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From the MRRRC 'Big Fish'

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KU8E's photo will be here next issue!

Well, Mr. Clarke actually had something to say, but your editor managed to lose it some where within the gigabyte of his computer. My apologies to Jeff - come check in next time for the utterings of our fearless leader!

Editor

Findlay Hamfest and MRRRC Meeting

The Findlay Hamfest and MRRRC meeting will be held September 7, 1997 at the Hancock Country Fairgrounds in Findlay, OH. This is a pretty good sized hamfest, with good turnout for dealers and trunk sales alike. For directions, see the map on page 3 of this newsletter.

Findlay also happens to be the geographic center of MRRRC. There will be an official club meeting at 12:00 noon in the meeting building. As described elsewhere in this newsletter, the club has a couple of items to discuss. Also, as an official club meeting, attendance will meet half of your annual meeting requirements for the ARRL Affiliated Club Championship.

The meeting place and time is usually announced over the PA system, but make a note and plan to attend.

Club Eligibility for Submitting Scores

The question comes up about this time every year - "Am I eligible to submit my score for MRRRC in Club Competition?" This is an important question, so let's take a moment to review the requirements.

MRRRC has no requirements of its own for what constitutes a "member", however you cannot be on the roster without paying your dues.

CQ Magazine has no specific member requirements for submitting scores.

The ARRL allows only ARRL-Affiliated Clubs to submit scores. In addition, members must have attended at least two club meetings in the past twelve months to be eligible. A multi-operator entry must be comprised of two-thirds eligible operators for the score to be allowed to count.

Sweepstakes Clinic

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Fall is coming, and with it the annual contesting classic, the November Section Sweepstakes. To help everyone get geared up for SS and to improve ourselves, how about having an "SS Clinic" some time in early October?

MRRRC has some of the best W8 SSers amongst our members. These people are a treasure-trove of knowledge about SSing from our part of the country. How about having a meeting where these experts could share this information with other members?

We could poll the members for the topics they would like covered, but here are some for starters:

- CW vs. SSB techniques
- Planning & managing off time
- Running vs. S&P
- Band selection
- Advanced techniques

I would be glad to host such a meeting at K8CC, but a location in NW Ohio might be more centrally convenient. I would propose running the meeting from perhaps 10 AM to 3 PM with a break for a lunch which would be covered by a small charge. Whaddaya think? Come discuss the idea at the Findlay MRRRC meeting.

The *FLASH* is the official newsletter of the Mad River Radio Club, and is published six times per year in even-numbered months. Submissions of material for the *FLASH* are welcome, and may be sent to the editor at the address of the last page.

The Mad River Radio Club is an ARRL-affiliated club of amateur radio contesting enthusiasts. The club area is centered on Findlay, OH, and serves the surrounding states. Membership in the MRRRC is open to anyone. Dues are \$12 per year, payable to club treasurer KE8OC. Please make checks out to Tim O'Sullivan.

In addition to six in-person meetings per year, MRRRC has an informal net every Monday evening at 8:30 PM Eastern time on 3825 KHz ± QRM. Everyone is welcome to check in for the latest club news and information.

The Editor's Keyboard

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If you think its been a while since you've seen a *FLASH*, you're right. The last issue was pre-Dayton which was May-June. This was not due to sheer laziness on the part of your editor as many of you know. The weekend before Field Day 1997, I had a stroke.

On Sunday afternoon (June 22), I was spending a lazy afternoon on the couch watching the NASCAR race on the big screen TV. Around 2 PM, I started to feel tingling in the fingers on my left hand and also my left toes. I had no pain, and otherwise felt fine. By bedtime, my entire left hand and left foot were tingling, and although I was concerned, I decided to wait until morning to see if the tingling would go away.

When I awoke, my entire left arm and leg were tingling so I decided it was time to go to the hospital. I got up, shaved, showered and dressed, then my dad drove me to emergency. My blood pressure was 225/150, which is **VERY** high. I received a CAT scan of my head which showed nothing out of order, and indeed I felt pretty good despite the obvious anxiety. The doctors said they believed I was having a stroke and all we could do was ride it out. By noon the left side of my torso and the left side of my head up to the ear were involved, and most of my left side felt numb. By 3 PM they decided to admit me to the hospital, and by 5 PM the neurologist decreed that the stroke has run its course. At 6 PM I received my first medicine to start trying to lower my blood pressure.

I spent the next week in the hospital while the doctors tried different regimens of medicines to bring my blood pressure down. It turns out to be a very "cut and try" process, for each person's physiology responds differently. It was a pretty boring week, just Oprah and CNN for entertainment on the TV, although I did have my laptop for a couple days with access to my e-mail. I thought about the guys doing Field Day during Saturday and Sunday. Probably the only good part about my hospital stay was the young female intern they assigned to my case was an absolute doll. If only I were ten years younger...

I spent the month of July recovering at home, then went back to work. My prognosis is good - I have no paralysis so I have motor control, but most of my left side is still effected with moderately severe tingling as the residual numbness from the stroke subsides. I have no pain, but the tingling is annoying and sometimes causes false sensations. The doctors cannot treat the tingling, but they say that in the majority of cases it goes away in time. I'm optimistic it will do so - I've seen significant improvement in the two months since the stroke.

I've been fortunate to have had no debilitating side effects from the medicines I'm taking.

There's a lesson in my experience for everyone, and that's why I devoted the space this month to tell it. Prior to the stroke, I had none of the telltale signs of high blood pressure (headaches, blurred vision, and dizziness). I'm a reasonably healthy person, so I rarely go to the doctor and I can't recall the last time I had my blood pressure checked. The neurologist who examined me said that my heart exhibits sounds indicative of long term undiagnosed hypertension - that means my blood pressure has been high for a long time.

The medical profession refers to high blood pressure as "the silent killer". Along with heart attacks and cancer, it is one of the top three killers of adults in the United States. My neurologist said that my blood pressure when I came to emergency was high enough to have killed me if gone untreated. Don't make the mistake I did, and proceed through life ignorant of the time bomb ticking within. See your doctor and get your blood pressure checked. High blood pressure can be easily treated - why go through life living with the risk?

Enough with the public service announcement. This weekend is the Findlay Hamfest and MRRC meeting. Although its no Dayton (is anything?), Findlay is a real good hamfest for a "local" event - N8ET informs me about 3,000 people show up every year. Findlay is also the geographic center of the club, which means that on average, it should be the easiest one for the membership as a whole to attend.

There are several important pieces of business to attend to at the Findlay meeting. The Southeast Michigan DX Association (SEMDXA) has approached us about co-sponsoring our hospitality suite at Dayton. Since the MRRC treasury winds up subsidizing part of the suite each year, adding a partner would ease our financial burden. There are a number of ways this could be accomplished, from a simple financial contribution to splitting the task 50/50. SEMDXA feels its would promote their club to participate in our suite. I know most of the SEMDXA people personally and I think this would be a good thing. However, what do YOU think? Come to the Findlay meeting and be part of the discussion.

The other item of business concerns an idea I picked up from the Southern California Contest Club (SCCC) newsletter for an "SS Clinic". See the article elsewhere in this newsletter.

For the VHFer's amongst us, I'll be looking for you from grid FM19 next weekend. I've been invited to come operate from a central PA mountaintop with the group at **K3MQH**. My connection to this group is Tyler, **K3MM** who was part of our WP3X team in March. It ought to be interesting to operate with such a well-equipped group, and I'll report next issue.

CU at Findlay!

73, de Dave, K8CC

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Treasurer's Report

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We finally got the tally done for the 1997 Dayton Suite, which turned out about typical. As we head into the fall we're in pretty good shape.

Balance reported 5/97 \$293.51

Income

Dues received \$512.00
Badge Income \$ 10.00
Dayton Suite Income \$288.67
Refund for KE8RO P/S \$ 80.00

Expenses

Net Dayton Expenses \$381.71
Deposit for Dayton 1998 \$195.00
Checking Acct Maintenance \$ 13.00
Flash Printing \$ 87.00

Balance 5/97 \$508.47

Respectfully Submitted, **Tim O'Sullivan, KE8OC**

MRRRC Scores

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WPX CW

K8GT	326 253	224,758	
K8BE	247 187	123,233	
NOODX	237 170	100,640	K8MR op.
K4LT	130 109	34,989	+ packet
VE32TH	110 97	32,455	+ packet
AC8W	739 445	843,275	multi-single @ K8DD

JUNE VHF QSO Party

K8MR	50	87	37
	144	106	35
	222	35	22
	432	69	29
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	297	123	= 49,323

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