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Thoughts from the Board

Darl-NA8W

Greetings from warm Ohio, it's 85 degrees at present. It's my turn to write something for the Roadrunner, the board members take turns doing so and that is good so you hopefully get to know your directors more. It's been a quiet time in the Great Lakes area. For the members that aren't aware the Great Lakes district covers PA, WV, OH, IN, MI, VE3. So if any members have any issues or questions that you would like to ask I promise that I will attempt to answer or find an answer if I don't know the answer.

There has been some mobile activity during the last month or so since it warmed up. I finally had a chance to work a few mobiles. As some of you know I spend the winter in Florida now. Down there I have an Icom 7300 and an ATAS 120 mobile antenna mounted on my car port roof about 10 feet high. It is not conducive to working many mobiles. In Ohio during the summer I have a better antenna system and a better chance to work the mobiles. But, there's always a but, I assist my son in our farm operation. So about a week after I get home in April I am in the field helping plant corn and soybeans. Thankfully that only lasts about a month and then I am free, except for lawn mowing, to do my hobby or honey doos until the end of September when harvest begins for a month. And then I go to Florida and the routine starts all over again.

One thing that I do in Florida is I work a lot of FT-8 and FT-4 digital modes. My Florida setup does a good job with digital modes. I use those contacts to increase my counties worked. Of course they are

almost all home or portable operations and I am careful to check to make sure where they are at so I can list them correctly.

I also do some POTA, that stands for Parks On The Air. That's a fun thing to do and very much like county hunting. There you will find SSB and CW and even some digital operations. I do not count very many of those operations as it is hard to make sure what county they are in. If Bob N4CD is in a park he usually lets a county hunter know what county he is in during the QSO.

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If you want to increase your county numbers for the awards that accept home and portable operations you can find a lot of different ways to do that on the ham bands. So if you don't hear a mobile out running counties don't despair, look around the bands. You might find me in a park putting it out if you look hard enough, I did my first one last Thursday, so you never know.

73 and Happy Hunting Darl NA8W



MARAC Notes

Kerry-W4SIG

What a busy month! Mobile activity has been impressive with lots of trips all over the country including **K4YT** in Alaska. **K3IMC** and the IT team is busy helping folks go live with Logger II. Remember to send him an email when you are ready to get on the list for your major upgrade in county hunting logging software.

The results are in! 2021 Mobile of the Year SSB, CW, and team award winners will be announced during this month's **Board of Directors Meeting on July 12**. Keep an eye on marag.org for details. Also note that we are searching for a new MARAC Historian. Let a Board member know if you would like to inquire about this important position.

Check out the Awards Column for huge achievements for ALL CW, ALL SSB, and WBOW awards. Also some big awards for our mobiles. Congrats to all!



MARAC Historian Needed

With the passing of **Bill Moore, K7IOO**, MARAC is in need of a volunteer to take over the Historian duties. This is mainly keeping an inventory of historical items commemorating the over 50 years of our club. Please contact your District Director if you have questions or are interested in assuming this role.

Final Countdown

Kerry-W4SIG

The following MARAC Members need less than 10 counties for the "Whole Ball of Wax", also known as WBOW. Let's give them a hand! If you have less than 10 to go in the entire country 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.

K2MF/WBOW ALL CW 20METERS

GA: Jenkins, Upson

K2MFWBOW CW-II

AL: Geneva, **CA:** Mariposa, Trinity, **ND:** Mercer, **VT:** Windham

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: 2ND, 3RD, 4TH

W4SIG/WBOW 1X2 CALLSIGNS**AL:** Lamar, **ME:** Aroostook, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, **MA:** Dukes**W4SIG**/WBOW ALL CW 3RD TIME**HI:** Kalawao, **NY:** Chenango**W4SIG**/WBOW 40METERS**CA:** Mariposa**W4SIG**/WBOW 30 METERS**CA:** Madera, Mariposa, **NY:** Chenango**W4SIG**/WBOW BINGO III**CA:** Contra Costa, San Francisco, Ventura, **HI:** Kalawao, **PA:** Montour**N4RS** – WBOW 40m Using CW Only**AK:** 2nd District**KC3X** – WBOW 40 Meters**ID:** Camas, **MT:** Daniels, Pondera, Prairie, **OR:** Benton, Sherman, **WA:** Jefferson**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:** Fourth, **CA:** Lake, **HI:** Kalawao, **WA:** Columbia, Garfield**N0KV**—WBOW K Prefix**ID:** Teton, **NE:** Nance, **SD:** Haakon, **WV:** McDowell, **WY:** Goshen**N0KV**—WBOW Mobile to Mobile**GA:** Wheeler, **KY:** Knott, Larue, Menifee, **NC:** Catawba, Lee, **VA:** Lunenburg, Mathews**N0KV**—WBOW 5th Time**MT:** Daniels **WI:** Sawyer**K4YT** -WBOW 4th Time**HI:** Kalawao**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

K0DEQ- WBOW Bingo

AL: Tallapoosa, **GA:** Evans; **MO:** Cedar

K0MAF- WBOW USACA 1st Time

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

NF0N—WBOW N Prefix

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

W4YDY/ WBOW CW 2ND TIME

OR: Crook

W4YDY/WBOW A PREFIX

MS: Oktibbeha **OH:** Putnam **PA:** Philadelphia **VA:** Amelia, King William

W4YDY/WBOW W PREFIX

AK: First J. D. S E **NY:** Essex, Montgomery **OR:** Sherman **PA:** Tioga **SC:** Union **TX:** Dickens, Runnels, Somervell **VA:** Floyd

W4YDY-WBOW 8TH TIME

GA:Haralson, Jasper, **IA:** Fayette, **NC:** Hoke, **NE:** Brown, Colfax, Rock, **SC:** Saluda, **WI:** Iron, **WV:** McDowell

WA3QNT—WBOW MASTERS GOLD

AK: 2nd Dist **GA:** Lee **IN:** Morgan **PA:** Bucks **MT:** Lake, Sanders **NY:** New York, Yates

NU0Q – WBOW MASTER GOLD

AK: 4TH District

NU0Q/WBOW MASTER PLATINUM

IA: Franklin, Hamilton, **MD:**Worcester, **NJ:** Hunterdon, **OH:** Darke, **PA:** Cameron, Dauphin, Lebanon, Potter

Awards Committee

Ron-N5MLP

Awards Issued May 25 through June 24, 2021

Awards Issued:					Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Level	Cert. No.	Call	Date of Last Contact	L C Count:	Cert. No.
KB6UF	6/28/1993	RAS* - TX		34	KB6UF	5/28/2021	1750	2
KB6UF	11/3/1994	RAS* - UT		29	KB6UF	4/27/2021	1775	2
KB6UF	10/17/2002	RAS* - TN		30	NU0Q	6/14/2021	150	178
KB6UF	9/4/2004	RAS* - VA		22	NF0N	6/16/2021	375	54
KB6UF	6/4/2005	RAS* - RI		51	N0KV	6/19/2021	950	15
KB6UF	10/22/2006	RAS* - SC		35	N0DXE	6/20/2021	375	55
KB6UF	6/8/2008	RAS* - PA		27	K8ZZ	6/21/2021	1025	13
KB6UF	4/23/2010	RAS* - WV		27				
KB6UF	6/5/2010	RAS* - VT		39				
KB6UF	11/22/2011	RAS* - WA		33				
W0GXQ	5/16/2021	County Challenge	19000	1				
N0KV	5/21/2021	USA - CW		162				
N8OYY	6/5/2021	County Challenge	10000	7				
N8OYY	6/5/2021	RAS* - KY		26	Legend of Abbreviations:			
NF0N	6/7/2021	USA - CW II		41	RAS* = Ran All State			
K4YT	6/8/2021	USA - SSB		2	WAC* = Worked All USA Counties			
N8KIE	6/8/2021	USA - CW		163	TBD* = Date when intermediate level was achieved is to be determined. Logs submitted support higher level of completion than the intermediate level requires.			
KM6HB	6/11/2021	County Challenge	10000	8				
N5MLP	6/13/2021	WAC* - 5th Time		120				
KM6HB	6/15/2021	WAC* - 4th Time		172				
K7TQ	6/18/2021	RAS* - ID		35				

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, MARAC Awards Manager

Congratulations to Rick AI5P!

We noticed that Rick, AI5P, has earned the ARRL Triple Play Award! This award is for working all states on all three modes, all using LoTW for confirmation. Congrats, Rick!

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Bill-K0DEQ
Treasurer

May 20, 2021 Through June 19, 2021

Beginning Account Balance \$18,918.18

Income:

Savings Account Interest	\$
Awards Income	153.83
Misc Income	
Membership Income	265.16
Logger Distribution Income	39.12
Donation	

Total Income \$458.11

Expenses:

Awards Expenses \$ 67.50

Misc. Expenses

Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)

Total expenses \$ 67.50

Net Income Less Expenses 390.61

Cash Balance \$19,308.79

Checking Account Balance \$ 3,290.60

Savings Account Balance _16,018.19

Total all accounts \$19,308.79

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6392.00, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$12,916.79

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)

K7IOO-Bill Moore, MARAC #529. In addition to a short term as MARAC Historian, Bill achieved RoadRunner 500 Level for giving out last counties, achieved the All YL Award, and Worked all Counties twice.

2021 State QSO Parties

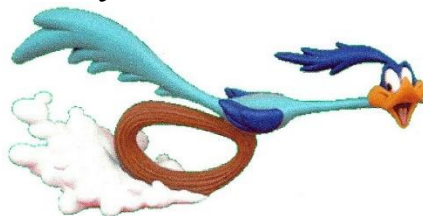
Courtesy of WA7BNM

July

Missouri ± Missouri QSO Party

1400Z, Jul 31 to 0400Z, Aug 1, 2021 and
1400Z-2000Z, Aug 1, 2021

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“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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