



MARAC, Inc  
2024 Annual Report

# MARAC President Introductory Comments – Ed Eklin, K8ZZ



We are pleased to present the 2024 Annual Report for MARAC, the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club. Previously the Michigan Mini for 2021 was canceled due to COVID-19. MI Mini for 2024 was a success and planning for a 2025 Michigan Mini is underway. The National Convention will be held on October 9-12, 2024 in Bridgeport, WV.

Mobile operations have been aggressive this past year. I have some health issues that will force me from my usual travel plans which will be limited this year. The year has also resulted in positives to date including:

A continuity of service with the elected Officers and Directors as well as appointed volunteers in supporting areas of MARAC.

Substantial updates and improvements in all areas with Don, K3IMC, launching Logger II with help and ideas of others. Thank you Don for keeping Logger running for us.

Thanks Dave, KE3VV, for stepping up to be our ombudsman in being a middle-man for Don, K3IMC in some of our minor issues, and also relaying some major issues to be discussed.

Directors continue to serve as point of contact for various working areas of the organization such as Historian, Election Coordinator, Awards, IT, Public Information, Digital and Contests and more to facilitate better communication among these important areas and the Board and more.

This Annual Report provides information on most areas of the organization so please take time to read through it. Thank you to all members of MARAC who are the reason this organization exists. A big shout out to the Board members and volunteers, past and present, for the stellar job again this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Eklin, K8ZZ

MARAC President  
K8ZZ

# MARAC Board of Directors

**President:**

Ed Eklin, K8ZZ  
1426 SW Summit Wood Dr. Apt 3, Topeka, KS 66615  
Tel: (231) 649-4747 Email: [ed.eklin@gmail.com](mailto:ed.eklin@gmail.com)



**Past President:**

-----  
Vacant  
-----

**Vice President:**

-----  
Vacant  
-----

**Secretary:**

Kerry Long, W4SIG  
PO Box 533, Springdale, UT 84767  
Tel: (901) 331-1881 Email: [kerrylong@comcast.net](mailto:kerrylong@comcast.net)



-----

**Treasurer:**

Bill Morgan, K0DEQ  
12012 County Road 3000, Rolla, MO 65401  
573-465-5405 Email: [billmorgan213@gmail.com](mailto:billmorgan213@gmail.com)



**Northeast Director:**

-----  
Al Kaiser, N1API  
194 Glen Hills Rd, Meriden, CT 06451  
Tel: (none) Email: [n1api@cox.net](mailto:n1api@cox.net)



**Pacific Director:**

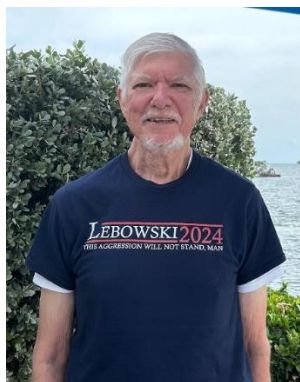
-----  
Paige Butler, W0FLZ  
21922 36<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Stanwood, WA 98292  
Tel: (425) 308-5561 Email: [w0flz62@gmail.com](mailto:w0flz62@gmail.com)



**South Central Director:** Vacant

---

**Southeast Director:** David Splitt, KE3VV  
1535 Frontier Dr  
Melbourne, FL 32940  
Tel (202)669-6630, [davidsplitt@erols.com](mailto:davidsplitt@erols.com)



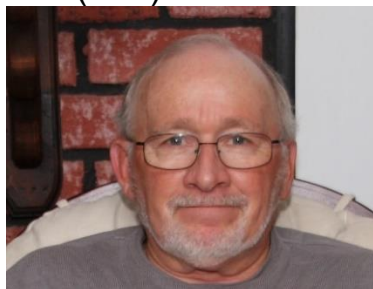
---

**Great Lakes Director:** Darl Deeds, NA8W  
8753 Township Rd 48, Findlay, OH 45840  
Tel: (419) 421-1533 Email: [na8w@arrl.net](mailto:na8w@arrl.net)



---

**North Central Director:** Mike Nickolaus, NF0N  
316 East 32nd St, South Sioux City, NE 68776  
Tel: (402) 494-6070 Email: [mnickolaus7@gmail.com](mailto:mnickolaus7@gmail.com)



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!

---

## MARAC Annual Secretary Report

By Kerry W4SIG

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Current Active Members: 291

New Active Members: 22

Silent Keys: 21

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

**WB4JB  
KB4JAA  
KM6HB  
KM7S  
N3TTT  
N3TTS  
W7STV  
KA7MFW  
WA6BTK  
KG6CYC  
K5UHF  
KX1W  
W9MDB  
N9EAT  
W4URZ  
AF4O**

WA4STO  
N5WRX  
W3LL  
NA2F  
W8KNO  
KD8EPF

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

WA0QFY  
W3DYA  
K7LY  
K9FD  
KL7GN  
WA4EEZ  
AE3Z  
W0ULU  
K4DI  
K8JP  
N9KEH  
W7JY  
N8LXQ  
N7TT  
KJ8V  
K5KDG  
K3SEW  
KB0BA  
K2UDT  
W7WBZ  
K0CA



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

# MARAC Annual Awards Report

## Awards Counts By Award Name

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024

<b>Award Name</b>	<b>Sub- mis- sions</b>	<b>Level</b>
Master's Gold	4	
Master Platinum	1	
Mobile Diamond	5	
Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 4th Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 5th Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 7th Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 8th Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 13th Time	1	
Single Band - 80 Meters	1	3077
Single Band - 40 Meters	3	3077
"	1	3000
Single Band - 20 Meters	3	3077
"	1	1000
Single Band - 17 Meters	2	3000
"	1	2000
Single Band - 15 Meters	2	2000
"	1	1000
Single Band - 10 Meters	2	1000
USA - SSB	2	
USA - CW II	1	
USA - CW- VIII	1	
USA-Digital	3	2000
"	1	1000
USA - No Star	1	
BINGO IV	2	
BINGO VI	1	



BINGO VIII	1	
USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x2	3	3077
"	1	3000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x1	1	3077
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x2	1	3000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x3	1	3077
"	1	3000
USA-PA - K	1	0
Ran All State - 1st Time	34	
Ran All State - 2nd Time	3	
Polaris - Cliff Corne Jr. (K9EAB)	3	250
Gemini - Jack Scroggins (W0SJE)	1	250
"	2	150
Five Band Counties Award	1	3077
County Challenge	1	26000
"	1	25000
"	1	21000
"	1	20000
"	1	11000
"	2	2000
"	1	1000
YL Mobile	1	1000
Native American Counties	2	
Last County in State	2157	
Last County for WBOW	23	
Road Runner Award	75	

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

**APRIL, 2023 - MARCH, 2024**

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
APRIL, 2023 - MARCH, 2024

Item	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Membership	\$3659.98	\$1846.01
Awards	266.44	563.78
Interest	22.30	21.95
Logger	333.53	254.00
Reimbursement from Nat'l Conv	1649.34	
MI Mini	324.99	528.72
Donations		225.00
Total Income	\$6256.58	\$3439.46
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Awards	\$ 1520.66	\$1291.21
MI Mini	624.97	735.82
Nat'l Convention		2000.00
Corporation Registration Fee	40.00	40.00
Insurance Premiums	1142.28	851.00
Computer Hardware/SW	2025.10	610.80
DialPad Mtgs (formerly UberConference)	240.00	240.00
Promotional Expenses		315.00
Simply Voting	895.91	495.00
Refunds	39.00	
Postage/shipping	27.36	55.32
Sunshine Expense		21.52
Contest expense		10.78
Total Expenses	\$ 6,555.28	\$6666.45
Net Gain (Loss)	(298.70)	(3226.99)
Checking Account	\$2,264.89	\$ 2,515.95
Savings Account	16,058.53	12,580.48
Total account balances	\$18,323.42	\$ 15,096.43

Total end of year account balances include award fees prepaid by members which should be discounted to determine true (spendable) Cash Balance. At end of the current year the prepaid amount is \$6017, which means that spendable cash balance is \$9079.43.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Morgan, **K0DEQ**  
MARAC Treasurer



---

## MARAC Annual Historian Report

Time period covered: June 2023 to June 2024

I don't have much to report this year. I have continued to maintain and update the list I created of all MARAC members and have provided information to those that need it. All this information changes as we gain or lose (non-renew or Silent Keys) members as well as call sign, email and expiration info changes and as such will always be a "work in progress". Many thanks to all involved in keeping this information current and accurate.

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.

Migration to Logger 2 continues with numerous conversions and new installations. Added functionality continues and implemented as it completes testing. New functions are easily added with a quick update.

Upgrade to Logger 2 is an easy update. We are seeking a volunteer to assist users with installs. If you are already a Logger user, there is no upgrade fee.

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

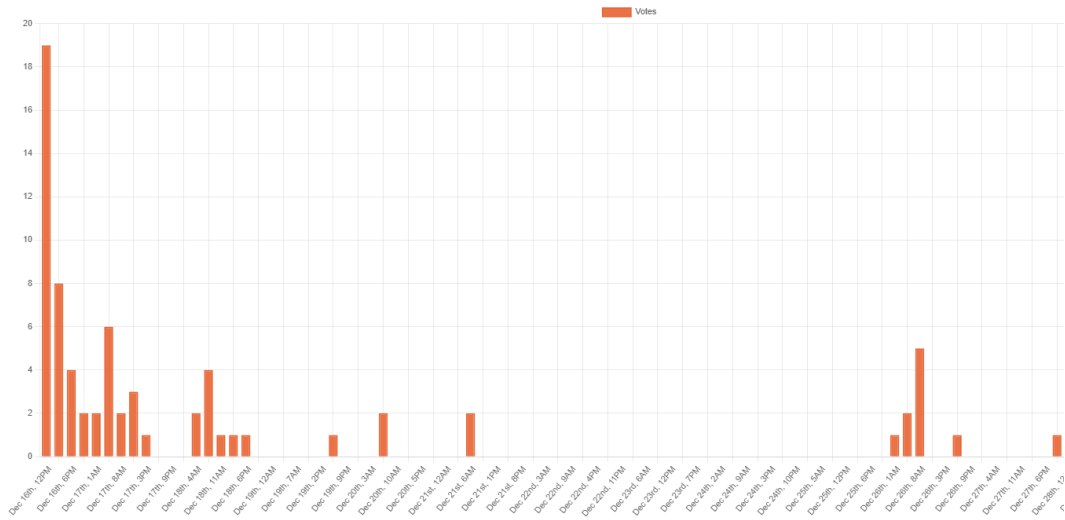






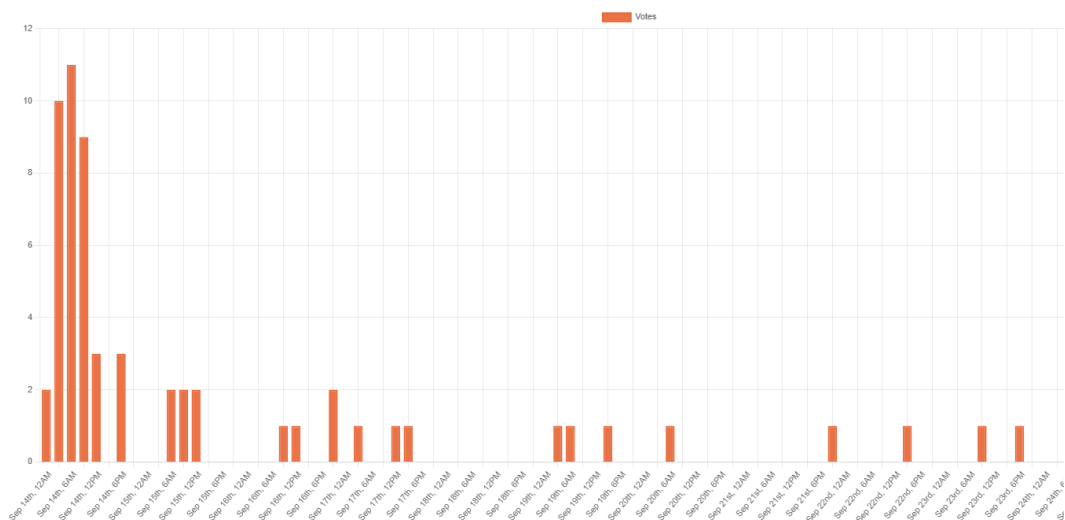
NC	38	5	13.2
NE	35	8	22.9
PAC	56	14	25
SC	54	6	11.1
SE	69	11	15.9
TO-TAL	299	55	18.4

Here is the second quarter:



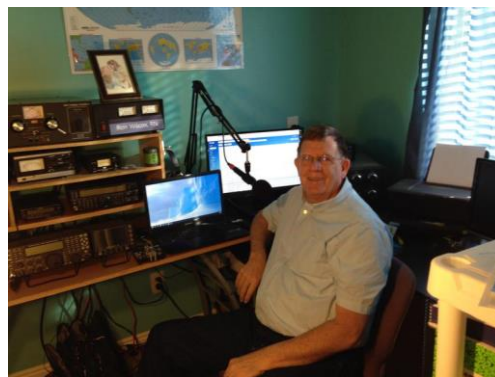
Segment	Electors	Voted	% Voted
GL	51	11	21.6
NC	41	9	22
NE	35	9	25.7
PAC	52	12	23.1
SC	55	15	27.3
SE	76	17	22.4
TO-TAL	310	73	23.5

And finally, the first quarter results:



Segment	Electors	Voted	% Voted
GL	47	10	21.3
NC	41	7	17.1
NE	36	10	27.8
PAC	52	8	15.4
SC	54	9	16.7
SE	77	15	19.5
TOTAL	307	59	19.2

A big thanks to everyone, those who take the time to vote, the mobiles out there in the rain, the snow and the heat, the teams that double the fun, those that assist the mobiles and operators trying to make contacts, and for me, those CW mobile operators who are so patient with my CW contacts. I made my first ones a couple of months ago and look forward to many more!!! I hope everyone has a great county hunting year.



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



# MARAC Annual *RoadRunner* Editor Report

The *RoadRunner* is distributed at the beginning of each month to all MARAC members. I enjoy putting together the articles and information for the club monthly. Many thanks go out to those who have contributed articles, pictures, and ideas. I cannot create the newsletter without your input, so I am very appreciative!

Many thanks go out to Barry, K2MF, for his behind-the-scenes work on keeping the distribution list current and up to date. Thanks to Bill, K0DEQ, for reminding folks who are about to have their memberships expire. And a big thanks goes out to Mark, KM6HB, for his continual research into keeping our database up to date by investigating SKs and callsign reassignments.

I have enjoyed keeping the Final Countdown updated. Many have said they have completed their awards thanks to the advertisement of their needs in the *RoadRunner*. Please make sure that your needs are up to date and let me know if they are not. If you find yourself down to 10 or less for the WBOW for any MARAC award, please feel free to let me know via email so I can add you to the list.

My listings of Silent Keys is solely dependent upon information that I am fed from members. Please continue to keep me informed.

Old copies of the *RoadRunner* can be found on the [marac.org](http://marac.org) website.

Keep the info flowing in, and I will be happy to continue to put it together for you each month!

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

