

## MAD RIVER FLASH

### News from the "Big Fish"

Well here we are into another contest season. I hope you all had fun at Dayton. For me, it amounted to 2½ hours of sleep then the 100 mile drive at 4:30 a.m. and the 100 mile drive 14 hours much food and beer later. None the less, it was easier than operating CQWW for 48 hours without any sleep. The serious note is that I'm impressed by the turnout for the meeting. Several people signed the roster at Dayton, but I'm not sure how many. I'm sure there will be a few new ones to sign at Findlay and if we can get the Cleveland boys to generate some interest from the "little pistols" up there, we may be able to capture the place in the club standings we so well deserve.

The only order of business that was left unanswered was the location of the fourth meeting this year. I personally would like to see something in the Columbus area. I have several reasons for this:

1. I think there is a fairly large contingent in Cincinnati that can make Columbus and Dayton. If they missed Dayton, well, Findlay isn't all that far.
2. Columbus is centrally located for all of us to travel to. It's only a couple of hours or maybe three from any place in the state.
3. We could schedule some sort of late October thing or anytime for that matter.

These are my suggestions only and any input I get will be greatly appreciated.

The next bit of information I want is to know who you people are. I see faces and calls but I have an atrocious memory. I have an elephant's body but not it's memory. I would really like to see something from all of you on this. Just take a minute and jot on a card your age, occupation, and station description. When you get to be my age, you like to see how many young whippersnappers are kicking your butts in a contest. I firmly believe that total score is inversely proportional to age.

Another idea I have is to send a flash to the top so many finishers in the major contests to see if they would be interested in joining Mad River. I will also send some to the top finishers in the novice roundup. What's a better place to get new prospects for a contest club? (input variable here.)

I think Tim, K3LR has plans and openings for field day, 1981. Anyone wishing to put forth a super effort form WPA, get in touch with Tim. Send me you CQWPX scores & I will get them in the next flash.

I also see the Ohio QSO party is on and we really should be on for this one and pass out counties and what-not for others.

Our next meeting will be at K8NZ's house, 8321 Edgewood Rd., Mentor, OH on July 19 at 1:00 p.m. Ron's phone number is 216-255-7205. Bring a 6 pack and anything you want to eat. See you there.

Since I was railroaded into this job by a Kangaroo election, I would like to know just what you would like to see in a president. I have a great ear so lets hear from you on these things I've mentioned.

Well, that's about it for this first flash. I want to put one of these out every couple of months, so let me hear from you by mid-June on the input.

I intend to keep the net going on 3825± QRM this summer so I can keep up on the antenna projects around the club.

See you on Mondays 3825 @ EDST.

73's  
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