

This is it gang - the moment of truth - 1971 ARRL SWEEPSTAKES - Phone weekend November 13-15 and cw on the next weekend, November 20-22. Be sure to read October QST for the complete rules, they have changed this year. Exchange has been shortened a great deal.

Individual effort is the only ingredient that will give the MRRC an unprecedented first place in SS. It will not be an easy task for our club to unseat the active clubs of the East Coast. Even if you are not the SS type why not put in a few hours for the good of the cause? The MRRC needs to average 25K to 50 K points per person if we are to be #1.

Individual effort comes from self motivation. One of the greatest inspirations I ever read was brought to my attention by MRRC member, W8FAW, when he submitted and had published in QST a few years ago the following.

" The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood ... who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion and spends himself in a worthy cause ... who in the end at least knows the triumph of high achievement and at worst fails while doing greatly so that his face shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." -Theodore Roosevelt.

Dave; K8BFX provided the Guest Editorial.

Gentlemen, warm up your rigs! SS time is just about upon us. For months now we've been scratching and clawing putting together what is no doubt the largest and finest group of amateur radio contesters in the world. At the last count I see that we are now over 130 strong compared to lesser totals for Murphy's Marauders, FRC and FVRC. Now only one thing remains to be done... we have to prove to everyone else that MRRC is for real. We're not to be laughed at, pooh-poohed, or taken lightly.

Really; we have worked so hard in our early organizational period that it has been easy for the original enthusiasm to die down a little. But; it's time now to throw another log on the fire and get the team spirit going full blast before Sweepstakes. I personally believe that we can pull off the biggest upset in ARRL history by winning the SS our first year in existence. Just think of the rave we should get in QST next March when the SS results are published if we beat all the East Coast stuffed shirts in one fell swoop.

However; there's more to winning a contest than just hoping it will happen. Please let me expound on some of the things I think we should strive to accomplish those two weekends in November.

1. Not everyone in the club likes SS. Some of you are DX men. But, for the sake of the club could you please schedule a few hours both weekends to get on and then follow thru by reporting your scores ( more on this later). this year the exchange has been shortened and it'll be a lot less unpleasant to make 50 or 100 contacts for MRRC.

2. Strive to work both modes. Those who are primarily SSB men can find slower sending stations to work on the higher edges of the CW bands. Try 7080; 14080; 3575 etc. Let the high speed hotshots buck the QRM on the low edge. Those who are primarily CW men should try to get on during the SSB weekend and work as



many as your larynx will let you before it gives out.

3. Most importantly, just because you don't have a Collins S-line and stacked beams don't say, "I'll let the other guys get on. My score would hardly count anyway." This is a fallacy! Your 15 or 20 thousand points are important to MRRC. Just think what we've got if 50 of our "smaller" guys turn in 20,000 points each! A million more points.

4. Just getting on isn't the only thing that counts. You must report your score and you must enter the name of the Mad River Radio Club on the club participation line of the summary sheet for it to count. We have just set up regional managers in our high population areas (see this issue). If you can't personally report your score; pick up the phone and call your regional man. He'll be happy to report your score and help you with your logs. That's what he's there for. Remember if you make over 200 QSOs on any mode a check sheet must also be included with your log and summary sheet. To conclude; either send your score and/or copy of your summary sheet to K8EHU or to your regional manager. Send your log; summary sheet and checksheet to ARRL. Your regional manager will help you should there be any questions.

5. Finally, why not keep the most current MRRC roster in front of you during the contest. Not only will it be fun to greet each other by name but we should also go out of our way to work each other. That way MRRC benefits twice ... on each end of the QSO. So, if you hear one of our guys on frequency stay on frequency til you work him even if it takes an extra 30 or 60 seconds. That's the way we'll build our way to the 5 million points we must have to beat the hell out of FVRC. Let's get that gavel our first time out. Good luck, brother Mad River "rats" CU in the fun!

PRE SS and POST SS ON THE AIR GET TOGETHER. It is always fun to talk to the fellows just before and after each contest. For SS the MRRC will get together on the air:

PREVIEW Saturday(s) Nov. 13 and 20. 0100 GMT 3907 KHz (Friday night local time)

POSTSCRIPT Wednesday(s) Nov. 17 and 24. 0100 GMT 3907 KHz (Tuesday night local time.

SWEETSTAKES SCORE REPORTING. All SS logs, checksheets and summary sheets must be sent to ARRL with a postmark no later than Dec. 15, 1971. Also, our club entry must be submitted by that date. To get this done please communicate the following information:

A. Call B. Mode C. Single or Multi op D. Claimed score (this does not have to be your exact score- ARRL will correct our club entry with the official score for each entry)

I must have your SS report by 2100 EST: December 15: 1971 for your score to help us. Send the information by any of the methods suggested.

1. Post card or letter to - R. T. Bennett, 6470 Fenick Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

2. Telephone call - (614) 866-1061. Night rates are inexpensive. If I am not at home wife will take on the collection job.



3. On the air report. I will be on 3907 KHz, December 13, 14 and 15 from 0300 to 0330 GMT.

4. Report your information to your nearest MRRG area coordinator.

SS LOG SHEETS, CHECKSHEETS, SUMMARY SHEETS. If you are in a pinch for any of these items and want quick service contact:

Wes Lambaley W8FMG  
1841 Riverdale Rd  
Columbus, OH 43227  
Tel. (614) 861-5569

With one day mail service this should take care of any problems.

Area Coordinators. The following fellows have volunteered to help out in their areas. More area volunteers will be named in the near future.

Cleveland - Ron Harps, K8PMK, 22601 Harms Rd, Euclid, OH 44117  
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Well; that all at this end gang... must get this issue to press... going to hold off listing our adr for each member untill next issue. except all our new members and changes in adr. Good luck to all of you and hope you have a good time in SS. Please excuse the poor typing; spent five hours outside in 27 degree weather on the tower and still a little stiff. One of these days I will learn to do antenna work in the summer. CU in SS as vy gud luck. De K3EHU

NEW MRRG MEMBERS - WELCOME TO THE CLUB IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

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# MRRC Membership List

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W3VT	Bob	W8PMJ	Lloyd
WA3MWO	Bob	K8QKY	Steve
K4GSU	Bill	W8POS	Steve
WB4JEZ/8	Bill	W8PZO	Floyd
K4KSE	Frank	W8PZA	Pete
K4XSC	Scott	W8QHW	Don
WB4OSS	Terry	W8QTY	Rich
K4QW	Chuck	W8QXQ	John
K7TVV/8	Al	W8RLY	Jeff
W8AJZ	Larry	K8RME	Ron
W8BAKU	John	W8ROF	Lee
W8BAKW	John	W8ROB	Howard
K8AXG	Bob	W8RHW	Terry
W8BJQ	Stu	W8RKM	Paul
W8BLL	Gary	W8SH	MBU ARC
W8BMV	Jay	K8SMC	Terry
K8BFX	Dave	K8STP	Harold
W8BTU	Ron	W8SWM	Steve
W8BVF	Jim	W8TBQ	Greg
W8BZG	Geo	W8TJQ	Bill
W8CFC	Dick	W8THK	Bill
W8CLF	Paul	W8TFV	Rolfe
W8CSE	John	K8TWC	John
W8CWO	Chuck	K8UDJ	Chas
W8DB	Vic	W8ULF	Burt
W8EDC	Mark	K8UNG	Jerry
W8DQL	Lenny	W8USP	Oalf
W8EAU	Mike	W8VFM	Ned
K8EHU	Dick	W8VBY	Rich
W8EUN	Daryl	W8VGY	Kim
W8EUY	Curt	W8VMQ	Tom
W8FAW	Tom	W8VHV	Hugh
W8FGM	Chas	W8WRC	Brownie
W8FMG	Wes	W8YUB	Bob
W8HBK	Joe	W8YVR	Pat
K8HMM	Joe	W8ZAV	Karl
K8HLR	Bob	W8ZDF	John
K8IDE	Jerry	W8ZDT	Kevin
W8IDV	Vern	W8ZFM	Dean
W8JUN	Mark	W8ZTV	Tom
W8KJ	Ted	W9AQW/8	Gene
W8KCE	Geo	W9AUM	Jim
W8KIC	Bob	W9BPG	Mike
W8LEO	Gene	W9BWF	Mike
W8LVT	Jeff	W9CBI	John
W8LYF	Steve	K9CLO	Bill
W8MER	Bill	K9COS	Gene
K8MPO	Don	K9CUI	LeMar
K8MLO	Dave	W9GTY	Harry
W8MQP	ED	W9FU	Harry
W8NTA	Dick	W9HZ	Merrill
W8NYB	Jack	W9KAS	Glenn
W8OBC	Jim	K9KVR	Bob

W9LOC	Truman
K9MTH	Steve
W9SFR	Steve
W9TKV	Claude
W9SIM	Bob
W9UMH	Bruce
W9UTQ	John
W9VGY	Joe
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info at press time

Late Flash - Talked to  
Daryl WB8EUN a few min  
ago on phone. W8VRB/1  
had called him and said  
that Murphys gang on us  
and they think we can  
only make #3 in SS with  
PVRC taking the honors  
and Murphy in second  
place. Even more reason  
for everyone in MRRC to  
give SS a go - sure would  
be nice to have PVRC #2  
and trying harder. We must  
not underestimate the East  
Coast...they know how to  
be winners...hard work and  
everyone doing some SSing.  
GO MRRC