

SS:

As predicted, conditions were good, activity was high, and scores were big. Here are the Mad River scores which have made it to the Big Fish by press time:

K3UA	1110/72	W8KIC	1014/73	K8NZ	752/71	WA8UQH	226/59
WA8YWX	1053/75	K8ND	856/73	WA4RIJ/8	612/72	K8MT	41/20
	(K3LR op)		(multi)		(A power)	W9RE	1014/74
K8MR	1044/74	N8ET	860/72	W8EDU	303/60		(K8MT op)

Other Mad River calls heard include K3IC, W3YQ, W8IDM, W8LT, W8MZZ, N8BM, K8DL, W8FN, W8JBM, W8OFR, W8SWB, W8SVN, W8TK, WA8YVR, W8IQ, N8AA, K9UWA.

We're now half way through the big fall contest season. The first half has seen super conditions and activity, and there is every reason to expect the same for the upcoming Phone SS and CQ WW CW. DX conditions were down on 75 and 40, but more than made up for by conditions on 10 and 15. JA's were worked on 10 in W8 land (even I got one) and HR Report reports East Coast 10 meter country totals of 80 and West Coast stations with 300+ JA QSOs.

The poor low band DX conditions reflected good low band SS conditions - no skip zone on 75, plenty of short skip on 40, so that the East and Midwest can work itself, not just 5's and 0's as has been too much the case in the past few years. Ten has been open to the west coast regularly, so don't forget that band in the SS!

Reporting:

Let me know your SS and CQ WW scores immediately! The club SS letter does not require individual scores, but we do need to know how we did. The CQ WW club letter does require scores, so I must have them before the entry deadline. CQ PHONE scores (logs) must be postmarked by DEC.1; SS by DEC 26; CQ CW by JAN 15. Be sure to fill in club competition information on the summary sheets!

For reporting remember the weekly Mad River Net, Monday at 7:30 PM on 3825KHZ. Also stop by 3825 after the contest, assuming both you and your rig are still alive.

Sprint:

The results of the First NCJ North American CW sprint appeared in the Oct-Nov issue of the NCJ, with MRRC doing a fine job with their team entry. We placed second to a specially selected team headed by W2GD, and we beat the combined scores of the Northern Cal Contest Club and Yankee Clipper Contest Club! Wonder if we can do the same in SS? Comments on the Sprint are being solicited by the NCJ, so send any suggestions to them before the end of November.

Hot Flashes:

K3LR must have been excited about the trip to WA8YWX for CW SS - He'd driven to Akron before he realized that he had forgotten his transceiver! K8BPX was all set for a big CW SS effort at W8WPC. Unfortunately Dave was not all set for a big case of flu the same weekend. K8NZ's memory keyer developed amnesia. W9LT's antenna rotator died at 4 AM Saturday during the CW DX test. Lamar was off until 5PM fixing it, but still managed 565/191/100 for about 425K. Tom, WA8UQH, had better news, learning that he had passed the Ohio Bar Exam. K8MR has his tower shunt fed for 160. New Calls: N8DE/W8QHW W8TK/K8PBZ K3LA/K3ZFP N9AG/K8AG K3IC/WA3DET

FROM THE BIG FISH:

Judging from the Mad River activity I heard, things were good for the club, though there is always room for improvement. I hope even more of you will be on for phone. Remember, we all know how to talk several hundred wpm! Good luck, and hope you will be on to doxx your best in phone SS and CQ CW.

73 and Go Mad River!

Jim K8MR