

WARREN MEETING REPORT:

The call went forth and the response was magnificent. The MRRRC held its second meeting of 1976 with thirty people in attendance. Members came from Cleveland, Columbus, Canton, Massillon, Warren, Sharon, and Pittsburgh. Business conducted at this meeting concerned the club radius center and MRRRC participation in upcoming contests. The hit of the gathering seemed to be the MRRRC tee shirts conceived by WA3SZX and WA3BBJ and worn by several members of the group. Contact WA3SZX if you are interested in your very own. Cost is around \$7.

FINDLAY AND CINCINNATI MEETINGS:

The MRRRC will hold its last two meetings of 1976 at the Findlay Hamfest Sunday Sept.12, and the Cincinnati Hamfest Sunday, Sept.19. Bill, WB8UKX, has scheduled the Findlay meeting at 1:00p.m. Look and listen at the hamfest for exact meeting spot. The Cincinnati meeting will take place in a reserved section of the Food Service area at 2:00p.m. The hamfest is at Strickers Grove on state route 128 in Ross (Venice), Ohio.

To avoid stretching the 175 mile radius, the club center has been moved slightly to Marion, Ohio. From here the radius safely includes Pittsburgh, Flint, and the eastern half of Indianapolis. The change will however affect in the southern part of Columbus who will no longer fall inside the 50 mile radius where meeting attendance is not required. For those people (as well as everyone else) be sure to make at least 2 of the 4 in person meetings to be eligible to submit your scores for MRRRC in the upcoming SS and ARRL DX tests.

For people joining the club after the Warren meeting, the 50% attendance rule will be satisfied by attending just one of the remaining two meetings. So make one of the two upcoming meetings, and you're all set!

Mad River Notes:

K8RMK has filled the final vacancy in the four regional vice president posts. The group now consists of Jim, WA3BGE/8 (NE OH/PA); Bill, WB8UKX (NW OH/MI); Dave, K8BPX (Cent/South OH); and Jim, WB9CEP (IND). Their job is to organize and maximize contest activity within their regions; advise the Big Fish on policy matters; and chair club meetings in their region in the absence of the Big Fish.

FROM THE BIG FISH:

K8RMK is currently on vacation in W1 land, and has combined the vacation with a little MRRRC business in Newington. This issue of the Flash is being prepared by WA3BGE in his absence. Ron reports by phone that the news from HQ is good: the MRRRC affiliation status is secure and there should be no problems whatsoever with a MRRRC club contest entry.

On the eve of the Warren meeting, rumors surfaced concerning proposals to the Contest Advisory Committee which would make things more difficult for Mad River. It turns out that these proposals had been made by a certain Connecticut based contest club in a letter dated the Monday after our meeting at the Dayton Hamvention. It suggested changing club meeting requirements to bar meetings at hamfests, picnics, dinners, or "anything of a semi-social nature"; replace the current 50% attendance rule with a two meeting a year requirement; add a quorum requirement; and set a minimum time between meetings (21 days was suggested). While the proposal was aimed at Mad River, we feel that most of the smaller clubs would be affected in one way or other by the proposals. A letter has been sent to the CAC by RMK objecting to the proposed changes. In any event there is no way they could even be enacted by SS and is unlikely they would be acted on by ARRL DX test time. Further details will be available at the upcoming meetings.

Contest clubs seem to be springing up all over these days. New ones have been formed in Massachusetts, Texas, and southern California. Add these to Mad River and the other established clubs, and you have the makings of an exciting race in the club competition!

Congrats to the club's newest licensee, Bill, WB3DHG in Sharon, Pa. Bill starts off in ham radio with an advanced class license, and already has a Drake line, SB-220, and 2-el quad at 80 feet just waiting for the contests!

For those relatively new to contesting and seeking to improve their skills, try getting into some of the fall QSO parties. Two good ones are the PA QSO Party Sept 12-13 and the California QSO Party Oct 2-3, plus the W/VE contest Sept 18-19. Note that the W/VE is now divided into separate cw and phone days, cw starting Friday night till Saturday night, when phone starts and runs til Sunday evening. All three contests have good activity, and are good places to get some contest practice in a situation less hectic than say SS or FD.

MRRRC WHO'S WHO:

Here's the current MRRRC roster. It includes those who attended the meetings at Dayton or Warren, plus a few who attended only last fall's meeting in Columbus but have indicated further interest to the Big Fish and/or paid up their MRRRC dues....

WA1LKU	Vic	WB8BPY	Steve	K8MLO	Dave	WA8ZDF	Doc
WB2CFK	Rick	WB8CKI	Terry	WB8MIP	Bob	WA9BWY	Mike
WA2FBI	Marty	WB8CLF	Paul	WB8MRU	Imre	WB9CEP	Jim
WB3AYJ	Bob	W8DB	Vince	WB8MZZ	Mike	WB9LIX	John
WA3BBJ	Glen	WB8DQP	Bob	WB8OFR	Frank	WA9WUC	Paul
WA3BGE	Jim	K8EHU	Dick	W8QXQ	John	W9ZRX	Dave
WB3DHG	Bill	K8EKG	Joe	WA8RCN	Jim	W9ZTD	Les
WA3FAL	Jack	W8EX	Bill	WB8RIJ	Scott		
K3HZL	Bob	K8HLR	Bob	K8RMK	Ron		
WA3SWC	Jeff	W8IBX	Kurt	WA8RWU	Terry		
WA3SWF	Phil	WB8IBZ	Gary	W8SWB	Larry		
WA3SZX	Tim	W8IDM	Don	WA8TKW	Mark		
WA3VBM	Tim	WB8INY	John	WB8TXE	Cathy		
WA3WIK	Tony	WB8JKY	Alan	WB8UKX	Bill		
WA3YVI	Jim	WB8JUI	Rick	WA8USP	Olaf		
WA3YVJ	Greg	WB8JXS	Jeff	WB8MWB	Dean		
K3ZFP	Barney	WA8KCX	Tom	W8WPC	Ralph		
WB4WCM	Dave	W8KGE	George	WA8YEE	Bill		
WB8AKU	John	W8KIC	Val	WA8YWX	John		
WB8AKW	John	WB8LSN	Larry	WA8ZAV	Karl		
K8BPX	Dave	K8MFO	Don	W8ZCK	Bill		

Multiply all these by 50K per mode, and we're off and running!

Again, hope to see you at the upcoming meetings in Findlay and Cincinnati.

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JIM WA3BGE