

The Flash

February 1990

FROM THE FISH

Actually, this whole issue is from the Fish, which explains why it is lacking the fancier format you have grown accustomed to. Ken, WD9INF, is too busy with school (i.e. work) projects such as publishing a yearbook, so I've taken over to get the Flash out in time for the ARRL DX Contest.

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DX CONTEST!!!

The big one for the season is the ARRL DX test, CW on February 17-18, phone on March 3 - 4. Mad River is looking to run up a big club score in this one, which will happen if and only if we turn out the people and turn on the radios. This one could be as close to the peak of the eleven year solar cycle as we'll come, so don't miss it.

If you don't know what category to enter, consider the single op assisted category which is being offered for the first time in the ARRL tests. Even if you aren't able to operate full time or close to it, with a moderate effort to hit all the bands a very good multiplier and good score is readily possible.

Please report your scores to K8MR afterward, packet at the K8AZ Cluster, @W8GRG for those out of range of the Ohio cluster system, or by mail or phone.

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Mad River Radio Club

Weekly net: Monday evening, 3825KHz, 8:30pm local

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The semiannual ARRL Board of Directors meeting was held January 19 & 20, though with little of direct impact on the contest area. K1CC is now the Contest Advisory Committee chairman. 12 and 17 meter endorsements for 5BDXCC were approved, and a study is to be done on field checking QSLs for initial DXCC applications.

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CQ 160 METER CONTEST

It may be a bit hard to get excited about top band contests when the DX is so good on the higher bands, but MRRC did turn out the following reported efforts in the CQ 160 CW Contest.

Multi - Op		Single-Op	
K8AQM	602/63	K8CC	100/37
WD9INF	520/65	KE8OC	77/34
K8XX	518/61	K8MR	31/16
NF8R	360/51	W8CAR	201/43
WD8LLD	409/66		

CQ 160 Phone FEBRUARY 23-25

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NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT - CW

MRRC entered a seven man team in the February CW sprint, with the following results.

K8MR	293	46	13,478	99	116	78	
W8LT	281	46	12,926	97	119	65	(KU8E)
K8CC	290	42	12,180	92	115	83	
KW8N	296	39	11,544	95	131	70	
W8FN	243	37	8,991				
WD8LLD	214	39	8,346				
WD8AUB	209	33	6,887				
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			74,362				

FCC APPROVES SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE CONTEST SIGNAL REPORTS

In response to a petition by the Northern California Contest Club, the Federal Contest Commission (FCC) has issued a Special Temporary Authorization (STA) permitting use of the signal report "49" on voice or "499" on CW, honoring the second consecutive Super Bowl victory of the San Francisco 49ers professional football team.

The use of the "49" or "499" reports is permitted effective immediately through the opening kickoff of the 1990 NFL regular season.

The Commission however decline to approve the "33" or "339" reports requested by the NCCC to note the 49ers attempt for a "threepeat" in next year's football season. It noted that similar talk was quite recently heard from a southern California basketball team, but that its quest was soundly turned back by a group from W8 land. Therefore this part of the petition was denied as premature.

For further information, contact Mr. Noel Beam of the FCC at (800)599-5905. From outside the continental U.S. or Canada call (202)599-1000.

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KB IN THE ARRL DX TEST! GO MAD RIVER!!