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Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry W4SIG, MARAC Southeast Division Director

Summer is here! Hopefully solar conditions will improve so that we can snag some more counties in the next few months. Thanks to all those mobiles who just recently got home from long trips. Looks like some more nice ones are planned for the road in June, according to the Planned Trips section of countyhunterweb.org.

The Dayton Hamvention was back in action in May after a two-year absence due to the pandemic. MARAC, once again, hosted a booth. Thanks go out to Lowell and Sandra, **KB0BA/N0XYL** for setting up and running the booth this year. Reports are that quite a few county hunters stopped by including: **AC9GK, KJ8F, N4CD, KE4UP, W8JJ, NA8W, NF0N, KA9JAC, KB9YVT, WB8III, K8TW, K8KIW, KS4BO, KISO, KA4RRU and KM4FO**. We apologize if any others were left off. Weather was typical with hot days and a traditional thunder shower on Saturday!

Many of you have been keeping up with the latest on Logger II development. Don, **K3IMC**, has been working hard on adding new tools and features for us all. However, a big problem has now arisen. It all started with something as simple as varying formats

for dates. Logger was written with the MM/DD/YYYY format and has been running smoothly. In an effort to make Logger accept other formats, such as military formats, Don has encountered a big problem. One which only he can understand. Don is working hard on trying to fix this issue. We ask that everyone be patient as, according to Don, he tries to recode a lot of Logger from the

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ground up. Until then, please hold off on asking him to add new features. Don has been trying to accommodate everyone, but in doing so has created a lot of extra work for himself. We are sure he will fight through this, but we need to be understanding and patient until he does.

Everyone please check out Donna, **AG6V**'s, article on the MARAC National in October. It's time to get registered and make your plans for Bozeman, MT. Maybe the Duttons will be there? Hi! Also, review the Awards article on the nominees for County Hunter of the Year. We have lots of great candidates this year and voting is coming up soon.

Thanks to Paige, W0FLZ, for volunteering to do double-duty! In addition to being the Pacific Division Director, she has offered to take on the role of Publicity and Advertising for MARAC! She has plans to publicize a county hunting Facebook page and has other ideas she is working on. Thanks so much for volunteering to take on this critical role in our club! The Board will soon be voting to make this official. We look forward to great things!

73!

Kerry W4SIG



W4SIG

2022 MARAC National Convention

**MARAC National Convention
May 2022 Update**

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

A fine time was had at the Michigan Mini late April – thanks to Ed and Dorie. Let's continue the fun gathering at the National! A number of registrations came from people at the Michigan Mini. See the website for the current list of registrants for the National Convention.



Registration forms available from <http://ag6v.com/MARAC/register.html> and also <http://marac.org/> home page. *Special gift for people who get their form and payment to me by July 4th.*

Not wanting to chance any supply chain shortages, the two main prizes were ordered and are now in my possession: a Yaesu FT-891 and a Dell Inspiron 3511 laptop.

A confirmed speaker is Brian Bird, NX0X, who administers the CQ Magazine USA-Counties Award program.

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

The hotel will honor the discounted rate for nights before and after those dates, subject to availability.

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, and give them the dates. (Front desk staff turnover may affect their knowledge of the convention rate.)



Submitted by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V.

Please direct all questions and comments to [ag6v at arrl dot net](mailto:ag6v@arrl.net) or use the [contact form](#) on the convention website.

Photo of the AG6V mobile setup, on the road. This was in Montana, when we were scouting for the convention location. Yes, the highways go FOREVER – it took us days to drive around Montana.

Upcoming Elections for 4th 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 4th 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 2nd Time, and nine more years for the 3rd Time. I still have 205 counties to go for the 4th Time, but I am still trying.

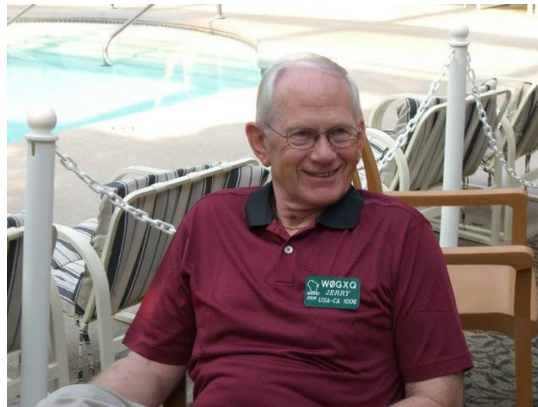
When I began county hunting in earnest in 1990, the internet was just beginning. I felt that it was a perfect media to give MARAC a national presence, so I developed my CountyHunterWeb. I did it really to teach me how to write web-based applications, but it has turned into an integral part of county 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 18th 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.

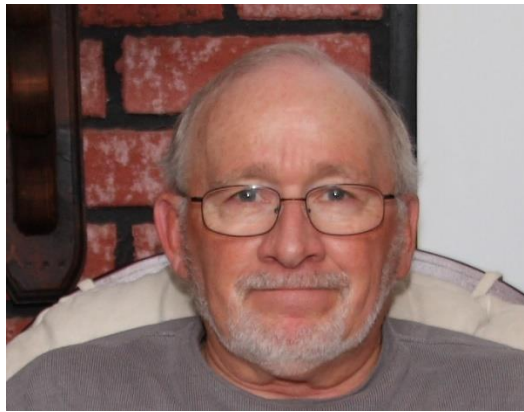
The Covid pandemic didn't slow me down from taking mobile trips in 2020 or 2021. This past year I managed to complete six trips operating from 413 counties in eleven mostly Midwestern states. A total of 8,146 contacts (99% CW) were logged on these six trips with 96 last county notifications received. 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 50th 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 5th 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 FB operators!



Alan-K8CW, Don-K8MFO, Ed-K8ZZ

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.

MARAC Publicity & Advertising Coordinator Opening

By Kerry W4SIG

**VOLUNTEER OPENING! MARAC PUBLICITY & ADVERTISING
COORDINATOR NEEDED- (Note W0FLZ has volunteered!)**

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.

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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Welcome New Members

Kerry-W4SIG

Please join me in welcoming new MARAC members!

NZ6T- Chris Bateson, Botetourt County, VA, MARAC#-4834

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 that 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: 2ND, 4TH

HI: Hawaii

W4SIG/WBOW W PREFIX

AK: 1st, 2nd, **HI:** Kauai, **NJ:** Hudson

W4SIG/WBOW 1X3 CALLSIGNS

AK: 2ND, 3RD, 4TH

W4SIG/WBOW 1X2 CALLSIGNS

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

W4SIG/WBOW ALL CW 3RD TIME

HI: Kalawao

W4SIG/WBOW BINGO III

HI: Kalawao

W4SIG- WBOW 40M Using CW Only

NJ: Ocean, **ND:** Griggs, Mcltosh, **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 5th Time

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

N4RS – WBOW 40m Using CW Only

AK: 2nd District

KC3X – WBOW 40 Meters

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

N5MLP – WBOW A Prefix

LA: Grant, Vermillion, Vernon, **MS:** Issaquena, **TN:** Hardeman, Houston, Marshall, **VA:** Mathews, **WA:** Garfield

N5MLP—WBOW Bingo IV

AK: Fourth, **HI:** Kalawao, **WA:** Columbia, Garfield

N5MLP—WBOW Mobile Diamond

HI: Kalawao, **ID:** Bonner, **MA:** Franklin, **OR:** Tillamook, **WA:** Columbia, Garfield, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish

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

MS: Jefferson

K4YT – WBOW Mobile to Mobile

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

K4YT – WBOW A Prefix

MS-Issaquena, Sharkey **TN**-Perry, **VA**-Craig

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 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:** 4TH 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:** 3rd District, **TX:** Swisher**W9DC**- WBOW 5 STAR**AL:** Bibb, **VA:** Buchanan**W9DC** – WBOW 5th TIME**HI:** Kalawao**W9DC** – WBOW K Prefix**NE:** Arthur, Webster, **SD:** Haakon, **WV:** Tyler, **WY:** Converse**NS2N** – WBOW 6TH 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, **MI:** Alcona**N1API** – WBOW 5TH 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!

Awards Committee

Ron-N5MLP

Voting for County Hunter of the Year in June

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 was published in the May edition of the newsletter and again in this edition. The Election Coordinator will hold an electronic election for these categories along with other annual award voting for the last quarter during June. Please read the documentation on each candidate in the *RoadRunner* before voting on a winner.

Awards Issued April 25, 2022 through May 24, 2022:

Awards Issued:				
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Level	Cert. No.
K7REL	8/13/2004	USA-Single Band 20m	3,077	35
NN9K	5/13/2015	WAC ⁺ - QRP	3,077	1
WQ7A	5/6/2021	YL Mobile	3,000	4
W4SIG	3/2/2022	RAS ⁺ - UT		30
K0DEQ	3/30/2022	RAS ⁺ - IL		36
W4SIG	4/19/2022	RAS ⁺ - IL		37
W4SIG	4/20/2022	RAS ⁺ - MI		39
WQ7A	4/24/2022	YL-OM Team	3,000	2
N8OYY	4/25/2022	USA-Single Band 20m		34
W0GXQ	4/28/2022	Five Band	2,000	3
W0GXQ	4/29/2022	County Challenge	20,000	3
K8ZZ	5/12/2022	County Challenge	22,000	2
WB8II	5/13/2022	RAS ⁺ - PA		28
OM2VL	5/13/2022	Native American Counties		64

Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	L C Count:	Cert. No.
NF0N	4/19/2022	400	54
N8OYY	4/20/2022	300	78
W4SIG	4/21/2022	825	19
W0GXQ	4/27/2022	1,475	3
K5GE	4/28/2022	675	27
K8ZZ	4/29/2022	1,275	6
WY0A	5/3/2022	125	202
N5MLP	5/9/2022	225	110
W4SIG	5/19/2022	850	18
Legend of Abbreviations:			
RAS ⁺ = Ran All State			
WAC ⁺ = Worked All USA Counties			

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, MARAC Awards Manager

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

APR 20 Through MAY 19, 2022

Beginning Account Balance \$18,280.07

Income:

Savings Account Interest \$ 6.00

Awards Income

Misc Income

Membership Income 118.15

Logger Distribution Income

Donation

Total Income \$124.15

Expenses:

Awards Expenses \$ 97.77

Misc. Expenses NOTE 1 40.00

Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)

Total expenses \$137.77

Net Income Less Expenses (\$13.62)

Cash Balance		\$18,266.45
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,224.22	
Savings Account Balance	_16,042.23	
Total all accounts		\$18,266.45

NOTE 1- Annual corporate registration fee

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6414, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$11,852.45



Bill KODEQ- MARAC Treasurer

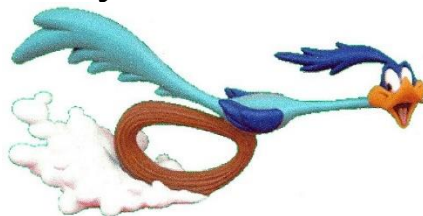
2022 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

JUNE

Kentucky	± Kentucky QSO Party	1300Z, June 4 to 0100Z, Jun 5, 2022
West Virginia	± West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 18 to 0400Z, Jun 19, 2022

The County Line ROADRUNNER



“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

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