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Upcoming Events

5 Jan 02

K8MR—K8AZ Meeting

12 Jan 02

NAQP CW

19 Jan 02

NAQP SSB

ARRL VHF SS

25 Jan 02

CQ 160 CW

2 Feb 02

Sprint SSB

9 Feb 02

Sprint CW

16 Feb 02

ARRL DX CW

22 Feb 02

CQ 160 SSB



From the Big Fish

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The question of club meetings has been an issue for MRRC almost since its very inception. Our founding father's interpretation of what constitutes a club meeting led to controversy and our infamous "asterisk year" in the 1971 SS ARRL Affiliated Club Competition. ARRL rules state that we must have four meetings per year in order to be eligible for the Club Competitions – beyond that, it's up to the club. The large geographic area MRRC serves makes scheduling meetings difficult with regard to the number of miles the members must travel to attend.

The subject of club meetings recently prompted a popular thread on the MRRC reflector. It started with an e-mail from **Bill, N8ET** who proposed having MRRC NW Ohio Regional meetings at the

Findlay Radio Club several times a year for the purpose of training new members in the finer points of contest operating. It was noted that a number of new contesters had been showing interest in contesting and operating from the club station, **W8FT** and that this would be a good opportunity to attract them to MRRC. This proposal has led to spirited discussion on the reflector about scheduling MRRC meetings in general.

It has been the club's experience that the MRRC meeting schedule is usually limited by the number of members willing to act as hosts. Even when a host steps forward, attendance is often light unless there is a parallel activity like a hamfest or another reason to attend like the Christmas Party. For example, the Michigan MRRC contingent have struggled for



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

years to find a date which would attract members to attend. It was not until 2000 with the first **Cabin Fever Escape and Pre-MiQP Party** that a viable meeting developed.

In 2001, another gap in the MRRC calendar was filled when **Everett, WZ8P** and some of the MRRC members in SE Ohio and West Virginia pulled together the Zanesville MRRC meeting this past fall.

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Editor's Notes

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We are currently enjoying the holiday break but soon it will be back to the rig (especially if you are a domestic contest fan). In the next two months there is something for everyone (CW, SSB, RTTY, Domestic, DX, 160m and VHF/UHF). Many

of these contests allow club or team competition that everyone can participate in (no meeting quotas or other requirements...non ARRL affiliated Club Competition). Let's see if we can keep up the participation level we had last year in these contests and

have carried into this fall's ARRL Club Competition.

Speaking of meetings, this has been a hot topic on the reflector. I think Dave is setting the proper direction for the club and I agree 100%

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This met a real need within the club, providing an opportunity for members in that area to make another meeting to meet the ARRL "attend two meetings per year" requirement. In my opinion, the Zanesville meeting is an excellent example of how the MRRC meeting schedule should evolve.

The current criteria for holding an MRRC meeting is that it must be advertised on the club web site in advance of the meeting date, and that a club officer or presidential appointee must be present to run the meeting. The former is to allow all members the opportunity to decide to attend. The latter is to gain the approval of the club leadership so as to allow no doubt that the meeting is "official".

In response to N8ET's proposal, there has been some enthusiasm expressed for having other "local" MRRC meetings. The perception I get from these comments is that these would be small meetings, perhaps four to six people. With the exception of Findlay, these areas are not currently served with an MRRC meeting.

I am not in favor of the local MRRC meeting concept. In my opinion, meetings should serve to meet the needs and business of the club as a whole, while local meetings only benefit the local members. It's my fear that local meetings will fragment the club into local splinter groups who infrequently interact with each other. It's my belief that this will reduce attendance at other MRRC meetings and diminish their experience.

Local meetings can certainly benefit the participants. These can be valuable to stay in touch with local contesters, organize multi-ops, antenna parties, etc. Up here in Detroit, myself along with K9TM, KT8X, KE8OC and occasional others meet most Tuesdays at the local Olive Garden for lunch. It's great fun, but it's not an MRRC meeting.

In my opinion and many others within the club, the MRRC strategy for scheduling meetings is not broken. For now, we'll continue with the current schedule of K8MR, K8CC, Dayton, W8AV, Findlay and WZ8P. There are other areas where more MRRC meetings would be appropriate - Columbus and another Michigan meeting come to mind. If you have a proposal, drop me an e-mail and we'll bring it up at the Dayton meeting. In addition, the club will support the development of small meetings of contesters and MRRC members which encourages local activity, however for now these will not be MRRC meetings.

Speaking of Dayton, one of my goals as outgoing president will be to bring to Dayton a proposal for a new, updated MRRC club bylaws to be approved by the membership. The original club bylaws apparently have not been updated since 1971. A lot has changed since then, so in these modern times with better communication and more scrutiny of our activities, I think it's appropriate that our actions be governed by an up-to-date document.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone, and hope to see everyone at the K8MR Christmas Party and MRRC meeting on January 5th!

73, Dave/K8CC

K8MR Party/Meeting

By Jim Stahl, K8MR jimk8mr@aol.com

Directions

From West

I-80 (I-90/Ohio Tpke)	E
I-480	E
Outerbelt South Fwy	E
US 422	E
I-271 (Outerbelt East Fwy/US 422)	NE
SR 175 (Richmond Rd)	S
Emery Rd	E
Jackson Rd	W

I-75 Exit 195 Mile 195
OHTNPK Exit 151 Mile 151 Toll.
I-480 Exit 25C Running Concurrent With I- 271
I-271 Exit 27AB
Exit 27A
Exit 27B

From South-West

I-71	NE
I-271	NE
SR 175 (Richmond Rd)	S
Emery Rd	E
Jackson Rd	W

I-71 Exit 220 Mile 220 Northbound.
Exit 27B

From South-East

I-77 (SR 2)	N
SR 8	N
I-271	N
SR 175 (Richmond Rd)	S
Emery Rd	E
Jackson Rd	W

Exit 125/23
I-271 Exit 18
Exit 27B

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Saturday 5th January 2002 7:30PM
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Scores

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CQWW SSB

K9NW	2107	39	158	1,194,805	10M
N8KR	889	96	270	936,228	HP
K8GT	285	57	144	160,398	LP
PJ2Z	8380	168	603	18,972,768	M/S

(KU8E, K8NZ, N8VW, W0CG, WC4E)

CW SS

WP2Z	1370	80	219,200	B	K9TM
K9NW	1120	80	179,200	B	
W8MJ	1111	80	177,760	A	
K8DX	992	79	156,736	A	
W8CAR	919	79	145,202	A	
NU8Z	746	79	117,868	A	
W8RU	809	79	127,822	A	
K5IID	707	80	113,120	A	
K8AQM	564	80	90,240		
K8GT	536	79	85,688	A	
K8ND	452	78	70,512	B	
K8AAX	431	73	62,926	A	
K8AZ	360	70	51,510	B	K8MR
W8UA	346	73	50,516		
K8MR	358	70	50,120	B	
N8TR	325	73	47,450	B	K8MR
WD8S	340	67	45,560		
W8AJ	282	69	38,916	B	K8MR
N8KR	178	59	21,004	A	
KT8X	145	50	14,500	B	
K8CC	1272	80	203,840	M	+WX3M
W8AV	1080	80	172,800	M	+KU8E
K8JM	1078	80	172,480	M	+K8DD,AC8W, WA8VMS
W8FT	860	80	137,120	M	AD8P, AA8UP, N8ET
W8EDU	779	79	123,082	M	AF8A, W8RZ, W8WTS
AC8E	340	75	51,000	M	+K8MR

ARRL SS SSB

K8DX	1505	80	240,800	B
W8MJ	1282	80	205,540	A
K8MR	1180	80	188,800	B
NU8Z	1070	80	171,200	U
K8ND	1018	80	162,880	B
N8KM	885	80	139,830	
K5IID	810	80	129,600	A
K9TM	770	80	120,120	B
KW8W	686	80	108,160	A
N8TR	652	80	104,320	U
N8EA	539	80	86,240	B
K8GT	521	80	83,360	A
K8AAX	272	72	39,168	A
W8CAR	256	62	31,744	A
NX8C	158	65	20,540	A
W8RU	141	52	14,664	B
KU8E	120	55	13,200	A
N8KR	1634	80	261,440	M +N8EA KN8R
K8CC	1549	80	247,800	M +N8MG, N8RHV, W8OW, WX3M
N8HR	1502	80	240,320	M
NT8V	973	80	155,680	M
K8MK	531	80	84,968	M +N8VW KU8E
K8AZ	385	80	61,600	M +K8NZ

ARRL 160 Meter

K9NW	1092	92	207,276
K8ND	1098	88	196,944
W8MJ	1007	82	167,116
K8CC	674	74	101,232
K8MR	465	74	70,374
W8CAR	404	63	51,534
K9TM	384	65	50,505
KT8X	401	58	47,212
W8RU	310	62	38,626
K8GT	283	60	34,500
N8KR	275	55	30,635
N8EA	205	41	16,646
N8PW	1122	101	242,400 @K8DX +K8LN, N8OH, W8VE
K8LX	1005	87	178,524 N8EA, K8LV
W8FT	986	83	165,750 AD8P, AA8UP, N8ET
K8MK	727	79	116,999 +N8VW, KU8E
K8AZ	432	72	63,288 +K8MR
N8TR	191	64	25,600 +PKT

ARRL 10 METER

K9NW	2810	280	2,429,840	MIX
W8AV	1693	143	968,968	CW
K8MR	1202	219	708,120	MIX
W8MJ	1367	129	705,372	CW
N8EA	1243	134	667,000	CW
N8KM	1295	191	539,766	MIX
K8CC	1874	143	535,964	N8NX SSB
K8MV	909	144	525,888	CW
K8DX	1014	114	462,384	CW
K8ND	706	206	441,664	PKT
KT8X	818	118	386,096	CW
K8AZ	734	166	364,868	K8MR MIX
K8GT	587	191	360,608	MIX
K5IID	600	181	349,692	MIX
K8JM	720	105	302,400	CW
W8RU	565	113	255,380	CW
K8AAX	507	143	243,386	MIX
AF8A	514	115	236,440	CW
WZ8P	850	125	212,500	SSB
K9TM	540	137	207,144	MIX
WX3M	415	146	204,400	MIX
AD8P	283	93	105,276	CW
K8KHZ	381	127	96,774	SSB
N8KR	390	78	60,840	SSB
W8DRZ	313	83	51,958	SSB
N8MG	116	48	14,304	MIX

Treasurer Report

By Buck Switzer, N8CQA

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Bal. @ 09/01/01	\$444.49
Deposits	378.00
Expenses	-111.83
Bal. @ 12/14/01	\$710.66

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 mrcc-request@contesting.com. The body of the message should include "subscribe mrcc your-call".



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with his *Fish* column this month.

This view should not be viewed as negative, as some have asserted. It is a very positive stance to keep the club together. That doesn't mean that members can't get together with local (or even distant) members more often than the club meeting schedule.

It was also written on the reflector that I said that it was

"easy for everyone to make the meetings all the time". I never said that. I said that "I didn't think it was asking too much for a member to make 2 meetings a year". There is a big difference in these two statements. (This in reference to the ARRL Requirement that members attend at least 2 meetings a year to be eligible to submit logs for the club). Basically, I am saying that I agree with the ARRL rule.

Another comment was made that for members without kids or wives, time wasn't

at a premium. Sorry but time is at a premium for just about everyone, not just those with kids. Also, many of us are working overtime or weekends.

None of these perspectives should be viewed as negative. They are just different view points. However, it is ludicrous for any member of the club to demand another member quit the club.

A quick fact: 14 of the 68 active members did not make

the 2 meeting ARRL quota. That means 80% of the club is eligible! Further evidence that the system isn't broken.

If you feel there aren't enough meetings, then work within the club rules to setup more meetings. Sponsor a meeting to meet a club need. (*kudos to WZ8P for doing this*)

Hope to see you at the K8MR party, if not Happy New Year to you and your family.

73, Tim/K9TM