

The second Mad River meeting of the year was held August 21 at the Warren Hamfest, with 27 in attendance. Fortunately time was more plentiful than at the Dayton meeting. Business included discussion of upcoming contests, an informal forum on sweepstakes operating, and a slide show of the K3LR/3 Field Day operation.

The next meeting is at Findlay on Sunday, September 11 at 2 p.m. at shelter #24, which is located in the area across the street from the hamfest/flea market area. This meeting is followed the next Sunday, September 18, by the meeting at the Cincinnati Hamfest. At that one check at the main booth for directions, though the meeting should not be far from that booth.

Again, attendance at at least two meetings is required for participation in the club SS and ARRL DX competition. For anyone first joining the club at either of the two upcoming meetings, the attendance rule will be satisfied by that meeting; otherwise you must make at least two.

#### RVP:

Jeff Maass, WB8JXS, has been appointed RVP for the central/ southern Ohio region, joining K3LR and N8ET as RVPs. We're still looking for a candidate for the Indiana region.

#### MEMBERSHIP LISTS:

After the two upcoming meetings the MRRRC membership lists will be reviewed to remove suspected dead fish. Removed will be those who fail to meet any of the following criteria: 1) Attendance at at least one 1977 meeting 2) Attendance at at least two 1976 meetings 3) Paying 1977 dues 4) reported MRRRC contest activity by someone inside the 50 mile radius from Marion, Ohio, the club center.

This is not intended as a punitive measure, but one to concentrate club operations and resources on those showing interest and contributing something to the club. If you've been inactive, join us back in the active MRRRC fold and let's go raise contesting hell together!

#### CONTESTS:

There are still several spots on the Mad River team for the North American Sprint. If you want to join up, contact K8MR immediately.

The first CanAm test turned out fairly well, with a little more activity it will be a super affair. There was an excellent turnout for the Ohio QSO Party, with numbers around 1000 heard for Ohio stations and 200 for out of state. Quite a few big scores were made by Mad Riverites. The PA folks get their chance the weekend of Sept. 10-11.

#### FROM THE BIG FISH:

Best of luck to WA8RCN who has moved from the teaching world to become production manager at Dentron. K8NZ headed a tower buying consortium which came up with a big pile of Rohn 45 for various club members. More is available, talk to Ron for the details. A big thanks to WB8JXS who made up the computerized mailing labels. Not wanting to grow lazy, Jeff is now doing design work on a microprocessor contest keyer which will send just about anything including serial numbers. The only new call this month is W3YQ, the old WA3VBM. MRRRCer W8QHW will be at the Cleveland Hamfest Sept. 10 with a supply of .058" wall 6061-T6 aluminum tubing of various sizes, and promises substantial discounts to Mad River members.

MAD RIVER NET - EVERY MONDAY  
7:30PM EASTERN TIME 3825 KHZ

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