



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Secretary

Well there's a lot to report on this month. Along with the major catastrophies of raging fires in Los Angeles (my daughter had to evacuate), to the record winter storm bringing snow skiing to Florida (**NA8W** built a snowman on the beach), there was a lot of activity in your club. Note all the new applications for the various levels of the MARAC USA-CA award in this issue. Also, congratulations to all the winners of the ALL SSB 2<sup>nd</sup> Time award. **NM1G** became only the 10<sup>th</sup> county hunter to ever work all 3077 counties with all (W, N, K, A) prefix calls...WOW! It is also amazing how so many veteran county hunters are close to finishing working all counties on so many different bands. Thanks to **NF0N** for administrating the annual report on folks intent on working all counties on CW, even for the Nth time. Seems like there is something for everyone to chase! Go get 'em! And thanks to **AB7RW** for his diligent work processing all these awards as your MARAC Awards Secretary.

Speaking of the MARAC USA-CA award, there is a tremendous amount of effort expended by many to make this new award happen. Please check out the article by

**K2MF** detailing what goes into making sure the various levels of this award are issued properly. Welcome to the new MARAC members who are now chasing this coveted award.

This month, your MARAC Board had a very productive Official meeting. The unofficial minutes are included at the end of this issue. As you may know, the Board has monthly casual

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conference calls to discuss issues regarding MARAC. We also invite everyone to listen in to the official meetings throughout the year. When we have these “Official” meetings, we post the notices on the website so you know how to call in. Please join us during the open session at the end of each meeting to discuss anything you wish.

The Michigan Mini for 2025 has been announced! Details are on the [marac.org](http://marac.org) website. This is always a great venue to enjoy time with fellow county hunters to share insight and tell tall tales. Hope to see you there! Also, note that **NF0N** is once again spearheading a MARAC booth at the Dayton Hamvention. He and some other county hunters will be manning the booth to spread the word of county hunting to the ham community. If you are in Dayton, make sure you drop by and say hi!

**K4YT**, is monitoring the flight availability (or lack thereof) in getting to Kalawao, HI for an activation. This one is getting harder and harder to run. Let’s hope things improve so Karl can make this activation a reality!

Please read the article by your MARAC Election Coordinator, **KF7ZN**. Also, note that the 2025 State QSO Party season has begun! These are great opportunities to work mobiles in the states and for veterans to snag some No Star counties.

Stay warm this month, and hope to hear you on the air!

73 and Happy Hunting!

Kerry W4SIG  
MARAC Secretary &  
RoadRunner Editor



## 2025 Michigan Mini

By Dorie, N8WTQ

The 2025 MARAC Michigan Mini Convention will be held April 24-26, 2025 at the SpringHill Suites in Midland, Michigan. Mark your calendars. The registration for this event is now available on the [marac.org](http://marac.org) website. Please go ahead and make your reservations online and secure your MARAC group rate at the host hotel 989-837-2700. Room rate is \$134. Registration is \$30 with each additional person \$15. Banquet is \$40 each. See you there!



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## Dayton Hamvention

By Kerry W4SIG

MARAC will once again have a booth at the Dayton Hamvention in 2025. Thanks to Mike, **NF0N**, for spearheading this effort. He has several other club members who will help him run the booth. Make sure you drop in for a visit if you are at this annual ham extravaganza!

## CW Statistics

By Mike, NF0N

Here are the Annual CW Statistics for 2024. Thanks to those who sent in their numbers!

CALL	2024	2023	2022	2021
AA8R			3043 #2	3041 #2
AB4WL	1426	1403	1275	1220
AB7RW	3032 #4	3019 #4	2977 #4	2909 #4
DL3IAC		2830		
K0DEQ	3050 #2	3035 #2	2995 #2	2935 #2
K0FG	2775 #2	2742 #2	2634 #2	2484 #2
K2MF			3077 #2	3076 #2
K4AMC	3032			
K4YT	2499 #3	1988 #3	139 #3	
K5GE		3073 #3	3042 #3	2992 #3
K7REL		3070 #6	2972 #6	
K8II	2959	2912	2802	2445
K8MW	3065 #2	3058 #2	3041 #2	3033 #2
K8OOK	2974	2959	2917	
K8ZZ		3058 #3		
KA4RRU			3072	
KA9JAC	2664 #2	2519 #2	2306 #2	2112 #2
KC3X	3073 #6	3055 #6	2914 #6	
KC7YE		2618	2618	
KE3VV	3026 #3	2962 #3	2791 #3	2429 #3
KX1W	649	569	476	423
N1API	3071	3066	3065	3052
N4CD			2821 #6	
N4RS	3021 #6	2950 #6	2747 #6	2385 #6
N5MLP	2972	2879	2615	2408

N8CIJ		1858 #2	1602 #2	1163 #2
NF0N	2785 #3	2550 #3	1912 #3	1008 #3
NS2N		3076 #3	3066 #3	3053 #3
NU0Q	3072 #3	3062 #3	3014 #3	2937 #3
W0GXQ	1770 #9	3077 #8	3059 #8	3031 #8
W4SIG	2891 #4	2401 #4	266 #4	
W4YDY	1412 #3	786 #3	185 #3	3076 #2
W6OUL	3044	3037	3021	2985
W7EEC	2126 #2	1687 #1		
W8BZY			3077 #1	3063
WA1ZIC	2930			
WA3QNT	2464	2292	2068	1874
WA3QNT		2284 #2		
WD4OIN	3023 #2	3002 #2	2946 #2	



Mike, NF0N



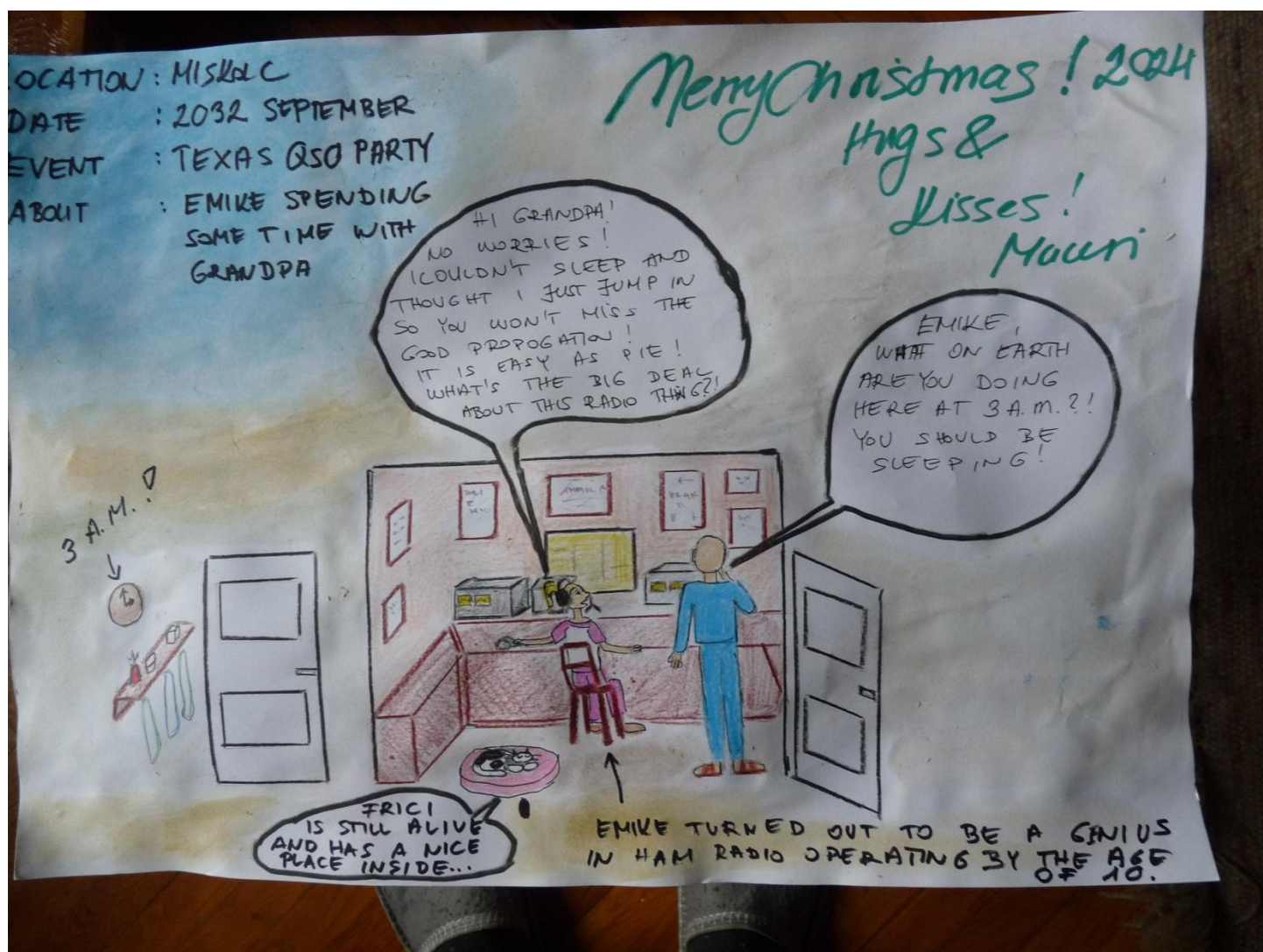


# Heartfelt Wishes from a County Hunter's Daughter

By Elemer, HA9RE

This is a drawing from my dear daughter (nick-name: Mucuri)...probably you don't know that her father-language is English...besides it's an old tradition between her and me that I get a drawing from her both at Christmas and for birthday...you can see the last Xmas drawing....my daughter is too optimist regarding my life-expectation....

73, Eli - HA9RE



# USA-CA Records Update

By Barry, K2MF



Many of you are likely aware that in the beginning of November, 2024 I took on the task of manually transcribing all of the public USA-CA records for each level of the award for the past 63 years into a complete electronic form of storage and retrieval, and to which the 6 individuals who served as USA-CA Custodians for CQ Magazine over those 63 years never had access.

This task took at least 7-8 full weeks of daily work and included reaching out to specific people for data that nobody else had. The amount of information I collected while doing the work for this project was incredibly educational and motivating. Nearly 13,000 USA-CA records were transcribed into the new MARAC USA-CA Records Custodian Excel workbook, a [**Search**] Tool was programmed which may be utilized to make USA-CA record maintenance easier and more efficient going forward, and workbook documentation was written and completed.

My goals for doing this work were 100% in support of MARAC and its effort to sponsor a NEW USA-CA program which is designed to carry on in the tradition and prestige of the former CQ Magazine-sponsored USA-CA. This work was also done to honor the 6 individuals who unselfishly served as volunteer CQ Magazine USA-CA Custodians and spent so many hours processing nearly 13,000 USA-CAs for nearly 3,800 different recipients and writing a monthly [Awards] column in the magazine over a period of 63 years.

All of us on this thread know that MARAC, whose primary purpose is to support mobiling and county hunting, and is the premier organization for doing so, is also the only logical and responsible organization that is most equipped and actually has a system and the mechanics to be able to assign and issue new USA-CAs.

As of this writing, MARAC has already assigned and issued 15 new USA-CAs between the 500 and 2000 level to 8 different people, so it is now well on its way to establishing itself as the sponsor of a new and real USA-CA program, which seems to quickly be gaining popularity in the mobiling and county hunting communities.

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# Upcoming By-Laws Change Vote

By Kerry W4SIG

At the last MARAC Board meeting on Jan 20, 2025 the Board approved putting a By-Laws change on the next outgoing ballot. Keep an eye out for this so that you are prepared to vote on it. The next ballot will probably be coming your way in early March. The purpose of this proposed change is to create a new club position called the USACA Records Custodian. Here is the Board motion and the discussion:

## *Motion:*

*The following paragraph is added to the MARAC Bylaws:*

*5.5(h) USA-CA Records Custodian. The President may appoint a regular member of MARAC to serve as United States of America County Award Records Custodian. The person in this position shall be responsible for maintenance and enhancement of the Records Database for the United States of America County Award by:*

- Keeping the 7 sub-tables of the award updated to ensure the Awards Secretary has accurate data available*
- Supplying missing award dates when they become available*
- Performing Typo corrections*
- Keeping accurate and up-to-date Call Sign histories for USA-CA recipients*
- Coupling Call ID data field to USA-CA list maintenance*
- Providing checks and balances to MARAC front page and expanded USA-CA MARAC DB listings*

Discussion: Since MARAC decided to offer awards for all the lower levels (500, 1000, etc) of the USA-CA award, this created a very complex issue of creating an accurate digital database of all the previous levels issued by CQ Magazine with their version of the award. Barry, K2MF, has done an extraordinary job of researching the manual CQ records of 63 years and completing this task as accurately as possible. He has created these 7 workbooks and has made them available to the MARAC Awards Secretary for use. However, there is a lot of missing data that will continually need to be updated and added to these workbooks. For example, out of 13,000 awards issued during the 63 years, almost 4,000 of them still have missing issue dates. Information continues to trickle in from past recipients. All of these tasks, as highlighted above, should be formalized in an official MARAC USA-CA Records Custodian role.

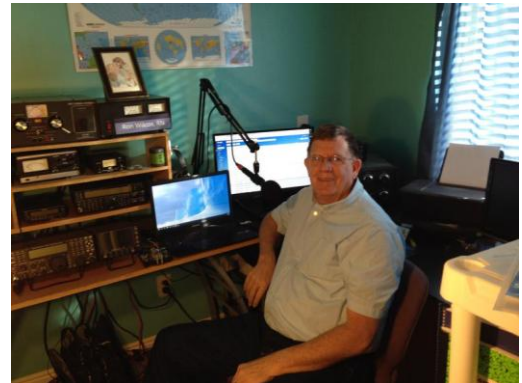
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# Notes and Announcements from MARAC Election Coordinator

By Ron, KF7ZN

I hope this finds everyone having a good start to the year. For those with losses, illness or other challenges I hope that you can find peace and hope as you work through them. Our hearts go out to our members and all others who have undergone the trials of fires, hurricanes, floods and other forces of nature. Hopefully you have been able to stay safe.



I submitted and received my 1500 counties and 2000 counties USA-CA award. I am looking forward to the next level. Using DXLab Suite and Logger the application process was easy, quick and worked great.

As I continue to do presentations, I still like putting in a plug to Ham radio operators for county hunting. Not sure if it helps but generates interest for sure. My tower crash last September took two months to get the tower kind of working and some of the way up. The tower is damaged, and I could only get it to 40 feet. I don't think I will be lowering it anytime soon. But at least I am on the air.

I started making more and more CW contacts and thanks to the patience and help of the mobile CW operators I am starting to increase my CW totals. As always, a big thanks to the mobiles out there.

If you do not have Logger II yet I would encourage you to do so soon. This program just works so well. It is worth your time and money. Don K3IMC has done a marvelous job with it.

## MARAC Election Announcement

This time of the year brings our Officer and Director elections. Please be aware that the Board has approved dates for the nomination period for director positions from March 1 through May 15 and I will be sending out the ballot, if needed in June. This year we will be voting for the MARAC Pacific and Northeast District Director positions.

If you have a nomination, please email me with the information. If it is not a self-nomination please make sure that you have the nominee's permission.

Here are the areas/states that these directors represent.

### **Pacific:**

AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA, VE7, VE8, VY1, VY3, Asia, Pacific

### **Northeast:**

CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT, VE1, VE2, VE9, VY2, Europe

*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 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, then go to About, and then Bylaws. We will let you know before June 1 the status of each position and the nominations.

73! MARAC Election Coordinator - Ron, **KF7ZN** at [rglogan73@gmail.com](mailto:rglogan73@gmail.com)

# 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 award.

## Awards Issued:

Call	Award	Level	Cert. No.
<b>K1DFO</b>	ALL SSB		30
<b>K3IMC</b>	SINGLE BAND 40M	<b>2000</b>	6
<b>K3IMC</b>	SINGLE BAND 80M	<b>1000</b>	11
<b>K3IMC</b>	SINGLE BAND 30M	<b>1000</b>	5
<b>K3IMC</b>	SINGLE BAND 15M	<b>1000</b>	13
<b>K3IMC</b>	SINGLE BAND 20M	<b>3077</b>	44
<b>NM1G</b>	ALL PREFIXES		10
<b>K8MW</b>	SINGLE BAND 15M	<b>2000</b>	6
<b>K8MW</b>	SINGLE BAND 17M	<b>2000</b>	11
<b>NF0N</b>	DIGITAL	<b>2000</b>	12
<b>JA1SJV</b>	USA-CA	<b>1000</b>	1979
<b>JA1SJV</b>	USA-CA	<b>1500</b>	1624
<b>KF7ZN</b>	USA-CA	<b>1500</b>	1623
<b>KF7ZN</b>	USA-CA	<b>2000</b>	1487
<b>N1API</b>	COUNTY CHALLENGE	<b>14000</b>	7
<b>JF3PLF</b>	USA-CA	<b>500</b>	3880
<b>N2CR</b>	USA-CA	<b>500</b>	3881
<b>N2CR</b>	USA-CA	<b>1000</b>	1980
<b>LA8OM</b>	USA-CA	<b>2500</b>	1403

## Roadrunner Awards

Call	LC Count	Cert. No.
<b>KB6UF</b>	2375	2

WY0A	RAN ALL IA		38
WY0A	RAN ALL ND		38
K8II	RAN ALL DE		84
W8OP	RAN ALL NJ		33
K8II	RAN ALL NJ		32
WA9DLB	SSB II		1
NM1G	SSB II		1
WQ7A	SSB II		1
W4YDY	SSB II		1
KE3VV	SSB II		1
K3IMC	SSB II		1
K4YT	SSB II		1
N1API	SSB II		1
N0KV	SSB II		1

\*Why did many receive the #1 award number for SSB-II? Please see prior edition of RoadRunner for explanation. Congratulations to all!

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## Silent Keys

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



**K7DM** Don McMinds, MARAC#1494, USACA#656, USACA 2<sup>nd</sup> Time #441, MARAC Custodian Award, RoadRunner 225, Polaris and Gemini Awards

**WA9BHH/W9JL** Jim Lauterbach, MARAC#258, USACA#1087, USACA 2nd Time #383, BINGO, Service Award, Polaris Award

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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.

<b>JF1KML</b>	<b>Hiro Agawa, MARAC#4888, Japan</b>
<b>N5KUC</b>	<b>Robert Payne, MARAC#2838, Brown Cty, TX rejoins after long absence</b>
<b>AA1QW</b>	<b>Brian Chaloux, MARAC#4889, Cumberland Cty, ME</b>
<b>I2VGW</b>	<b>Gabriele Villa, MARAC#4890, Italy</b>
<b>K4XD</b>	<b>Rowland Archer, MARAC#4560, Caswell Cty, NC, rejoins after absence</b>

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## MARAC Openings

By Kerry W4SIG

There are numerous opportunities for YOU to get involved in MARAC. We currently have openings for Awards Manager and Legal Counsel. Contact any Board member for more details. 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 who want to help you out!

**K2MF** 40 Meters – **HI**: Kalawao, **MT**: McCone

**K2MF** 30 Meters – **HI**: Kalawao

**W4SIG** 1x3 Callsigns --- **AK**: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

**W4SIG** 20 CW – **GA**: Jasper, **TN**: Cannon

**W4SIG** 40M SSB – **HI**: Kalawao, Maui

**W4SIG** Bingo Cinco – **AK**: 1<sup>st</sup>, **HI**: Kalawao

**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** W Prefix – **AK**: First District, **GA**: Thomas, **ME**: Aroostook, Franklin, Picataquis, Somerset, Waldo, **NH**: Sullivan, **RI**: Bristol, **TX**: Blanco

**N0KV** K Prefix – **SD**: Haakon **WY**: Goshen

**N0KV** Mobile to Mobile – **GA**: Wheeler, **KY**: Knott, Larue, Meniffee **NC**: Catawba, Lee **VA**: Lunenburg, Mathews

**N0KV** Mobile Diamond – **ME**: Waldo

- N0KV** A Prefix – **CA:** Del Norte, **GA:** Bacon, Dodge, **KY:** Greenup, Knott, **LA:** West Feliciana, **MS:** Wilkinson, **SC:** Edgefield, **VA:** Mathews
- K4YT** Mobile to Mobile – **CA:** Marin, Nevada
- K4YT** A Prefix – **MS:** Issaquena, Sharkey **TN:** Perry **VA:** Craig
- K4YT** W Prefix – **GA:** Baker, **HI:** Kalawao **NY:** Lewis
- K4YT** 40 Meters – **HI:** Kalawao, **MT:** Mineral, Roosevelt, **OR:** Wheeler
- K4YT** 30 Meters – **HI:** Kalawao, **KY:** Elliott, **NV:** Lander
- W4YDY** A Prefix – **OH:** Putnam **PA:** Philadelphia **VA:** Amelia
- W4YDY** W Prefix – **NY:** Essex **PA:** Tioga **TX:** Dickens, Somervell **VA:** Floyd
- W4YDY** 1x2 Callsigns—**AL:** Perry **GA:** Montgomery, Wheeler, **IA:** Audubon, **TN:** Gibson, Meigs
- NU0Q** K Prefix – **GA:** Newton
- NU0Q** N Prefix – **AL:** Coosa. **AR:** Randolph, Scott, **IA:** Obrien, **MS:** Grenada, Smith, **NY:** Wyoming, **OH:** Adams, **TN:** Moore, Van Buren
- NU0Q** 4<sup>th</sup> Time – **HI:** Kalawao
- NU0Q** 3<sup>rd</sup> Time CW – **HI:** Kalawao, **KY:** Hancock, Morgan, **MI:** Charlevoix, **NY:** Ontario, Wayne, **TX:** Bee, Liberty
- K4CGY** USACA – **GA:** Quitman **ME:** Franklin **MN:** Lake of the Woods
- W9DC** K Prefix – **NE:** Webster
- W9DC** CW – **GA:** Effingham, Jones
- W9DC** 1x3 Callsigns – **GA:** Grady, **NC:** Clay, Jones, **OK:** Kiowa, **SD:** Haakon, **VA:** Nottaway
- W9DC:** Bingo III – **AR:** Madison **TX:** Zavala, **VA:** Goochland
- N2IGW** USA-CA – **HI:** Kalawao

- N1API** N Prefix – **MA:** Nantucket, **MD:** St Marys, **MS:** Issaquena, **TN:** Moore
- N1API** W Prefix—**HI:** Kalawao, **IN:** Brown, **KY:** Estill, Harlan, Leslie, Owsley, **MD:** Allegany, **NY:** Esses, **NC:** Vance, **OH:** Meigs, **VT:** Orange, **VA:** Amelia
- N1API** 1x3 Callsigns—**MD:** Worcester, **NC:** Warren, **NH:** Sullivan, **VA:** Accomack, Buchanan, Northumberland
- N1API** CW – **NJ:** Camden, **NY:** Clinton, Essex, Lewis, Washington, **PA:** Mifflin
- 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
- W0GXQ** 17 Meters – **IL:** Carroll, Marion, Schuyler, Stephenson, **IN:** Carroll, Clark, **KY:** Johnson, Knox
- W0GXQ** 1x2 Calls – **CA:** Santa Barbara, Solano, **GA:** Effingham, **LA:** St Charles, **MS:** Union, **NE:** Brown, Thurston
- W0SK** USACA – **HI:** Kalawao
- W8OP** Bingo – **HI:** Maui
- KC3X** CW 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **GA:** Heard, **KY:** Henderson **OH:** Mercer **TX:** Comanche, Duval
- K8II** USACA – **HI:** Kalawao
- K7REL** CW 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **TX:** Duvall, Willacy

- LY5A** 5<sup>th</sup> Time – **CO**: Hinsdale, **GA**: Screven, **KY**: Meniffee, **MN**: Fairbault, Waseca, **SD**: Edmunds, McPherson, **TX**: Mitchell, Stephens
- KC5P** USACA ALL CW – **GA**: Polk, Clark
- N8HAM** 3<sup>rd</sup> Time (SSB Only)– **ID**: Butte, **MT**: Chouteau, **NC**: Avery
- WA3QNT** 5 Star – **HI**: Honolulu (3), **MT**: Lake (2), Sanders (2), **NY**: Yates (3), **OH**: Lucas (1), **PA**: Snyder (1)
- NF0N** 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **LA**: St James, **PA**: Montour, **TN**: Lake, Weakley, **TX**: Real
- N1QY** All CW – **GA**: Brantly, **VA**: Warren
- K5WAF** All CW – **KY**: Todd, **GA**: Crawford, **NY**: Greene
- K5WAF** All SSB – **WV**: Morgan
- DL3DXX** All CW 2<sup>nd</sup> Time – **MT**: Sanders, **TX**: Dimmit, Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb, Zapata, Zavala
- K8MW** BINGO – **KY**: Nicholas, **WY**: Park
- K8MW** CW II – **KS**: Pottawatomie, **KY**: Boone, **MA**: Nantucket, **NY**: Knigs, **TN**: Sevier, **TX**: Jim Hogg, Mason, Menard, Presidio, Webb, Zapata, **WA**: San Juan
- WB9CIF** CW – **AL**: Choctaw, **KY**: Grant, Hancock, Henry, Knott, Meniffee, Morgan, Pendelton, Trimble, **MI**: Charlevoix
- ON4AAC** USACA – **CA**: Del Norte, Madera, Plumas, **CO**: Rio Grande, **KY**: Bell, Union, **MT**: Meagher, Mineral, Wheatland

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

Dec 20 through Jan 19, 2025

Beginning Account Balance		\$15,184.56
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income		25.00
Misc Income		
Membership Income		439.69
Logger Distribution Income		19.10
Total Income		<u>\$483.79</u>
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$	15.28
Misc. Expenses NOTE 1		240.00
Contest expenses		
Refunds		81.50
Total expenses		<u>\$ 336.78</u>
Net Income Less Expenses		<u>\$</u>
147.01		
Cash Balance		\$15,331.57
Checking Account Balance	\$	3,736.89
Savings Account Balance		11,594.68
Total all accounts		\$15,331.57

NOTE 1 – Annual fee to DialPad Meetings

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$5731.40, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$9600.17





Bill, K0DEQ, MARAC Treasurer

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## State QSO Parties

Courtesy WA7BNM

The State QSO Party season resumes in February.

### February

Vermont	±	Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 1 to 2400Z, Feb 2, 2025
Minnesota	±	Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 1, 2025

South Carolina	±	South Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 22 to 0159Z, Feb 23, 2025
North Carolina	±	North Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 23 to 0100Z, Feb 24, 2025



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## MARAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES (unofficial)

Jan 20, 2025 9PM EST

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

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, K8ZZ\_\_\_\_, VP, W0MU \_\_x\_\_, Secretary, W4SIG\_\_x\_\_  
Treasurer, K0DEQ\_\_x\_\_,

Directors: Great Lakes, Darl NA8W\_\_x\_\_, Northeast, Al N1API\_\_x\_\_, South Central,  
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Southeast, Dave, KE3VV\_\_\_\_

Guests:

### 1. Agenda Changes/Modifications

Kerry announced that the agenda items 6 and 8 would be worded differently than distributed.

2. Motion to approve minutes of the BOD Meeting held on Nov 11, 2024. (see attachment)

Discussion: Kerry will send a copy to KA9JAC for addition to the club website

Motion: \_\_N1API\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_K0DEQ\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_

### New Business:

3. **NF0N** Motion to approve the Leo Bingham MARAC Outstanding Service Award to Steve Wilson K8II, Alan Carpenter W8OP, and Ed Messenger N8OYY for their hard work in making the 2024 MARAC National Convention in Bridgeport, WV a reality.

Discussion: Many months of planning and coordination were needed to accomplish such a successful convention. These three members did an excellent job of making sure everything went smoothly with the host hotel and the meeting rooms, coordinated an excellent banquet, and were there to make sure everyone had a great time. Our thanks go out to each member of this outstanding team!

Kerry will send a note to AB7RW to issue the awards.

Motion \_\_\_ **NF0N** \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ **N0KV** \_\_\_ Aye **\_8\_** Nay **\_0\_** Abstain **\_0\_**

4. **W4SIG** Motion to approve the MARAC Custodian Award to Barry Siegfried K2MF for his outstanding support of the goals, objectives, and needs of the MARAC Awards Program.

Discussion: In support of MARAC's new USA-CA Award, Barry has created tools that are highly beneficial to both the county chaser and the Awards Secretary to enable this award to be a success. Barry created a spreadsheet that is available to all county hunters to utilize and submit with their USA-CA application so as to meet the award's requirements. He also digitized all CQ Magazine records for all levels of the award from the last 50 years to enable the Awards Secretary to assign accurate numbers to all the levels of the award.

**Kerry will send a note to AB7RW to issue this award.**

Motion \_\_\_ **W4SIG** \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ **N1API** \_\_\_ Aye **\_8\_** Nay **\_0\_** Abstain **\_0\_**

5. **NA8W** Motion to accept nominations for the positions of the MARAC Pacific and Northeast Districts for the period of March 1 to May 15, 2025. The ensuing election will take place in June 2025.

Discussion: **Election Coordinator will need to publish this in a RoadRunner article and put on website**

Motion: \_\_\_ **NA8W** \_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_ **N0KV** \_\_\_ Aye **\_8\_** Nay **\_0\_** Abstain **\_0\_**

6. **K0DEQ** Motion to set USA-CA award prices as follows:

4. Payment of the applicable fee, if any (in US Dollars only) for each award requested:

a. For a certificate in PDF form sent by email plus a large (approximately 14" x 21") paper certificate shipped to the applicant the fee is \$50 for MARAC members and \$65 for non- MARAC members, plus an additional \$20 to ship outside the contiguous United States.

b. For only a certificate in PDF form sent by email there is no fee.

Discussion: W4SIG discussed the latest quote from the printer on the USA-CA award and shipping costs. We believe that the proposed costs will allow the club to break even on costs for members. Also, Some Board members suggested that we should revisit the zero charge to non-members who just request the pdf file, but we should go ahead and pass this as read so as to get everything else in place. We will discuss this non-member pdf part and possibly change it at a later date.

Word of this decision has been passed to K3IMC for updating information for the USA-CA application process. Also, the Award Rules document will need to be updated with these costs.

Motion: \_\_K0DEQ\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_N1API\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_

7. W0MU Motion to approve \$600 in funds to assist Dorie, N8WTQ, with the coordination and planning of the MARAC 2025 Michigan Mini on April 24-26.

Discussion: This is in line with what MARAC usually approves yearly for this purpose.

Motion: \_\_W0MU\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_N1API\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_

#### 8. W4SIG

Motion:

The following paragraph is added to the MARAC Bylaws:

5.5(h) USA-CA Records Custodian. The President may appoint a regular member of MARAC to serve as United States of America County Award Records Custodian. The person in this position shall be responsible for maintenance and enhancement of the Records Database for the United States of America County Award by:

- Keeping the 7 sub-tables of the award updated to ensure the Awards Secretary has accurate data available
- Supplying missing award dates when they become available
- Performing Typo corrections
- Keeping accurate and up-to-date Call Sign histories for USA-CA recipients
- Coupling Call ID data field to USA-CA list maintenance
- Providing checks and balances to MARAC front page and expanded USA-CA MARAC DB listings

Discussion: Since MARAC decided to offer awards for all the lower levels (500, 1000, etc) of the USA-CA award, this created a very complex issue of creating an accurate digital database of all the previous levels issued by CQ Magazine with their version of the award. Barry, K2MF, has done an extraordinary job of researching the manual CQ

records of 63 years and completing this task as accurately as possible. He has created these 7 workbooks and has made them available to the MARAC Awards Secretary for use. However, there is a lot of missing data that will continually need to be updated and added to these workbooks. For example, out of 13,000 awards issued during the 63 years, almost 4,000 of them still have missing issue dates. Information continues to trickle in from past recipients. All of these tasks, as highlighted above, should be formalized in an official MARAC USA-CA Records Custodian role.

While the Board approved this, it will need to be on a future ballot for membership vote since it is a By-Laws change. Also, advance notice of this should be included in the next RoadRunner. The Board also agrees that this position should qualify for 300 hours/yr credit toward the Masters Gold award, similar to other appointed positions. This will be a future motion.

Motion: \_\_W4SIG\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_NA8W\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_

#### 9. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: \_\_K0DEQ\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_N1API\_\_ Aye \_\_8\_\_ Nay \_\_0\_\_ Abstain \_\_0\_\_ Time \_\_9:41pm EST\_\_

#### Open discussion with membership

K2MF announces that, although dozens of USA-CA awards have now been issued, the first request for a large certificate has now been received.

NF0N reports that he is forging ahead with plans to run the MARAC booth at the Dayton convention again this year.

W4SIG reports that he and KF7ZN have finalized an article on MARAC and the USA-CA award for submission to QST magazine. It should be submitted this week. Hopefully it will further publicize our club and our USA-CA program.

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