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FLASHES of Inspiration: Editorial Ramblings
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Well, the first thing you probably noticed about this FLASH is the change in format again. When time came for this issue I just didn't have enough material to justify the extra time required to do the reduction and formatting as seen in the previous edition. My policy will be to produce the reduced format if I have more pages than I can mail with a single first-class stamp, and to produce in this format if I don't.

With the major fall contests over, the question we should ask now is: what should a contest club do in between major contests? This winter most of us will spend some time planning antenna expansions and repairs, but we won't likely spend much time on the tower. There are a few smaller contests upcoming: the Canada Contest, the World 40-Meter and 80-Meter Championships (Wayne Green's latest attempt to make himself seem important), an ARRL QSO Party, the HA DX Contest, the World 160-Meter SSB Championships (more from that short guy), a Midnight Special, the CQ 160-Meter CW Contest, a couple of state QSO Parties, etc. A few of us will make some showing in one or more of these minor events, but for most the next real contest will be the ARRL DX (CW) Contest, February 19-20.

One of the goals of a contest club should be to make an effort to produce constantly increasing scores from it's members, as a group and individually. We have some very accomplished contesters in Mad River, some beginning contesters still learning the ropes, and many contesters in between. Those who have, over the years, learned the tricks and tools needed to improve contest performance should be called on to pass on the knowlege to the rest of the club in some organized, efficient manner. Station design ideas are a good starting point. Operating techniques, band change plans for specific contests, how to examine your logs from last year for improvement this year, how to effectively psych-up before a contest, what to eat (and what not to eat) before and during a contest, where to find that long-path multiplier during the DX contest, how to work a VE8 on 40 meters during CW SS (Ha Ha Ha Ha! -ed.) how to determine when to call CQ and when to pounce, how to minimize inter-

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station interference in multi-multi or multi-single stations, the value of attenuators on receiver front-ends, etc. Some of these items are obvious to the successfull contester, but are mysteries to most of us.

We have a number of ways to distribute these tips and techniques: this publication, our meetings, and the weekly nets on Mondays at 8:30 PM on 3.825 MHz. In the past, some tips have been known to pass from member to member, but this has never been very efficient or organized. I suggest that we spend some time at the upcoming Christmas meeting discussing ways that we can more effectivly tap our resources in order to improve our performances.

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Current Readings
Items of Interest for Contesters

CQ Magazine, December 1982
"Active Antennas", Dr. Ulrich Rohde, DJ2LR, pp. 20-24.
"CQ Reviews: ETO Alpha 78", Lew McCoy, W1ICP, pp. 30-32.
"Rules, 1983 CQ 160-Meter Contest", p. 70.
"Results, 1982 CQ 160-Meter Contest", Don McClenon, N4IN, pp. 90-98.

QST, December 1982
"The Effect of Supporting Structures on Simple Wire Antennas", John Belrose, VE2CV, pp. 32-35.
"MINIMUF: A Simplified MUF-Prediction Program for Microcomputers", Robert Rose, K6GKU,
pp. 36-38.
"Rules, 1983 ARRL International DX Contest", pp. 88-89.

Ham Radio Magazine, December 1982
"Ham Radio Techniques", Bill Orr, W6SAI, pp. 58-62.
"Receiver Dynamic Range", Cornell Drentea, WB3JZO, pp. 77-79.
"Is It Stolen?", George Goldstone, W8AP, pp.84-86.

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KQ8M/O To Tie Knot

Tim Herrick, KQ8M, will marry Penny Ann Lewis of Chisholm, Minnesota at 1:00 PM on January 1, 1983 (sounds like a tax dodge to me). We wish him the best of luck in initiating his bride to the rigors of a contester's life.

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VP2E 1983 Plans
Jeff Maass, K8ND

I have now begun planning a major multi-single effort as VP2E in the 1983 CQWW CW DX Contest, and single-op or multi-single efforts in the 1983 ARRL 160-Meter Contest and 10-Meter Contests. The house used in our previous VP2E efforts has been reserved for our use from November 21 through December 14, 1983. If you are interested in joining any of these efforts, please contact me as soon as possible for details.

MRRC Sweepstakes SSB Scores
(Unduped, Preliminary Numbers)

Mad River-Eligible Scores

W8JI(WB8MZZ)	1450-74	214,600	
K8ND	1391-74	205,868	
K8AZ	1302-74	192,696	
K8SS	1050-73	153,300	
K8MR	987-74	146,076	
W8FN	859-71	121,978	(17 hours)
K3LR	606-74	89,686	(6 hours)
W8UPH	622-72	89,568	
KU8E	572-73	83,512	(12 hours, A- and B-power mixed)
AD8P	439-69	60,582	
WB8VPA	314-69	43,332	(7 Hours)
AA8S	166-41	13,612	
N8DET	75-40	6,000	
WD8MRF	??-??	4,884	
WB8JBM	1531-74	226,588	(Multi-single)
K1LT	963-74	142,524	(Multi-single)

MRRC SSB Total (Claimed to date): 1,794,806 Points

Other SSB scores of interest (Not eligible for MRRC(?)):

K3UA	1500-74	222,000	
K8MN	1237-74	183,076	
N5DX(K8CC)	1236-74	182,928	(18 Hours)
W8HD(WA8ZDT)	1075-74	159,100	

MRRC Sweepstakes CW Scores
(Unduped, Preliminary Numbers)

Mad River Eligible Scores

K3LR	1181-74	174,788	
WA8YVR	1024-74	151,552	
K8ND	985-72	141,840	
W8FN	934-72	134,496	
W8LNO	825-71	117,150	
KU8E	779-72	112,176	(A-Power)
W8CAR	716-70	100,240	
WA8RRR	716-69	98,808	
K8SS	707-65	91,910	
K8MR	624-70	87,360	
N8EA	617-70	86,380	
W8UPH	598-72	86,112	
K8DB(K8MR)	560-69	77,280	
WB8MZZ	325-70	45,500	(10 Hours)
AA8S	278-63	35,028	
K8NZ	119-32	7,616	
WB8JBM	1179-72	168,480	(Multi-Single)
K1LT	913-71	129,646	(Multi-Single)

MRRC CW Total (Claimed to date): 1,846,362 Points

Other CW scores of interest (Not eligible for MRRC(?)):

W8HD(WA8ZDT)	970-74	143,560	
K8MN	933-73	136,218	
KQ8M/O	843-72	121,392	

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MRRC CQWW CW DX Contest Scores
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AD8I	1636-138-385	2,452,870	(Multi-Single)
KS8S	1539-129-346	2,083,421	(Multi-Single)
K8GM	1500-???-???	2,000,000	(Multi-Single)
WA8YVR	1550-123-323	1,970,205	(Single-Op, All Band)
K8NZ	1586-114-297	1,857,761	(Single-Op, All Band)
WB8JBM(WD8IJP)	630- 31- 84	206,482	(Single Band 15 Meters)
K8MN	51- 8- 14	3,197	(Single Band 160 Meters)

MRRC CQWW SSB DX Contest Scores
(Preliminary, Unduped)

W8UA	1650-160-481	2,950,907	(Multi-Single)
AD8I	1713-145-447	2,716,096	(Multi-Single)
KS8S	1296-146-406	2,038,867	(Multi-Single)
WB8VPA	564-109-254	544,137	(Single-Op, All Band)
K8MR		200,970	(Single-Op, All Band)
W8UPH		181,832	(Single-Op, All Band)

ARRL 160 Meter Contest
(Preliminary, Unduped)

AD8I	760-77	119,119	(Single-Op)
W8LT	753-75	112,950	(Multi-Single)
N4AR	720-72	103,680	(Single-Op)
WB8JBM	570-??	?	(Multi-Single)
W8LNO	450-64	57,600	(Multi-Single)
W8FN	444-62	55,056	(Single-Op)
K8MR	35-25	1,750	(Single Op)
AD8P	5- 5	50	(Single-Op)

ARRL 10 Meter Contest
(Preliminary, Unduped)

AD8I(KU8E)	1890-134	(Mixed Mode)
WB8JBM(N8DCJ)	1520-130	(Mixed Mode)
K3UA	1050-120	(Mixed Mode)
K8MR	85-??	(Mixed Mode)
K3LR	47-25	(Mixed Mode)
AD8P	10-8	(Mixed Mode)
K8NZ	1260-121	(CW)
W8UA	950-105	(CW)
W8FN	809-104	(CW)
WA8TBQ	1550-124	(Multi-Single)

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For Sale

Drake 1500 Hz filter for an R4C, $35. Joe Subich, AD8I (614) 477-1373.
IRL FSK-500 RTTY TU, $200. IRC's, $40/100. Jeff Maass, K8ND (614) 451-3713.

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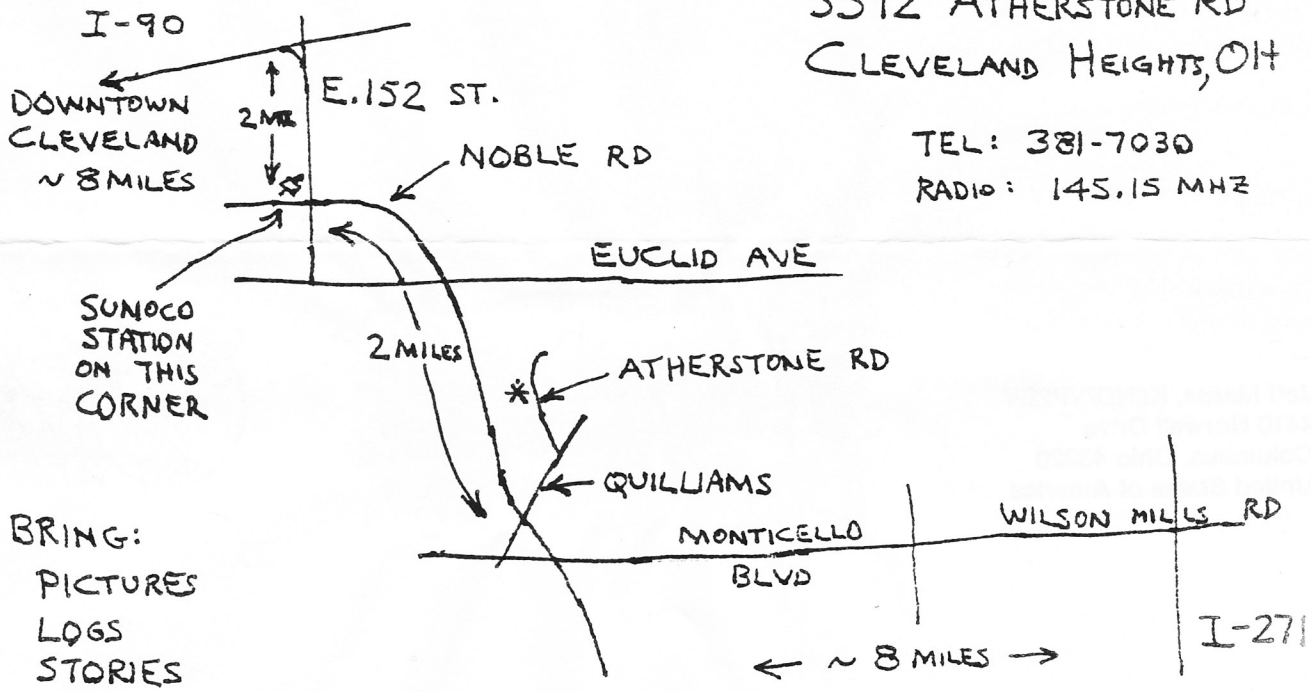

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