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## Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry W4SIG, MARAC Southeast Division Director

The 2022 Michigan Mini is in the books!! It was great to catch up with so many of my fellow county hunters from across the country. The hotel has been totally updated since 3 years ago, and everything worked out splendidly. Many thanks to Ed, K8ZZ, for coordinating his 18<sup>th</sup> MARAC convention!! Also, thanks to Dory for volunteering to carry the torch from here. Keep your ears open for her plans for the 2023 Michigan Mini.

You know you have a dedicated host when he sacrifices his mobile antenna just to make sure that the attendees have their morning donuts! Yes, K8ZZ was on his way back to the hotel with our treats in the backseat of his car when he had to suddenly slam on the brakes to avoid another car. The whiplash affect caused his Scorpion screwdriver antenna to literally snap in two at the base. Totally decapitated! So sorry Ed, but the donuts were delicious!! Thanks to the every-ready Neil, K7SEN, our parking lot antenna builder and mobile expert, he had Ed all fixed up with one of his spare antennas, albeit only 40M, for Ed's big journey east for the next several weeks. Neil also aided many other mobiles to improve their setups. Thanks, Neil, for all your

efforts and great attitude at helping us all out!!

Lots of fish was eaten, lots of tall tales told. Jackie and Gene, K5GE, entertained us as usual with their musical skills. The ladies did some amazing puzzles, and found some great shopping in the area. Don, K3IMC, did a great presentation on Logger II and another on the insides of FT8. All in all, it was a very successful MARAC Mini.

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Thanks again to all those who worked so hard to make this possible and to all those that made the trip to attend and enjoy the fellowship. Check out the mobile pictures from Michigan in this issue.

Now, make your plans for the 2022 MARAC National in October!! Details in this issue of the RoadRunner.

We still have important openings in the club and would love YOUR help! Please read below to find out more.

Elections for CHOTY are coming up. Details below. Lots of great candidates this year to choose from. Let's award these folks for their great contributions to our fantastic hobby of county hunting!

73!

Kerry W4SIG



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# 2022 MARAC National Convention

## MARAC National Convention

April 2022 Update

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

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

### MARAC National Convention Update

The MI Mini was a blast - it was great to gather again. Hope that continues in October with the National Convention in MT. Three people signed up, checks and all, during the MI Mini. Hopefully many of you picked up the paper registration form and will be sending it in soon. The paper registration form is available on the MARAC website at [marac.org](http://marac.org).

Details - Oct 2-6, 2022 Bozeman, MT Best Western Gran Tree Inn -- Book your hotel room before August 1st. Mention that you are with the MARAC convention to get the discounted rate. No cancellation fee up to 24 hours before the event, so no reason not to book now. (406) 587-5261

The convention website - <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/> -- has details, and more to be added as I ramp up the preparations for this gathering.

Brian Bird, NX0X, is a confirmed speaker. He will talk about the past, present, and future of the USA-Counties Award.

Safe travels to all.

Donna Hinshaw

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Details of the National ---

**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/>

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)

Photo of the AG6V mobile setup, on the road!

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**MoSpot FLORIDA** Guide

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## MoSpot

Kraig – KA2LHO

There are “new” county hunters on the air in recent months. ***This is great and it makes running counties worthwhile.*** One of the really useful aspects of county hunting is the **ch.W6RK.com** spot site. It is something I monitor frequently for general interest of who is out and about as well as noticing needed counties.

A few months ago, an article in the MARAC newsletter about spotting reminded me that some among us might be aware of the **MoSpot** app designed for county spotting.

**MoSpot (Mobile Spotter)** is a web-based app that looks and runs the same on any device with an internet connection-wifi, wired internet, cell phone, etc. I have used on a regular basis running on my MacBook Air, Microsoft Surface GO and iphone. Any internet connected computer, tablet, smartphone with a web browser should be able to run the app. Being web based makes it easy for updates and/or corrections. They are quietly done behind the scenes. You won't need to reinstall anything after an update. It just happens.

**MoSpot** contains all US counties AND county lines with data provided directly from the Logger system. The program design is mine but K2MF was a great help in designing the method to format data required for the app to function and others contributed with suggestions during testing, and other support as the app developed. **MoSpot** was first released in 2017 and is still used by many today.

The screen capture displayed is **MoSpot**. All spotting functions take place from this screen via drop down lists. *Select your state (if you are not already on that screen), your county, your frequency and tap **SEND TO W6RK SPOT**.* That's it!

If your selected frequency is busy or you have another choice, simply tap/click in the frequency field and edit. The various links and more details are explained in the **Online User Guide** found at:

<https://www.qsl.net/ka2lho/Spot/Guide.htm>

**MoSpot** was designed to be a fast and simple way to self-spot or spot others (just edit the Spotter Call).

So how can you get **MoSpot**? Email me ([kraig@kdpritts.com](mailto:kraig@kdpritts.com)) and include your call sign and home state. You will get a link to your personalized configuration, usually within a day or so. Where you see my call on the graphic, you will see your own call (always fully editable if working with a team. Nothing to install just a link. Remember, **MoSpot** is entirely web based.

How much does it cost? **Zero, Nada, Zilch, \$0.** As mentioned previously, others assisted in various aspects of data formatting, testing, finding errors and providing input to the overall function. Everyone donated a lot of time and knowledge to make this available to County Hunters. I hope that you find **MoSpot** useful.

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## Upcoming Elections for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and CHOTY

By Ron, KF7ZN, MARAC Election Coordinator

I will be sending a ballot from Simply Voting in June. You will be voting for 4th quarter activity which includes the months of March through May activity. This will include CW & SSB Mobile, CW & SSB Net Assist and the Team award. I will also be including the annual voting for the County Hunter of the Year award on this ballot. This includes County Hunter of the Year (CHOTY)- SSB and County Hunter of the Year (CHOTY)-CW.

Winners will be announced by the board or awards manager at a later date.

As before, the email you receive from Simply Voting will contain a link and password for your ballot. Please follow the instructions once you have gone to the voting page.

If you are a new member or are rejoining MARAC after a lapse in membership, you will not be eligible to vote until the first day of the month following receipt of your dues and valid membership application by the Secretary of MARAC.

If you are unsure of your membership status, please visit the MARAC website, click on County Hunter DB and enter your call in the Call Look up to determine your MARAC Expiration Date.

You will receive reminder emails from Simply Voting if you have not voted. The system will not allow you to vote more than once.

If you have any questions regarding Simply Voting, please e-mail me and together we'll figure out the issue.

Your vote will show support for the time and efforts put out by these folks and will be greatly appreciated.

## **Here are the Bios for CHOTY:**

### **Nomination of:**

### **Barry Siegfried – K2MF for 2022 CHOTY – SSB**



### **Nominated by:**

Al Kaiser, N1API - Northeast District Director

## Justification

There's A LOT of people who work behind the scenes and don't receive much credit for the hours they spend on what they do. He keeps the Top List current and has it out on time each month. That, in itself, is a huge job. He also has inherited the MARAC db to keep all the entries CORRECT. There's also times he helps K3IMC with Logger II, AND he helps keep the KFF/POTA to counties list current so those working parks know what county the park is in. And there's more I'm sure because Barry is just that kind of guy. Helpful to all county hunters in any way possible. Personally, if I send in my TOPLIST he responds to it within hours. I endorse K2MF for County Hunter of The Year – SSB.

## Biography

I have been licensed as an amateur radio operator continuously for 57.5 years, since June 1964. My prior two call signs were WN2NWM from June 1964 - February 1965 and WB2NWM from February 1965 - August 1977. In August 1977, I applied for and received the call sign K2MF which I have had ever since. I chose this suffix because these are the initials of my parents' first names (Marje and Frank) who were instrumental in encouraging me to study and get licensed in the amateur radio service.

I started county hunting in earnest on 4/10/1981, which was nearly 17 years after I was first licensed. I immediately joined MARAC at that time and have been a current member of the club for the past 41 consecutive years. But it took me 31.5 years to finish first time USA-CA because I had two long absences from HF between 8/1/1985 and 9/26/1990 (5+ years) and then again between 8/17/1993 and 11/4/2011 (18+ years). So I was only actually active on HF for about 7.5 of those 31.5 years.

Although I summarize my county hunting achievements on my K2MF/M QRZ page I can enumerate them here (\* = denotes lifetime achievements without Award certificates):

MARAC Polaris Award #480 on 12/29/2011

CQ Magazine USA-CA (MARAC WAC) Award #1233 on 12/20/2012

MARAC Gemini Award #174 on 1/30/2014

MARAC WAC-2 Award #431 and USA-CW Award #137 (no relays) on 10/18/2014

\*WAC-SSB (mixed bands) finished on 5/4/2015

MARAC WAC-20m Award #26 (mixed modes) on 10/20/2015

MARAC Master County Hunter (Bingo) Award #368 on 11/15/2015

\*WAC-20m/SSB finished on 9/10/2018

\*WAC-Mobiles finished on 11/23/2019



MARAC WAC-3 Award #260 on 10/19/2020  
\*WAC-20m/CW finished on 8/15/2021  
MARAC USA-CW-II Award #42 on 2/7/2022

In January of 2016, I took over the job of being the custodian of the County Challenge Award (CCA) Top List. The prior CCA Top List custodians are W6RK (from 2006-2007) and ND9M (from 2008-2015). I have been doing this now for 6 full years and I have familiarized myself with enough Excel programming skills to significantly expand the CCA Top Lists and automate much of how these lists are manufactured each month. The CCA Top Lists now include separate listings of the top three place holders on each band in each mode group, as well as separate listings of those who have achieved the goal of working all 3077 counties on single bands in each mode group.

I also currently maintain the online WWFF KFF-County lookup page, where users can match counties with WWFF KFF-entities. On this list is a cross reference of the POTA K-entries for each KFF-entity as well. This lookup page is part of a much more complex KFF Reference List workbook that was originally created by KA2LHO and which I now maintain in the same fashion that I do for the CCA Top Lists. It also requires that I work closely with WWFF management in the USA so that new entities and required edits get to me on a timely basis.

At the 2018 annual MARAC convention in Kansas City, I agreed to begin doing some behind-the-scenes volunteer work for MARAC. My primary function is to maintain the managed email distribution list for the RoadRunner monthly newsletter, and I developed the current system that is being used to notify the BOD each month about current club membership statistics as well as which club members whose memberships will be expiring over the next month. This list maintenance has taken me into data entry and editing work of a more general nature in the online MARAC DB that is utilized by the MARAC Logger I and II programs to determine for which awards its users qualify. It also requires that I work closely with MARAC treasurer KØDEQ, election coordinator KF7ZN and IT director / Logger II programmer, K3IMC.

**Nomination of:****Bob Gedemer – KA9JAC for 2022 CHOTY – SSB****Nominated by:**

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N – North Central District Director

**Justification**

Bob is a long time MARAC member in good standing. He's Worked all Counties four times, Bingo twice, Worked all Counties on CW, as well as achieving Master Gold and Master Platinum. He's also run all counties in 10 States.

The MARAC Organization has many individuals who work behind the scenes to help keep things running smoothly. Bob is extremely talented in many aspects of county hunting, running software and operating computers.

Bob is *one of* MARAC's most valuable "behind-the-scenes" people who handles a variety of important tasks in the club. He assists with website duties and has also contributed to the online WWFF / POTA County lookup page so that those who chase parks can easily identify the counties in which they are located.

Bob is proficient at web management and has been known to repair the MARAC DB when others aren't available.

Although Bob hasn't been out on the road this past year, he's gone above and beyond to assist the club in everything it has asked of him. Running counties is important,

however, without the behind the scenes individuals, the club may not run like the well-oiled machine it is.

### **Biography**

No biography provided.

### **Nomination of:**

## **Donald Flynn – K3IMC for 2022 CHOTY – SSB**



### **Nominated by:**

Kerry Long, W4SIG – Southeast District Director

### **Justification**

Don has contributed so much to MARAC and the county hunting community, it is hard to know where to begin. Don has a nice station in western GA where he is chasing all counties for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. He also makes nice mobile trips each year to help us with our goals. Don did make a big mobile trip out west this year. Don has even worked mobile from all USA counties, only one of 18 county hunters to do so.

Most county hunters are familiar with his countyhunterweb.org site where we all use the Forum, list our needs, and post mobile trips. This site has been used by all of us for

over 30 years now. Don has also recently re-written the awards processing software to enable our awards program to flow smoothly. The biggest news in our hobby was his rollout of Logger II in 2021! Thousands of hours he has spent creating this county award tracking software with over 40,000 lines of code. Without this, we would be lost!

Don has helped each individual with their transition to the new program and is adding new features weekly.

Don's contributions are innumerable, and he is deserving of the 2022 SSB CHOTY Award.

### **Biography**

I first got my ham license in Baltimore, MD in 1957 when I was 15. My best friend and I were in Scouts together, and we decided to learn Morse code and apply for our license. It was a tough choice, but we finally made it. I received the call KN3IMC. I lost the "N" when I passed the General test, but I have never really changed it. My interest in radio affected by whole like. Because of it, I took electrical engineering in college. My first job in 1964 was with the Boeing Co. in Philadelphia where they made helicopters. They put me in the Engineering Lab doing vibrating testing of rotating things. What that's got to do with electrical engineering, I never understood. After two years, I transferred in their analysis department evaluation tactical uses of helicopters. PC did not exist then, and computers were not generally not available then to lowly engineers, but I did do a lot of hand calculations in my work. I slowly moved into actual programming as computers became available. By the early 80s, I had moved to the Washington DC area and was working for a radar company. Stealth technology was just beginning, and they had to develop a new type of radar to measure the radar signature of "invisible" objects. I was their director of signal processing using Z80 microprocessors programming at the machine code level. I realized that radio hardware was not my interest, but boy could I write fast, useful code. I finally moved into advanced data acquisition and processing systems for a variety of customers, mostly working as a private consultant making more money and working less. Great when you enjoy what you are doing. I retired in 2006 and move to a small town in west central Georgia. Since retirement, I continued to program for funny (???) and no money. I built a MIS for my county's Archives where they store 15,000 linear boxes of records (school record, marriage and divorce record, court cases, etc.). I automated their inventory system allowing far quicker retrieval, as well as the checking out and in of documents.

Ham radio has been a major part of my life. I was not always active, and there were times when I did not have an active station. In the late 70s, I was active in the big winter contests, and built my own kw amplifier. I heard about county hunting at about

that time. I got a copy of the CQ Magazine logbook, but I was too busy with life to spend that much time chasing counties. However, by the late 80s my station was large enough and I had enough free time to get really involved. Did I get hooked! It took me 4 years to get my USA-CA award. It took me 10 years to get 2<sup>nd</sup> Time, and nine more years for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Time. I still have 205 counties to go for the 4<sup>th</sup> Time, but I am still trying.

When I began county hunting in earnest in 1990, the internet was just beginning. I felt that it was a perfect media to give MARAC a national presence, so I developed my CountyHunterWeb. I did it really to teach me how to write web-based applications, but it has turned into an integral part of county hunting community. It is hard to believe that this website has been in existence for more than 30 years. It has changed over time, but the Forum has continued to provide a meeting place to discuss issues of interest to all county hunters. The Needs Page is often the source data for helping lay out the route of a mobile trip.

Yes, I still enjoy classic county hunting, but I really enjoy going mobile. Almost from my first mobile contact in my driveway, my goal was to transmit from all the counties. I enjoy driving and visiting historical sites. Going mobile is a good excuse for going out driving. It took me 27 years to transmit from all the counties, and I was the 18<sup>th</sup> county hunter to do it. You would think when I got finished, I would not enjoy it as much. But the thrill of stopping on county lines in NM and CO is still there, and I can't wait till I can do it again.

At the National Convention in Kansas City (2019), I met the awards secretary, AB7RW, Phil. I appreciated his role in our club, but I could not believe the amount of work and time it took him to do his job. The biggest problem was the software he was using was not user friendly, prone to errors, and time consuming to use. Over the next year working with Phil, I completely rewrote the software. What used to require hours each week to accomplish can now be done in 10 minutes. Phil and I have a good working relationship, and I think MARAC is better because Phil can maintain the awards program in a timely manner. It is the glue that hold MARAC together.

Keeping track of the counties you have worked toward each of the many awards MARAC sponsors is a critical part of county hunting. As a programmer, I realized this fact, and built my own logging and MIS for my own use not long after I really started county hunting. Gene Olig, KD9ZP, took the lead in developing the MARAC Logger for general use. As such, it was the tool used by many county hunters because Logger meant you could easily keep track of your progress toward the many MARAC sponsored awards (there are more than 70 of them now) You had an incentive to keep in county hunting chasing the ever-increasing number of awards. There was always

another award just ahead to get you interested. I think Logger is critical to MARAC. Unfortunately, KD9ZP used VB6, a language which was obsolete almost before he started using it. I used VB6 myself but moved away from it by 2000. By 2020, it was no longer supported, and few had the development environment to write it. Also, after 20 years, errors had surfaced in Logger causing it to fail on many computers. K8EMS, who was one of the few who had both the development environment and the skills to dig into Logger, was taking on the task of maintain Logger. He realized that Logger had to be rewritten and had begun to rewrite it. He gave a presentation at the Michigan Mini in 2020, and I offered to help him. We both decided that it should be rewritten in VB.Net because it seemed to have a long future. Unfortunately, he had some health issues and had to stop his contribution to the rewrite. The task far exceeded my original concept. Because of significant differences in syntax between VB.Net and VB6, I had to begin from scratch. However, KD9ZP's basic algorithms were generally first rate, and saved me a lot of effort. The second half of 2020 was spent developing the draft of Logger 2. Beta testing of this draft begin in late October 2020. General release of Logger 2 was begun in March 2021. To date, Logger has been installed on more the 70 computers, and has generally received with good success. Of course, error have been discovered, with added capabilities as well. There has been a total of 84 separate releases. The latest release included the State Map capability to display the needs for all the needs by county in a state, as well as the routes of all spotted mobile stations operating in the state. With more than 40,000 lines of executable code, I expect that the development of new capabilities and the fixing of discovered errors will continue for some time into the future.

**Nomination of:****Jerry Mertz – W0GXQ for 2022 CHOTY – CW****Nominated by:**

Janet Camron, KC5QCB – South Central District Director

Based on suggestion received from Al Kaiser – Northeast District Director

**Justification**

Jerry has made many mobile trips over the year to put counties out.

He also has assisted fixed stations from home with relays.

He has run 1400 Counties last year 125 alone.

He was best CW mobile Third Place in 2021

**Biography**

I got interested in county hunting in the late sixties while stationed in Michigan with the Air Force; and remained quite active until 1981. After retiring from my second career in 1998, I returned to county hunting (and my first mobile install). I earned All USA Counties First time in 2000 and am now working on USA-CW VIII, and currently at 3017.

The Covid pandemic didn't slow me down from taking mobile trips in 2020 or 2021. This past year I managed to complete six trips operating from 413 counties in eleven mostly Midwestern states. A total of 8,146 contacts (99% CW) were logged on these

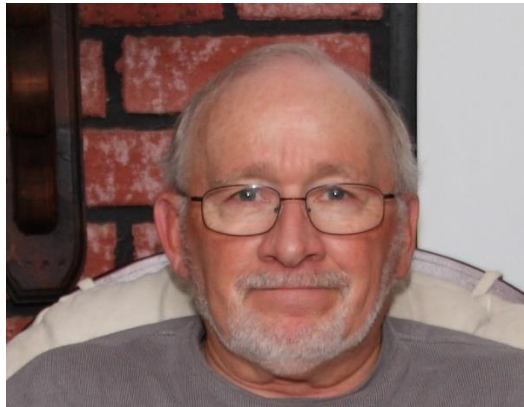
six trips with 96 last county notifications received. My LC total is now 1411, and more mobile trips scheduled for 2022.

Since 2017 I have resided in a HOA restricted condo which has curtailed a typical fixed station. Being a CW net control was always a joy for me, but it has proven difficult while operating remote stations.

The past seventy years in this hobby has been full of great memories for me, and I've found that county hunting holds the best of them.

### Nomination of:

## **Mike Nickolaus – NF0N for 2022 CHOTY – CW**



### Nominated by:

Mike Nickolaus, NF0N – North Central District Director

Based on suggestion received from Kerry Long, W4SIG – Southeast District Director

### Justification

Mike is a long-standing member of the county hunting community and MARAC having earned USA-CA #53 back in 1971. Mike has been very involved in county hunting with mobile activity and serving his fellow county hunters with mobile assistance when needed. Mike has also been the North Central Director of MARAC for many years. In addition to this, Mike has volunteered to be the club's liaison to the IT team for coordination of efforts to make our hobby run smoothly. In addition to participating in



MARAC Nationals and Mini conventions, Mike coordinated the MARAC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary display and served as speaker during the Kansas City convention. Also, Mike has been a critical piece in assisting the club handle and transfer Historian duties and materials during the last few changes of the Historian position.

During 2021, in addition to his MARAC duties, he has been active in running many counties mobile on multiple bands. Mike often spots himself when on the road. Also, Mike is a frequent spotter of other mobiles and has helped many with relays during other mobiles' runs. His station setup is FB with a great signal on all bands 15-80 meters. Mike has continued assisting the new Historian with logging and organizing a plethora of historical documents and articles. With the implementation of Logger II, he has served us all well serving as IT liaison for our club. His activities and service to all county hunters is much appreciated!

### **Biography**

First licensed in 1964 as WN0KGD, then NF0N in 1984. Achieved USA-CA #53 in 1971 and 30 years later started County Hunting again and have now completed 5<sup>th</sup> time, Bingo III, CW II, 5 Star, Master Gold, Master Platinum, Digital and nearly completed Mobile Diamond. Member of ARRL, QCWA, ISSB, OM, 10-X, ARCI, A1-Op, Cwops and MARAC R-1541.

Attend the Dayton Hamvention each year as the Forum Moderator for Bicycle Mobile Hams of America. Have been Chairman of the 3900 Club Hamboree 5 years and attend many Hamfests and Conventions. Assistant Director Midwest Division, Section Traffic manager for Nebraska and hold a number of ARRL appointments. Have been active for 50 years and hold DXCC, 5BWAS, WPX and numerous awards for QSO parties, contests and others. Contesting also provides many counties.

Married 54 years, 3 children, 4 grand children and 7 great grand children. Retired from the IBM Corporation and Tyson Foods, now drive School Bus part time to provide for new Ham toys, bicycles and County Hunting trips.

Although I enjoy all of my Ham Radio activities, County Hunting provides the most enjoyment with numerous mobile trips, conventions and mini's providing the opportunity to meet other County Hunters. I attended the first three County Conventions in 1969-1971 and three of the last four recent events.

I helped establish the Independent County Hunters Net in its early days and attended initial meetings for the beginnings of MARAC.

# Home and Mobile Shacks

This month featuring some Pics from the Michigan Mini



**K8ZZ/M**



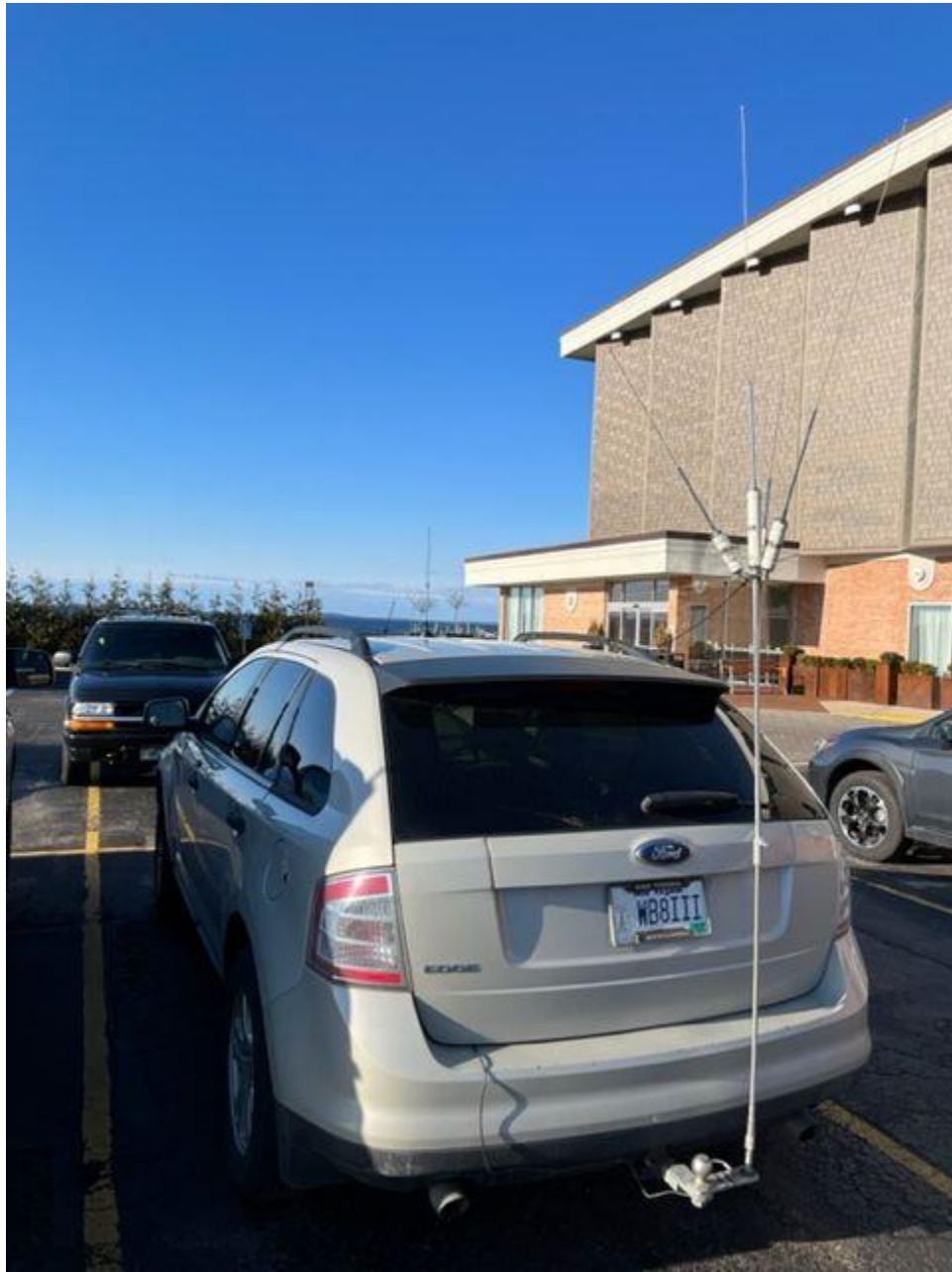
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W4SIG/M



WB8III/M

# MARAC Secretary Opening

By Kerry W4SIG

## OPENING! SECRETARY FOR MARAC NEEDED

Our club has been fortunate to have Randy, K7TQ, serve as our Secretary for the last year. He has done an excellent and professional job for MARAC. He now has a need to step down, so we need someone to move in and fill his shoes. Training will be provided ☺

### MARAC SECRETARY DUTIES:

- Is Elected by MARAC membership for a term of 2 years. Can volunteer to serve subsequent terms
  - Notifies Board members of date, time, and location of upcoming Board of Director meetings, along with proposed Agenda
  - Notifies MARAC webmaster prior to an official Board meeting so that notice can be created at least 7 days prior to a meeting
  - Notifies Board members of date and time of conference calls needed for discussing club business
  - Creates, from Board input, a meeting Agenda
  - Attends and participates in Board conference calls and official BOD meetings. Votes on motions made. Conference calls are usually monthly, official Board meetings are roughly 4 per year.
  - Takes the minutes during a Board of Directors Meeting
  - After each meeting, distributes a draft of the minutes for Board members to review. A final copy of these minutes should be attached to the agenda of the next Board meeting so that they can be voted upon for final approval. These minutes are then sent to the MARAC webmaster for posting on the marac.org website
  - Keeps a list of topics for Board discussion at each monthly conference call.
  - Either runs each meeting, or assigns another Board member to run it for him/her.
  - Gathers required reports from MARAC positions needed to create the Annual Report each July meeting. Distributes this annual report to the Board for approval. Then sends a copy to the webmaster for publishing on the MARAC website
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# MARAC General Counsel Opening

By Bill, K0DEQ

**OPENING! GENERAL COUNSEL FOR MARAC NEEDED**

MARAC GENERAL COUNSEL DUTIES:

The general counsel for MARAC is responsible for providing legal advice to the officers, directors and other officials of MARAC concerning the business and activities of the corporation.

This includes reviewing proposed contracts with the venue at which a MARAC meeting is to be held, as well as giving advice concerning communications received by MARAC relating to possible legal issues.

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# MARAC Publicity & Advertising Coordinator Opening

By Kerry W4SIG

**VOLUNTEER OPENING! MARAC PUBLICITY & ADVERTISING  
COORDINATOR NEEDED**

A new position has officially been created by the MARAC Board. Might YOU be interested in volunteering for this new position? The intent is to promote county hunting and MARAC to increase involvement and membership.

MARAC Publicity & Advertising Coordinator duties:

- Advertise and promote MARAC and County Hunting to the Ham Radio community.
- Design posters, palm cards, and other promotional materials.



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- Oversee the creation of promotional materials for shows, magazines and clubs.
  - Actively promote County Hunting and MARAC on Social media as appropriate.
  - Recruit new County Hunters from those who are active on State QSO Parties.

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# MARAC Contest Manager Opening

By Kerry W4SIG

## VOLUNTEER OPENING: MARAC CONTEST MANAGER NEEDED

Folks, it has been a few years since we have had a MARAC sponsored contest. For many years we had significant participation around the country with many new county hunters joining in. However, for various reasons, this contest has been a no-go for awhile. We would like to get it rolling again! We need a volunteer to chair the contest...could this be YOU??? Here are the requirements for the MARAC Contest Chairman position:

### MARAC Contest Manager Duties:

- Shall be appointed by the MARAC Board
  - Shall spearhead MARAC sponsored contests, usually yearly
  - Shall create the rules for MARAC sponsored contests
  - Shall publicize in advance any upcoming MARAC sponsored contest in whichever means determined to be effective
  - Shall receive and calculate scores from submitted logs and announce winners
  - Shall mail results to everyone who submitted a log
  - Shall communicate to Awards Secretary the award recipients in order to have the awards created and mailed
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# 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 CW MOBILES

**AK:** 2<sup>ND</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>

**HI:** Hawaii

### **W4SIG/WBOW** W PREFIX

**AK:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, **HI:** Kauai, **NH:** Coos, Sullivan, **NJ:** Hudson

### **W4SIG/WBOW** 1X3 CALLSIGNS

**AK:** 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>

### **W4SIG/WBOW** 1X2 CALLSIGNS

**ME:** Aroostook, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, **MA:** Dukes

### **W4SIG/WBOW** ALL CW 3<sup>RD</sup> TIME

**HI:** Kalawao

### **W4SIG/WBOW** BINGO III

**HI:** Kalawao

### **W4SIG-** WBOW 40M Using CW Only

**NJ:** Ocean, **ND:** Griggs, McIntosh, **OR:** Crook, Curry, Grant, Wheeler, **TX:** Borden, **WA:** Kittitas

### **W4SIG** – WBOW 20M Using SSB Only

**KS:** Leavenworth, **KY:** Russell **PA:** Lehigh, **VA:** Cumberland, Nottoway

### **W4SIG/** WBOW 5<sup>th</sup> Time

**HI:** Kalawao, **NY:** Schuyler, Wayne

### **N4RS** – WBOW 40m Using CW Only

**AK:** 2<sup>nd</sup> District

### **KC3X** – WBOW 40 Meters

**MT:** Daniels, Pondera, Prairie, **OR:** Sherman

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Time

**HI:** Kalawao

**K4YT** – WBOW 1x2 Calls

**MS:** Jefferson

**K4YT** – WBOW Mobile to Mobile

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

**K4YT** – WBOW A Prefix

**MS:**IssaquenaSharkey **TN:**Perry. **VA:**Craig

**K0MAF**- WBOW USACA 1<sup>st</sup> Time

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

**NF0N**—WBOW N Prefix

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

**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

**WA3QNT**—WBOW MASTERS GOLD

**AK:** 2nd Dist **PA:** Bucks **NY:** New York, Yates

**NU0Q** – WBOW MASTER GOLD

**AK:** 4<sup>TH</sup> District

**NU0Q**/WBOW MASTER PLATINUM

**NJ:** Hunterdon, **OH:** Darke, **PA:** Cameron, Dauphin, Lebanon, Potter

**NU0Q-** WBOW K PREFIX

**GA:** Newton, White, **MN:** Norman, **NC:** Burke, **NE:** Antelope, Howard, **NY:** Essex, **WV:** Monroe

**K4CGY-** WBOW USACA

**GA:** Quitman, **ME:** Franklin, **MN:** Lake of the Woods

**W9DC-** WBOW MASTERS GOLD

**AL:** Bibb, **AK:** 3<sup>rd</sup> District, **TX:** Swisher

**W9DC-** WBOW 5 STAR

**AL:** Bibb, **NC:** Gaston, **TN:** Hamblen, **VA:** Buchanan

**W9DC** – WBOW 5<sup>th</sup> TIME

**HI:** Kalawao, **LA:** La Salle, Union

**NS2N** – WBOW 6<sup>TH</sup> Time

**GA:** Crawford, **MT:** Lincoln, **TN:** Warren

**NS2N** – WBOW 20 Meters

**IN** Delaware, Marshall, **KY** Kenton, Woodford, **OH** Shelby, **PA** Wayne

**W6OAT** – WBOW First Time USA-CA

**NY:** Lewis, **LA:** Avoyelles, **MI:** Alcona

**N1API** – WBOW 5<sup>TH</sup> Time

**NH:** Belknap, **PA:** Juniata, Montour, **WV:** Wyoming

**N2IGW** – WBOW First Time USA-CA

**HI:** Kalawao

**W8BZY**—WBOW CW

**IN:** Vermillion, **KY:** Boyd, Lewis, Owen, **LA:** Caldwell, Richland, **MT:** Broadwater, **SC:** Marion

Remember to keep me updated as you scratch off any of these that you need. I want to keep this list up-to-date. Many have completed their awards from this column as mobiles are aware of the few you may have to finish them up. Always glad to add YOUR needs to this column!

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# Awards Committee

Ron-N5MLP

## Nominations for County Hunter of the Year

There are three nominations for the SSB category and two nominations for the CW category. All of the justification and biographical information submitted for those nominees are published elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter. The Election Coordinator will hold an electronic election for these categories along with other annual award voting for the last quarter in June. Please read the documentation on each candidate in this issue of the RoadRunner before voting on a winner.

## Awards Issued March 25, 2022 through April 24, 2022

Awards Issued:				
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Level	Cert. No.
KE3VV	3/20/2022	Call Combo - 1x3		24
W8TZA	3/24/2022	USA - CW		164
W4YDY	3/30/2022	USA - CW II		43
<b>Legend of Abbreviations:</b>				
RAS* = Ran All State				
WAC* = Worked All USA Counties				

Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	L C Count:	Cert. No.
W4SIG	3/1/2022	800	21
W0GXQ	3/9/2022	1,425	3
K0DEQ	3/29/2022	200	129
N6PDB	4/6/2022	250	98
K8ZZ	4/15/2022	1,225	8
AB7NK	4/16/2022	1,125	9
K8ZZ	4/17/2022	1,250	7
W0GXQ	4/17/2022	1,450	3
KB6UF	4/19/2022	1,875	2

## MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, MARAC Awards Manager

# MARAC Treasurer's Report

## Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

MAR 20 Through APR 19, 2022

Beginning Account Balance \$18,622.12

Income:

Savings Account Interest \$

Awards Income 3.00

Misc Income

Membership Income 96.70

Logger Distribution Income 20.00

Donation

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Total Income \$ 119.70

Expenses:

Awards Expenses \$ 27.55

Misc. Expenses NOTE 1 434.20

Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)

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Total expenses \$461.75

Net Income Less Expenses (\$342.05)

Cash Balance \$18,280.07

Checking Account Balance \$ 2,243.84

Savings Account Balance \_16,036.23

Total all accounts \$18,280.07

NOTE 1- Annual Fee to Simply Voting

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6,335.50, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$11,944.57



**Bill KODEQ- MARAC Treasurer**

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# Silent Keys

By Kerry W4SIG

It is with sadness and respect that we note the passing of fellow county hunters. Prayers go out to their friends and family...

**KD6HWD- Tom Risher**

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## 2022 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

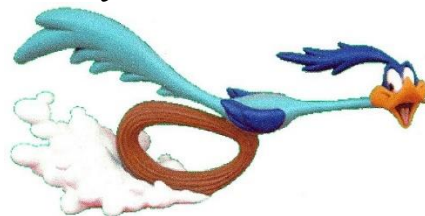
### May

Arizona	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Idaho	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Montana	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Nevada	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Oregon	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Utah	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Washington	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Wyoming	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 7 to 0700Z, May 8, 2022
Indiana	<a href="#">±</a> Indiana QSO Party	1500Z, May 7 to 0300Z, May 8, 2022
Delaware	<a href="#">±</a> Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, May 7 to 2359Z, May 8, 2022
Connecticut	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8, 2022 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8, 2022
Maine	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8, 2022 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8, 2022
Massachusetts	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8, 2022 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8, 2022
New Hampshire	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8, 2022 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8, 2022
Rhode Island	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8, 2022 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8, 2022
Vermont	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 7 to 0500Z, May 8, 2022 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 8, 2022

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## *The County Line ROADRUNNER*



*“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”*

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25<sup>th</sup>!

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