

FLASH

MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB

First of all I apologize for the lack of a Flash. This was due to editorial and publishing problems.

DAYTON MEETING

At the Dayton meeting a suggestion was made that the nomination for the Big Fish should be made prior to that meeting next year. This will enable all to review the selection and have a better idea of the candidates' qualification. I concur with this proposal. At a later time in the Flash, an announcement will be made that nomination will be open. At this time, send your nominations to this office or make them in person at Lavonia meeting. Nomination from the floor at Dayton will still be accepted.

WARREN MEETING

At the Warren meeting various topics were discussed, for the most part they will be covered elsewhere in the Flash, i.e., Field Day, upcoming contests, etc. Most of us before the meeting enjoyed the presentation on Clipperton.

SPRINT

The Sprint will be on 9/8/79 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. local time. If you wish to participate please contact Tim Duffy K3LR as soon as possible so you can be entered on the Mad River team(s).

FIELD DAY - 79

I personally would like to thank W8TK and his wife for their hospitality during Field Day-79. Not only did Tom and Laura provide a location, they opened their house to a pre-field day party. This made for a nice first MRRC Field Day. Thanks also to all who helped and participated.

The club successfully operated two entries from W8TK's farm near Delaware, Ohio. K8MR/8 ran class 2A for 2025 QSDS; from the other side of the corn field, about a thousand feet away, W8TK/8 in 1A came through with 1190 QS. Comparing the results to last year's scores, the MR score would have been fourth in 2A, and the TK score eight in 1A, among those running generator power.

Since I naturally was expecting to take first in both classes, here are the areas I see for improvement. We ran a bit short on set up time. The rigs, antennas, and tents were already in time, but more time would have permitted operators to become familiar with the equipment before the contest. Too much time was spent on bands that were worked out or otherwise not the best band to be on, often because the operator was not sure of how to tune the rig and understandably did not want to fry someone else's rig. The Drake lines were at times not used to their

maximum capabilities due to folks not being familiar with all their versatility. Likewise more time would have permitted checking out cross station interference ahead of time, which caused problems when the stations tried 80 cw and 75 ssb simultaneously. The equipment and antennas worked well, though next time I'd like to see some rf speech processing on the phone rigs.

Next year? Tom Kravec's farm seemed to survive our weekend, and is available for next year. K3LR says it may be possible for Mad River to use the magic WPA hilltop where LR has been operating the past few years. This year the usual 3A gave way to Tim's solo 1B effort. His results: 1504 QSOs (about 1100 cw) and the unofficial winner in the class. So now to see if there will be any gasoline around come next June.

Results:

(3A)	K8MR/8	<u>CW</u>		<u>SSB</u>	
	80	282		257	
	40	543		282	
	20	296		164	
	15	<u>155</u>		<u>46</u>	
		1266		749	= 2205 QSO

(1A)	W8TK/8	<u>CW</u>		<u>SSB</u>	
	80	177		64	
	40	292		326	
	20	184		86	
	15	57		0	
	10	<u>4</u>		<u>0</u>	
		714		476	= 1190

CAC:

The CAC has not been officially deciding much, largely because chairman WING has been swamped at work and not doing much CAC business. There are a number of questions before the committee; comments are welcome on any of them.

KIKI has proposed increasing the SS time out minimum from 15 minutes to 30, in order to reduce rubber clocking. The few comments from the CAC have been against this change; with deadlines for October QST upon us, it's probably too late for comments on this.

There is a general discussion on the length and number of contests - see WIXX's comments in September QST, p.105. In particular, the question is raised about combining the CQ 160 with the ARRL 160, or dropping one or the other.

The problem remains with the multi-single ten minute rule for DX and Radiosport contests; one change being considered, proposed by NCCC, would permit an exception to the 10 minute rule to work a new multiplier only.

Other items are a two transmitter multi-multi for the DX test; dropping the "portable" designation requirement for those out of their particular call area; permitting DXpedition scores to count toward club competition in the DX test; eliminating the distinction between old and new novices in the NR; and changes in contest exchanges to get away from everything being 59/599.

Comments on any of these things should go to KIKI at ARRL HQ for xeroxing and distribution to the CAC.

DXpeddition:

K8MR is currently planning for a contest trip for the CQ WW phone contest, October 27-28. Present target is VP5; an application has been sent for a license, and hotel accommodations are being pursued by a local travel agent. Anyone seriously interested in expanding the operation in a M/S effort should contact K8MR ASAP, 216-381-7030. (NOTE: CALL VP5MRX)

FINDLEY MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Findley hamfest, 9-9-79. See QST or Ham Radio for details about the location. The meeting will be held somewhere around 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. See the main prize booth and/or the main booth for time and place where the meeting will be held. This is the last meeting prior to the contest season. See you there.

GREAT LAKES DIRECTOR

For those of you in the Great Lakes Division, Dick Egbert W8ETU, has decided not to seek re-election to Director. I have learned that two contesters are seeking that position, K8MN and W8AJW.

OHIO QSO PARTY

All things being considered, we had a good representation in the Ohio QSO party. Scores were heard that were quite high. The only negative comment heard was that the contest should run from 12:00 noon til 10:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m. to midnight.

MONDAY NIGHT NET

Don't forget Monday night net at 8:30 p.m. local, at 3825khz +/- QRM. We have also been QSY up to 3830khz to participate in a DASH for 5 to 10 minutes with the Yankee Clipper Club at 9:00 p.m. local. Rules for these mini-contests are announced just prior to the start. Hope to see you.

CONTEST SEASON

Contest season is fast approaching - hope you're ready for it. This year I would like to see Mad River set our goals in the following areas:

1. More participation in contests other than Sweepstakes, namely CQ-World Wide, ARRL DX Contest, and the Spring, not counting Field Day which is past.
2. Number ONE in Sweepstakes.

Both are obtainable - but we need all of our help to make it. More details in the next Flash.

ODDS/ENDS/ and STRAYS

K8NZ along with K8AZ have been busy this summer re-erecting beams damaged in the ice and wind storm last spring. (It has been said - If it stays up over winter, its not competitive!) AD8I and K8ND have been putting up towers and beams this summer. AC8E has had all beams down, adjusted, and back-up, not to mention re-writing the shack. For owners of TS-820's see September QST. Hints and Kinks for K8MR's comments.