

**The Glen Rubash Memorial MAARS Member of the Year Award** is started in 2023 to recognize one club member who gave an extra effort in making our hobby better. The award is presented to a club member who has served with distinction throughout the year.

Nominations for this Award should follow these guidelines:

1. **General Considerations.** The radio operator should:
  - Have stable, well filtered transmissions, occupying appropriate bandwidth.
  - On voice, has clarity of speech, brevity, and uses appropriate language.
  - On digital modes, uses clean tones and appropriate operating frequencies
  - On CW: uses proper character formation and spacing with appropriate speeds (high-speed ability is not a consideration)
2. **Procedure.** The radio operator:
  - Always listens before transmitting.
  - Uses appropriately short CQs; avoids unnecessary repetition
  - Uses proper procedures and abbreviations as recommended by ARRL
  - Avoids common pointless communication while making contacts
  - When operating a message forwarding system, makes sure the traffic is routed to its destination.
3. **Judgment and courtesy.** The radio operator:
  - Is courteous and considerate of other operators' point of view.
  - Takes every opportunity to assist others, especially beginners.
  - Is patient and helpful at all times, and never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.
4. **Copying ability.** The radio operator demonstrates the ability to pass information through such difficulties as interference from other stations (QRM), atmospheric noises (QRN), fading (QSB), etc. This applies to all modes of operation.
5. **Eligibility requirement:**
  - Must be an active member of MAARS for a minimum of 6 months.
  - Has not received this award in the past five years.
  - Any member of MAARS may be nominated for the award.
6. **Examples of considerations in selection of the award recipient:**
  - Upgraded license; CPR & First Aid trained; weather-spotting trained; Skywarn participant; message-handling trained; installation of capable personal stations (mobile or base stations, portable stations, multiband & multimode equipment, emergency power, antenna systems, etc.); Regular participant in MAARS activities, such as club meetings, fox hunts, Field Day events (operator or worker); Hamfest Committee worker; club officer; Net Control Station; provider of communications at community events (parades, fun-runs, foot races, etc.); sponsor or participant in special event stations; Club and Amateur Radio support above and beyond the norm; exceptional service in an operating event, club activity or emergency; as an especially effective leader; as a visible good example or "ambassador" of Amateur Radio to the community; for leadership or active participation in a related volunteer service such as ARES, MARS, etc; for exceptional donation of effort or resources to MAARS.

## Selection Procedure

In the August MAARS meeting, the selection criteria are to be presented and the procedure discussed, and amended if necessary.

A Committee will be appointed by the President, consisting of two or three members of MAARS. (Previous recipients of this Award should be considered as Committee members.) The President may appoint Committee members as needed from the general MAARS Club membership. The Committee will manage all aspects of the Award selection and presentation.

In the August meeting, the selection criteria will be reviewed by the general membership. When the discussion is complete, nomination forms will be distributed to the MAARS members present. (Members may take additional Nomination forms for Club members who are unable to attend the meeting but may want to place a nomination.) Nomination forms should be returned to the Committee in or before the September meeting. Nominations close at the end of the September meeting. Each nominator must be a MAARS Club member in good standing and is limited to one nomination. The Committee will review all nominations and refine the list to three finalists. Committee members are not eligible for the Award. The three finalists will be presented to the membership in the October meeting. Active MAARS Club members in attendance are to vote for one nominee by secret ballot from the three finalists at that meeting. The secret ballot forms will be provided by the Committee.

In the October meeting the Committee will tally the votes and report the name of the awardee to the members in attendance, without reporting the number of votes each nominee received. In case of a tie for first place, a runoff of the top two will be conducted.

The presentation of the award will be made at the appropriate MAARS meeting (annual general meeting, Christmas Party, etc.). The award will be prepared and presented by the Committee. Consider awarding honorary MAARS dues payment for the following year.

### Nomination Form

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Details  
(These will not be made publicly available)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Nominee Statement:

Please provide a brief statement as to why you wish to nominate the above person for the award. Include as much detail as you feel is important to help the Committee select a club member for this award.