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Thoughts from the Board

Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Southeast Division Director

Kalawao is a wrap!! Thanks so much to Karl, **K4YT**, for making a special (and expensive) trip to Maui and then over to the island of Molokai for the activation of Kalawao. Many of us needed that one to either finish them all up or inch closer toward that coveted MARAC award. I, for one, got THREE WBOWs by contacting Karl in Kalawao. Take a look at this issue's Awards Column to see how many members finished them all up this month. Congratulations to all!! Karl has been kind enough to share quite a few pictures of his adventure with us and I have put them in this article. Hawaii conditions weren't perfect and I know of some who couldn't pull his signal out of the air. Bob, **N8KIE**, is now back in Honolulu for the winter and has plans to activate some of the other islands while there. So stay tuned!

Mobile activity has fallen off a bit since the mass exodus back home from the MARAC National in Montana. Keep an eye out on the countyhunterweb.org Planned Trips page for updates on upcoming mobile activity.

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Hopefully your Thanksgiving was full of some good food, family, and friends. We do have a lot to be thankful for this season. Personally, I am thankful for this wonderful hobby and the many friends that I have made so far in my 44 years of chasing counties. And from glancing at some of the ham gear of the past, I am very thankful for modern technology providing us with rigs and

computers to make amateur radio so much more manageable. My dad's (**W5JAC**, **W4MRD**) first rig in 1939 was as big as a mini-fridge. And that was just the receiver! He shared with me the story of when, as a teenager, he and his best friend caught a bus one evening from Gainesville, TX to the closest FCC office in Dallas. They packed a bag of peanut butter sandwiches and spent the night on the park bench across the street from the testing office. The next day, they took their amateur radio license tests and then embarked on almost 80 years of pounding the brass on the airwaves. Knowing morse code even landed them their first jobs! Man, those were the days. But can you imagine taking a bus and sleeping on a park bench overnight just to take your test? I am VERY thankful for today's ability to study for the test online and for the many VECs that administer the tests all over the country. Just for fun, I in this edition I am attaching a QST cover from Dec 1957. Again, another example of home-brew gear of years past compared to today's Elecraft KX hf rigs that fit in your pocket and run off battery! So....very....thankful!

If you haven't updated to the latest Logger Version, you may not be aware of all the work that Don, **K3IMC**, has recently put into the software. For months now, he has been working diligently on making his program properly recognize and account for some of the more difficult awards to code such as Star XX, Bingo Cinco, etc. Tracking these awards is almost like a moving target considering the various dates they took effect and the ever-changing qualifications of the many mobiles. Congratulations to Don for completing this arduous task! All of MARAC is very thankful to both Mike, **K8EMS**, and Don for their work in making Logger II a reality!

May your December be filled with good weather, good health, happiness, and time with those you love. Some new counties might find their way into your stocking if you behave yourself! Have a very blessed and joyous Christmas season!!

73,

Kerry **W4SIG**



MARAC DUES INCREASE: Don't forget that December 31 is the last day to extend your membership at the lower rates. Payment is easy via PayPal. See the marac.org page for more details. "A penny saved is a penny earned", someone once said. 😊



Ham Shacks (and member photos)

This month featuring
Ed, K8ZZ and Mark, WB9CIF

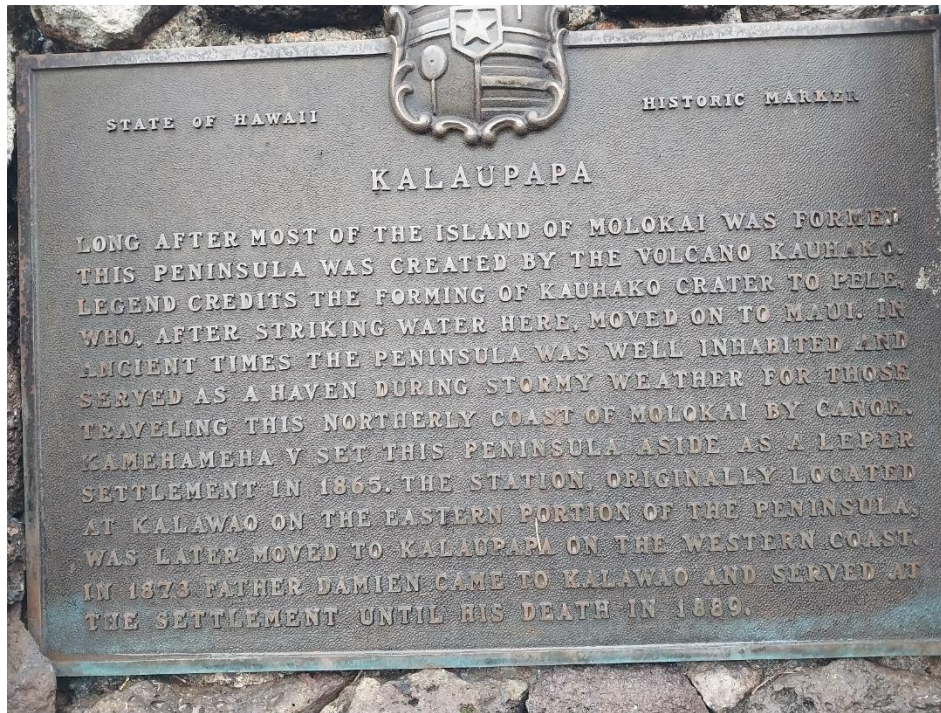


Pictures of Molakai and Kalawao

Courtesy of Karl, K4YT







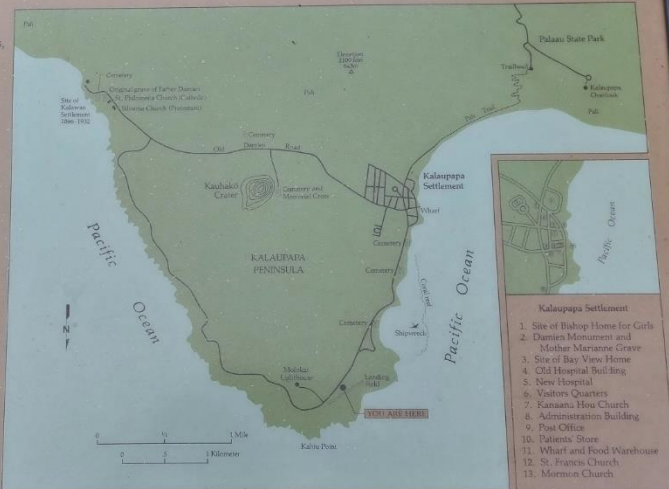
Welcome to Kalaupapa

Few places in Hawaii are as rich in cultural, historic, and natural values as the Kalaupapa peninsula. People have lived here for centuries, from the early Hawaiians who left behind thousands of stone structures, to the patients of the present community.

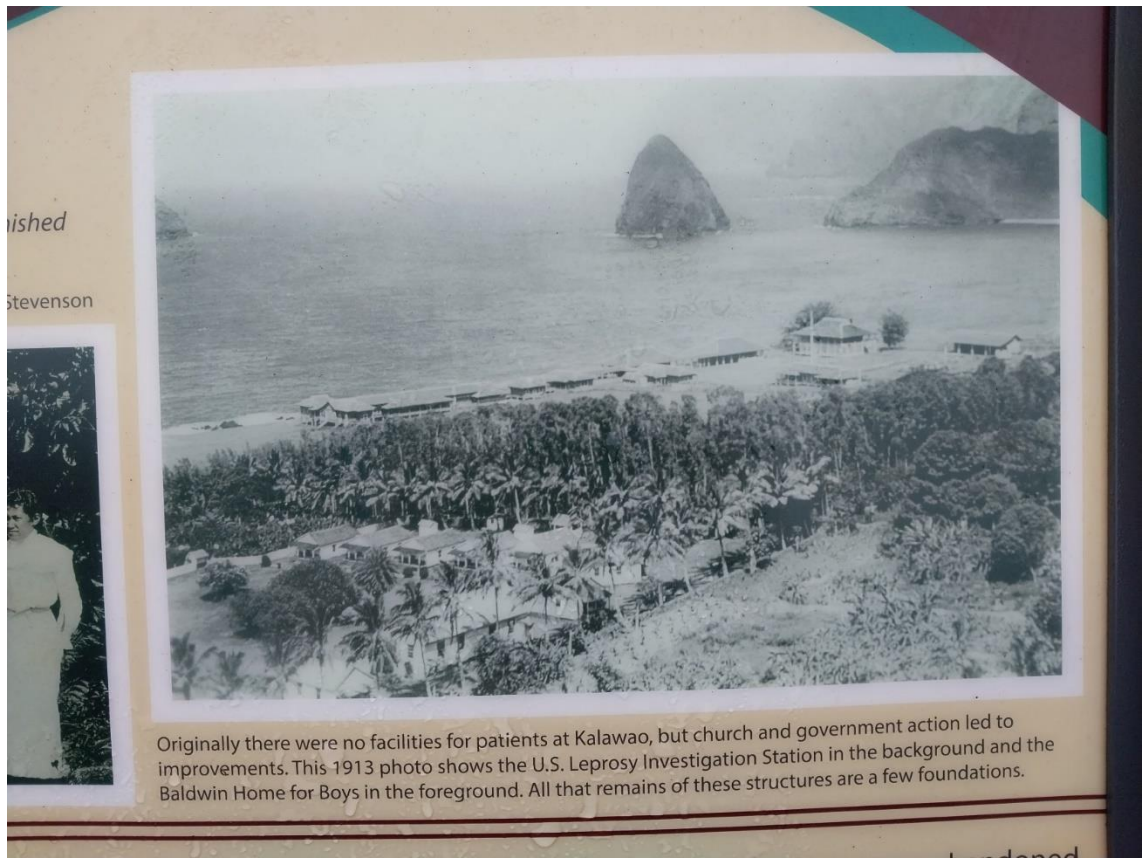
Beginning in 1866, persons afflicted with leprosy, or Hansen's Disease, were sent here to die. The first leprosy settlement was established at Kalawao where Father Damien de Veuster labored among the patients for sixteen years until the disease and its complications claimed his life in 1889.

During the late 1800s and early 1900s, Kalawao was abandoned in favor of the Kalaupapa settlement on the western shore where the climate is milder. Today the Hawaii State Department of Health administers the settlement and operates a hospital. Modern drugs have made isolation unnecessary, but many patients have chosen to remain. Kalaupapa is their home.

In 1980 the United States Congress authorized the establishment of Kalaupapa National Historical Park to protect the community and to preserve the outstanding historic and natural features of the peninsula for future generations.



- Kalaupapa Settlement**
1. Site of Bishop Home for Girls
 2. Damien Monument and Mother Marianne Grave
 3. Site of Bay View Home
 4. Old Hospital Building
 5. New Hospital
 6. Visitors Quarters
 7. Kamaunu Hou Church
 8. Administration Building
 9. Post Office
 10. Patients Store
 11. Wharf and Food Warehouse
 12. St. Francis Church
 13. Mormon Church

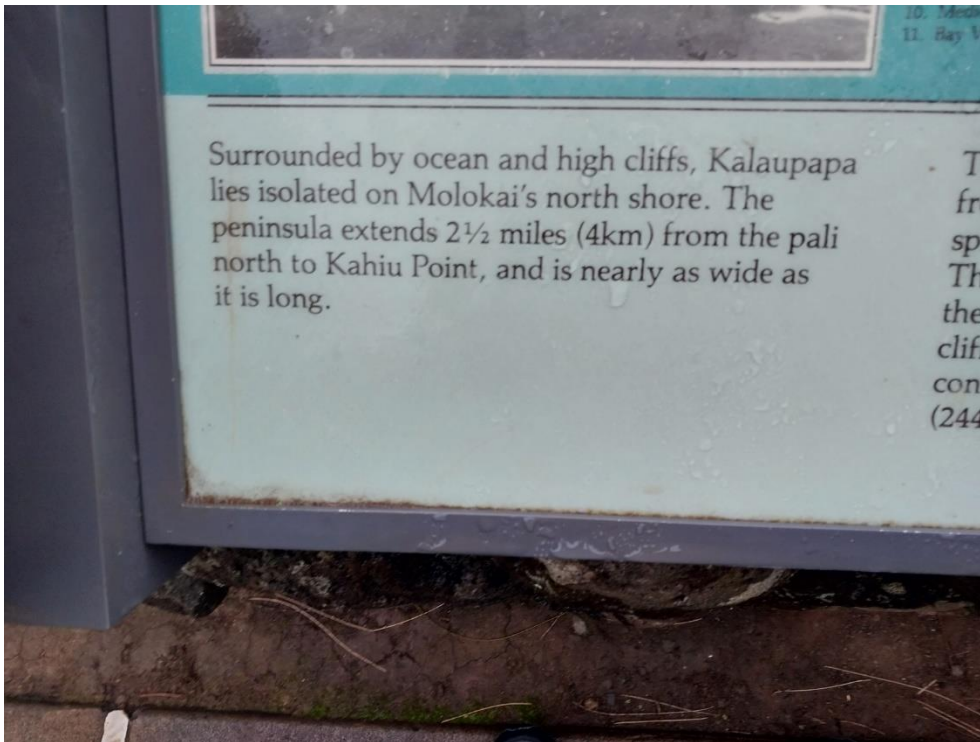


Originally there were no facilities for patients at Kalawao, but church and government action led to improvements. This 1913 photo shows the U.S. Leprosy Investigation Station in the background and the Baldwin Home for Boys in the foreground. All that remains of these structures are a few foundations.



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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



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...

N4CCJ- Don Conrad, MARAC#1208, USA-CA#378, Polaris#313

KW8T- Jim Hoffer, MARAC#3068, USA-CA#926, 2nd Time \$310

MARAC Booth at Orlando Hamcation

By Kerry W4SIG

Once again, MARAC will host a booth at the Orlando Hamcation Feb. 10-12, 2023. Bill, **K1YAG**, will be setting up and managing the booth again this year. We will hope to advertise county hunting and MARAC to recruit some new award chasers and members. Please stop by and see Bill and other county hunters while at the convention. Ought to be a lot of fun in the warm Florida skies and away from the frigid north this time of year!



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** CW Mobiles - **AK:** 2nd, 4th **HI:** Hawaii
- W4SIG** W Prefix - **AK:** 1st, 2nd **HI:** Kauai **NJ:** Hudson
- W4SIG** 1X2 Callsigns – **ME:** Piscataquis, Somerset **MA:** Dukes
- W4SIG** 40M CW – **NJ:** Ocean
- W4SIG** 20m SSB – **KY:** Russell
- W4SIG** ALL SSB – **AK:** 2nd **MN:** Pennington **NJ:** Hunterdon **PA:** Northhampton
- N4RS** 40M CW – **AK:** 2nd
- N5MLP** A Prefix – **LA:** Grant, Vermillion, Vernon **MS:** Issaquena **TN:** Hardeman, Houston, Marshall **VA:** Mathews **WA:** Garfield
- N5MLP** Mobile Diamond – **MA:** Franklin
- N0KV** K Prefix – **ID:** Teton **NE:** Nance **SD:** Haakon **WV:** McDowell **WY:** Goshen
- NOKV** Mobile to Mobile – **GA:** Wheeler **KY:** Knott, Larue, Menifee **NC:** Catawba, Lee **VA:** Lunenburg, Mathews
- K4YT** Mobile to Mobile – **CA:** Marin, Nevada, San Joaquin, Yolo **MD:** Calvert **OR:** Benton
- K4YT** A Prefix – **MS:** Issaquena, Sharkey **TN:** Perry **VA:** Craig
- K4YT** W Prefix – **HI:** Kalawao **KY:** Grayson, Magoffin Morgan **NY:** Lewis **PA:** Delaware **WV:** Hardy
- K0MAF** USA-CA – **IA:** Cherokee, Emmet **KY:** Monroe **MN:** Pennington
- W4YDY** A Prefix – **MS:** Oktibbeha **OH:** Putnam **PA:** Philadelphia **VA:** Amelia, King William
- W4YDY** W Prefix – **AK:** 1st **NY:** Essex, Montgomery **OR:** Sherman **PA:** Tioga **SC:** Union **TX:** Dickens, Runnels, Somervell **VA:** Floyd

- WA3QNT** Masters Gold – **AK:** 2nd **NY:** New York, Yates
- NU0Q** Master Gold – **AK:** 4th
- NUOQ** Master Platinum – **NJ:** Hunterdon **OH:** Darke **PA:** Cameron, Dauphin, Lebanon, Potter
- NU0Q** K Prefix – **GA:** Newton, White **MN:** Norman **NC:** Burke **NE:** Antelope, Howard
NY: Essex **WV:** Monroe
- K4CGY** USA – CA – **GA:** Quitman **ME:** Franklin **MN:** Lake of the Woods
- W9DC** Masters Gold – **AL:** Bibb **TX:** Swisher
- W9DC** 5 Star – **AL:** Bibb
- W9DC** K Prefix – **NE:** Arthur, Webster **WV:** Tyler **WY:** Converse
- W9DC** 20 SSB – **IN:** Sullivan
- NS2N** 20 Meters – **IN:** Delaware, Marshall **KY:** Woodford **OH:** Shelby
- N1API** 5th Time – **NH:** Belknap
- N2IGW** USA-CA – **HI:** Kalawao
- N2HVN** **HI:** Kalawao
- W8GU** USA-CA – **AK:** 2nd **GA:** Macon **KS:** Norton **KY:** Cumberland **LA:** East Carroll **NE:**
Franklin, Hayes **OR:** Wheeler **TX:** Terrell
- K7SEN** Bingo II & Master Gold – **NY:** Jackson

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

By Ron, N5MLP

Changes Approved to Add Self-credit to Five Band Award

The Awards Committee was requested to evaluate adding self-credit to the Five Band Award since the award did not provide that option, but the USA-Single Band Award did provide for a self-credit option to complete needs for any single band. The Awards Committee voted to recommend a change to the Five Band Award which would address self-credit for that award also. At the October 6th Board Meeting during the national convention this recommendation was approved by the Board of Directors. The effective date for that change is for contacts made after 2/15/2017 which was the start date for the USA – Single Band Award. The revised wording for the Five Band Award is shown below:

Five Band Counties Award

OBJECTIVE: To make contacts with amateur radio stations in All USA Counties on any five (5) amateur bands.

SPECIAL RULES: Any **Valid Contacts** submitted for other MARAC awards may also be used for this award.

Self-credit (optional):

1. A mobile/portable operator may claim self-credit toward ONE of the bands required for this award for the transmitted county by making at least one Valid Contact on the single band for which the credit is to be applied.
2. In order to claim self-credit for additional bands in the same county, an additional valid contact must be made on each different band that is to be claimed.
3. Self credit can only be claimed if the operator is physically located in that county.
4. All contacts which claim self-credit must have been made after 2/15/2017.

AWARD LEVELS: Basic Certificate for 2000 counties on five (5) bands.

MARAC Trophy for All USA Counties on five (5) bands.

APPLICATION AND FEES: Standard application, logs, and fees. There is no charge for the MARAC Trophy.

The above change will be published in a new version of the Award Rules in the near future.

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ)

OCT 20 Through NOV 19, 2022

Beginning Account Balance \$15,692.33

Income:

Savings Account Interest \$ 5.25

Awards Income 98.00

Misc Income

Membership Income 950.16

Logger Distribution Income 19.40

Donation

Total Income \$1072.81

Expenses:

Awards Expenses \$

Misc. Expenses

Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)

Total expenses \$000.00

Net Income Less Expenses		\$1072.81
Cash Balance		\$ 16,765.14
Checking Account Balance	\$ 3711.66	
Savings Account Balance	13053.48	
Total all accounts		\$ 16,765.14

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6407, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$10,358.14



Bill KODEQ, MARAC Treasurer

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