# MARAC, Inc
# 2026 Annual Report

# MARAC President Introductory Comments –

**Ed Eklin, K8ZZ**

We are pleased to present the 2026 Annual Report for MARAC, The Mobile Amateur Radio Award Club. I want to thank the Board for taking care of their duties in a stellar fashion in my time as President. I also thank all the other volunteer positions that keep the wheels on the wagon. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President and pleased to see Mary, AB7NK step up and serve in my departure. Mary is a dedicated County Hunter, and she will do a fantastic job in her upcoming duties. I also want to give a special call out to Kerry, W4SIG, for his extra efforts helping these past years due to my health conditions. I sold my vehicle a year ago and that is a big life changing experience for a die-hard county hunter. I estimate driving 240,000 thousand miles in my quest to transmit from every county. I have been asked many times “What does it cost to travel that many miles?” My best estimate is that it has cost me about a buck a mile..
I have a very active life in retirement outside of MARAC, and I will continue to enjoy it first and foremost. Due to health issues, I have to give up mobile operations on my own. It has been a good ride and thanks to all who helped with relays when I was a struggling mobile under poor conditions. I missed my goal of transmitting from all 3077 counties. I have 28 to finish.

I went to Finland and Sweden for the month of September last year. While in Finland I operated some FT8 radio at OH3JF station. Henry is a MARAC member and has worked all 3077 counties from Finland.

I enjoyed the 2026 MI Mini convention in Midland, MI and am looking forward to seeing you folks at the National in September, 2026.

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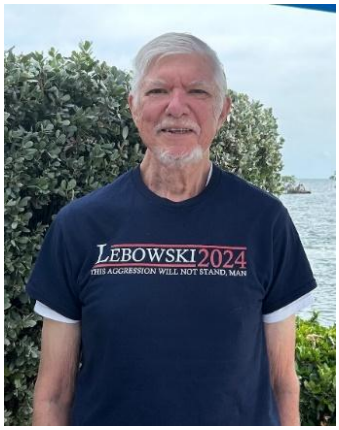


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The MARAC Board works hard to keep the wheels rolling and to make this the best club it can be. In addition to weekly group emails, we have monthly conference calls to discuss many topics for consideration and hold official Board meetings when necessary. Thanks for your support, and please volunteer when able!

Minutes of our official meetings can be found on the marac.org website. Everyone is invited to call in and listen in to the proceedings. We always have an open session at the end for members to bring up any topic they wish. All are welcome!

# MARAC Annual Secretary Report

**By Kerry W4SIG**

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Current Active Members: 309
New Active Members: 47

## New Members:

Please welcome the following new members to MARAC during the last year:

**KF8KI Steve Weigold**, MARAC#4902, Butler Cty, OH
**K8TAC Patrick Clark**, MARAC#4903, Marion Cty, WV
**OK4YL – Alena Kocianova** MARAC#4904
**OK2RZ – Jiri Kral**, MARAC#4905
**AJ2I AJ Tobia,** MARAC#4907, Morris County, NJ
**K2ABT Amanda Tobia,** MARAC#4908, Morris County, NJ
**WO4O Ric Morton,** MARAC#4009, Lake County, FL
**KM4IAJ Bob Fitch,** MARAC#4010, Prince William County, VA
**AD4TT Tony Royal,** MARAC#4011, Flagler County, FL
**AC5D Sammie Moore,** Rejoined after long absence
**KE5WL Donnie Magers,** Rejoined after 27 Years!
**KM4JEG Bobby Freuler,** MARAC#4912, Edgombe Cty, NC
**K1ZN** rejoins after a 27 year absence
**N2JJ Jim Janack,** MARAC#4913, Saratoga County NY
**AD8NQ Jeffrey Woods,** MARAC#4914, Raleigh County WV
**DL3DXX Dietmar Kasper**, MARAC# 4915, Germany
**W5EES Pat Berry,** MARAC#4916, Cleveland Cty, AR
**IK2UVR Piero Luigi,** MARAC#4917, Italy
**KF5GST David Danfoirth,** MARAC#4918, Anoka Cty MN
**PE1PIN Roland Elst,** MARAC#4919, Netherlands
**EI9HQ DeClan Lennon,** MARAC#4920, Ireland
**KA1FUE Ralph Hicks,** MARAC#4802 has rejoined
**KK4VA Ken Ascher,** MARAC#4921, Roanoke Cty, VA
**K4AEH Howie Copenhaver,** MARAC#570 has rejoined after 27 year absence
**W3ZR Bob Montgomery,** MARAC#2160 has rejoined after a 13 year absence
**OS8D E T Vrebos**, MARAC#4922, Belgium
**JH3LIB Takaaki Tanaka,** MARAC#4923, Japan

**W5IL Richard Smale,** MARAC#4454, has rejoined after a 9 year absence
**ON4VT Danny Van Tricht,** MARAC#4924, Belgium
**KY4GP Doug Schipull,** MARAC#4925, Escambia Cty, FL
**WB7PMZ Harley Perkins,** MARAC#1401 has rejoined after a 2 year absence
**W8SEE Larry Cardo,** MARAC#4926, Delaware Cty, OH
**W2FDC Ryan Taylor,** MARAC#4927, Passaic Cty NJ
**W2TAY Cristina Taylor,** MARAC#4928, Passaic Cty NJ
**W6OLA Ed McGlaughlin, Jr** , MARAC#4929, Benton Cty WA
**N4VGE Van Herridge,** MARAC#4930, Charleston Cty, SC
**AA5JF Andy Goss,** MARAC#4931, Richmond Cty, GA
**KO4BUR Sage Bobrow-Goss,** MARAC#4932, Richmond Cty, GA
**KQ2R Randall Albertson,** MARAC#4934, Dutchess Cty NY
**IK2RPE Carlo Bonomi,** MARAC#4935, Italy
**EA5RD Francisco Arnedo,** MARAC#4936, Spain
**N6MIV Martin Bates,** MARAC#4938, Calaveras Cty CA
**KO6FTY Natasha Bir,** MARAC#4939, Calaveras Cty CA
**KO6NID Amiya Bates,** MARAC#4940, Calaveras Cty CA
**KO6NIE Lakshmi Bates,** MARAC#4941, Calaveras Cty CA
**K7ZYV Carl Middlekauf,** MARAC#4942, Jackson Cty MS
**K5KPE Bob Shroeder,** MARAC#4668 has rejoined after a short absence

# Silent Keys:

It is with deep regret that we report the following Silent Keys:

**W7PFZ Phillip Genreau** USACA #1248
**K0ARS Jim Willingham**, SK 7/2/2025 USA CA # 119 Issued 12/26/1974. MARAC # 222. He was very active as a CW mobile in the 2000-2010 era. I believe he shuttled trailers or motor homes as a side job while running counties..
**W0MYZ Alan Remington,** SK 7/4/2022 USA CA # 910 issued 11/2/1996. Active in the mid 1990's to 2000
**WA9LKD Tom Winfield,** SK 1/16/2020 USA CA # 946 Issued 1/27/1998. MARAC # 2619. He was very active in the mid 1990's to 2000
**KC4OV- Reinaldo Alea**, USACA#514
**NG9L - Dick Sikora,** MARAC#1641, USACA#521, Worked all Counties 6 Times, Bingo II, Masters Gold, 5 Star, YL Mobile, RoadRunner Level 125
**N9HRX - Katie Dranchak,** MARAC#2381, USACA#732, Worked All Counties 5 Times, BINGO, RoadRunner Level 25
**W4ABW (ex K4BBF) - Al Watson,** MARAC#2300, USACA#742

**KT4TN (ex KJ4JC)- Randy Bean,** MARAC#2374, USACA#743, Worked All Counties 2 Times, BINGO, RoadRunner Level 25
**WA4HXG - Ralph Elliott,** MARAC#699, USACA#794, Worked all Counties 2 Times, BINGO, RoadRunner Level 200, MARAC Service Award
**WB4FFV Ralph Wiley** MARAC#1758, USACA#1225, CW County Hunter of the Year 2002, Best SSB Mobile of the Year 2002 2nd Place, RoadRunner Level 350
**KL7D Bruce Barber,** MARAC #2690, USACA#1138, Bingo Award
**NM2L Greg Potter,** MARAC 3139, USACA#1177, Bingo Award, USACA All CW, CW County Hunter of the year 2017, 8 Years of being voted one of top 3 CW Net Controls, MARAC Contest Manager
**K1CGY Victor Ouellette,** MARAC#406, USACA#574
**W6RLL Joe Young,** MARAC#3086, All Counties CW #109
**N4MM (ex K3UYF, W4WSF) John Kanode,** USACA #899, USACA-500 Level #1 earned in 1961.
**KC7YE Jack Rookaird,** MARAC#1833
**W4QNW (ex WA2QNW) Chuck Tames**, MARAC#454, USACA#1176
**N0DXE Pat Mitchell,** MARAC#4431,USACA#1191, RoadRunner level 375, 4 Time winner of Mobile Team of the Year with N0KV, Ran All State award for 36 states
**W9DC Don Chamberlain,** MARAC#2172, USACA#688, Worked all Counties 5 Times, RoadRunner level 25, Master Gold, Bingo III, USACA all CW and all SSB, K Prefix, Single Band 20M
**G4KHG-Eddie Scholes,** MARAC#1600, USACA#536, Worked all counties 5 Times, BINGO, RoadRunner Level 75
**WA4WKL-Butch Harris,** MARAC#4699, USACA#1260
**KB9ER (ex WB9SIJ)-Rich Sears,** MARAC#149, USACA#636, Worked all counties 5 times, BINGO II
**KY0E-Milt Bonham,** MARAC#1491, USACA#563, Worked all counties 3 times, BINGO II, All CW
**AE5EA (ex WA9OBR)-Elwood Anderson,** MARAC#285, USACA#232
**K0XT-Ralph Pokorny,** USACA#269
**WB8SNO-Leslie Shockley,** MARAC#831, USACA#246, Worked all counties 2 times

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Long, Secretary, **W4SIG**

# MARAC Annual Awards Report

**By Kerry W4SIG for the Awards Manager**

**Awards Issued July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026**

| Award Name | Description | Number of Awards Issued |
|---|---|---|
| USA-CA | Worked All Counties | 2 |
| USA-CA | Worked 3000 Counties | 4 |
| USA-CA | Worked 2500 Counties | 5 |
| USA-CA | Worked 2000 Counties | 9 |
| USA-CA | Worked 1500 Counties | 13 |
| USA-CA | Worked 1000 Counties | 19 |
| USA-CA | Worked 500 Counties | 36 |
| 3rd Time | Worked all Counties | 3 |
| 5th Time | Worked all Counties | 1 |
| 6th Time | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| Single Band 40 Meters | Worked 1000 Counties | 1 |
| Single Band 30 Meters | Worked 3000 Counties | 1 |
| Single Band 30 Meters | Worked 1000 Counties | 1 |
| Single Band 17 Meters | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| Single Band 17 Meters | Worked 1000 Counties | 1 |
| Single Band 15 Meters | Worked 1000 Counties | 1 |
| USA - SSB | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| USA - SSB III | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| USA - CW | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| USA - CW II | Worked All Counties | 2 |
| USA - CW VI | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| BINGO III | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| USA - Prefix W | Worked All Counties | 1 |
| Ran All Counties in a State - 1st Time | | 13 |
| Ran All Counties in a State - 2nd Time | | 5 |
| Polaris - Cliff Corne Jr (K9EAB) | | 3 |
| Gemini - Jack Scroggins (W0SJE) | | 1 |
| County Challenge | | 4 |
| Native American Counties | | 3 |
| Last County in a State | | 783 |
| Last County in the USA | | 6 |
| Road Runner | Multiples of 25 Last Cty Awards | 43 |

Many thanks go to the Awards Secretary, Phil AB7RW, for his processing of awards. Also, thanks to Don, K3IMC, for making sure that the awards submission software is operating smoothly! The Awards Committee also works hard to consider new awards or adjustments to existing awards. A big thank you to them all!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Awards Committee,
**Kerry Long, MARAC Secretary**

# MARAC Annual Treasurer's Report

**MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB**
**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**
**APRIL, 2025 - MARCH, 2026**

| Item | Prior Year | Current Year |
|---|---|---|
| INCOME: | | |
| Membership | $2327.66 | $2808.44 |
| Awards | 194.70 | 935.76 |
| Interest | 18.58 | 17.37 |
| Logger | 289.80 | 467.10 |
| Nat'l Convention | 679.07 | |
| Reimbursement from Nat'l Conv | 530.29 | |
| MI Mini | 271.64 | 652.07 |
| D&O Insurance premium refund | 704.96 | |
| Total Income | $5016.70 | $ 4880.74 |

| EXPENSES: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Awards | $ 1653.88 | $ 795.88 |
| USA CA expenses | | 508.32 |
| MI Mini | 1128.72 | 994.99 |
| Nat'l Convention | 679.07 | |
| Corporation Registration Fee | 80.00 | |
| Insurance Premiums | 1077.00 | 200.00 |
| DialPad Mtgs (formerly UberConference) | 240.00 | 240.00 |
| Promotional Expenses | 315.00 | 400.00 |
| Simply Voting | | 1008.90 |
| Refunds | 210.50 | 185.00 |
| Postage/shipping | | |
| 16.78 | | |
| Easy CGI Annual Fee | 198.06 | |
| Website Fee | | 30.15 |
| Renewal of Club ham license | 35.00 | |
| Bank charge for checks | 16.40 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses | | 62.00 |
| _____ | | |
| Total Expenses | $ 5,633.63 | $4442.02 |
| Net Gain (Loss) | (616.93) | 438.72 |
| Checking Account | $ 2,880.44 | $ 3,301.79 |
| Savings Account | 11,599.06 | 11,616.43 |
| Total account balances | $14,479.50 | $14,918.22 |

Total end of year account balances include award fees pre-paid by members which should be discounted to determine true (spendable) Cash Balance. At end of the current year the prepaid amount is $5686.26, which means that spendable cash balance is $9231.96

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Morgan, **K0DEQ,** MARAC Treasurer

# MARAC Annual Historian Report

Time period covered:  June 2025 to June 2026

It's hard to believe another year is in the books. From a historical perspective our membership is slowly increasing. Sadly, we have lost many fine County Hunters this past year. I'm still maintaining a database of all the members since county hunting started. We did obtain some new material from Shel Mann (N0DRX) for inclusion into the archives.

Respectfully Submitted
Mike Davis, **N8MD**
MARAC Historian

# MARAC Annual Information Technology Team Report

**By Mike, NF0N**

As your MARAC North Central Director, I also have an added responsibility to oversee the Information Technology Team. This Team is a dedicated volunteer group of MARAC Members who are working together to move the MARAC Awards Programs and Logger 2 Program into the future.  Each has a unique skill that may have been learned in the commercial world or on their own, to improve the current Awards processing and Logger 2 programming.

The IT Team works in the background to help with Logger 2 programming, testing and support.  Membership updates and corrections are done on a monthly basis.  This database is used for member lookups, Logger updates, award information and much more.

The MARAC databases and award system have been totally upgraded to a more current database structure.  This was a major accomplishment and will keep MARAC relevant for future programming updates and support.

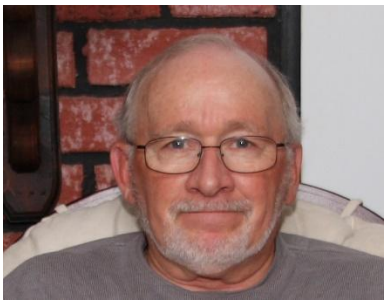
The IT Team has put in place the structure for the USA-CA award.  This is complete and a number of first time USA-CA awards have been issued.

If you have problems with Awards or Logger 2, please use the current method of problem reporting. Instead of posting on the forum, reach out directly to Dave, KE3VV, who will screen your problem for an existing fix and help you with a resolution.

If you have technical skill that can be utilized by the IT Team, please contact me and you will be considered for the Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike, **NF0N**
MARAC North Central Director

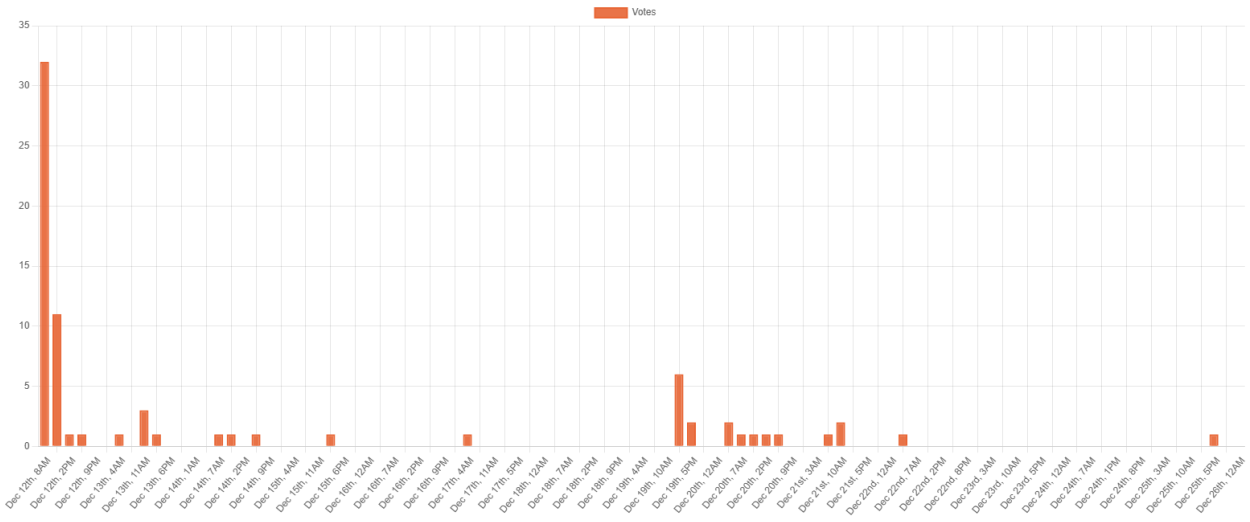


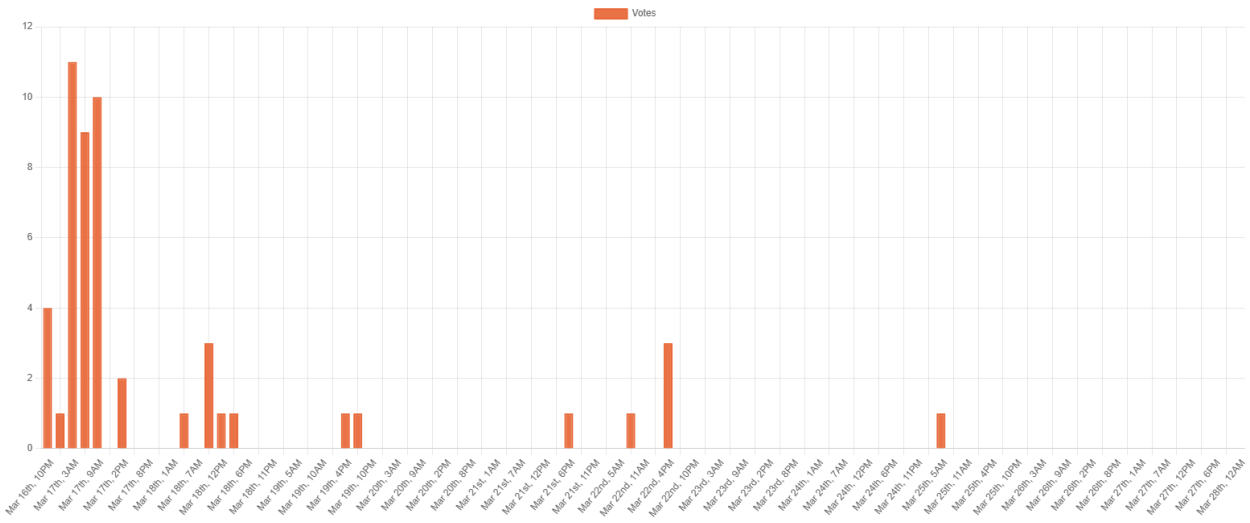
# MARAC Election Coordinator's Report

Wow, another year has passed. On a personal level this has been a very eventful one, with a stroke, buying a camper trailer, retiring, offering to host the national convention, a new tower and antenna, and adding more great grandchildren, just to mention a few. I hope everyone has had a great year. I have been able to keep adding new counties, (ATNC- all time new county) for my first time around.

I appreciate the patience of those affected as each election there is always a small glitch of some kind for a member that needs to be worked through. Like last year, here is some data that hopefully at least one county hunter will find interesting.

I will show the voting patterns by day for the second and third quarters, as all of the quarters have similar results. The dates are hard to see, but the beginning date is the first day of the election that I sent out. The same pattern followed last year with a spike following each time I send a reminder email to those who have not voted.






Here are the international votes for the third quarter. These also are similar in each quarter.

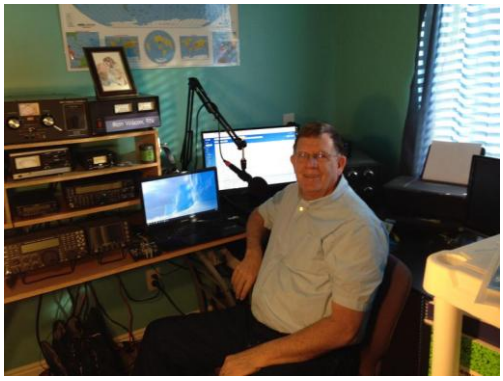
| Country | Votes | Votes (%) |
|---|---|---|
| United States | 49 | 96.1 |
| Japan | 1 | 2 |
| Nether-lands | 1 | 2 |

Here is the voting by segment for the third quarter, each quarter looks very similar to this.

| Seg-ment | Elec-tors | Voted | % Voted |
|---|---|---|---|
| GL | 49 | 15 | 30.6 |
| NC | 34 | 6 | 17.6 |
| NE | 49 | 6 | 12.2 |
| PAC | 52 | 8 | 15.4 |
| SC | 62 | 5 | 8.1 |
| SE | 74 | 11 | 14.9 |
| TO-TAL | 320 | 51 | 15.9 |

After the QST article we had an increase in membership. Our efforts at ham radio conventions may have also played a part, I do not have data about that. Currently we have about 320 eligible voters.

Listening and reading about long days, storms, bad propagation, and car trouble, I am so appreciative for the efforts of those who take to the roads, and those who help the mobiles. I wish there was a way for me to declare everyone the winner. Every mobile that goes out and puts out counties, whether a few or vast numbers has my appreciation.



See you at the convention!!!!!!!!!!

Respectively submitted, Ron **KF7ZN,** MARAC Elections Coordinator

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# MARAC Annual *RoadRunner* Editor Report

As I enter my 7th year as the RoadRunner Editor, I am reminded how thankful I am for my predecessors in this role for setting an example of what a quality newsletter looks like. I also want to thank everyone who has submitted interesting articles, pictures, and columns that we have enjoyed throughout the year. I HIGHLY encourage each one of you to feel free to submit anything, large or small, that you think might be of interest to your fellow county hunters. This monthly newsletter is for YOU and it wouldn't be possible without your input.

I am always open to suggestions to make the RoadRunner a better and more valuable tool for your county hunting enjoyment. Please feel free to reach out anytime with comments, complaints, or suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerry Long **W4SIG**
MARAC *RoadRunner* Editor