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CHALLENGE!!!

Dave Patton, AH2U, President of the Society of Midwest Contesters (SMC) telephoned on September 7 asking MRRC to accept a challenge by SMC for the SweepStakes. The payoff by the loser would consist of some kind of "feed" at the Hamvention, such as beer and brats, etc. Seemed like a good idea to the Big Fish so he said Yup. Dave and Joe will figure out how to figure out who pays off. In the meantime, please be advised there is new found reason to get geared up for the SS.

Many of you will recall that the SMC joint ventured our suite at Dayton last year. They are gentlemen and worthy competitors for our humble group. de W8LN0

BIG FISH

The Findlay meeting was great. Fifteen or so turned out for a world class hamburger and ice cream extravaganza at the home of Tina and Bill Kelsey, N8ET, and 39 appeared at the Sunday meeting at the hamfest. Very good representation from the Michigan crowd, in fact cursory review of the signup sheet idicates that they outnumbered the Ohio contingent. Thanks, Northerners and thanks, Tina and Bill.

Those present reaffirmed the MRRC commitment to winning a gavel in the 1986 November SweepStakes. I've been told that only 'old men' make reference to the NOVEMBER SS. For some, it is the only way to remember when to turn on the radio.

The first and third weekends of November will be upon us before we are ready for them. Please get your stations set now. Put up a low 40 dipole and fix the rotor on your beam, replace the diodes in the amp power supply and order that KC Keyer from KOCS. Do it. page two.. * * * * * * * * *

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BIG FISH CONTINUED

The ARRL DX Test results are out. It looks like K8CC doesn't have to buy any plaques but W8LNO must present one to WD8IXE for his division winning SSB score. LNO won the code competition in the division to avoid spending any money on that event. W8KIC and K8AZ must determine to whom their "special recognition" award will be presented. The honorees will receive their booty at the K8MR Christmas party.

On a sad note, N8ET informed me that Ron Chippari, N6AUV, is to undergo major surgery on October 12. Serious. I've sent someting appropriate in the name of the club inasmuch as Ron has befriended many of the MRRC gang at Dayton and other events over the years. We all hope the medicine man comes out with the right answers.

KU8E continues to receive lots of membership renewals and we have a number of new members, including K8BL and N8BJQ who has just returned to the Dayton area following a stint on the West Coast.Welcome to all.

Jeff also has a rhubarb going with ARRL due to the handling of the W8LT and K88S single band scores for the '86 DX Test. The contest committee, aka W10D, combined all single band entries under the same call to create multi/multi entries and deprive the participants, namely KU8E, NZ4K and KD8NS, of high national recognition in their respective single band categories. Jeff is going after this one in such a way that a change in rules OR a change in the reported scores, one year later, will take place.

The MRRC DX Contest Operating Guide will not arrive at your QTH in time for the WW fone test; however, it will appear in plenty of time for the CW running. Those of you who have agreed to contribute to that effort should send your material to W8LNO asap. Thanks, Mike (W8UA), for your timely response.

If you are going to enter SS, please do it with the commitment to generate a minimum of 50-60,000 points for each mode entered. We want to compete in the Medium caterory — there in no way we can be competitive as an "unlimited" club. See you on for the WW. Joe, WBLND SPRINT RESULTS

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CW-TEAM A		CW-TEAM B		SSB TEAM		
K3LR	280X35	KBAQM	37X17	KWBN	293X37	
KBMR	226X35	KQ8M	159X31	WBLT	246X34	(NZ4K)
WBFN	204X34	K8JM	127X29	KD8NS	234X33	
MD81XE	201X34	KD8NS	184X31	N8ET	203X29	
WBLT	221X34 (KU8E)	W8ZD	96X24	WABARS	41X19	
MBLNO	223X31	WM4T	145X29	W 8LNO	196X33	
KBNZ	219X34	AD8P	193X29	NBCXX	6 X6	
KWBN	225X32			K8MR	89X25	
MBUMD	165X?(N9AG)			NE8T	?,	
NBET	223X29			KBAZ	?	

These scores are in no obvious order. Thanks to all who participated. With more leadtime for the February running we should be able to field three teams for cw and two for ssb. We done good! Thanks to KUSE for collecting the scores.