

Gentlemen, The Mad River Radio Club formation could start a new saga in amateur radio in USA. We have many things to do if we are to be a real contest club worthy of the honors several clubs on the East Coast have held for too many years. The original brainstorming a few weeks ago provided the name and I have taken the liberty to apply to ARRL for club affiliation, including writing our Articles of Association.

Other decisions were made besides our name. The first contest we will participate in as a club will be the 1971 ARRL Sweepstakes. Many of us have our favorite mode; however, it would help our score if you could spend a reasonable amount of time the other weekend suffering through the "other mode" to provide some points.

It was also decided that we should increase our membership by each of us asking contest-oriented amateurs to join our group versus a shotgunning membership drive by advertisements in QST and so on. In this manner we stand a better chance of forming a strong base that can attract others if we wish to enlarge our ranks in mass. This in no way hinders you from contacting active testers who have proven themselves or have shown potential and asking them to join now. It would put us in a good position if we had 50 testers with us as we go into SS. Please forward all new members' names, call, address to me.

We also decided that we should get together on the air on the Wednesday before and after each contest. May I suggest 3835 khz as a starting frequency—subject to change.

The next publication will be out in a month; please feel free to provide input. It looks like we can get a maximum of five pages mailed per issue. It would be good to let the club know your ideas on "The 60 foot antenna with 12 db gain in all directions," or "How to run 50 contacts per hour while mowing the grass, baby-sitting, and having company over all at the same time."

Vy 73 es will be waiting for your comments, new members info, and any gripes you may have. De Dick K8EHU

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

This group is formed in order to enjoy the company of each other,, to foster a healthy spirit of competition in the pursuit of amateur radio, and to attempt to contribute to the progress of the art.

- I. The group shall be known to all as

THE MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB

having been formed in the muddy waters at the mouth of the Mad River, and shall remain so named until its members see fit to change the designation.

- II. Membership is open to all amateurs of honorable nature, determined to progress in the art of amateur radio, and eager to flood credit upon this group and the achievements of its members.
- III. There shall be officers with such duties as the members of the group from time to time deem necessary, and there shall be at all times a Big Fish who shall lead and report the activities of the group.
- IV. Rules and regulations will be held to a minimum so that maximum effort may be placed upon fishing for new ways to win the next contest, bragging about DX, QSL's acquired, etc. Additional rules may be made when the group feels the need for them.
- V. It is understood and agreed that crummy signals, shoddy operating practices, and discourtesy will not be tolerated. Persistent conduct unbecoming a gentleman and a member of this group shall constitute grounds for giving a person the silent treatment. Should he fail to correct his practices in a reasonable time, he shall be adjudged a Sick Fish, and all rights, privileges, rank and fame to membership shall be withdrawn and he shall again become free to pollute other organizations.

This group is officially formed, hook, line and sinker, on Saturday, April 24, 1971.

