



# THE COUNTY LINE ROADRUNNER

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## Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Secretary

While warmer temperatures have hit in most of the country, some of you have been dodging some severe weather conditions. Hopefully you aren't getting hit too badly and these fronts can calm down a little bit. I know the bad weather has had an impact on some mobile trips lately. Not to mention the record breaking (?) sun flare activity that really wiped out propagation on the hf bands for a good deal of the month. We even had a sun A-Level index of over 200! Wow! In the issue is included a table I found from NOAA.gov for the last month. You poor mobiles that were out around May 11, it was so tough.

For the month of May, mobiles heard were **N5MLP** on a month journey from TX to IN and back, **AI5P** on a quest to run all AR this month (see article below), **W8OP**, **K8II**, **K4YT**, **K8TE**, **KB6UF**, **KA9JAC/KB9YVT**, **N4CD**, **W4SIG** from Kauai, and **K5GE/K8ZZ** on an extended trip for most of the month. We've got some great (and hilarious) pics included this month from some of the journeys of these mobiles. Check them out!

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The Dayton Hamfest is now done for the year. Check out the article and pics from Mike, **NF0N**, who was in charge of the MARAC booth. Great job Mike and friends Alan **W8OP**, Janet **KJ8F**, Jim **N8HAM**, and Tom **W5VS**!

For you Top Listers, check out the article from Barry, **K2MF**, who has implemented some cool new features to his

reporting. Thanks, Barry, for your hard work on the Top List!

The 2024 version of the MARAC contest is coming up in July. Details below, don't miss it!

And then lastly, but certainly not "leastly" **please read the articles regarding Logger and the USACA Award.** Some very important news in these areas and we need your help/input. As a club, we are entering some new territory that can greatly increase county hunting activity if we do it right. And we definitely want to do it right! Be safe and see you on the air! Happy Hunting!

73

Kerry W4SIG  
MARAC Secretary



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## MARAC Michigan Mini

By Kerry W4SIG and Jim, N8HAM

While this pic at the Michigan Mini was published last month, I had some requests to post it again with labels as to who is who. So here, ya go! Again, thanks to Dorie for putting this fun event together!

**Back Row (from left to right):**

**WA9DLB, N8HAM, K8AO, W4SIG, K8II, N4CD, Judy cousin OF N0XYL, K8MW, K3IMC, N8IPG, K8OOK, W8OP, NN9K, N8KIE, AB7RW**

**Middle Row (from left to right):**

**Dorie N8WTQ, N0XYL, AC7UH, W9OP, K8ZZ, N9DQS**

**Front Row (from left to right):**

**Helen (xyl WA9DLB), KB9YVT, KJ8F, KA9JAC, Dan son of W9OP**



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## 2024 MARAC National Convention

By Kerry W4SIG

The 2024 MARAC National Convention is to be held on Oct 9-12 in **Bridgeport, West Virginia!** Please thank Alan-**W8OP**/Steve-**K8II**/Ed-**N8OYY** for volunteering to be co-hosts of this year's convention. Details can be found on the MARAC.org website under Events. Hotel reservations can be made now for the special rate. Convention registration is also now available. Mark your calendars to attend! See you there!

West Virginia in the Fall!





## On the Road with K8ZZ

By Kerry W4SIG



While Ed, **K8ZZ**, and Gene, **K5GE**, were wondering the roads of Missouri they noticed a lot of the highways were named by letters. What are the odds that Ed, K8ZZ, would end up at a Dairy Queen (his go-to stop) with a highway named after him? Congratulations, Ed! And thanks for keeping all the Dairy Queens in the USA busy making icecream. Gene noted that this is the first trip ever that he literally has been on every road “from A to ZZ”! 😊

Speaking of **K8ZZ**, unfortunately he had a fender bender in Texas. While sitting at a stop behind a semi, another car rammed him from behind! You can notice the damage to both the front and back of the car. Ed duct taped the hood down so it wouldn't blow off. His headlights were cross-eyed all the way home, so night time driving was a no-go. Nothing keeps a great mobile from carrying on! Too bad this incident also disabled his cruise control for the rest of the trip home. Be safe out there...



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## MARAC Booth at Dayton Hamvention

By Mike, NF0N

MARAC sponsored a booth at the 2024 Dayton Hamvention once again. Our booth was in Building 5 and with the record attendance this year, our booth had a lot of traffic and interest in County Hunting. I had several helpers; Sharon, **KJ8F**; Alan, **W8OP** and Tom, **W5VS** volunteered to help and others helped man the booth during the event. **KA9JAC**, **KB9YVT**, **NA8W** and others spent time at the booth. We had a sign-in sheet and I notice a number of early USA-CA numbers on the sheet. Several DX County Hunters spent time at the booth, notably **DL3DXX** was one of the DX'ers.



A popular display was a county map of the USA with pins available to mark their county on the map. We ran out of pins, it was so popular.

We had several stop by and indicate they only had a few left to complete for WBOW. All were interested in what MARAC may do to continue the 1<sup>st</sup> time USA-CA award in the future. Others were interested in what MARAC may do to continue to sponsor the award if CQ is not able.

All in all this was a very successful event and we should continue to sponsor a booth.

Thanks to those who volunteered to help and those who spent time at the booth or maybe they were just resting their feet and tush. That's OK too!

Thanks again,

Mike, NF0N  
USA-CA #53



From left to right  
W8OP, KJ8F,  
DL3DXX, NF0N



Booth attendees  
had a chance to  
mark their QTHs

We ran out of  
pins early on!

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## W4SIG/KH6 Kauai, HI

By Kerry W4SIG

There is nothing quite like a vacation to any of the Hawaiian islands. Amy and I had a great time on the island of Kauai. From views from the top of the "Grand Canyon of Hawaii" to a boat ride and snorkeling on the western shore of the Napali coast, there were obvious reasons this is known as the "Green Isle". We enjoyed a kayak ride and hike up a river to waterfalls and a trip to a Botanical Garden where Jurassic Park movies have been made, along with sightings of octopus, dolphins, turtles and a whale. It was also nice to be able to activate Kauai on bands 15-40 and get this county in the books for many people. Thanks to Mary, **AB7NK**, for her invaluable relays on the bands!



**W4SIG/M on the northern shore of  
Kauai**



**Spouting Horn Blow Hole on southern shore**

**One of the many sea caves along the Napali  
coast**





Hard to find an ugly sunset from Kauai



Waimea Canyon in central Kauai



Amy and me getting attacked by a T-Rex at Allerton Botanic Gardens! I guess he wanted a “ham” sandwich

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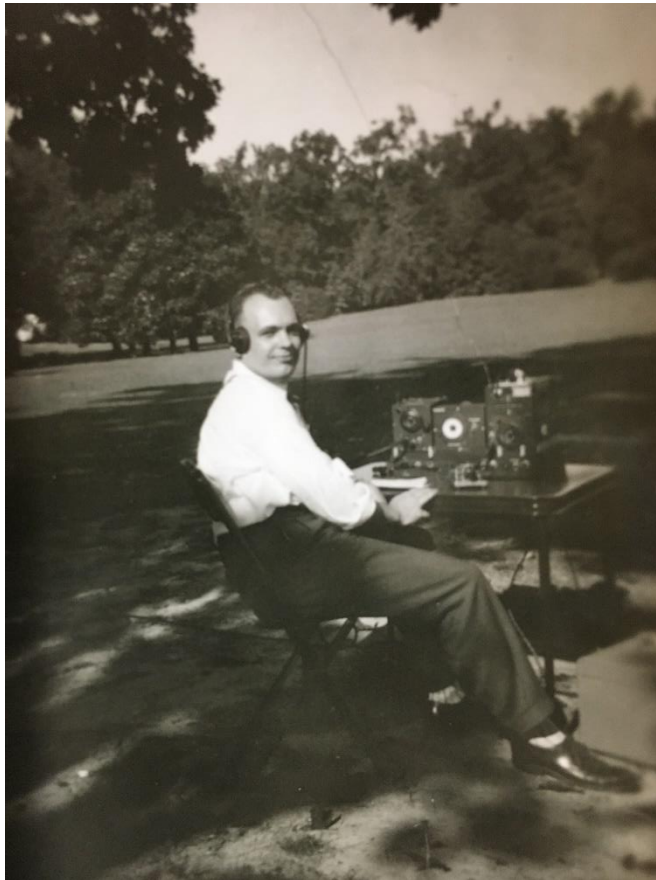
## Field Day Month

By Kerry W4SIG

Although not a “county hunting” event, June is the month for ARRL’s Field Day. Here’s hoping you get out with some local hams and enjoy the laid back event!

Here is a pic of my dad, Charlie **W5JAC**, at with his Field Day set up circa 1945. I miss how people used to dress so nicely on a daily basis, Hi!

Charlie, W5JAC





# Big Mobile Trip from AI5P

By Rick, AI5P

I plan to run **all Arkansas counties** (75) to include the 52 state parks and one National Park on CW (ONLY - 80 thru 15) in the May/June time frame. Start date and further info will be announced on the K3IMC forum as well as other sites.

All the detailed info (frequencies, how to follow, **prizes**, how to collect points, etc) will be on the AI5P QRZ page. There will be Prizes - DX Engineering gift certificates in several categories among others as detailed on the QRZ page. Hopefully that will create some extra interest for the county hunters! Dust off those paddles, bugs and keys! If you have any questions, e-mail me.



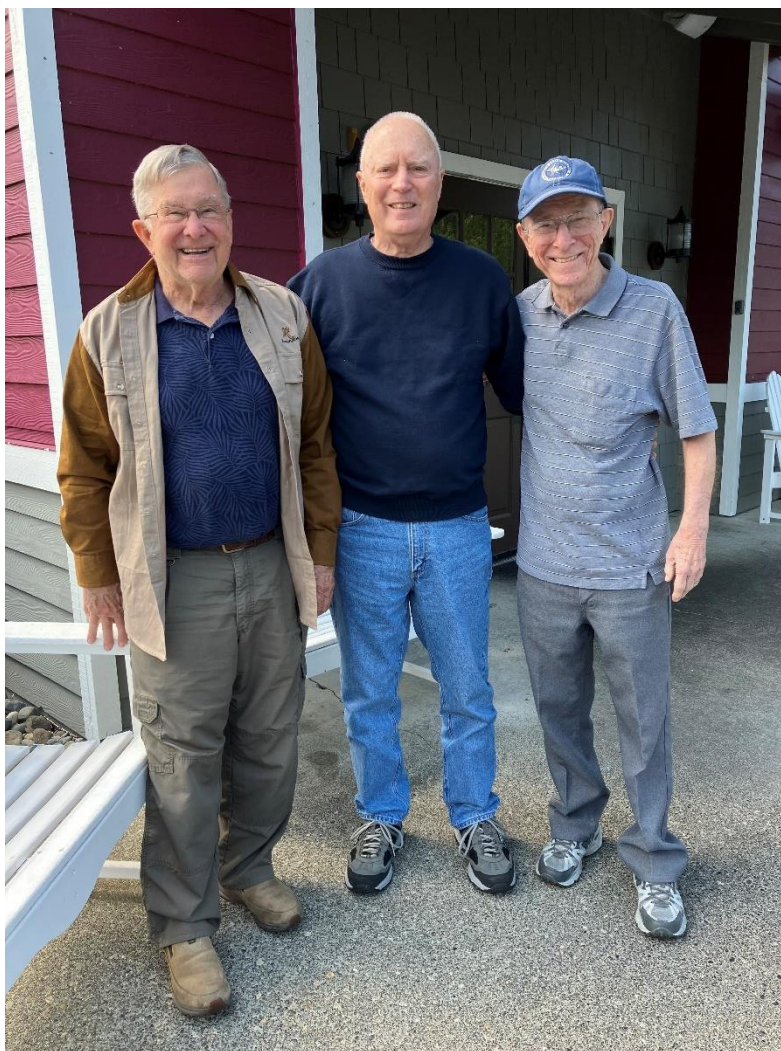
73 Rick

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## County Hunting Legends

Ed, K8ZZ  
Terry, WQ7A  
Gene, K5GE

These gents combine for 22 Stars, 11  
Bingos, and 3,350 Last Counties  
given out!



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# USACA AWARD STATUS

By Kerry W4SIG

The following is a summary of many items that the Board has been discussing relating to the USACA award. These topics were reviewed with all present at the MARAC Michigan Mini convention this past month.

The MARAC Board of Directors, along with our IT Manager, K3IMC, have spent countless hours going over the implications of our club assuming sponsorship of the USACA award. We all agree that it is imperative that to grow interest in county hunting and the pursuit of MARAC awards, there must be a “First Time Around” award. With CQ Magazine’s demise, such an award no longer exists.

The former USACA Awards Custodian, Brian-NX0X, has indicated that he will continue to administer the CQ Magazine’s USACA certificates as long as he has supply, yet only for the 3077 county level. **MARAC intends to assume sponsorship of the USACA award, with necessary modifications.** Considering that there have only been a handful of Whole Ball of Wax awards earned in many years, the main issue that has been hindering interest in this award needs to be addressed. Our club intends to eliminate the “written confirmations” requirement to more align this award with all the dozens of other MARAC awards that we administer. While many may object to this decision, we feel that it is necessary to grow county hunting activity in today’s ham community. Many no longer send paper QSLs, many mobiles do not sign and return Mobile Reply Cards. LoTW and EQSL present additional challenges that have never been able to be overcome. Therefore, the only logical way forward is to eliminate the written confirmation element of the application.

Currently, a proposed Rules document is being developed. Considering that we have access to the full list of award numbers that CQ Magazine issued for each endorsement level, we intend to continue this numbering method for all existing levels of the award from 500 counties all the way up to 3077. The application process will be similar to that for all other MARAC awards, with **K3IMC** working on adding this award to the programming. Applications will require a log be submitted along with an alphabetical listing of all US counties by state, along with the QSO information for each county applied for. The club will be able to review, at its discretion, contacts for any county, especially for the most difficult to get ones.



MARAC is working on designing its own, yet similar, certificate to be issued for the USACA award. This will be shared when the design is complete.

**The Board would love your input and comments.** One of the most important considerations expressed by Board members is the increase in county hunting activity and the future viability of MARAC. This is an important crossroads for our hobby, and we fully intend to listen to all members' viewpoints. The MARAC Board hopes that you will take advantage of this opportunity to be a part of the ongoing discussion of the future MARAC sponsorship and administration of the USA-CA award. Please send your comments to [USACA-Proposal@marac.org](mailto:USACA-Proposal@marac.org).

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## Top List Big News

By Kerry W4SIG and Barry K2MF

Although "Top List" is a totally separate county hunting chase from MARAC, it is common ground for many county hunters. Barry recently shared some big news on Top List, so I thought I would share it with you here. Thanks, Barry, for all the work you put into Top List!

From Barry, K2MF:

*There is some news about a new feature of the CCA Top Lists program which might have some relevance for participants who have ever received a CCA Level or Single Band 3077 Achievement Award. But first, a paragraph of some history:*

*In May-June of 2017 (about a year and a half after I assumed custodian duties for the CCA Top Lists), I began to proactively issue non-serialized PDF award certificates for Level and Single Band 3077 achievements to Top List participants. After the initial large batch of non-serialized PDF award certificates were issued using then current (or previous, if no current) submission dates, non-serialized PDF award certificates continued to be issued proactively as submissions were received, and nearly 1,200 non-serialized PDF award certificates have been issued to date for Top List participants over a period of 7 years.*

*Then during this past month, I invested the necessary time to research the dates of all previously issued PDF award certificates, and as determined by the (current or previous)*

*submission dates when the PDF award certificates were issued, serial numbers were assigned to all outstanding award certificates, including for those who qualified for some achievement awards in the very first Top List posting on 10-Aug-06, as well as for those who have become silent keys and for those who subsequently requested to be removed from the Top Lists. If there was a tie between Top List participants in submission dates for the same achievement award, the serial numbers were assigned by the snapshot of the order of these participants on the general Top List posting in that month for that mode.*

*Going forward, the Top Lists will continue to proactively issue **serialized** PDF award certificates for these achievements and serial numbers will be assigned in the date order of submissions received.*

*To see these serial number lists online, click [this link](#). Starting with June 2024 Top Lists posting, this list will be updated monthly along with the Top Lists and there will be a link or button in each file that points to the other file.*

*If you like the idea of having serialized CCA Level and Single Band 3077 achievement awards going forward, then I will be glad to reprint any CCA participant's previously issued awards with the newly assigned serial number on them and resend them to you. All you need to do is get in touch with me and I will be glad to do it for you.*

**Barry, K2MF**

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## South Central District Director Opening

By Kerry W4SIG

This position is now open. We would like to ask for a volunteer to step in and fill this role for the remainder of the term which is July 2026. If interested, please contact any Board member with questions. According to MARAC Rules, you must reside in this area, which includes AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, Central and South America. We need you!

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## MARAC Contest in July

By John, WA4JA

The 2024 edition of the MARAC County Hunting Contest will be on July 27-28. Here are the updated rules for this year.

### U.S. Counties QSO Party Rules

MARAC 2024 U. S. Counties QSO Party. Sponsored by Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club [www.marac.org](http://www.marac.org)

**Dates/Times:** 00:00Z July 27, 2024 to 23:59Z July 28, 2024

**Objective:** To establish radio contact with as many U.S. Counties as possible in all 50 U.S. states with the emphasis on maximum scoring of mobile entries. Contacts are good towards the various MARAC awards including the initial "Worked All Counties Award."

### **USA Modes and Categories:**

Eligible Modes: CW and Phone. See digital modes for permitted contacts. All logs submitted are for Single Operators. Multiple operators can participate from one station, but each operator submits an individual entry.

### **Fixed Categories:**

CW/Digital- May be Home or Portable

Phone- May be Home or Portable

Mixed CW/Digital and Phone Fixed- May be Home or Portable

If a portable station operates from more than one fixed location in more than one county, multiple logs may be submitted. Portable stations are required to package equipment or stow antennas for travel. Portable stations shall be set-up less than 3

days before the qso party starts, and removed within 5 days of the end of the qso party, or during the qso party. Other stations are in the “Fixed-Home” category.

**USA Mobile:**

CW/Digital-Single Operator Mobile

Phone-Single Operator Mobile

Mixed-CW/Digital and Phone Mobile

**DX:**

Mixed CW/Phone Overall Single Operator.

A qualified DX exchange shall be between USA and the DX station. No DX-to-DX contacts are allowed.

**Contest Exchanges:** USA stations send RS(T), State and County abbreviation. All logs shall indicate the proper abbreviations for scoring.

DX stations shall send RS(T) and “DX” for their exchange, and must indicate USA state/county abbreviations worked in their received log exchange.

A list of recognized abbreviations can be found at the following URL’s: Credit to Larry, W0QE for formatting and sharing for use

CountyAbbrev-V3-4col.pdf    CountyAbbrev-V3-4col.doc    [hotlinks to marac pages]

Hawaii stations use state/county, Alaskan stations use Judicial Districts 1 through 4.

**Operational Guidelines:**

**Fixed-** One individual performs all radio operating and logging functions from a single location as defined by the ARRL Contest Guidelines. A few fixed station footprint may straddle a county line and they must select one of the counties to exchange for the duration of the QSO Party. See MARAC General Rules for details.

**Mobile-** A station which is either in motion, or capable of immediately being in motion. This includes transmitter, receiver, power source, antenna(s), and logging equipment. Mobile stations may be moving or, if stopped, be capable of drive-a-way without lowering antennas or loading equipment. **Mobile class entrants must use “Mobile” or “/M”** appended to the call sign. Drivers are allowed.

**Digital Modes:** Only digital modes that allow full 2 way exchanges between both stations are allowed, such as FT-4 with proper setup. FT-8 is NOT an allowable mode since a grid square cannot define the county of operation. Allowable digital modes shall count as CW contacts for scoring and duplicate calculations.

**Bands:** 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2m are used in this contest. Phone qso’s only in the Phone sub bands, CW/Digital qso’s only in the CW/Digital sub bands. No cross

mode, cross band, repeater, or satellite qso's permitted. A CW/Digital and a Phone contact is allowed on each band for each station.

**Suggested Freq's:**

CW 50khz up from bottom of band

Phone 1850, 3850, 7250, 14341, 21341, 28341, 50135, 144.200 or 146.550 (FM)

Mobile windows: 5 khz down from suggested freq on HF. If you are a fixed station, please keep these freqs clear for mobile operations. Saturday's contest period overlaps RSGB IOTA Contest, but their rules prohibit operation above 14.300 Mhz on 20 Meters SSB.

**Scoring:** 1 point for U.S. Fixed, 2 Points for outside U.S., and 15 points for U.S. Mobile.

**Multipliers:** Total of U. S. Counties worked once per mode, regardless of band. A CW or Phone only station has a maximum of 3077 mults. A mixed mode station has a maximum of 6154 mults.

**Spotting and Planning:** Mobile Operators are encouraged to post their plans for operation on the K3IMC website, [www.countyhunterweb.org/displaytrips.php](http://www.countyhunterweb.org/displaytrips.php). During the QSO Party one will find most county hunters follow the W6RK "Mobile Spot Page" at [ch.w6rk.com](http://ch.w6rk.com). When posting on W6RK, please include the entire county name and the state abbreviation as mobiles change counties, bands or modes. Since mostly written QSL are required by MARAC for first time Worked All Counties Award, please be courteous and return SASE QSLs and Mobile Reply Cards (MRC's).

**Miscellaneous:**

- A.** Connecticut eliminated counties in favor of eight "Planning Districts." For 2024 use the old county lines by using maps, gps, or remaining signs to determine location.
- B.** Self-spotting as a fixed station is not allowed. Self-spotting as a mobile is permitted.
- C.** Drivers for Single Operator Mobile stations are permitted, provided they do not assist in any way with the contest on-air operations. Two people may transmit from a single vehicle and both shall enter individual logs.
- D.** County Line operations: As defined by MARAC, a stationary mobile may operate from one county line, and contacts with that mobile shall count as one qso, and 2 counties worked. Some part of the vehicle must be in both counties for the duration of the qso. Operation from more than a double county line is not allowed under MARAC General Rules. If a safe stopped position at a county line isn't possible, or if traffic is



being slowed or blocked by radio operations, operators should transmit from each county.

**E.** Independent city-a station must use only one county for use in the contest exchange, for the duration of the contest. If mobile in an independent city, the entrant may not use the adjoining county listed in the same independent city as a new county without actually moving to the new county.

**F.** Parks-On-The-Air, IOTA and other award program stations are encouraged to participate. The basic information for MARAC must be exchanged to count towards MARAC scoring. The station shall enter the appropriate Mobile or Fixed/Portable class. Stations shall indicate in "Comments" if they are operating POTA, IOTA, US Islands, or other award programs. Each USA Portable log file shall be for a single county with WARC-band QSOs and mults removed from the log.

**Awards:** Certificates will be awarded to top scoring entrant in each Category. One certificate each for mobile, CW, SSB and Mixed. One certificate each for fixed or portable CW, SSB and Mixed. One certificate to the leading DX station.

**Log submission:** Please note that the contest committee will not score your log. Un-scored logs will be considered check logs only. Please use this summary sheet ([marac hotlink](#)) and enclose a printed copy with the log copy only if you have a Mobile-Class paper log.

Fixed-Class logs shall be emailed using Cabrillo (preferred), ADIF, pdf or MS Word/Excel.

Logs must be received by September 1, 2024 to qualify for awards. Logs may be sent by email (or post only if using a Mobile paper log.) Email: [marac2024contest@gmail.com](mailto:marac2024contest@gmail.com) USPS: N7NU - Lee Hallin, 3413 Walton Ln., Eugene, OR 97408-4673.

Please watch the contest section of the MARAC website for updated information, including Certificate sponsors, contest records, and planned trips for the contest. There are plenty of sponsorships available. Please contact the Contest Coordinator (WA4JA-) before the contest for details at [marac2024contest@gmail.com](mailto:marac2024contest@gmail.com).

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# Important Logger Announcement

By Kerry W4SIG

This is a reminder....As mentioned for many months now, a new support structure has been created for support of the Logger program. PLEASE, everyone send ALL Logger questions/problems to Dave, **KE3VV**, [davidsplitt@erols.com](mailto:davidsplitt@erols.com). DO NOT send them directly to Logger programmer, Don, **K3IMC**. Dave will look over your issue and try to resolve it. If he cannot, he will package the issues and effectively relay them to Don for attention. This move is VERY necessary to alleviate the workload on Don. He is very busy making Logger the best program it can be and implementing new features all the time. So, everyone please remember this procedure when you have any issues with Logger. It will make everything flow more smoothly and allow Don to keep some of his hair! Hi!

Also, considering Don is spending a great deal of his time trying to work on creating a new website that will not be subject to outages due to non-supported software, he is having to step away from assisting with new Logger install assistance. **Can someone please volunteer to be the focal point for new members who wish to install Logger and need a helping hand at getting the job done?** A big issue that needs to be remembered is that importing data to Logger from all the various other logging programs out there is not easy and is NOT the responsibility of the MARAC helper. It is up to the individual to clean up his entries that do not make it safely into the import process to Logger. If you are interested in filling this "Logger install assistance person" role, please let any MARAC officer know. **We really need your help!**

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## 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 awards.

<b>Awards Issued:</b>			
Call	Award	Level	Cert. No.
WA4STO	COUNTY CHALLENGE	2000	4
WA4STO	COUNTY CHALLENGE	1000	5
WA3QNT	MASTERS GOLD		79
KB6UF	RAN ALL STATE ND		37
KB6UF	RAN ALL STATE MN		30
W4SIG	RAN ALL STATE OH		35
W8OP	RAN ALL STATE MI		41
K8II	RAN ALL STATE MI		40
KE3VV	BINGO IV		18

<b>Roadrunner Awards:</b>		
Call	LC Count	Cert. No.
K5GE	825	20
K5GE	850	19
W4SIG	1200	10
K8ZZ	1875	3

## Opening - MARAC Awards Manager

By Kerry W4SIG

Please consider volunteering for this important MARAC role. Contact any Board member for more info. The description of the position is stated below.

### Responsibilities/Duties of the MARAC Awards Manager

1. Administers the MARAC Awards program in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors
2. Acts as the chairperson of the Awards Committee, which creates and considers proposals for new MARAC awards or changes to existing awards



3. Maintains the official MARAC Award Rules document and ensures that all rule changes are published in a timely manner after they are approved by the Board of Directors on both:
  - a. The MARAC Awards subsection of the MARAC website, and
  - b. The Awards Committee section of the monthly newsletter to members.
4. Initiates reviews of new awards or modifications to existing awards by the Awards Committee. Suggestions for award additions or modifications may originate from awards committee members, members of MARAC (including but not limited to officers/directors), or outside persons not currently members of MARAC.
5. Establishes the timeline for the process to determine winners of certain MARAC awards which occur on a recurring basis each year, including:

County Hunter of the Year – SSB/CW, Mobile of the Year-SSB/CW, Mobile Assist of the Year-SSB/CW, Mobile Team of the Year
6. Communicates to the Election Coordinator when electronic elections should occur to support the determination of award winners listed in section 5 above. Also, notifies the Election Coordinator during the execution of the process whether electronic elections will not be required for certain awards (e. g., County Hunter of the Year) if there was only one nominee identified during the nomination process.
7. Creates and publishes notifications in the monthly newsletter when the nomination process for County Hunter of the Year – SSB and CW actually begins and the subsequent deadlines that must be followed in order for members and Directors to complete and submit their nominations to support the determination process.
8. Ensures that the activities in items 5, 6, and 7 supports conclusions on each of the annual awards by June so that the information can be incorporated in the annual MARAC report to the membership and is announced at the MARAC annual meeting in July.
9. Responds to inquiries from the Board of Directors or any member concerning: a) award rules, or b) interpretation of the rules.
10. Oversees the activities of the Award Secretary to support:
  - a. Processing of applications for awards from members and non-members

- b. Creation of certificates and plaques requested by members which are supported by electronic applications.
  - c. Reporting of cost expenditures for the awards function to the MARAC Treasurer who receives payments from members, pays invoices from plaque/award vendors, or reimburses the Awards Secretary for other expenses including office supplies, computer equipment purchase/maintenance, shipping costs, etc.
  - d. Timely reporting of awards issued to the membership using various vehicles including but not limited to the monthly newsletter articles and direct posts to the K3IMC forum or CountyHunter.com website.
  - e. Acquisition of plaques, trophies, etc. from appropriate vendors of such items.
11. Authors a monthly Awards Committee article to the *RoadRunner* editor (by the date specified by the *RoadRunner* editor) for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. As a minimum, one section of each month's article should include a summary of all awards issued during the month. Special topics within the article may address new award types which have been recently approved, clarification of award rules, changes in online application forms, information about known award processing issues in the computer systems supporting awards, or other topics of interest regarding awards to the membership.
12. Handles awards related special tasks as assigned by the MARAC Board of Directors.

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## Silent Keys

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



**KOCA Cliff Athrens, MARAC # 3089**



## 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.

**WA4STO** Luck Hurder, MARAC #3016 rejoins MARAC after a 14 yr absence!  
**N5WRX** Bill Lee, MARAC#2092 rejoins MARAC after an 8 year absence!  
**W3LL** Bud Governale, MARAC #4870, Baltimore Cty, MD  
**NA2F** Tony Lipari, MARAC#4871, Clinton Cty, NY  
**W8KNO** Joe Wehner, MARAC#4872, Portage Cty, OH  
**KD8EPF** Rena Martin-Wehner, MARAC#4873, Portage Cty, OH

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## MARAC General Counsel Opening

By Bill, K0DEQ

**OPENING! GENERAL COUNSEL FOR MARAC NEEDED**

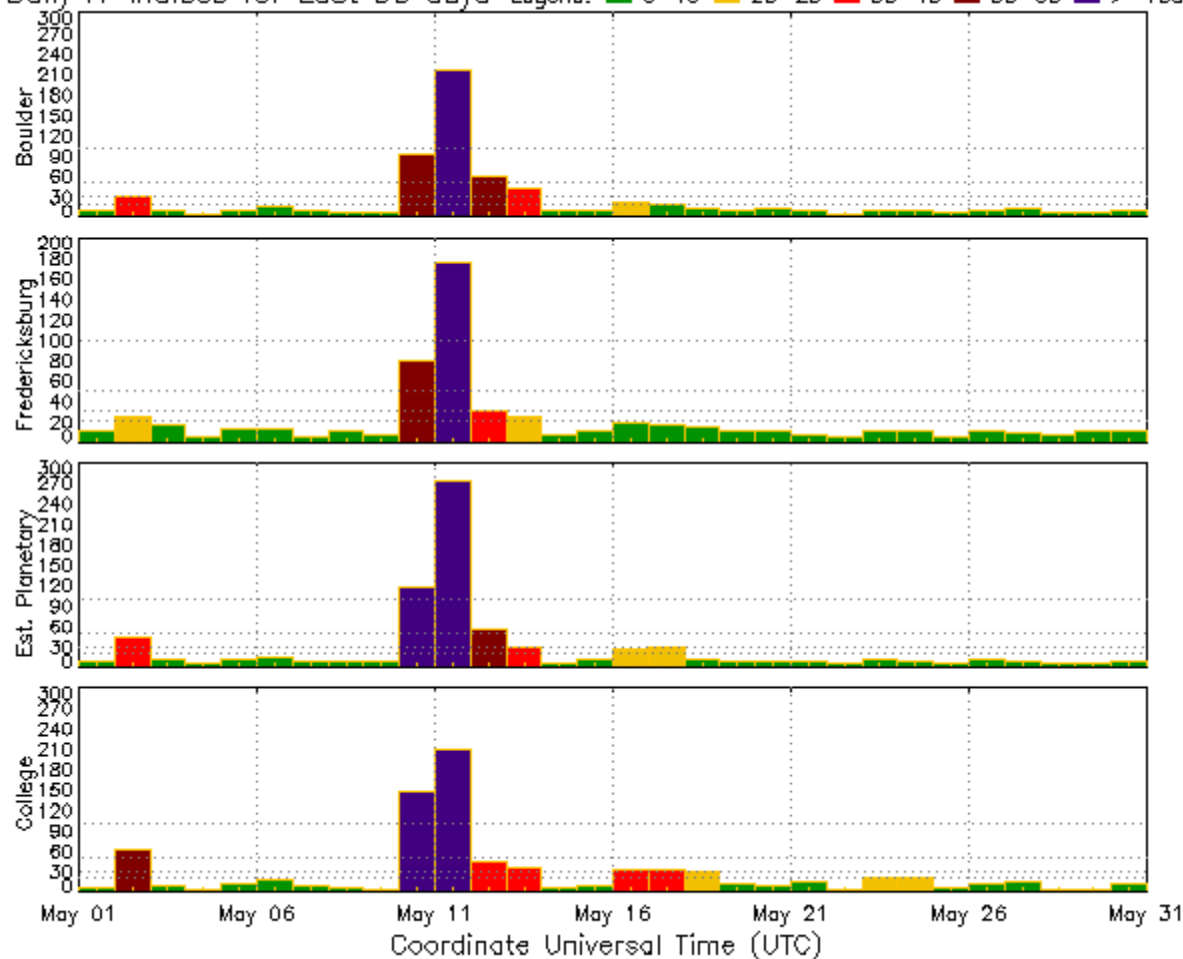
### MARAC GENERAL COUNSEL DUTIES:

The general counsel for MARAC is responsible for providing legal advice to the officers, directors and other officials of MARAC concerning the business and activities of the corporation.

This includes reviewing proposed contracts with the venue at which a MARAC meeting is to be held, as well as giving advice concerning communications received by MARAC relating to possible legal issues.



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## Solar A Index for Last 30 Days

## 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 that want to help you out.

- K2MF** 40 Meters – **HI**: Kalawao, **MT**: McCone
- K2MF** 30 Meters – **CA**: Alpine **HI**: Kalawao
- W4SIG** W Prefix - **NJ**: Hudson
- W4SIG** 1x3 Callsigns --- **AK**: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>
- W4SIG** 20 CW – **AR**: Scott, **GA**: Jasper Newton, **TN**: Cannon
- W4SIG** 20 SSB – **IA**: Lucas, **LA**: Bienville **TN**: Crockett
- W4SIG** 40M CW—**LA**: Avoyelles, **TX**: Foard, Runnels
- W4SIG** Bingo Cinco – **AK**: 1<sup>st</sup>, **HI**: Kalawao, **NJ**: Essex, Ocean, Warren, **NY**: Rockland, **PA**: Jefferson, Lancaster, Philadelphia, **WV**: Pocahontas
- N4RS** 40M CW – **AK**: 2<sup>nd</sup>
- N5MLP** A Prefix – **LA**: Grant, Vermillion, Vernon **MS**: Issaquena **TN**: Hardeman, Houston, Marshall **VA**: Mathews **WA**: Garfield
- N5MLP** SSB – **GA**: Oconee, Thomas, **IL**: DeKalb, **KY**: Cumberland, Edmonson, Grayson, **MI**: Barry, **NC**: Pamlico, **TN**: Lewis, **VA**: Orange
- N0KV** K Prefix – **ID**: Teton **NE**: Nance **SD**: Haakon **WV**: McDowell **WY**: Goshen
- N0KV** Mobile to Mobile – **KY**: Knott, Larue, Menifee **NC**: Catawba, Lee **VA**: Lunenburg, Mathews
- N0KV** Mobile Diamond – **PA**: Forest, McLean, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wayne, **VA**: Amelia, Nottoway, **IL**: Menard, **ME**: Waldo, **NC**: Pender
- K4YT** Mobile to Mobile – **CA**: Marin, Nevada, **MD**: Calvert **OR**: Benton
- K4YT** A Prefix – **MS**: Issaquena, Sharkey **TN**: Perry **VA**: Craig
- K4YT** W Prefix – **GA**: Baker, **HI**: Kalawao **NY**: Lewis
- K4YT** Mobile Diamond – **IN**: Christian, **WA**: Island, San Juan

<b>K4YT</b>	40 Meters – <b>HI</b> : Kalawao, <b>MT</b> : Carter, Golden Valley, Meagher, Mineral, Roosevelt
<b>K0MAF</b>	USA-CA – <b>IA</b> : Cherokee, Emmet, <b>MN</b> : Pennington
<b>W4YDY</b>	A Prefix – <b>MS</b> : Oktibbeha <b>OH</b> : Putnam <b>PA</b> : Philadelphia <b>VA</b> : Amelia
<b>W4YDY</b>	W Prefix – <b>NY</b> : Essex, Montgomery, <b>PA</b> : Tioga <b>TX</b> : Dickens, Somervell <b>VA</b> : Floyd
<b>W4YDY</b>	1x2 Callsigns— <b>AL</b> : Perry, <b>AR</b> : Phillips, <b>FL</b> : Calhoun, <b>GA</b> : Montgomery, Wheeler, <b>IA</b> : Audubon, <b>TN</b> : Gibson, Meigs
<b>NU0Q</b>	Master Gold – <b>AK</b> : 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>NU0Q</b>	K Prefix – <b>GA</b> : Newton <b>NC</b> : Burke
<b>NU0Q</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Time – <b>HI</b> : Kalawao, <b>IN</b> : Scott, <b>NY</b> : Orleans
<b>K4CGY</b>	USACA – <b>GA</b> : Quitman <b>ME</b> : Franklin <b>MN</b> : Lake of the Woods
<b>W9DC</b>	K Prefix – <b>NE</b> : Webster
<b>W9DC</b>	CW – <b>GA</b> : Effingham, Jones, <b>KY</b> : Woodford
<b>W9DC</b>	1x3 Callsigns – <b>GA</b> : Grady, <b>NC</b> : Clay, Jones, <b>OK</b> : Kiowa, <b>SD</b> : Haakon, <b>VA</b> : Nottaway
<b>W9DC:</b>	Bingo III – <b>AR</b> : Madison, <b>KY</b> : Letcher, <b>NY</b> : Livingston, <b>TX</b> : Swisher, Zavala, <b>VA</b> : Goochland
<b>NS2N</b>	20 Meters – <b>IN</b> : Delaware, Marshall <b>KY</b> : Woodford <b>OH</b> : Shelby
<b>NS2N</b>	CW III – <b>SC</b> : Laurens
<b>NS2N</b>	Five Star – <b>NJ</b> : Monmouth
<b>N2IGW</b>	USA-CA – <b>HI</b> : Kalawao
<b>W8GU</b>	USA-CA – <b>AK</b> : 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>OR</b> : Wheeler
<b>N1API</b>	N Prefix – <b>MA</b> : Nantucket, <b>MD</b> : St Marys, <b>MS</b> : Issaquena, <b>TN</b> : Moore



- N1API** W Prefix—**MD**: Worcester, **NC**: Warren, **NH**: Sullivan, **NY**: Richmond, Tioga, **VA**: Accomack, Buchanan, Northumberland, Page, Richmond
- N1API** 1x3 Callsigns—**MD**: Worcester, **NC**: Warren, **NH**: Sullivan, **NY**: Richmond, **VA**: Accomack, Buchanan, Northumberland, Richmond
- N8CIJ** 8th Time – **AK**: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** All 20 Meters All CW – **IL**: Greene, Stevenson, **IN**: Delaware, **MI**: Kewenaw, Lapeer, Tuscola
- W0SK** USACA – **AR**: Phillips **HI**: Kalawao
- K0DEQ** All 20 Meters – **OH**: Lawrence
- W8OP** Bingo – **HI**: Maui, **KS**: Chase
- KC3X** CW 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **GA**: Heard, **KY**: Henderson, Letcher, **NJ**: Passaic, **OH**: Darke, Mercer, Muskingum, **TN**: Houston, Trousdale, Unicoi, **TX**: Comanche, Duval, Neuces, Tyler
- K8II** USACA – **HI**: Kalawao
- K7REL** CW 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **KY**: Letcher, **TX**: Duvall, Tyler, Willacy
- LY5A** 5<sup>th</sup> Time – **CO**: Hinsdale, **GA**: Screven, **KY**: Menifee, **MN**: Fairbault, Waseca, **SD**: Edmunds, McPherson, **TX**: Mitchell, Stephens
- KC5P** USACA ALL CW – **GA**: Polk, Clark, **IN**: Hamilton

**N8HAM** 3<sup>rd</sup> Time (SSB Only)– **ID:** Butte, **MT:** Chouteau, **NJ:** Hunterdon, **NY:** Cayuga, Franklin, Oswego, **NC:** Avery, Richmond, **VT:** Rutland,

**WA3QNT** 5 Star – **HI:** Honolulu (3), **MT:** Lake (2), Sanders (2), **NJ:** Essex (1), Sussex (1), **NY:** Yates (3), **OH:** Lucas (1), **OR:** Benton (1), Linn (2), **PA:** Snyder (1)

**AG6V** USACA (CW Only) – **AL:** Limestone, **CA:** Trinity, **MN:** Waseca, **ND:** Rolette, **OH:** Darke, Licking

**NF0N** 6<sup>th</sup> Time – **IN:** Rush, **KS:** Jefferson, **KY:** Fulton, **LA:** St James, **ND:** Emmons, McIntosh, **PA:** Montour, **TN:** Lake, Weakley, **TX:** Real, **VA:** Louisa

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

APR 20 Through MAY 19, 2024

Beginning Account Balance		\$14,848.44
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	4.70
Awards Income		15.00
Misc Income		
Membership Income		88.65
Logger Distribution Income		58.20
Nat'l Convention		213.42
Total Income		\$ 379.97
Expenses:		

Awards Expenses	\$	36.96
Misc. Expenses		
Contest expenses		
Office Expenses (Postage, etc.)		
Refund		105.00
Total expenses		<u>\$ 141.96</u>

Net Income Less Expenses \$238.01

Cash Balance \$15,086.45

Checking Account Balance	\$	2,501.27	
Savings Account Balance		12,585.18	
Total all accounts			\$15,086.45

#### NOTE 1-

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$5953.40, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$9,133.05.



Bill, KODEQ, MARAC Treasurer

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## State QSO Parties

Courtesy WA7BNM

Here are the parties for this month:

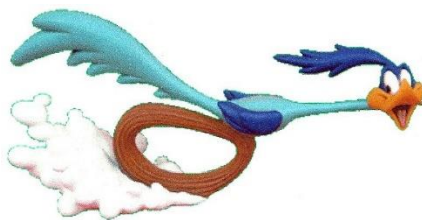
### June

Kentucky	<a href="#">±</a> Kentucky QSO Party	1300Z, June 1 to 0100Z, Jun 2, 2024
West Virginia	<a href="#">±</a> West Virginia QSO Party	1600Z, Jun 15 to 0400Z, Jun 16, 2024





## *The County Line ROADRUNNER*



*“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”*

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25<sup>th</sup>!

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