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Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG Southeast Division Director

May is upon us! Welcome are moderate temperatures, Spring flowers, and lots of pollen for your allergies. Hopefully this issue finds you well and enjoying this time of year. The MARAC Michigan Mini convention is now complete. Many thanks to Dorie for organizing this event. Make sure to check out the very entertaining article that Artificial Intelligence wrote for Phil, **AB7RW**, and his journey to the convention. Dorie is already working on next year's pow-wow.

If you haven't noticed, there has been a major jump in mobile activity this past month. Lots of counties to be had with several extended cross-country trips have been going on. 17 meters continues to be the hottest band by far. Sometimes I hear nil on 20 and a 59 strength on 17. Amazing! Make sure to check out the list of State QSO Parties article for this month. A total of 18 states will be celebrating their own parties! Get the mic and key ready for a lot of counties, including some of those coveted "no-star" credits.

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Now is time to start considering your votes for **2023 CHOTY**. Please read the articles below to see who has been nominated by your peers and the Awards Committee. Election will be held in June.

Speaking of late June, read up on the mobile extravaganza listed by Butch, **WY0A**, and Karl, **K4YT**. They are headed to Alaska to put out those rare

districts. Should be able to finish up some WBOW awards for many when get up to the Last Frontier.

July will bring back the traditional MARAC County Hunting Contest. Details later in this issue. Thanks again to John, **WA4JA**, for picking up the torch!

The Top List continues to grow. Many are getting down to 10 or less to finish an award. Check them out when planning your mobile trips so that we can help these members inch ever so closer to finishing them all up. If you are on the list, make sure to let me know when you work one so that I can keep the list current.

Several special event stations are coming up that involve some MARAC members. Check out the details below and make sure to give them some contacts.

This month I will be celebrating several graduations, one daughter from high school and one from college. Finally my empty nester dream is coming to a reality! Time to party! Hi! Have a great month, and Happy Hunting!

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Kerry **W4SIG**

MARAC Southeast Division Director



MARAC Michigan Mini

By Kerry, W4SIG

The 2023 MARAC Michigan Mini Convention is in the books! While I, personally, was unable to attend this year, the reports are in that it very successful. The rooms at the new venue were highly spoken of. The conference room for visiting was ample in size for everyone to spread out and tell some tall tales. Also, the dinner was excellent with kudos to the caterer and the pies for dessert. Dorie, N8WTQ, reports that she is already in talks with the hotel for next year. Many thanks go to Dorie for picking up this long-standing, very successful county hunter convention. See you next year!



Artificial Intelligence Trip to the Mini

By Phil, AB7RW

This was drafted by Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Prompt to ChatGPT: *Write a 40 word story about Barb and Phil driving across the nation to attend a Ham Radio Conference.* Here is what I got:

“Barb and Phil were two enthusiastic ham radio enthusiasts who had been looking forward to the annual ham radio convention for months. They had saved up all their money, packed their bags, and were finally ready to set off on their cross-country journey to attend the convention. The drive started off smoothly enough, with Barb behind the wheel and Phil navigating. They chatted excitedly about all the new technology they hoped to see at the convention, and eagerly anticipated meeting fellow ham radio enthusiasts from all over the country.

But after a few hours on the road, things started to take a turn for the worse. Barb, who had been driving non-stop, was starting to get tired. She yawned and rubbed her eyes, but tried to soldier on. As they pulled into the drive-thru of a fast food restaurant, Phil suddenly exclaimed, “Barb, Look out!” Barb jerked the wheel to the right, narrowly avoiding a collision with a large garbage bin that had been left in the middle of the drive-thru. “Whew, that was close.” Phil said breathing a sigh of relief.

But as Barb tried to pull back onto the road, she realized that the car wasn’t moving. They were stuck on the curb. Phil got out of the car to see what was going on, and saw that one of the tires had blown out. “What are we going to do?” Barb asked, looking panicked. Phil thought for a moment, then said. “I have an idea. We can use the ham radio to call for help!” Barb looked skeptical, but Phil was already rummaging through the backseat for the radio. He quickly made contact with a fellow ham radio operator, who promised to send help.

As they waited for the tow truck to arrive, Barb and Phil decided to make the best of the situation. They set up a makeshift radio station on the hood of the car, and started broadcasting to other Ham radio operators across the country. To their surprise they quickly became the talk of the ham radio community. People were tuning in from all over to hear their story, and they even got a few marriage proposals from enthusiastic fans.

By the time the tow truck arrived, Barb and Phil had made so many new friends on the airwaves that they didn't want to leave. But they knew they had a convention to attend, so they bid farewell to their fellow ham radio enthusiasts and hit the road once more.

As they drove off, Phil turned to Barb and said, "You know, this has been one crazy trip, but I wouldn't have wanted to share it with anyone else." Barb smiled and replied, "Same here, Phil, Same here."

CQ Magazine USACA Article

By Kerry, W4SIG

After a long hiatus, a nice 3 page article was published on page 90 in the March edition of *CQ Magazine* regarding their USACA Award. It lists all the details for the award and has a nice picture of the beautiful USACA Certificate they issue. Hopefully this will spur some new interest in this coveted award that feeds newcomers to MARAC and all the follow-on awards that our club offers. Check out the issue for more details...

County and Parks Cross Reference

By Barry, K2MF

An updated posting of the [U.S. KFF Park-County Lookup Page](#) is now available at countyhunter.com under [KFF-County].

If you still see the prior U.S. KFF Park-County Lookup Page displayed from your browser's cache, then force a new page load using the red **[Refresh Page]** button at the top of the U.S. KFF Park-County Lookup Page screen, or the page reload button in your web browser.

County Hunter of the Year

By Ron, KF7ZN, MARAC Election Coordinator

Here we go with the names for the County Hunter of the Year award for 2023. The awards committee, with input from the members, presents the following names for everyone's consideration and vote. The committee capped the number of nominees at 3. The election will be in June, and I will be sending out the ballots then.

This year's nominees are:

SSB - W4SIG, KE4UP, N5MLP

CW - W4SIG, K2MF

To assist the members and help us to get to know their accomplishments, they were each asked to write a summary of their activities which follows.

County Hunting Activity Summary – CW CHOTY 2023 Consideration

Callsign: K2MF
Name: Barry Siegfried

Activity Period: February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

A. Total contacts on all bands and modes during activity period (including domestic and DX contacts of all types and not limited to county hunting):

260 contacts

B. Total contacts made using mobile operation only during the activity period:

5 contacts

Please list each state (2 digit abbreviation) in which you used mobile operation, the number of counties activated in that state, and the number of contacts made during the period (e.g., AZ 9 692) on separate lines in the space below. (Be sure the sum of all the states contacts equates to the total mobile contacts above in this section.) Expand or contract the space below as necessary to document all the states activated.

NJ (4 counties, 5 contacts)

C. Total contacts made using fixed, portable, or remote operation:

255 contacts

D. The total number of days of mobile activity where I was transmitting for at least four hours or more during the day was:

0 days

E. The average number of different bands I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation:

1 band

F. The average number of different modes I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation:

1 mode

G. The total number of different counties I transmitted from in all of my trips combined during the specified activity period was:

4 counties

H. The number of miles driven in a mobile vehicle while transmitting all the counties specified in item G above was:

60 miles

The value reported was: a rough estimate.

I. Personal County Hunting Award Accomplishments During the Activity Period included:

a. Finished USA-CW-II and received USA-CW-II #42 2/7/2022

J. Service to MARAC During the Activity Period included:

I have spent a great deal of time, particularly since 2016, supporting the county hunting community “off-air”. The two support activities that have been keeping me the busiest since December 2021 or thereabouts are:

a. Since the MARAC annual meeting in 2019, I have been maintaining maintain the off-site Road Runner newsletter email distribution list for MARAC and have been responsible for updating the non-award side of the MARAC DB when necessary since December 2021, which includes processing all club membership, contact info and call sign changes. I provide the MARAC “working group” a monthly report on MARAC membership numbers and changes from the previous month. I have “OCD” when it comes to ensuring that data changes are accurate. And since the number of “out-of-date” MARAC DB entries had been on the increase for several years, during the 1st quarter of 2022, KM6HB and I took on a personal project of researching and updating the latest FCC data in the MARAC DB for each entry we could look up. The end result of this work has made the State Lookup lists on the public page of the MARAC DB more valuable to and accurate for those who use them. This work culminated in a report that I sent to the MARAC “Working Group” on April 16, 2022.

b. While not specific to MARAC, the following activity also supports the county hunting community “off-air”. Beginning in January 2016, I became the 3rd manager and custodian of the traditional County Challenge Award (CCA) Top List (created in 2006 by W6RK). In January 2017, I expanded the traditional Top List into 2 more monthly summary lists for each modes category, one which lists those who hold the highest slot totals for each band, and another which lists those who have achieved working all 3077 county slots on single bands. Adding these summary lists taught me about how useful {array} formulas in Excel workbooks can be to make an “error-free” presentation of data sets easier to maintain, and over the next year and a half, I started using {array} formulas to build the traditional Top List as well. It has now been additional 5 years at this since then, and I am obvious very glad that the CCA Top Lists continue to be popular in the county hunting community and that people still find it interesting in which to participate.

K. *My biographical summary includes:*

I have been licensed as an amateur radio operator continuously for 59 years, since June 1964. My prior two call signs were WN2NWM between June 1964 and February 1965, and WB2NWM between February 1965 and August 1977, at which time I received call sign K2MF and have had ever since. The “MF” suffix was one of the ones I requested on the list I submitted to the FCC in Gettysburg because these are the initials of my parents' first names (Marje and Frank). They both were very supportive of my new found interest in wireless as a hobby at the age of 13 and encouraged me to study and get licensed in the amateur radio service, for which I will be forever grateful. By sheer luck of the draw, K2MF was the first call sign that was still available when the FCC processed my list.

I started county hunting in earnest on April 10 1981. My first contact on the 20m SSB ICHN (Independent County Hunters Net) was with WH6AEO/M (now NH6L) in Catoosa county GA, which was nearly 17 years after I was first licensed. I joined MARAC in 1981 when I started county hunting and have been a member of the club for the past 42 consecutive years. But it took me 31.5 years to finish first time USA-CA because I had two long absences from HF between August 1985 and September 1990 (5+ years) and then again between August 1993 and November 2011 (18+ years).

As we all know, life often gets in the way of hobbies, so I was only actually active on HF for about 7.5 of those 31.5 years I was chasing the USA-CA award which I finally earned in December 2012. After having earned a few more MARAC awards, now at this time in 2023, I am still working on finishing up 3 lifetime achievements, for which I have been counting contacts since I acquired the K2MF call sign in 1977. If I can finish these, then I will feel gratified that I have had a good county hunting “career”, which to this basically non-DXing ham, still fascinates me!

My favorite operating mode these days is CW, mostly because during poor conditions, it is considerably easier to make CW contacts than it is to make SSB contacts. Of course, I know there is always FT8 and the other HF digital operating modes these days, but so far I have yet to become interested enough to want to try them.

County Hunting Activity Summary – CHOTY 2023 Consideration

Callsign: W4SIG

Name: Kerry Long

Activity Period: February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

A: Total contacts on all bands and modes during activity period (including domestic and DX contacts of all types and not limited to county hunting):

Number of contacts, I have no idea. I only put into Logger a handful of contacts in each county I run. All of my logs are paper. Logger report says 7,053. But actual number is probably closer to 50,000

B: Total contacts made using mobile operation only during the activity period:

I may run a county on 8 bands (2 modes per band) and log everything on paper, but will only put one or two contacts into Logger. My guess is around 50,000.

Please list each state (2 digit abbreviation) in which you used mobile operation, the number of counties activated in that state, and the number of contacts made during the period (e.g., AZ 9 692) on separate lines in the space below. (Be sure the sum of all the states contacts equates to the total mobile contacts above in this section.) Expand or contract the space below as necessary to document all the states activated.

I can't break down number of contacts per county ran as all is on paper and would take forever to add up. But I spent 30 minutes going thru Logger to manually add up number of counties ran per state:

MS-55, TN-46, NV-15, OR-46, WA-10, ID-10, MT-24, CA-1, UT-27, LA-20, AR-12, KY-20, IN-1, OH-25, MI-57, WI-30, IL-35, MO-8, CO-25, KS-30. Total of 497 counties.

C: Total contacts made using fixed, portable, or remote operation: about 3,500

D: The total number of days of mobile activity where I was transmitting for at least four hours or more during the day was:

I guess about 40 days.

E: The average number of different bands I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation: 5 bands. Many times it was 8 bands.

F: The average number of different modes I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation: 2 modes, CW and SSB

G: The total number of different counties I transmitted from in all of my trips combined during the specified activity period was: 497 counties.

H: The number of miles driven in a mobile vehicle while transmitting all the counties specified in item G above was: I Have no idea. *The value reported was a rough estimate.*

I: Personal County Hunting Award Accomplishments During the Activity Period included:

In looking at my call in the marac.org Database, here is what I was awarded during the year:

RoadRunner Level 975,

Mobile of the Year CW-2nd Place

Mobile of the Year SSB-2nd Place

USA Single Band 80M – Level 2000

USA Single Band 17M – Level 2000

YL Mobile -Level 2000

YL/OM Mobile – Level 2000

Ran all Utah

Ran all Illinois

Ran all Michigan

County Challenge – Level 15000

USA CA V

USA All CW III

BINGO III

J: Service to Marac During the Activity Period included:

MARAC Southeast District Director

MARAC RoadRunner Editor, and frequent article writer

Manager of Final Countdown List

Fill-In for MARAC Secretary

I provide Spots and Relays on CW and SSB regularly, both during mobile runs and during State QSO Parties

K: My biographical summary includes:

I was first licensed WD4SIG in 1976 at the age of 14. I operated solely CW for the first 10 years, working on my QRQ operation, achieving accredited CW copy speed of 55 WPM. I was very active in ARRL Traffic handling was NCS on the TN Traffic Net and several independent nets, and was a member of the Brass Pounders League for many years. Also worked lots of DX on low power from my random wire antenna about 15 feet off the ground. Ham shack was a non heated or air conditioned outbuilding in the back yard. First rig was a Hallicrafters setup. Loved the hum during transmit!!

I ran across the CW County Hunters Net in the late 70s and joined MARAC with membership #1368. My goal was to get USACA CW by the age of 20, but I came up about 18 short of the goal. I was impressed by the professional operation of the CW CHN with the likes of WA6VJP and others as the NCS. My Dad, W4MRD/W5JAC, was my inspiration. He was licensed in 1939 and used CW as his profession for many years with the CAA relaying CW traffic for the Navy during WWII from a tiny island in the Caribbean (Swan Island ex KS4, no longer on the DXCC listing). In the early 80s, we threw a Heathkit rig on the car seat and ran counties together from TN/AR/and MS.

I attended Memphis State University and received a degree in Electrical Engineering. After school I began work with IBM as a Systems Engineer and soon after got married and started on a family. Ham radio took a back seat and operation came to a screeching halt. Many kids and about 18 years later I pulled out my list of needed counties and saw it was still sitting on about 12 to go. I reluctantly bought a mic and tried out the SSB frequencies. I now have completed them all 5 times, with USA-CA

CW three times. I have now activated about 2,200 counties from the mobile, both on CW and SSB. Other interests are operating from DX locations as ZF2GG in Grand Cayman and KP2C in the US Virgin Islands.

After 12 years at IBM I opened my own business and ran it for 14 years. Now, with 6 kids and 3 grandkids I work part time at three jobs for family businesses that I enjoy. Outside of ham radio I am very active traveling, camping, enjoy scuba diving and following with a passion my favorite local area college and professional sports teams.

For about 10 years now I have been the MARAC Southeast Division Director. I picked up the role of MARAC *RoadRunner* Editor about 3 years ago and currently fill in with MARAC Secretarial duties. I enjoyed hosting the MARAC National Convention in Germantown TN a few years ago and attending the various Minis and Nationals that the club puts on. I have made many friends in the county hunting community that I cherish and still love to put the counties out from the mobile every chance I get!

County Hunting Activity Summary – CHOTY 2023 Consideration

Callsign: KE4UP

Name: John Howe

Activity Period: February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

A: Total contacts on all bands and modes during activity period (including domestic and DX contacts of all types and not limited to county hunting):

2021 contacts

B: Total contacts made using mobile operation only during the activity period:

1813 contacts.

C: Please list each state (2 digit abbreviation) in which you used mobile operation, the number of counties activated in that state, and the number of contacts made during the period (e.g., AZ 9 692) on separate lines in the space below. (Be sure the sum of all the states contacts equates to the total mobile contacts above in this section.) Expand or contract the space below as necessary to document all the states activated.

	Counties:	Contacts:
AR	15	134
AZ	7	23
CA	1	8
FL	16	38
IL	4	38
KY	37	299
OK	26	279
MO	4	25
MS	3	16
NC	10	60
NM	9	36
SC	7	50
TX	122	775
WV	1	2
VA	4	30

D: Total contacts made using fixed, portable, or remote operation:

208 contacts.

E: The total number of days of mobile activity where I was transmitting for at least four hours or more during the day was: 44 days.

F: The average number of different bands I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation: 4-5 bands.

G: The average number of different modes I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation: 1 modes.

H: The total number of different counties I transmitted from in all of my trips combined during the specified activity period was: 266 counties.

I: The number of miles driven in a mobile vehicle while transmitting all the counties specified in item G above was: 14,000 miles. The value reported was: a rough estimate.

J: Personal County Hunting Award Accomplishments During the Activity Period included:

Several LC-1 Awards

K: Service to Marac During the Activity Period included:

Not sure that I did anything that changed what's not broken.

L: My biographical summary includes:

- a. I was licensed as a Novice in 1978 as WB1GKY while serving in the U.S. Navy. Over the years I advanced through Technician, General (N4EQR), Advanced (KE4UP) and Amateur Extra classes.
- b. During my time on Navy ships, I operated the onboard ham radio/Navy MARS stations while we were deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, North & South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. I made numerous phone patches which permitted my shipmates to have voice contact their families at home. This was particularly satisfying to me, especially when I could connect a new father with his wife after the birth of their child, or a bereaved shipmate with his loved ones after learning of a death in his family.
- c. While on a tour of shore duty, after installing my first base station, I became interested in the worked all states nets and eventually became a net control and 40 meter net coordinator for the 3905 Century Club. Thus came the nexus of me and county hunting.
- d. In 1984 I was ragchewing while operating mobile enroute to a Century Club outing in Parkersburg, WV. Al, KG5J, who was already in Parkersburg, asked me to give him a contact in a Maryland county that I would be passing through. While

talking with him afterward, he introduced me to MRCs, explained the USACA award and MARAC. I soon had decided that putting out counties on the 20, 40 and 75 meter nets (yes, we had semi-organized evening activity on 40 and 75 meters in the mid-80's) was much more fun than just sitting around working other fixed stations and mobiles from a base station. From 1985 to 2006, whenever we had the opportunity, we were on the road and I was operating exclusively mobile.

- e. In 2006 I had to make a "straw that broke the camel's back" decision. I had retired from the Navy in 1998 and had jumped into a second career as a program Manager for a small CA ship management company. As the company grew and my responsibilities increased, the job required more and more domestic and international travel and some long hours which left little time for hobbies. That, coupled with the acrimony that was rampant between a couple of different factions in the county hunting arena at the time, made the decision to hang up the microphone easy. I became virtually silent on the HF bands, however, I remained active on VHF and UHF in the local area. In 2004 a ham friend and I developed and implemented a plan to train more people in emergency management communication skills. We started the Hampton Public Service Team as a training organization focused on licensing classes and emergency communications skills. To date, the HPST boasts a 90+ license exam success rate in training over 300 new operators, many of whom have attained Amateur Extra class. We have been successful in attaining 501(c)3 status and have become a vital part of the City's Emergency Response Plan. I served as Vice President from 2004 to 2017 and on the Board of Directors from 2004 to 2022.
- f. In 2017 my wife and I built our retirement home in Chesapeake, VA on a three acre lot with plenty of room for antennas. After we moved in, the construction of the ham shack began and improvements are still ongoing.
- g. In 2018 I was designated as the volunteer coordinator for one of the Tournament of Roses Parade floats which necessitates a cross-country trip each year, and spending the month of December in Pasadena, CA and then returning home. This gives me a great opportunity to run counties across the country each year and hopefully complete the quest to run all counties in the US.
- h. Up to this point I have transmitted from all counties in 19 states and have 4 or less counties to visit in each to finish 4 more. Overall, I've transmitted from approximately 1800 counties, with many of the contacts occurring in the 1984-2006 timeframe.
- i. I'm very humbled to even be considered as a potential CHOTY. I look forward to enjoying the HF world and continuing our travels and county running in retirement.

County Hunting Activity Summary – CHOTY 2023 Consideration

Callsign: N5MLP

Name: Ronald Clift

Activity Period: February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

A: Total contacts on all bands and modes during activity period (including domestic and DX contacts of all types and not limited to county hunting):

9,820 contacts

B: Total contacts made using mobile operation only during the activity period:

7,188 contacts

Please list each state (2 digit abbreviation) in which you used mobile operation, the number of counties activated in that state, and the number of contacts made during the period (e.g., AZ 9 692) on separate lines in the space below. (Be sure the sum of all the states contacts equates to the total mobile contacts above in this section.) Expand or contract the space below as necessary to document all the states activated.

ST	No. Counties Activated	No. of Contacts
TX	78	1,333
NM	17	369
AZ	18	303
UT	29	609
ID	26	454
OR	35	917
WA	27	685
MT	25	755
CA	59	1,119
WY	3	106
CO	8	145
NV	17	397
Totals	342	7,192

C: Total contacts made using fixed, portable, or remote operation:

2,632 contacts.

D: The total number of days of mobile activity where I was transmitting for at least four hours or more during the day was: 60 days.

E: The average number of different bands I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation: 4.5 bands (based on actual counts by county and calculated average).

F: The average number of different modes I transmitted from most counties while in mobile operation: 2 modes.

G: The total number of different counties I transmitted from in all of my trips combined during the specified activity period was: 342 counties (a few were counted on two different days if they were run separately days apart).

H: The number of miles driven in a mobile vehicle while transmitting all the counties specified in item G above was: 16,982 miles. **The value reported was:** actual recorded mileage (a two day trip to near Dallas and back was estimated at 400 miles while two long trips to the west coast and NW US was based on beginning and ending recorded mileage which was exact).

I: Personal County Hunting Award Accomplishments During the Activity Period included:

- a. Transmitted entire state of AZ and received certificate # 46
- b. Transmitted entire state of CA and received certificate # 31
- c. Transmitted entire state of NV and received certificate # 37
- d. Transmitted entire state of UT and received certificate # 32
- e. Transmitted remaining needs in state of OR and received certificate # 30
- f. Transmitted remaining needs in state of WA and received certificate # 34
- g. Transmitted from 25 of 56 counties in MT.
- h. Transmitted from 26 of 44 counties in ID.
- i. Transmitted from 78 counties in TX.
- j. Transmitted from 17 counties in NM.
- k. Transmitted from 8 counties in CO.
- l. Completed Bingo IV and received certificate # 14.

- m. Completed 8 of my last 9 contacts needed for Mobile Diamond by transmitting from each of those counties. Only one county remaining for WBOW.
- n. Received Last County certificates exceeding 375 at this time.

J: Service to Marac During the Activity Period included:

Served as Awards Manager for MARAC throughout the entire activity period.

K: My biographical summary includes:

Graduated from Texas Tech University in 1970 – BS in Electrical Engineering

Graduated from University of Houston – Clear Lake in 1997 – MBA

Former hobbies included golf, fishing, and woodworking.

First licensed as an amateur radio operator in 1987.

Began county hunting and joined MARAC in 2001.

Attained USA-CA #1169 in August, 2008.

Completed 5th time Worked all USA Counties in 2021.

Completed Bingo I, Bingo II, Bingo III, and Bingo IV.

Completed Master Gold and Master Platinum.

Completed USA – Prefix awards for the K prefix and the N prefix.

Completed USA Single Band – 20m award.

Completed the 5 Star Award

Served as Net Control Manager for about 1 year and was on the Awards Committee for approximately 2 years prior to becoming Awards Manager in 2016.

Now it is important to support the efforts of these individuals by casting a vote in June. Thank you to the awards committee for their time and help, and to everyone who contributes in any way to our fun and enjoyment of this hobby and in particular to county hunting.

Ron KF7ZN. MARAC Election Coordinator

Return of the MARAC County Hunters Contest!

By Kerry W4SIG

After a couple year hiatus, the legendary MARAC County Hunters Contest returns! Thanks to John, **WA4JA**, taking over the reigns of as the club's Contest Coordinator. He has worked hard with other very accomplished ham contesters to come up with a very layout for our contest. The goal, of course, is to both introduce others to county hunting and mobile activity in the county hunter world and to energize existing members for an exciting and fun weekend of mobile and county activation activity. The dates are July 29-30. There will be supporting documents posted on the marac.org website soon. John is going to advertise this contest with the other major contest groups as well as the major publications. Let's make this a weekend to remember!

Here are the rules:

U.S. Counties QSO Party Rules

MARAC 2023 United States Counties QSO Party
Sponsored by Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club
www.marac.org

Dates/Times: 00:00Z July 29, 2023 to 23:59Z July 30, 2023

Objective: To establish radio contact with as many U.S. Counties as possible in all 50 U.S. states with the emphasis on maximum scoring of mobile entries. Contacts are good towards the various MARAC awards and CQ Magazine's "Worked All Counties Award."

USA Modes and Categories:

Eligible Modes: CW and Phone. No digital modes. All logs submitted shall be for Single Operators. Multiple operators can participate from one station, but each operator submits a log entry.

Fixed Categories:

CW- May be Home/Club or Portable

Phone- May be Home/Club or Portable
Mixed CW/Phone Fixed- May be Home or Portable

USA Mobile:

CW-Single Operator Mobile
Phone-Single Operator Mobile
Mixed CW/Phone Mobile

DX:

Mixed CW/Phone Overall Single Operator.
A qualified DX exchange shall be between USA and the DX station. No DX-to-DX contacts are allowed.

Contest Exchanges: USA stations send RS(T), State and County abbreviation. All logs shall indicate the proper abbreviations for scoring. Hawaii stations use state/county. Alaskan stations use Judicial Districts 1 through 4.

DX stations shall send RS(T) and "DX" for their exchange, and must indicate USA state/county abbreviations worked in their received log exchange.

A list of recognized abbreviations will be provided on the Contest section of the marac.org website soon. Credit to Larry, **WOQE** for formatting and sharing for use.

Operational Guidelines:

Portable-Single Operator- If a portable station operates from more than one fixed location, multiple logs may be submitted. Portable stations are required to package equipment or stow antennas for travel. Portable stations shall be set-up less than 3 days before the qso party starts, and removed within 5 days of the end of the qso party. Portable stations may also setup and tear down during the qso party. Other stations are in the "Fixed-Home/Club" category.

Fixed-Single Operator- One individual performs all radio operating and logging functions from a single location. Some fixed stations' footprint straddle a county line and must select one of the counties to exchange for the duration of the QSO Party. See MARAC General Rules for details.

Portable and Fixed (Home/Club) stations are in a single category. Do not attach a "/" after fixed/portable callsigns or incorrect scoring will occur.

Mobile- A station which is either in motion, or capable of immediately being in motion. This includes transmitter, receiver, power source, antenna(s), and logging equipment. Mobile stations may be moving or, if safely stopped, be capable of drive-a-way without

lowering antennas or loading equipment. **Mobile class entrants shall use “Mobile” or “/M” appended to the call sign.** Mobile entrants shall be Single Operator only. Drivers are allowed. A Club callsign may be used for mobile operations provided only one mobile station uses it and it is not used by a Fixed Entry.

DX: Hawaii and Alaska are U.S. entries. Canada, Mexico and other North American entities are DX-Class. Stations outside the 50 United States are all DX-Class.

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2m are used in this contest. Phone qso's only in the Phone sub bands, CW qso's only in the CW sub bands. No cross mode, cross band, repeater, or satellite qso's permitted.

Suggested Freq's:

CW 50khz up from bottom of band

Phone 1850, 3850, 7250, 14341, 21341, 28341, 50135, 144.200 or 146.550 (FM) are suggested. Mobile windows: 5 khz down from the suggested freq. If you are a fixed station, please keep these freqs clear for mobile operations. Saturday's contest period overlaps RSGB IOTA Contest, but their rules prohibit operation above 14.300 Mhz on 20 Meters SSB.

Scoring: US Stations score 1 point for U.S. Fixed, 2 Points for DX, and 15 points for U.S. Mobile.

DX stations score 1 point for U.S. Fixed, and 15 points for U.S. Mobile.

Multipliers: Total of U. S. Counties worked once per mode, regardless of band. A CW or Phone only station has a maximum of 3077 mults. A mixed mode station has a maximum of 6154 mults.

Spotting and Planning: Mobile Operators are encouraged to post their plans for operation on the K3IMC website, www.countyhunterweb.org/displaytrips.php. During the QSO Party one will find most county hunters follow the W6RK “Mobile Spot Page” at <http://ch.w6rk.com> When posting on W6RK, please include the entire county name and the state abbreviation as mobiles change counties, bands or modes. Since mostly written and mailed QSLs are required by CQ Magazine for a first time Worked All Counties Award, please be courteous and return SASE QSLs and Mobile Reply Cards (MRC's).

Miscellaneous:

A. Connecticut has eliminated counties. For 2023 use the old county lines as guides using maps, gps, or remaining signs to determine location.

B. Self-spotting as a fixed station is not allowed. Self-spotting as a mobile is permitted.

C. Drivers for Single Operator Mobile stations are permitted, provided they do not assist in any way with the contest on-air operations. Two people may transmit from a single vehicle and both shall enter individual logs.

D. County Line operations: As defined by MARAC, a stationary mobile may operate from one county line, and contacts with that mobile shall count as one qso, and 2 counties worked. Some part of the vehicle must be in both counties for the duration of the qso. Operation from more than a double county line is not allowed under MARAC General Rules. If a safe stopped position at a county line isn't possible, or if traffic is being slowed or blocked, operators should transmit from each county.

E. Independent city-a station must use only one county for use in the contest exchange, for the duration of the contest. If mobile in an independent city, the entrant may not use the adjoining county listed in the same independent city as a new county without actually moving to the new county.

F. Parks-On-The-Air and other award program stations are encouraged to participate. The basic information for MARAC must be exchanged to count towards MARAC scoring. The station shall enter the appropriate Mobile or Fixed and Portable class. Stations shall indicate in "Comments" if they are operating POTA, IOTA, US Islands, or other award programs. Each Portable log file shall be for a single county with WARC-band QSOs and mults removed from the log.

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to top scoring entrant in each Category. One certificate each for mobile, CW, SSB and Mixed. One certificate each for fixed or portable CW, SSB and Mixed. One certificate to the leading DX station.

Log submission: Please note that the contest committee will not score your log. Unscored logs will be considered check logs only. Please use the **Summary Sheet**, which can be found at www.marac.org under the Contest Tab, and enclose a printed copy of it with the log copy **only if you have a Mobile-Class paper log.**

Fixed-Class logs and if possible, Mobile-Class logs, shall be emailed using Cabrillo (preferred), ADIF, pdf or MS Word/Excel.

Logs must be received by September 1, 2023 to qualify for awards. Logs may be sent via email or USPS if using a Mobile paper log. Email: marac23@earthlink.net. USPS via N7NU - Lee Hallin, 3413 Walton Ln., Eugene, OR 97408-4673.

Please watch the contest section of the MARAC website www.marac.org/Contests for updated information. For rule questions, please email the Contest Manager wa4ja@arrl.net for a quick reply or ruling. John Almon, WA4JA MARAC Contest Coordinator

New MARAC Members

By Kerry-W4SIG

MARAC would like to welcome the following New Members as well as those who have rejoined after a lapse of membership of two years or more. We want every member to feel welcomed.

If anyone has any questions, contact your District Director or one of the board members. We'll be glad to get you in touch with the proper person.

Welcome Back

KK7NXS - Fred Grannan R-4808 Snohomish, WA

Ham Bootcamp May 13th

The Nashua Area Radio Society will be holding an online Ham Bootcamp on Saturday May 13th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time.

Ham Bootcamp is a program to help new, inactive, and prospective hams gain the skills and information that they need to Get on The Air. It is open to any interested Ham or Prospective Ham in the US and Canada and there is no charge to attendees.

The morning session is geared toward operating on the VHF/UHF bands:

- Putting together a Station for Repeaters - How to pick an HT or Mobile Radio and an Antenna
- Radio Programming Tutorial
- Making Contacts and Joining a Repeater Net
- Getting Started with Amateur Radio Satellites
- Getting started with Fox Hunting

The afternoon session is geared toward operating on the HF Bands:

- Putting together an HF Station for SSB, CW, and Digital
- Picking and putting up an HF Antenna, Feedlines, and Grounds
- Operating on the HF bands using SSB Voice
- Getting started with WSJT-X and FT8 Digital

There will also be breakout sessions where attendee can choose one of the following topics:

- Learning CW
- Intro to EmComm
- Finding DX, Logging and QSLing
- Portable Operating

... and more! Registration is now open for the May 13th session. You can get more information about Ham Bootcamp, including a link to register at n1fd.org/bootcamp If you have any questions, you can contact us at bootcamp@n1fd.org. Registration is required to receive the link to the web conference

Lewis & Clark Trail on the Air

By Mike, NF0N

I am a member of 2 clubs, Siouxland Amateur Radio Association (Iowa) and Dakota County Amateur Radio Club (Nebraska), who will be participating in the 2nd annual Lewis & Clark Trail on the Air event. We will use Club calls **K0TFT** and **N0DCA** during this event from June 3-18, 2023. This event is similar to the 13 Colonies and Route 66 events. There will be certificates for participation by working Clubs in 16 states who will be participating. Club stations will be using SSB, CW, FT8 and FM on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 and 2 meters.

See ictota.org for details of the event and operations schedule. Hope to work you from both **N0DCA** and **K0TFT**.

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 Director Elections

By Kerry, W4SIG

Elections for Directors for both the MARAC North Central (IL, IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD, WI, WY, VE4, VE5, VE6) and South Central (AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, Central and South America) Divisions are upcoming in June. If you are in either of these areas and would like to serve, please contact our Election Coordinator, Ron KF7ZN at rglogan73@gmail.com. Deadline for submissions is June 1.

Here is a description of the role and its responsibilities:

Responsibilities of MARAC District Director

- Shall adopt all policies of MARAC in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws
- Serves a 3 year term, with the option of volunteering for subsequent terms
- Participates in Board discussions regarding topics related to MARAC. This can be via email or during periodic (usually monthly) conference calls
- Attend and participate 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

- Act as a focal point of communications for members of your District when issues or questions arise
- Serve as a liaison of communications to an appointed MARAC position
- Be creative in finding ways to assist MARAC in supporting its members and growing our club

Awards Committee Opening Northeast District

By Kerry, W4SIG

Are you in the MARAC Northeast District? This would include **CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT, VE1, VE2, VE9, VY2, Europe**. If so, your club could use your help. We have had an opening for a representative from this district to serve on the Awards Committee for several years. You would be involved in the decisions on any MARAC Awards rules changes or any new awards that are proposed. We have a very experienced and dedicated group on the committee, with our Awards Manager Ron **N5MLP** heading up the committee. Interested? Please contact Ron and let him know. We sure could use you!

Final Countdown

Kerry-W4SIG

The following MARAC Members need less than 10 counties for the “Whole Ball of Wax”, also known as WBOW for various awards. 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 CW Mobiles - **AK**: 2nd, 4th **HI**: Hawaii

W4SIG W Prefix - **AK**: 1st, 2nd **HI**: Kauai **NJ**: Hudson

- W4SIG** 30M --WA: Ferry
- W4SIG** ALL SSB – AK: 2nd NJ: Hunterdon PA: Northhampton, NY: Suffolk
- W4SIG** 20 SSB – IA: Lucas, IN: Sullivan, KY: Leslie, LA: Bienville, Tensas, MO: Bollinger, Marion, TN: Crockett, Lauderdale
- W4SIG** Mobile Diamond – AK: 2nd District, 3rd District, 4th District, MD: Anne Arundel Calvert, VA: King George
- N4RS** 40M CW – AK: 2nd
- N5MLP** A Prefix – LA: Grant, Vermillion, Vernon MS: Issaquena TN: Hardeman, Houston, Marshall VA: Mathews WA: Garfield
- N0KV** K Prefix – ID: Teton NE: Nance SD: Haakon WV: McDowell WY: Goshen
- N0KV** 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
- NUOQ** Master Gold – AK: 4th
- NUOQ** Master Platinum – NJ: Hunterdon PA: Cameron
- NUOQ** K Prefix – GA: Newton NC: Burke NE: Antelope

- K4CGY** USACA – **GA:** Quitman **ME:** Franklin **MN:** Lake of the Woods
- 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
- 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
- W8OP** CW – **KY:** Morgan, **NY:** Chautauqua, Jefferson, Lewis, **OR:** Columbia, **TN:** Cocke, **TX:** Duval, **VT:** Orange, **WI:** Kewaunee
- N1API** N Prefix – **MA:** Nantucket, **MD:** St Marys, **MS:** Issaquena, **TN:** Moore
- N1API** W Prefix—**MD:** Worchester, **NC:** Warren, **NH:** Sullivan, **NY:** Richmond, Tioga, **VA:** Accomack, Buchanan, Northumberland, Page, Richmond
- N8CIJ** 8th Time – **AK:** 2nd Dist, **IN:** Union, **KY:** Elliott, Lee, Lewis, **MT:** Golden Valley, Treasure, **OR:** Gilliam, **SD:** Oglala Dakota
- N8CIJ** N Prefix – **TN:** Johnson, **WI:** Burnett
- N8CIJ** 1x3 Calls – **VA:** Charles City
- N8CIJ** K Prefix – **CO:** Hinsdale, **PA:** Forest
- KE3VV** 9TH Time – **KY:** Allen, Fleming, **LA:** Morehouse, **OH:** Perry
- KE3VV** Bingo IV – **NC:** Hertford
- KE3VV** 1x2 Calls – **MS:** Neshoba, **SD:** Turner
- KE3VV** A Prefix – **LA:** East Feliciana, **OH:** Morgan

- KE3VV** W Prefix – **IN:** Jennings
- K7REL** 10th Time – **MD:** Charles, **NJ:** Gloucester, Hunterdon, Somerset, **NY:** Jefferson, Queens
- W0GXQ** BINGO IV—**WA:** Island
- W0GXQ** N Prefix – **VA:** Greene
- W0GXQ** 8th Time – **AK:** 2nd District, **CA:** Butte, **MD:** Cecil, **TX:** Maverick, **VA:** Grayson
- W0GXQ** 8th Time CW – **AK:** 2nd District, **CA:** Alpine, Butte, **MD:** Cecil, **TX:** Maverick, **VA:** Grayson
- W0SK** USACA – **AK:** 2nd District, **AL:** Hale, **AR:** Cross, Perry, Phillips, Woodruff, **HI:** Kalawao, **KY:** Bath, Lee, **TN:** Lauderdale

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 Report

By Ron, N5MLP

County Hunter of the Year – 2023 Status Update

The Awards Committee completed a review of the nominations from members of the club and added some additional nominations to those previously received. Three nominees for the SSB category and two nominees for the CW category have been forwarded to the Election Coordinator. Those nominations along with the supporting justification information should appear elsewhere in the May edition of the newsletter for your consideration. Please review those nominations prior to the first of June so that you will be prepared to vote on who you feel should be the winner when the electronic ballots are distributed during June.

Awards Issued March 25, 2023 through April 24, 2023

Awards Issued:				
Call	Date of Last Contact	Award	Level	Cert. No.
K8ZZ	4/18/2023	RAS* - MA		19
W4SIG	4/21/2023	Five Band- 17,20,30,40,80	2000	4
Legend of Abbreviations:				
RAS* = Ra				
WAC* = Worked All USA Counties				

Roadrunner Awards Issued:			
Call	Date of Last Contact	L C Count	Cert. No.
K8ZZ	4/14/2023	1525	4
K8ZZ	4/16/2023	1550	5
K8ZZ	4/18/2023	1575	3
K8ZZ	4/18/2023	1600	3
K8ZZ	4/21/2023	1625	3
N8HAM	4/19/2023	175	151
N8OYY	4/20/2023	350	64

MARAC Awards Committee



N5MLP – Ron Clift, MARAC Awards Manager

MARAC Treasurer's Report

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club Treasurer's Report (K0DEQ) Mar 20 Through April 19, 2023

Beginning Account Balance		\$18,323.42
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income	6.00	
Misc Income		
Membership Income	59.10	
Logger Distribution Income	19.40	
MI Mini Income	135.82	
Total Income		\$220.32
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$	
Refund		

Misc. Expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
MI Mini	135.82	
Total expenses		\$135.82
Net Income Less Expenses		\$84.50
Cash Balance		\$ 18,407.92
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2349.39	
Savings Account Balance	_16058.53	
Total all accounts		\$18,407.92

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6387, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$12,020.92



Bill, K0DEQ, MARAC Treasurer

State QSO Parties

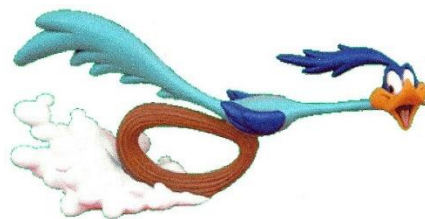
Courtesy WA7BNM

May

Arizona	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023
Idaho	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023
Montana	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023
Nevada	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023

Oregon	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023
Utah	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023
Washington	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023
Wyoming	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 6 to 0700Z, May 7, 2023
Indiana	± Indiana QSO Party	1500Z, May 6 to 0300Z, May 7, 2023
Delaware	± Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, May 6 to 2359Z, May 7, 2023
Connecticut	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 6 to 0500Z, May 7, 2023 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 7, 2023
Maine	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 6 to 0500Z, May 7, 2023 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 7, 2023
Massachusetts	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 6 to 0500Z, May 7, 2023 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 7, 2023
New Hampshire	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 6 to 0500Z, May 7, 2023 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 7, 2023
Rhode Island	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 6 to 0500Z, May 7, 2023 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 7, 2023
Vermont	± New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 6 to 0500Z, May 7, 2023 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 7, 2023
Alberta	± Canadian Prairies QSO Party	1700Z, May 13 to 0300Z, May 14, 2023
Manitoba	± Canadian Prairies QSO Party	1700Z, May 13 to 0300Z, May 14, 2023
Saskatchewan	± Canadian Prairies QSO Party	1700Z, May 13 to 0300Z, May 14, 2023
Arkansas	± Arkansas QSO Party	1400Z, May 20 to 0200Z, May 21, 2023

The County Line ROADRUNNER



“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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