

## DAYTON MEETING:

The Mad River Radio Club held its first in person meeting of 1977 at the Dayton Hamfest on May 1. With 54 attending, the club is off and running for the new year. We experienced a bum's rush from the people beginning to close the arena for the day, but appropriately for a contest club, dispatched the business at hand in a flash. Receiving, the new bylaws were distributed; SS and DX results were announced; the remaining 1977 meetings were set for the Warren, Findlay, and Cincinnati hamfests; and K8MR was elected Big Fish for 1977-78.

The club banquet Saturday night provided an enjoyable time for the ~ 30 MRRC members, alumni and guests. Many more wanted to attend but reservations had to be in early Friday, leaving many late comers with a big "sorry." Enough interest was expressed that consideration is being given to expanding the dinner to an event for all contesters, possibly changing to Friday night to avoid conflicts with the convention banquet.

Of course great amounts of hospitality were consumed in the various hospitality suites throughout the Biltmore hotel.

## SS:

In case you just returned home from a business trip to Outer Mongolia, MRRC finished in fourth place in the SS club competition, behind Northern Cal, FVRC, and Murphy's. Most important of course is the absence of asterisks this year. There was one foul up concerning the club winner on phone. The real winner was WA8PLZ operated by Joe Purden, W8AYC. The confusion apparently originated with PLZ having not appeared on the club roster and somebody not realizing it was a club station. The CW winner is still WA3WIK operated by Tim Duffy, WA3SZX. Congratulations to both on their fine jobs.

## OFFICERS:

As stated in the club bylaws, there are to be four regional vice presidents. Nominations for these posts are now open, please send the Big Fish your nominations for the positions.

The Big Fish has also appointed K8RMK as club treasurer. Those who did not pay their dues at Dayton, please send to either K8RMK or K8MR. Dues are \$3, checks made out to the Mad River Radio Club are fine.

## QRZ?

Here are a few more of those fancy 1x2 calls along with the former calls;

K3LR (WA3SZX)	W8FN (W8MKZ)	K8DL (K8MLO)	N8ET (W8UKX)	K8LT (W8IBZ)
N8EM (K8YQW)	W9RE (WA9BWY)	W1MS (WA2FBI- but still living in Cleveland!?)		

## LITERARY DEPARTMENT:

Probably most of you are aware of it, but just in case, for those interested in contest news, scores, opinions, personalities, hints, etc., subscribe to the National Contest Journal, published by the Southern California Contest Club. It is published bimonthly, and is able to cover the contest scene in a lot more depth than the amateur magazines can provide. It costs \$4 per year, write to SCCC, P.O. Box 3762, Glendale, CA 91201. Besides, any group that kept a bathtub filled with cold beer at Dayton can't be all bad.

MINUTE 49:

This was the leading topic of serious discussion around Dayton. This item was passed by the board of directors at the ARRL winter board meeting. It reportedly was brought up late in the day and voted on in a classic end of the day rush. Briefly, it calls for some "equalizing" formula to be added to contest scoring in order to eliminate factors like how high your antenna is. The universal opinion among the contest fraternity at Dayton was that it would ruin the incentive to improve stations, antennas, etc., and would turn contest rules into something akin to the federal income tax code. If you haven't already done so, write your ARRL director about this matter.

ON THE AIR MEETINGS:

Let's try a new time for the MRBC 75 meter get togethers: Mondays at 7:30P.M. Eastern time, on or around 3825 KHZ. I believe most participants in these meetings in the past have had at least an Advanced license. If I'm wrong and causing a problem for people, let me know and we can consider moving back into the general class segment.

MORE NEWS:

Jim Cain, WA9AUM/WALSTN/KITN, has resigned as ARRL contest editor, and will be moving over to the technical department at HQ. Among those applying for the contest post is Jeff Maass, WB8JXS. Wonder is Jeff will become the third straight Mad Riverite in the contest post?

The report from Dayton is that Murphy's Marauders has disbanded as a regional contest club. Filling the void is the Yankee Clipper Contest Club. Centered on the CT/MASS border, it covers from the New York City area to Maine. It looks like it should be able to provide us with a bit of new competition.

FROM THE BIG FISH:

Congratulations to outgoing Big Fish K8RMK, who has done a fine job in his year in office. Ron is planning to use his retirement from the position to do some gardening of large metal structures and otherwise turning in big contest scores for the MRBC.

This issue of the Flash has had the advantage of all the Dayton goings on to report. However future issues can be only as good as the input from you. Send your news, opinions, suggestions, or whatever to the Big Fish to help him spread them around Mad River Country. The address is: Jim Stahl, K8MR, 3592 Atherstone RD. Cleveland Hts., OH 44121. For those inclined to use the telephone, call (216) 381-7030. Or QMI one of the Ohio nets for someone to call me to get on the air.

No carrier pigeons, please.

73,  
Jim, K8MR