

# The FLASH Flash

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Strange things appear in the mails these days, like this "FLASH" flash! Greetings from southeastern Michigan and..."standby for NEWS!"

It seems that at the K8MR seasonal bash some heavy contest types from the Indiana Contester group have offered Mac River a very serious challenge that involves a traveling trophy. They seem to think that when the smoke clears from both the cw and ssb CQ WW 160m Contest that their group will have a greater club score (both modes combined) than our club could ever have. Obviously, they are in error and live with serious delusions!

The challenge has been accepted and "the Fish" has decreed that we fire-up for this one and firmly put these poor souls in their place (2nd, of course)! John would like to see a 250+ Q per mode effort from each member to soundly trounce these "Hoosiers" (Hosers?).

It seems to me, reflecting on past scores, that with the efforts by K8SS, W8FN, W88JBM, W8LT, N8EA and the many many more calls I've heard in this contest that we can produce an outstanding aggregate score. If you consult the latest "FLASH" and follow the list of stations that offer multi op facilities, everyone can find a place to contribute. This challenge is just what we in Mac River need to pep us up for ARRL DX!

Hmm, I'm wondering just how much greater will be the scores contributed by the Michigan members than the Ohio gang? Anyway, I have "volunteered" to tally-up our scores, so file your summary sheets with me after the test.

Other "FLASH" flash tibits include a reminder to prepare yourselves for the ARRL DX Contests and to show strong for Mac River and go to the max! Finally, a reminder from K5ZD to join the SPRINT. The dates are:

CW...Feb.6 7:00-11:00 EST  
SSB...Feb.13 7:00-11:00 EST

Randy is looking to form a MR cw team...contact him for details.

That's it for the "FLASH" flash. See you on 160m! "Go Mac River!"

73.

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