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Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Secretary

Welcome to April! The first three months of 2025 have literally flown by. Along with the warmer weather comes an uptick in mobile activity. The State QSO Party season is in full swing with lots of action this past month. The OK, WI, ID and VA QSO Parties took place with a lot of mobile activity especially in OK with **W0BH**, **K5CM**, and **N4CD** providing lots of county action. **K7TQ** was running in the Idaho party. Speaking of State QSO Parties, April has a ton of them. Check out the article at the end of this issue for info on the EIGHT parties being held, including MS, NO, NM, GA, ND, NE, MI, and FL. Expect lots of mobile activity in GA and FL especially. **AD4EB** will be very active mobile for both parties.

Outside of state parties, we heard **N9JF** running in IL, and **NF0N** in NE. **NU0Q** did an impressive run thru IA, NE, KS, and MO. Yours truly, **W4SIG**, ran a bunch in southern UT while on a camping trip to some of the beautiful National Parks here. **N0KV** embarked on a long trip from CO to NH and back putting out many counties along the way. Barry and **W0GXQ** began their long trip from CO to WA and back. In addition, many thanks to **N4RKK** and **KA9JAC** for spotting so many POTA stations. I dream of the day when POTA activators know what county they are in so we can all get county

credit each time we work one of these very active stations.

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Did you hear **KB6UF** trying out his new antennas from the mobile? Ron is planning a flight to the highly coveted **2nd District of Alaska** on April 15-16. DON'T miss out, as this is a one of the two hardest counties to get out of them all. Good luck to Ron and everyone for pristine

conditions! After this trip, Ron is headed to Hawaii and **Kalawao**. Get ready!!!

April 4-14 be on the lookout for **K4YT** to activate a plethora of counties in GA as he seeks to finish running all of the Peach State.

And of course, grab some coffee and be ready for all the mobiles headed for the MARAC Michigan Mini at the end of this month. Lots of counties to be had, not to mention all the fun everyone is going to have at the convention.

The nomination period is open for 2024 County Hunter of the Year. Also, some opportunity to serve in the District Director openings. See below for more details. That's all for this month, hopefully you can snag some you need and help others with spots and relays (really needed during the mad rush to Michigan Mini).

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.

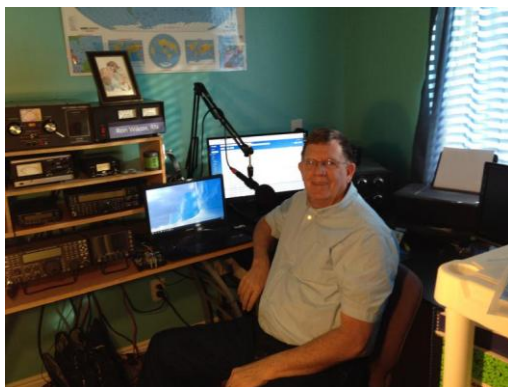
Responsibilities of MARAC District Director:

- 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



2024 County Hunter of the Year

By Kerry W4SIG

It is time to begin the 2024 SSB and CW County Hunter of the Year (**CHOTY**) nomination process. It is the top honor of recognition for the year. Please take this time to nominate who you think is deserving of consideration.

Please read below for important dates and deadlines associated with the 2024 CHOTY Process.

- 1) **3/5/25** Nomination period begins for both SSB and CW CHOTY
- 2) 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024 is the 12-month period of activity associated with nominations for 2024. Nomination guidelines can be found in the Award Rules section of the marac.org website
- 3) **5/15/2025** Nomination period ends at 11:59pm Pacific Daylight Time. ([Nominations should be sent to Darl, NA8W, MARAC Great Lakes District Director \[na8w@arri.net\]\(mailto:na8w@arri.net\)](#)).

4) 5/15 through 5/25/2024 Awards Committee reviews nominations and determines up to three individuals who will appear as nominees for each category (SSB and CW) on the election ballot.

5) 5/26/2024 Final list of nominees for each category along with supporting documentation (nomination justification and biographical information) forwarded to the Election Coordinator for publication in the June issue of the *RoadRunner*.

6) June 2025 Election Coordinator conducts election via electronic voting service to determine winners.

7) July 2025 Winners announced during the Annual MARAC meeting.

2024 MARAC County Contest Results

By John WA4JA

DX

No Entry Received

Phone-Fixed

2597	W4SDX	TN	Matt
12	N1ADX	VT	Pete
12	W7STV	WA	Steve

CW/DIG Fixed

165	KM4FO	TN	Dwight
42	KE0TT	MN	Dan
15	W4SSF	TN	Stan
9	NW3L	MD	David

Mixed Fixed

777262	WA6KHK	CA	Frank
384	K4BAI	GA	John
144	NF0N	NE	Mike
100	W4SIG	NY	Kerry
66	WB8ASI	MI	Herb

Phone Mobile

92906	KI5MM/M	M	Lee
2438	WA4JA/M	M	John

CW/DIG Mobile

15965	AC6ZM/M	M	Juan
10	W4SIG/M	M	Kerry

Mixed Mobile

10942	N4CD/M	M	Bob
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The 2025 contest will be announced soon! Please plan to participate and help us grow this contest with more activity.

W4SIG/M Utah National Parks

By Kerry W4SIG

Anyone who has visited the National Parks in Utah know how stunning they can be. During our recent trip we saw some awe-dropping sites at three of the big ones. Here are a few pics for your enjoyment!



W4SIG/M with camper in Capitol Reef National Park



A View from the top at Canyonlands National Park



**K8ZZ/M must
have taken this
road at some
time in the past!
Good Golly!**

**(although there is
no Dairy Queen
in sight)**





Arches National Park



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.
KV7N	USA-SSB		32
AA8R	USA-SSB		31
NM1G	USACA-SSB III		1
W4SIG	USACA-SSB II		4
IZ3NVR	USA-CA	500	3883
DL3DXX	All 20 Meters		45
CT1DSV	USA-CA	500	3884
IV3ARJ	USA-CA	500	3885
IV3ARJ	USA-CA	1000	1981
JR1BAS	USA-CA	2000	1489
IV3GOW	USA-CA	2000	1488
N8HAM	RAN ALL MI 2ND TIME		4

Roadrunner Awards

Call	LC Count	Cert. No.

Silent Keys

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



W9MDB Mike Black- MARAC#4866



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.

K7SVW – Mick Schwartz MARAC#4897, Collin Cty, TX
KA6BIM – David Tucker MARAC#4898, Coos Cty, OR

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
- W4YDY** SSB III – **KY:** Gallatin, Meade, **VA:** Cumberland, Halifax, **WV:** Pocahontas
- NU0Q** K Prefix – **GA:** Newton
- NU0Q** N Prefix – **AL:** Coosa, **AR:** Randolph, Scott, **IA:** O'Brien, **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**: Meniffee, **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 – **TX**: Presidio
- 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!

Treasurer's Report

By Bill, K0DEQ

Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club**Treasurer's Report**

Feb 20 through Mar 19, 2025

Beginning Account Balance		\$14,895.57
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income		
Misc Income		
Membership Income	219.62	
Logger Distribution Income	57.30	
MI Mini	67.91	
Total Income	<u>\$ 344.83</u>	
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$ 247.84	
Misc. Expenses NOTE 1	513.06	
Contest expenses		
Refunds		
Total expenses	<u>\$ 760.90</u>	
Net Income Less Expenses		<u>(</u>
\$416.07)		
Cash Balance		\$14,479.50
Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,880.44	
Savings Account Balance	11,599.06	
Total all accounts		\$14,479.50

NOTE 1 – \$315 to NF0N for Dayton Hamvention booth; \$198.06 to K3IMC for Easy CGI annual fee.

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 \$8786.10.



Bill, K0DEQ, MARAC Treasurer

State QSO Parties

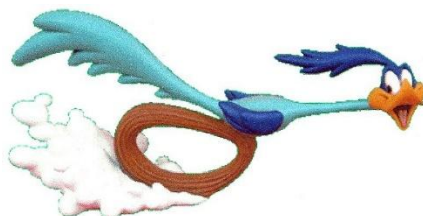
Courtesy WA7BNM

April

Louisiana	± Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 5 to 0200Z, Apr 6, 2025
Mississippi	± Mississippi QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 5 to 0200Z, Apr 6, 2025
Missouri	± Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 5 to 0400Z, Apr 6, 2025 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 6, 2025
New Mexico	± New Mexico QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 12 to 0200Z, Apr 13, 2025
Georgia	± Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 12 to 0359Z, Apr 13, 2025 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 13, 2025
North Dakota	± North Dakota QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 12 to 1800Z, Apr 13, 2025
Nebraska	± Nebraska QSO Party	1100Z to 2259Z, Apr 19, 2025
Michigan	± Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 19 to 0400Z, Apr 20, 2025
Florida	± Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 26 to 0159Z, Apr 27, 2025 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 27, 2025



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“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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