



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Thoughts from the Board

Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Southeast Division Director

Wow! Where to begin.... A lot has been happening in the world of County Hunting and MARAC the past month. I will try to touch on it all in this issue:

**Kalawao Activation!:** Yes, that's right! **K4YT** is activating Kalawao very soon. Details later in this issue! Don't miss it!

**Mobile Activity:** Isn't it amazing how much mobile activity was prompted by the MARAC National in Bozeman, MT!! The mobile activity was awesome with a lot of the west activated on both SSB and CW along with lots of activity on the upper bands. Did you know that mobile operators heading to and from the convention activated counties in 25 states? Did you know that **N5MLP** is just now getting home after two months on the road related to the convention? Unbelievable! Personally, I had a very fun time activating lots of NV, OR, WA, ID, and MT. After I had car troubles on the first day, everything went smoothly. Thanks to all those that spotted and relayed back home. We couldn't have done it without you! Mobiles heard active on their routes to and from

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the convention include **K3IMC**, **W8OP**, **WB8III**, **N5MLP**, **W4SIG**, **NF0N**, **WQ7A**, **W7EEC**, **KB0BA/N0XYL**, **N4CD**, **N8HAM**, **AB7NK/K7SEN**, **K6YEK**, **W0FLZ**. In addition to convention mobile activity, many other mobiles were out and about including **N9JF**, **KA4RRU**, **N8MD**, **K8ZZ**, **KB6UF**, **K5GE**, **WY0A**, **AI5P**, and **K2HVN**. When you consider the activity

of these stations, I count 42 states that had mobile activity in November alone!

*MARAC National in Bozeman:* Donna, **AG6V**, did an amazing job in planning the Bozeman shindig. Due to the pandemic cancellations of life in general over the last two years, Donna actually planned almost 3 conventions before we actually got to experience one! Many thanks go to Donna and Linda, **AG6OV**, for their hard work in planning and coordinating this very fun event. Please see Donna's article in this issue for more details. And CONGRATULATIONS go out to Jim, **N8HAM** for being the grand prize winner!!!

I can't get over the beauty of Montana and portions of the great Northwest in general. What a beautiful drive! The area is full of mountains and streams that really bring peace to the soul. Every corner I turned seemed prettier than the last. I am grateful for this opportunity to see so much of it and really want to go back. The Fall seemed a perfect time!

During the National, we had several interesting speakers. **N5MLP** gave a demonstration of FLEX radio, **K3IMC** spoke on Logger II, **W0FLZ** discussed her beginning efforts as MARAC Publicity and Advertising Coordinator ([more on this later in this issue](#)), and **NX0X** gave a very interesting presentation on the CQ Magazine USACA Award. Thanks to all these speakers for their time and efforts to inform us.

*CQ Magazine USACA Award Update:* Speaking of **NX0X**'s presentation, Brian told us some very interesting, yet worrisome, facts about the USACA Award. Since Brian took over as custodian 4 years ago there have only been a total of 4 applications for USACA for the Whole Ball of Wax. The latest two were **OM2VL** and **W6OAT**. Generally, Brian gets about 3-4 applications per month; 97% of them are for the 500 county level. Of those, 99% of them totally rely upon EQSL for their confirmations, the majority are all FT8 contacts, and 78% of the applicants are DX stations (mostly from Japan). Several conclusions can be drawn from this. One is that the long-time confirmation method of QSLs and MRCs is no longer the method that people prefer. Matter of fact, it is probably discouraging many from participating as they don't want to go to the trouble of spending the time and money on such an outdated approach to confirm. Secondly, FT8, as is the case with over 38% of all current ham activity, is the growing mode of choice. FT8 is not easy from a mobile. Third, most of these applicants who are applying for the 500 county level using FT8 and being from Japan, are probably not the callsigns we are hearing on the county hunter frequencies. It is important to point out that the growth of MARAC is dependent upon hams pursuing the USACA award. After all, MARAC was created to incent folks who are working on USACA to pursue more than just the USACA award, not the other way around. USACA award chasers are the lifeblood of MARAC newcomers. With so little chasers of this CQ Award, the list of newcomers to MARAC is small. The fourth, and most important

conclusion that I see, is that there is very little promotion of the USACA Award. It was pointed out by **NF0N** that there has been no mention of the USACA Award in CQ Magazine for many years. If no one knows the award exists, how can they pursue it? At the National, we asked Brian if we could ask that the person who writes the CQ Magazine monthly awards article begin to promote the award more vigorously. Hopefully we will see a mention of it in an upcoming issue. We need the USACA Award to be strong for MARAC to grow.

*Possible solution to assist in confirmations:* In relation to this topic, **K3IMC** and **NF0X** discussed an idea that Don has. If CQ Magazine will approve it as an acceptable method of confirmations, Don will work on programming Logger II so that a mobile can enter their contacts into the logging program and then hit one button to upload them to a space that a county chaser can access to see these contacts as actual confirmations of their contacts. Wow, would this be a game changer! Brian is on board, so Don will begin working on it. Hopefully this will come to fruition and a new era of county confirmations can begin! However, remember that this method will only work if the mobiles enter all their contacts into Logger and upload them. I heard some mobiles rumble that they don't want to take the time to do this. I would caution those to remember that this is what POTA does. And is POTA successful? You bet it is, with tens of thousands of participants!

*POTA and County Hunting:* A hot topic at the Convention was the huge growth in the POTA program and how can County Hunting grow along with it. One of the major differences between POTA and County Hunting is the method of confirmations. In POTA it is up to the activators to log all the contacts and upload them...confirmations DONE. In County Hunting it is up to the chasers to confirm the contacts via QSL or MRC...costly, time consuming, and apparently not readily welcomed by the newer generation of hams. Looks like a change must be made. As a very active mobile, I know uploading all your contacts sounds like a huge time-consuming task. But, think about it...you only really have to upload the contacts of stations that you don't think already have USACA. For example, no real need to upload all your contacts with **KC3X** or **K5GE**. If we don't change something, the trend of declining county hunters will only continue. Of course, such a confirmation method will also have to be sold to the mobiles in state QSO parties who are not users of Logger II. I would think this wouldn't be too difficult for them as they are already creating a adif file for their qso party log submission. More to come on this interesting turn of events as they develop. No change in how we do things equals continued declining participation in MARAC awards. To me, that would be a tragedy. Let's work together to figure this out and grow county hunting!

*MARAC Officers:* Congratulations and a huge THANK YOU go out to **K8ZZ**, **K1YAG**, and **K0DEQ** for volunteering for another term for MARAC President, VP, and

Treasurer. No other members put their names in the hat, so the incumbents will resume where they left off. Note that we still have an opening for Secretary for anyone who would like to assume the role.

*Mobiles running many bands:* Some have complained about mobiles not sticking around on a particular band or mode long enough for them to be worked before they move on to the next band. As a mobile who always activates a county on multiple bands and modes (sometimes as many as 15 different frequencies) I have my take on this. MARAC has been along for over 50 years and has created over 75 different awards. For many of these awards to be accomplished, counties must be activated on many bands/modes. This takes time. Usually, time sitting still on the side of the road, sometimes on a county line with other cars screaming past. On my recent trip out West, I operated most counties on 80, 40CW, 30, 20CW, 20SSB, 17CW, 17SSB, 15 CW, 15SSB. Consistently in that order. I worked everyone as fast as I could. I worked everyone I heard and accepted all offers for relays. I never changed bands until no one else was heard calling. The above band/mode rotation was kept consistent. In other words, everyone could tell from my trend which band/mode was coming up next if they needed it. Even with this plan, I sat still while operating for over 30 minutes in every county (I had to as I had to install and take down the antenna before each and every run). When a mobile like me has a full day's worth of ground to cover and you must sit still in every county for 30 minutes, it is hard to make much ground. POTA operators may be able to take their time as they are only activating one or a few parks in a day. County hunting mobiles often are trying to cover 20+ counties in one day. So, please understand that if you need a county on a particular band, be ready. Anticipate the band rotation. Please don't wait for someone else to spot the county on the band you need, or you may miss it entirely. Fortunately, I am able to spot myself, which helps a chaser keep up. But remember that those spots sometimes take over a minute to "ding" on Logger. Also, remember that some mobiles do not spot themselves on every band they operate. They may spot themselves on the first band, but then rely upon others to spot them in the subsequent bands. Be ready...mobiles are running the counties for YOU, but they have a lot of miles to cover in one long day on the road.

*Proper communication channels for MARAC issues:* Earlier this month on K3IMC's Forum, there was a lot of discussion and some anger over an issue that needed not be. Being tied up with other life activities, no Board member was available to respond to an issue that festered for days and, frankly, got out of control. Matter of fact, one longtime county hunter has threatened to hang it all up over fake-news that he was told by I don't know who. First, remember that the Forum is not a MARAC entity. If there is a concern in MARAC activity, it should be communicated directly to a Board member so it can be addressed. The Forum is NOT a MARAC entity, and it is not regularly



monitored by anyone on the Board. Please go directly to your District Director if you have an issue so it can be addressed.

*Remote-mobile?:* Now, with that being covered, let me address the “remote-mobile” topic that was the source of the heated discussion on the Forum. I believe that lack of understanding and false information caused a lot of unnecessary angst and harm. I know of no one that has ever used “remote-mobile” to take credit for activating a county they are not physically in. I don’t even know how it could be set up. I do know that it would take a lot of work by someone smarter than me. But there are quite a few of those individuals around, so I am sure that anything is possible. HOWEVER, in its foresight, the MARAC Board addressed this possible topic long ago. It is clearly stated in the Awards rules that remote operation is legal for working counties, however it is NOT legal for taking credit for a county activation. For example, if W4SIG who is physically in TN utilizes a remote in Dutchess Cty, NY to work W1ABC/m in Wise Cty, TX then W4SIG gets credit for working Wise Cty, TX, W1ABC gets credit for working Dutchess, Cty NY, but W4SIG does NOT get credit for transmitting from Dutchess Cty, NY. As the rules state, the county hunter must be physically in the county to take credit for activating it. This rule has been in place for years now. Matter of fact, this is also one of the topics that K3IMC incorporated into the first version of Logger II. On the main screen when logging a contact, a user chooses their “OP” situation as “Home”, “Portable”, or “Remote”. If you choose Home or Portable (like a park activation) then you would, of course get credit in Logger for activating that county. However, when you choose “remote”, Logger does NOT give you credit for activating that county. Plain and simple, this possible situation was taken care of long ago in both the Awards Rules and also in the creation of Logger II. It is regretful that such a misunderstanding on the Forum caused so much shade being thrown different directions, even with one very active and long-time mobile to call it quits over misinformation he was given. Hopefully this explanation clears up the matter once and for all.

*Increase in Dues and Awards Fees:* During the National, there was the usual MARAC Board meeting. For those who were not able to attend either in person or remotely via teleconference, there were two very important motions that passed that I want to bring everyone’s attention to. Unfortunately, both issues have to do with inflation and rising costs to the club. Both an increase in membership dues and awards fees were passed. It is important to note that these price increases **do not take effect until January 1, 2023**. Details on the price increases are in this issue. **PLEASE take advantage of the lower prices while you can to extend your MARAC memberships!**

**National Recap:** The Bozeman National was a huge hit. It was great to spend time with so many of you. As you can tell from many of the pictures, it seemed like everyone was in a good mood and enjoying their time in Montana!



**Kerry W4SIG**

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## MARAC National Convention

**Bozeman, MT 2022**

**By Donna, AG6V**

The National Convention is a wrap! Attendees- (alphabetical by call sign):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AB7NK Mary and<br>K7SEN Neil<br>Yavapai Co., AZ | <input type="checkbox"/> N8HAM Jim<br>Oakland Co., MI                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AC0B Cliff and Kathy<br>St. Louis Co., MN       | <input type="checkbox"/> N8WTQ Dorie<br>Midland Co., MI                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AG6V Donna and<br>AG6OW Linda<br>Island Co., WA | <input type="checkbox"/> NF0N Mike and Dianne<br>Dakota Co., NE              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> K3IMC Don and<br>KJ4NIT Jean<br>Troup Co., GA   | <input type="checkbox"/> NX0X Brian and<br>KB0MHH Shari<br>St. Louis Co., MN |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> W0FLZ Paige and<br>Cherylanne<br>Snohomish Co., WA  |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• K6YEK Bill and Theresa<br/>Kootenai Co., ID</li><li>□ KJ8F Sharon<br/>Allen Co., OH</li><li>□ N0XYL Sandra and KB0BA Lowell<br/>Scott Co., IA</li><li>□ N4CD Bob<br/>Collin Co., TX</li><li>□ N5MLP Ron and Evelyn<br/>Montgomery Co., TX</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ W0JKT Paul<br/>Maricopa Co., AZ</li><li>□ W4SIG Kerry<br/>Shelby Co., TN</li><li>□ W7EEC Paul<br/>Clackamas Co., OR</li><li>□ W8OP Alan<br/>Marion Co., WV</li><li>□ WB8III Steven<br/>Marion Co., WV</li></ul> |
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We missed four people who had registered, due to last-minute conflicts, but otherwise all travels seemed safe. We ate, we drank, we puzzled, we talked, we listened, and we got prizes. And the weather was good.

Next up is the Michigan Mini, organized by Dori French N8WTQ in the Spring.

I am awaiting the last checks to clear the bank, then the final accounting will go to the Treasurer – I'll report on that next month.

Thank you all for attending.

**Donna, AG6V**











**Early morning near Glacier National Park**

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# MARAC Publicity & Advertising Report

By Paige, W0FLZ

Welcome Fall!

Fall is here and the weather is changing, I hope you all got your summer antenna maintenance wrapped up.. I did not, I still have a little tower work to do before it gets too cold (at my age though, really my son has tower work to do). We just had a great National Convention in Bozeman, MT! Thank you to Donna, AG6V for making it happen, to Brian NX0N and Don K3IMC for their informative presentations! It was great putting faces to the calls and voices that I work on the bands! Thank you to all the county hunters that made the trip and those that ran counties to and from the convention, I got quite a few new ones and I wrapped up a state.

Brian, NX0N discussed the CQ USA-CA award, provided some interesting statistics and information on future thoughts and discussions about changes to counties around the country and the implications that may need to be addressed.

Don, K3IMC did a presentation on Logger 2. Although his presentation was officially about an hour or so on Wednesday, he did a lot of rehearsals on the topic pretty much every minute he was in the hospitality room doing 1 on 1s or 1 on 2s and 3s with all of us who had logger questions and issues... I'm not sure how he had the energy when it came time for the official presentation! Thank you for all of your hard work Don!

Also launched at the convention was the official MARAC Facebook page, search us or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/411585783841831> if you would like to join. I know that there are already a lot of county hunter resources out there and other forums but mostly only us County Hunters know about them, hopefully through this we can attract other hams to county hunting. And folks please remember the this FB page and other forums are social sites, if you have concerns about rules or question what is or is not an appropriate operating practice, look to the award rules or reach out to a club officer via email for an official response. Chances are your concerns will be discussed by the board and some information published in the Road Runner for all to read.

73 and see on the air!

**Paige Butler – W0FLZ**

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## Mobiles at Bozeman

By Kerry W4SIG

Below are pics of many of the mobiles that attended the National Convention in Bozeman. Maybe you worked many of them!



**N8HAM**





AB7NK/K7SEN





KB0BA/N0XYL



K3IMC





N5MLP



W7EEC





WQ7A



N4CD



## Kalawao!!!!

By Kerry W4SIG

As many of you may have heard, the most difficult to work county to get is about to get activated for the first time in many years. And the station doing it is good for all awards up to Mobile Diamond! **K4YT** is taking his set up, along with resonators for many bands (both SSB and CW) to this remote Hawaii county in hopes of working many of us from there. Karl is going to be there for 3 days and will activate it at various times throughout the day and eve. Please be ready as this doesn't happen very often. Here is Karl's post on the Forum in case you missed it:

*I am flying to Maui on the 10th so on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November early morning I will be on Molokai. After I get settled, I will drive over to the park to run the CL. Two days of operation in case we don't have good props. I will have coils 80-10M and use my IC 7300 and keyer. If bad condx, then I will do only CW or maybe FT8. I will post myself so watch the spots. Relay stations will be appreciated.*

As you can imagine, this is a difficult and costly venture for Karl, or any ham trying to activate Kalawao. Tell your friends, and don't miss it!

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## Is 17 meters the new 20 meters?

By Kerry W4SIG

As mentioned earlier, a lot of mobiles, including myself, are spending a lot of time activating bands other than the long-time popular 20 and 40 meter bands. And wow, what results!! I would venture to say that my contacts on 17 meters far exceeded any other band by 5 to 1. This could be due to several factors. One is propagation being good on this band. Another is probably due to many county hunters having already worked most if not all the counties on 20 meters throughout the years. Probably the biggest is that more are chasing the multiband awards like 5 band and are trying to climb the Top List. So, if you are at home, make sure you have a 17m antenna up in the trees. If you are a mobile, take the time to get a 17m resonator and include it on your next trip. I guarantee you will like the results!

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## MARAC Convention Planning Guide

By Kerry W4SIG

Talk about taking a task to the next level, Donna **AG6V**, was just through taking a nap from running the Bozeman National when she decided it was time to use her experience as convention coordinator to make the job much easier on the next member who chooses to run a MARAC Convention. In the past, we have had great experienced help from past convention planners, especially **K8ZZ**, who has organized dozens on these shindigs. Donna decided to organize the whole process and come up with a MARAC Convention Planning Guide! It is still in the final stages, but will be ready soon. So, if you are thinking of hosting such an event, the process is just about to get a whole lot easier! Thanks, Donna. More on this when it is complete.

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## Congrats to new USA-CA Award Holders

Congratulations go out to both OM2VL and W6OAT for finishing the whole ball of wax.

Awards are as follows:

**OM2VL** award number 1270 dated Aug 7th, 2022

**W6OAT** award number 1271 dated Aug 19th, 2022.

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## Ham Shacks

**This month featuring antenna farm of Charlie HA8IB**



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## MARAC Database

By Kerry W4SIG

From time to time our situation changes. New address? New email? Change of phone number? Please help us keep the membership database up to date by checking YOUR info on marac.org in the member database tab. If something needs to be updated, please let your district director know so we can be up to date. Thanks!

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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 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!

**KE7RG, Robin Galyan, Hot Springs Cty, WY, R4839**



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## 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...

**W7SRR- Sherry Robb, XYL of W6OUL**

**W8PN – Hal Braschwitz, USA-CA #772, All CW #38.**

**WA0SBR- Edward Eastwold, USA-CA #55, Roadrunner Award Level 1225, Bingo, Worked all Counties 5 Times**

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## Price Increases for Awards

**By Kerry W4SIG**

No one likes prices increases. However, as discussed extensively by the Board over the last few months, our costs of processing and mailing many awards greatly exceeds the cost the club is charging for them. Simply put, it was time to make a price change. Please note that these price increases **do not take place until January 1, 2023**. So, if you have any awards that you have been procrastinating on submitting, now is probably the time to get those in. Here are the numbers and the new recommended prices that were voted that will take effect on Jan. 1, 2023:

Item	Current Fee	Cost to club	Diff	New Member \$\$	New Non Member \$\$
Plaque	\$40.00	\$47.60	\$7.60	\$55.00	70.00
Car w/plate	\$20.00	\$28.49	\$8.49	\$35.00	50.00
Car w/Plaque	\$20.00	\$38.49	\$18.49	\$45.00	60.00

There will also be the following increases to the paper certificates as listed below:

Paper Certificate Member costs:                      non-member

Certificate    \$1 to \$3                                      \$5 to \$8

Upgrade       \$3 to \$5                                      \$7 to \$10

LC cert                      \$3 to \$5

Emailed Certificates that have been free will remain at no cost.

Note that the above rate increases allow for some expected cost increase in the near term.  
The above price increases will take effect Jan. 1, 2023.

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## MARAC Membership Dues Increase

**By Kerry W4SIG**

Don't we hate it? Prices of everything is going sky high. As a result the Board regrettably has voted in a membership dues price increase to take effect Jan. 1, 2023. It has been many many years since our club has had a price increase. When compared to other ham clubs, our membership is still a great bargain! PLEASE remember these prices don't take effect until January 1, 2023. **IT IS A GREAT IDEA TO GO AHEAD AND EXTEND YOUR MEMBERSHIPS NOW WHILE THE PRICE IS LOWER!!** Here are the new dues:

1 Year    \$ 15.00

2 Years   \$ 30.00

3 Years   \$ 45.00

5 Year Incentive \$60.00

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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, **NJ:** Hudson

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

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

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

**ME:** Piscataquis, Somerset, **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

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

**KY:** Russell

### **W4SIG** – WBOW All SSB

**AK:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist., **MN:** Pennington, **NJ:** Hunterdon, **PA:** Northampton

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

**HI:** Kalawao

### **N4RS** – WBOW 40m Using CW Only

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



**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, **MA:** Franklin

**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 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

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

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

**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 **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, **TX**: Swisher

**W9DC**- WBOW 5 STAR

**AL**: Bibb

**W9DC** – WBOW 5<sup>th</sup> TIME

**HI**: Kalawao

**W9DC** – WBOW K Prefix

**NE**: Arthur, Webster, **WV**: Tyler, **WY**: Converse

**W9DC** – WBOW 20 SSB

**IN**: Sullivan

**NS2N** – WBOW 20 Meters

**IN** Delaware, Marshall, **KY** Woodford, **OH** Shelby

**N1API** – WBOW 5<sup>TH</sup> Time

**NH**: Belknap, **PA**: Montour

**N2IGW** – WBOW First Time USA-CA

**HI**: Kalawao

**K2HVN** –

**HI**: Kalawao

**W8GU** – WBOW First Time USA-CA

**AK** : 2<sup>nd</sup>, **GA**: Macon, **KS**: Norton, **KY**: Cumberland, **LA**: East Carroll, **NE**: Franklin, Hayes, **OR**: Wheeler, **TX**: Terrell

**K7SEN** – WBOW Bingo II

**NY**: Jefferson

**K7SEN** WBOW Master Gold

**NY:** Jefferson

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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## Enjoying the Outdoors in Southern Utah

By Kerry W4SIG

After enjoying the National in Bozeman, I was fortunate to have been able to spend about a week in the outdoors with my wife, Amy, in Southern Utah. Here are some of the pics!



**Zion National Park**









**Electric Bikes are the most popular thing going**





**Amy, wife of W4SIG**





**Beautiful Fall Colors**





Someone trying to activate a new Park!

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# Awards Committee

By Ron, N5MLP

## Awards Issued September 30, 2022 through October 26, 2022

Awards Issued:				
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Level	Cert. No.
K0DEQ	1/24/2022	USA-Single Band - 160m	1,000	2
K2MF	4/2/2022	USA-Single Band - 30m	3,000	1
KC3X	10/2/2022	USA-Single Band - 40m	3,077	5
K8MFO	10/2/2022	USA - CW III		17
K8MFO	10/2/2022	WAC* - 3rd Time		262
K0DEQ	10/8/2022	USA-Single Band - 12m	1,000	1
K0DEQ	10/8/2022	USA-Single Band - 40m	3,000	2
K8ZZ	10/12/2022	USA - SSB		4
AB7NK	10/20/2022	USA - PA - K		36
Legend of Abbreviations:				
RAS* = Ran All State				
WAC* = Worked All USA Counties				

Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	L C Count:	Cert. No.
K8ZZ	9/23/2016	1,375	4
N5MLP	9/26/2022	275	86
N4CD	9/30/2022	2,750	1
W4SIG	9/30/2022	900	17
AB7NK	10/7/2022	1,150	8
W4SIG	10/6/2022	925	17
KA4RRU	10/6/2022	100	261
NF0N	10/7/2022	425	50
W4SIG	10/8/2022	950	16
K8ZZ	10/14/2022	1,400	4
WY0A	10/14/2022	175	150
K5GE	10/15/2022	700	27
N5MLP	10/16/2022	300	79
WY0A	10/17/2022	200	131
K8ZZ	10/17/2022	1,425	4
K8ZZ	10/20/2022	1,450	4
N5MLP	10/20/2022	325	72

## MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, MARAC Awards Manager



# MARAC Treasurer's Report

## Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

### Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

SEPT 20 Through OCT 19, 2022

Beginning Account Balance \$17,360.34

#### Income:

Savings Account Interest \$

Awards Income 38.44

Misc Income

Membership Income 274.90

Logger Distribution Income 78.80

Donation

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Total Income \$392.14

#### Expenses:

Awards Expenses \$ 35.05

Misc. Expenses NOTE 1 2,025.10

Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)

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Total expenses \$2,060.15

Net Income Less Expenses (\$1,668.01)

Cash Balance	\$15,692.33
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,644.10
Savings Account Balance	_13,048.23
Total all accounts	\$15,692.33

NOTE 1. \$2025.10 paid for new computer and associated software for use by Awards Secretary.

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 \$9,223.33



**Bill KODEQ, MARAC Treasurer**

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# 2022 State QSO Parties

Courtesy of WA7BNM

None this month! The state QSO party season is complete. Starts again before you know it!

## National Convention Pictures

Courtesy of Paige, W0FLZ and Jim N8HAM

### MARAC National Attendees 2022







**USA-CA Award Holders**



Our YLs





CW Ops





**National Banquet**



**N8HAM, our designated Photographer, (K3IMC is having a great time!)**



**N8HAM, Another winner!**









**Don, the Logger Energizer Bunny gets new batteries!**





**Linda, AG6OV bringing home the goods!**



**Dave, W0JKT**



Sharon, KJ8F







**Bonnie and Terry WQ7A**



Jean, KJ4NIT





**Steve WB8III, Mary AB7NK, Brian NX0X**





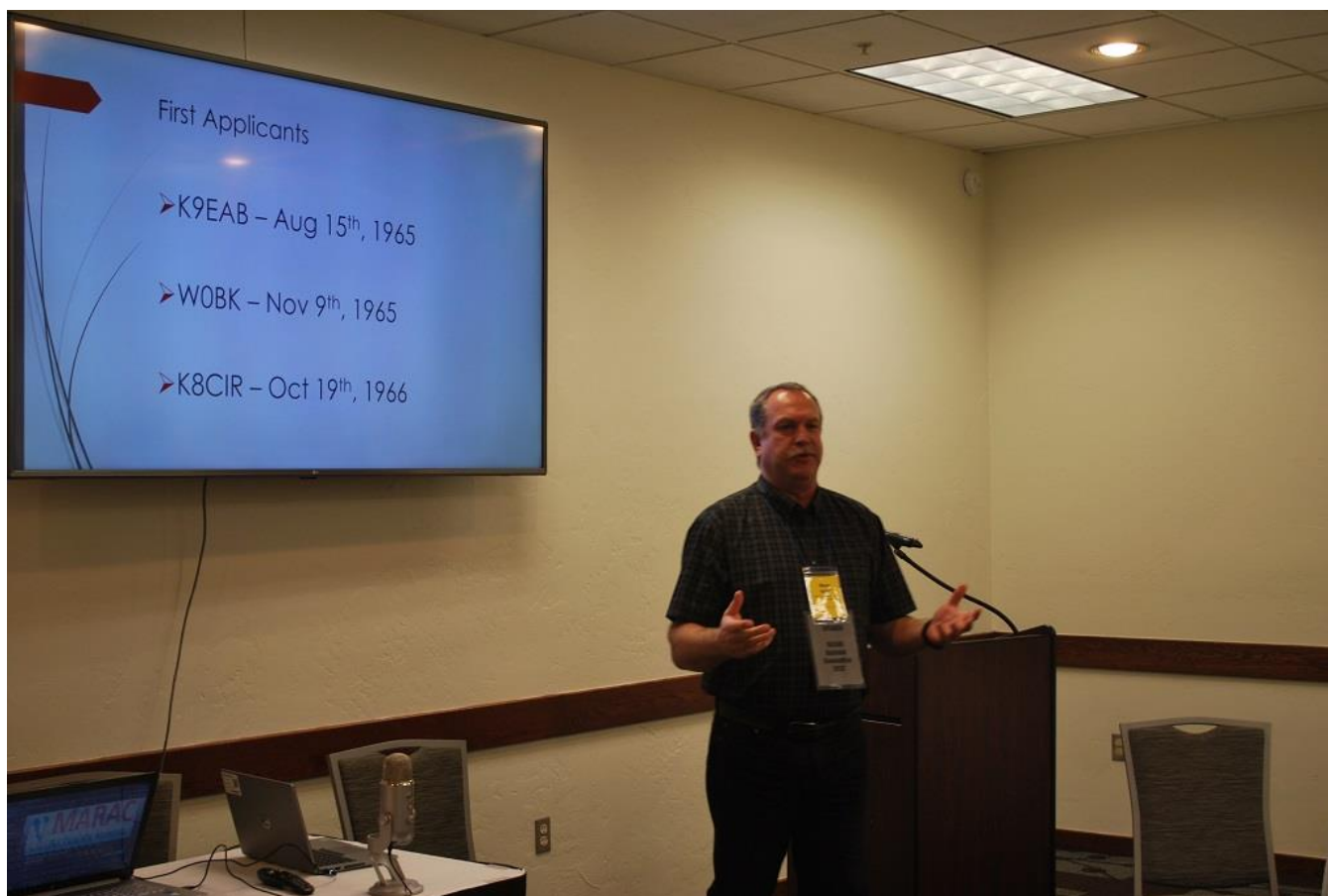












**Brian NX0X Presentation on USACA**



**Paige W0FLZ Presentation on MARAC Publicity**

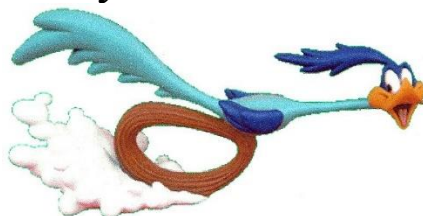


Ron N5MLP Presentation on FLEX





### *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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