



From the Big Fish

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Upcoming Events

27 Oct
CQ WW SSB
3 Nov
SS CW
17 Nov
SS SSB
24 Nov
CQ WW CW
7 Dec
ARRL 160
15 Dec
ARRL 10
5 Jan 02
K8MR—K8AZ Meeting

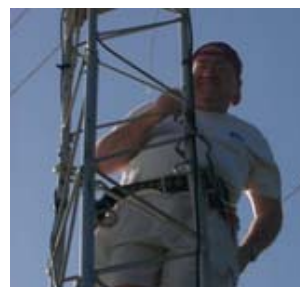
Oh well – summer is over, fall is upon us and its time to start thinking about the upcoming contest season. Hopefully all of our antenna projects are done and we're ready to strap into the chair and start operating, because as I write this Sweepstakes CW is only two weeks away.

At the past two MRRC meetings, the MRRC leadership has outlined a vision for the club to pursue winning the Medium Category in the Affiliated Club Competitions for this season's ARRL contests (SS, ARRL 160, ARRL 10 and ARRL DX). Sweepstakes is first up, and its Affiliated Club Competition is the one in which we have the most interest. Last year we missed winning the gavel by only 60K. We don't want to let that happen again this year.

The rules of the Affili-

ated Club Competition are pretty simple: any club member in good standing living within 175 miles of the club center, and who has attended two club meetings in the last twelve months is eligible to submit his or her individual score(s) to be added to the club total. A MRRC member is in good standing if his or her dues are current. Elsewhere in this FLASH you'll find a list of members who have attended two or more meetings in the past year (Christmas Party, Ypsilanti, Dayton, Field Day, Wooster, Findlay and Zanesville) and who the club certifies to reside within the club circle.

To compete in the Medium Category, MRRC is allowed a maximum of 50 entries. An entry is a score - if K8CC operates SS CW and SS phone, this counts as two entries. The number of opera-



The 'Big Fish' hard at work at Windwood, VI.

tors does not matter - if K8CC, WX3M and WD8S get together and do a multi-op on SSB, this counts as one entry. Obviously, we'd like to have exactly 50 entries; if we have 51 or more we move into the Unlimited Category.

Last year, we had 45 entries in our "close but no cigar" finish. Since the club roster typically contains roughly 70 members, MRRC certainly has the potential to

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Editor's Notes

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This issue contains important information regarding your membership status in the club and also your ability to submit scores, for MRRC credit, in ARRL Club Competitions. Please pay attention to the fields that appear on page 8..

There is a field next to your address which pertains to your ability to submit scores for MRRC. If it says "ARRL Club Score NOT eligible" it is because you have not received credit for attending at least two meetings. If it says "ARRL Club Score eligi-

ble" then you have credit for making two meetings or are a new member. If you feel there is some error, please report it to me and tell me the meetings you have attended in the past year.

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bust the 50 entry limit. Since last year, a number of our friends from the North Coast Contesters have joined MRRC, many of whom are active, successful SSers. While their points will certainly bolster the MRRC total, it further makes the 50 entry limit an even greater concern.

I'd like to take a moment to look at last year's SS results, grouping our scores by points:

Score Range	CW	SSB	Average Op Time
0 – 50K	8	9	5.3 hrs
50-100K	5	2	17.7 hrs
100-150K	6	4	20.9 hrs
>150K	4	7	23.0 hrs
Entries By Mode	23	22	
Points By Mode	21.5M	23.3M	
Average Operating Hours	15.7	14.4	

As a club, our 45 entries in the 2000 SS only averaged a little over 60% of the available operating time. Over one third of our entries operated less than 25% of the available time. It's clear from looking at these numbers that the more you operate, the more points you make. These are the lessons we must take away from the 2000 SS.

We have 50 available entry "slots" – how do we best utilize them? In the past we've encouraged everyone to get on because often we've come up short on the number of entries and every score helps. This year the situation is different, however MRRC is not going to set points quotas, tell people not to operate or not to submit their scores. While we truly do want to win, this is not who we are as a club.

If you want to operate SS, go ahead and operate – big gun or little gun, we leave it up to you. However, if you plan to operate SS and submit your score for MRRC keep in mind that you will be filling one of our 50 available "slots" and so the club asks that you do whatever you can to maximize the score that goes into that slot. Here are some ideas how to do just that:

- Operate as much as you can. Plan specific operating times rather than relying on hit or miss around family schedules. Activity is higher on Saturday, and conditions are best for us W8 during the evening. Remember, for a W8 "there's no meters like forty meters"!
- If you're going to operate less than full time, consider entering the category with the highest points potential. For example, if you only have five hours to operate don't spend it running QRP when low or high power will produce many more points for the club. If you have packet access, perhaps try running in the "unlimited" category. On the other hand, if you have an objective to seriously compete full time in one of the lower categories, don't feel like you have to forego this for the club.
- If you and several of your MRRC friends are unable to operate full time, why not organize a multi-op? If several part-timers share a single station the result is usually more points for the club and only one "entry slot" is used. Another advantage of a multi-op is that it allows members with poor or no stations to significantly contribute to the club score. Also, ARRL rules state that only 2/3 of a multi-op team have to be eligible members, so its permissible to staff a multi-op with ineligible members or even non-members as long as the 2/3 proportion is met.

To facilitate planning for SS, MRRC has appointed "area coordinators" who will be contacting members by e-mail, offering to assist putting plans in place to maximize MRRC SS activity from that area. The coordinators are:

Mike Tessmer, K9NW	(Southern Ohio)	k9nw@qth.com
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Dave Pruet, K8CC	(Michigan)	k8cc@mediaone.net

If you're looking for help getting ready, for a place to operate or for multi-operator staff, drop an e-mail to your area coordinator and he'll see what can be done. Mike Tessmer will also be continuing his role as overall coordinator and score reporter for the MRRC SS effort.

People, we CAN win the SS Affiliated Club Competition Medium Category, but it will take a well-planned and coordinated effort. The K8CC station plans to lead the charge by hosting full-gonzo multi-op efforts on both modes. We should all take inspiration from the Society of Midwest Contesters who slayed the NCCC Goliath and took the SS Unlimited Category in 2000. SoMC president K9PG commented to me at Dayton how cool it would be if SoMC and MRRC won our respective categories in 2001. The SCCC is our Goliath - let's make it happen!

73, Dave/K8CC

SWEEPSTAKES TOP TEN SCORES FOR MICHIGAN THROUGH 1999

CW Single Operator - High Power		CW Single Operator - Low Power		CW Single Operator - QRP		CW Multi O						
94 WA8ZDT	195000	1300	75	97 W8MJ	159738	1011	79	00 W8RU	102700	650	79	97 K8LX
96 K8CC	188916	1211	78	99 W8MJ	154440	990	78	98 W8RU	95004	609	78	00 K8CC
93 WA8ZDT	182704	1202	76	98 W8MJ	151838	961	79	99 W8RU	91504	602	76	96 WA8ZDT
91 K8CC	182490	1185	77	96 AA8AV	148824	954	78	97 W8RU	88160	580	76	95 AA8U
93 K8CC	181336	1193	76	94 AA8AV	142604	926	77	97 K8XXX (K8AQM)	79560	510	78	94 AA8U
90 K8CC	171300	1142	75	97 WA8RRR	139620	895	78	94 K8AQM	77400	516	75	99 K8CC
83 WA8YVR	159100	1075	74	74 W8CQN	137492	929	74	96 WB8RUQ	71188	481	74	87 K8AQM
88 K8CC	156436	1057	74	91 K8W8	134288	872	77	99 K8DD	63448	412	77	92 K8LX
78 K8LX	153150	1021	75	92 AA8AV	133912	881	76	98 K8DD	63042	399	79	96 K8JM
83 K8CC	152144	1028	74	92 K8W8	132440	860	77	95 WB8RUQ	61640	460	67	95 K8JM
SSB Single Operator - High Power		SSB Single Operator - Low Power		SSB Single Operator - QRP		SSB Multi O						
93 K8CC (WD8LJP)	294294	1911	77	95 AA8AV	206052	1338	77	93 WB8G	100408	652	77	98 K8CC
96 K8CC (K9TM)	272064	1744	78	97 W8MJ	202082	1279	79	99 K8LJQ	40584	267	76	95 AA8U
94 WA8ZDT	263802	1713	77	98 W8MJ	196394	1243	79	89 KB8DLH	43216	296	73	96 NU8Z
95 K8CC (WD8IJP)	252406	1639	77	00 W8MJ	195040	1219	80	95 W8ERN	32850	219	75	93 K8MJZ
94 K8CC (WD8LJP)	249942	1623	77	96 W8MJ	190832	1222	78	98 K8LJQ	29680	212	70	96 K8CW
94 AA8U	248248	1612	77	92 AA8AV	186494	1211	77	89 W8VMY	28676	216	67	95 K8G8EF
96 AA8U	247572	1587	78	94 AA8AV	186032	1208	77	91 K0DD	27950	215	65	87 K8CC
93 AA8U	239316	1554	77	99 W8MJ	176486	1117	79	92 N8CQA	26980	190	71	97 W8JJ
91 K8MJZ	239008	1552	77	93 AA8AV	167706	1089	77	97 K8LJQ	23010	177	65	87 N8CXX
92 K8MJZ	236852	1538	77	90 N8CXX	154924	1006	77	95 K8LJQ	21760	170	64	87 K8MJZ

SWEEPSTAKES TOP TEN SCORES FOR OHIO THROUGH 1999

CW Single Operator - High Power		CW Single Operator - Low Power		CW Single Operator - QRP		CW Multi O						
95 K8AZ (K8NZ)	193732	1258	77	97 K8BL	162740	1030	79	94 K8MFO	100168	659	76	83 WB8JBM
93 KW8N (WD8IXE)	180424	1187	76	99 K9TM	162740	1030	79	00 N8ET	95004	609	78	99 W8AV
92 KW8N (WD8IXE)	180334	1171	77	00 K9TM	158400	990	80	99 WA8RJF	84300	562	75	99 KU8E
92 WR3G	179256	1164	77	98 K9TM	157248	1008	78	95 WA8RJF	83232	578	72	82 WB8JBM
93 KQ8M	178752	1176	76	95 K8BL	154308	1002	77	92 WA8RJF	82950	553	75	81 WB8JBM
00 K9NW	177440	1109	80	92 K8CX	153846	999	77	97 WA8RJF	79952	526	76	84 WB8JBM
91 WR3G	173866	1129	77	94 K8BL	150766	979	77	00 WA8RJF	77000	500	77	95 WD8LJD
91 KW8N (WD8IXE)	172172	1118	77	94 K8CX	149842	973	77	99 N8BC (K8BL)	76284	489	78	00 W8EDU
90 KW8N (WD8IXE)	169800	1132	75	93 K8BL	149264	982	76	94 WA8RJF	75460	539	70	91 NG8D
95 W8FN	168872	1111	76	97 K8BE	148824	954	78	90 K8BL	75000	500	75	74 WB8JBM
SSB Single Operator - High Power		SSB Single Operator - Low Power		SSB Single Operator - QRP		SSB Multi O						
97 K8DX	298778	1891	79	94 N8JEC	189266	1229	77	93 WA8RJF	64824	438	74	95 KW8N
93 KW8N (NZ4K)	270424	1756	77	99 K8BE	184228	1166	79	92 W8ILC	64064	416	77	96 KW8N
00 K8DX	252000	1575	80	96 K8JZ	175656	1126	78	92 WA8RJF	61500	410	75	94 KW8N
91 K8AZ (K8NZ)	238700	1550	77	00 ND8DX	170080	1063	80	98 WA8RJF	53246	337	79	92 KW8N
99 K8DX	237790	1505	79	95 K8BL	155848	1012	77	00 N8IE	52480	328	80	91 KW8N
00 K8ND	237440	1484	80	93 K8BL	154616	1004	77	90 AA4YZ	50850	339	75	95 WD9INF
95 NZ80	235620	1530	77	99 W8DD	152154	963	79	99 WA8RJF	50560	320	79	98 KW8N
00 N8YW	233920	1462	80	92 K8BL	148610	965	77	89 NQ8Y	47850	319	75	89 KW8N
92 NZ80	225148	1462	77	00 W8DD	144160	901	80	94 WA8RJF	46368	322	72	85 WB8JBM
96 K8MZ	223860	1435	78	99 ND8DX	142990	905	79	97 WA8RJF	44640	310	72	94 WD9INF

MRRC ARRL Circle (175 mi radius)



South-East Ohio Meeting

By Goose Steingrass, W8AV w8av@aol.com

On September 30, 2001 approximately 25 contesters and DXers gathered at the home of Everett Jackson, WZ8P for the first of hopefully a long line of get-togethers. This event also provided a venue for a regional MRRC meeting to permit members who live in the southern-most part of our club circle to attend a second meeting before the start of the 2001 contest season. Six current MRRC members attended the event.

In addition to good food, good fellowship, and a tour of his impressive contest station, Everett also arranged a bus trip to visit the DX station of Dick Mellon, WE8G near Gratiot, Ohio. Dick's station sports numerous self supporting towers ranging in height from 120' through 180' which are loaded with monoband antennas for 80 through 10 meters. There is also irony attached to this huge station. Although Dick loves building the antennas and towers, he never gets on the air with all this stuff!

A brief MRRC meeting was held to acquaint the attendees with who the club is and what our goals are. The meeting also featured a presentation of plaques to the WZ8P operators that assisted in piloting the station to an impressive finish in last year's ARRL Sweepstakes Phone Contest. MRRC also gained two new members from the WZ8P event. These new members are Dick Clifton, KG8CZ from Cumberland, Ohio and Dick Kanschat, N0KYN, who lives in Zanesville. Both of these gentlemen are very active at Everett's station. Please take a moment to welcome them to the club when you hear them on the air. Each of these new members will be the subject of an upcoming MRRC Profile, so that we can all get to know them better.

Again kudos to Everett and his wife Ruby for hosting a wonderful event and I look forward to attending another in the future. Everett also mentions that he is looking for ops for a multi-operator effort for this year's SS Phone contest. If you are interested, contact Everett directly.

MRRC Profiles: KI8IZ

By Goose Steingrass, W8AV w8av@aol.com

Tom Cloyes, KI8IZ, is one of MRRC's newest members. He has had the chance to meet and talk with many of our members during the various contests at W8AV and at the summer Gooseapalooza meetings over the past two years. Liking what he has experienced at these events and having been bitten hard by the contesting bug, Tom officially joined the club at this year's Findlay meeting.

Tom's career in amateur radio is rather brief. He has always had an interest in radio since the 1960's but as he describes:

"It wasn't until June of 1998 when I was handed the Now You're Talking book that I thought about seriously becoming a ham. After that it didn't take much prodding to take the plunge and become licensed." He credits Jim Smith, KI8FN from Mount Vernon, Ohio with providing him with a lot of help in the early going, especially with learning the code. This early help paid off as Tom was licensed as a Technician in August of 1998 with the callsign KC8KXS.

Tom soon met up with Goose, W8AV who was teaching Amateur Radio classes in early 1999 and credits AV with helping him increase his code speed and providing encouragement to try the higher speed code tests before feeling mentally ready to tackle them. KXS easily passed the 13 wpm code and the theory to upgrade to Advanced in the July of 1999. He also requested a callsign change at this time and was issued KI8IZ with his Advanced Class license. Less than one year later, IZ completed the required elements to obtain his Extra Class ticket. Tom reminisces about the day he passed the 20 WPM test:

"I was sitting in on a test session and there was this guy taking the 20 wpm test, which I had just copied in my head, and found that it wasn't that hard. So when he decided to take it again, I felt that I had to take it as well, copying enough to pass and finish up the upgrade to Extra."

Tom's hobbies outside of ham radio include amateur astronomy, computers, girl watching, hunting, and occasional fishing. He is also very active in organizations that promote restoring the government to the framework of the Constitution. His amateur radio interests include DXing and of course contesting. He is very active in Skywarn and also serves as the communications liaison for the Red Cross Disaster Team.

KI8IZ's favorite "home participation" contests are CQWW SSB, ARRL DX SSB, and WPX SSB. The CW contests are spent at W8AV's station where he provides valuable assistance as a relief operator and multiplier hunter. Tom's home station consists of an Icom 756 and a Cushcraft R-700 which is mounted atop his 60 foot tower. The guys are insulated from the tower and serve as an 80 meter dipole. He also has an Icom 706 MKII that he uses on HF as well as 6 and 2 meters, as well as for packet. His VHF antennas consist of vertical antennas for 6 and 2 meters on the tower and a five element yagi for 6 meters that is roof mounted on his garage.

Tom is single (no wonder he can get away with all that girl watching....W8AV) and lives at 608 Spruce Street in Wooster, Ohio. He is self employed and is the owner of PM Supply Co. Which is a reseller for construction materials.

73, Goose/W8AV

(ed- sorry no picture of Tom was available.)

Scores

By Jim Stahl, K8MR jimk8mr@aol.com

FIELD DAY

K8MAD 2-A 150 watts
 Total CW:1603 SSB:1709 Bonus 700 Score: 10530
 Ops: K8CC K8MR K8RM KU8E W8AJ W8AV K9NW

KW8N 2-B 150 watts
 Total CW:1228 SSB:347 Score 5,606

IARU HF

K9NW 1843 208 1,363,856 @K9UWA

AUGUST NAQP CW

KU8E 494 170 83,980
 NU8Z 424 125 53,000
 W8RU 266 116 30,856
 K9NW 276 95 26,125
 WX3M 225 96 21,600
 K8CC 206 100 20,600
 NX8C 186 70 13,020
 K9TM 154 84 12,396
 K8AAX 161 66 10,626
 K8DX 145 55 7,975
 N8MG 122 62 7,564
 K8NZ 102 55 5,610
 K8MR 73 42 3,066

AUGUST NAQP SSB

N8EA 284 136 38,624
 K8MR 318 114 36,252
 W8DRZ 163 82 13,366
 KU8E 95 55 5,225

OHIO QSO PARTY

Mobiles:

	QSOS		MULT		SCORE
	CW	SSB	CW	SSB	
W1NN	516	227	70	61	169,000
K8MR	459	212	66	59	141,250
K8CC	520	109	66	43	124,805
AF8A	487	66	55	31	89,440
KU8E	286	129	59	56	80,615

Ohio:

K8MK 601 x 192 155,000 HP N8VW
 K8NZ 188 x 90 24,480 LP

MI/WV:

K5IID 160 x 101 26,058 QRP
 W8RU 71 x 53 12,270
 K8AAX 72 x 58 6,554
 WX3M 54 x 45 3,870

Treasurer Report

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Balance	07-01-01	\$356.49
Deposits		\$218.00
Checks		\$52.00
Balance	09-30-01	\$522.49

73, Buck/N8CQA

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The club roster appears annually in the Oct/Nov issue of the Flash.

The Mad River Net is held on Monday nights at 8:30 PM Eastern time on 3825 KHz.

Keep up with MRRC happenings by subscribing to the MRRC Internet Reflector. To join send an email to mrrc-request@contesting.com. The body of the message should include "subscribe mrrc your-call".



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Also, please check the field regarding the electronic Flash option (e-Flash). The Flash is also available in PDF format from the web site. This saves the club money and is also viewed as more convenient by some members. You should be able to printout the Flash (on your printer) if you get it electronically and desire a printed copy.

At the present time, I have you down as s a y i n g

«Eflash» to the e-Flash option. If this said YES then you will only receive a Flash in the mail once a year. A note goes out on the MRRC reflector when the Flash is placed on the web site. If you are down as a NO but would like to participate in the e-Flash option, please contact me. Of course if you are down as YES and would prefer to have a Flash mailed to you instead, please notify me.

Due to the privacy con-

cerns expressed by some of the members with regards to the roster information, this edition is being mailed to everyone. Also, the roster is left out of the electronic copy which is provided on the web.

On other topics... the results from ARRL DX are out and congratulations are in order for NCC as they won the Medium Club competition. MRRC finished 4th.

As usual, I am always on the lookout for items to put in

the Flash. If you have an interesting story, technical item or other item of interest to the club... please contact me. It is very easy to write for the Flash. I can accept most any format and of course pictures are no problem as well. I also have scanners, digital cameras and other items available.

Good luck this season and GO MRRC!

73, Tim/K9TM