

## The Official Journal of the Mad River Radio Club

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FLASHES of Inspiration: Sweepstakes and other trivia  
 by Dave Pruett K8CC

You just had to be there Nov. 5-6 (CW) and Nov. 19-20 (Phone) for the 50th ARRL November Sweepstakes. MRRC was there, and in a big way! Long time member W8KIC said it best when he expressed a sense of deja vu, upon encountering the phone SS after a long period of inactivity and finding stations saluting one another with the battle cry GO MAD RIVER!!!

Yes we were there, W8YVR leading the pack on code with a Michigan record score and K8AZ showing the way on SSB. K8BE and W90BF topped 'A' power on code and phone respectively while the W88JBM juggernaut swept the multi-op category with record scores for Ohio. But strength lies in numbers, and these section leading scores were supported by a multitude of 'little guns'. These stations, limited by hardware or time constraints, got on to have some fun and help out the club score. Without them, MRRC would fall short of 50 entries and lack the points to be in the race. To everyone who got on, WELL DONE!!

The disturbing thing about the SS effort was the lack of support by many of our 'big guns', who tend to be DX contest types with no use for SS. Some of these stations weep and cry because 'the little gun' won't turn out for the DX competition, while others don't seem to care about the Club Competition and MRRC. The club expended a great deal of effort to put together a good 'SS Flash' and to get everyone on for SS. The lack of support from the club's 'big gun' stations was both disheartening and frustrating.

But hope is not lost. I continue to be encouraged by our new members, some of them relatively new hams. Both from their own stations and from multi-ops, they do MRRC proud. Their enthusiasm is contagious, their loyalty and spirit strong. They watch and listen for tips from the veterans to improve their stations. Who will be the next SS champ, the new DX contest king? We must instruct and support our new contesters, for as we old fossils fade away they will become the new Mad River Radio Club.

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## MAD RIVER NEWS

The next MRRC meeting will be the 7th Annual K8MR Christmas party on Friday December 30th starting at 7:30 PM (map and further details appear elsewhere in this issue). This is an excellent chance to get together with other members and exchange tips and techniques in an informal atmosphere. The Detroit Chapter plans on being well represented, and it would be great to see everyone there. Since Mad River is so spread out, it can be a bit of a drive for some guys (your editor is three hours away) but it is really worth the trip. Also, this is one of the four MRRC meetings each year so it's a good chance to maintain your contest eligibility.

Some of the members received copies of the National Contest Journal which appeared mysteriously out of thin air for no apparent reason. Editor K5ZD informs me that he sent out complimentary copies of the NCJ to some MRRC members from the club roster that appeared in the last 'Flash'. The National Contest Journal is to my knowledge the only national publication that specifically meets the needs of contesters and provides a forum for their input and ideas. It's worth the bucks to subscribe.

The big MRRC push this season was SS, but our club was well represented in most of the major events this fall. CQWW SSB saw NABV (s/o), KS8S (AD8P on 40M) plus m/s efforts at W8UA and AD8I. CQWW CW had W8YVR (s/o), W8LNO (80M) and m/s at KS8S and N4AR (fully half the crew were MRRC types). ARRL 160 saw AD8I do single op and KS8S and W8LT doing battle in the multic class. Fine jobs, one and all!

For the past few years, W8LNO has donated a plaque in the ARRL DX Test for the Top World 3.5 MHz score. For 1984, he has again donated the plaque but designated MRRC as sponsor. This is good publicity for the club, and Joe is to be commended for his initiative and generosity.

While on the subject of DX Test plaques, there is one awarded to the top All Band Phone score in the Great Lakes Division (donated by the Livonia Radio Club), but none for CW. It would be fitting and proper that MRRC would correct this oversight by sponsoring a plaque for the top All Band CW score in the Great Lakes Division. It only costs \$40, and the ARRL arranges to have the plaque made. Think about it, and we will discuss the matter at the Christmas Party. Now if we can just keep N4AR QRT....

## FOR SALE

Kenwood TS830S w/1st & 2nd IF filters \$750 VF0120 \$120 Heath SB220 \$450  
Johnson KW Matchbox w/SWR (immaculate) \$175 Wilson MT61A crankup tower  
w/tilt-over base, winches, cables, mast and Tailtwister rotor \$800  
Ray Reghorst W90BF (317) 872-9669

## CLAIMED MRRC CW SS SCORES

S/O: WABYVR	1093-74-161764	M/S: WBSJBM	1141-74-168868
KBCC	1032-74-152736	K1LT/8	926-74-137048
WBFN	940-74-139120	WBLT	770-74-113960
WABRRR	872-74-129056		
WBLNO	870-74-128760		
KBNZ	850-74-125800	QRP: KUBE	769-74-113812
WBSMZZ	800-74-118400	W90BF	710-74-105080
WM4T	786-74-116328	NBEA	410-66- 54120
KBMR	628-74- 92944		
KABETK	507-70- 73008		
KBDB (KBMR)	447-70- 62580		
W8UPH	431-70- 60340		
AASS	410-71- 58220		
KBEM	320-65- 41600		
KBAZ	305-72- 43920		
ADBI	280-71- 39760		
ADBP	218-65- 28340		

CW TOTAL: 2,265,564

## CLAIMED MRRC SSB SS SCORES

S/O: KBAZ	1322-73-193012	M/S: WBSJBM	1675-74-247900
KBCC	1169-72-168336	WBLT	1025-74-150960
WBSMZZ	1150-73-167900	NABV	750-72-108000
KBND	1000-74-148000	WABYVR	710-69- 97980
KBMR	999-74-147852		
KBBLH	864-74-127872		
WBFN	774-72-111456	QRP: W90BF	810-74-119880
WBLNO	700-72-108800	KCBJH	680-73- 99280
W8UA	611-74- 90428	NBCXX	579-70- 81060
W8UPH	591-73- 86286	NBDET	460-71- 65320
NBBTU	598-71- 82600		
NSATR	435-72- 62640		
KUBE/8	320-67- 42880		
ADBI	215-59- 25370		
WABRRR	178-42- 14952		
NBET	126-54- 13608		

SSB TOTAL: 2,562,372

TOTAL: 4,827,936  
47 entries

Note that all of the above are claimed scores as reported to me. Many guys later reported final scores, but the logistics of updating the list proved impossible. The MRRC SS Plaques will be awarded on the basis of final scores as given in QST. The club is going to attempt to get the final results from the ARRL in April, hopefully in time to award the plaques at the Dayton meeting.

### SEVENTH ANNUAL KBMR CHRISTMAS PARTY and MRRC Meeting

Friday December 30, 1983

7:30 PM until whenever

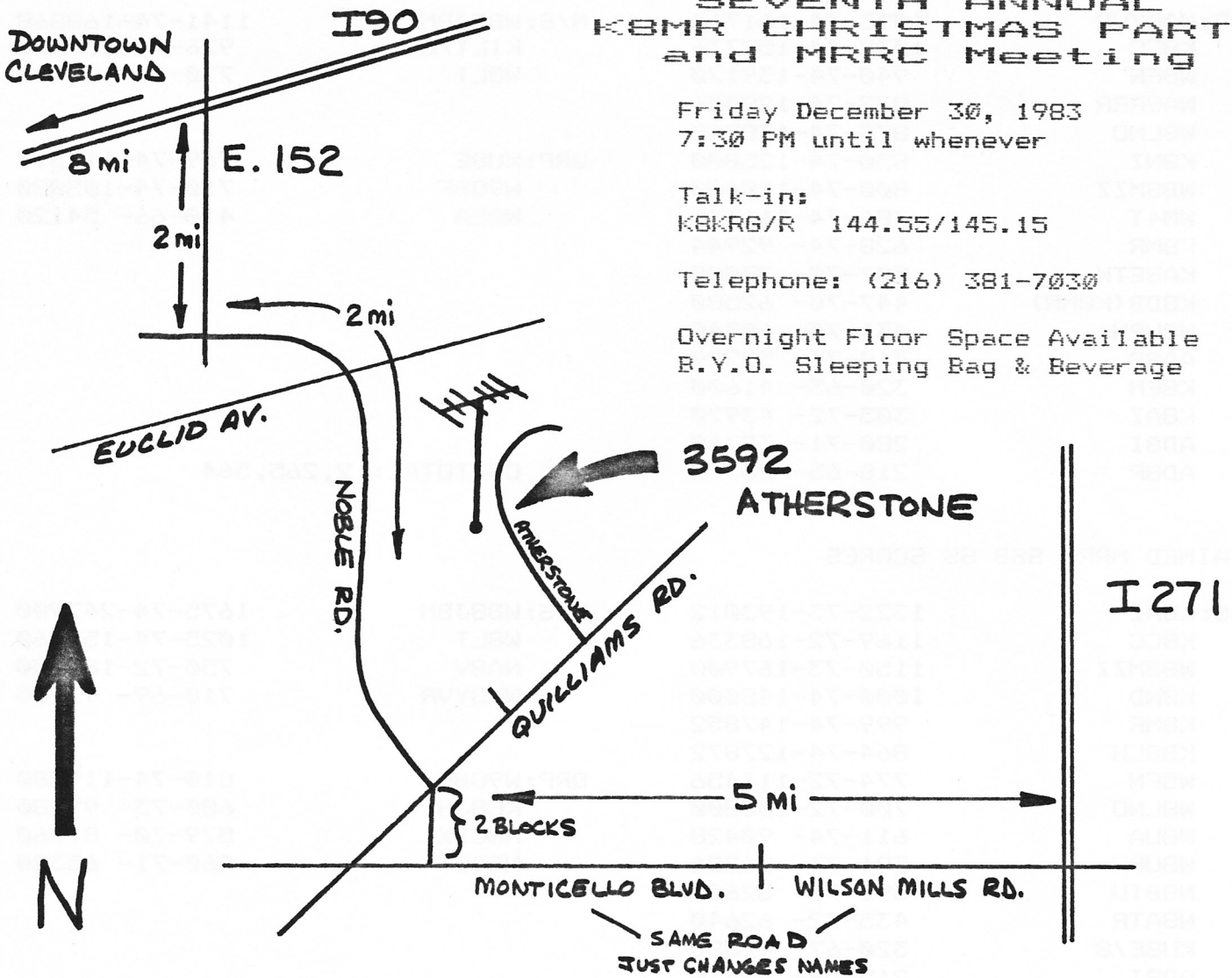
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