



## Big Fish

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fan of the IARU HF Championship contest, we all should be excited as this is a tremendous opportunity for MRRRC. We'll be in the national contesting spotlight, and we'll have competition - the Tennessee Contest Group (TCG) will be hosting W1AW/4 at the same time and we don't want to get beat.

So what does this mean for MRRRC? HQ stations in IARU are allowed to be "multi-multi-multi"; that is, multi-operator/multi-transmitter with stations on both phone and CW in a given band. What's interesting is that there are also no geographical limits; so it's perfectly acceptable, for example, to have all the CW stations hosted in Michigan and all the SSB stations in OH. (OH CW ops, you can start breathing again - this is just a simple example for clarity, and not what I'm proposing).

So we need to be able to deploy stations on phone and CW, on any and all open bands throughout the 24 hours of the contest. Six bands times two modes means up to twelve stations, although obviously some could be shared between 160M (at night) and 10M (during day) for example.

Some of the stations may be hosted at K8CC, but we'll be looking for other sites as well. The ARRL is looking for us to put on a good show, so stations with big antennas and multi-op experience will get priority. K9TM and I are looking at ways to link the various sites over the Internet so that all QSOs will be seen everywhere in real time. It also allows shifting bands between stations if breakdowns occur.

We're also going to need experienced operating teams that are willing to commit to the effort. While I'm sure we'd all prefer to be doing this during high sunspot conditions, these are the cards we've been dealt. While some bands will be lots of fun during the contest, and others less so, but we'll need to have them all QRV.

With big stations and being the "IARU" HQ mult, it still should be tremendous fun. AS recently as last year, NU1AW/3 was hosted by the K3LR station, with stations for 20M and 15M CW located some distance away over at the K3CR station at Penn State. The NU1AW/3 crew made over 6900 QSOs and just under 7 million points. Gives us something to shoot for...

I'll keep the club apprised as the plans become firmer and the locations of the participating stations are decided. Drop me an e-mail if you're interested in being part of the NU1AW/8 operating team.□

## MRRRC At Dayton 2006

Dayton is a very important part of the MRRRC year. For the benefit of planning your weekend, the various club activities over the Hamvention weekend are described below:

SUITE IN THE SUN (SITS) - The MRRRC oasis in the midst of the fleamarket. See details in the article across the page.

CONTESTERS SUPER SUITE - In conjunction with our friends from the North Coast Contesters and the Frankford Radio Club, MRRRC sponsors a hospitality suite at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Dayton on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. There is no cost to get in, but there is a cash bar for drinks, and you can spend the evening chewing the rag with well known contesters from around the world. The action begins around 9:00 and runs well into the night. Around midnight, pizzas are brought in for contesteer consumption.

MRRRC MEETING - The most important MRRRC activity at Dayton is the official club meeting, which starts at 12:00 noon on Saturday, and is held in the stands of Hara Arena above the Cushcraft booth (see picture below). This meeting is important because this is when the club holds the annual railroading, er, election of officers, and usually conducts its significant annual business. This year, we will vote on a proposal to provide a small amount of financial support to the QSO parties we sponsor. Dayton is also the start of the club's fiscal year, so dues become due at this meeting.



**Former Big Fish Mike, K9NW leading the MRRRC meeting at Dayton 2004**

## Dayton Suite In The Sun

By Jim Stahl, K8MR & Dave Pruett, K8CC

It's time again to finalize the plans for the 2006 MRRC Suite in the Sun, otherwise known within the club as SITS. What is SITS? For several years now the club has purchased three Hamvention fleamarket spots to be an oasis for club members, friends and fellow contesters. SITS is partly a social event, as well as a place to park your goodies during the day. Chairs will be available to take a load off your feet, and a cooler with cold soft drinks is always nearby.

SITS is also a tremendous place to sell stuff, utilizing the club's selling tables. Here is your chance to clean out some of that old junk, turn in into cash, and make money and space new gizmos. Each year, by Saturday afternoon we have usually pretty much cleared out all we had to sell!

SITS will be back in the same location as previous year, spaces 3858-3860 which are on the east side of the fleamarket about three rows from the back. SITS will be open from approximately 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM on Friday and Saturday.

We need volunteers to sign up to help man the SITS. This is not difficult duty; all that's expected is

to show up at the appointed time and "hold down the fort" - basically just answer buyer's questions about the stuff for sale and in general act like the host. We'd like to see people put in two hours at some point - either a single two hour shift, or an hour each day. It's a big help if we can plan this up front, so if you can help please drop a note by Wednesday evening either to the MRRC reflector or to Jim at [jimk8mr@aol.com](mailto:jimk8mr@aol.com).

If you have items you wish to sell at the SITS, bring it to the site as early as possible on Friday. Be sure to tell us what your asking and acceptable prices (we're not mind-readers). If you have items you simply want to get rid of and not worry about (no true junk, please), you can bring it and donate the proceeds to the club.

MRRC crews from Michigan and Cleveland will be setting up the SITS on Thursday afternoon. Both groups should have some space available in their vehicles to haul stuff down directly to the SITS (thus saving having to haul it from the parking lot) if you can get the stuff to them by Wednesday evening. Contact K8CC (MI) or K8MR (Cleveland) to make arrangements-phone numbers and e-mails are listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

We'll see you all in Dayton soon! (And cross your fingers for some good weather!



Jim, K8MR manning the MRRC "Suite In The Sun" at Dayton 2004

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### Treasurers Report May 7, 2006

Balance Forward	\$668.68
Dues collected this period	\$60.00
OhQP Amount Owed	\$11.28
MiQP Plaques (holding)	\$195.00
OhQP Plaques (holding)	\$250.00
Balance	\$1184.96

Monies collected for MiQP and OhQP plaques are held as sponsors send in checks to the respective contest committees. This money is disbursed when the plaques are produced and should result in a zero balance.

The only MiQP and OhQP expenses MRRC is responsible for are the one plaque that the club sponsors for each contest.

Please remember that Dayton is the end of one MRRC dues year and the beginning of another. The annual Dayton Dues Collection will occur at the MRRC meeting on Saturday in Hara Arena. We can accept cash, or a check for the exact amount payable to Mad River Radio Club.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Ward, KT8X

## Club Resources

The Mad River Radio Club is an ARRL affiliated club of amateur radio contesting enthusiasts. The club is centered near Findlay, OH and serves Ohio and the surrounding States. Membership is open to anyone.

The *Flash* is the official newsletter of MRRC and is published six times per year. Submission of material for publication is welcome. It may be sent to the editor at the postal or e-mail address shown at right. The *Flash* may be reprinted in whole or in part provided proper credit is given.

Club dues are \$12 per year, payable after the 1st of May each year with a grace period thru 31st of July each year. Members of the same family living at the same address may elect to receive a single *Flash* for one set of dues. Fulltime students are eligible for dues at half price. Dues are to be paid to the treasurer at the address shown above. Please make checks payable to *Mad River Radio Club*.

The club roster appears annually in the October/November issue of the *Flash*.

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

The MRRC web site is <http://www.mrrc.net>.

Keep up with MRRC happenings by subscribing to the MRRC Internet Reflector. To join send an email to [mrrc-request@contesting.com](mailto:mrrc-request@contesting.com). The body of the message should include the word "subscribe".

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