

HAS THE MRRC WON 1971 SS? It is difficult to tell exactly how well we did compared to Murphys and PVRC efforts - but it is very close. The grapevine suggests we gained a slight lead the phone weekend and we can only hope we held onto this advantage after a great showing by the East Coast on CW.

This means that is of the greatest importance that all MRRC SS participants send their SS logs to the ARRL and report their score to K8EHU or Area Coordinator no later than December 15...no matter how large or small the score... the club needs every point. With your cooperation, we may pull off the upset of all amateur contest history.

Individually, MRRC members did very well in SS. Complete score and soapbox will appear in the next issue of the FLASH. Even more impressive than the scores is the high level of participation the MRRC enjoyed.

As a reminder, your SS score can be reported to the MRRC by any of the following:

1. Mail. K8EHU; 6470 penick Dr., Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
2. Telephone. K8EHU, 614 - 866 - 1061
3. On the air. K8EHU. Dec. 13, 14, and 15 from 0300 to 0330 GMT on 3907 KHz.
4. Contact your Area Coordinator as listed in this issue of the FLASH.

I must have your score by 2100 EST; Dec. 15; 1971 so that our club report can meet the deadline.

I think you have all done a great job representing the MRRC in its first big contest effort. So far I have only an estimate of points made by MRRC members. It somewhere between 7 and 12 million points. I believe that 8 to 10 million points are needed to be #1.

One of the most exciting facets of SS was the, "Go Mad River", that echoed throughout the phone weekend. This emotional chant made me feel a part of a vibrating organization- proud to be part of the real action. This spirit is what really makes a club worthwhile.

After you have reported your SS score why not look back throughout your logs and see if there are potential MRRC members you may have contacted? If each of us took the time to contact a couple of these potential members we could continue the growth necessary to hold our own in the coming contests.

The East Coast has now heard of the MRRC and are they ever excited. They were caught unaware of our strength and now they are really hyper. The reports are that both Murphys and PVRC are reorganizing before the ARRL DX Contest. One thing still in favor is that PVRC and Frankford will not merge.

To meet their response we must make continual growth - get the new contester into the MRRC although it is only a natural and normal part of his amateur development. For the experienced amateur we must sell him on the point that the MRRC is an organization dedicated to make amateur radio a better place for all through friendships and organized action. Look over your logs again for we must have growth if we are to keep our heads above water with the East Coast waves we have created.

I think we can beat the East Coast at thier own game. Here are some thoughts that may provide help you come up with some ideas. We must use every resource available such as small multi-op stations must be organized especially for those not acquainted with contesting in a particular mode. A 75 or 80 meter inter-com net between MRRC multi-op stations to spread the word of "choice multipliers" and band opening could be set up. We could publish an up to date propagation forecast made up by one of our MRRC band watchers. Schedules with DX stations could be planned for contest contacts. These are but a few of what I think are "game plan ideas" that can be implimented. You must have more ideas - sure would like to publish your ideas in the FLASH. Send me your input.

WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW MRRC MEMBERS. It is great to have you join the muddy waters of the MRRC.

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For Sale. Hy - Gain 402BA 2el linear loaded 40 meter beam. Elements and boom strenghtened. Includes balun. New near condx. Make offer. Contact WA8ZDF.

Let me wish you the very best of the holidays and the New Year. Vy 73 es hope to hr fm u soon - especially SS scores es FLASH input.....de K8EHU

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