

MARAC SPONSORS A NEW USA COUNTIES AWARD

The Board of Directors of the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club (MARAC) has voted to sponsor an award for making contacts with all United States counties for the first time. The new award will be titled the United States of America County Award. Like all other MARAC county hunting awards, this new award will not require written confirmation of contacts.

The MARAC award is available in increments of 500 counties with a certificate for each level achieved, culminating with a certificate for all USA counties or the “Whole Ball of Wax.” Special endorsements will be available for contacts using single bands and modes.

Like other MARAC county hunting awards, the MARAC first-time award will not require confirmation of contacts. The MARAC Board noted that rising postage costs and other factors have discouraged participation in awards that require an operator to obtain QSL cards or other written confirmations, and none of the many county hunting awards sponsored by MARAC require confirmed contacts. The Board hopes that the same “honor system” applicable to other MARAC awards will encourage more amateurs to work toward the award, as well as provide county contacts as mobile or fixed stations.

MARAC members who have purchased and installed the special MARAC logging county hunting software (Logger II) will be able to easily process county contacts and monitor progress toward the new award.

The complete rules for the MARAC United States of America County Award are posted on the MARAC web site at www.marac.org.

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