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DAYTON PARKING UPDATE

Due to a change of policy of the management of the Salem Mall, its parking lots will not be available for the Hamvention overflow parking this year. In its place the Hamvention has arranged for parking at Fair Radio Sales in Lima, 70 miles to the north. A spokesperson for the Hamvention remarked, "Although we regret the additional distance on the shuttle bus ride, any inconvenience will be offset by the ability to browse through Fair Radio's large and varied assortment of surplus during the normal, never-ending wait for a bus." He reiterated the Hamvention's long standing policy of free 'on site' parking for the first one hundred customers each day.

MAD RIVER TO SHARE SUITE THIS YEAR

Thanks to our good friend, Dave Pruett, K8CC, arrangements have recently been made to co-host a suite at Dayton this year with the 3995 HAPPY HOUR RAGCHEWERS CLUB. Dave, a regular check-in with this bunch has assured us of a good time but advises that personal conversations may be subject to obnoxious QRM! The suite will be open each night from 7-9 in room 3995.

WPX CONTEST REVISIONS

CQ Magazine has announced sweeping revisions of its popular WPX Contest. The contest multiplier for this late March and May event has been changed from the traditional prefixes to the suffixes worked. Contest chairman Steve Boiling, N8BJQ, commented, "With the passing of the era of the late Bernie Welch and Frank Anzalone, it was an opportune time to review operation fo the contest. In light of the fact that in recent years there are more unique prefixes than suffixes, we decided that suffixes are now a more appropriate contest multiplier." A suffix is defined as all letters after the letter/number prefix. For example, YT3A, NP4A, J37A, and CF25A would all be the same suffix, "A". Various appended items such as /A, /P, /KH3, or /PT1 are not considered part of the suffix and do not count as multipliers. Boiling appologized for the short notice of the change, but expressed hope that any inconvenience to the participants would be minor.

NEW CONTEST: W.A.L. (WORKED ALL LIDS)

73 Magazine has just announce a new contest which should be of interest to many hams: WORKED ALL LIDS. The exchange is simple: call, signal report, serial number, and state but.....in order to qualify, you must send incorrect information. For example, WD8LLD might send: WD8LID, 59, 001, Ohio; W8FN might send: W8FN, 74, 002, Ohio; or WD8IXE might QSY after receiving a report before giving out his report. Bonus points are given if your CORRECT call is found to be a unique! Contest date: April 31:SSB and June 31:CW. Hats off to Wayne for what appears to be another Wonderful 73 Magazine sponsored contest!

FROM THE FISH

The days are getting longer, the weather at least occasionally gets warm, and therefore it's soon time for Dayton! That also means the start of Mad River's new year.

The Dayton meeting will have the annual election/railroad of new officers. I'm looking for a successor as Big Fish; Goose, WD8LLD has done an FB job as treasurer, but I'll leave it to him to decide if he wants to continue by running for reelection. If you're interested in the club leadership, get your campaign committee in action soon.

Congratulations to Bob Hayes, KW8N, on his world-wide first place single op all band effort in last year's WPX SSB test from KP2A! Bob outtalked P4ØV down in South American 3 point land to win the contest - good show, Bob.

See you all at Dayton! 73 de Jim

DAYTON INFO

MEETING: 12:00 Noon Saturday - In the stands above the Cushcraft Booth - Same location as in the past few years.

SUITE: Sorry, there is none this year. Another group grabbed the room we had last year when they checked out of the hotel on Sunday morning; we decided not to pursue the small suite on the top floor which we had had in other years. So for this year at least we're in the Search & Pounce mode.

DINNER: For the past few years we have stopped on Friday evening at the Upper Crust deli on Main Street, about 2/3 of the way downtown from Hara Arena. This is a bright yellow building on the west side of the street. Presumably its still there and hasn't been painted brown!

Randy, W8FN, is checking out a possible return to the Old Hickory ribs restaurant on Saturday. This has not yet been confirmed with the restaurant, so keep in touch at Dayton.

FROM THE EDITOR

My greatest disappointment this year is the fact that MAD RIVER is not hosting a suite. It was 4 years ago that I was first introduced to MAD RIVER: at the Mad River Suite!! It's a shame that after the very successful suite last year, along with the successful suites of the past, we couldn't get our act together to do something this year. I am well aware that we were late in reserving a suite, and that no suites were available, but that shouldn't ever happen again. As contesters, we strive to win, to be FIRST, and it bothers me that we lost to another contest club. If we want a suite, let's make it a Priority and make sure we get one for next year!!

For two years, now, Ted (K8AQM) and I have been putting out the FLASH. As you probably know, we've been passing the responsibility back and forth and the next 6-8 issues should come from him. Since Ted and I live less than 30 miles away and converse on an almost daily basis, information about Mad River and what needs to go in the paper, is readily available. One of the difficulties we have is having QUICK access to current paid membership, mailing labels, along with Mad River funds to pay for the publication and postage. I'd like to announce my candidacy for Treasurer, next year. I believe it would be advantageous in the publication of the paper. See you in Dayton - Ken, WD9INF.