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From the 'Big Fish'

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MRRRC 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 "MRRRC Railroad".

I believe that MRRRC 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 MRRRC 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 MRRRC can go on to even greater heights.

73 de Tim, K9TM

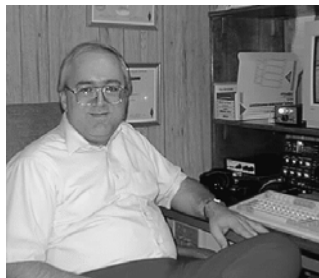
**Don't miss the MRRRC activities
at DAYTON 2000**

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

**MRRRC Club Meeting - Noon Saturday
Hara Arena stands above Cushcraft exhibit**

The Editor's Keyboard

By Dave Pruett, K8CC
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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

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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.

<u>Balance from 7/99</u>	\$617.56
<u>Income</u>	
Dues	\$636.00
MQP Plaques	\$380.00
WRTC Donations	\$ 30.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
1999 MQP Plaques	\$307.50
1999 OQP Plaques	\$ 73.50
MQP & OQP Certificates	\$ 90.10
WRTC Donations	\$400.00
Checking Acct Maintenance	\$ 40.00
FLASH Printing	\$203.00
<u>Balance 5/00</u>	\$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	22- 9	128	Q
N8KR	552-121	76,230	A
KC8FXR	153- 81	16,524	A
K8JM	466-175	101,060	B
K8DD	740-175	166,075	+AC8W, KB8WMW, WD8OEP
W8HP	510-159	104,940	K8GT, K8JV, K8TRF, KC8GRZ, N8KV, N8MG, WD8S
K8CC/m	747-124	148,800	+W8MJ
K8MAD/m	564-109	99,299	K9TM, KU8E
W8RU/m	513-???		+K8MR

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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 **MRRC INTERNET REFLECTOR**. 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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