



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Secretary

Whew! Most of us have returned home from the MARAC Michigan Mini that was held this past weekend. It was a well-attended convention that brought in county hunters from all over the country. As usual, Bob **N8KIE** and Jackie arrived back in the state from Hawaii just in time to attend. Jackie entertained with her musical talents. Phil, **AB7RW**, drove all the way in from Washington and I, **W4SIG**, flew in from Utah. The Midwest area was very well represented, naturally, with Jim **N8HAM** acting as official photographer. **K3IMC** and **W4SIG** gave presentations. Thanks to Dorie for hosting this event. We look forward to getting together in Michigan again next year!

Speaking of MARAC Conventions, remember to make plans for the National in West Virginia in October. More info can be found on the [marac.org](http://marac.org) website.

In this edition, check out the article by Dave, **KE3VV**, as he has done a lot of research and updated the US Presidents and Native American Indian award county lists. Very interesting stuff that Dave has dug up. Thanks for your work on this!

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As mentioned a lot at the Michigan Mini, the USA-CA Award and the demise of CQ Magazine is currently a hot topic. Read below for some information on where MARAC plans to go with this issue. The 2024 MARAC County Contest is coming up again in July. Check out the article in this

issue for the details. Note that Digital mode is new this year. My apologies if the hyperlinks aren't working...I am still trying to figure out how to do this within the RoadRunner. The Rules will also be published on the marac.org website soon.

Hopefully you got your County Hunter of the Year Nominations in by the deadline. There are a lot of worthy folks that deserve your recognition.

Speaking of deadlines, remember that the MARAC Officer nominations are still being accepted for a few more weeks. Details below.

Have a great month! I am off to Kauai for a vacation. I plan to activate the island a few times while I am there. Keep an eye on the Forum for more info. Hopefully Amy won't get too upset with me setting up the radio while she is enjoying the beaches!

73 and Happy Hunting!



**Kerry W4SIG- MARAC Secretary  
and so-so skier**

## MARAC Michigan Mini

By Kerry W4SIG

The Michigan Mini is now behind us. It was great to see everyone there! Folks came in from all over to spend some time together. Presentations were given by Don, **K3IMC**, and Kerry, **W4SIG**. So many counties were put out on the air both on the way there and back home. If only band condx had been better. Thanks to Dorie for putting this together again this year! Mike, **K8OOK**, won the grand prize!

Photo courtesy Jim, N8HAM



# 2024 MARAC National Convention

By Kerry W4SIG

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. Details can be found on the MARAC.org website under Events. Hotel reservations can be made now for the special rate. Convention registration is also now available. Mark your calendars to attend! See you there!



West Virginia in the Fall!

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## Welcome to KX1W, new NE Awards Committee Member

By Kerry W4SIG

Many thanks to Ron Fish, **KX1W**, for volunteering to fill the position of Northeast District Awards Committee. Ron just joined MARAC last month and has already jumped in to assist our club! He has been appointed to this position by our president, K8ZZ. Please welcome Ron! Here is his bio:

*First licensed in 1971 as WN1OQT in New Haven, Connecticut. Relocated to the Jersey Shore in 2021 from NY State.*

*I've also held WB1BWG, KD6IT, NF6D.*



*Life Member ARRL, QCWA (#29983), OOTC (#4581), 10-10 (#77163). Also belong to OMISS (#12331), FISTS (#15490), SKCC (#15434), INDEXA (#5536), MARAC (#4865). I have been an ARRL Volunteer Examiner since 1984.*

*I am currently the Affiliated Club Coordinator for Southern New Jersey (SNJ) Section of ARRL, and SK Administrator for QCWA.*

*I am also Director for District 2, OOTC.*

*I'm on 6 through 160 phone/CW/digital with a Chameleon Encomm II antenna (HOA Issues!), primarily on weekends, working contests and State QSO Parties.*

*I'm working on WAS Triple Play and DXCC CW/Digital -- all through LOTW.*

*QSL 100%, LOTW, DIRECT, EQSL, QRZ.COM, BUREAU.*

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## Big Mobile Trip from AI5P

By Rick, AI5P

I plan to run **all Arkansas counties** (75) to include the 52 state parks and one National Park on CW (ONLY - 80 thru 15) in the May/June time frame. Start date and further info will be announced on the K3IMC forum as well as other sites.

All the detailed info (frequencies, how to follow, **prizes**, how to collect points, etc) will be on the AI5P QRZ page after 1 May. There will be Prizes - DX Engineering gift certificates in several categories among others as detailed on the QRZ page. Hopefully that will create some extra interest for the county hunters! Dust off those paddles, bugs and keys! If you have any questions, e-mail me.

73 Rick



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# Updated U.S. Presidents and Native American Counties Awards

Dave – KE3VV

After considerable research (at least for the Native American Counties award), the list of counties needed for each award has been updated. The new lists are current in Logger and will be the required counties for each award going forward. County hunters who have already applied for and received an award using the old lists are grandfathered and don't have to work any new or different counties.

## U.S. Presidents Award

Assessing the county list for the U.S. Presidents Award was rather simple because the rule governing that award is pretty straightforward: "To make contacts with amateur radio operators in USA Counties that are named after Presidents of the United States." Unfortunately, the list contained a few errors and, surprisingly, a few omissions. Adams North Dakota was removed from the revised list. It was named for John Quincy Adams - but not the President. Adams North Dakota was named for a railroad official for the Milwaukee Road Railroad who was also named John Quincy Adams (actually a distant relative of the sixth U.S. President). Tyler county, West Virginia was named after John Tyler, Sr., father of President John Tyler, so it was removed from the Presidents Award list.

There were four counties named after actual presidents that were inadvertently (and inexplicably) missing from the list: Pierce, Washington (Franklin Pierce), Taylor, Kentucky (Zachary Taylor), Fillmore, Minnesota (Millard Fillmore), and Hayes, Nebraska (Rutherford Hayes). These counties are now on the revised list.

## Native American Counties Award

The MARAC award rule for this award is very specific: "To make contacts with amateur radio operators in USA Counties that have names derived from Native American languages (emphasis added)." Ignoring the ambiguous antecedent for "names" (it obviously refers to county names, not the names of the operators), this means that just because a county name sounds like it might come from a Native American language doesn't mean that the county qualifies for this award under the rule.

Some deletions were pretty straightforward, and it is a bit puzzling how they made the list in the first place. Examples of these "no brainer" deletions include Colbert,

Alabama; Indian River, Florida; and McCurtain, Oklahoma. Others counties on the list were probably included because they were the name of an actual Native American tribe or the name given to a tribal leader, but the name did not originate from a Native American language. The most blatant example is the inclusion of Delaware county in Ohio, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania. All of the counties named Delaware County were named for the river and bay drainage area in Pennsylvania named "Delaware" in honor of Thomas West, 3rd Baron De La Warr, Governor of the nearby English colony of Virginia. While there is indeed a Delaware Native American tribe, it too was named after the Delaware River, and so derived the name from Baron West, who was definitely not a Native American. Other examples abound, but in most cases probably made the original list of counties because the tribe or tribal leader got his name from another language, usually English (McIntosh, Oklahoma) or French (Pend Oreille, Washington). In all, 38 counties were deleted from the original list because the county name was not derived from an actual Native American word or phrase.

On the other hand, 21 counties that were omitted from the original list have been added because they did in fact derive the county name from a Native American language, usually the spoken words of a local tribal group or larger affiliated Native American language cluster. Some of these include Cherokee, South Carolina; Taos, New Mexico; Yadkin, North Carolina; and Tippecanoe, Indiana. The full list of counties now required for the award, including the etymology of each Native American county name, is the Tools section of Logger.



# CQ MAGAZINE USACA AWARD STATUS

By Kerry W4SIG

During the Michigan Mini, the status of the USACA Award and what MARAC intends to do as a result of CQ Magazine's demise were discussed. A lot of thought has been put into the topic by your Board. It was good to catch a bunch of folks up to date and toss around some ideas with everyone. Soon, we will be announcing a summary of where MARAC stands and will be soliciting your input. Everyone's voice is important, and we want to hear your thoughts. Hold off for just a little longer as you will be hearing news soon!

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## South Central District Director Opening

By Kerry W4SIG

Janet, KC5QCB, has informed the Board that she can no longer represent the South Central District as MARAC Director and must step down. Thank you, Janet, for your years of service to the members of the club and especially your District. You have been a very valuable member of the Board, and you will be missed. With this position now open, we would like to ask for volunteers to step in and fill this role for the remainder of the term. If interested, please contact any Board member with questions. We need you!

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# How to Find County of a POTA Activation

By Jeff, N4RKK

(Re-published with active hyperlinks, Kerry apologizes for his inability to get these imbedded properly)

If your are like me, you are getting a lot of needed counties (especially for the MARAC No Star Award) from the many Park activations. Thankfully, club members like Jeff, N4RKK, take the time to research and spot counties of many park activations for the benefit of us all. How does Jeff do it? Well here ya go, straight from the master, Jeff himself:

*From time to time, county hunters have asked me how I determine the counties of park activators . I use a wide range of sources to finalize a post and I only post stations and their counties when I am very sure they are correct. I have found the need to cross check sources with one another to feel confident of a posting. The technique for determining a park's county can take many paths.*

*Here are several current sources used to determine counties and some comments:*

- 1. The POTA posting website, <https://pota.app/#/> is my point of beginning. From the park spot on the POTA website, you can click on the park number/name which refers you to a page containing more information about the park including a primary park website and a map of the park's location (Source 1 map).*
- 2. The primary website is particularly useful for states like NY, PA and MO. Those three state's websites will usually lead you to a map of the park which includes the name of the county/counties. The other forty-seven states park's primary websites may or may not have any useful information regarding the park's size and county.*
- 3. The map of the park's location (Source 1 map) does not include county lines, but you can get a good reference of the park's location relative to local towns. Using the website <https://mob-rule.com/gmap.html> maps (which include county lines) in conjunction with the Source 1 map, you can frequently establish the park's county.*
- 4. There is a special case when using the Source 1 map, namely Alaska. You can use <https://courts.alaska.gov/rules/docs/venuemap.pdf> (which delineates the judicial districts)*

to help locate the judicial district of the station's location.

5. Another website source is <https://countyhunter.com/Toplist/KFF-County.htm> . This site lists the county/counties for the park and it is pretty reliable. Type in the park number in the find function and it will highlight that park if they have it listed. There are two problems with this website. First, they don't list many of the POTA parks. Second, the website occasionally lists a few errors including the wrong county and it doesn't always list all the counties a park is in. Again, you need to cross check their information with other sources. They make corrections to their listings when notified.

6. Another source is Microsoft Bing. From the POTA posting site, you can copy the name of the park and go to Bing and do a search. Bing is good in that their map function gives the county lines and the county names. You have to zoom in and out to find the right altitude for the county lines to show up. As you move the map around, the name of the county changes accordingly. The trick is to determine if the park is in more than one county. You will have to zoom out to see if the park boundaries extend beyond the county that Bing shows. Some parks are in segments so you have to watch out for that. If the park is in contiguous, go to Delorme Atlas of that state for the most complete information about the separate segments.

7. If the park is in more than one county, ask the operator for his county. Fifty percent of the operators either don't know the county they are in or can't copy CW well enough to understand your question (even when you QRS the question). Even when the operator gives their county, you will have to cross check it. Operators can give the wrong county. By cross checking other sources, you can determine if their reply matches the other references.

8. Sometimes all the map references will not give a conclusive county name. When this happens, you'll have to look for the park information on one or more websites. There can be a reference to the county/counties for the park on some website link.

9. When asked what county an operator is in, sometimes the station operator will give their 6 character grid square so you will go to the website Amateur Radio Maidenhead Grid Square Locator Map - KarhuKoti that shows the county outline and local towns. From there you can determine the county.

10. You can use the Delorme Atlas to help finalize the county.

11. Look for the park's size on your website searches. The size of a park helps determine if a park is confined to one county or multiple counties. Larger parks require more care to determine what county/counties it is located in.

12. Be wary of park names. You can't use a park's name to assume that it gives you the right information. For instance, K-6896 Columbus County Gameland in North Carolina extends into Brunswick County, NC.

13. One final note, I assume that the activating station posts their correct park number. This can generate a few errors if they spot the wrong park. It is a red flag when the operator sends a state that differs from the one listed by the POTA website. Also, sometimes a station works a specific geographic area so a posting in a different part of the country indicates they may have given the wrong park number.

All of this research for the POTA station's county takes time. It's a real scramble to search the sources before the POTA station decides to QRT. Most of the time after spotting a county on W6RK, I'll stick around the POTA station for a short time to see if there is any interest from the county hunters or if the station goes QRT. If I hear the station QRT, I withdraw the posting on the W6RK site.

If you want to focus on adding only new parks to your parks list, first create an account at <https://pota.app/#/> , click the "sign up" button to create the account. Then in the upper right-hand corner, place the cursor over your call sign and click on "My Stats". Pick the state where the POTA station is located and it will list all the parks you have worked in that state. Sometimes parks extend into several states so you may have worked a particular park in a different state.

Occasionally I'll spot a SOTA station. I start the process at the SOTAwatch link, <https://sotawatch.sota.org.uk/en/> . From there I click on the blue summit location which takes you to detailed information about the summit including several maps links. I click on the GaiaGPS then I add a county line layer and zoom out if necessary to determine the county.

I hope this clarifies how I post a park activator's park.

73 and God Bless,  
Jeff N4RKK

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## MARAC Contest in July

By John, WA4JA

The 2024 edition of the MARAC County Hunting Contest will be on July 27-28. Here are the updated rules for this year.

### U.S. Counties QSO Party Rules

MARAC 2024 U. S. Counties QSO Party. Sponsored by Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club [www.marac.org](http://www.marac.org)

**Dates/Times:** 00:00Z July 27, 2024 to 23:59Z July 28, 2024

**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 including the initial “Worked All Counties Award.”

### **USA Modes and Categories:**

Eligible Modes: CW and Phone. See digital modes for permitted contacts. All logs submitted are for Single Operators. Multiple operators can participate from one station, but each operator submits an individual entry.

### **Fixed Categories:**

CW/Digital- May be Home or Portable

Phone- May be Home or Portable

Mixed CW/Digital and Phone Fixed- May be Home or Portable

If a portable station operates from more than one fixed location in more than one county, 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, or during the qso party. Other stations are in the “Fixed-Home” category.

**USA Mobile:**

CW/Digital-Single Operator Mobile

Phone-Single Operator Mobile

Mixed-CW/Digital and 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.

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 can be found at the following URL's: Credit to Larry, W0QE for formatting and sharing for use

CountyAbbrev-V3-4col.pdf    CountyAbbrev-V3-4col.doc    [hotlinks to marac pages]

Hawaii stations use state/county, Alaskan stations use Judicial Districts 1 through 4.

**Operational Guidelines:**

**Fixed-** One individual performs all radio operating and logging functions from a single location as defined by the ARRL Contest Guidelines. A few fixed station footprint may straddle a county line and they must select one of the counties to exchange for the duration of the QSO Party. See MARAC General Rules for details.

**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 stopped, be capable of drive-a-way without lowering antennas or loading equipment. **Mobile class entrants must use "Mobile" or "/M"** appended to the call sign. Drivers are allowed.

**Digital Modes:** Only digital modes that allow full 2 way exchanges between both stations are allowed, such as FT-4 with proper setup. FT-8 is NOT an allowable mode since a grid square cannot define the county of operation. Allowable digital modes shall count as CW contacts for scoring and duplicate calculations.

**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/Digital qso's only in the CW/Digital sub bands. No cross mode, cross band, repeater, or satellite qso's permitted. A CW/Digital and a Phone contact is allowed on each band for each station.



**Suggested Freq's:**

CW 50khz up from bottom of band

Phone 1850, 3850, 7250, 14341, 21341, 28341, 50135, 144.200 or 146.550 (FM)

Mobile windows: 5 khz down from suggested freq on HF. 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:** 1 point for U.S. Fixed, 2 Points for outside U.S., 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](http://www.countyhunterweb.org/displaytrips.php). During the QSO Party one will find most county hunters follow the W6RK "Mobile Spot Page" at [ch.w6rk.com](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 QSL are required by MARAC for first time Worked All Counties Award, please be courteous and return SASE QSLs and Mobile Reply Cards (MRC's).

**Miscellaneous:**

- A.** Connecticut eliminated counties in favor of eight "Planning Districts." For 2024 use the old county lines by 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 by radio operations, 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, IOTA 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/Portable class. Stations shall indicate in "Comments" if they are operating POTA, IOTA, US Islands, or other award programs. Each USA 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 this summary sheet ([marac hotlink](#)) and enclose a printed copy with the log copy only if you have a Mobile-Class paper log.

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

Logs must be received by September 1, 2024 to qualify for awards. Logs may be sent by email (or post only if using a Mobile paper log.) Email: [marac2024contest@gmail.com](mailto:marac2024contest@gmail.com) USPS: N7NU - Lee Hallin, 3413 Walton Ln., Eugene, OR 97408-4673.

Please watch the contest section of the MARAC website for updated information, including Certificate sponsors, contest records, and planned trips for the contest. There are plenty of sponsorships available. Please contact the Contest Coordinator (WA4JA-) before the contest for details at [marac2024contest@gmail.com](mailto:marac2024contest@gmail.com).

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# Upcoming MARAC Elections

By Ron, KF7ZN, MARAC Election Coordinator

Nominations due **May 15**, election June 1. Send official notice of interest to Election Coordinator Ron, KF7ZN at [rglogan73@gmail.com](mailto:rglogan73@gmail.com)

This time of the year brings our **Officer and Director elections**. Please be aware that the **deadline for nominations is May 15** and I will be sending out the ballot, if needed, on **June 1**. This year we will be voting for **all of the officers**: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also be voting for two directors: Great Lakes Director and Southeastern Director. If you have a nomination, please email me with the information. You can find my email on the MARAC database and QRZ.com.

Here are the areas/states that these directors represent.

**Great Lakes District** - Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and the Canadian call area for VE3

**Southeast District** - Alabama, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Africa and the Caribbean Islands.

Here is a description of the role and its responsibilities that Kerry, **W4SIG**, has previously posted for directors:

## ***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 in July.*
- *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*

For more information about the role of the officers please reach out to our current officers or see the MARAC website, go to About, and then Bylaws.

We will let you know before the June 1 voting date the status of each position and the nominations.

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Ron KF7ZN



Ron, KF7ZN

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## Logger Support Announcement

By Kerry W4SIG

This is a reminder....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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## MARAC Booth at Dayton Hamvention

By Kerry W4SIG

MARAC will once again host a booth at the 2024 Dayton Hamvention this spring. Mike, **NF0N**, is spearheading the booth this year with help from Alan, **W8OP**, and Sharon, **KJ8F**. We will be in Building 5 at booth number #5103. Please stop by for a chat, sit for a spell, and maybe give a break to one of the other county hunters so they can walk around a bit.



Dayton, not Xenia 😊

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## MARAC Awards Report

By Kerry, W4SIG

The following are the awards that were earned and processed for the last month. Note that some members do not apply for levels of awards (i.e. 1000, 2000, 3000, etc), but rather wait until they work all 3077 to apply. Thus, some may have worked all 3077, yet do not have the various lower level awards.



<b>Awards Issued:</b>			
Call	Award	Level	Cert. No.
NA8W	POLARIS		489
NA8W	DIGITAL	2000	10
KX1W	COUNTY CHALLENGE	2000	4
AB7NK	MOBILE TO MOBILE		25
NA8W	RAN ALL FLORIDA		45
NA8W	COUNTY CHALLENGE	11000	6
K8MW	WORKED ALL COUNTIES	2ND	
KJ7OKW	RAN ALL RHODE ISLAND		52

<b>Roadrunner Awards:</b>		
Call	LC Count	Cert. No.
KB6UF	2325	2
K3IMC	675	29
W4SIG	1175	10
K5GE	825	20

## 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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## Silent Keys

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



**W7WBZ Avon Anderson, MARAC#1237, USACA #328, Worked All Counties 6 Times, BINGO II, RoadRunner Level 50**



## 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.

**N9EAT Martin Shuette, MARAC #4867, Whiteside, IL**  
**W4URZ Linda Martin, MARAC #4868, Robeson, NC**  
**AF4O Ryan Rager, MARAC #4869, Pinellas, FL**

# 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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## 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** 40 Meters – **HI**: Kalawao, **MT**: McCone

**K2MF** 30 Meters – **CA**: Alpine **HI**: Kalawao

**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, **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
- N5MLP** SSB – **GA:** Oconee, Thomas, **IL:** DeKalb, **KY:** Cumberland, Edmonson, Grayson, **MI:** Barry, **NC:** Pamlico, **TN:** Lewis, **VA:** Orange
- N0KV** K Prefix – **ID:** Teton **NE:** Nance **SD:** Haakon **WV:** McDowell **WY:** Goshen
- N0KV** Mobile to Mobile – **KY:** Knott, Larue, Menifee **NC:** Catawba, Lee **VA:** Lunenburg, Mathews
- N0KV** Mobile Diamond – **PA:** Forest, McLean, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, **VA:** Amelia, Nottoway, **IL:** Menard, **ME:** Waldo, **NC:** Pender
- K4YT** Mobile to Mobile – **CA:** Marin, Nevada, **MD:** Calvert **OR:** Benton
- K4YT** A Prefix – **MS:** Issaquena, Sharkey **TN:** Perry **VA:** Craig
- K4YT** W Prefix – **GA:** Baker, **HI:** Kalawao **NY:** Lewis
- K4YT** Mobile Diamond – **IN:** Christian, **WA:** Island, San Juan
- K4YT** 40 Meters – **HI:** Kalawao, **MT:** Carter, Golden Valley, Meagher, Mineral, Roosevelt
- K0MAF** USA-CA – **IA:** Cherokee, Emmet, **MN:** Pennington
- W4YDY** A Prefix – **MS:** Oktibbeha **OH:** Putnam **PA:** Philadelphia **VA:** Amelia
- W4YDY** W Prefix – **NY:** Essex, Montgomery, **PA:** Tioga **TX:** Dickens, 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
- NU0Q** 4<sup>th</sup> Time – **HI:** Kalawao, **IN:** Scott, **NY:** Orleans

- K4CGY** USACA – **GA**: Quitman **ME**: Franklin **MN**: Lake of the Woods
- W9DC** K Prefix – **NE**: Webster
- W9DC** CW – **GA**: Effingham, Jones, **KY**: Woodford
- W9DC** 1x3 Callsigns – **GA**: Grady, **NC**: Clay, Jones, **OK**: Kiowa, **SD**: Haakon, **VA**: Nottaway
- W9DC:** Bingo III – **AR**: Madison, **KY**: Letcher, **NY**: Livingston, **TX**: Swisher, Zavala, **VA**: Goochland
- NS2N** 20 Meters – **IN**: Delaware, Marshall **KY**: Woodford **OH**: Shelby
- NS2N** CW III – **SC**: Laurens
- NS2N** Five Star – **NJ**: Monmouth
- 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**: Worchester, **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

- W0GXQ** N Prefix – **VA:** Greene
- W0SK** USACA – **AR:** Phillips **HI:** Kalawao
- K0DEQ** All 20 Meters – **KY:** Bourbon, **OH:** Lawrence
- W8OP** Bingo – **HI:** Maui, **KS:** Chase
- KC3X** CW 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **GA:** Heard, **KY:** Henderson, Letcher, **NJ:** Passaic, **OH:** Darke, Mercer, Muskingum, **TN:** Houston, Trousdale, Unicoi, **TX:** Comanche, Duval, Neuces, Tyler
- K8II** USACA – **HI:** Kalawao
- K7REL** CW 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **TX:** DeWitt, Duvall, Tyler, Willacy
- LY5A** 5<sup>th</sup> Time – **CO:** Hinsdale, **GA:** Screven, **KY:** Menifee, **MN:** Fairbault, Waseca, **SD:** Edmunds, McPherson, **TX:** Mitchell, Stephens
- KC5P** USACA ALL CW – **GA:** Polk, Clark, **IN:** Hamilton
- N8HAM** 3<sup>rd</sup> Time (SSB Only)– **ID:** Butte, Clearwater, **MT:** Chouteau, **NJ:** Hunterdon, **NY:** Cayuga, Columbia, Franklin, Oswego, **NC:** Avery, Richmond, **VT:** Rutland, **WA:** Ferry
- WA3QNT** 5 Star – **HI:** Honolulu (3), **MT:** Lake (2), Sanders (2), **NJ:** Essex (1), Sussex (1), **NY:** Yates (3), **OH:** Lucas (1), **OR:** Benton (1), Linn (2), **PA:** Snyder (1)
- AG6V** USACA (CW Only) – **AL:** Limestone, **CA:** Trinity, **MN:** Waseca, **ND:** Rolette, **OH:** Darke, Licking
- NF0N** 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **IN:** Rush, **KS:** Jefferson, **KY:** Fulton, **LA:** St James, **ND:** Emmons, McIntosh, **PA:** Montour, **TN:** Lake, Weakley, **TX:** Real, **VA:** Louisa

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!

## Treasurer's Report

By Bill, K0DEQ

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

MAR 20 Through APR 19, 2024

Beginning Account Balance		\$15,096.43
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income	75.00	
Misc Income		
Membership Income	250.51	
Logger Distribution Income	19.40	
MI MINI income	135.82	
Total Income		\$480.73
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$	
Misc. Expenses NOTE 1		200.00
Contest expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
MI Mini	528.72	
Total expenses		\$728.72
Net Income Less Expenses		(247.99)
Cash Balance		\$14,848.44
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,267.96	
Savings Account Balance	12,580.48	
Total all accounts		\$14,848.44

NOTE 1- Annual premium on general liability insurance policy

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$6089, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$8759.44.



**Bill, K0DEQ, MARAC Treasurer**

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## State QSO Parties

Courtesy WA7BNM

Here are the parties for this month (WOW):

### May

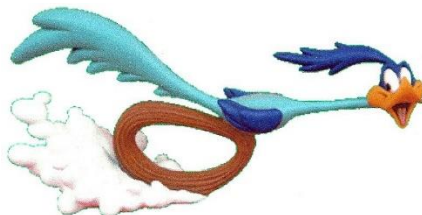
Arizona	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024
Idaho	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024
Montana	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024
Nevada	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024
Oregon	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024
Utah	± 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024



Washington	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024
Wyoming	<a href="#">±</a> 7th Call Area QSO Party	1300Z, May 4 to 0700Z, May 5, 2024
Indiana	<a href="#">±</a> Indiana QSO Party	1500Z, May 4 to 0300Z, May 5, 2024
Delaware	<a href="#">±</a> Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, May 4 to 2359Z, May 5, 2024
Connecticut	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2024 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2024
Maine	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2024 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2024
Massachusetts	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2024 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2024
New Hampshire	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2024 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2024
Rhode Island	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2024 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2024
Vermont	<a href="#">±</a> New England QSO Party	2000Z, May 4 to 0500Z, May 5, 2024 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 5, 2024
Arkansas	<a href="#">±</a> Arkansas QSO Party	1400Z, May 18 to 0200Z, May 19, 2024



## *The County Line ROADRUNNER*



*“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”*

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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