



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG Secretary

As summer comes to an end let's celebrate the great mobile activity over the last two months! Take a look at the monthly Award column and see all the Ran-All-State and RoadRunner accomplishments. Might someone new be approaching the Ran-All-USA Counties award soon? Also, check out the many great awards issued, especially one that knocks my socks off...**K5GE** has a history of being the first at a lot of awards, but check out his #1 for Worked All Counties 80 Meters! Wow! This ties in to his other #1 for Worked All Counties USA on 5 Bands...GULP!! How does one accomplish such an incredible feat? Well, as one of the mobiles who runs on 80 meters late into the night, I can tell you that K5GE is always there til the wee hours of the night. Also, Gene has organized many joint mobile operations where he and other mobiles travel in close proximity in order to secure those tough band contacts in so many counties. That's commitment! Our hats are off to one dedicated county hunter. Congratulations, Gene!!!

Check out the articles on the upcoming MARAC Conventions, both in Michigan and West Virginia. The registration page is up and running on mara.org for the Michigan mini in the spring. More details will be posted soon on the National convention in WV. Hopefully we will

see you at both shindigs!

At the end of this issue is a copy of the unofficial minutes of the MARAC Board's September meeting. Although the Board meets to discuss lots of issues monthly, we like to post the minutes of our somewhat-quarterly official meetings so you can keep up with the official business of your club. Many, many

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hours go into running MARAC with a great group of volunteers. As you may have noticed, we always have room for more! Consider jumping in and assisting to make YOUR club the best it can be. We welcome Dave, **KE3VV**, back onto the Board as the new Southeast District Director!

Almost two years ago, I started the monthly Final Countdown listing to aid county hunters who are right near the finish line on any of the MARAC Awards. Steadily the list has grown longer as more folks have jumped in. Many have benefited from publicizing their final 10 needs so that mobiles can be aware of what you need and help you reach your destination. Mobiles are monitoring these lists so please keep them up to date by emailing me directly if you have something to remove or something new to add. Few things thrill us more than to see someone achieve a Whole Ball of Wax for any of the dozens of awards MARAC offers!

I am still in awe of my new QTH surroundings in southern Utah. Life is good near Zion National Park with views that blow me away every day. Amy and I are enjoying long hikes and bike rides in this great part of the country. Now to get into fall fishing! Get outside and enjoy the beginning of Fall. In some parts of the country, like Texas, they are still calling it "Hotumn" instead of Autumn. Don't worry, those jackets will be coming out of the closets before you know it! Have a great month and happy hunting!!

73

Kerry Long **W4SIG**

MARAC Secretary



# MARAC Michigan Mini Dates Announced

By Kerry W4SIG

The news is out! The dates for the 2024 Michigan Mini are April 25-27 in Midland, Michigan. Dorie has the hotel all lined up and the marac.org website is all set up to accept your reservations. Please go ahead and make your reservations online and secure your MARAC group rate at the host Springhill Suites Hotel. Mark your calendars for this fun annual shindig. See you there!



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# 2024 MARAC National Convention

By Kerry W4SIG

It's official! The 2024 MARAC National Convention has been approved to be held on Oct 9-12 in **Bridgeport, West Virginia**! Please thank Alan-**W8OP**/Steve-**K8II**/Ed-**N8OYY** for volunteering to be co-hosts of next year's convention. More details to be announced this October when they are finalized. In the meantime, mark your calendars to attend!



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## New Southeast District Director!

By Kerry W4SIG

It's official! Thanks to Dave Splitt, **KE3VV**, for volunteering to step in as MARAC Southeast District Director. Dave brings a lot of knowledge and useful experience to the Board. Please congratulate Dave and thank him for wanting to serve his fellow club members!

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## Logger Support Announcement

By Kerry W4SIG

As mentioned in the opening article of previous months' RoadRunner, a new support structure has been created for support of the Logger program. PLEASE, everyone send ALL Logger questions/problems to Dave, **KE3VV**, [davidsplitt@erols.com](mailto:davidsplitt@erols.com). DO NOT send them directly to Logger programmer, Don, **K3IMC**. Dave will look over your issue and try to resolve it. If he cannot, he will package the issues and effectively relay them to Don for attention. This move is VERY necessary to alleviate the workload on Don. He is very busy making Logger the best program it can be and implementing new features all the time. So, everyone please remember this procedure when you have any issues with Logger. It will make everything flow more smoothly and allow Don to keep some of his hair! Hi!

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## FT8 – Pick and Choose.

By Phil, AB7RW

No longer is it necessary to keep working the same stations. You can click on the county and observe the needs or no needs for that county automatically. It can be quite habit forming.

Start by initiating Logger II – click on the circle or you callsign and the Logger program will light up your monitor.

Then click on WSJT-X. You will now have two programs on your monitor. You will want to resize each so that you can comfortably see both programs.

When you are satisfied, on the logger screen, click on the MODE selection, FT8. This will initiate the ALERT Activity Box. The Alert box needs to be aligned up against the WSJT-X receive spots. The Alert box has times showing and this makes it a bit difficult to match the callsign on the left with the callsign on the right. But you can get it pretty close.

Then select the band that you want to monitor on WSJT-X. After contacts begin to appear on the receive side of WSJT-X the Alert Box will sync in and display the callsigns and home counties provided that you have a agreement with QRZ. Without the agreement, you can only check 25 callsigns, then it shuts down. You will want to be able to check many callsigns to see where the county is.

In the Alert Box, under the column “Home County” when a blue color appears over a county, this means that particular county is letting you know that it is needed for one or more of your awards for that county. Double click on it and your needs list will appear and show you what awards need that county. Also, some counties will have “NeededCounty”. Do the double click and again see what is needed. You can also double click on a county name regardless of the color and the needs box will list your needs.

If the needs box shows that you have needs in a particular county, go to the WSJT-X received side, find the call sign, double click on it, and it will be transferred to the right side of WSJT-X and show you calling that station. Here is where good operators learn to be patient. If that call is trying to work someone else, it is best to just stand-by till he gives up or sends 73. Generally if a station is trying to make a contact with someone else, they will ignore you request for a Q. When he decides to work you, the spot line will turn red. When you send your 73, the “Confirm Box” pops up and all you need to do is click OK, and it is added to your log. At some point, you will want to upload your contacts to LOTW. Hopefully you are already set up with the ARRL.

If you work a DX station, the county will be shown as “Unknown”. Then a box appears to let you know it is unknown and if you click “YES” it will be transferred to your log.

To find your file, click on “FILE” at the top of WSJT-X, click on “Open Log Directory”. Your file will be: (your callsign\_log.adi) This is the file that you will upload to LOTW and to enter it into whatever callsign program you use.

Then, go back and click on “Open Log Directory” and note erase (Your callsign\_log.adi). That adi file will disappear. If you forget to erase it, the next time you upload to LOTW, you will be notified that these have already been uploaded.

If you try this program for an hour you will be hooked and you will fill in a lot of needs in a hurry. And if you do not have Logger II, you are wasting a lot of time doing log keeping with a pencil and paper or Access on your computer. It is hard to beat at the price you pay and also receive all updates for life. Don would be glad to help you get started. You might find that your manual bookkeeping missed a few contacts and you have already completed and award, Many thanks to Don K3IMC for a wonderful program

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## 2023 Mr. Ugly Award Recipient Announced

By John, W5UGD

I am honored to announce that “The Ugly Award” has been presented to me for 2024.

It is my honor to accept this prestigious token of recognition - I will cherish and proudly display it for the time that I have it.

Obviously, I feel privileged to be including in the long line of deserving Ugly Award recipients and will endeavor to find a suitable successor when the time comes!

73,

W5UGD / John M. Hoyt



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## Coast to Coast with K8ZZ

By Kerry W4SIG

With all the counties Ed puts out, this may not come as a surprise to some. But, to me, I thought it was worth pointing out. At least one county hunter, K0DEQ, has worked Ed in all of the lower 48 states! WOW!! Personally, I am only at 47 as I somehow missed him in Delaware. Regardless, congrats to Bill and others for this amazing accomplishment!! And, of course, to Ed for putting in the time and miles traveling coast to coast!

Have YOU worked any of the active mobiles in the majority of the states? Perhaps N4CD, K3IMC, N8KIE, who are a few of the Ran All Counties mobiles or maybe ops like KB6UF or K8ZZ who are approaching such a feat are in your log for all the lower 48? This can easily be determined by simple Logger reporting. If so, let the mobiles know you appreciate all the ground they cover (and expense!).



Ed, K8ZZ shopping for his new mobile vehicle!

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# MARAC Awards Report

By Kerry, W4SIG

The following are the awards that were earned and processed for the last month. Congratulations to all the award winners!

<b>Awards Issued:</b>			
Call	Award	Level	Cert. No.
OM2VL	US Presidents		63
K5GE	Single Band-20 Mtrs	3077	37
K5GE	Single Band-80 Mtrs	3077	1
K5GE	Five Band	3077	1
W4SIG	All SSB	3077	9
K7REL	Polaris		487
KB6UF	Single Band- 40 Mtrs	3077	7
K7TM	USACA-4th Time		177
AB7RW	Masters Gold		78
K8ZZ	Single Band-40 Mtrs	3077	8
K8MW	USA Digital	2000	8
W4SIG	Ran All State-MO		29
W4SIG	Ran All State-KY		27
AB7NK	Ran All State-WV		30
K7SEN	Ran All State-WV		29
K7SEN	Ran All State-NH		44
AB7NK	Ran All State-NH		43
K7SEN	Ran All State-DE		83
AB7NK	Ran All State-DE		82
WY0A	Ran All State-CO		34
WY0A	Ran All State-UT		33

<b>Roadrunner Awards:</b>		
Call	LC Count	Cert. No.
K5GE	800	22
W4SIG	1100	11
KB6UF	2125	2
KB6UF	2150	2
KB6UF	2175	2
KB6UF	2200	2
K3IMC	650	30
KI4JZW	25	530
K4YT	525	38
KE4UP	300	82
KE4UP	325	74
K8ZZ	1775	3
K8ZZ	1800	3



WY0A	Ran All State-ID		39
WY0A	Ran All State-OR		31
WY0A	Ran All State-WA		35
WY0A	Ran All State-AK		27
WY0A	Ran All State-NV		38
N8KIE	Ran All State-AR		29
KE4UP	Ran All State-ND		36
KB6UF	Ran All State-NE		31
KB6UF	Ran All State-WY		30
KB6UF	Ran All State-ID		38
KB6UF	Ran All State-SD		37

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## Surprise Guest Appearances

By Kerry W4SIG

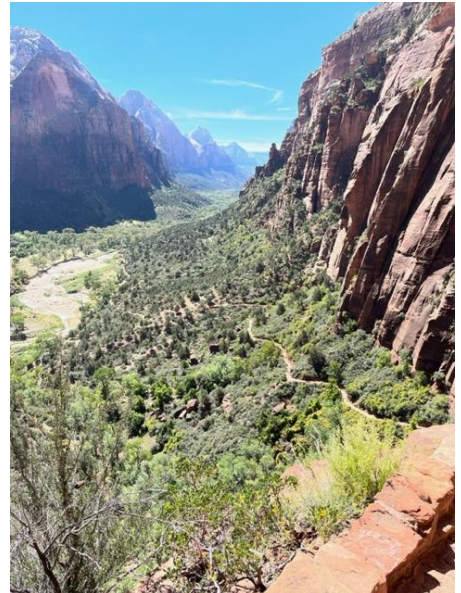
While eating lunch and editing this issue of the RoadRunner, a surprise visitor walked by! This little roadrunner scampered by, nodded his head, and then scurried off into the wilderness. Was this a representative of all the great county hunters of days-gone-by that was saying, "Carry on MARAC"? Or was he just running from a coyote? Hi!



Also....there was this big dude that was NOT welcome in our vicinity. This was not a early Halloween decoration...this guy flexed! It was not fun capturing him in a box and hauling him far away from out backyard. Yikes!



Couldn't help but include this pic of our recent morning hike. So beautiful out here!



# Opening - MARAC Awards Manager

By Kerry W4SIG

Please consider volunteering for this important MARAC role. Contact any Board member for more info. The description of the position is stated below.

## Responsibilities/Duties of the MARAC Awards Manager

1. Administers the MARAC Awards program in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors
2. Acts as the chairperson of the Awards Committee, which creates and considers proposals for new MARAC awards or changes to existing awards
3. Maintains the official MARAC Award Rules document and ensures that all rule changes are published in a timely manner after they are approved by the Board of Directors on both:
  - a. The MARAC Awards subsection of the MARAC website, and
  - b. The Awards Committee section of the monthly newsletter to members.
4. Initiates reviews of new awards or modifications to existing awards by the Awards Committee. Suggestions for award additions or modifications may originate from awards committee members, members of MARAC (including but not limited to officers/directors), or outside persons not currently members of MARAC.
5. Establishes the timeline for the process to determine winners of certain MARAC awards which occur on a recurring basis each year, including:

County Hunter of the Year – SSB/CW, Mobile of the Year-SSB/CW, Mobile Assist of the Year-SSB/CW, Mobile Team of the Year
6. Communicates to the Election Coordinator when electronic elections should occur to support the determination of award winners listed in section 5 above. Also, notifies the Election Coordinator during the execution of the process whether electronic elections will not be required for certain awards (e. g., County Hunter of the Year) if there was only one nominee identified during the nomination process.

7. Creates and publishes notifications in the monthly newsletter when the nomination process for County Hunter of the Year – SSB and CW actually begins and the subsequent deadlines that must be followed in order for members and Directors to complete and submit their nominations to support the determination process.
  8. Ensures that the activities in items 5, 6, and 7 supports conclusions on each of the annual awards by June so that the information can be incorporated in the annual MARAC report to the membership and is announced at the MARAC annual meeting in July.
  9. Responds to inquiries from the Board of Directors or any member concerning: a) award rules, or b) interpretation of the rules.
  10. Oversees the activities of the Award Secretary to support:
    - a. Processing of applications for awards from members and non-members
    - b. Creation of certificates and plaques requested by members which are supported by electronic applications.
    - c. Reporting of cost expenditures for the awards function to the MARAC Treasurer who receives payments from members, pays invoices from plaque/award vendors, or reimburses the Awards Secretary for other expenses including office supplies, computer equipment purchase/maintenance, shipping costs, etc.
    - d. Timely reporting of awards issued to the membership using various vehicles including but not limited to the monthly newsletter articles and direct posts to the K3IMC forum or CountyHunter.com website.
    - e. Acquisition of plaques, trophies, etc. from appropriate vendors of such items.
  11. Authors a monthly Awards Committee article to the *RoadRunner* editor (by the date specified by the *RoadRunner* editor) for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. As a minimum, one section of each month's article should include a summary of all awards issued during the month. Special topics within the article may address new award types which have been recently approved, clarification of award rules, changes in online application forms, information about known award processing issues in the computer systems supporting awards, or other topics of interest regarding awards to the membership.
  12. Handles awards related special tasks as assigned by the MARAC Board of Directors.
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## 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 New MARAC Members*

**KO4HXM** Justin Colville, R4856, Campbell Cty, VA

**K8CW** Alan Fisher, R1847, Richland Cty, OH renews membership after a 16 year absence!

**KA8TKB** Ann Fisher, R4857, Richland Cty, OH

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## Silent Keys

Our thoughts and prayers go out to these members and their families:

**AE3Z- Don Kimble R2781-** USACA 6 Times, Bingo III, All CW, Masters Gold, RoadRunner Level 250



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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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# 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 and would love for you to join them. Interested? Please contact Ron and let him know. We sure could use you!

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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 for various awards. 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 - **HI**: Hawaii
- W4SIG** W Prefix - **NJ**: Hudson
- W4SIG** 1x3 Callsigns --- **AK**: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>
- W4SIG** 20 CW – **AR**: Scott, **GA**: Jasper Newton, **MS**: Prentiss, **TN**: Cannon
- W4SIG** 20 SSB – **IA**: Lucas, **LA**: Bienville, Tensas, **TN**: Crockett
- W4SIG** 40M CW—**LA**: Avoyelles, **TX**: Foard, Runnels
- N4RS** 40M CW – **AK**: 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 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, **MN**: Pennington
- W4YDY** A Prefix – **MS**: Oktibbeha **OH**: Putnam **PA**: Philadelphia **VA**: Amelia, King William

- W4YDY** W Prefix – **NY:** Essex, Montgomery, **PA:** Tioga **TX:** Dickens, Runnels, Somervell **VA:** Floyd
- W4YDY** 1x2 Callsigns—**AL:** Perry, **AR:** Phillips, **FL:** Calhoun, **GA:** Montgomery, Wheeler, **IA:** Audubon, **TN:** Gibson, Meigs
- NU0Q** Master Gold – **AK:** 4<sup>th</sup>
- NU0Q** K Prefix – **GA:** Newton **NC:** Burke **NE:** Antelope
- NU0Q** 4<sup>th</sup> Time – **HI:** Kalawao, **IN:** Scott, **MI:** Allegan, **MO:** Adair, Wayne, **NY:** Orleans
- K4CGY** USACA – **GA:** Quitman **ME:** Franklin **MN:** Lake of the Woods
- W9DC** K Prefix – **NE:** Arthur, Webster **WV:** Tyler **WY:** Converse
- W9DC** CW – **GA:** Chattahoochee, Effingham, Jones, **KY:** Woodford, **PA:** Mercer
- W9DC** 1x3 Callsigns – **GA:** Grady, **HI:** Hawaii, **NC:** Clay, Jones, **OK:** Kiowa, **SC:** Laurens, **SD:** Haakon, **VA:** Nottaway
- W9DC:** Bingo III – **AR:** Madison, **KY:** Letcher, **MN:** Waseca, **NY:** Livingston, **OH:** Ross, **SC:** Cherokee, **TX:** Cottle, Swisher, Zavala, **VA:** Goochland
- NS2N** 20 Meters – **IN:** Delaware, Marshall **KY:** Woodford **OH:** Shelby
- N2IGW** USA-CA – **HI:** Kalawao
- W8GU** USA-CA – **AK:** 2<sup>nd</sup> **OR:** Wheeler
- N1API** N Prefix – **MA:** Nantucket, **MD:** St Marys, **MS:** Issaquena, **TN:** Moore
- N1API** W Prefix—**MD:** Worcester, **NC:** Warren, **NH:** Sullivan, **NY:** Richmond, Tioga, **VA:** Accomack, Buchanan, Northumberland, Page, Richmond
- N1API** 1x3 Callsigns—**MD:** Worcester, **NC:** Warren, **NH:** Sullivan, **NY:** Richmond, **VA:** Accomack, Buchanan, Northumberland, Richmond
- N8CIJ** 8th Time – **AK:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist, **IN:** Union, **MT:** Golden Valley, Treasure, **OR:** Gilliam



- N8CIJ** N Prefix – **TN:** Johnson, **WI:** Burnett
- N8CIJ** 1x3 Calls – **VA:** Charles City
- N8CIJ** K Prefix – **CO:** Hinsdale, **PA:** Forest
- KE3VV** Bingo IV – **NC:** Hertford
- KE3VV** 1x2 Calls – **MS:** Neshoba, **SD:** Turner
- K7REL** Bingo 6th – **NY:** Sullivan
- W0GXQ** N Prefix – **VA:** Greene
- W0GXQ** Mobile Diamond – **RI:** Providence, **VA:** Hanover
- W0SK** USACA – **AR:** Phillips **HI:** Kalawao
- K0DEQ** All 20 Meters – **AL:** Cullman, **AR:** Howard, **KY:** Bourbon, Bracken, Harrison, **OH:** Lawrence, **TX:** Tyler
- K8MW** 2<sup>nd</sup> Time – **TX:** Goliad, Jim Hogg, Zapata
- W8OP** Bingo – **AL:** Perry, **CA:** Mendocino, **FL:** Martin **HI:** Maui, **KS:** Chase, Russell, **NJ:** Hudson
- AB7NK** Mobile to Mobile – **GA:** Emanuel, Jefferson
- AB7NK** 1X3 Calls – **MA:** Barnstable, **PA:** Sullivan
- KC3X** USACA 13<sup>th</sup> Time – **IA:** Adams, Montgomery, **TX:** Dewitt, Willacy
- KC3X** Bingo VIII – **TX:** Matagorda, Wood
- K8II** USACA – **CA:** Del Norte, **HI:** Kalawao, **NE:** Box Butte, Morrill, **ID:** Boise, **TX:** Dewitt

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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# Treasurer's Report

By Bill, K0DEQ

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report

Aug 20 Through Sept 19, 2023

Beginning Account Balance		\$17,652.09
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income		
Misc Income		
Membership Income	150.00	
Logger Distribution Income	19.40	
MI Mini Income		
Total Income		\$ 169.40
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$ 334.45	
Refund		
Misc. Expenses NOTE 1		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
MI Mini	600.00	
Nat'l Convention	2000.00	
Total expenses		\$ 2934.45
Net Income Less Expenses		(\$2765.05)
Cash Balance		\$14,887.04
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2316.57	
Savings Account Balance	12570.47	
Total all accounts		\$ 14,887.04

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6414, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$8473.04



**Bill, K0DEQ**  
**MARAC Treasurer**

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## State QSO Parties

Courtesy WA7BNM

### October

California	<a href="#">± California QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Oct 7 to 2200Z, Oct 8, 2023
Nevada	<a href="#">± Nevada QSO Party</a>	0300Z, Oct 14 to 2100Z, Oct 15, 2023
Arizona	<a href="#">± Arizona QSO Party</a>	1500Z, Oct 14 to 0500Z, Oct 15, 2023
Pennsylvania	<a href="#">± Pennsylvania QSO Party</a>	1600Z, Oct 14 to 0400Z, Oct 15, 2023 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 15, 2023
South Dakota	<a href="#">± South Dakota QSO Party</a>	1800Z, Oct 14 to 1800Z, Oct 15, 2023
New York	<a href="#">± New York QSO Party</a>	1400Z, Oct 21 to 0200Z, Oct 22, 2023
Illinois	<a href="#">± Illinois QSO Party</a>	1700Z, Oct 22 to 0100Z, Oct 23, 2023

# MARAC BOD MEETING MINUTES

Sept. 4, 2023 9PM EST

**Call Meeting to order.** Time: \_\_\_9:00pm EST\_\_

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, K8ZZ\_\_\_; Vice President, K1YAG\_\_\_, Secretary, W4SIG\_\_x\_\_  
Treasurer, K0DEQ\_\_\_,

Directors: Great Lakes, Darl NA8W\_\_x\_\_, Northeast, Al N1API\_\_x\_\_, South Central,  
Janet, KC5QCB\_\_x\_\_, North Central, Mike, NF0N\_\_x\_\_, Pacific, Paige, W0FLZ\_\_x\_\_,  
Southeast, Vacant\_\_\_

Guests: **K8II**

1. Agenda Changes/Modifications  
**none**

2. Motion to approve minutes of the BOD Meeting held on July 10, 2023. (see attachment)

Discussion: **Kerry will get a copy of these minutes to KA9JAC for the marac website.**

Motion: **\_N1API\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_W0FLZ\_\_ Aye \_\_7\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_**

## **New Business:**

3. Proposal to accept the appointment of Dave Splitt, KE3VV, to fill the position of Southeast District Director for the remainder of the term.

Discussion: **Thanks were given to Dave for volunteering. Note was made of his past Board experience that will be valuable. Dave discussed the successes of the new Logger support structure, his work on the Presidents Award county list and the Native American Award counties list. The Presidents list was in the last RoadRunner. The Native American list will be available soon.**

Motion \_\_W0FLZ\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_K0DEQ\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_

4. Proposal to authorize the Treasurer to advance \$600 as seed money for the MARAC 2024 Mini Convention in Michigan April of 2024.

Discussion: This was the amount recommended by K8ZZ as seed money for Dorie for next year's Michigan Mini. K0DEQ will process the seed money to Dorie.

Motion: \_\_NA8W\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_KC5QCB\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_

5. Proposal to accept the proposed host hotel contract for the Michigan Mini in April 2024.

Discussion: K0DEQ reports that there is nothing unusual about the proposed contract. It is similar to past years'.

Motion: \_\_K0DEQ\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_KE3VV\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_

6. Proposal to authorize the Treasurer to advance \$2,000 as seed money for the MARAC 2024 National Convention in West Virginia 2024.

Discussion: K8II reports that all is going smoothly. A couple of items to finalize before the hotel contract will be ready. The dollar amount of seed money is consistent with past years' nationals. K0DEQ will get the seed money forwarded on to the convention chairs.

Motion: \_\_KE3VV\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_NA8W\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_

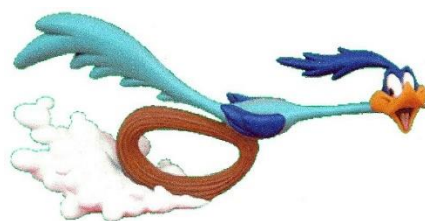
7. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: \_\_N1API\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_KE3VV\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_ Time \_\_9:18PM EST

Open discussion with membership:

Nothing new discussed.

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