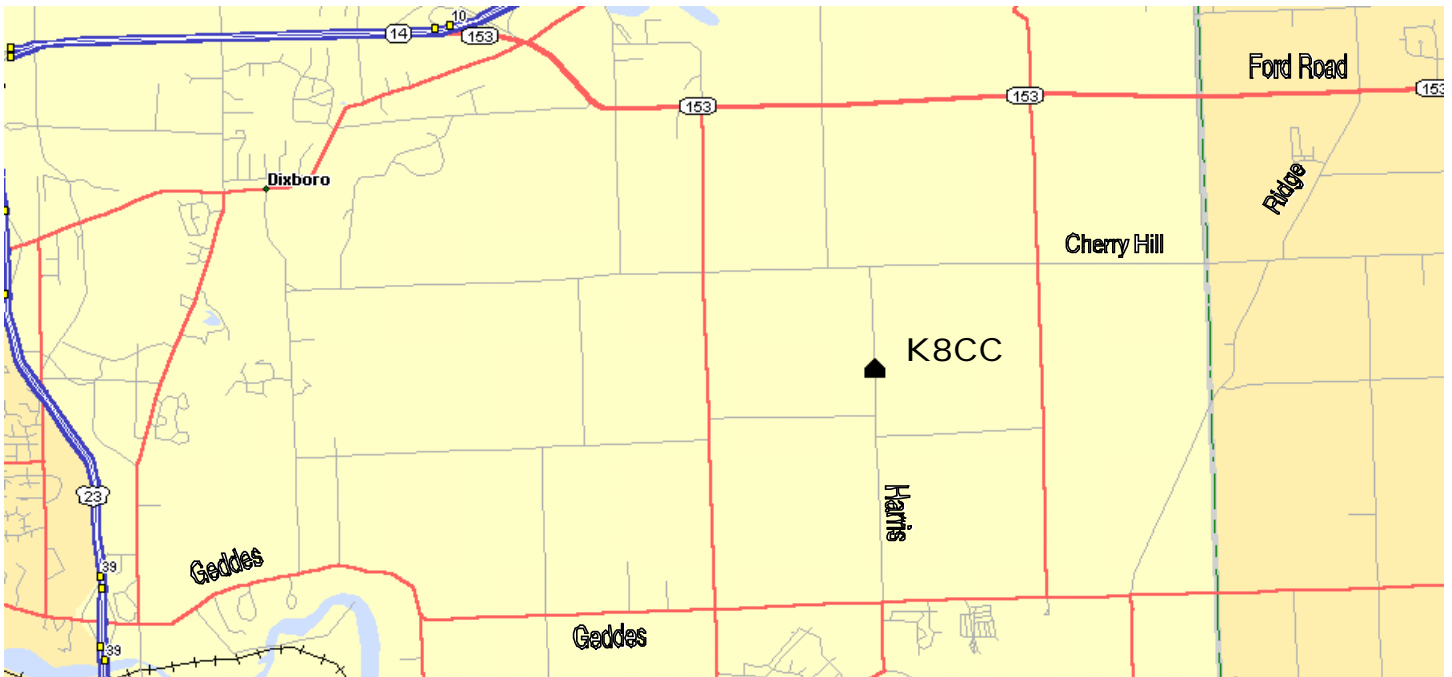




## K8CC Cabin Fever Escape & Pre-MiQP Meeting



## Big Fish

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PVRC, all of which have many more members than either MRRC or MWA.

The challenge, which we hope will tap into regional pride, will offer an exciting goal with a tangible award to shoot for. We will come up with a traveling trophy that likely will be exchanged (or retained!) each year at Dayton. Stayed tuned for more info as the details get finalized. OH vs. MI, 100/100K and whatever other internal challenges we might devise will still be highly encouraged.

Good luck in all the upcoming events. See you on the bands!

## Get Yourself a MRRC Badge!



See Sean-K8KHZ For Details

The fifth annual K8CC Cabin Fever Escape & Pre-MiQP MRRC meeting will be Saturday 10-April 2004 starting around 12:00 noon.

The meeting is an opportunity to get out of the house after the long winter, and join with other MRRCers in discussing plans for the Michigan QSO Party, to BS about radio stuff and or see the K8CC station.

Lunch will be provided. To assist planning, please RSVP to [k8cc@comcast.net](mailto:k8cc@comcast.net) if you plan to attend.

### Directions:

*From the West:*

- US-23 to Geddes Road (exit 39) and go east
- Follow Geddes Road past Prospect (light) one mile to Harris Road
- Turn north (left) on Harris for 1½ miles to K8CC on left

*From the East:*

- I-275 to Ford Road (M-153) west
- Follow Ford Road for 4 miles to Ridge Road south (left)
- Follow Ridge Road for one mile to Cherry Hill west (right)
- Follow Cherry Hill for 3 miles to Harris Road
- Turn south (left) on Harris for ½ mile to K8CC on right

*(Harris and Cherry Hill are dirt roads)*

# W4AN Silent Key

By Dave Pruett, K8CC

Just as this FLASH was going to press came the tragic news of the untimely death of **Bill Fisher, W4AN** on April 4th. The cause of his death has not been made public at this time.

As KM9P, Bill came out of the "K4VX School Of Contesting" in the early 80s. We became good friends when he took an interest in my NA Logging Program and helped with it's development. Later we shared station building ideas as we grew K8CC and W4AN.

When I first met Bill he was a salesman selling PC components to computer assemblers. From there he ventured out on his own, growing two successful computer-related companies. One of them, Akorn Access, Inc. provides the servers for many contesting-related sites including CQ-Contest, eHam, and our own MRRC e-mail reflector, at little or no cost to the community.

Bill was one of the best operators I've ever known, a rare breed these days who can build a station then operate it himself into the DX contest top ten. At the same time, he was a kind and caring person, always willing to help a fellow ham or give back to the community.

The ARRL published an obituary for Bill at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/04/05/101/?nc=1>.

Rest in peace, OM.

Treasurers Report  
February 29, 2004

Balance Forward	\$1192.58
Dues collected this period	\$12
MiQP Plaques	(\$551.42)
Balance	\$653.16

Please note that \$480 for the MiQP plaques were from other organizations until payment was due to WZ8P.

The first 10 badge blanks have been paid for. Please see Sean K8KHZ for details. New name badges are \$15.00. Please make your check payable to Mad River Radio Club. Show your MRRC spirit and purchase your badge if you don't already have one!

I know it's early, but the annual Dayton Dues Collection will occur at the meeting on Saturday in Hara Arena. If any of you wish, please feel free to bring a check for the exact amount payable to Mad River Radio Club. If you won't be able to make it, I will happily collect your dues

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Ward, KT8X



**MRRCCers Tim/K9TM (r) and Ev/WZ8P (l) keeping up the rate at WP2Z during the 2004 CQ WPX SSB**



## 2004 Michigan QSO Party

1600Z April 17 to 0400Z April 18

This will be the sixth year that MRRC has sponsored the Michigan QSO Party (MiQP). Activity has grown each year, and the MiQP committee of K8CC, K8AQM, K8DD, NU8Z and WD8S have been hard at work to make this the best MiQP yet!

The rules for MiQP 2004 are unchanged from 2003. Rather than recounting the details here, we'll refer you to the MiQP web site at <http://www.miqp.org>. There you'll find complete rules, contest

forms, contest software, multiplier files, etc. - everything you need to operate MiQP.

Remember that MiQP has an e-mail reflector, the address for which is **MiQP-Mail@miqp.org**. Details for subscribing to MiQP-Mail are given on the MiQP web site. The reflector is a great way to stay up-to-date on the latest MiQP news.

Also the MiQP web site is the Planned Operations Page. MiQPers can announce their planned opera-

tions through an e-mail to **QRV@miqp.org** and the webmaster will transcribe it to the page.

We'd invite all MRRCers (particularly Michiganders) to get on the air for MiQP 2004. For in-state stations, being the center of attention is not quite as exciting as being on VKØ or ZL9 but it's still a lot of fun. Even if domestic contests are not your cup of tea, or if you only have a few hours to devote, be sure to get on and hand out some MI QSOs for the masses.

## Club Resources

The Mad River Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated club of amateur radio contesting enthusiasts. The club is centered near Findlay, OH and serves Ohio and the surrounding States. Membership is open to anyone.

The **Flash** is the official newsletter of MRRC and is published six times per year. Submission of material for publication is welcome. It may be sent to the editor at the postal or e-mail address shown at right. The **Flash** may be reprinted in whole or in part provided proper credit is given.

Club dues are \$12 per year, payable after the 1st of May each year with a grace period thru 31st of July each year. Members of the same family living at the same address may elect to receive a single Flash for one set of dues. Fulltime students are eligible for dues at half price. Dues are to be paid to the treasurer at the address shown above. Please make checks payable to *Mad River Radio Club*.

The club roster appears annually in the October/November issue of the **Flash**.

The Mad River Net is held on Monday nights at 8:30 PM Eastern time on 3825 KHz.

The MRRC web site is <http://www.mrrc.net>.

Keep up with MRRC happenings by subscribing to the MRRC Internet Reflector. To join send an email to [mrrc-re-quest@contesting.com](mailto:mrrc-re-quest@contesting.com). The body of the message should include "subscribe mrrc yourcall".

K8MAD is the club call sign of the Mad River Radio Club.

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