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Thoughts from the Board

Janet-KC5QCB, MARAC South Central Director

Welcome to Fall. Temperatures are dropping. Hurricanes and Tropical Storms are making life difficult for some. Covid-19 is still out there making its rounds. And I can almost smell Pumpkin Spice in my kitchen. Fall also means the end of my gardening season, so that means more time in the house and on the radio. Don't forget about the ghosts and goblins that show up at the end of October. Be nice to them or they will do some nasty tricks on you. Might want to toss a few treats to the propagation gods while we're at it. Seriously, please be careful if you are out running mobile on Halloween night. Some of those little ghouls are hard to see. I am finally back on the air in my shack/hobby room. Since I am using a vertical there are those times that I have to run into Randy's Radio Room to get a contact. "Hurry, turn the beam toward before I miss that county I need." Feels great to have my own setup again including Logger II. If you haven't had Logger II installed yet you really should do it. I am so impressed with what Don/**K3IMC** and his team have done to get it up and running. It is so easy to use. Yes, there are bugs occasionally but they are few and far between. Hopefully a year from now we'll be eyeballing each other at the 2022 National Convention in Bozeman, Montana. The plans are coming along just fine thanks to Donna/**AG6V**.

There has been lots of mobile activity on the bands! **K1YAG** has been roaming across the US for weeks, and **KE4UP** has been putting them out in the central US. Also, activity from **KB6UF**, **KA4RRU**, **K0DEQ**, **W0GXQ**, **K8ZZ**, and the team of **K7SEN/AB7NK**. Many thanks to **N4RKK** and others who also post the Park activators as that helps a lot as well!

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Please help me in welcoming our new Historian, Michael Davis/**N8MD**!

Hope to see you soon on the radio. 73's

Janet/**KC5QCB**
South Central Director

MARAC National Convention Fall 2021 Update

<http://ag6v.com/MARAC/>

The 2020 National Convention is set for the *Fall of 2022* !

**checkin: Sunday October 2nd, 2022
to
checkout: Thursday October 6th, 2022**

**Best Western Gran Tree Inn, Bozeman, MT
1325 North 7th Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715
(406) 587-5261**



BOOK BEFORE AUG. 1 2022 for the discount



Many details on the website:
<http://ag6v.com/MARAC/>

All rooms \$109. Working on the banquet meals this month – registration will open after that.

You can book your room now; no fee cancellations. No special code word for the discount, just say you are with the MARAC convention.

Submitted by Donna Hinshaw, **AG6V**. Please direct all questions and comments to [ag6v at arrl dot net](mailto:ag6v@arrl.net)



Convention Planner Donna, AG6V

Home and Mobile Shacks

This month featuring Ed, K8ZZ

Equipment: Elecraft KX3 radio running 10 watts

Elecraft W2 SWR bridge mounted on dash for antenna tuning.. Eye level never have to take eyes off da road..

Bengali Traveller Key

Cotek 300 watt inverter 12v pure sine.. no hash

Scorpion 680 motorized ant

Hustler 80 and 40 on A/B switch for quick contacts..

Signalink used for stable audio using FT8/FT4 mobile.

Dell 14 Inspiron computer set up with Street Atlas 15 and county lines and name

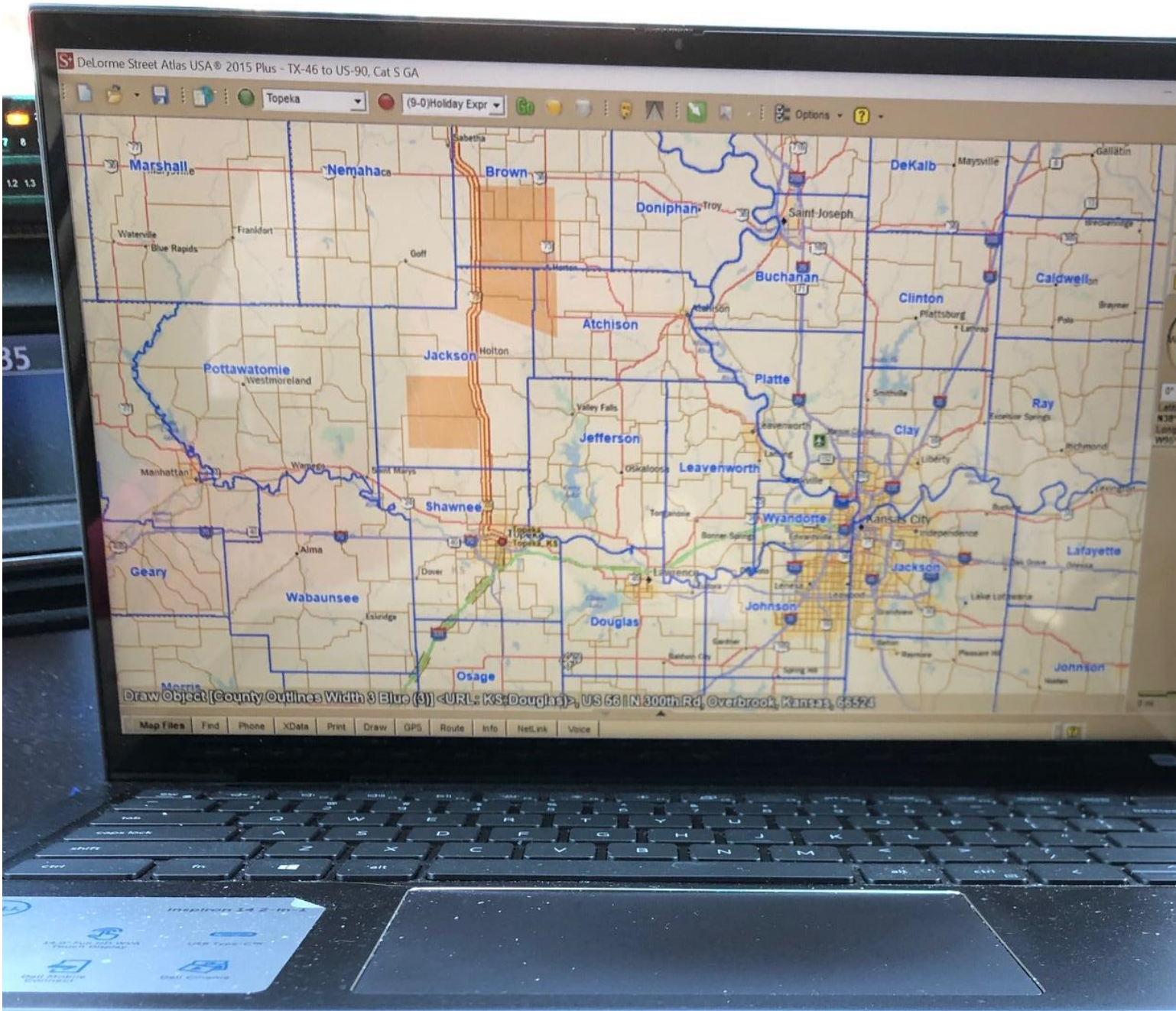
overlay.. Also use Logger II and sometimes log the C/L before I leave.. going to start doing more of it and run less counties in a day.

Use MoSpot and Logger II for spotting myself..

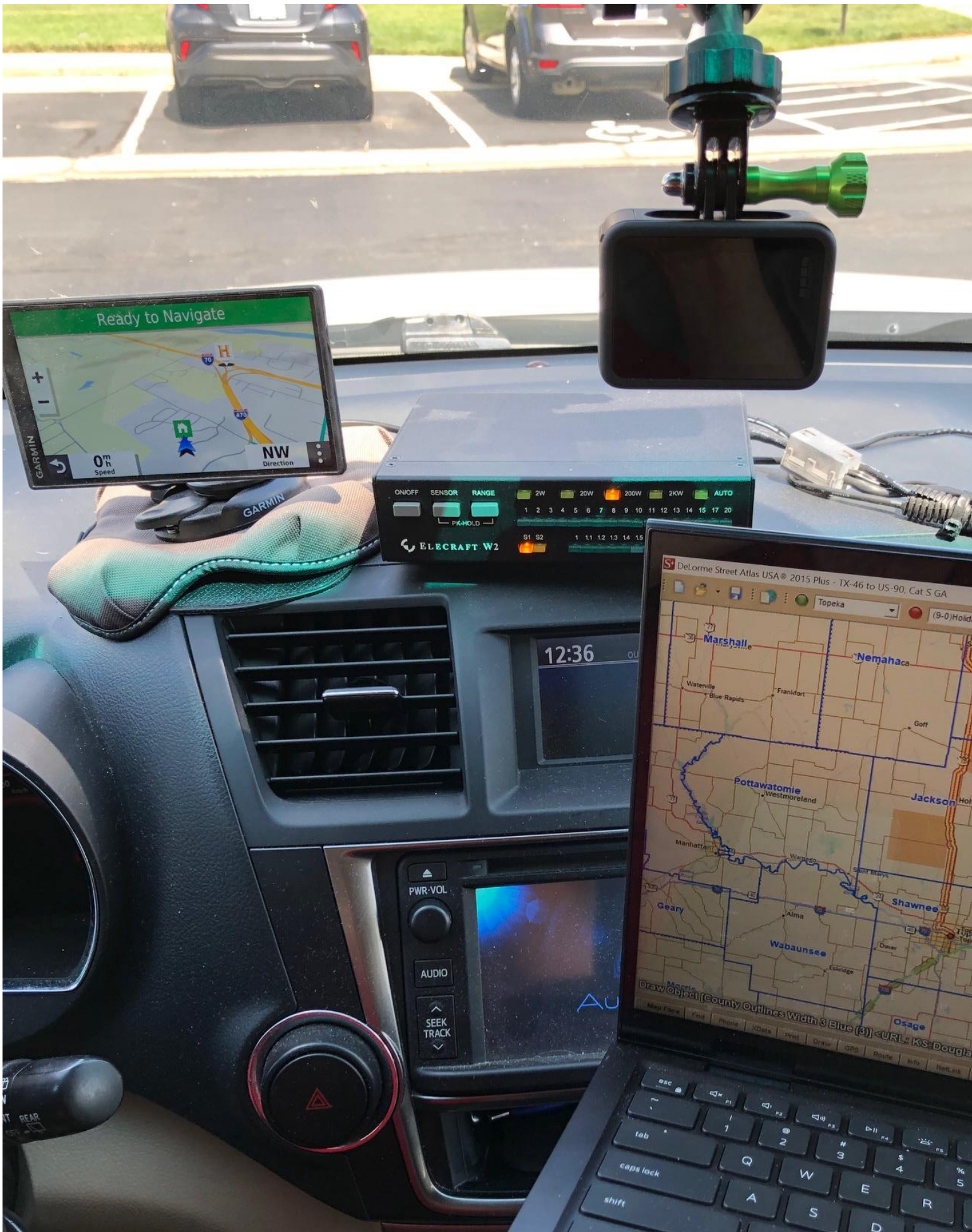
















Ed K8ZZ (this is NOT his mobile vehicle!) Hi!

Welcome New MARAC Historian

By Kerry, W4SIG

Please join me in welcoming Mike Davis, **N8MD**, as the new MARAC Historian! Mike has volunteered to take on this position for our benefit. He has received most of the MARAC historical information and items. Thank you so much, Mike for accepting this important position!

Hello All,

I've been appointed to the Historian position and want to provide you with my background. I began my County Hunting journey in the Fall of 1983 (as NF8K), with periods off due to family and jobs. I'm still working on my USA-CA award among others. I've learned a lot from so many kind county hunters and great operators. I also want to recognize the efforts of the Historians who preceded me and I hope to continue to preserve our history as a group. If you review the History/Archive section of the MARAC Club page, you'll find there are some gaps in our records. Some of those items are available and have not been posted yet, which I'll try to get done as quickly as I can. You may have some records or photos that you might like to see added to the archives and I hope you'll send them to me so we can get them included. I'm looking forward to serving the members of MARAC.



Mike, **N8MD**- MARAC Historian

Logger II Update

By Kerry, W4SIG

A report from Logger II designer Don, **K3IMC**, states that many are currently enjoying the new and slick Logger II county award logging program! He is adding about 4 new users per week. Don is continuing to add features to help up chase our MARAC awards. Next up is of particular interest to folks working on their USACA award. Soon, Don will have included the ability of members to track not only which counties they have worked, but which counties they have received confirmations in the form of a MRC (Mobile Reply Card) or QSL. A great feature for those working on the first time around. Thanks, Don, for all your tremendous work on this excellent program!

Humor of the Month

Courtesy of Jack, WD4OIN

A group of adults taking a computer science class were asked by the instructor to separate into two groups. One was all the male students and the other was all female students. They were given 10 minutes as a group to determine the gender of a computer. Here are the results with each groups' reasoning:

Male Group: The computer is definitely female! Because:

- 1) No one but their creator understands their internal logic
- 2) When they communicate with one another they only use code that they understand
- 3) Every mistake you make is recorded on their hard drive for future retrieval
- 4) As soon as you commit to one, you spend half your paycheck accessorizing it

Female Group: The computer is definitely male! Because:

- 1) To get their attention, you first have to turn them on
- 2) They have a lot of data, but still can't think for themselves
- 3) They are supposed to solve problems, but half the time they ARE they problem
- 4) As soon as you commit to one, you realize if you had waited a little longer you could have gotten a better model

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.

K2MFWBOW CW-II

CA: Mariposa, Trinity **VT:** Windham

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

W4SIG/WBOW 40METERS

CA: Mariposa

W4SIG/WBOW 30 METERS

CA: Mariposa

W4SIG/WBOW BINGO III

CA: 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

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 **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, **SC:** Saluda

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

K5WAF- WBOW SSB

GA: Rabun, Webster, **LA:** Assumption, **TX:** Calhoun, **WV:** Morgan

K5WAF- WBOW CW

GA: Crawford, **KY:** Magoffin, Todd, **NY:** Greene, **TX:** Houston, Karnes, Nacodoches

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Bill-K0DEQ
Treasurer

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

Aug 20, 2021 Through Sept 19, 2021

Beginning Account Balance \$18,423.46

Income:

Savings Account Interest	\$
Awards Income	
Misc Income	
Membership Income	155.63
Logger Distribution Income	38.93
Donation	

Total Income	\$194.56

Expenses:

Awards Expenses	\$
Misc. Expenses	
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)	

Total expenses	

Net Income Less Expenses		194.56
Cash Balance		\$18,618.02
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,593.84	
Savings Account Balance	_16,024.18	
Total all accounts		\$18,618.02

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6413.00, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$12,205.02



Bill KODEQ- MARAC Treasurer

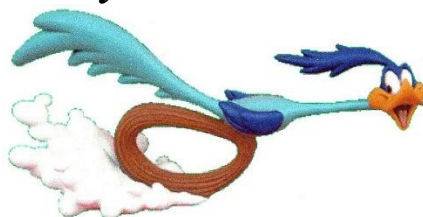
2020 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

October

California	± California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 2 to 2200Z, Oct 3, 2021
Nevada	± Nevada QSO Party	0300Z, Oct 9 to 2100Z, Oct 10, 2021
Arizona	± Arizona QSO Party	1500Z, Oct 9 to 0500Z, Oct 10, 2021
Pennsylvania	± Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 9 to 0500Z, Oct 10, 2021 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 10, 2021
South Dakota	± South Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Oct 9 to 1800Z, Oct 10, 2021
New York	± New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 16 to 0200Z, Oct 17, 2021
Illinois	± Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 17 to 0100Z, Oct 18, 2021

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Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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