

# FLASH

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# From the 'Big Fish'

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MRRC CALENDAR February - April 2000 All Dates in GMT

K8CC Cabin Fever Escape Party April 8, 2000

Michigan QSO Party April 15, 2000

**Dayton Hamvention** *May 19-21, 2000* 

CQ WPX CW CONTEST May 27-28, 2000

Well it's Dayton time again. Hard to believe that another year has past and another contest season is in the books (well magazines). This means that it must be time for the annual ritual known as the "MRRC Railroad".

I believe that MRRC has much to be proud of from the last year. We had the first OQP lead by us. We had the second MQP lead by us. We had many high scores in all the major contests. We even managed several teams in the January NAQP and teams in both modes of the February Sprints. We are going to be represented at WRTC 2000. This year we have a presence at Dayton during the day with the second 'Suite in the Sun' and at night with our friends at the 'Super Suite'. Finally, we are on a path to be even more cooperative with our friends in NCC and who knows where that could lead...

This is my last 'Fish' column and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in MRRC who was active over the last year and urge those who weren't to consider giving some time to the club. I would like to give an extra thanks to Jeff (KU8E) for handling the OQP and the web site and to Dave (K8CC) for all his work with the Flash and other things and to Tim (KE8OC) for his years of service as the 'money man' for the club. Good luck to the coming years 'Fish' and hopefully the momentum can keep building and MRRC can go on to even greater heights.

73 de Tim, K9TM

### Don't miss the MRRC activities at DAYTON 2000

MRRC/NCC Suite In The Sun - Spotd 3858-3860 - Friday/Saturday

MRRC Club Meeting - Noon Saturday Hara Arena stands above Cushcraft exhibit Page 2 The FLASH

# The Editor's Keyboard

By Dave Pruett, K8CC k8cc@mediaone.net



I can hardly believe how fast the second half of the contest season has flown by. It almost seems like yesterday that we were at K8MR's for the Christmas Party and now Dayton is less than a week away.

Of all the things that have happened to MRRC in recent years, one can only marvel at the changes in our club due to the Michigan and Ohio QSO Parties. Two years ago only a few club members operated MiQP and virtually none operated OhQP. Now, both events have been rejuvenated through our club's leadership and our member's participation. This participation has benefited our club as well, providing an opportunity for our smaller stations to excel and for our adventurous members to innovate. MiQP and OhQP are now popular events on the MRRC calendar.

MRRC is not the same club it was at this time last year. MRRC Challenge custodian KT8X reports an increase in the number of club members turning in SS scores, while our QSO parties, and the increased interest in Sprint and NAQP teams have gotten more club members on the air. The improved sunspots have helped too, but its clear that MRRC is discovering new ways (or in some cases, re-discovering old ways) to have fun operating.

The Dayton MRRC meeting is going to be very important this year. In addition to electing a new 'Big Fish', certain other club officers will be relinquishing their roles or adopting new ones. While MRRC is a very loosely run organization, there are a certain jobs that MUST be done. Volunteers are going to be needed for these roles, so if you want MRRC to thrive, now is the time to step up and take on some responsibility.

The other important aspect of Dayton 2000 is our increasing cooperation with the North Coast Contesters. From the co-sponsorship of the Crowne Plaza "Super Suite" and the fleamarket "Suite In The Sun", the Hamvention will be the place to begin to see things happen.

Please be sure to make the MRRC meeting in the Hara Arena stands above the Cushcraft booth. Hope to see you all there!

73, de **Dave**, **K8CC** 

## Treasurer's Report

By Tim O'Sullivan, KE8OC ke8oc@mediaone.net



It's been a long time since my last treasurer's report in the June/July 1999 issue, primarily due to my work travel schedule last year. For this reason I have decided NOT to run for treasurer this year. After 7 years as treasurer and a couple of years as *FLASH* editor before that, I also feel its time to pass the torch of service to the club on to someone else. A lot has happened to this club during my service and I'm proud to have been a part of it.

Balance from 7/99	\$617.56
Income Dues MQP Plaques WRTC Donations	\$636.00 \$380.00 \$ 30.00
Expenses 1999 MQP Plaques 1999 OQP Plaques	\$307.50 \$ 73.50
MQP & OQP Certificates WRTC Donations Checking Acct Maintenence FLASH Printing	\$ 90.10 \$400.00 \$ 40.00 \$203.00
Balance 5/00	\$549.46

Respectfully Submitted,

#### MRRC Scores

Collected by Jim Stahl, K8MR

#### **WPX SSB**

ND8DX	2052- 811	4,505,916		
K9NW	2028- 821	4,384,961	15M	@K4VX
KT8X	7401-1369	26,918,647	M/M	@K8CC

#### **MI QSO Party**

N8CQA N8KR KC8FXR K8JM	22- 9 552-121 153- 81 466-175	128 76,230 16,524 101,060	Q A A B
K8DD W8HP	740-175 510-159	166,075 104,940	+AC8W, KB8WMW, WD80EP K8GT, K8JV, K8TRF, KC8GRZ, N8KV, N8MG, WD8S
K8CC/m K8MAD/m W8RU/m	747-124 564-109 513-???	148,800 99,299	+W8MJ K9TM,KU8E +K8MR

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#### Results of the 1998-99 MRRC Challenge

By Dennis Ward, KT8X kt8x@prodigy.net

Each year, our club sponsors the MRRC CHALLENGE, the purpose of which is to recognize those individuals who generate the most points for the club over the course of the contesting year. To be eligible for the MRRC Challenge, one must only be a MRRC member (i.e., ARRL eligibility rules do not apply). To commemorate each year's winner, their call and name are enscribed on the travelling MRRC Challenge trophy which they hold for that year.

Certain contests starting with CQWW SSB in October through the NCJ Sprints in September are applicable to the MRRC Challenge. The contests and points breakdown are as follows (16850 maximum points possible):

CQWW and ARRL DX	2000/mode
Sweepstakes	1000/mode
CQ 160. WPX	750/mode
ARRL 160, ARRL 10, & IARU HF	750
NAQP & SPRINT	200/mode

Each entry receives a point value based on their score, pro-rated against the winning score for their category. These pro-rated scores are cateogrized one of three ways as applicable to the particular contest rules: single-op, multi-single, and multi-multi. Single-ops are credited for all points received by the entry. For multi-ops, the points received by the entry are divided into equal shares, with each MRRC operator receiving a share and the host receiving two extra shares.

For 1998-99, the winner of the MRRC Challenge was **Ken**, **W8MJ**. Ken's victory was the result of serious efforts in most of the major contests, either from his home station or as a guest op at multis. The other finishers in the top five earned their positions in different ways. Second place **Bob**, **KW8N** scored the majority of his points from top-notch single-op efforts from outside the USA. Multi-ops provided the points for third place **Dave**, **K8CC**, including a couple of efforts from the DX end. **Jim**, **K8MR** made almost all of his fourth place points from his home station while **Tim**, **K9TM** rounded out the top five with a combination of home and guest op efforts.

The MRRC Challenge is important in that it is an indicator of our club's activity for the year. It is disturbing to note that almost 20 club members did not submit a single score in 1998-99. There is also plenty of room to grow - W8MJ's winning score was only 14% of the maximum possible, and the record is only 4200 points. Increased sunspots bring more activity, so plan now to get on and kick but in the next MRRC Challenge. What will be YOUR strategy?

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<b>☆</b>	DON'T FORGET!	☆☆
<b>☆</b>	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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### Results 1998-99 MRRC Challenge

W8MJ KW8N K8CC K8MR K9TM KU8E AA8U K4LT W8AV N8VW	2405 2204 2170 2084 1970 1870 1444 1353 1116 938
K8MK KT8X NU8Z K8DD W8RU KG8CW WA8RJF K8MJZ K8GT K8JM	818 796 704 639 518 473 470 416 306 304
N8KR AC8W AC8E K8KS AF8A N8NX K8AQM KG8CO N8CC NT8V	284 275 258 240 235 232 209 209 209 160
K5ZG W8JJ N8CQA K8MM W8UA K8AEM W8MC KA8PTT K8GL N8ET	148 120 119 107 84 79 79 77 72 69
K8MFO KE8OC K8SIA	60 39 25

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The **CLUB ROSTER** appears in the October/November issue of the FLASH every year..

MRRC NET Monday evenings at 8:30 PM Eastern time on 3825 KHz ± QRM.

Come join in with other MRRC members on-line with the free <u>MRRC INTERNET REFLECTOR</u>. To join, send an e-mail to MRRC-REQUEST@contesting.com. The body of the e-mail should say subscribe mrrc yourcall. You'll receive an e-mail confirmation in a few hours.

The MRRC Web Page with club information, pictures, etc. is at http://www.qsl.net/mrrc.

**CONTEST SCORES** are sent to the club scorekeeper Jim Stahl, K8MR at the postal or e-mail addresses shown above.

MRRC MEMBER BADGES can be ordered for \$10 through Buck Switzer, N8CQA at n8cqa@tir.com.



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