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Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Secretary

Do you hear that cracking noise? Maybe it's the dropping of icicles off your roof. Maybe it's the sound of your knees when you stand up. Maybe it was me falling down the hill while skiing in Park City. Probably, it is just QRN on the radio. Regardless, it is starting to warm up in some parts of the US. Maybe spring will arrive before we know it and thaw some of that famous ice on Lake Michigan and the rotor on **N1API**'s SteppIR (good thing it is stuck pointing to the counties of the continental US!). With the warming of weather comes more mobile activity. Speaking of which, let's go over what we heard mobile on the bands this month. **NF0N** was busy in eastern NE, **N0KV** ran some eastern CO, **W4SIG** put out counties in UT, **K4YT** was busy in VA, MD, and NJ. **N4CW** was hopping with mobile counties in both the NC and SC QSO parties. **N8HAM** had a nice leisurely trip to sunny FL via GA and KY (congrats on finishing up running the ever-difficult state of KY!). And **K5GE** was out running in southern TX. Along with this, it was good to hear **N4CD**, **N3MRA**, **N9JF**, **WA2NWN** on the road. **NA8W** was out running digital in some FL counties as well (in between fixing up his hurricane-damaged home). QSO parties are really starting to pick up, so maybe you can snatch a couple needed counties during those contests as well.

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Just a reminder that registration is open for the ever-popular MARAC Michigan Mini convention this spring and that **NF0N** will be hosting a MARAC booth at Dayton Hamvention again this year. These are great times to get out and meet some of your fellow county hunters in person.

Please see the article in this issue (and last) regarding the

soon-to-be-released ballot for this quarter. In it will be a special issue that we need membership approval on. Please vote!

In the New Members section of each *RoadRunner*, it is nice to see all the new members to MARAC, especially a lot of our DX friends overseas. Our new USA-CA award probably has a lot to do with this. Thanks again to all who have made it possible to offer this award and the work that continues to go into it!

Please make sure to read over the monthly Awards article. Some of your fellow county hunters are reaching some tremendous milestones. I especially like **K7REL** finishing up working all counties on CW for the 6th time! Wow...only two others have ever done this.

There has been quite a bit of activity on the Final Countdown listings as folks chip away at their final needs. Also, some folks are now down to ten or less for some additional awards who need some help as well.

The State QSO Party calendar is in full swing for 2025. Go get 'em, and make sure to spot the mobiles and rarer counties that you hear. It sure helps us all. That's it this month, have a great one and we will 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 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!



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!



MARAC Election Announcement

By Ron, KF7ZN, MARAC Election Coordinator

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



MARAC Quarterly Ballot Notice

By Kerry W4SIG

As you probably already know, the next Quarterly Ballot is coming out this month so that you can vote for the top Mobiles (CW, SSB, Team) and Mobile Assistants. However, you will notice an additional item that needs general membership voting. That is in relation to the Board wishing to amend the MARAC ByLaws to create a new volunteer position, **USACA Records Custodian**. Please refer to the details in the February edition of the RoadRunner for more info. It is important that this critical position be created. Remember to cast your vote so we can make this new position a reality!

MARAC Outstanding Service Awards

By Kerry W4SIG

It is with great pleasure to announce that some well-deserved MARAC Outstanding Service Awards were proposed and approved by your Board during the January meeting:

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!

This motion was approved unanimously. Congrats fellas!!!



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.
N5MLP	SSB II		2
W4SIG	SSB II		2
AB7NK	SSB II		2
KA1PPV	USACA	500	3882
HA9RE	USACA 2ND TIME		448
K7REL	CW 6TH TIME		3
NU0Q	RAN ALL WY		32
NU0Q	RAN ALL UT		34
NU0Q	RAN ALL CO		36
NU0Q	RAN ALL AZ		47
NU0Q	RAN ALL NM		36
NU0Q	RAN ALL NE		32
NU0Q	RAN ALL MT		33
NU0Q	RAN ALL ID		41
NU0Q	RAN ALL OK		33
N8HAM	RAN ALL KY		29

Roadrunner Awards

Call	LC Count	Cert. No.
K4YT	1000	18

Silent Keys

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



W0FP Frosty Phillips, MARAC#3060, USACA#1135, USACA 2nd Time #392
Masters Gold, BINGO, SSB Net Control of the Year 3rd Place 2010



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.

IU1HGN	Angelo Augugliaro MARAC#4891, Italy
KC1NA	Robert Demchak MARAC#2742 Somerset Cty, ME rejoins after an extended absence
JA1SJV	Solo Ikegami MARAC#4892, Japan
WA2ONG	Andy Jezioro MARAC#4893, Rockingham Cty, VA
I2OLV	Max Olivieri MARAC#4894, Italy
EA5BY	Tony Galiana MARAC#4895, Spain
JA2KVB	Yoshihiro Nakamura MARAC#4896, Japan

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!

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**: 2nd, 3rd, 4th

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

W4SIG 40M SSB – **HI**: Kalawao, Maui

W4SIG Bingo Cinco – **AK**: 1st, **HI**: Kalawao

N4RS 40M CW – **AK**: 2nd

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, Menifee **NC:** Catawba, Lee **VA:** Lunenburg, Mathews
- 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** 4th Time – **HI:** Kalawao
- NU0Q** 3rd 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
- 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**: 2nd 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, 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 6th Time – **GA**: Heard, **OH**: Mercer **TX**: Comanche, Duval
- K8II** USACA – **HI**: Kalawao
- LY5A** 5th Time – **CO**: Hinsdale, **GA**: Screven, **KY**: Menifee, **MN**: Fairbault, Waseca, **SD**: Edmunds, McPherson, **TX**: Mitchell, Stephens
- KC5P** USACA ALL CW – **GA**: Polk, Clark
- N8HAM** 3rd Time (SSB Only)– **ID**: Butte, **MT**: Chouteau
- WA3QNT** 5 Star – **HI**: Honolulu (3), **MT**: Lake (2), Sanders (2), **NY**: Yates (3), **OH**: Lucas (1)
- NF0N** 6th 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 2nd 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**: Kings, **TN**: Sevier, **TX**: Mason, Menard, Presidio **WA**: San Juan
- WB9CIF** CW – **AL**: Choctaw, **KY**: Grant, Hancock, Henry, Knott, Menifee, 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!

Treasurer's Report

By Bill, K0DEQ

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club

Treasurer's Report

JAN 20 Through FEB 19, 2025

Beginning Account Balance		\$15,331.57
Income:		
Savings Account Interes	\$ 4.38	
Awards Income		
Misc Income		
Membership Income	72.61	
Logger Distribution Income	19.10	
MI MINI income	67.91	
Total Income	\$ 164.00	
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$	
Misc. Expenses NOTE	600.00	
Contest expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
Total expenses	\$600.00	
Net Income Less Expenses		(\$436.00)
Cash Balance		\$14,895.57
Checking Account Balance	\$ 3,296.51	
Savings Account Balance	11,599.06	
Total all accounts		\$14,895.57

NOTE 1- paid to Dorie for MI Mini expenses

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$5693.40, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$9202.17



Bill, K0DEQ, MARAC Treasurer

State QSO Parties

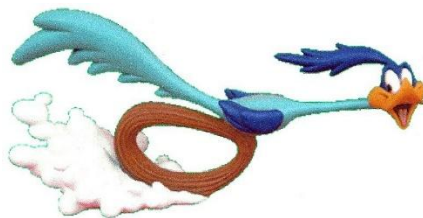
Courtesy WA7BNM

The State QSO Party season resumes in March.

Oklahoma	± Oklahoma QSO Party	1500Z, Mar 8 to 0200Z, Mar 9, 2025 and 1500Z-2100Z, Mar 9, 2025
Idaho	± Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 8 to 1900Z, Mar 9, 2025
Wisconsin	± Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 9 to 0100Z, Mar 10, 2025
Virginia	± Virginia QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 15 to 0400Z, Mar 16, 2025 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 16, 2025



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“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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