

Thanks to many of you for selling the MRRC. Our membership has doubled in the last month. It looks like we may be able to go into SS with 50 different calls at the rate we are gaining membership. 'Keep those cards and letters coming, folks.'

I have not received any input for the FLASH from the membership so you will have to put up with my ramblings and poor spelling. Please send input. What you like to read in the FLASH? Would you like to have a brief run down on the members and their stations? (sample of W8RWU and W8ZDF in this issue) Do you want a technical column? Do you want DX and CD items? Let me know. Send me some input.

Do any of you know and have regular contact with a member of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee? An organization like ours needs to keep in touch and be on the inside of the activities of this committee. Too often we do not know what issues are before the CAC and have little chance to make comment until a new rule has been made or has died and is talked about a year later at some hamfest.

John, W8QXQ, suggested that we have regular on-the-air get togethers. A sample poll of the membership suggested that this is a good idea. Let us start by trying the last Tuesday of each month on 3907 KHZ at 2300 GMT. Our first go will be June 29.

Daryl, WB8EUN, would like to see a club QSL card. Do any of you have the talent to design one? Interested in a club motto? Emblem? etc...

ARRL 160 METER CONTEST. K4GSU, W8FMG, W8TNK, and I'm sure a few other MRRC members gave this new contest a go last year. They have nothing but good words for this cw-only affair. Because of the short exchange and high activity, 50 contacts an hour

and some nice DX was worked with modest set ups. Some of the fellows just extended their 80 meter dipoles, in some cases around the house and through the bushes, and were doing very well. So far the ARRL has not made this contest a club participation affair but this may be able to be changed. This year the contest is scheduled for December 12-13.

MEMBERS AND THEIR STATIONS. Terry, WA8RWU, of Columbus, Ohio, started his contesting by winning NR for the Great Lakes Division when he was about 13. Since then Terry has been active in cw and phone contests, his latest honors being top phone operator in the 1970 SS for the Ohio Section while operating WA8ZDF.

His home station is made up of Heathkit SB-301, SB-401 and Raytrack DX-2000L amplifier going to a 6DXX at 40 feet and dipoles for 40 and 80.

Terry will be back at Ohio State University this fall but plans to make lots of RF in the coming contest season.

John, WA8ZDF, is the friendly dentist of Groveport, Ohio. He is new to contesting but is set up to do the job. The inside has a Drake TR-4, remote VFO, T4X-B, R4-B, and a couple of Raytrack DX-2000L's. Outside John has two 100 foot towers with 5 el Mosley on 20, 5 el Antenna Spec. on 10, 4 el Cush Craft on 15, 2 el Hygain shortened 40 meter yagi. A Hy Tower with 3000 ft of radials is used on 80 and 160 along with assorted dipoles. Also, a Mosley quad on a 75 foot tower is used as back up and when the rain static gets to the monobanders. He is in the process of building a 3 el 40 meter yagi since his talk with K4GSU at Dayton.

BITS AND MICS. Chuck, known to many of you as K4GEZ is now K4QW...Don, WA8OSE, is sporting a new 68 foot Rohn fold over

tower with monobanders on 10, 15, and 20....Bill, K4GSU, is moving his QTH in Lexington and is putting up bigger and better towers (carefull Bill, if the towers get much higher they have to have lights on them)...Daryl, WB8EUN, had his 4 el quad come down...Al, K7NHV/8, says that K1ZND of Murphays gang on the East Coast has been asking about the Mad River deal.

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Dick - K8EHL

Cut off and post in shack.

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