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Thoughts from the Board

By Kerry, W4SIG MARAC Secretary

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Here's hoping that your holidays were safe and fun, full of family, friends, and good cheer. Now that the Christmas sales are over, the decorations are taken down (well, maybe not yet), and the clean-up from your New Year's eve party is complete, it's time to go get some more counties toward your goals!!

December was a somewhat slow month in regards to mobile activity. This is usually the case with the cold weather conditions and holiday obligations. Heard on the air this month was **W8MP** running most of southern FL, **K8II/W8OP** ran all of NJ and DE, and **KB6UF** running some counties on his way back to LA from CA. Mobile activity should pick up as soon as the weather makes it safer to hit the roads and the State QSO Party calendar kicks back into gear.. Many thanks to folks like **N4RKK** who have been spotting POTA stations on the county spot page!

There were quite a few new awards issued this past month. Check out the Awards column below and make sure to congratulate these fine winners!

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Bob, **KA9JAC**, our MARAC Webmaster has been working on updating our webpage. As you may have noticed, the MARAC website has a refreshed look. We would like hearing from you If you see anything that needs correcting or have suggestions for things to add. All comments, good or bad, are greatly appreciated.

Send them to website@marac.org.

This way Bob can continue to improve our site. Thanks in advance!

Sadly, last month the county hunting community lost some longtime stalwarts of our hobby. First was Ted, **K1BV**. Ted was the 5th and longest serving CQ Magazine USA-CA Custodian ever (over 21 years between 12/1997 and 4/2019). Ted did an incredible amount of work to keep the USA-CA going strong for the 21 years he had the job and all of us in the county hunting community owes a big debt of gratitude to the efforts he made over those years. We also lost Bob, **N8KIE**, and Frank, **AA9JJ**. These two, in addition to both having run all 3077 counties mobile, were perennial SSB top mobiles for many years. They will all be sorely missed. Please read the Silent Key column below for a full breakdown of their extensive county hunting accomplishments.

That's all for this month! Keep those ears on the bands and the eyes on the county spotting page. Together, let's make 2025 a tremendous county hunting year!!

73 and Happy Hunting!

Kerry W4SIG
MARAC Secretary &
RoadRunner Editor



Individual End of Year CW Stats Due

By Mike, NF0N

CW Statistics for 2024

I will be doing the Annual CW Statistics for 2024, please send your numbers to me at MNickolaus7@gmail.com after the first of 2025. I will publish them on Countyhunter.com in early February 2025.

To get your numbers, in Road Runner Logger, go to the Tools tab, then click on "Annual CW Statistics" tab, this will give you the CW numbers for 2024 2023 2022 and 2021. Just send those numbers to me. Thanks and Happy New Year Mike, NF0N



Running all 48 Contiguous States

By Kerry W4SIG

I ran across an interesting non-ham article. It discussed the shortest driving path across the US that would hit all 48 contiguous states. If this has been a goal of yours, you might want to look it over!



Did you know that only 18 hams have activated all 3077 counties? The last to finish was Don, K3IMC in 2016. Who might be next???

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.
WY0A	RAN ALL IOWA		38
NM1G	SINGLE BAND 30m	2000	7
NM1G	CALLSIGN COMBO 2X3	3000	1
W8TZA	BINGO II		110
NM1G	DIGITAL	1000	23
KX1W	USACA	500	3878
KX1W	USACA	1000	1978
WY0A	RAN ALL ND		38
WY0A	RAN ALL SD		38
IK0IXI	USACA	500	3877
IK0IXI	USACA	1000	1977
K0DEQ	COUNTY CHALLENGE	21000	5
K0DEQ	DIGITAL	2000	11
K8II	RAN ALL DELAWARE		84
W8OP	RAN ALL NJ		33
K8II	RAN ALL NJ		32
NF0N	DIGITAL	2000	12
N2SO	USACA	500	3876
N2SO	USACA	1000	1975

Roadrunner Awards

Call	LC Count	Cert. No.
K8ZZ	1950	3
K4YT	1000	16
W0GXQ	1650	4
W0GXQ	1675	4
N0KV	1000	17

N2SO	USACA	1500	1622
N1EN	USACA	500	3875
N1EN	USACA	1000	1974
N1EN	USACA	1500	1621
N1EN	USACA	2000	1485
JE2UFF	USACA	1000	1976
JA1NLX	USACA	2000	1484
R6YY	USACA	2000	1486

Silent Keys

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



N8KIE Bob Woody MARAC#3068, Worked all Counties 7 Times, Ran All USA, Bingo V, All CW, All K & N Prefixes, Mobile to Mobile, 5 Star, Masters Gold, Master Platinum, Mobile Diamond, MARAC Service Award, 2006 SSB County Hunter of the Year, SSB Mobile of the Year 2nd Place 3 times, 3rd Place 2 times, RoadRunner Level 1300

AA9JJ Frank Yohe, Jr, MARAC#2653, Worked all Counties 6 Times, Ran All USA, Bingo III, All N Prefix, Mobile to Mobile, 5 Star, Masters Gold, Master Platinum, MARAC Service Award, RoadRunner Level 1050, SSB Mobile of the Year 3rd Place, Best SSB Mobile Team of the Year (with N9QPQ) 7 Times, 2nd Place 3 times, 3rd Place 3 times

N0CKC Buster Boatman, MARAC#1244, USACA #489, All CW #17, RoadRunner Level 500

WB6OOA Romona Davis, MARAC#4415

K1BV Ted Melinosky, MARAC#2812, **USACA Custodian for 21 Years**, USACA#1066,



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.

KO1U Mark Burgess, MARAC#4883, Essex Cty, MA

NL7CO Donald Ross, MARAC#4884, Comanche Cty, OK

N5YIZ Preston Moore, MARAC#4885, Harris Cty, TX

N4WN Mark Hovda, MARAC#4886, Collier Cty, FL

VA4ADM Paul Shumarov, MARAC#4887, Winnipeg, CANADA

AA3IT Ron Rosenwald, MARAC#1814, Marion Cty, FL (Ron, formally KA3DRO, rejoins after an extended absence)

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 that 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, **NE**: Rock **OR**: Linn

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** Mobile Diamond – **ME:** Waldo
- 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
- NU0Q** K Prefix – **GA:** Newton
- NU0Q** N Prefix – **AL:** Coosa. **AR:** Randolph, Scott, **IA:** Obrien, **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, **VA:** Goochland
- N2IGW** USA-CA – **HI:** Kalawao
- N1API** N Prefix – **MA:** Nantucket, **MD:** St Marys, **MS:** Issaquena, **TN:** Moore
- N1API** W Prefix—**MD:** Worchester, **NC:** Warren, **NH:** Sullivan, **NY:** Richmond, Tioga, **VA:** Accomack, Buchanan, Northumberland, Page, Richmond
- 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, Schuyler, 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, **KS:** Chase

- KC3X** CW 6th Time – **GA**: Heard, **KY**: Henderson **OH**: Mercer **TX**: Comanche, Duval
- K8II** USACA – **HI**: Kalawao
- K7REL** CW 6th Time – **TX**: Duvall, Willacy
- 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, **NC**: Avery
- WA3QNT** 5 Star – **HI**: Honolulu (3), **MT**: Lake (2), Sanders (2), **NY**: Yates (3), **OH**: Lucas (1), **PA**: Snyder (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 – **KS**: Pottawatomie, **KY**: Boone, **MA**: Nantucket, **NY**: Knigs, **TN**: Sevier, **TX**: Jim Hogg, Mason, Menard, Presidio, Webb, Zapata, **WA**: San Juan
- 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

Nov 20 Through Dec 19, 2024

Beginning Account Balance		\$14,716.17
Income:		
Savings Account Interest	\$	
Awards Income	11.00	
Misc Income		
Membership Income	80.37	
Logger Distribution Income	38.80	
D&O Ins Premium refund	704.96	
Total Income	\$ 835.13	
Expenses:		
Awards Expenses	\$ 366.74	
Misc. Expenses		
Contest expenses		
Refunds		
Total expenses	\$ 366.74	
Net Income Less Expenses		\$ 468.39
Cash Balance		\$15,184.56
Checking Account Balance	\$ 3,589.88	
Savings Account Balance	11,594.68	
Total all accounts		\$15,184.56

From a balance sheet perspective, MARAC cash balance shown above should be discounted by \$5823.90, which is the amount of award fees pre-paid by members. After subtracting this amount, the true (spendable) Cash Balance is \$9360.66



Bill, K0DEQ, MARAC Treasurer

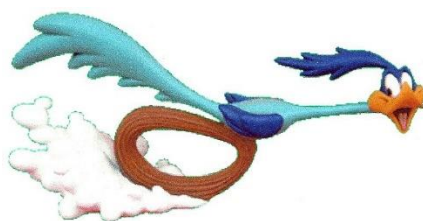
State QSO Parties

Courtesy WA7BNM

The State QSO Party season resumes in February.



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“A Roadrunner Is A Very Fast Bird”

Monthly Deadline for Articles is the 25th!

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