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## MRRC CALENDAR

**August - September 1999**

**OHIO QSO Party**  
August 28 1999

**NCJ CW Sprint**  
September 4, 1999

**NCJ SSB Sprint**  
September 11, 1999

**ARRL September VHF QSO Party**  
September 11, 1999

**MRRC Meeting - Findlay, OH**  
September 12, 1999

**MRRC Meeting - Adrian, MI**  
September 19, 1999

**NCJ SSB Sprint**  
September 11, 1999

## From the 'Big Fish'

By Tim Mitchell, K9TM  
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The Big Fish is back from his annual salmon fishing trip. If the upcoming contest season is as good as the salmon fishing was this year, we are in for a treat. Usually during the fishing trip there is plenty of time to reflect on the past contest season and other events in life. This year it was more like the Sprint with the poles going off like crazy... two or three at a time.

As the summer winds down, many members are tuning up for the upcoming contest season while others are continuing station improvements. Those tuning up have used the NAQP and Sprint as well as the OQP to shake the cobwebs off of themselves and their stations. Others are continuing to work on station improvements for the DX contest season.

Speaking of the OQP, I will not say too much as I'm sure there are articles in the works, MRRC did itself proud with this event. The first OQP under the new format was a big success. Thanks to all of those who organized and operated in this event. Also, thanks to our co-sponsors the Buckeye Belles and the Cuyahoga ARA.

The MQP and OQP have good foundations to continue to build upon. It is exciting to see the interest in these events and various members checking out a new way to contest... mobile! It presents a different set of challenges and is quite a bit of fun. I have already heard groups planning next years mobile adventures.

Another sign that the summer is over is the Findlay Hamfest. We have some business to take care of at this years Findlay meeting. Items on the agenda include: nomination/confirmation of a WRTC 2000 competitor and decision on

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## UPCOMING MRRC MEETINGS

**Findlay Hamfest**  
**Adrian Hamfest**

**Sunday, September 12, 1999**  
**Sunday, September 19, 1999**

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Why do you belong to MRRC? I suppose each of us has our reasons; has the club turned out to be what you expected?

When I joined in 1982 I was thrilled to be part of the biggest and best contest club in the Midwest, and I anticipated learning a lot from the club "Big Guns". I was somewhat surprised to be elected 'Big Fish' at my first meeting. I immediately felt the burden of publishing the *FLASH*. I showed up at the next meeting ready to give a program on installing beams on a tower with a tram system, only to find out nobody was expecting a program at the meeting.

It did not take me long to figure out how MRRC worked. The club big guns like AD8I, K3LR, K8AZ and KS8S were doing things, were on for every contest. K8ND was leading annual expeditions to VP2E. The rest of us, the tribander and dipoles crowd, reveled in SS and the other domestic contests. There was a lot going on.

Today, MRRC has a lot more going for it. It is MUCH easier now to produce a much better *FLASH* than in 1982. We have the MRRC Reflector, our Web site, and packet radio to communicate within the club. We are still one of the leading contesting organizations within the USA. We have resurrected two state QSO parties that give every indication that they will thrive again. Why then, does it feel like nothing is going on?

There is a core group of about a dozen people who make things happen in MRRC. This is the group that shows up on the Monday Night Net, who are active on the reflector, participate in club events such as Field Day or the QSO parties. What about the other 80% of the club?

Back in 1989 when almost a third of the club split off to form NCC that the majority of MRRC members preferred a club which served their interest level, and not the other way around. At the same time, contesting is about achievement and operating. Its fun to talk and plan about contesting, but there comes a time to do it.

Please try to make the Findlay and/or the Adrian club meetings. Be prepared to voice your opinions on the subjects that are discussed, and maybe step up to a task or two. In my 17 years as a MRRC member, I've always gotten great satisfaction from the effort I put into this club. You will too.

73, de Dave, K8CC

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☆ **DON'T FORGET!** ☆

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☆ **THIS MEANS YOU!** ☆

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☆ With contest season just around the corner, we need YOUR ☆

☆ contributions for the next MRRC Flash. Share your knowledge ☆

☆ with your fellow contesters - start working NOW on an article! ☆

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☆ Deadline for publication: ☆

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☆ **October 1, 1999** ☆

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### Big Fish

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supporting concentration on SS CW, SS SSB, ARRL 10m and ARRL 160 contests. We can also get a report from the regional coordinators to see what is in store for this contest season.

There are two meetings in the next couple of weeks. The Findlay meeting and the Adrian meeting. Thanks to Bill N8ET for sponsoring the Findlay meeting and to Ted K8AQM for sponsoring the Adrian meeting. Here are two more chances to make a meeting to be eligible for this contest season as an MRRC member. I am planning on being at both meetings, hope to see you there.

73 de Tim, K9TM

## Preliminary MRRC OQP Mobile Scores

### N8VW/m (+KU8E)

County	CW	SSB	Tot	Mul
Delaware	10	10	20	18
Franklin	13	2	15	13
Fairfield	15	2	17	15
Perry	16	-	16	9
Athens	9	16	25	22
Hocking	10	-	10	9
Vinton	22	12	34	27
Meigs	16	15	31	25
Gallia	18	25	43	31
Jackson	16	28	44	31
Lawrence	21	17	38	27
Scioto	22	19	41	29
Pike	16	13	29	24
Ross	16	9	25	22
Pickaway	31	8	39	25
Fayette	20	3	23	17
Greene	17	1	18	15
Clark	16	-	16	15
Champaign	12	2	14	14
Logan	5	0	5	5

**TOTALS**      **321**    **182**    **503**    **373**

### K8CC/m (+W8RU)

County	CW	SSB	Tot	Mul
Lucas	3	11	14	12
Ottawa	11	1	12	11
Sandusky	11	6	17	12
Erie	16	1	17	12
Lorain	10	7	17	16
Cuyahoga	10	6	16	15
Lake	16	13	29	23
Ashtabula	16	14	30	22
Geauga	14	19	33	27
Trumbull	13	12	25	20
Mahoning	10	4	14	13
Portage	14	15	29	21
Summit	16	12	28	23
Medina	18	23	41	28
Ashland	14	20	34	27
Huron	13	29	42	29
Seneca	23	12	35	28
Crawford	16	22	38	30
Wyandot	13	9	22	17
Marion	32	9	41	26
Hardin	26	2	28	16
Hancock	12	3	15	14
Wood	16	3	19	17

**TOTALS**      **343**    **253**    **596**    **459**

### K8XXX/m

#### (K8AA, K8AQM, N8KR, N8SZ)

County	CW	SSB	Tot	Mul
Adams	24	13	37	19
Allen	21	-	21	15
Auglaize	21	-	21	15
Brown	14	18	32	29
Butler	18	14	32	27
Clermont	27	13	40	29
Clinton	34	4	38	21
Darke	10	17	27	23
Defiance	9	1	10	10
Hamilton	8	24	32	26
Henry	14	-	14	10
Highland	28	11	39	26
Mercer	6	7	13	11
Miami	23	-	23	14
Mont	31	1	32	21
Paulding	19	8	27	21
Preble	12	17	29	25
Putnam	21	-	21	17
Shelby	19	-	19	17
VanWert	14	11	25	21
Warren	35	-	35	19
Williams	7	18	25	22

**TOTALS**      **415**    **177**    **592**    **438**

### AF8A/m (+W8AV)

County	CW	SSB	Tot	Mul
Wayne	9	-	9	9
Holmes	13	1	14	11
Tuscarawas	9	3	12	12
Stark	9	-	9	9
Columbiana	9	1	10	9
Carroll	13	2	15	11
Jefferson	14	-	14	8
Harrison	23	1	24	16
Belmont	14	5	19	18
Monroe	17	14	31	21
Washington	17	5	22	17
Morgan	27	3	30	20
Noble	36	11	47	26
Guernsey	7	14	31	21
Muskingum	28	6	34	21
Licking	5	-	5	4
Coshocton	22	-	22	17
Knox	16	-	16	15
Richland	14	-	14	13
Ashland	3	-	3	3

**TOTALS**      **305**    **66**    **371**    **281**

## Michigan Section Report

By Dave Pruett, K8CC  
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There is a lot of activity going on in Michigan as MRRCCers get ready for the contest season.

**Ken, W8MJ** is raising the tower with his TH7 stack from 70' to 100' and will add a third beam. This should provide a little more oomph for Ken's 100W in CQP and SS.

**Dennis, KT8X** has purchased a Mosley 2L 40 and a longer mast to mount it above his 70' high KT34XA. Dennis' experiences in this year's ARRL DX contests pointed to 40M as the band he needed to improve.

**Bruce, AA8U** is planning on working CQWW CW this fall single operator, all band. The AA8U station is certainly up to the task, and Bruce is getting operating tips from Dave, K8CC who has done S/O A/B before.

**Don, WX3M** has rejoined MRRCC after finishing his studies at U of M. Welcome back Don, you were missed.

**Ted, K8AQM** is working to replace the tower he lost in the wind storms last spring. The tower (100' 45G) is halfway up, and a Force 12 2L40/4L20 is on order.

**Dave, K8CC** continues to get his station ready for the fall season activity. Plans are to add another operating position for 80M, replace the computers damaged in this spring's "electrostatic event", and perform some maintenance out in the antenna field. Operators are needed for for multi-multi efforts in CQWW SSB and CW. If you would like to join the K8CC crew for either of these contests, please drop Dave a line ASAP.

**MEMBERS** - Please check your roster information in this issue and inform club treasurer KE8OC of any changes (see last page for address). Please also note your dues status; if the DUES column indicates "pd99" you are good for the 1999-2000 season. Members with unpaid dues will cease receiving the *FLASH* after this issue.

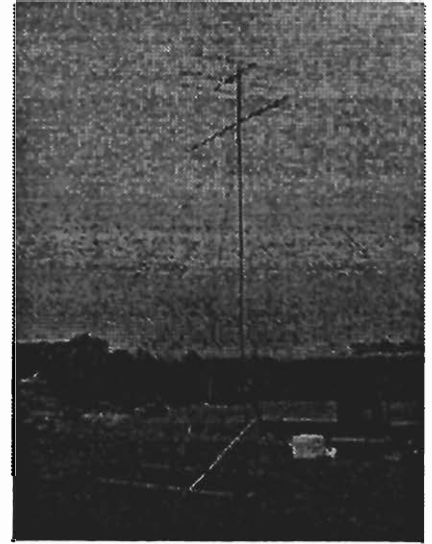
## K8MAD - MRRC Field Day 1999



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50/144 Antennas

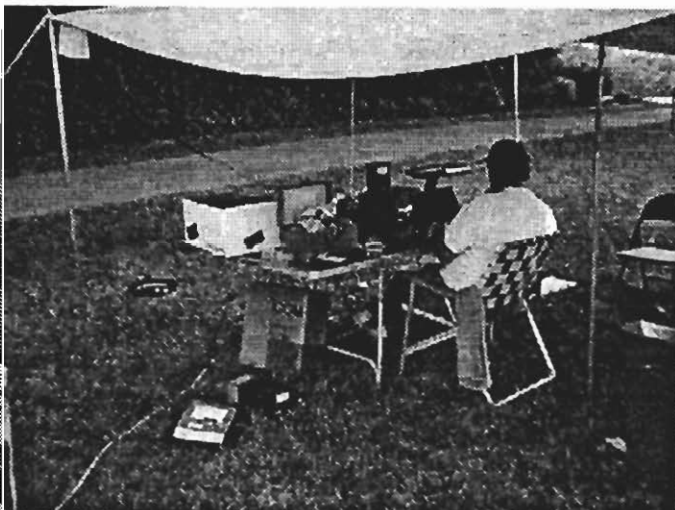
The MRRC 1999 Field Day was held at the Case Western Reserve Squire Valleyvue Farm near Cleveland, OH. The club operated in class 2A, with two HF positions (80/20/10 & 40/15) plus a VHF position (50/144). Ops were Dave-K8CC, Jim-K8MR, Tim-K9TM, Jeff-KU8E, Alan-W8AJ and Goose-W8AV.

3400+ QSOs and 10K+ points is not too bad for 100W and a bunch of wire (OK, so the VHF antennas were aluminum...)

band	CW	SSB
80	318	225
40	747	659
20	459	460
15	109	52
10	15	12
50	15	255
144	4	36
Total	1667	1700 + 500 pt bonus = 10,568



K8CC at the 6M/2M station



KU8E at the 80M/20M/10M station



K9TM at the 40M/15M station

# UPCOMING MRRC MEETINGS

<p style="text-align: center;">Map of East Side of Findlay, Ohio</p>	<p>Hancock County Fairgrounds</p> <p>Flea market setup at 6:30 AM, Flea market open at 7:00 AM, buildings open at 8:00 AM.</p> <p>Campers &amp; vendors use Sandusky St. entrance.</p> <p>General admission use Fishlock Ave. only!</p> <p>Talk-in: 147.15+ 444.15+</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Click on map for "Tiger", an interactive mapsurfer.</p>	

**The 57th FINDLAY HAMFEST - Sunday, September 12, 1999**  
MRRC meeting will be held at noon in the rear of Building 4

**The 27th ANNUAL ADRIAN HAMFEST AND COMPUTER SHOW**

**Sunday, September 19, 1999**

The MRRC meeting will be held at 11:30 AM, at a location to be determined