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Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG - MARAC Southeast Division Director

Fall is approaching! Temperatures are still HOT in most of the country, but that won't last too much longer. Before you know it, the air will be crisp, leaves will be changing to beautiful colors, Saturdays will be full of football tailgating, and it will be more comfortable for mobiles to hit the roads. Gas prices reaching record highs have stymied extra road travel for lots of folks, including county hunter mobile activity. But with changing weather, a slight lowering of fuel prices, and state QSO party season back in full swing (with no less than TEN during the month of September), we ought to have more opportunity to grab some of those elusive counties soon.

Speaking of elusive counties, check out Rick, **AI5P**'s article in this month's issue on his recent trip to the Great Frontier of Alaska. Looks like a beautiful trip and one I hope to take in the near future.

Folks, the 2022 MARAC National is fast approaching! I can't wait to get to Bozeman and see so many of you after several years of pandemic-forced

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cancellations. Thanks so much to Donna, **AG6V**, and her work over the last three years to bring this to fruition!

There are multiple big mobile trips already on the calendar for this fall. Some are to the convention, and some are later. It's a good chance to pick up some of those Pacific Northwest counties and elusive Montana ones you may need. I

know of one member who can't wait to get his last for the WBOW in the northern part of Montana. Be sure to always check the Mobile Planned Trips section of www.countyhunterweb.org for the latest in posted trips.

See you on the air and hopefully in Bozeman!

God Bless and 73, Kerry W4SIG



MARAC National Convention

LAST Update before the Event

http://ag6v.com/MARAC/

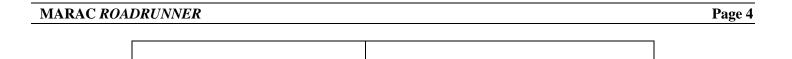
BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM NOW - discount ends SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2022

Many details on the website: http://ag6v.com/MARAC/ The hotel will honor the discounted rate for nights before and after those dates, subject to availability.

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

The National Convention is almost here! Registered as of 31-Aug (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
K6YEK Bill and	□ W0FLZ Paige and
Theresa	Cherylanne
Kootenai Co., ID	Snohomish Co., WA
☐ KJ8F Sharon	□ W0GXQ Jerry
Allen Co., OH	Jefferson Co., CO
□ N0XYL Sandra and	□ W0JKT Paul
KB0BA Lowell	Maricopa Co., AZ
Scott Co., IA	□ W4SIG Kerry
□ N4CD Bob	Shelby Co., TN
Collin Co.,, TX	□ W7EEC Paul
☐ N5MLP Ron and Evelyn	Clackamas Co., OR
Montgomery Co., TX	□ W8OP Alan
	Marion Co., WV
	□ WB8III Steven
	Marion Co., WV



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



one of the prizes which will be given away at the Banquet

Details of the National ---

checkin: Sunday October 2nd, 2022

to

checkout: Thursday October 6th, 2022

Submitted by Donna Hinshaw, AG6V.

Please direct all questions and comments to <u>ag6v at arrl dot net</u> or use the <u>contact</u> form on the convention website.

Ham Shacks

Report from Alaska AI5P/M

Visit to Wrangell-St. Elias National Park

I took my grandson to visit Alaska, so radio took a backseat. I did take along my Icom 7300, laptop and mobile antennas to try to activate the three parks we intended to visit.

Wrangell-St. Elias NP is about a 7-8 hour drive east of Anchorage. The last 60 miles of road is mostly dirt/gravel. At the end of the road you can park the car (\$10/day), walk across a bridge over the Kennicott River, and take the local shuttle to the small town of McCarthy.

The normal car rental agencies won't rent you a car for McCarthy due to that gravel road and busted windshields. So you have to search around to find one that will - rental costs (even for national brands) is around \$ 250/day during summer months in Alaska!

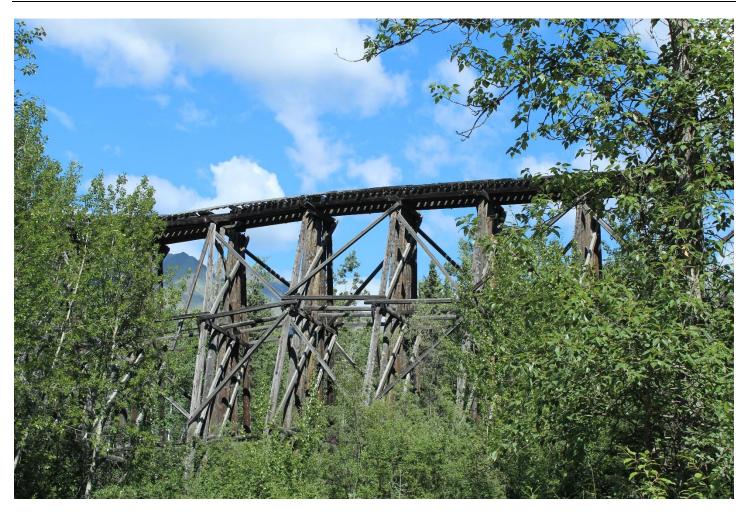
The park encompasses 13.2 million acres and is the largest park in the U.S. National Park system. Within the park boundaries are 16 of the highest peaks in the U.S. including the second highest - Mount St. Elias at 18,008 feet. The park also includes around 1,700 square miles of glacial ice - around 60 percent of the glacial ice in Alaska.

The major draw for visitors to the McCarthy area is the Kennecott Mines National Historic Landmark. This huge mill town complex of barn-red buildings operated from 1911 to 1938 mining the almost 70 percent pure copper found in the nearby mountains. The Copper River and Northwestern Railroad was built specifically to take in mining equipment and bring out the copper ore. By 1938 the rich copper ore deposits were depleted and both the mines and the railroad were shut down.

Along the stretch of road going to McCarthy, the land can belong to

the state, tribal corporation, private individuals or the National Park Service. You can see a sign saying "Entering the Park" and another sign saying "Leaving the Park" either 1/4 mile down the road or 5 miles down the road! Fortunately, I found a nice parking spot in the park just a couple of miles near the end of the road to McCarthy. No cell service, of course, but I was able to operate three times getting 57 contacts on CW, FT-8, and SSB. A number of county hunters were able to make it into my log for both the park and the 3d Judicial District credit.

See below for some beautiful pics from the trip!!



One of the many CR and NW railroad trestles



Park Entrance



Mobile setup location



Kennecott River and glacier



"Downtown" McCarthy



Kennecott mine complex

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Awards Committee Report

By Ron, N5MLP

Let's Talk About MARAC Awards at the Convention

The national convention is fast approaching. I am looking forward to seeing some familiar friends who I haven't seen in a long time since the 2018 convention or before. It was a shame we couldn't have the national in 2020 or 2021. I'm also looking forward to meeting some of the people who have joined that I have not met yet.

If you have some questions or ideas about the existing awards or possible new awards, please let me know and we can discuss those ideas during the time we are able to get together at the convention. Some of the other members of the Awards Committee are expected to be there also.

Awards Issued July 25, 2022 through August 24, 2022

Awards Issued:					
Call	Date of Last	Award	Level	Cert.	
	Contact			No.	
K7SEN	5/16/2022	USA-SSB	3,077	3	

Roadrunner Awards Issued:					
Call	Date of Last	L C	Cert.		
	Contact	Count:	No.		
K8ZZ	1/7/2021	1,350	5		
NU0Q	8/5/2022	200	130		
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 until Oct 1st. 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

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- 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!

UW7LL Yarik Oleynik, #4837, Ukraine

Silent Keys

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

KM9X-Dan Mulford, MARAC#3072, SSB Net Control of the Year 3rd place 2007, SSB CHOTY 2nd place 2009, MARAC Service Award, 5 Star Award, Masters Gold, Master Platinum, Bingo, Dan/KB9MGI Best SSB Team of the Year 2nd place 2004-6 and 3rd place 2009, USA-CA #1117, Worked all Counties 4 times

AE7KI- Gene Rosam, MARAC#4557, Gene was a pleasure to work on the air and will be missed by many. He finished working all counties but never applied for the USACA award.

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, OR: Crook, Curry, Wheeler, TX: Borden, WA: Kittitas

W4SIG – WBOW 20M Using SSB Only

KY: Russell 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: Issaguena, 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

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 Mobile to Mobile

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

K4YT – WBOW A Prefix

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

K4YT – WBOW W Prefix

HI: Kalawao, KY: Grayson, Magoffin, Morgan, NY: Lewis, PA: Delaware, WV: Hardy

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

N1API – WBOW 5TH Time

NH: Belknap, PA: Montour

N2IGW - WBOW First Time USA-CA

HI: Kalawao

W8BZY—WBOW CW

IN: Vermillion, KY: Boyd, MT: Broadwater

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)

JUL 20 Through AUG 19, 2022

\$885.40

Beginning Account Balance \$18,483.83 Income: **Savings Account Interest** \$ 6.00 Awards Income Misc Income Membership Income 118.80 Logger Distribution Income **Donation Total Income** \$124.80 Expenses: 75.40 Awards Expenses Misc. Expenses Note 1 810.00 Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)

Total expenses

Cash Balance \$17,723.23

Checking Account Balance \$ 3,675.00

Savings Account Balance __14,048.23

Total all accounts \$17,723.23

NOTE 1. Annual premium on Directors & Offices Liability Insurance Policy.

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6469, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$11,254.23



BIII KODEQ

2022 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

September

Colorado + Colorado QSO Party 1300Z, Sep 3 to 0400Z, Sep 4, 2022 + Tennessee QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 4 to 0300Z, Sep 5, 2022 Tennessee + Alabama QSO Party Alabama 1500Z, Sep 10 to 0300Z, Sep 11, 2022 1400Z, Sep 17 to 0200Z, Sep 18, 2022 Texas + Texas QSO Party and 1400Z-2000Z, Sep 18, 2022 Iowa + Iowa QSO Party 1400Z, Sep 17 to 0200Z, Sep 18, 2022 1600Z, Sep 17 to 0400Z, Sep 18, 2022 New + New Hampshire QSO Party Hampshire and 1600Z-2200Z, Sep 18, 2022 + New Jersey QSO Party 1600Z, Sep 17 to 0359Z, Sep 18, 2022 New Jersey + Washington State Salmon 1600Z, Sep 17 to 0700Z, Sep 18, 2022 Washington Run and 1600Z-2400Z, Sep 18, 2022 Maine <u>+</u> Maine QSO Party 1200Z, Sep 24 to 1200Z, Sep 25, 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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