene, Warren, ID: Owyhee, NC: Graham Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, SD: Buffalo, Jackson,

WI: Rusk

NOKV—WBOW K Prefix

CO: Summit, IA: Hardin, ID: Teton, NE: Nance, SD: Haakon, WV: McDowell, WY: Goshen

K4YT -WBOW 4th Time

HI: Kalawao

K4YT – WBOW All SSB

AK: First JD, CA: Humboldt, NH: Belknap

K4YT - WBOW 1x2 Calls

LA: Assumption, MS: Jefferson

K4YT – WBOW Mobile to Mobile

CA: Marin, Nevada, San Joaquin, Yolo, MD: Calvert, OR: Benton, Coos

K4YT – WBOW A Prefix

MS-Holmes, Issaquena, Lafayette, Sharkey, Winston. TN-Perry. VA-Craig

K4YT – WBOW N Prefix

MA: Nantucket

KODEQ- WBOW Bingo

AL: Bibb, Tallapoosa; AR: Cleburne, Independence, Stone; GA: Evans; MO: Cedar

K9MAF- WBOW USACA 1st Time (can only do CW)

IA: Cherokee, Emmet KY: Monroe, McLean, Owsley MN: Pennington

NFON – WBOW ALL CW 2nd Time

IN: Delaware, MI: Muskegon, Baraga

NF0N—WBOW N Prefix

IA: Palo Alto, Winnebago, ME: Franklin, MN: Benton, ND: Griggs



Awards Committee

Ron-N5MLP

Completing Worked All Counties Multiple Times

MARAC offers the "Worked All USA Counties" (WAC) award for those county hunters that wish to repeat the challenge of working all 3,077 counties after they complete the USA-CA award offered by CQ Magazine. The requirements of this award are described on page 37 of the current award rules document dated 7/1/2020 which is available on the MARAC website under the "Awards" tab. It can be earned an unlimited number of times including 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.

This is one of the most popular awards MARAC offers and many people have completed it between 1 and 18 times so far. I recently compiled a list of how many people have completed each level of the award and added those values to obtain a summary number of how many times WAC has been completed thus far. For those that might be interested, that data is shown below:

Awards Issued September 25 through October 24, 2020

| WAC# | Awarded: |
|------|----------|
| 2nd | 444 |
| 3rd | 259 |
| 4th | 171 |
| 5th | 119 |
| 6th | 54 |
| 7th | 27 |

| WAC# | Awarded: |
|------|----------|
| 8th | 17 |
| 9th | 12 |
| 10th | 6 |
| 11th | 5 |
| 12th | 4 |
| 13th | 2 |

| WAC# | Awarded: |
|------|----------|
| 14th | 2 |
| 15th | 1 |
| 16th | 1 |
| 17th | 1 |
| 18th | 1 |
| 19th | 1 |

Grand Total - WAC Award has been awarded 1,127 times!

If interested, you can view the callsigns who have achieved each award level by looking up each of these WAC award levels in the CH Database on the MARAC website. Use the second input field

| Awards Issued: | | | Roadrunner Awards Issued: | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Call | Date of Last Contact | Award | Number | Call | Date of Last Contact | Last County Count: | Number |
| KB6UF | 5/30/1991 | RAS* - NV - 1st Time | 35 | W0GXQ | 9/24/2020 | 1300 | 5 |
| KB6UF | 1/7/1995 | RAS* - OR - 1st Time | 29 | K8ZZ | 9/28/2020 | 850 | 17 |
| KB6UF | 11/29/1999 | RAS* - OK - 1st Time | 29 | W0GXQ | 9/30/2020 | 1,250 | 6 |
| KB6UF | 6/26/2006 | RAS* - NY - 1st Time | 18 | W8OP | 9/30/2020 | 125 | 200 |
| N8KIE | 5/13/2009 | RAS* - AK - 1st Time | 25 | K8ZZ | 10/1/2020 | 900 | 16 |
| K4YT | 2/18/2011 | RAS* - DE - 1st Time | 75 | K8ZZ | 10/2/2020 | 875 | 17 |
| K4YT | 8/25/2011 | RAS* - NJ - 1st Time | 29 | W0GXQ | 10/3/2020 | 1,275 | 5 |
| K4YT | 9/16/2011 | RAS* - WV - 1st Time | 27 | W4SIG | 10/15/2020 | 650 | 28 |
| KB6UF | 6/7/2012 | RAS* - OH - 1st Time | 34 | W4SIG | 10/19/2020 | 675 | 26 |
| K4YT | 6/1/2013 | RAS* - CA - 1st Time | 28 | | | | |
| K4YT | 6/2/2013 | RAS* - NV - 1st Time | 34 | | | | |
| K4YT | 9/2/2015 | RAS* - NH - 1st Time | 40 | | | | |
| K4YT | 9/2/2015 | RAS* - ME - 1st Time | 38 | | | | |
| K4YT | 4/29/2016 | RAS* - UT - 1st Time | 27 | | | | |
| K4YT | 8/4/2016 | RAS* - TN - 1st Time | 27 | | | | |
| AB7RW | 8/20/2018 | Five Star | 81 | | | | |
| KC6AWX | 11/14/2018 | RAS* - HI - 2nd Time | 4 | | | | |
| K4YT | 4/10/2019 | RAS* - FL - 1st Time | 41 | | | | |
| N1API | 8/23/2019 | USA - Digital - Level 2000 | 4 | | | | |
| W4SIG | 7/21/2020 | RAS* - NV - 1st Time | 33 | | | | |
| W4SIG | 7/27/2020 | RAS* - ID - 1st Time | 34 | | | | |
| AB7NK | 8/28/2020 | Polaris - Cliff Corne Jr. | 482 | | | | |
| K7SEN | 8/28/2020 | Polaris - Cliff Corne Jr. | 483 | | | | |
| K8ZZ | 9/24/2020 | County Challg Level 17000 | 2 | | | | |
| K8ZZ | 9/27/2020 | USA-Single Band - 40m | 3 | | | | |
| K8ZZ | 10/1/2020 | RAS* - OR - 1st Time | 27 | | | | |
| W0GXQ | 10/1/2020 | RAS* - OR - 1st Time | 28 | | | | |
| W8OP | 10/1/2020 | RAS* - OH - 1st Time | 33 | | | | |
| W0GXQ | 10/3/2020 | RAS* - UT - 1st Time | 28 | | | | |
| * Ran All State | | | | | | | |
| ** Worked A | All USA Counti | es | | | | | |

from the left side of the screen titled "Award Lookup" and select the "Worked All Counties - Nth time" where N is the level you wish to view.

MARAC Awards Committee, N5MLP, Ron



MARAC Treasurer's Report

Bill-K0DEQ Treasurer

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report (KODEQ)

SEPT 20, 2020 THROUGH OCT 19, 2020

Beginning Account Balance \$20,158.42

Income:

Savings Account Interest \$

Awards Income 59.12

Misc Income

Membership Income 304.73

Logger Distribution Income 20.00

Donation

Total Income \$383.85

Expenses:

Awards Expenses \$ 101.05

Misc. Expenses

Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)

Total expenses \$101.05

Net Income Less Expenses 282.80

Cash Balance \$20,441.22

Checking Account Balance \$ 3,457.57

Savings Account Balance __16,983.65

Total all accounts \$20,441.22

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6,202.00, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$14,239.22

County Trivia

Jack-WD40IN

The county with the largest population is Los Angeles County Ca, at 10,163,507 with Cook county II second with 5,211,263.

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)

W9FBC - Maurice Mead, #932

KG5J – Al Garrett, #1467, WAC 6 times, WAC CW, Bingo II, Roadrunner Level 275. Al was a fantastic CW mobile operator and a wonderful gentleman in the County Hunter community. He was a pleasure to be around at conventions and will be missed.

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 |
| | <u>+</u> Arizona QSO Party | 1500Z, Oct 10 to 0500Z, Oct 11, 2020 |
| Arkansas | + Arkansas QSO Party | 1400Z, May 9 to 0200Z, May 10, 2020 |
| California | <u>+</u> 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 | <u>+</u> 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 | <u>+</u> Georgia QSO Party | 1600Z, Apr 11 to 0400Z, Apr 12, 2020 |
| Hawaii | <u>+</u> Hawaii QSO Party | 0400Z, Aug 22 to 0400Z, Aug 24, 2020 |
| Idaho | <u>+</u> 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 | <u>+</u> Indiana QSO Party | 1500Z, May 2 to 0300Z, May 3, 2020 |
| Iowa | <u>+</u> Iowa QSO Party | 1400Z, Sep 19 to 0200Z, Sep 20, 2020 |
| Kansas | <u>+</u> Kansas QSO Party | 1400Z, Aug 29 to 0200Z, Aug 30, 2020 and |
| | | 1400Z-2000Z, Aug 30, 2020 |

| Kontucky | L Kantucky OSO Barty | 14007 June 6 to 02007 Jun 7 2020 |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Kentucky Louisiana | <u>+</u> Kentucky QSO Party<u>+</u> Louisiana QSO Party | 1400Z, June 6 to 0200Z, Jun 7, 2020 1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5, 2020 |
| Maine | | • |
| Manie | + New England QSO Party | 2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020 |
| | Maina OSO Barty | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Mandand | + 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 |
| Wildocall | · Moscuri Qoo i arty | 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 |
| | _ , | 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 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 | <u>+</u> New England QSO Party | 2000Z, May 2 to 0500Z, May 3, 2020 and |
| | | 1300Z-2400Z, May 3, 2020 |
| | <u>+</u> Vermont QSO Party | 0000Z, Feb 1 to 2400Z, Feb 2, 2020 |
| Virginia | <u>+</u> Virginia QSO Party | 1400Z, Mar 21 to 0400Z, Mar 22, 2020 and |
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1200Z-2400Z, Mar 22, 2020 1600Z, Sep 19 to 0700Z, Sep 20, 2020 and Washington + Washington State Salmon Run 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 QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16, 2020 Wisconsin Wyoming + 7th Call Area QSO Party 1300Z, May 2 to 0700Z, May 3, 2020

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