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Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry W4SIG, MARAC Southeast Division Director

Happy Birthday America! As this warm July issue of the *RoadRunner* hits the stands, the ole weather poem comes to mind:

*Winter has come, and Autumn has fell,
Spring has sprung, and now it's hotter than.....usual !!*

(Author unknown)

June was a very busy month with lots of mobile activity from the likes of **AI5P**, **N8MD**, **KB3WAV**, **K6YEK**, **N4TY**, **W0GXQ**, **K8ZZ**, **K2HVN**, **WB8III**, **K3IMC**, **K1YAG**, **KA3QLF**, **W8OP**, **KA2LHO**, **KA4RRU**. And how about those long trips from **N8OYY** and **WY0A**? If you wanted to fill some band slots and work counties from early AM til late in the night, Jim and Butch sure were the ticket as they kept us hopping on their long trips! Special thanks to new mobile **W5VS** for his efforts (and more to come) in Virginia. Also welcome to **W9LXI**, dad of **WY0A**, who not only got a trip with Butch to a

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Braves game but also got to ride tag team and run some team counties! I remember doing the same with my dad, **W4MRD**, years ago. How fun!!

The lower bands have been open many days, so don't neglect to follow along with the mobiles as they fire up 17-10 meters. Many thanks to those who assisted with relays and county posting this and every

month. Those spots are key to a successful mobile run, especially when the mobile has no way to spot themselves.

The anticipation is almost over. Please check out the Awards Committee column for news on the yearly mobile awards, mobile assist awards, and CHOTY. Congratulations to all the deserving county hunters who were on the ballot!

If you haven't had a chance to firm up your plans for the 2022 MARAC National in Bozeman, MT now is the time! Rumor has it that even the Dutton family may make an appearance! Check out **AG6V** Donna's article below.

Many thanks to Paige, **W0FLZ**, who in addition to being your Pacific Division Director has volunteered and been appointed to MARAC Publicity and Advertising Coordinator! We all look forward to not only hearing about, but also assisting Paige in her efforts to spread the word of County Hunting and MARAC membership. Thanks again, Paige! Now about those other MARAC position openings....check out the details below as we sure could use your help. Contact a Board member for any questions and signing up.

May your July log be filled with many new counties and county band/mode slots. Be safe on the road!

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.

Rock Solid MARAC Support

This month featuring KB0BA and N0XYL

Well, you can't argue the fact that long-time county hunters Lowell and Sandra aren't "in the game til the end"! In preparation for the future, they have cemented their love for all things county hunting. We pray we will have you around for a long time to come, but when the time comes, all is ready. Lowell and Sandra have been a big help in promoting county hunting and MARAC for years, especially at the Hamvention each year in Dayton.



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, KODEQ

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 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

Awards Committee

By Ron, N5MLP

Voting for Fourth Quarter and CHOTY Awards Completed

An electronic ballot was sent to all current members during the month of June, 2022 to vote on the fourth quarter of activity (March through May) as well as the nominees for the County Hunter of the Year – SSB and CW awards. The deadline for voting on the ballot ended on June 24th. The winners will be determined by the Election Coordinator and will be announced during the annual meeting of the club in July. The winners will also be published in next month's edition of the RoadRunner.

The Awards Committee appreciates all of the nominations that were made this year for CHOTY – SSB and CW as well as the participation of the membership in voting on each of the quarterly electronic ballots for the other annual awards including Mobile of the Year – SSB and CW, Mobile Assist of the Year – SSB and CW, and Mobile Team of the Year.

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

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: 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, 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 5th Time

HI: Kalawao

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, **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!

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

MAY 20 Through JUN 19, 2022

Beginning Account Balance		\$18,266.45
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income		
Misc Income		
Membership Income		146.79
Logger Distribution Income		18.93
Donation		
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Total Income		\$165.72
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$	98.62
Misc. Expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
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Total expenses		\$ 98.62

Net Income Less Expenses \$ 67.10

Cash Balance \$18,333.55

Checking Account Balance \$ 2,291.32

Savings Account Balance _16,042.23

Total all accounts \$18,333.55

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 \$11,919.55



Bill KODEQ- MARAC Treasurer

2022 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

JULY

None, but 4 new ones will be in August

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Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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