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Thoughts from the Board

By Paige WOFLZ, MARAC Pacific Division Director

Most of you know me as the Pacific Region Director, well I have also volunteered to take on the role as the Publicity and advertising Coordinator, up until recently known as the Information Coordinator. I feel the new name is more appropriate for the position. In this role I intend to get us some wider visibility of our group and what we are about in hopes of attracting some new members. I have some ideas on how to accomplish this but I am always open to ideas from the membership.

Some of the highlights of my thoughts on this include getting us on social media like Facebook and Twitter. I am also looking at and reaching out to the mobiles running in state QSO party's and other contests. Locally, there are many ham groups that do regular eyeball get together nets and have started in-person meetings. At these, I make sure to bring a MARAC and County Hunting information sheet and I would encourage all of you to do the same at your local ham events.

And the ideas go on... I am scheduled during the National to spend a few

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minutes talking about the ideas and the progress made. I hope to see you all there and talk with you about my progress getting the word out about the fun and excitement of "County Hunting" and the associated award chasing.

On an operational note, conditions are improving rapidly, I regularly have the rig on during my drive to work in the mornings although it only a short 45-

minute drive. I regularly here mobiles and portable stations on the air. Usually the best propagation for me is to the Southwestern states but occasionally the bands open E-W for me. I even enjoyed a QSO with a JA on my drive in one recent morning. Although still high, gas is starting to come down so I hope to hear you all on the road soon.

As you will see later in this issue, the MARAC Annual award winners as well as the MARAC CHOTY winners have been determined! Congratulations to these fine operators who help us all chase our awards!

73, W0FLZ Paige Butler



Paige, WOFLZ, MARAC Pacific Division Director

2022 MARAC National Convention

MARAC National Convention late July 2022 Update

http://ag6v.com/MARAC/

The National Convention is coming together! Registered to as of 24-July (alphabetical by call sign):

☐ AB7NK Mary and	☐ N7PIB San
K7SEN Neil	Sonoma Co., CA
Yavapai Co., AZ	□ N8HAM Jim
☐ AC0B Cliff and Kathy	Oakland Co., MI
St. Louis Co., MN	□ N8WTQ Dorie
☐ AG6V Donna and	Midland Co., MI
AG6OW Linda	□ NF0N Mike and Dianne
Island Co., WA	Dakota Co., NE
☐ K3IMC Don and	□ NX0X Brian and
KJ4NIT Jean	KB0MHH Shari
Troup Co., GA	St. Louis Co., MN
☐ KJ8F Sharon	□ W0FLZ Paige and
Allen Co., OH	Cherylanne
□ N0XYL Sandra and	Snohomish Co., WA
KB0BA Lowell	□ W0GXQ Jerry
Scott Co., IA	Jefferson Co., CO
☐ N4CD Bob	☐ W8OP Alan
Collin Co.,, TX	Marion Co., WV
☐ N5MLP Ron and Evelyn	□ WB8III Steven
Montgomery Co., TX	Marion Co., WV

Registration forms available from http://ag6v.com/MARAC/register.html and also the http://marac.org/ home page. Come join us!



The two main prizes: a Yaesu FT-891 and a Dell Inspiron 3511 laptop.

Confirmed speakers:

- Brian Bird, NX0X, who administers the CQ Magazine USA-Counties Award program.
- Paige Butler, W0FLZ, MARAC Publicity and Advertising Coordinator
- Don Flynn K3IMC "Logger II"

Also scheduled: no-host tour of the <u>American Computer & Robotics Museum!</u> Meet at noon at 2023 Stadium Drive Suite 1-A, Bozeman, MT. \$5 for age 65+

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 <u>ag6v at arrl</u> dot net or use the <u>contact form</u> on the convention website.

Photo of the AG6V home station in the winter. I'm channeling COOL weather right now, in this heat wave. (It is getting up to 80 degrees here, and that is HOT for us.

Awards Committee

By Ron, N5MLP

Annual Award Winners for 2022:

The Annual Awards Winners were determined by votes cast after each of the four quarterly activity periods for the calendar period June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The winners were recently announced during the MARAC Annual Meeting held by telephone conference on July 11, 2022 and were also posted on the K3IMC forum page. Congratulations to all! They are as follows:

2022 Annual Awards Announced at Annual Meeting on 7/11/2022

2022 MARAC Annual Mobile and Mobile Assist Award Winners			
Award Title	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Mobile of the Year - SSB	WY0A	W4SIG	N80YY
Wiobile of the Teal - 33B	Rory (Butch) Porter	Kerry Long	Edward Messenger
Mobile of the Year - CW	K8ZZ	W4SIG	W0GXQ
	Ed Eklin	Kerry Long	Jerry Mertz
Mobile Team of the Year	AB7NK/K7SEN	KA9JAC/KB9YVT	AB4WL/NN4JM
	Mary and Neil Vince	Bob Gedemer and Ann Heimann	Ken and Jennifer Moore
Mobile Assist of the Year - SSB	WY0A	KODEQ	K8EMS
	Rory (Butch) Porter	Bill Morgan	Mike Delke
Mobile Assist of the Year - CW	KODEQ	K8MFO	КСЗХ
	Bill Morgan	Donald Karvonen	Hollis Thigpen

County Hunter of the Year Award Winners for 2022:

The County Hunter of the Year Winners for SSB and CW were determined by electronic votes cast during the month of June, 2022 for activity during the calendar period February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022. The nominees has been selected by the normal nomination process which occurred during February through April of 2022. The winners were recently announced during the MARAC Annual Meeting held by telephone conference on July 11, 2022 and were also posted on the K3IMC forum page. Congratulations to these winners! They are as follows:

(see table on next page)

2022 CHOTY Award Winners

2022 MARAC County Hunter of the Year (CHOTY) Award Winners			
Award Title	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
CHOTY - SSB	КЗІМС	KA9JAC	K2MF
	Donald Flynn	Bob Gedemer	Barry Siegfried
CHOTY - CW	W0GXQ	NFON	N/A*
	Jerry Mertz	Mike Nickolaus	IV/A

^{*} There were only two nominations for the CW category.

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

Awards Issued:				
Call	Date of Last	Award	Level	Cert.
	Contact			No.
K5GE	6/13/2022	County Challenge	24,000	1
N8OYY	6/18/2022	RAS* - ME		39
N1API	6/20/2022	County Challenge	12,000	5
K8ZZ	6/23/2022	Mobile to Mobile	3,077	24
K8ZZ	6/24/2022	RAS* - ID		36
W0GXQ	6/24/2022	RAS* - ID		37
K8ZZ	6/25/2022	RAS* - WY		29
K8ZZ	6/26/2022	RAS* - UT		31

Roadrunner Awards Issued:				
Call	Date of Last L C		Cert.	
	Contact	Count:	No.	
WY0A	6/20/2022	150	179	
K8ZZ	6/22/2022	1,300	6	
W0GXQ	6/25/2022	1,500	3	
K8ZZ	6/25/2022	1,325	5	
Legend of A	Legend of Abbreviations:			
RAS* = Ran All State				
WAC* = Worked All USA Counties				

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP - Ron Clift, MARAC Awards Manager

MARAC Officer Nominations

Nominations are being solicited for the MARAC Officer positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for any of these positions and qualify, please contact the MARAC Election Coordinator. The nomination period will be open for 60 days. An election will be held after the nomination period ends. Descriptions of these positions can be found in the By-Laws. Also, they can be generalized as follows:

MARAC President Responsibilities

 Is Elected by MARAC membership for a term of 2 years. Can volunteer to serve subsequent terms

Attends and participates in official Board meetings via conference call. These
meetings are held when needed, usually about 4 per year. During these
meetings may make motions on orders of business. Votes only to break a tie.
This includes the MARAC annual Board meeting usually held during the National
Convention.

- The President shall perform all duties incident to the office of chief executive officer, chair all meetings and other duties prescribed by the Board of Directors, or assign some other Board member to chair meetings
- The President may sign and execute documents in the name of the corporation deeds, except as otherwise provided by the express direction of the Board of Directors.
- Provides leadership for the MARAC organization to make sure things run smoothly

MARAC Vice President Responsibilities

- Is Elected by MARAC membership for a term of 2 years. Can volunteer to serve subsequent terms
- When the President is absent or incapacitated, or at the request of the President, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President and shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.
- The Vice President shall also perform other duties prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President
- Attends and participates in official Board meetings via conference call. These
 meetings are held when needed, usually about 4 per year. During these
 meetings make motions and vote on orders of business. This includes the
 MARAC annual Board meeting usually held during the National Convention.

MARAC Secretary Responsibilities

- 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

MARAC Treasurer Responsibilities

- Establish, with approval by the Board of Directors, checking and savings accounts in the name of MARAC at a banking institution convenient to the Treasurer
- Receive payments to MARAC via check mailed to the Treasurer or through MARAC's Pay Pal account, and deposit these payments in the MARAC checking account
- Notify the Secretary and other MARAC officials of the payment of dues by current and new members of MARAC
- Pay, by check on the MARAC checking account, the expenses of the organization
- Maintain accurate records of the receipts and disbursements of funds

 Provide a monthly financial report to be published in the Roadrunner, and provide an annual financial report for inclusion in the annual report to members

- File with the IRS online the corporation's annual tax return
- MARAC is a Kansas corporation. An annual report must be filed with the State of Kansas in order for the corporation to remain in good standing.
- MARAC does not have a credit card in the name of the organization, so the Treasurer will need to use his/her personal credit card for payments which are required to be paid online, and then reimburse that cost by check on the MARAC checking account
- When it becomes known that a MARAC member who has prepaid funds for awards has died, then the Treasurer should, after confirming with the Awards Manager the amount on deposit for that member, attempt to communicate with the family of the decedent to determine to whom the funds should be disbursed or if the family authorizes the funds to be transferred into the general operating account of MARAC.

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 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

Welcome New Members

Kerry-W4SIG

Please join me in welcoming new MARAC members!

Rejoining:

N8BGF, John Sebastian, Butler County, OH (Welcome back!)

KC8WRP, Joan Sebastian, Butler County, OH (Welcome back!)

Ham Shacks

By Kerry, W4SIG

This month featuring Dick, K8MW



Ed, **K8ZZ**, had the fortune of visiting Dick, **K8MW** in his ham shack recently!

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, McItosh, 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: 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

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NOKV—WBOW K Prefix

ID: Teton, NE: Nance, SD: Haakon, WV: McDowell, WY: Goshen

NOKV—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

KOMAF- 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, 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

MT: Lincoln

NS2N - WBOW 20 Meters

IN Delaware, Marshall, KY Woodford, OH Shelby

W6OAT – WBOW First Time USA-CA

NY: Lewis, MI: Alcona

N1API - WBOW 5TH Time

NH: Belknap, PA: Montour

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)

\$ 34.72

JUN 20 Through JULY 19, 2022

Beginning Account Balance		\$18,333.55
Income:		\$ 10,000.00
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income	55.00	
Misc Income	00.00	
	110.00	
Membership Income	110.00	
Logger Distribution Income	20.00	
Donation		
_		
Total Income	\$185.0	00
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$ 34.72	2
Misc. Expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc	;.)	

Net Income Less Expenses \$150.28

Total expenses

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Cash Balance	\$18	,483.83
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,441.60	
Savings Account Balance	_16,042.23	
Total all accounts	\$18,483.8	3

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6404, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$12,079.83.



BIII KODEQ

2022 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

August

Maryland ± Maryland-DC QSO Party
Hawaii ± Hawaii QSO Party

Kansas ± Kansas QSO Party

1400Z, Aug 13 to 0400Z, Aug 14, 2022

0400Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 29, 2022

1400Z, Aug 27 to 0200Z, Aug 28, 2022 and

1400Z-2000Z, Aug 28, 2022

Ohio + Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28, 2022

The County Line ROADRUNNER



"A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird"

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club Leadership Team

Board of Directors

President: Vacant

Vice-President: Vacant Secretary: Vacant Treasurer: Vacant

Dues with an Electronic copy of the Newsletter copy are

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